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GOING OVER THE WORK, DESCRIPTIONS AND REFLECTIONS.

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

(Concluded.)

Having travelled twenty three miles first behind a poky horse and then a very lazy mule, I was much fatigued and did not feel the best for preaching, but the crowd was immense as no mortal bearing my title had ever passed that way before, hence I was believed to be the first and the last, consequently all hands turned out. Well the people treated me very kind through that section of Marengo County and I hope to see them again Wednesday morning, May 8th. In company with Bro Cost and behind a lazy gray mule, I started for Horse Creek, church, eighteen miles from Nomaflia, in the lower part of Marengo County. Well we found the neighborhood before sundown and by walking several dangerous foot paths—or cooning them as I did—we reached the church in due time to find it crowded. I preached and we had a glorious time. The Lord was with us. These people would come near supporting a good man of a little fire. They gave me a good collection, a nice place to stop, a plenty to eat and ten of them subscribed to the Star. Yet some of these people, until this year had never seen a Presiding Elder, nor even an Elder or ordained man of any kind of Zion connection, since they joined the church years ago. Bro Cost has three points for preaching, one of which he tells me, no Presiding Elder has ever visited, nor have they had the sacrament for four years. Reader don't be frightened at this. I found churches in Mobile County that have not had the Lord's Supper administered to them in many years. I found one or two old churches in Washington County that have never seen a Presiding Elder, and though they have paid quarterly dues for years, the Presiding Elder's assessment and annually pay their fifty cents General Fund. Yet they have never seen a presiding officer of any kind nor received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper since they joined the church. I speak of those who are too old to visit other churches. I hope no one of the present Presiding Elders will feel offended as I am satisfied you are about your duties and leaving no stone unturned for Zion's cause. Bro M S Cost is a good man and has suffered and is now suffering much for Zion. God bless him. I love him. He has three churches and has to walk forty-eight miles to make the circuit. The circuit as it is, is a preacher killer and should be changed. My God help us to do our whole duty from Bishop down to lay members.

INTRODUCTION OF REV. J. B. COLBERT TO THE WEBSTER SQUARE M. E. CHURCH, WORCES- TER, MASS.

BY THE PASTOR, REV. HENRY DOBB, DURING THE SESSION OF THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE OF THE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

We read the words of our Saviour: "And they shall come from the East, and from the West, and from the North, and from the South, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." If this declaration or prophecy had been given with the Methodist church solely in union as expressing its destiny in the work of evangelizing this world, and the time for its fulfillment had come, we would be already ripe for the consummation. Methodism extends in all directions North, South, East and West alike. Nearly, if not all the nations upon the face of the globe have Methodism. It proves itself a blessing to all classes, the rich, the poor, the high, the low, the black, the white, the ignorant and the learned. Faithful to the divine commission, it is a boon to all people who seek shelter in the heaven prepared refuge. Its membership in this country alone is 4,999,527. This embraces several branches of Methodism, Methodist Episcopal, South, Protestant Methodist, Wesleyan Methodists, Independent Methodists, Methodist Episcopal Colored church, Zion Methodist and various other branches, all of which hold fraternal relations and are engaged in one grand work, that of elevating humanity and saving souls for God and heaven.

The brother who comes to us tonight with his message from God, the Rev. J. B. Colbert, is the fraternal delegate from the South Carolina Conference, of the Zion Methodist church, to the New England Conference of the same branch of Methodism now holding its annual session in this city.

The history of the colored work in elevating their race is both interesting and important, and were it written it would form an essential part of American history. Some one may write this history so that we or our children may be able to see what a great work this people have been and are doing for themselves—a work that makes an important chapter in the progress of American civilization. Already some of the brightest and noblest minds have developed from the colored race. Men who find their power in the halls of Congress, at the bar and in about every profession or branch of social life. Bishop Gilbert Haven, who so ably championed the cause of the Negro

that his name is golden among this people—in one of his episcopal tours in the South, attended the commencement exercises of one our colored schools. Among the graduates was a brilliant young colored man whose oration would do honor to any of our Northern colleges. As he sat down amid loud applause, the orator exclaimed, "Scipio Africanus," the young orator responded "No, my Bishop Scipio Americanus." The Bishop had to acknowledge himself beaten for once by a colored young man.

And it is so, the colored people of America are here without their own choice but as they are here they have a destiny and we are beginning to see something of the part they are to sustain in the future progress of this Country. The brother who is to speak to you this evening comes from one of the largest conferences in his connection. It embraces a membership of 169 ministers and is doing a grand work in his State for the colored race. I have the pleasure to present to you the Rev. J. B. Colbert, fraternal delegate from the South Carolina Zion Methodist conference.

ALABAMA POINTERS—MANY THINGS TALKED ABOUT AND DISCUSSED.

BY REV. J. W. ALSTON, P. E. Mr. Editor—We are moving along in old Alabama very smoothly. She is a grand State. She is about the only State that the President doesn't know what to do with by way of appointments. I guess it is because there is some very slick eels in the net, and he can't hold them; but I think he has chafed his hands and will soon place them on his political string. I hope to see some more of the black fish on the Alabama string, although it is of fence.

President Harrison has disappointed us to some extent. We had begun to grow restless about the spoils, but he has remembered us and is remembering us. Mr. Gomez (brother to Rev. Joseph Gomez of the East Ala. Conference of the A. M. E. Z. Church) has been appointed as postmaster at Lawrence Ala., but the whites say that they have been insulted by the appointment, and that they will not accept the appointment, before they will, they will not have any post office at that place. Mr. Gomez says that none of those things move him, I guess they will come to it. We are expecting a change in the post office here very soon.

We have been having an education at least through out the State for the last two weeks. On May the 30th we went up to the commencement at Tuskegee, Ala., to hear Rev. J. C. Price, D. D., deliver the annual address, and take an observation of the work done at this institution. I feel safe in saying that the Tuskegee Normal School is one of the grandest institutions in the South. It has one of the grandest men of the race as its principal, Prof. B. T. Washington. Eight years ago he organized this school in Zion church in Tuskegee. Now they have got three fine three story buildings, and another one in course of erection. They have other nice dwelling houses on the grounds. They have a fine saw mill, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, printing office, laundry, brick yard, farm, etc.

This school is doing laudable work, intellectually, morally, physically and spiritually. Prof. B. T. Washington should be encouraged from every quarter of the State because his work is encouraging. He is a progressive young man, has bright ideas, an indomitable will, and a business tact about him that will cause him to succeed in whatever he undertakes. He is thoroughly identified with the work that he is engaged in, and with a Christian gentleman. He has a splendid faculty with him in the work, who deserves great credit for their efficient labor which has helped to bring the school up to the present high standing, they are as follows to wit: Prof. W. D. Wilson, Warren, Logan, E. H. Hamilton, Nantah A. Logan, E. A. Lee, Ellen Brown, Cornelia E. Dorsetta, Anna C. Hawley, Alice E. Jones, Rev. J. W. Whitaker. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, in charge of M. T. Driver; saw mill J. R. Wimburn; carpenter shop, Abram Terrell; printing office, H. D. Pryor; laundry, M. J. Williamson; girls industrial room, S. J. Price; brick yard, C. W. Green; poultry etc., J. H. Washington.

After we had seen all the sights possible, we went in to battle with a good dinner and came out victorious. Then we returned to the grounds and noticed the capitol city guards (the colored company that came up from Montgomery) drill awhile, which was grand. We then made for sails under the shed to hear Dr. Price speak; at 1:30 p. m. the exercises commenced, first music by the school, second salutory. "Then and Now in the school room" by Miss Louisa M. McDonald Mobile, 3rd, "Printing and civilization," T. Harris, Montgomery, Ala. 4th, "woman's work undervalued," by Miss Norma E. Walker, "Epilace," fifth, Valdeciory—There is only one method, that is hard work, Mary C. Campbell, Mobile. Then came the annual address. Prof. Washington came forward in a very eloquent manner introduced Dr. Price, who took for his subject, "The Negro Race, its capabilities, and possibilities, and for an hour he held the audience (of three thousand peoples) as steady as Hercules serpent; he made them laugh and cry at will. Many of the white citizens were present to hear the noted divine and scholar, who went away perfectly satisfied that color of the skin had nothing to do with a man so far as ability is concerned. They were only sorry when the exercises

ended. One old colored brother said that Dr Price is the President of the world, after the address. The diplomas were presented next to the graduates, twenty two in number. All of them are Christians with one exception. Thus ended the exercises. Dr. Price came to Montgomery by request of the citizens, through Dr. R. B. Morris. He addressed the students of the University of Alabama on Friday night at Dexter Ave Baptist church, by special invitation of its President Prof W B Paterson. He addressed the Sunday School at the Old Ship on Sunday at 11 a. m. and preached at 3 p. m. same day and all said that it was one of the best sermons that they had the pleasure of hearing for many days. Dr. Price has a host of friends in the city of Montgomery who would like to have him come often and stay longer when he does come, but there would not be very much pleasure in it for him. They would like him to talk himself to death lecturing and preaching. They think because he can talk that he never gets tired.

THE GOLDEN GATE.

A VOICE FROM STOCKTON STREET ZION CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

BY REV. F. J. MCINTOSH, P. E.

Mr. Editor: We are still alive and laboring assiduously for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on the Pacific Coast. I have just closed a series of meetings during which the church was greatly revived. The cold and indifferent were awakened to a lively interest in the church. The lukewarm became intensely interested, and the old stalwart standard bearers became enthusiastic.

There were nine conversions. The people say a conversion in San Francisco is a thing of olden times. Therefore though it may seem small to the reader, and is less than I have ever had converted in my revivals, the people say it is marvelous for this city. It is said by noted ministers, that this is the most wicked city on the globe. Sunday is the big day for conversions, six also, been held during the week.

On the fourth Sunday in May we had a grand rally and raised \$451.15. We have only 23 members here and only about 20 of them are good members.

every hand, but earth's loss is heaven's gain. He is more than conqueror at last, Now he finds his trials o'er; He has all his suffering pass, Hunger now and thirst no more. Farswell conflicting hopes and fears, Where lights and shades alternate dwell How bright the unchanging morn appear, Farswell incessant world farewell!

It matters not how long one lives, but how well. Some live longer in ten years than others do in thirty; so this young man crowded an immense amount of usefulness in a few brief years. The family has the deepest sympathies of the community. It seems that it was providential that Mr. Dun can kept his health sufficient to look after and control the city school as principal, (like Moses with Israel till Joshua was prepared for the leadership of the people), till another of Montgomery's bright souls could graduate and come forth to take hold of the work, and as Mr. J. D. Bibb had just finished up at Livingstone College, he was appointed to take charge of the school, and all concerned are very well pleased with him as principal. He gives perfect satisfaction.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT, TO CHRISTOPHER H. BOGER.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his wisdom and mercy to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother Christopher H. Boger, who departed this life June 18 1889, and

Resolved, 1st, That while we feel we have sustained a great loss, and his family a devoted husband, son and brother by his early death, yet knowing that he preferred to dwell with his God and Father, and that no separation takes place to dwelling with friends upon earth however dear, we clearly recognize a Father's hand in this stroke of Divine providence, and humbly submit ourselves to the inscrutable decree of the Almighty.

2nd, That we deeply sympathize with the devoted wife and family in their sore affliction, and commit them to the tender care of our heavenly Father.

3rd, That these resolutions be sent to the Afro-American Presbyterian, the Star of Zion and the Negro World for publication, and a copy of the same be presented by the secretary of the committee to the bereaved wife and family.

- D. J. KOONTZ, Chairman.
- S. J. HARGRAVE, Sec.
- H. L. SIMMONS.
- G. V. MONTGOMERY.
- W. P. PHIFER.
- L. L. EURY.
- J. W. MCIMORE.
- J. L. MONTGOMERY.
- J. H. HARRIS.

Committee on behalf of colored citizens of Concord, N. C.

In the contest for prizes were Mrs. Henry Tolbert who raised \$82 and took first prize, which was a ladies gold watch; Mrs. E. Greenfield, who took second prize which was a large silver pitcher and raised \$77; Mrs. E. A. Field, who took the third—a silver cup—raised \$25 and Miss Bell Barber, who is not a member of our church, but is one of San Francisco's best young ladies, raised \$28 and was the recipient of the fourth prize—a silver butter dish. Mr. Robert Arrington won the fifth prize a seal ball, and raised \$12.50. Mr Geo Munroe won the sixth prize, a box of matches, and raised \$0.50.

On the evening of the 9th inst, we had memorial services for the benefit of the Johnstown sufferers. We sent them \$25.15. We are going to have another grand rally on our anniversary day—the first Sunday in August. This is to be by subscription among the members. We have already more than \$200 subscribed.

We have held our second quarterly conference, and elected our trustees in accordance with the law of this State, with perfect satisfaction to all concerned. All is smooth so far. I cannot speak too highly of my church and the people generally of this city. They are hospitable, kind and sociable. I never met a finer people. Isn't it lawful for a preacher to stay at a place like this four years? Yes! I shall start out of the city on my second quarterly tour through my District on next Thursday, commencing at San Jose and going to Pass Robles, Fresno City, Redding, Red Bluff, Anniston and Portland, Oregon, after which time you shall hear from me in the next field.

We need about six good men, ministers of Christ's gospel who will not murmur if their coffee is cold, nor if at any times they are forced to take a soldier's fare—ministers who are willing to suffer if need be for the cause of Christ upon the Pacific Coast. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Who will meet the annual conference at San Jose on the second Wednesday in September?

In every pang that rends the heart, The man of sorrow hath a part, He sympathizes in our grief, And to the sufferer sends relief.

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 supervision of Dr. R. B. Morris and Rev. T. A. Weathington, by order of the presiding bishop of the fifth Episcopal District.

At Rev T H Lomax. Pay your dues to the Star.

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

- JULY:
- 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
- " " 8 " Pitts Chapel,
- Fri 12, Portsmouth,
- Sun 14, Zion, South Hampton, County,
- Mon 15, Millfield,
- Tues 16, Mt. Moris,
- Wed 17, Mt. Olive,
- Fri 19, Suffolk,
- Sat 20, Whiteville,
- Sun 21, 11 o'clock, Reesly,
- " " night, St. John
- Mon 22, Red Oak Grove,
- Tues 23, Eycamore, Hill,
- Wed 25, Walnut Grove,
- Sun 26, Pleasant Grove,
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- July 11, to 13th, Concordland, South Hampton County, Va.; 18, to 20th, Samsbury, Gates County, N. C.; 21 to 27th, Wakefield, N. C.

NOTICE.

The Sunday School Convention of the Charlotte Dist. will convene in Grace Church on the 30th day of July at 10 o'clock A. M. Each School will be prompt in collecting and sending in the usual assessments. It is hoped that every School in the District will be represented.

J. A. TYLER, P. E., Chairman.

\$2 AND A BOOK FREE?

LOOKING FOR ZION. Any person telling me where "Zion" first occurs in the bible and send 40 cts. with their answer, I will on July 1st give \$2 to the 1st correct answer and \$1 to the second person, 50 cts to the 3d and the next 5 persons a copy free. You must tell Chapter and verse. To spread the book called "77 FACTS on the mode of baptism. Every person answering this adv. will get a copy. Send money by Postal Note. Address Rev. H. W. Smith, Box 30, Clarksville, Tenn. 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 Bluff, I was honored with the reelection as Conference Steward, 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.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

To the East Tennessee Conference: A gold head cane to be given to the Presiding Elder's District who secure four hundred dollars on General Fund, Yours Respectfully, T. H. LOMAX, Bishop of the 5th E. District.

NOTICE.

To the Kentucky Conference. A New and complete Bible Commentary, critical, explanatory and practical. By James Jamison, Fausset and Brown. In four large 12mo volumes of about 1,000 pages, each to be given to the Presiding Elder's district that secures five hundred dollars on General Fund. Yours in Gospel bonds, T. H. LOMAX, Bishop of the 5th District.

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