er to overlook the busis church. I hope your rel be far better this time were in the second conferam glad to tell you that so have been able to travel s been marked improvement n the district. This will inu of the work as it stands:

n's Chapel is pastored by Rev. Jones. He is doing a great -I held his quarterly with much His circuit is in a grand tion; his people love him. He ised in cash this year on his \$138,56.

ies' Chapel circuit, Rev. H. P. nas, pastor, is in a good condi-. I found wonderful improvement this circuit. I held the third arterly at this church the 5th Suny in May. We had a successful uarterly conference. He had every thing in fine order. He has taken 2-members in the church since the nnual conference. Ele has \$20 cash in the treasury to build a new church. Elder Thomas' people love him. We found Grovetown in a good condition; mount of cash paid in third quarter \$12; total collected this year, \$75.

Milledgeville station is pastored by Rev. C. H. Mallary. This work is in a fine condition. Rev. Mallary is much beloved by his people. He has got the church together, thank the Lord. Your humble servant preached two sermons for Rev. Mallary, and as result eight souls were converted and joined the church. Rev. Mallary has arranged for a fine church. The lot is between Milledgeville and Ma-

Crawford circuit. Rev. F. C. Collins, pastor. This work is in very good condition. We had a little trouble with the church at Crawford. but we are hoping for better times in the future.

Green's Chapel circuit, with Rev M. P. Pye, pastor, is alive. Brother Pye has bought land and built a church at this place. Sorry to say that death broke one link out of our chain since I held the second quarterly here. Brother Cato Echols is no Wist. Several others we could

Sweet Water is pastored by Rev. N. H. Hull; this work is doing well. Washington and Winterville circuits are moving on nicely with Elder

Rolland as pastor. He has contracted for a nice lot in Washington. We hope to build a church there this Rev. A. F. Tillman, pastor of

Athens circuit, has recently gone to Athens and Watkinsville. We hope for him success.

have arranged for a Macon mis I have also arranged to have a missionary to travel all over the Athens district.

Now, brethren, the time fixed for our district conference is the 18th of August, 1896, and we are looking for grand reports from all the brethren. I hope you will take large collections for general fund and report to the district conference. There will be prize given to the pastor that brings up the most of the presiding elder's

back salary to the conference. Brethren, work hard to improve your circuits.

Social Chapel circuit, Rev. S. H Hayes, pastor, is in better condition than it was on my second round. At that time I had begun to think the whole thing was going to the wall, but thank the Lord things look brighter. Elder Haves is a Christian and withal a Holy Ghost preacher; but being a recent comer to Zion he has many usages to learn.

To collect all the general fund due, and raise a large amount on education, and the building of churches in towns and villages on the railroads, is our motto.

Brethren, we must raise \$100 general fund on this district this year. Forward! my braves and get there. Athens, Ga.

BY REV. J. C. DUNBAR.

MR. EDITOR :- We seldom get anything in the STAR from this district and of course our people are not very much interested in the Please let this appear and you will get several sub-

scribers. The Athens district is in a flourishing and most prosperous condition. Being the conference Sunday-school superintendent I have had an occasion to travel through the district Bleecker, St., New York Oity. visiting the Sunday-schools. The Presiding Elder-Rev. L. G. Hemphill-

accompanied me through the district. He stands high on his district at each point. He is now servi year on the district as pr nd the district at la

ay (the members) say that can have the same bishop ther term we must have the for an esiding elder. I consider myame p e a close observer, and I have self to through the district and I been al thfully say that he is the can tr right nan in the right place. The pastors on the district are all doing

We expect to have three Sundayschool conventions this year in this conference. I will speak of the work in the Augusta district later-just as soon as I get through the district. The A hens district, with few exceptions, s in a better condition spiritually and temporally than it has ever been. Zion in that part of the State has taken on new life. The Sundayschool at Long Creek, St. Paul, Little Rick and Wynn's and Jones' Chape s, will come up equal to any school in the State of any denomination. The Presiding Elder accompa-

nied ne through the district. We were royally entertained by Zion's good I cople at every point. We mention a few distinguished friends that spared no pains to make everything pleasent for us, among whom some are public school teachers : Mrs. M. A. H mphill, the distinguished wife of the Presiding Elder; Miss Della M. Richardson, Mrs. Fannie Heard, Mr. A. J. Deadwily and family, Mrs. Martia Horken, Mrs. Sarah Fleming, Mr. I. J. Lumpkins, and his distinguished wife and son, Hiliary Lumpking, the very efficient superintendent at Long Creek, Mrs. Martha Simmons Mrs. Corah Rolland, the efficient wife of Rey. L. C. Rolland, Mrs. Hurt, Mr. Wade Collins and family, Mr. Louis Lumpkins, Mr. John Armstrong and his esteemed wife and charming daughters in the persons of Misses Eliza and Carrie; Rev. M. P. Pve and madam. Mrs. Sarah Spradlin and Mrs. Francis Young, Mrs. Louisa Walton and her charming ittle Miss Daisie. Rev. B. J Jones and wife, Miss Janie C. Jackson and her most accomplished sister. Mrs. Mattie M. Heard, our public

school teachers at Green's Chapel. We were happily entertained by then. Miss Easther Davis is training the young minds at Sympkins Miss Orah Horton is destroying ignorance and teaching intelligence at spear of in the highest terms, but space forbids it. The half has not beer told of the condition of the worl, but we say all is well. Our peor le are getting in good shape and

this year. · Augusta, Ga.

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We congratulate ourselves on having had a man of such unselfish motives, sterling qualities and pronounced ability as an organizer and leader, to head this great religious movement; he was the first man of the race to grasp the great idea of a purely Negro religious organi-

first man of the race to grasp the great idea of a warely Negro religious organization. During this hundred years our church has grown from a handful to nearly 400,000 communicants, embracing every section of the United States, Canada, a part of Africa and some of the Islands of the Sea. It has taken a foremost part in all movements affecting the moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the race.

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At the session of the General Conference held at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1892, it was decided that we should hold our One Hundreth Anniversary in the month of October, 1896, in the "Mother Zion," (our first established church of the connection,) now situated on the corner of West 10th and Bleecker streets, New York City, N. Y. We take this medium through which

to inform you of our intention, and to earnestly ask your sympathy and co-op-eration to make this Centennial effort a success in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom and in the elevation of the

race.
It is our purpose to hold a Ten Day
Centennial Conference, two sessions each
day, at which time papers will be read
and such subjects discussed as may be

arreed upon.

Every denomination or religious organization is cordially invited to participate with us. We especially invite all Methodist organizations to take part

with us.
Each denomination desiring repre tation will please communicate with Bishop A. Walters, D. D., Chairman Centennial Committee, No. 358 Bleecker St. New York City, N. Y.

SPECIAL APPRAL. The General Appeal to the Ministers and Members of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and to all others to whom this appeal shall come; Greeting:

come; Greeting:

In the providence of God, we are nearing the close of the first century of our existence as a church organization. The success which has attended our exertions through the century in the spread of churches, in the gathering of converts and in the uplifting of the people generally, in their moral and religious life, and in their material prosperty has been phenomenal.

From a handful of members, not more than sixty, who gathered in New York

than sixty, who gathered in New York in 1796, we have increased in membership to 411,768, enlarged our borders until we now control our churches and ministers in thirty-one states, Canada, Africa and the Isles of the sea.

God has wonderfully blessed our efforts and prospered the work of our hands. Since Necessary institutions for the better equipment and perpetuity of our work, for which at the beginning of our organization we had neither the means to found, nor the men to fill, have been brought into existence and successfully operated. We feel reasonable and pardonable pride in the tremendous growth of our church in all of its relassed branches; and we feel that the membership es; and we feel that the membership of the church share in the feeling, and that they may be moved to second all efforts put forth to make the Centennial

efforts put forth to make the Centennial year not only a success as far as we are concerned as a church, but as marking a distinct epoch in the history of the race on this continent.

The Jubilee will be held in New York City in October, 1896, continuing ten days. The spiritual and financial success of the celebration will depend upon the united efforts of the ministers, members and friends of Zion Ohurch. Let us pray that the closing year of the century will be marked by a general revival throughout the entire church, and that there will be an ingathering of souls correctedented in the history of the Connection.

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And upon the celebration and the work of the church generally we invoke the Divine blessing.

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