

...may spend a few days of...
 ...of an excursion is almost...
 ...Manager, Dr. G. L. Black...
 ...Monday of this week is...
 ...W. Dry took a trip awhel...
 ...to see one of the "dear...
 ...will be communion and baptis...
 ...Sunday afternoon at Ebe...
 ...et the Barbers and Waiters...
 ...Convention at Varick Hall...
 ...and 8th.
 ...erry spent a few hours in...
 ...week as the guest of Miss...
 ...while enroute to Colum...
 ...hday party at Mrs. Wyche's...
 ...night for the benefit of the...
 ...terian church was quite a pleas...
 ...the W. C. T. U. will meet for one...
 ...th at 410 S. Caldwell-st.—the...
 ...ence of Mrs. Polly Hill—every...
 ...day evening at 5 o'clock.
 ...there being a vacancy in the colored...
 ...school, a public examination of...
 ...will be held in the white grad...
 ...ool building, Friday, July 24th...
 ...to fill this position.
 ...a recherche affair was the tea at...
 ...residence of Mrs. R. R. Morris on...
 ...st Thursday evening in honor of her...
 ...ests, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Richardson...
 ...ll present enjoyed themselves up into...
 ...evening sm'a' hours.
 ...Children's Day exercises at Clin...
 ...apel were put off until the fourth...
 ...in July. Those held last Sab...
 ...Little Rock and Grace churches...
 ...quite entertaining and a handsome...
 ...realized at both places.
 ...e Sanctuary church had a rally...
 ...Sunday on pastor's salary and...
 ...\$80. Rev. W. L. Alexander is the...
 ...of this church: he is one of their...
 ...and was brought up in the...
 ...which he is now pastor. He...
 ...people are making arrangements...
 ...Children's Day next Sunday.
 ...the following clipping from *The Lesson*
 ...ion (K. Y.) Standard explains itself:
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 ...cent better in its typographical arrange...
 ...ment since Mr. Slaughter's connection...
 ...with it. We wish that gentleman the...
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The Charlotte district Sunday...
 ...convention will convene at...
 ...er Grove, July 29, 1896.
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 ...The Summersville district confer...
 ...ence and Sunday-school convention...
 ...will convene at Pond Spring, Ga.,...
 ...July 11-15th, 1896.
 ...Rev. D. M. PINKARD, P. E.
 ...The Allegheny district conference...
 ...and Sunday-school convention will...
 ...be held at Mt. Washington, Pittsburg,
 ...July 22nd, 1896.
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 ...The pastors of the New Jersey an...
 ...nual conference will send all general...
 ...money to me at 315 Halsey St.,...
 ...Newark, N. J.
 ...Rev. E. M. STANTON,
 ...Conference Steward.
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 ...convention will assemble in...
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 ...C., July 28, 1896.
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 ...All the members and those...
 ...desiring to become such will please...
 ...send notice.
 ...The Spartanburg district confer...
 ...ence and Sunday-school convention...
 ...will convene at Whitnair, Newber...
 ...county, S. C., July 22nd, 1896.
 ...The pastor will bring \$1.00 from his...
 ...share for delegates' expenses to the...
 ...conference.
 ...Rev. H. BLAKE, P. F.
 ...The Athens district conference will...
 ...be held in Simpkin's Chapel, Aug...
 ...1896, and will continue until...
 ...All the ministers are re...
 ...quired to be present, also the local...
 ...and exhorters. Brethren...
 ...collections on general fund...
 ...good reports this year.
 ...G. HEMPHILL, P. E.

On June 17th, the Philadelphia...
 ...and Baltimore annual conference was...
 ...called to order by Bishop Pettey, as...
 ...sociated by Bishop Hood and Small...
 ...in Metropolitan Church, Washington...
 ...at 12 noon, Rev. J. B. Colbert, A. M.,...
 ...pastor. On the first day after the or...
 ...ganization—eloquent congratulatory...
 ...speeches were exchanged by these...
 ...eminent Bishops. Nearly all of the...
 ...members of the conference were pres...
 ...ent at the opening. The following...
 ...were announced as transferred to this...
 ...conference: Revs. G. S. Adams, W. J...
 ...Holland, P. J. McEntosh, J. H. Mc...
 ...Mullen and W. H. Snowdon.
 ...The reception of Wednesday night...
 ...arranged by the pastor was of the...
 ...highest order. The participants in the...
 ...program were, Prof. J. D. Baltimore...
 ...in behalf of the church, Lawyer M...
 ...E. Davis, in behalf of the Sunday...
 ...schools, and Rev. J. B. Colbert in be...
 ...half of the Varick Christian Endeav...
 ...or Societies. Responses were made...
 ...by Revs. J. H. McMullen, of Louis...
 ...ville, Ky., and Logan Johnson, of...
 ...Washington. All of the addresses...
 ...evinced learning and eloquence. Bis...
 ...hop Pettey's address was a most mas...
 ...terly effort. He, as usual showed...
 ...himself to be the "man for the hour...
 ...and the place." Much business was...
 ...transacted on Thursday.
 ...Friday was a GREAT DAY, it was...
 ...CENTENNIAL DAY. Many addresses...
 ...of the very highest type were made...
 ...and the church ring with the sweet...
 ...est music that ever leaped from mor...
 ...tal lips. The church was crowded...
 ...all day. The Centenary sermon...
 ...preached by Bishop Hood was charac...
 ...terized by eloquence, logic and man...
 ...ifestation of the Holy Ghost. He...
 ...preached as only Hood can preach...
 ...There were present black and white...
 ...old and young. This indeed, was a...
 ...day of jubilee. The exercises were...
 ...presided over by Bishops Hood, Pet...
 ...tey and Small.
 ...Sunday was a high day. The ser...
 ...mon at 11 o'clock on "Regeneration,"...
 ...by Bishop Pettey was described as the...
 ...effort of his life. Bishop Pettey is...
 ...the prince of preachers. If the pulp...
 ...is a throne, Bishop Pettey is a king...
 ...on the throne when in the pulpit. B...
 ...ishop Small delivered a learned dis...
 ...course at 3 o'clock, and Rev. W. J...
 ...Marshall preached a grand sermon...
 ...at night. All the ministers credit...
 ...ably sustained their reputation as...
 ...great preachers on Sunday.
 ...The conference unanimously adopt...
 ...ed the 30 cent special taxation recom...
 ...mended by the General Conference.
 ...Dr. Wm. H. Day offered the follow...
 ...ing resolution:
 ..."Resolved, That this conference...
 ...most heartily endorses and gratefully...
 ...accepts the dissenting opinion of Mr...
 ...Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court...
 ...in the recent notable case before...
 ...the United States Supreme Court in...
 ...reference to the constitutionality...
 ...of the enactments in various States...
 ...assigning separate cars for people...
 ...of color. We are led again to affirm...
 ...that in questions in which we have...
 ...been and are particularly interested...
 ...we have in the trying hours of our...
 ...history found on the supreme bench...
 ...the justice named seemingly our only...
 ...friend."
 ...During the whole conference the...
 ...ministers kept guessing as to the ap...
 ...pointments. It was amusing to see...
 ...their interest in the appointments...
 ...and changing the sates every six hours...
 ...Bishop Pettey showed himself master...
 ...of the situation. Finally Dr. R. A...
 ...Fisher was nominated and elected...
 ...Presiding Elder. Tuesday took her...
 ...good old time but finally rolled...
 ...around. After transaction of much...
 ...business, a good old sister began...
 ...singing "There is a great day coming."
 ...Rev. Colbert said, "I just want to...
 ...make an announcement before the "great...
 ...day comes." [Great laughter].
 ...After reading of complimentary...
 ...resolutions and ordinations, Bishop...
 ...Pettey came in with a great roll in...
 ...his hand and the conference sang...
 ..."Hold the fort for I am coming."
 ...The conference presented Bishop...
 ...Pettey with a fine silver banded...
 ...ivory gavel and Bishop Small with a...
 ...silk hat. After this Bishop Pettey...
 ...said, "Before reading the appoint...
 ...ments let us all pray, for there will...
 ...not be much praying afterward." [Laughter].
 ...Rev. W. J. Marshall led in prayer...
 ...and the Bishop announced the ap...
 ...pointments as follows:
 ...APPOINTMENTS.
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 ...ley A. M. E. Zion church, Philadelphia,
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 ...West Harrisburg, C. H. Wye...
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 ...Middleton and Williamsport, S. S. Walls...
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 ...Colbert, Trinity Mission, Washington...
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 ...Z. T. Brown; Zion church, York, Pa., J...
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INTERNATIONAL JULY 5.
 Lesson Text: "David, King of Judah," 2 Samuel 11, 1-11. Gold on Text: "Psalm xxvii., 1-6." Commentary.
 1. "And it came to pass after this that David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said unto him, Go up." David was still in Ziklag with his 600, for Achish, king of the Philistines, had given him that town (1 Sam. xxvii., 2, 6; II Sam. i., 1). Saul and his three sons were now slain, having fallen before the Philistines (1 Sam. xxxi., 1-9). David had many years before been anointed king by Samuel (1 Sam. xvi., 1, 13), but he had waited patiently for the removal of Saul by God's own hand rather than lift a hand against him to obtain the throne. Saul was wholly in David's power on at least two occasions, but he refused to lay a finger upon him (1 Sam. xxvi., 9; xxvii., 9-11). He was content to be an outcast from Israel until God's time should come. He is a wonderful type of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, although the King of the Jews and the heir to David's throne, is still rejected and despised, but His time will come and then all who like David's God, have been with Him in His rejection shall share with Him His glory.
 2. "So David went up thither, and his two wives also." The Lord having said to him to go up and to what city, he is obedient. It was David's custom to inquire of the Lord in all matters of the kingdom (1 Sam. xxiii., 2, 4, 10; xxx., 8; II Sam. v., 19, 23); he did not lean upon his own understanding, nor upon the wisdom of others, but relied wholly upon God (Ps. xxxvii., 5; Prov. iii., 5, 6). The same Lord will just as surely guide any one who would be king of Israel, and He is looking over the world to find such people that He may show Himself strong for them (II Chron. xvi., 9).
 3. "And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron." They had identified themselves with him in his rejection, and now he would care for them in his kingdom. We shall see the full significance of these two women, David's wives, and these men and their households, when the kingdom comes, but meantime let us be encouraged to be faithful to our blessed Lord by such words of His as Luke xiv., 14; xxii., 28-30; Rev. xxii., 12. And do not fail to get the comfort that there is in the thought of the household being with you. See Gen. vii., 1; Joshua vi., 25; Acts xvi., 15. 4. "And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah." This is David's second anointing, but he is only king of Judah as yet; later we shall see him anointed again as king of all Israel (chapter v., 3, 5). The significance of these different anointings and his gradual taking possession of the kingdom will also be fully seen when our Lord shall come again. Is He at present Lord of your whole being or only of a portion? He gives Himself wholly to us, and He wants the whole of us for Himself (Rom. xii., 1, 2; Titus ii., 14, R. V.).
 5. "Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have shown this kindness unto your Lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him." The Philistines had cut off Saul's head and had fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan (1 Sam. xxxi., 9, 10), but the men of Jabesh Gilead had kindly removed the bodies and buried and buried them. When the enemies of our Lord had thought to give His body burial with the wicked, Joseph and Nicodemus kindly gave it careful burial in Joseph's new tomb. The bodies of all, both just and unjust, shall be raised again (Acts xxiv., 15; Job, vi., 26).
 6. "I also will requite you this kindness because ye have done this thing." If David, when he came to the kingdom, would remember and reward every act of kindness to himself and even to those for whom he had respect for the Lord's sake, how much more will our blessed Lord, when He comes to His kingdom, see that not even a cup of water shall be lost to any of His faithful ones. Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor (I Cor. iii., 8). His own words are, "Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. xxi., 12). "Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke xiv., 14).
 "Therefore now let your hands be strengthened and be ye valiant." Comparing chapter xxii., 33, and Hab. iii., 19, where the word here translated "valiant" is there translated "power" and "strength," and in reference to God, we learn that the only way to be really valiant is to rely upon Him to whom it is said, "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty" (Zeph. iii., 17). David reminds them that he is now king, and therefore they should be encouraged. Our strength is that our Lord is always with us, and we can sing, "The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song" (Isa. xli., 2).
 8-10. "Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David." According to I Chron. viii., 33; ix., 39, Saul had four sons, 11 of whom were slain with him in battle (1 Sam. xxxi., 2). This one, whose name, according to Young, means "man of shame," was still left to be a thorn in David's side, an adversary to the kingdom, but "David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker" (chapter iii., 1). Abner fell out with Ish-bosheth and turned to David, while Ish-bosheth himself was murdered in his bed. Since Satan showed himself an adversary to God and His people in the garden in Eden he has been actively engaged in the same business, but he and all his followers shall in due time meet their doom (Math. xxv., 41; Rev. xx., 10; XXI., 8), but "the Lamb shall overcome, for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings, and they that are with Him are called and chosen and faithful" (Rev. xvii., 14).
 11. "And the time that David was king of in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months." He knew he should yet be king of all Israel, for to that end he had been anointed, but he could wait God's time, and where could he wait better than at Hebron, where Abraham long waited in fellowship with God (Gen. xxi., 18; xviii., 1), and where his God was ever with him (Gen. xxv., 8, 9) and is doubtless still lying waiting for the better resurrection; where also Caleb dwelt, who waited patiently all those forty-five years that he was kept out of his inheritance by the unbelief of the people? The Lord still waits to be gracious; blessed are they that wait for Him (Isa. xxx., 18). "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him" (Ps. xxxvii., 7). Do not feel as if you ought to take things in your own hands, but let the government be upon His shoulder, and let Him manage all.—Lesson Helper.

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