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FROM THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE A. M. E. ZION CONNECTION IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

TO THE STAR OF ZION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 15th 1884.

Mr. Editor: Will you be so kind as to permit me to again trespass upon your valuable columns to make a little addition to my last report from Charlotte District. After making out my report I found out that there was quite a division amongst the congregation at Shelby in regard to the location of the church proposed to be built at that place. Some wanted it on the old site and some on the one recently purchased.

I have succeeded in effecting a compromise about the matter and all have agreed to build the church on the old site and the parsonage on the recent purchase. Every thing is moving on smoothly now and the work of building will be pushed forward to completion.

Yours truly,

W. H. HOOPER, Presiding Elder.

CRAWFORD, ALA., Sept. 18, 1884.

Mr. Editor:

Please allow me a space in your paper to let you and your many readers hear from the 6th District of the East Alabama Annual Conference. I was sent to Creep Stand Circuit by Bishop Thompson and reappointed here by Bishop Hood, so this is my second year on Creep Stand Circuit. I came to my work like a lion in the Gospel. I found the work in a bad condition, the churches I found on the circuit did not look like churches, but looked like barns, but I went to work trusting in the Lord and got the circuit worked up. I have pulled down the old barns and put up new churches on my circuit.

I had a great revival last year and this year too, 30 converts have been added to the church this year; you do not hear much from the 5th district, we are alive in Jesus Christ; our great leader Bishop Hood promised to be on my work this fall. I think he will be satisfied when he sees my work; we on the 5th district are going ahead in revival, and we trust to be ahead in the general funds when we come to conference. Look for us brethren and pray for us too. Now Mr. Editor, I will renew my subscription for the STAR, you will find enclosed \$1.50 for the same. Pray for 5th district.

Your Brother for Zion and the Gospel.

W. H. HOOPER

OBERLIN, O., Sept.

Mr. Editor:

Much has been written regarding proper and remunerative employment for women. Silk culture, poultry raising and many other things have been well ventilated and the results have no doubt been very beneficial. But these necessary ladies will cannot raise silk worms or follow employment of that kind. To this class I wish to introduce what to me was entirely new. Some three months since my uncle from Albany, N. Y. was visiting

us, we were speaking of plated ware, the manufacture of which he is engaged, and to gratify my curiosity, he made a plating machine and replaced on knives, forks, spoons and cutlery. The machine cost only \$4, and did the work perfectly. Some of our neighbors saw what we had plated and asked me to do some plating, for them, I have since worked 22 days and cleared \$95.45. At almost every house I got from \$2 to \$3 worth of plating to do and such work is most all profit. This work is as pleasant for ladies as gents. I am making a large cabinet and to any of your readers who will send me a small piece of stone, or shells or old coins I will send them complete directions for making and using a plating machine like mine that will plate gold silver and nickel. My object is to get as varied a collection of specimens from as many parts of the world as possible.

Please address Miss FRANCES CASSEY, SUMMERFIELD, ALA., Sept. 16, 84.

Mr. Editor:

If you can find space to spare, please permit the following:

Rev. T. H. LOMAX, preached (at the pulpit in College Hill Church, Aug. 12th 84.) And his voice reached to the remotest parts of the building. I had never before been so favored; all to hear this famous preacher, regarded by the most intelligent sections of great attendance and its able churchmen as to the most scholarly and brilliant orator in the African churches of America.

When his reverence entered the pulpit I was instantly disappointed with his personal appearance. I had seen the Bishop before, but never heard him preach, and never until that night and expected to find the same type of mind in the same type of body. I was looking for a tall, spare, scholastic preacher to enter the pulpit and a lean, pale sermon but I missed it. But Bishop Lomax is the leader of the High church party in America.

The Bishop has much the look of a man in the world, as a preacher. He is not tall, only of medium height, rather thin and has a round head and light complexion, his nose and his mouth are those of the orator. From first to last the diction of the sermon was literary and the pronunciation academic. The discourse was begun in rather an inaudible voice but after about five or ten minutes, the matter of the voice lifted the voice till it commanded the vast audience and held the interest and seemed to compel the assent of every listener.

The text was on angels, made lower than the angels. The preacher talking for his particular words of the text. "The work of Jesus and the many kind of angels." The Bishop began in a common sermon way on the general matter of "Angels," but soon became eloquent and when treating the matter of the angels, his words pathetic in degree, he reached his highest pitch of eloquence when on the point of the different classes of "angels." It was a sermon, in form, matter, and spirit, it was added to the Christian pulpit. I will say, of Bishop Lomax, the effective preacher, is a man of extensive knowledge, not a novice. He has a clear and comprehensive view of truth. His mind is filled with his illuminations. He is a man of deep experience, his heart is pervaded with the spirit and power of truth. He is a man of benevolence, his soul is filled with intense desire to achieve, by his instru-

mentalities those grand purposes of love for which the truth was given. He is a man of logic and of feeling. He can prove his points, and draw them to the hearts of men. He is a man of simplicity, who aims to be understood, is not of the class who aims to be felt. He clothes his message in garments of light, and just it to the sensibilities of the heart, points and pours it into the drowsy chambers of the conscience. He speaks with a winning beauty and a chastened elegance; a man of boldness and is not afraid in distinction and strength to utter the whole truth, all doctrine, all duty, whoever may hear or whosoever may forbear. A man of independence, his rules are his own gathered by him in the past, with his habits of thought and feeling. He speaks in his own way from the impulse of his own spirit and according with his own consciousness and good sense; a man ready to preach and preach the Gospel with converting power. The Christians can not but rejoice; the sinners are compelled to listen.

Yours &c.

JOHN C. SAUNDERS.

Brother Saunders gives a good account of Bishop Lomax's preaching at College Hill, Ala. The bishop means to build Zion up as he goes.

A CARD

To the ministers of the Virginia Annual Conference, A. M. E. Zion Church, Dear Brethren:

I was again elected at the last general Conference, Vice President of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society for the Virginia Conference. The object of which is to organize auxiliaries on stations and circuits to raise funds for missionary purposes at the disposal of the board. I therefore ask our good ministers of the Virginia Conference to collect what they can, much or little, and forward to me at 108 Shore street, Petersburg, Va. I earnestly solicit your attention to this card, as I see from a notice of the Secretary there will be a meeting held in our city of vice-presidents on the 18th of October and I wish to have something to represent the Virginia Conference with my engagement in the public school prevents me from travelling to your stations and circuits.

Respectfully yours,

P. DELLA FARLEY, Vice President of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Notice

To the Vice Presidents of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Zion church: There will be a meeting of the L. H. & F. M. S. at Petersburg, Va., October 18, 1884. The Vice Presidents are requested to attend the meeting or forward their reports to President, Mrs. M. J. Jones, No. 1019, 18th street, Washington, D. C. before that time.

The Vice President will please be careful to inform the Secretary if there is any change in their names.

Mrs. M. J. Jones, President.

Mrs. M. E. Harris, Secretary.

Notice

LANCASTER, S. C., Sept. 3. Mr. Editor: Permit me to say to the members of the South Carolina conference that the council of elders will meet at Chester Courthouse on the 30th instant at 10 o'clock a. m. I. C. CLAYTON.

BISHOP HILLERY.

HIS EXPULSION FROM THE CONNECTION BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

HE SUES FOR \$20,000.

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 10.

The fifth day's session of the conference opened as usual with devotional exercises. The Bishop reading the scriptures.

Rev. Mr. Rogers, P. E. and Rev. B. D. Manger of the State street church, came in and were introduced to the Bishop and members of conference. The Bishop said he was glad to have his friends come in and see them, and he asked the presiding elder and Mr. Munger to say a few cheering words to the conference.

After short addresses from these gentlemen, a rising vote of thanks was given them for their kind words of instruction. Several committees then made up their reports.

At the hour of adjournment, the conference arose and sang a verse and was dismissed.

The afternoon session convened at three o'clock and at four o'clock the case of

W. H. HILLERY.

which had occupied the greater part of Saturday's session, was taken up, after considerable debate. A motion was offered by Elder J. W. Lacy, seconded by Elder S. J. Berry, that W. H. Hillery be expelled. As follows are the resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the present session of the Genesee annual conference, deem him guilty of the charges he, the accused, having evaded said trial.

Resolved, further, that in consideration of the above we expel him from A. M. E. Zion church and connection in America.

A standing vote was taken and resulted 17 for expulsion and 2 against. Further reports from committees were given, after which the conference adjourned.

The Bishop will read the appointments this evening. There is to be a debate this evening by some of the members of the conference on the subject; Resolved, that "Woman should vote."

William H. Hillery, late Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion church, by his attorney, Merritt King, yesterday sued Mr. Thompson, the Bishop presiding at the conference now in session here, for \$20,000. The complaint alleges slander, libel, malicious persecution and sundry and divers other misdeeds.

Bishop Thompson is reported to be a large man physically and intellectually and to have weight with his brethren because of his comparatively great wealth. Bishop Hillery is said to be a dogged fighter, when in the right or imagine that he is so. So the Bishops have locked horns

and sought the arena of the supreme court. Well may inferior dignitaries and laymen deplore the worldly passions of great men and wonder that examples of Christian charity and brotherly love should find resort to even ecclesiastical courts necessary.

Verily the spirit of contention is abroad in the land. May the best Bishop win!

A Bold Stride in Wilson.

Dear Brother: in our efforts to build a new church here, God seems recently to have visited us with special favors. The people of Wilson, in general have contributed liberally, and the efforts of all, evince the fact that they are anxious for a new church. But, as in the firmament of heaven some stars shine with brighter glare than others, compelling the careless eye to behold their beauty, so with some men whose walks and efforts in a life make them singular objects, worthy of emulation. Permit me to mention some of those who have worked so faithfully to advance the cause of Zion in Wilson.

The first entertainment was a contest between the Misses Sarah L. Rountree and Mary Blount for a five dollar pair of bracelets to be awarded to the one who should sell the greater number of tickets for the church. This contest created great enthusiasm and the ladies equipped themselves nobly. The prize was awarded to Miss Mary Blount, she having secured the greater amount. The sum realized for the church was \$262.9.

The prize was presented by Mr. D. C. Sugg, who recently graduated from the Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. His theme was "Act well your part." His address was one of general comment, and for about thirty minutes held the audience in breathless silence, while in eloquent strains he pointed out to the people their duty making special reference to the church; commended the ladies for their efforts, admonished a greater activity on the part of all and concluded by speaking of the grand results that were in store for them, if they only had courage to maintain their convictions of what was right, and discharge their duty in that respect. The next was an exhibition gotten up by Mr. Sugg, from which we realized \$13.00. This was indeed a grand one; time and space will not allow us to give full details, but suffice it to say that there was not a failure in the whole entertainment and that every part was performed in the most excellent manner. Special mention is due, Miss Fannie Carter, for her rendition of "Curfew shall not ring to night." Mr. D. C. Sugg for his graceful performance at the organ and Mr. L. H. Vick also a graduate from Lincoln, oration entitled "How shall we get Justice?" His answers were by acquiring education, wealth and moral elevation. His treatment of these showed a strong mind and great research. On the following night, the same party who composed the exhibition gave a large festival from which was realized \$15.00. The total amount was presented to the church by Mr. D. C. Sugg on the following Sunday evening, when which a vote of thanks, was tendered him in behalf of the congregation. Mr. Sugg then arose and responded in a very eloquent address, in which he spoke of his anxiety to see a new church here; also some of the sacrifices necessary to be made by the people in order to effect this object; and that in the distribution of the

vote of thanks made special mention of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robinson the Misses Sarah Rountree, S. A. Freeman, Annie Washington, Ida Farmer, Edmonia Sugg and Messrs S. H. Vick, C. D. Howard, J. G. Taylor and Samuel Washington as worthy members of the honor.

He has succeeded in awaking quite an interest on the part of all; and both young and old are taking hold and pushing the work forward. The church is in a progressive condition and the Sunday School is flourishing.

Brethren lend us your prayers that God may crown our every effort with success.

Yours fraternally in Christ.

J. N. RASBERRY, Pastor in charge.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S NOTICE.

WILSON, N. C., August 13.

Dear Brethren,—I issue this circular to call your attention to matters of the utmost importance to us as members of the North Carolina conference.

1st. The conference year is eight months gone, and we voted at the last conference to raise \$300 for mission purposes, \$100 for our member at Zion Wesley Institute, and \$200 for the Raleigh mission, which will make it \$75 to each presiding elder's district. This divided into circuits and stations will make it \$7.50 for each minister in charge to raise and forward to the steward as mission money, to which only Goldsboro and Tarboro has complied, and the last meeting of the General conference ordered that we collect and forward the general fund monthly. I received a letter from Bishop Hood calling our attention to the condition of the church at Raleigh, and it is hoped that each minister will bring to conference \$5, to enable us to save the property.

Yours for Zion.

W. J. MOORE, North Carolina Conference Steward.

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS

Sunday, September 26th, Knoxville Tenn.

Wednesday, October 1st to 8th, Maryville, Tenn; at conference.

September 25th to October 4th, Maryville, Tenn.

October 5th to 13th, Fayetteville, N. C.

Letters from the East should be mailed at least four days ahead of the latest date given.

Notice

The Concord District Conference will convene at Third Creek Rowan county on the 24th, of October, at 10 o'clock a. m. New dear brethren we hope each one will have collected the entire fifty cents by that time, as we want to go above our figures of last year. The conference and scholarship funds must be collected. Also all the back salary of the P. E. will be brought up. Each minister will take notice of the members of the day school on his circuit, and by whom taught.

J. A. TYLER, P. E.

Notice

I hereby notify the ministers of the South Carolina conference that I have appointed Elder I. C. Clinton as conference steward, until the sitting of the Annual Conference, revoking the letter addressed to Elder Killingsworth.

J. J. MOORE, Presiding Bishop.

York, Pa., July 9th, 1884.

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