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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.

N. C. CONFERENCE.

[Reported for the Star of Zion.]

The general and educational tax assestment, this conference year viz : GENERAL TAX. Clarkesville Station. \$ 20 00

Memphis Station, 15 00 Coleman's Chapel, 50.00 Courtland, 15 00 Wesley Chapel, 25 00 Pope's Chapel, 25 00 Toliver Chapel 5 00 25 00 Eureka Cotton Plant, 8 00 15 00 Sand Springs, 4 00 Henderson, 15 00 Zion Hill, Coffeeville, 30 00 Brooks, 20 00 Liberty Hill, 25 00 Zion Chapel, No. 2, 15 00 Johnson Chapel, 8 00 Kosciuska Station, 10 00 Free Union, 14 00 Bleekville, 10 00 Middleton Grove, 12 50 Canton, 10 00 Sharon, 15 00 Zion chapel, No. 1, 12 50 Camden, 20 00 Liberty Chapel Carthage, North Bend, Cooksville, Salem, EDUCATIONAL TAX. Clarksville, Memphis, Coleman Chapel Courtland, Wesley, Pope's, Toliver, Eureka, Cotton Plant, Sand Springs, Henderson, Zion Hill, Jones' Mission, Coffeeville, Brooks, Liberty Hill, Zion Chapel, No. 2, Johnson's Chapel, Jones' Mission, Kosciuska, Free Union, Breckville, Middleton Grove, Canton, Sharon, Mion Chapel Camden, Liberty Chapel, Carthage, North Bend Cooksville, Salem, St. Luke, St. Elizabeth Strange Mission Little Zion, Total amount of general tax 847-15 Planet,

Paid by conference stewards for blank receipt book and 1 60 stamp, Remitted to general st. 27 80 Paid Bishop J P Thompson at conference 817 75 Amount collected at conference of educational funds, 14 00 and the same remitted to Bisho Thompson at Fayetteville, N.C., to be paid to general steward for the schol-

arship of this conference at Zion Wesley Institute. The pastors in charge of work in this conference are request ed to collect the balance of the gene ral tax and educational funds immediately on their arrival on their work and pay over the same to the Presiding elder as he makes his quarterly visits. Each pastor will take up one public collection from each of his congregations by the 1st of July, known as the children s collection, and forward the same to Rev. C. R. Harris, (the general st) at Salisbury, N. C. APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEST TEN-NESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI CONFER-ENCE. L. J. Scurlock, P. E. lar DISTRICT. Clarksville-H. W. Smith.

Memphis-M. L. Blalock. Batesville cr-J. A. Coleman. Wesley cr-W. Jones. Eureka cr-H. West. Zion Hill er-J. E. P. Marshall. Zion Wing er-H. S. Simm. Coffeeville cr-C M White. 2ND DISTRICT. Free Unios or-G. W. Simm. Kosciuska station-H. R. S. Irby Camden cr-G. W. Morris. Canton cr-G. W. Rummage. Sharon cr-W L Carr. **3RD DISTRICT.** Cooksville er-D. J. Adam. Carthage cr-J. W. Miller. St. Luke Mission-P. Green. Preston Mission-To be be supplied Strange Mission. Vaiden Grenada

DELIVERED. BY Rt. Rev. T. H. LOMAX, BEFORE THE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Dearly Beloved Brethren and Member of the N. C. Conference.

It is with profound reverence and deep humility, and no degree of sec tional ambition, I embrace this favor able opportunity to record my highest sentiments of gratitude for your patriotism in the past, hoping that I shall have your hearty co-operation in the future as I have had in the past .-Nineteen years have passed away like streamlets to the flood, since this conference was organized in the city of Newbern, and from year to year you have contributed your part of patriotism to evangelize the word. The king of heaven has given you time to employ yourself in some usefulness, and we look back on the history of the past with profound satisfaction to ourselves and feel that God is glorified, and now under the care and guidance of an al-wise Providence, we have completed the labors of another conference year, and have met to note the results, trusting that by the light of past experience we may be the better prepared to perform effective work in the future, as we have done in the past. We have just sung one of the beautiful hymn's of Zion in which our voices cheerfull'y blended in pathetic praise to Him who devinely dictates the doings of the prudent. Let us unite in concert and repeat with the psalmist, Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren so dwell together in unity, it is like the precious

BISHOP'S ADDRESS ! cultivated mind, it is one of the great- unfits man for his intended usefulness. duties set before him, with it's man is the cup, when it moveth itself aright, better prepared to persue in life the at last it biteth like a serpent and vocations which by nature he is most stingeth like an adder." Intemperadapted. But a cultivated mind with- ance tainted with foul and fertile out all other moral qualifications will breath, the dignity of our pulpits, and leave us still wanting and incompe- left and aching void the world can tent. We are taught from the sacred never fill.

> volume that we are to seek first the Kingdom of heaver, and all these things shall be added unto us. The misfortunes of men are mostly changable on themselves. The development or mind, the ex-

rational and accountable being. It is churches. a curious and interesting investigation to trace the history of man as he is one of the leading departments in emerges from a state of nature, and our church, and commends itself to passes through the successive grada- our most earnest support and prayers, tions from mere animal existence to a for its success. state of refine civilization and moral culture, and it is equally delightful to should be improved and patronized by the man of letters to behold the effects ot learning in its various stages, in amending the inward state of man kind, as the refinement of luxury add to their external convenience. It is a common remark with the historian, Whiteville circuit, Wilmington stathat the discovery of the use of iron tion, Goldsboro station, Kinston stais the first step from savage life to civ- tion, Newbern station, Washington ilization life. We point with profound station, Greenville station, Beaufort satisfaction and connectional pride to station, and Hull Swamp, and find all our Zion Wesley Institute, as we be- greatly improving. The brethren have lieve it to be one of the leading edu- reported much increase in the probacational institutions in this country, ble value of church property, and and is a sremarkable for its general many accessions to their churches .-

SABBATH SCHOOL. It se, meth proper to state that the circuit, Magnolia circuit, Lumberton the doors of his two fine mansions for abbath sc. hool is an instrument in the and Shoe Heel circuits.

and decide them, and the fear of the dren's tormenter, the neighbors plague, Lord are the beginning of wisdom, and the devil's best friend; it deludes be traced to the systematic and decid-and consists in smothing more than a the mind, weakens the intellect and emphasis placed on this doctrine in est elements man may possess, without "Look not upon the wine when it is relation of personal experience to each it man is incompetent to discharge the red, and when it giveth its color in other by the laity. Like the saints in

THE GENERAL TAX.

The changing of the financial plan makes it more essential that we should importance of a good education, hap- collect the whole amount of general piness is founded on rectitude of con- fund, as the bishops only get one third duct, virtue, man's highest interest, part of the money in the hands of the general steward. We think the bishops will receive about four hundred dollars this conference year on salary, ertion of talent, the labors of indus- they cannot live at this poor dying try, are all subjects intimately inter- rate, let us try and collect the whole

OUR BOOK CONCERN

THE STAR OF ZION all the ministers in the connection. VISITATION.

I have visited the following named churches this year :

Flee Hill circuit, Shoe Heel circuit, school capacity as any in the country. Also visited Clinton chapel circuit. Newbern, N. C. and Raleigh mission, I commend it to your consideration.

members are counted by millions may the preaching of the ministry and the the Apocalypse, "the overcame by the bleod of the lamb and by the word of their testimony."

The conterence at Baltimore, like Peter's audience on the day of Penecost, number all of the tribes of the hemisphere, the Caucasian, the Afri-

can, and the Indian. The Indian from Mexico spoke in Spanish and through an interpreter. The African, as well as the Jaucasian, used the Anglo-Saxon, and all tones heard was in brotherly kindness. No one seemed to forget that one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." No such question arose as that of social equality of political equality, but there was in the air a consciousness of spirwoven with the moral character of a amount from every member of our itual equality, and, in the Divine presence, of a spiritual affinity. All were children of the same Creator.

Turning to the future the church starts on its second century in America as an organized body with high hope. The doctrines tried and proved and the system of teaching tried and proved, confidence and joy are the rule, and as joy, is contagious we may expect Methodism to continue its work of transforming society until the wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

OUR STAY IN BALTIMORE.

While in attendance of the Cententennial conference of Methodism, our headquarters, and the headquarters of all our delegates were at 91 Hill St., and 318 Montgomery street. The comfortabte homes of our esteem and enterprising Brother John Henry Butler, this good brother with his Henderson, Hookerton circuit, Dudley large and Christian heart, threw open

the accommodation of all of the delegates of Zion Connection, he spared no pains in making everything pleasant for us, with the enjoyment of the grand occasion calling so many of these followers of Wesley together, E. Zior and the sumptuous tables set every morning and night at each of these places for the delegates will long be remembered by them, for the manner in which they were treated, just think of the fine large fried oysters tha are to be had in Baltimore, superior to any in the country, this delicious salt water oyster was served at every meal in full supply. Bro Butler is one of our well to do, or rich men of race, he owns valuable proper in the city of Baltimore to the amount of \$150,000, he is a great lover of his church, and he has his arm around Epistle to the Galatians. The same the grand head way that our Zion is truth was recently realized by a boy again making in Baltimore. Elder J of twelve years of age in Washington who said. "As I prayed I felt God by his congregation, he with them by heard me, and forgive me for being a bad boy, and made me a good boy." From this truth radiates all the light and warm th and comfort of Christian experience. In a backward ler for his noble and generous acts.

Water Val 12 50 10 00 Macon, 10 00 The next session of the West Ten-35 00 nessee and Mississippi conference of the A. M. E. Zion will convene in 75 00 Cooksville, Mississippi, the 1st Wed-4 00 nesday in December, 1885. A vote of thanks was tendered to 3 00 10 00 the good citizens of Canton for their 3 00 hospitalities toward the members of 5 00 this conference while in their midst. The conference then adjourned sine 5 00 1 20 die. L. J. SCURLOCK, 5 00 Secretary. P. S .- The Bishop's address is New-1 60 3 00 burgh, N. Y., 219 Washington street. L. J. Scurlock, conference secreta-80 ry, Coffeeville, Miss. 3 00 J. A. Coleman, conference steward. 50 Batesville, Miss. 6 00 Mrs. M. E. Scurlock, vice-presiden 4 00 5 00 of the Ladies Home and Foreign Mis-3 00 sionary Society of the West Tennes 1 60 see and Mississippi conterence, Coffee 1 30 ville, Miss. Ministers transferred from this con-8 00 8 60 terence to the Arkansas conference during this session : J. C. Cotton, J. 2 60 R. Simm, A. M. White, J. C. William 3 60 T J. Jones and W. G. Jones. 3 40 Deacons-John Walker, M. C. 8 00 Coon, L. Bragewell, N. B. Robertson, 3 80 and George Walton. 4 00 Expelled-Wm. Tipton. Located-Nelson Silas. 8 20 3 00 Suspended-Elder P. C. Lovelace 2 80 for six months. 7 00 15 00 MOODY AND SANKEY. 2 00 1 60 Moody and Sankey will be in Rich mond by invitation of the Y. M. C. 9 00

1 40 A., from January 4th to 14th inclurive, and will hold Gospel metings,-

upon the beard, even Aaron's beard. that went down to the skirts of his garments, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended on the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord foundation laid at present, and the commanded the blessings even life for great outlook, though encouraging, ever more. Amen, must be stirred up by the pulpit for

intment upon the head that ran dow

Death enters and there is no defence, His time there is none can tell. He'll in a moment call the hence, To heaven or down to hell.

"Dust to dust, ashes to ashes." These solemn words were pronounced over the body of our beloved brother W. H. W. Payne, who departed this life on the 30th day of March, 1884. Peace to his ashes. May the guarding angel watch his soft and silent repose, and may he sleep softly under the

shades of the trees until the army of for babes and children's bread, God awakes him, to meet him in the skies. Let us throw the mantle of charity around his bereft wife, and cheer the silence of his tomb. Deep in my heart thy cherished secret

lies. Deep as a pearl on 'ocean's soundless tion, flow,

Where the bold diver never can explore, The realms oe'r which the mighty billows rise. EDUCATION.

It is education that forms the common mine. Just as the twig is bend the tree will be inclined.

Education is to the imagination of men just what a lighted candle is to a darkened room. A lighted candle expells and drives the darkness before it. Education is an inventor of ideas, it assist the memory to retain them; and the jud

hands of God in bringing many souls to his fold, and we believe that the THE METHODIST CENTENNIAL. future hope and success of our connection in the future depenas" upon the

our future prosperity as a denomina-

INTEMPERANCE

By Bishop of the Jones. Church,

Back of the pulpit in the Metropoltion of Christians, and as we have the itan church in this city, in a stained experience of the past, we may be adglass window, encircling a dove, emmonished in the, future that the Sabblematic of the Holy Spirit, are these bath schools are indispensible to the growth and prosperity of our beloved words, from the 10th verse of chapter connection. Let every preacher in 5 of the first epistle of the Apostle charge of a church urge this grand John : "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." question of the Sunday school. Work This was realized by John Wesley from time to time in their charges .---Let the children be instructed with when his "heart was strangely warmed" as he read the preface of Martin literature of our church, such as milk Luther to his commentary on the The Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed and such other books as may be recommended by our Book concern, from time to time. We commend the Children's Guide as a Sunday school paper of much value to our connec-Intemperance not only destroys, but inflicts run upon the innocent and look at one hundred years the repre- We must thank him for that fine Balhelpless, and invades the family and sentatives of the various branches of timore ham that he handed us for our social circle of our firesides, and Methodism in America in the recent Christmas dinner leaving Baltimore spreads worrow and death all around ; conference at Baltimore had abun dant on the 18th inst. We were soon at it extinguishes natural affections; it reason to rejoice over the good wo. k home. erases conjugal love, blights parental accomplished in proclaiming this truth

hope, and brings down the aged in -a truth full of joy to every one who sorrow to the grave ; it makes widows embraces it, that not Enoch alone of and orphans, and is the cause of the the patriachal age, but men of this greater part of the destilutions in our present may truly have fellowship with land ; it destroys beauty, defiles vir- God,

bitterest enemy, man's latest foe and in every Christian, of every name but Pastor in charge of Clinton's Chapel. and the wife's dreading was and chill the growth of Mathodism until its December 1st, 1884.

NOTICE!

All who wish to have any communication with Rev. J. W. Alstork, will tue, and dethrones justice ; it is God's The same fact is, of course, realized address him at Montgomery, Ala.