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NOTICE I

We particularly call the attention of all our subscribers to the fact that whenever they see TWO RED MARKS opposite our paragraph relative to time, it is the last paper that will be mailed until the subscription is renewed.

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J. MCH. FARLEY,

as to avoid the great trouble we have in collecting orders on account of our name being written wrong?

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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.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We find it quite impossible to publish the extensive communications as fast as the writers desire, but we shall do the best we can with all profitable matter that comes to hand. We must give a little space to conference items as four or five conferences are now and has been in session.

Brother M. M. Morris, of Williamsburg, Tenn., desires to inform the many readers of the STAR that his circuit, which was broken down from bad management, is now in a flourishing condition, and will be as good a circuit as may be found in the East Tennessee conference. Brother Morris says his district conference held in October was a success.

The Board of Bishops will meet in Fayetteville, N. C., on the first Wednesday in December. Business of importance will be brought before them.

Advertisements in and read the STAR OF ZION.

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A. M. E. Zion Church in America,

CONVENED AT

NEW McBRIDE'S CHURCH, N. C.,

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12, 1884.

AT 10 A. M.

NINETEENTH SESSION.

[Continued from last week.]

president of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in a well timed speech, reviewing the origin of the society in 1880, in Montgomery, Ala. He paid a high compliment to the various vice-presidents who had been working well in the cause. He said the Virginia conference brethren had not done their part towards aiding the vice-president of this district as her letters showed. He said he hoped the conference would do something worthy of note.

Mrs. Jones came forward in a chaste and modest manner, and delivered a touching address on behalf of the society. She said they had raised during the first four years of its existence \$580 00 and she hoped the society would be able to raise over one thousand dollars during the present quadrennial term. Her remarks were fitting and forcible. She asked the brethren to throw their arms around Miss P. Deia Farley, by organizing societies and raising funds, and remit it to her, however small it may be.

Brother W. C. Butler made a good speech in favor of the L. H. and F. Missionary Society, and P. D. F. as vice-president of the Virginia conference. He said he would give it his hearty support. He started the collector by giving \$1 00; he was followed by other brethren who gave \$1 00, the names of which we publish in another column, so as to encourage this work everywhere in behalf of the vice-presidents. The brethren of the Virginia conference all promised to take a deeper interest in the work. Twenty-one dollars was realized in the collection, the same forwarded to P. D. F., less the travelling expenses of the president, Mrs. Mary J. Jones.

The Bishop reviewed the discipline question to the 21st, which question fixes the place where the conference is to be held another year. Several places were put in nomination and warmly advocated by these brethren where the people desired to have it.

Norfolk, Va., was made the choice by a majority vote to meet the second Wednesday in November, 1885, at 10 A. M.

It was moved by Elder R. A. Fisher that the scholarship of the Zion Wesley Institute be continued as voted upon last year. It was agreed to.

The Bishop at this juncture vacated the chair, calling E. Overton to preside, while he arranged the appointments.

Quite a number of unfinished business was attended to.

It was suggested by Elder Nichols that something should be done to aid the worn out preachers and widows.

On motion a Preachers' Aid Society was organized:

- Rev. W. C. Butler, president.
Rev. W. C. Bowe, vice-president.
J. S. Nichols, treasurer.
A. L. Newby, secretary.

It was agreed upon to charge all the ministers of the society 50 cents per annum for its support.

Rev. J. R. Johnson, delegate from the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference, made some very feeling remarks to the brethren, bidding them God speed in their work.

It was moved and carried that the 4th Sunday in December be set apart to lift a collection throughout the Virginia Conference for the benefit of the Norfolk churches, and the same to be forwarded to the pastor, D. W. Bowe, as soon as lifted.

Rev. W. H. Newby, who was selected to conduct the eulogy of Rev. G. W. Riddick, deceased, announced the hymn commencing, "Servant of God Well Done."

Rev. W. H. Newby a Ministerial Christian

description of the life and character of Brother Riddick. He said he was a faithful, earnest worker in Zion. He loved the church, and died at his post. Elder J. S. Nichols followed in a brief statement, corroborating what Brother Newby had said relative to the life and death of Brother Riddick. He spoke well of the great worth and work of Brother Riddick, while he lived, and said the conference had lost a worthy young man.

The hour for final adjournment being at hand, the various necessary appropriations were made, votes of thanks tendered, and the Bishop read the appointments for 1884-'85, and the meeting was dismissed at a late hour on Monday night.

The brethren all left for home on the next passing boat, feeling well pleased at their visit to New McBRIDE'S church.

FROM MT. PLEASANT, PA.

MT. PLEASANT, PA., October 26, 1884.

Mr. Editor:

Allow me to communicate to the many readers of our beloved STAR, of our progress in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pa., Greensburg is the county seat. Mt. Pleasant is surrounded with mountains called the Alleghany mountains. The work that is done here is digging coal and burning coke. Many of our members are occupied in this work.

Here we have erected a beautiful church that cost about two thousand dollars. It is finished all but painting and seating. It will seat about four hundred people. All is paid with the exception of about two hundred and fifty dollars. We intend by the help of God to have it dedicated on the first Sunday in January, 1885, by our beloved Bishop J. J. Moore, D. D.—We would like to see the STAR and the institution represented on that occasion. We intend on that day to have the church out of debt, God being our helper.

Now let us talk to our readers about something spiritual. Our quarterly meeting, we turn out at 6 a. m. to praise God. It was cold when I got up, but before the meeting was over we were warm enough. God was with us. Hallelujah to God and the Lamb. Zion stand with him surrounded, Zion kept by power divine. All her foes must be confounded, Though the world and hell combine Happy Zion what a favorite lot is thine.

At 11 a. m. your humble servant occupied the pulpit, and preached from the text, Gal. 4-18. It is good to be zealously affected in a good thing.—Subject: Love. At 3 p. m. Deacon Bell preached for us. Subject: Christ is risen indeed. At 7 p. m. Elder Lewis of the A. M. E. church preached for us. Subject: Regeneration.

The Lord's supper was administered to about one hundred participants.

That day has brought joy to our hearts. May God keep us steadfast in the work of building up Zion.

We have a very good Sabbath School. Brother Charles Triplett is superintendent, and George Rubatam assistant. Sister Mary Ann Rogers is secretary and treasurer.

Pray for us that God will help us to carry on his work in building up Zion. Yours in Christ and Zion.

JOHN A. MULLIGAN.

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MISSISSIPPI

SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND DISTRICT MEETING.

The 9th annual meeting of the West Tennessee and Mississippi District Conference, and 2nd Annual Sabbath School Convention convened in the Second district at Free Union, about three miles east of Pickens Station, October 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION. The meeting was called to order by Elder L. S. Scurlock, reading from the 4th chapter of Ephesians. Hymn 707, lined by Elder T. J. Jones, and prayer by Elder G. Sims.

Elder Scurlock called the conference to the work before them, showing how Christians were the battering rams of Christ, and were to be used to demolish the walls of the King of Erubus. After the elder was through speaking, Brother William J. Currey, fraternal delegate from the first district, was introduced and allowed full privilege.

The following committees were then appointed: On Rules, Credentials, Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Zion Wesley Institute, Star of Zion and Book Concern; Education, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Devious Orders, Investigation. Children's day of collection for Zion Wesley Institute "Child's Guide."

After the reports of the Committees on Rules and Credentials were received and adopted, the following officers were elected: W. J. Curry—General Secretary. W. L. Carr, Statistical. J. W. Mills, Recording. A. Pringle, Marshal. T. Sims—Tunist. M. Green—Messenger.

The committee on the members of the conference were assigned their homes. The Committee on Devotions made their appointments, and the conference adjourned with singing and benediction by Rev. T. J. Jones.

EVENING SERVICES. The evening services were opened by Rev. J. Gilmer, reading the 10th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. Hymn 655 lined by Elder T. Jones. Elder Jones, who had been appointed to preach the annual sermon, expounded the word by God from St. John 14-6. "I am the way."

After an inspiring sermon, a collection was taken up by the Financial Committee, and the meeting broke with singing and benediction by Brother J. Gilmer.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1884.

The conference was called to order by the presiding officer, Elder Scurlock, reading 5th chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Hymn 708 lined by Rev. W. L. Carr, and prayer by Brother S. Marris. The roll was called. Minutes of the previous day read and corrected.

The rules were read and the conference proceeded to work.

The Committee on the Star of Zion and Book Concern made a partial report, which was received, and after the advantages one has who takes the paper over one who is not blessed with its literature were nobly spoken of by many, and subscriptions taken. The report was adopted.

The conference took a recess in order that the various committees might have an opportunity to draw up their reports.

The committees being ready to report the house was called to order and business regularly taken up.

The Committee on Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society reported. The report was received and after the cause of the organization was vividly pictured by the presiding elder, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Zion Wesley Institute reported. The report was received.

Among the many resolutions were the following: That each member of the

annual conference from the 2nd district pay the sum of 25 cents at the setting of each annual conference, to help pay for a scholarship in the institution, and the money be collected as per discipline. After the demands of the institution were presented the report was adopted.

The following committees reported: On Sabbath Schools and History of the A. M. E. Zion church in America.

The reports were received and after addresses upon Sabbath Schools and upon the merits of the book were allowed the reports were adopted.

The conference adjourned with singing and benediction by Brother H. West.

EVENING SERVICES. The evening services were opened by Elder West, reading 11th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. Hymn 908 lined by Rev. J. Hoover. The words of the text were from Revelations xiv-ii: "And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps."

After the word of God had been expounded a collection was taken by the Finance Committee, the meeting broke with singing and benediction by Elder West.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION. Thursday October 30.

The meeting was called to order by Elder G. Sims, reading 12th chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans, hymn 335, lined by Brother Pringle. Prayer by Brother Adams.

The roll was called. The minutes of the previous day read, received with corrections and adopted.

The rules of the conference were read.

The house then proceeded to work. The Committee on Temperance reported, and after the report was received, the Prohibitionists advocated their cause, and the report was adopted.

The conference took a recess in order that the unreported committees might have time to work.

The committee appointed to investigate the charges against Elder Loveless having completed their work, the house was called to order by Elder Scurlock and business resumed.

The following committees reported: On Boundaries. On Stations. On Circuits. On Missions. On Education. On Deacons Orders. On Children's Day of Collection for Zion Wesley Institute.

All reports were received and adopted.

The committee on Elder Loveless' case reported that Elder Loveless be suspended from all clerical duty until the annual conference.

On motion of Brother W. L. Carr, Miss Amanda A. Beaty was elected fraternal delegate to the First District conference, which convenes in Memphis in 1885.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the annual conference: A. Jackson, L. G. Carson.

EVENING SERVICES. The services were opened at 7:30, Elder G. Sims officiating, read the 5th chapter of St. Mark. Hymn 229, and prayer by W. L. Carr.

Hymn 524 was lined by Elder Sims and then from the 11th chapter and 28th verse of Paul's epistle to the Corinthians he announced his text.—Quite an inspiring sermon was delivered, and then the Lord's supper was administered, after which the services closed with singing and benediction by Elder Sims.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION. Friday, October 31.

The meeting was called to order by Elder Scurlock, who read the third chapter of Ezekiel. Hymn 484 was lined by Elder Williams.

Prayer by Rev. N. Kemp. The roll was called. Rules read. The minutes of the previous day received.

Brother Lewis Clifton of the Southern Methodist church, was introduced by the Presiding Elder to the Southern

ence. Also Brother J. Gray, of the Baptist church, and Peter Westbrooks, of the M. E. church, were introduced, allowed seats within the bar of the conference.

The following committees being ready, reported:

- On Sabbath Schools.
On Child's Guide.
On Resolutions.
On Boundaries.
On Stations.
On Circuits and Missions.
On Finance and Deacons Orders.

The Committee on Child's Guide reported five subscribers to be forwarded to Leander Moore, Pickens' Station. The reports were received.

The Free Union Sabbath School having assembled to carry out their appointed exercises, the programme was as follows:

Singing, Take the Name of Jesus with You, by the School Address, Sabbath Schools a Necessity, S. Gilmer.

Singing, Hebrew Capture, by the School Address, Official Duty, J. W. Mills Address, Sabbath Schools of the Past, Present and Future, Wm. J. Currey

Singing, Hold the Fort, by the School Essay, Perpetuity of Sabbath Schools, Miss A. A. Beaty

Singing, Pull for the Shore, by the School Address, How Sin is to be Eradicated, W. L. Carr

Singing, Happy Day, by the School The programme being successfully carried out, the schools organized a Home and Foreign Missionary, auxiliary to the general Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The following officers were elected: President—R. Carson. Vice-President—Miss Rachel Fleming.

Secretary—Leander Moore. Treasurer—W. M. Green.

Through the energy of Miss Amanda Beaty and W. L. Carr, the committee on the STAR OF ZION made the following report of subscribers:

- Wm. Green, 1 50
Washington Colwell, 50
Peter Adams, 25
Johnson Gilmer, 50
Silas Harris, 50
J. P. Cannaway, 50
Simon Body, 50
L. G. Carson, 25
A. M. White, 50
G. W. Morris, 50
Perry Banks, 50
Allen Adams, 50
Henry Jackson, 50
James White, 50
R. Marshall, 25
Moses Moore, 25
Van Osborn, 50
Sipio Westbrooks, 50
Elder Jones, 50
Elder Sims, 50
A. Pringle, 50
H. C. West, 50
Susan Alexander, 80

The report was received and adopted.

The workers for Zion who supported the meeting, were returned many thanks by a vote.

The minutes of the day were read, received and adopted. The minutes were then adopted as a whole.

The Sabbath school sang "Salvation," and the conference adjourned to meet in Kosciusko, 1885, with the benediction by N. Kemp.

Wm. J. Currey, Secretary.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A deep dregs of wine plush, with an underground of old gold brocade in olive green satin flowers, is one of the newest coverings for furniture.

The newest sofa cushions are made three-quarters of a yard square and are filled with fine feathers instead of down. Plush forms one side, and fine felt cloth the other.

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