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Why do those who owe the STAR hesitate to pay when they know it is due us and that it is needed? Let us have an answer.

THE NEED OF RACE CONFIDENCE—UNITY AND CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT.

BY REV. H. WILLIAMS

Mr. Editor: Being quietly seated in my room, a few thoughts suggestive of appropriately expressive ideas which may be of some benefit to the readers of the "Star," and especially so if viewed from the same standpoint, moves me to write this article.

But it is high time for us to forget the old lesson of gone by days of darkness and unacknowledged manhood, and to learn what is necessarily implied by freedom and citizenship.

A colored doctor, lawyer or dentist has the odds against him; or should he engage in business, character, fitness and honesty are all laid aside and the name Negro, placed in front.

The serpents brood shall die. The sacred ground shall weeds and noxious plants refuse to bear; nor shall the flocks fear the great lions.

fold. Turned with a sharper pain the fearful doe and flying stag amidst the grey-hound's go, and round the dwellings roam, of man, their former foe.

THE CHURCH AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.

DEATH OF WM R DECORDOVA, A PROMINENT CHURCH MEMBER AND CITIZEN—A SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY.

BY REV. J. W. ALSTORCK.

Mr. Editor: We are yet alive in this part of the vineyard. We have charge of Clinton Chapel, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., and we have about all the work that we can do.

We lost by death on the seventh of March, one of our class-leaders and secretary of the quarterly conference.

He was also the Grand Master of the United States, of the Daughters and Sons of St. Luke. His name was William R. Decordova, of Philadelphia, Pa.

His funeral took place at Clinton Chapel, Monday March 8th at 3 o'clock p.m. Fully three thousand persons were present at the funeral.

ference above. "We speak of the realms of the blest, Of that country so bright and so fair, And oft are its glories confessed, But what must it be to be there!

We speak of its pathway of gold, Of its walks decked with jewels so rare Of its wonders and pleasures untold, But what must it be to be there!

We speak of its freedom from sin, From sorrow, temptation and care; From trials without and within, But what must it be to be there!

We speak of its service of love, Of robes which the glorified wear, Of the church of the first born above, But what must it be to be there!

Do thou, Lord, midst sorrow and wo, Still for heaven my spirit prepare; And shortly, I, also shall know, And feel what it is to be there!

Surely he shall rest from his labor and his works do follow him; therefore he is not dead but sleepeth.

There is a dreamy presence every where, As if of spirits passing to and fro; We almost hear their voices in the air, And feel their balmy pinions touch the brow.

The bereaved wife has our sympathy. We commend her to Him who wept at the grave of Lazarus, and then turned on the other hand and said to the bereaved family, "I am the Resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

"What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry, Everything to to God in prayer."

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

- APRIL: Sunday 5th, John Wesley, Washington, D C. Sunday 11th, Galbreath Chapel, Washington, D C.

MAY:

- Sunday 2nd, Williamsport Tuesday 4th, Chancelord Wednesday 5th, Fawn Church Thursday 6th, Peach Bottom

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APPEAL

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The Board of Bishops will cause three suitable banners to be made. One to be given to the Conference, Church and Sunday School respectively.

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The fund shall be used in relieving the financial necessities of the General Church interests—including Zion Wesley College, the back dues of the acting Bishops, the Book Concern, the Star of Zion, the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Superannuated Preachers.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

New York Conference—Meets in Hudson City, N. Y., on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1886.

New England Conference—Meets in Conn., on the 1st Wednesday in June, 1886, at 12 m.

The California conference meets at on the Fourth Wednesday in June, 1886, at 10 a m—Bishop presiding.

Genesee Conference—Meets in Pa., 1st Wednesday in September, 1886 at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Georgia conference will meet on the 1st Friday in December 1886, at Monroe, Ga.

The South Georgia conference will meet at Ridge Springs, S. C., on 1st Tuesday in December, 1885.

Virginia Conference—Meets at Hertford N. C. on the 4th Wednesday in November, 1885.

South Carolina Conference—Meets in Rock Hill on the 3rd Wednesday in November, 1885.

East Alabama Conference—Meets at Opelika on the 4th Wednesday in November.

North Carolina Conference—Meets on the 4th Wednesday in November, 1885, at Kingston, N. C.

\*Arkansas Conference—Meets in Poplar Bluff, the 4th Wednesday in November 1885, (25th).

\*Central N. C. Conference—Meets in Wadesboro, N. C., on the 2nd Wednesday in December, 1885.

West Alabama Conference—Meets in Tuscaloosa, Ala. on the 2d Wednesday in December.

West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference—Meets at Cooksville, Miss., on the 2d Wednesday in December, 1885 at 10 o'clock a. m.

New Jersey Conference—Meets in Atlantic City the 3d Wednesday in April 1886, at 12 o'clock.

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference—Meets in Harrisburg Pa, the 3d Wednesday in May 1886.

East Tennessee Conference—Meets at Knoxville Tenn on the 1st Wednesday in Oct. 1886.

Florida Conference—Meets at Tampa, on the 2d Wednesday in February 1886.

Michigan and Canada Conference—Meets 2nd Wednesday in September 1886, at Detroit, Mich.

Allegheny Conference—Will meet in Avery Mission Church, Allegheny City, the 2nd Wednesday in August 1886, at 10 a. m.

Louisiana Conference—Meets on the 4th Wednesday in December at Amitt City, La. Bp. LOMAX, Presiding.

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