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GOING OVER THE WORK.—DESCRIPTIONS AND REFLECTIONS.

BY BISHOP C. C. PETTEY, A. M.

Mr. Editor:

I finished my first letter aboard the steamer, Hattie B. Moore. When I left the city of Mobile, the flags were flying, drums beating and troops of militia were marching through the streets, and cannons were thundering in honor of General George Washington's Inaugural Centennial. The Rev. F. A. Clinton saw us aboard the steamer, and after thirty hours flying up the Tom Bigbee River, I arrived, at a late hour, in the night at Tompkin's Bluff, to find Rev. R. Steele awaiting me.

Tompkinsville is a very pleasant little village, mostly inhabited by colored citizens. Many of them own nice property and good land in large tracts. This was the beginning of District No. 2 under Presiding Elder A. English. Rev R Steel has four churches. He is a great worker. He loves his people and they love him. The people at the several churches did all in their power to make me happy. They dressed their churches, gave dinners, etc, etc. God bless those good people. I desire to see them very much. Rev Steele is well informed, knows his business and attends to it. I finished his work at Butler, the County seat, on Sunday morning, May 5th at 11 a:m, and one noted young farmer, Mr J J Wilson, carried me eighteen miles in his fine turn-out to Piney Grove church where I preached again to a large congregation, and on I went to Ward's chapel under the care of Rev Joseph Lewis, where an immense audience again had assembled to hear me preach my third sermon for that day after travelling twenty-five miles That young, intelligent and energetic colored farmer, Mr J J Wilson, is just my age, born a slave and now owns six hundred and sixty six acres of rich bottom land, four miles from Butler. The same land was once owned by his grandfather's master. He paid for it just as many others can and ought to do, to wit: He contracted to pay forty bales of cotton, 500 pounds each, for the place in four years instead of paying just about half that much rent every year to work other men's land, and leave with less than he carried. Mr Wilson is the chairman of our trustee board at Butler and owns fine stock. I have only mentioned one young man in this County, but I could count them by the score throughout all these Counties that own good land in large tracts and are doing well. One, I know of in the same (Chocktaw County, owns more than four thousand acres, another five hundred, etc, etc. And just here let me say to the many young men around the cities and towns—they are far behind many young men in the country and would do well to follow their example.

Rev Joseph Lewis has charge of two churches. He is preparing to build a new church for the Piney Grove people. He has a fine people, The whites here offered $40 to return and preach there this summer. I may do so.

From Ward's chapel I was carried by Rev Joseph Lewis to his brother's work at Monte valla, where Rev Jackson Lewis is in charge. He is also a fine young man, and has a most excellent people. I can't help but love them all for their kindness toward me. I found Monte valla church very beautifully decorated with lillies of the valley and most delicate roses. They rejoiced to see me but not more than I hated to leave them. The Lewises are fine young men, and will most surely make their marks in Zion at a day not far distant. Here I also met Elder A English, the Presiding Elder who had waited over from Sunday to see and be with me on Monday night. He was glad to see me, and not more so than I was to see him. We had a most glorious time together and parted Tuesday morning, he for Livingston and I for Nomalalis via of Tickumbum Creek, Push-mattie-haw Post Office. Out we went and across the creek Ching Choola, on to Tomkinsville.

F M Tomkins and wife, Prof Green and wife, Rev R Steele and many others had prepared for us a most choice dinner.

We left Tomkinsville but not many friends for most of them followed us to our next point, the celebrated Nomafalia in charge of Bro M S Cost.

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THE EVERGREEN (ALA.) DISTRICT.

BY REV. M. G. THOMAS, P. E.

Mr. Editoe:

I promised the brethren of the Evergreen district that I would write upon their work in this year, that each one may know how the other is getting along. By reading the STAR OF ZION and the Southern *Review*, I regard as a good plan, to have the papers read throughout my district.

We promised them four letters from this district; one every 3 months. We are late with our first but we thought we had better be true. Although we are late we have been called upon to give an explanation of our tardiness in complying with our promise.

No doubt you have long since learned that the Rt. Rev. T H Lomax D. D., presiding Bishop of the East Alabama conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, appointed us Presiding Elder of the first district, known as the Evergreen district, in 1888, to again assume the position which we occupied four years ago. We travel in saddle, buggies, ox wagons and every other way.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Our first quarterly meeting conference for this district was December 15—16th 1888 at Mt. Zion church.

Evergreen circuit. It was awful wet, sloppy and cold, nevertheless we found the pastor in charge. Rev. M. Jackson and his people were all on the lookout for us. This is his third year on this circuit. He is much beloved by his people. The circuit, spiritually speaking, is in a fine condition; financially, it is not doing well, but they say that is generally the case every year about this time. It will be better the next quarter.

Edmund circuit, Dec 22—23rd. Brother Dennis Gully is the pastor in charge of this circuit. We could not visit it this quarter.

The first district conference for this conference convened in Milledgeville church, near Gravella, Ala, Friday January the 4th 1889, with the presiding elder in the chair. The presiding elder conducted the religious exercises also. The pastor of the church, Rev A. Stocks, had every thing in readiness. The pastors of the various circuits and stations were all present with a few exceptions with their lay delegates. We had quite a nice time indeed. The conference adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday in Nov 1889 at 10 a:m in St. John's church at Georgiana.

The Sunday School Convention of this district will meet in Zion church at Mooresville, on Thursday June 27th. Rev J Gomez, conference Sunday School superintendent. R R Morris, General Superintendent, T. A Weathington, General Secretary, expect to be present.

Quarterly conference convened at 2 p:m in Milledgeville church, near Gravella, with Rev A Stokes, this highly esteemed minister of the Gospel of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Rev Stocks carries every thing before him. He is also in third year on this circuit. We had a good time here both spiritually and temporally. May God bless him. He and his dear kind hearted wife, treated us with such kindness while I was at their home. Sister Christian Stokes knows just how to treat an humble Methodist preacher.

I arrived at Benton Station on January 12th, and found Elder Wm. E. Worthy in charge and on the lookout for us. He conveyed me from the Railroad to Brother John G Scotts. Here we were made to feel at home with him and his good wife. The conference was a success every way. This is a new and growing town and will some day be a fine city. We had nothing at all here two years ago. Elder Worthy came here and organized a Zion church. Now we have fifty or more members and have bought an old store house and lot in the business portion of the city. It will be the leading colored church in the city when we get our new house of worship.

Pine Orchard circuit at Wilson's Station, January 19—20. We have on this circuit as pastor, Brother C F Colley, a young man just joined the church at its last session. The Brother who was appointed refused to go, The people love him already. He says that he intends to try and bring up all of the general funds from this circuit. He wants his Presiding Elder to get the watch offered by Bishop Lomax.

Stockton Station, January 26—27. This is a far away out in the pine woods. There are some of the largest pines up here that we ever saw. This is quite a lumber and terpentine country any way. Baldwin County, financially speaking, is all right. We have a good church and also a good membership here. Our brethren are all right at this point. He is a good worker in Zion's cause. He is a coming young man and holds the fort well. He reported $5 at this quarter.

The quarterly meeting of the Monroeville circuit was held on the 2nd and 3rd in February at Zion's church, Monroeville. The weather was wet and cold, nevertheless nearly all the brethren were out. We had a good conference. Rev. R. Clayton, the pastor in charge of this good flock, was on hand in his quiet and calm way He was not so well pleased with his charge. At the close of the services on Sunday night, he told his congregation that he was no ways pleased with them; that if he had to go home as he came to them, the sun would go down before he would return again. The Presiding Elder tried to prevail upon him not to leave the work but to give his people a chance, as he had not served them a month.

(To be continued.)

NOTES ON THE PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

BY REV. F. M. JACOBS, REPORTER.

(Concluded.)

Fraternal Delegates present, Rev. J. H. Mulligan of the Allegbany Conference, a fine preacher and a successful church builder, was present and inspired our hearts with experiences of his work in his conference. His report was replete with fine suggestions, his greeting of the most loyal kind. The brother who came to represent the New York conference, his name has slipped our memory; but a reference to him suffices. His deportment upon the conference floor was of a model kind. His religious experience was most fervent, and his fraternal greeting of a soul inspiring character.

Rev. Jas A. Tyler, P. E., of the C. N. C. Conference not being able to be present, sent a letter which was read before the Conference and by motion was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Rev. J. S. Cowles of the New England Conference was transferred back to the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, and Rev. J. T. Tilghman from the New Jersey Conference, both transfers were received without debate, the Bishop who was then in the chair ruling that transfers are not debatable.

Rev J. W. Smith informed the conference that reference had been made as to partialitly in his writings upon the merits of certain brethren in his conference and that some of them had been complaining because he did not make his contributions more general. He also informed the brethren that he was not the conference correspondent, and hence was not responsible for any one not appearing in the paper. After some explanations he (Rev Smith) moved that Rev F. M. Jacobs be elected a correspondent to the STAR OF ZION for the Philadelphia and Baltimore annual conference, which was carried unanimously. Rev Smith informed the conference that he was one of the associate editors and not a conference correspondent.

Mrs. Jane Hamer of Washington, D. C., one of the Vice president at the missionary meeting made an excellent report of the work during the year past, which was voted on and many commendable speeches made in praise of the work done by the society, and especially by Mrs. Hamer.

Rev. R. H. G. Dyson, better known by that familiar reference to him out cast as the "Lion of the East," preached the annual sermon. We are not in possession of any of his thoughts just now, but it is enough to say that it was one of his best efforts. His words seemed to electrify the vast congregations, and stirred their immost souls.

Rev. Jno. A. D. Bloice preached the Missionary sermon, as a young man he surpassed himself as a preacher, taking as a subject "Who touched me?"

Rev. J. P. Thompson of John Wesley church, preached a fine sermon on Sunday morning, taking as a subject "The Divine command to preach." At the court house on Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m, Rev. Jas. H. Anderson of Carlisle Penn., held the vast audience of both white and colored spell bound for about one hour, it was an effort long to be remembered. Rev Anderson is a fine doctrinal preacher, and deals largely in word painting, in which he is decidedly a success.

Bishop Jones being able on Monday to come out, he came in and announced that the special order of the day was the ordination of deacons. He ascended the sacred platform and took for his subject "Look on us" and the way he deals out the word to the candidates brought tears to eyes of one, Rev. Mann, of the West Indies. The cardinal thought in his sermon was an injunction upon theme not to become too large, nor think too much of self. He urged them not say too much "look on me." It was an exhaustive charge to them.

It was moved and carried that the Conference convene in Zion church Baltimore on the third Wednesday in May, 1890.

The appointments were as follows:

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Rev S S Wales, P E, Bennings, D. C., Washington, D C—Zion Wesley, Rev J P Thompson. Galbraith church, Rev J S Cowles.

Arlington, Va and Alexandria Mission, Rev M M Bell.

Bowce, Md, and Fork Church, Md, —Rev, A C Washington.

(Burrville and Laurel)—Rev M J Snow.

Rockville and Oak Grove—Rev Logan Johnson.

Union Wesley and Gibson Grove —Rev Wm H Wright.

Zion church Baltimore.—Rev J A D Bloice.

Peach Bottom circuit (Peach Bottom, Fawn and Chanceford) Rev J W Martin. Salisbury circuit—Rev L. G Mitchell. Baltimore Mission No 1, and Annapolis, Md, and Cross st, Baltimore—Rev J A D Bloice, pastor. Baltimore Mission, No 2, Beard and Ward streets—Rev Sam'l I Mills,

York, Pa,—Rev R J Daniel.

Gettyburg, Pa—Rev J L H Sweres.

Rose' Point, Del.—Rev I R Johnson.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Rev J E Price, P E, Box 47, Carlisle, Pa.

Wesley Zion, Philadelphia—Rev G W Offley.

Newton and Trinity chapel, Frankford—Rev F H Norton.

Calvary Zion church, West Philadelphia—Rev J C Brown.

Union Zion church, Fairmount avenue—Rev A J Spencer.

Media and West Chester, Pa.—Rev E S Lane.

Plymouth Mission, Wilmington, Delaware, and Chester,—J T Tilghman.

Hosanna and Avondale—Rev H R Phœnix.

Williamsport—Rev Thos H. Scott.

Milton, Jersey Shore and Lock Haven—Rev John H. Williams.

Marietta, Columbus, Fishing Creek, Conestoga, Centre, Washington, Lancaster county, Pa.—Rev Jno Fairfax.

Steelton Mission—Rev Jas Stocks.

Conference Steward—Rev Joseph P Thompson.

General Missionary, Intellectual Instructor, &c.—Rev Wm Howard Day, D D.

Conference Missionary Collecting Agent—Rev George Bosley.

Evanglists—Revs J H Hector and Lorenzo D Blackson.

Supernumeraries—Revs. N. Stubbs, Wm H Tilghman, S T B Grace, Chas Roles, J R Dangerfield, George M Payne, S W Johnson, John Quincy Adams, Thomas R Summerville, Chanceford Fairfax, J H Mason, William H Cook, J Henry Brooks, E Frisby, William H Mann, Geo G McFarland.

Supervisor of Missions—Rev Wm Howard Day, D D

Educational Board—Rev William H Day, D D, chairman; John E Price, secretary and treasurer; S S Wales, Logan Johnson, R J Daniel, J H Anderson.

Church Extension Board—The bishop of the district, president; J P Thompson, vice president; S S Wales, John E Price. Wm H Day, D D.

To preach the annual sermon, 1890, Rev Wm H Day, D D.

To preach the missionary sermon, 1890 Rev J W Smith.

Middletown and Mechanicsburg—Rev Geo W A Tolbert.

Wesley Union, Harrisburg—Rev F M Jacobs.

West Mission, Harrisburg—Rev J W Hall.

Carlisle, Pa,—Rev J H Anderson.

Newville, Mount Holly and Spruce Run—Rev Taylor Brown.

Shippensburg—Rev John W Davis.

Chambersburg—Rev C H Wye.

Salem Church and Filbert Street,

After the reading of the appointments by Bishop Jones. the ladies of the King Street church gave a splendid reception to the ministers in the Log Cabin near the church, where all enjoyed ice cream and cake and social intercourse until an early hour. Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. W. Offley and Dr. Day.

The meeting next year will be held in Zion church Baltimore, on the third Wednesday in May.

The report of the Board of Education, presented by Rev. Dr. Day was earnest in reference to the literary qualifications of the men looking forward to the ministry. The Junior Biblical Institute will be opened at Harrisburg, probably in January. Many speeches were made by former pupils to show its benefits.

Votes of thanks to the newspapers, the railroads and the citizens were adopted.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE.

The conference yesterday ordained the following deacons: W. A. Mann J. H. Mason, G. L. Webb, W. H. Cook and J. H. Willams

Bishop Jones preached the sermon; his text being Acts 3d, 4th verse. He then proceeded with the ordination Rev. William Howard Day read the Epistle and the Gospel.

The Bishop solemnly laid his hands upon the head of each of the candidates and ordained them deacons in the Church of God. Rev Isaac R. Johnson was give permission to resign his station so that he may act as an evangelist.

The time of the Sunday school convention was changed to Philadelphia, to be held in October.

Rev. John E. Price, J. H. Anderson, G. W. Offley, S. S. Wales and J. P. Thompson were elected trustees to incorporate the Conference Missionary Society.

Rev. F M. Jacobs was elected conferrence correspondent of the *Star of Zion*.

The conference than adjourned sine die.

F. M. Jacobs, Conference Correspondent Wesley Union Church, Harrisburg, Penn.

NOTICE.

The branch Book Concern of the East Alabama conference of the A.M. E. Zion connection is to be established and located in the city of Montgomery, Ala., under the control and super vision of Dr R R Morris and Rev T A Weathington, by order of the presiding bishop of the fifth Episcopal District.

Rt Rev T H Lomax.

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BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

JUNE:

Sun, 23, Williamston,	N C.
Wed 26, ———	———
Fri 28, "	"
Sun 30, Jamesville,	N C.
JULY;	
Mon 1, Fork Bridge,	"
Tues 2, Oak Hill,	"
Wed 3, Leigh Temple,	"
Thurs 4, Mary Holly Grove	"
Fri 5, Moses Temple,	"
Sat 6, Rebecca Church	"
Sun 7, 11 o'clock, Whiteville Grove,	"
" 7, night, Elizabeth City,	"
Tues 9, Genlites,	"
Wed 10, 11 o'clock, Mt. Zion	"
" " 3 " Pitts Chapel,	"
Fri 12, Portsmouth,	Va.
Sun 14, Zion, South Hampton County,	"
Mon 15, Millfield,	"
Tues 16, Mt. Moris,	"
Wed 17, Mt. Olive,	"
Fri 19, Suffolk,	"
Sat 20, Whaleyville,	"
Sun 21, 11 o'clock, Bosely;	"
" " night. St. John	"
Mon 22, Red Oak Grove,	"
Tues 23, Sycamore, Hill,	"
Wed 25, Walton's Grove,	"
Sun 28, Piney Grove,	Va.

Address: June 1st, to 20th, Lock Box, 160, Fayetteville, N. C.; 22 to 26, Jamesville, Martin County, N. C. 27 to July 10th, Elizabeth City, N C; July 11 to 15th, Courtland. South Hampton County, Va; 16 to 20th, Sunsbury, Gates County, N C; 21 to 27th, Wakefield, Na.

APPEAL

To the Members and Friends of the A. M. E. Zion Church:—At the last sessions of the Georgia and North Georgia annual conferences, a resolution was adopted to establish a church in Atlanta, Ga., a large number of our members having gone there to reside for a longer or shorter time, and there being no church of our denomination in that city. A Sunday was set apart, (the fifth Sunday in June, in the North Georgia conference), on which a Grand Rally is to be made for the money to purchase a lot in a suitable and convenient part of the city of Atlanta. A subscription list was also started, the conference making the Bishop in charge of the district, solictor and treasurer of the Fund, said subscriptions to be paid by the first day of July 1889.

I now make this appeal to the friends throughout the connection, to aid in this laudable undertaking. Why should we not have a Metropolitan Zion church in the Gate City of the South? Without your help, we can not hope to succeed, as property is very dear, and building material costly. Give us a thousand dollars, and we shall at once have a large and flourishing church permanently established in this prominent center of influence and power. All subscriptions and donations, from fifty cents upwards, will be gratefully received and thankfully acknowledged in the STAR OF ZION. Pastors of churches are earnestly requested to lift a collection from their congregation in aid of this Fund, and they may rest assured that God will smile upon their efforts to spread the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ amid the teeming thousands of Georgia's great city.

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Successful names will be published in the STAR.

NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the Arkansas Conference:

You will remember brethren that by an act of the above conference at Poplar Bluffs, I was honored with the reelection as Conference Stewart, and therefore it becomes my duty to urge upon you to collect the general fund monthly, and forward the same as soon as collected. I warn you to begin now and do your whole duty the whole year, and your report will be good next fall at Little Rock, Ark. Let us resolve to raise $500 general fund this conference year. We can and we must the Lord being our helper.

J. P. MEACHAM,
Conference Steward.
Little Rock, 515 East 20 st., Ark

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T. H. LOMAX,
Bishop of the 5th E. District.

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Bishop of the 5th District.

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