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 Our white Churches are all supplied with regular Pastors, and hold divine services on Sabbath and during the week. See Church Directory in city papers.

**Episcopal Districts.**

The following are the Episcopal districts as arranged by the last General Conference and the bishop assigned to each:

**1ST DISTRICT.**

New York, New England, Virginia, and Central North Carolina, Bishop S. T. Jones, D. D.

**2ND DISTRICT.**

Alleghany, Canada and Michigan, South Carolina, and Florida, Bishop J. J. Moore, D. D.

**3RD DISTRICT.**

Genesee, New Jersey, West Tennessee and Mississippi, and Arkansas, Bishop J. P. Thompson.

**4TH DISTRICT.**

North Carolina, Georgia, West Alabama, and Louisiana, Bishop Thos. H. Lomax.

**5TH DISTRICT.**

Philadelphia and Baltimore, Kentucky, East Tennessee, East Alabama, and California, Bishop J. W. Hood. June 1st, 1886.

Bishop Jones will go to the second district, Bishop Moore to the third, Bishop Thompson to the fourth, Bishop Lomax to the fifth, and Bishop Hood to the first.

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 BISHOP J. P. THOMPSON, Presiding.

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 BISHOP S. T. JONES, Presiding.

**Georgia Conference**—Meets on the 3d Wednesday in November at—  
 BISHOP LOMAX, Presiding.

**Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference**—Meets in Galbraith chapel, on 3d Wednesday in April, 1885, in Washington, D. C.  
 BISHOP J. W. HOOD, Presiding.

**Arkansas Conference**—Meets on the Wednesday in—  
 BISHOP J. P. THOMPSON, Presiding.

**South Carolina Conference**—Meets in Rock Hill on the 3rd Wednesday in November, 1885.  
 BISHOP J. J. MOORE, Presiding.

**Virginia Conference**—Meets at Norfolk on the 2d Wednesday in November, 1885.  
 BISHOP S. T. JONES, Presiding.

**East Alabama Conference**—Meets at in Montgomery, on the 4th Wednesday in November.  
 BISHOP J. W. HOOD, Presiding.

**North Carolina Conference**—Meets on the 4th Wednesday in November, 1885, at Kingston, N. C.  
 BISHOP T. H. LOMAX, Presiding.

**West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference**—Meets at Canton, Mississippi, on the 1st Wednesday in December.  
 BISHOP J. P. THOMPSON, Presiding.

**West Alabama Conference**—Meets in Selma, Ala., on the 3rd Wednesday in December.  
 Bp. LOMAX, Presiding.

**Louisiana Conference**—Meets on the 2d Wednesday in January, 1885, at Ponchatoolar, La.  
 BISHOP LOMAX, Presiding.

**Florida Conference**—Meets at Jacksonville, on the 3rd Wednesday in Feb. 1884.  
 Bp. J. J. MOORE, Presiding.

**Texas conference** meets in Mellican, Texas, on the 2d Wednesday in February, 1885, Bishop T. H. Lomax presiding.

The California conference meets at on the second Wednesday in June, 1885, at 10 a m—Bishop Hood presiding.

**New York Conference**—Meets in Williamsburgh, N. Y., on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1885.  
 BISHOP JONES, Presiding.

**New England Conference**—Meets in New Haven Conn., on the 1st Wednesday in April, 1885, at 12 m.  
 Bp. S. T. JONES, Presiding.

**Genesee Conference**—Meets in Ithaca, N. Y., 1st Wednesday in September, 1885 at 10 o'clock A. M.  
 Bp. J. P. THOMPSON, Presiding.

**NOTICE.**

The Annual Conference Stewards will please take notice that they are to forward all general funds in their hands on the **Second Wednesday** in each month to

Rev. C. R. HARRIS, General Steward, Salisbury, N. C.

**Notice.**

The Board of Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church will meet in Ithaca, N. Y., on the 4th Wednesday in March, 1885. A full meeting of the Board is earnestly desired as business of importance will claim their attention. Bishop S. T. Jones, is chairman.

Subscribers to the Star.

**AN ESSAY READ BY MISS GEORGIA SIMMONS, BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Sabbath School Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I will now attempt to read to you a few remarks on the following subject: "Necessity and influence of Sabbath Schools."

I have pondered and meditated deliberately, over several subjects, endeavoring to get something plain, pleasing and appropriate for this occasion, and I think nothing would be more suitable than the subject I have previously read, Necessity and influence of Sabbath schools.

First, we will ascertain the meaning of Sabbath schools; literally, the church at work. Now some may say we need no Sabbath school; we can have a minister to display his biblical power to us. Also, we can attend service three times a day, and that will suffice, or the Sabbath was not strictly enjoined upon us, it was only an observance enjoined upon the Jews in the decalogue, but it has been, and should be continued by the Christian church. The obligation of the Sabbath upon Christians, as well as the extent, has been the subject of much controversy. It is wholly a mistake that the Sabbath, because not reenacted with the formality of the decalogue is not explicitly enjoined upon Christians.—The Sabbath was appointed at the creation of the world and sanctified or set apart for holy purposes for all men, and therefore for Christians. It was made for man not as he may be a Jew or a Christian, but as man, a creature bound to love, worship and obey his God, and on his trial for eternity. Now after all our conviction of the Sabbath day and school, we seem not to care for it. While we have the glorious privilege of having Sabbath schools and enjoying the knowledge these imparted, why not improve the golden moments in Sabbath school as well as day school? The evil arising from Sabbath breaking are greatly to be lamented, they are an insult to God, and an injury to ourselves, and an awful example to our servants, children and friends. For instance, look what a deplorable state the majority of us are in; so ungrateful, perverse and froward. Our Supreme father granted us the glorious privilege of having six days to do all our work, and one, His day, to worship Him, yet we are reckless, and "don't care," and yet unwilling to dispense with one day's work; or if we are not working we are roaming, reading, or doing something unprofitable. We are deprived of much knowledge by non-attendance of Sabbath school and church. To sanctify this day we should consider it first, a day of rest, not indeed to exclude works of mercy and charity, but a cessation from all labor and care, a day of remembrance, meditation and prayer, a day of anticipation looking forward for that holy and eternal Sabbath that remains for the people of God. In 1771 the glorious and grand idea of establishing a Sabbath school originated in the mind of the wife of Rev. Samuel Bradburn, one of John Wesley's preachers, she disclosed her impressions to Robert Brakes, and they organized a school which proved a success. The success was made known in the magazine of Robert Brakes, copied into the Wesleyan Magazine, by whose advice the Methodist meeting houses were thrown open for the great work. The Sunday school work undoubtedly is one of the most notable facts of our times. Sabbath schools are being organized all over the continent. The barbarous ferocious people of Africa and other places are gaining information and becoming more enlightened every day, and yet here we have the privilege of attending Sabbath schools, if not day schools, but we fail so to do. While we have the privilege we will not take advantage of them, but ten or fifteen years hence we will sorrow for our past inattention. In the year 1875 there were 69,871 Sabbath schools in the United States, now we all know within the past five years rapid pro-

gress and several additions have been made. Some of our parents and guardians do not think the old ones should attend, at least they themselves. They claim that Sabbath school is only for the young people. We deem it the nursery of the church, so it is. It is for the training of children in the paths of righteousness, but that is not denying the previous assertion "That the elder ones should attend Sabbath school." It is easier to secure the attendance of little ones and excite their interest, than those who have reached maturity; for example, sometimes we can get reward cards or something attracting, and one Sabbath offer a prize or announce their distribution for the following Sabbath. It creates their interest, hence, there will be a large attendance. There is no inducement, as the papers and cards which interest the young do not interest the adult scholars. The oldest, wisest and saintliest member of the church should be a Sabbath school scholar.—They will never acquire too much knowledge of the good works, no matter what time age may be they are never too old to learn, matters not how much we know about the Bible, we can learn more every day, and none but an egotist or some self-satisfied person will not lament their lack of knowledge. For instance, look at some of our forefathers, they that had not the privilege of schools as we have at this age; they took advantage of their leisure moments, and attended School whenever they were allowed, and often they were not, but resisted and would go anyway. No thoughtful man who cares anything about the welfare of the church or even his country, can be indifferent to the Sabbath school. The Sabbath school in short, is a system of influence. Are we not influenced by the prompt recitation of the bright faced children, and instructions given by their teachers, while listening with devoted and undivided attention? Who can measure the breadth, height, length, and width of these influences? Are they evils or are they good? A quick response echoes back, most assuredly good, and will remain good as long as the glorious work of Sabbath school exists. And may God prosper them and enable them to go on in their good work as long as the world shall exist.

Then members, friends and lovers of the Sabbath schools, are not our Sabbath schools entitled to respect, sympathy and regard of every true citizen, patriot and Christian.

**Notice.**

As this number will close our volume for 1884, our next issue will be out January 9th, 1885, and not the 2nd. We call special notice to all subscribers and salesmen who are in arrears to the STAR, will find their papers stopped unless heard from.—This will be the last number mailed to delinquents.

The proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Bishops furnished by the general steward, will appear in our next issue.

**NOTICE.**—The brethren of the N. C. Central conference who had minutes sent to them (last conference year) and have not sold them will please report to P. E. J. A. Tyler, the number that is unsold. He desires to sell enough of them to pay a balance of \$30.00. There are a great many members who desire to purchase a copy.—Elder Tyler will sell them for five cents per copy. Let every member get a copy and read Bishop Jones' superior address to the conference.

All persons who are several weeks behind in settling for papers received will find their papers stopped after this week. This do not apply to those who make regular monthly payments. Subscribers whose time have expired and they have been notified by our red marks will find their papers stop ped unless heard from at once.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Rev. R. T. Terry, of Camden, S. C., informs us by card, that Mr. William Moore was united in holy wedlock to Miss Laura Sliver, on the 27th of November, 84. May they live long to enjoy their nuptial life.

Brother A. J. Johnson, of Fullers, East Tennessee, will get all the information he wants by writing to our book agent, Rev. J. Thomas, No. 183 Blecker street, New York.

The following card has been sent to this office: Please allow me space in the STAR to state to its many readers that the members of Beaty's chapel hate very much to have Brother Y. J. P. Cohen taken from us this year.—They have resolved to do better on general funds, even if the preacher don't get all of his money.

[Signed] H. H. THOMAS, Union Courthouse, S. C. Dec. 12th, '84.

Brother A. Pringle writes from Canton, Miss.; that sister S. C. Brown died on the 9th inst., and Miss L. M. Brown died the 25th of November last. The former had been a faithful member of Zion church. She died in the full triumphs of faith, leaving four children to mourn her loss. The latter was very young, but she experienced religion and died happy.

We see from Dr. J. T. Jenifer's letter in the Christian Recorder, December 18th, that a call will soon be issued for a joint meeting of the commissioners of the A. M. E. and the A. Zion churches, to consider matters in relation to organic union. We hope a notice of this kind will mean something for the good of our Methodism, not a mere gathering, and expenses for naught. There is no time to trifle with such an important matter.

We saw our defect in fractional parts of colored Methodism at the Centennial Conference in Baltimore; therefore, for the good of colored Methodism in the United States and elsewhere, the subject should be prayerfully and carefully weighed. Yet as a connection Zion has nothing to fear in the progress of church work.

**CITY NEWS.**

The glorious Christmas and its happy season has come to us again. Many a little one will enjoy the good old visit of Santa Claus, and the stockings hung up to catch what he brings to the good little ones on Christmas eve.

Where to buy good thing for the Christmas holidays, call at Messrs Marks & Co., 129 Sycamore St., for first class confectionaries, also A. J. Allen, 36 Sycamore St., where he keeps a variety of good things and ready at all hours to accommodate his many friends on calling to see him, prices as reasonable as any confectionary in our city. Messrs Plummer and Wheeler, No 3 Iron Front, has the largest assortment of the best hardware in the city. The Bain Tea coffee and sugar store on Sycamore St., are selling the best articles of the kind at low figures. For groceries, call at Hampton, George Fayerman, Alexander Wilson, and other prominent ones on Oak and Sycamore Sts.

The Methodist Centennial is now over as it regard the special week, and many of our readers are making arrangements to attend the World's Exposition now open in New Orleans, and as many will be going to it as we have heard, we call their special attention to some of our best and safe railroad routes, to the great city of New Orleans. The Norfolk and Western, direct through Chattanooga, Tenn., making connection with all other lines going direct. The Richmond and Danville via Charlotte, N. C., and Atlanta, Ga. The Petersburg and Weldon. The Wilmington and Weldon route via Charlotte, N. C., making close connections direct through to New Orleans the best of accommodation on each line. See advertisement in our columns of scheduled routes.

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