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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

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

To the presiding elders of North Carolina, Central annual conference, please brethren instruct your ministers and those who have received the annual conference minutes printed this year, that each presiding elder will come to the conference prepared to meet a note of \$80.00 that will fall due by the sitting of the conference; we were compelled to give this note to satisfy the claims against us for having the minutes printed. This money must be had at conference, and it can be easily.

It is our purpose to visit the Lord willing, the South Carolina, North Carolina Central, and North Carolina conferences this session. Our stay will be very short at each.

UNION DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

The twelfth session of the Union District Conference of the A. M. E. Z. Church in America, convened in St. Luke's church, Union county, S. C., October 23rd, 1884.

Rev. C. A. King, the Presiding Elder opened the conference by reading the 10th chapter of Matthew.

Elder T. P. R. Moore read and the conference sang the 705th hymn:

"Jesus Lord we look to thee," after which Elder Moore addressed the Throne of Grace.

By vote of the conference the bar of the conference was so fixed as to embrace all the side and three front seats. All the preachers were seated within the bar, and the lay delegates were required to appear before the Committee on Credentials. The roll was called and the absentees noted.—After which the various committees were appointed by the chairman.

On motion Rev. T. P. R. Moore were elected secretary and statistician, and Rev. T. J. Benson assistant secretary pro tem, Rev. F. Killingsworth, being made permanent.

There arose quite a discussion respecting the presiding elders' salary. The debate was brought to a close to hear the report of the committee on credentials through Rev. J. H. King, which seated lay delegate C. Beatty within the bar.

At this time it was announced that Mrs. Elder King had arrived, and every face wore a brightness. Then came quite a discussion concerning the building of churches upon lands that is not ours. The discussion on this important question was brought to a close to be considered at some future time during the sitting of the District Conference.

A discussion arose concerning the reception of members into the church without a profession of religion. The chairman sustained the old law on this point, which cut off any further debate.

Rev. S. C. Smith offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the conference:

Whereas, The ministers of the A. M. E. Zion Connection are not only servants for the people, but are agents in a minor sphere, therefore be it

Resolved, That every minister in the third district do their utmost to make sure all property that shall be purchased; or not build upon any lands that cannot be deeded according to rule laid down in the A. M. E. discipline. And that we should do all in our ability to obtain deeds for such lands as are granted.

Bro. T. P. R. Moore offered a resolution to the effect that all the preachers having charges do pledge themselves to go home and use all of their influence to raise the remainder of the presiding elder's salary, carried.

The Committee on Credentials through Elder J. H. King, made their report, which seated Bro. R. Rice, lay delegate within the bar.

The Committee on Devotions reported as follows: Rev. J. C. Russell, assisted by Brother A. C. Cureton, to preach at St. Elizabeth church; Rev. E. Hinton, assisted by Rev. B. K. Kearns, to preach at St. Luke's church.

The conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. F. Killingsworth.

At night, according to previous appointment, Elder E. Hinton delivered an able and soul stirring sermon from Genesis, 4th chapter, 10th verse.—After which a collection was taken up which amounted to \$2.60.

Benediction by Rev. Z. K. Kearns.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Conference convened according to adjournment at 10 o'clock.

Elder King presided and read the third chapter of James.

Rev. R. K. Kearns lined and the conference sang the hymn on page 357, "My opening eyes with rapture see."

Prayer by Rev. T. J. Benson.

The roll was called and the absentees noted.

Through the Committee on Creden-

tials A. T. Rice and H. T. Rice, were accorded seats within the bar as delegates.

At this juncture there arose a discussion as to the last governing District Conference. The chairman read and explained the law which cut off all debate.

At this juncture Marshall Sims called for the reading of the rules (See minutes.)

All the circuits and stations asked for the return of the same preacher and Presiding Elder except Glen Springs circuit and St. Elizabeth circuits, who want a change of preachers but same presiding elder.

Therefore all the circuits and stations asked for the same presiding elder, accept Stevens' Grove church, Spartanburg county, who want some one else.

Elder E. Hinton offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

We the members of the Union District Conference, do petition through the Presiding Elder to the Annual Conference to fix the circuits in such a way that the preachers may be better cared for, as several of the circuits are in a deplorable condition.

On motion L. H. Sims and J. H. Dennis were elected delegates to the annual conference to represent the district. Rev. J. A. Jackson paid one dollar to defray the delegates travelling expenses, and from the Annual Conference.

It was agreed that the western side of the district should raise \$10.00 to defray delegate Sims' travelling expenses to and from the annual conference, and that the eastern side raise \$8.00 to defray the expenses of delegate Dennis to and from the annual conference.

On motion Brothers A. T. Rice and C. Beatty were made alternates.

A recess of 15 minutes was then taken for dinner.

The Conference reassembled according to adjournment.

Elder E. Hinton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Union District Conference go to work and organize Home Missionary Societies for the purpose of building churches in the State of South Carolina at such places as Columbia, Spartanburg, and Greenville.

A collection was taken up to defray the expenses of publishing the proceedings of the conference in the Star of Zion, which amounted to \$1.80. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the brethren for their money.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT'S S. S. CONVENTION.

Hon. L. H. Sims, being the district Sunday School superintendent, he was called to the chair by the Presiding Elder.

Mr. Sims on taking the chair, delivered an earnest and important lecture upon Sabbath School and its interest.

All the preachers and Sabbath School superintendents reported their schools as being in a flourishing condition, accept Bro. Cohen which were not so favorable.

On motion the following officers were elected:

District Superintendent—L. H. Sims

Assistant "—D. F. Lyles

Secretary—J. H. Dennis.

Treasurer—Rev. F. Killingsworth.

Librarian—S. A. Harris.

On motion, Rev. E. Hinton, S. E. Smith, J. H. King, S. P. R. Moore, W. Johnson, J. C. Russell, Mr. C. Beatty, and Mr. Adolphus Tucker were elected District S. S. committee.

On motion it was voted that there be a district S. S. Convention held at Spartanburg on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1885.

The Committee on Devotions appointed Rev. F. Killingsworth to preach tonight in St. Luke's church, assisted by Rev. J. A. Jackson.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. Hinton.

At night Elder F. Killingsworth took for his text the 12th chapter of Jeremiah and 31st verse, and in which

preached a powerful sermon, which all present enjoyed.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

The Presiding Elder opened the conference by reading the 2nd chapter of the 1st Epistle of John.

Rev. J. H. King lined and the conference sang the 570th hymn.

Prayer by Rev. S. C. Smith.

The roll was called and the absentees noted.

Rev. T. P. R. Moore offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Rev. C. A. King has been on this district for the last four years, and the district has never made him, the Presiding Elder, a present.

Resolved, That the Union District present the Presiding Elder, C. A. King a fine suit of clothes. Adopted.

On motion the conference voted that the secretaries be paid as follows: Rev. Mr. Moore \$2 and Rev. F. Killingsworth \$1.

The conference were entertained by Revs. B. Wilson and T. P. R. Moore, who made rousing speeches on the necessity of raising the general funds.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the good people of St. Luke church for the hospitable treatment towards the members of the District conference.

Also a vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. C. A. King for the able manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the conference.

And to Mr. L. H. Sims as marshal, who kept such good order during the sitting of the conference.

At this juncture the Presiding Elder, C. A. King, arose and although very unwell, made a thrilling speech upon the importance of collecting the entire general funds, and the preachers' duties.

Rev. S. C. Smith offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the Union District Conference do pray the Annual Conference to take steps to give us more and better minutes for the next conference year.

After which the Presiding Elder made his financial report.

Rev. E. Hinton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder's salary be paid by the sitting of the District Conference. Carried.

After which the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. C. A. King.

UNION COURTHOUSE, S. C.,
November 3, 1884.

Mr. Editor

Please spare me another small space in your brilliant STAR OF ZION.—When it comes to the South it shines so much like the morning star, in a sense so to speak.

Mr. Editor, I told you in my letter of the 19th of September that I would tell you hereafter the whole condition of my circuit, but I am persuaded to believe that you are crowded with matters enough, therefore I will simply ask you to publish a few items of my two festivals. The first was October 25. We had a grand time, the sisters rallied to the front with their baskets, &c. Mr. Editor, you just ought to have been here to see the good ladies treat this humble servant.

We collected \$17 75 for the purpose of closing the indebtedness of our church. Please publish the names below: as they so earnestly desired me to have their names go before the public. Miss M. A. Kelley, Miss M. J. Thomas, Miss Catharine Gist, Miss M. M. Thomas, Mrs. Josephine Frowler, Mrs. Julia Hughes, Mrs. Bitha Martin, Mrs. S. Epps, Mrs. Minerva Thomas, Miss Carrie Stearn. All of these are the Good Hope Sisters. So, Mr. Editor, you will find enclosed \$1 00 from Good Hope church and \$1 00 from Beatty Chapel for which you will send your valuable paper.

We had a grand festival at Beatty Chapel November 1. We had a grand time. We collected \$12 20 for pastor's salary, so you can see that I am doing very well in financial matters. They are away behind, but I hope that the bishop will look over this poor mission's work.

Enclosed I send you 50 cents, send your paper to Mrs. M. A. Kelley, Spartanburg, S. C.

Yours truly,
B. T. JONES.

Union county, S. C. Also send paper to A. R. Jeter, Santee, Union county, S. C.; A. G. Shelton, Union, S. C.; C. G. Jeter, Union, S. C.

Now Mr. Editor, I am only two years old in the Gospel, but Zion's Star is on my mind, therefore I have come out in this mission work and found you four subscribers. Pray for our success.

Yours for God and Zion,
Y. J. P. COHEN.

Notice.

To the Bishop and Members of the C. N. C. Annual Conference to be held in Monroe, N. C., the 4th Wednesday in November, 1884.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

It having been contemplated in the General Conference of our church, which convened in the city of New York, May, 1884, to change the mode of appointing Presiding Elders, and make that office elective—

Therefore, we the undersigned ministers and preachers of the Charlotte district, beg leave to express to you our wishes and the wishes of the people in our district. Being acquainted with the gifts, grace and usefulness of Rev. A. Hill, who has presided over us for the last two years with great efficiency, pray your grace to elect him and send him back to the Charlotte district.—His piety, intelligence, his earnest labors to the church, and efficient labors in every department of the work has convinced us that he is the right man in the right place, one who in no situation is either ashamed or afraid of discharging his duty and acting his proper part with firmness and constancy. He is zealous for the best interest of the church; full of affection to his brethren, faithful to his friends, generous to enemies, self-denying, magnanimous without being proud; humble without being mean; just without being harsh; simple in his manners, but manly in his feelings.

We love him as a brother and as a leader, and he is the man who, in our heart, above all others, we do most earnestly petition and pray your sympathy to send him back to the Charlotte district. We beg that this petition be read in the conference.

Signed in behalf of the District Conference held in Rutherfordton, N. C., October 1, 1884.

ELDERS.

R. S. Rives, E. L. Campbell.

PREACHERS.

E. W. Dicks, W. M. Johnson, S. Herndon, A. S. Turner, J. W. Whiteside, J. M. Fulenwider, W. M. McIntire, G. W. Flack, A. A. Williams, H. M. Mosely, J. W. Thomas.

DELEGATES.

D. D. Moore, W. W. Smith, T. N. Davidson, Edward R. Bratcher, A. A. Burton, S. H. Hunter, H. B. Pralon, David Miller, Charles Miller, G. W. Payne, G. Petty.

NOTICE.

The ministers and delegates attending the Virginia annual conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, will pass from Norfolk to New McBrides church for \$1 50, return ticket, Elder W. A. Pitts have made arrangements with the steamboat company, from E. City, to South Mills, 75c return. Conference will convene on 12th of November. Bishop Jones will preside.

Ministers going to conferences, unless it is at places where there are a plenty of accommodation should avoid taking too many of their friends along, 'tis true while the pastor and people will do all they can to accommodate all, yet they may be put to a great deal of inconvenience. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

NOTICE.

ATHENS, Tenn., September 29.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Brother,—You will please notify the members of the Virginia conference, that conference will convene on Thursday, Nov. 12, instead of the 20th, as the North Carolina Central meets on the 26th.

Yours truly,
B. T. JONES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Arkansas conference will meet in Little Rock, Ark., on the 2nd Wednesday in November, at 10 o'clock a m., Bishop Thorpson will preside.

The South Carolina conference will meet in Lancaster, S. C., on the 3rd Wednesday in November, Bishop Lomax will preside.

The Georgia conference will meet at Stone mountain, Ga., on the 3rd Wednesday in November, Bishop Lomax will preside, according to notice, but we cannot see how Bishop Lomax will preside at two conferences at the same time. We think it must be a mistake about this notice. However we are not authorized to make the change. We here call Bishop Lomax's attention to these notices as we see them in the list of conference appointments.

There will be an excursion given from Norfolk to South Mills on Saturday November 14th to attend Virginia Annual conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, fare for the round trip \$1 50, the excursionists may expect a pleasant time on Sabbath at conference as arrangements have been made for them.

Brother C. J. Murphy, of Union Parish, La., writes a very interesting letter from Walnut Lane, relative to the mission work he has been engaged in during the past and present year. He states that he was appointed to the work by Bishop Lomax, he only found 37 members on the journal of the church or mission work, when he took charge. Since entering upon the work, he says he had many pullbacks and sad hours on account of the lukewarmness of the people, and faint-hearted workmen that he has had to contend with, yet he expresses himself as being hopeful of the success of the work, and says he don't intend to give it up until it is all secured for Zion. He asks the prayers of the whole church for the Texas and Louisiana mission work.

A letter from Oxford, N. C., written by the superintendent of the A. M. E. S. S., gives a good account of the pastoral labors of the Rev. D. J. Mitchell, and the good management and condition of the Sabbath School, the grand time the school had in July at an entertainment given for its benefit, &c. The whole affair was delightful says the writer, as we must condense his letter.

We publish this week a letter from Bishop Hood, that has been on hand for some time, nevertheless letters from our bishops are interesting and will be read with pleasure.

The attention of ministers and delegates attending the various annual conferences in North and South Carolina are called to the arrangements made for reduced fare to and from the conferences.

Bro. Washington Riddick, of Kyles Landing, N. C., Fee Hill circuit, writes an encouraging letter of the meeting held at Silvertown chapel, in September last, Presiding Elder E. H. Hill conducted the opening exercises of the meeting. Rev. E. A. Carroll is pastor. Everything passed off well, the interest of the church and Sunday school was looked after. Baptism and the Lord's supper was administered.

It seems hard to get some of our papers to our subscribers in Tennessee, the paper is mailed from our office through the postoffice here every week, and yet we are constantly receiving cards of complaint of not getting the paper. Johnson City, Tenn., is one of these points. We hope the proper authorities will look after this matter.

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