Go Or Get.

BY REV. S. M. HAYS, P. E.

Our dear old Church is much in need
Of money, men and wit;
But bad or good it's understood,
Preachers must go or get.

Up to conference see them go,
Appointments there to get;
Bishop gives each a strip of paper—
"Take this and go or get."

When the conference work is done,
Some one is sure to kick;
Bishop will say, "You must obey,
So either go or get."

Preachers are mad if churches are bad,
Bishop won't move a bit;
If salaries are small, don't bawl,
Better go than get.

—*South Georgia Conference.*

Local Items.

Bishop Lomax is remodeling his building on N. College St.

Mr. H. J. Green goes to Fayetteville in a few days on business.

Dr. Jno. Eagles instead of walking is riding a "bike" now-a-days.

Rev. D. C. Covington hopes to raise $500 in his rally next Sunday.

Prof. S. G. Atkins of Winston spent a a few hours in the city Saturday.

Miss Susie McLamb, of Goldsboro, N. C., is expected in the city Monday.

An excursion from Camden, S. C., is expected in the city Monday, June 2.

We sympathize with Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, of Biddle University, in the loss of their infant child.

Miss Rosa Marks continues quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Creswell, on E. Stonewall St.

Mr. J. M. White "one of the force" went to Concord Saturday on business and returned Monday noon.

The Quicksteps and Biddle University base ball teams play two games of ball next Monday and Tuesday.

The commencement exercises of Biddle University, starts Friday evening with the closing of the Preparatory school.

Rev. R. B. Bruce in his grand rally at Grace church last Sunday raised $173.58. This was quite a success for a small congregation.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Blackwell, and Mr. T. W. Wallace attended the commencement exercises of Livingstone College.

If you have not been, don't fail to attend the Gala Week going on in Varick Hall. Don't miss the baby show—100 babies on exhibition—Friday afternoon, at five o'clock. Ten cents is the admission fee.

There will be probably in all 43 graduates from the three departments of Biddle at the approaching commencement—30 from the Normal and Preparatory school; 8 from the school of arts and sciences, and five from the Theological School.

The only flying-machine that has ever actually flown—that is, maintained and moved itself in the air by energy generated in its own mechanism—is one lately constructed, after years of laborious and disappointing experiment, by Prof. S. P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The first full and the only authoratative account of this epoch making envention will appear in *McClure's Magazine* for June, in a paper written by Prof. Langley himself, and illustrated with diagrams and pictures made under his direction. This is probably the most important magazine paper ever published in this country.

The camp-meeting formerly conducted at the Latta Park will take up at said place, commencing August 4th through the 31st. Persons desiring to furnish refreshments during that occasion will be allowed stands in the pavilion. The building will also be let to the highest bidder for the same purpose. The meeting will be run in the interest of the Little Rock, Clinton Chapel and China Grove A. M. E. Zion churches. Among the ablest ministers of the race are invited and will attend. During this occasion excursions will be run from several towns in and out of the State here to witness and take part in the services.

For further particulars apply to Rev. H. L. Simmons, P. E., Rev. H. B. Moss, Rev. D. C. Covington, or Rev. P. J. Holmes, Pastors, Charlotte, N. C.

Reduced Rates.

Commencement Exercises, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 29th to June 5th, 1897.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway will place on sale reduced rate round-trip tickets from all points within the State of North Carolina, as well as from Norfolk and Danville, Va., to Chapel Hill and return. Tickets on sale May 28th to June 3rd inclusive, with final limit June 7th, continuous passage in both directions. Fare from Charlotte, $5.25; other points in proportion.

Tuskegee Conference Echoes.

THINGS TO REMEMBER AND PRACTICE.

Do not be deceived by emigration agents.

If you have an immoral minister or teacher, get rid of him.

Be sure that you treat your wife better than you did last year.

Keep out of law-suits. Do not lie about your town on Saturday.

Get home just as soon as possible after paying one this year.

Pay the old debt as soon as possible. Do not make another one.

Manager's Column.

Report Of Easter Offerings.

CALIFORNIA.	
Rev G E Jackson, Paso Robles,	$ 1 00
CONNECTICUT.	
Rev L H Taylor, Hartford,	10 25
Rev W H Coffey, New Haven,	3 00
Rev G H S Bell, Waterbury,	6 00
FLORIDA.	
Rev J H Simon, Escambia,	4 50
Rev A A Marshall, Supt M W Williams, Emporia,	2 60
Rev Jos Sexton, Evinston,	2 50
Rev T R Smith, Supt S King, Cantonment,	1 00
Rev J L Cook, Supt R W Jones, Grand Ridge,	1 35
Rev R R Frederick, Kissimee,	3 35
Rev S W Cunningham, Lake Land,	1 03
Rev Solomon Derry, Milton,	1 65
Rev L Williams, Milligan,	3 50
Rev S E Kinsler, McCanopy,	1 82
Supt J J Griffin, Pensacola,	4 00
Rev S W Cunningham, Seffner,	1 50
GEORGIA.	
Rev W R Douglas, Supt J W Hunter, Atlanta,	1 10
Rev S D Kendall, Supt D C Gardner, Columbus,	51
Rev H E Jones, Supt J A Kirby, Early,	50
Rev J E Springs, Girard,	1 00
Rev J D Taylor, Holland,	1 25
Rev Robt. Hope, Lexington,	1 00
Rev D M Pankard, Sum'erville,	1 80
Rev A Robinson, Summerville,	3 07
Rev G W Hastering, Sum'erville,	32
Rev T M Downs, Winder,	4 00
Rev J J Parks, "	1 10
ILLINOIS.	
Rev O T Judge, Centralia,	1 00
Rev C N Payne, DuQuoin,	2 00
Rev L B Brown, Kankakee,	1 50
INDIANA.	
Rev A Wakefield, Indianapolis,	3 00
Rev J J Kennedy, Norwood,	1 50
KENTUCKY.	
W C Orton, Ashbysburg,	60
Rev A H Dorsey, H Dorsey Supt, Corydon,	2 00
Rev G Alexander, Earlington,	2 50
Rev J H Hall, Greenville,	8 06
Rev J M Washington, Supt R L Rhea, Henderson,	1 20
Rev J N Browder, Lebanon,	1 50
Rev A Nichols, Lebanon,	1 00
Rev Bond, Supt C E Killian, Middleboro,	2 20
Rev Moses Hawkins, Sebree,	80
Rev S E Moore, Springfield,	17
LOUISIANA.	
Rev N N Norris, Amite City,	9 00
Rev A A Washington, "	2 00
Rev T M Duncan, New Orleans,	2 00
Rev C A White, Ponchatoula,	8 60
Rev A Vincent, Roseland,	2 50
Rev S W Hutching, Portland, Me,	1 00
MASSACHUSETTS.	
Rev J H Young, Supt Mrs J E Craig, Attleboro,	4 47
Rev S F Dickson, Supt J W Williams, Boston,	16 00
Rev J S Cooper, Supt Georgia C Hawkins, Worcester,	12 00
MISSISSIPPI.	
Rev R R Howard, Supt B D Peoples, Batesville,	4 05
Rev A M Laney, Supt Mrs M A Shelvy, Canton,	3 25
Rev A English, Canton,	2 20
Rev C R Anthony, Supt W F Stanling, Courtland,	2 20
Rev J E P Marshall, Camden,	3 75
Rev W L Lee, Supt Mrs B E Bolannon Coffeeville,	8 75
Rev I B Malette, Kosciusko,	35
Rev J H Marable, Orwood,	3 65
Rev Pearson, Supt S C Fleming Pickens,	1 95
Rev C W Johnson, Scranton,	3 50
Rev J T Shelton, Supt Bessie Goode, Torrence,	10 03
Rev M W Waters, Supt Wade McGee, Webb,	2 00

A NEW STAR PRESS.

Recently a great deal has been said relative to purchasing a new press on which to print the STAR OF ZION, etc. This disposition on the part of the brethren grows out of the fact that the STAR is not large enough, as they think, to give all the brethren a showing. It is a fact that a new press is needed and that, too, badly but the wherewithal with which to purchase it. To secure the kind and quality needed it will be necessary to raise $1,200.

Some of the brethren have expressed a disposition to pay $5 in this direction. The Manager and Editor have agreed to test the brethren's sincerity in this matter by giving all who desire to do so an opportunity to donate $5. We have set the date for July 1, 1897, when the money is to be sent in to the Manager for that purpose. The Manager has agreed to not use that money for any other purpose than the one herein named. The subscription is now open for all who are willing to pay $5. Subscribe now and you can have till July 1st to pay amount subscribed. The following have subscribed $5:

Bishop J. B. Small, York, Pa., Editor J. W. Smith, Manager G. L. Blackwell, Rev. S. A. Chambers, Union, S. C., Rev. W. A. Blackwell, Lancaster, S. C., Rev. S. B. Hunter, Wilmington, N. C., Rev. H. W. Smith, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. F. M. Archie, Union, S. C., Rev. S. M. Pharr, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. D. C. Covington, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. G. S. Adams, Washington, D. C.

Yours truly,
G. L. Blackwell.

Random Shots.

DR. R. A. FISHER, A MODEL PRESIDING ELDER—HIS PREDECESSORS—BISHOP PETTEY AND WIFE'S POPULARITY.

BY REV. W. H. MARSHALL.

The First District of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference during the last decade has been blessed with a succession of able, impartial, Christian Presiding Elders. This period has been occupied by four ministers of wide repute. We shall name them. The first is Dr. John E. Price, a companion of Bishop Jones and a man who by dint of close application and faith in God has made himself an enviable name in Zion. He was succeeded by Dr. G. W. Offley, who in spite of physical infirmities, retired after a brilliant administration. Next the devout Christian and profound scholar, Doctor, now Bishop Small came on the work and his geniality and kindly consideration of the rights and privileges of others made him immensely popular with the brethren. To succeed such a theologian as Dr. Price, such an earnest scholar as Dr. Offley and such an authority on ecclesiastical law as Dr. Small was no light duty, and to maintain the standard, which they had set up, required extraordinary ability.

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Bishop C. C. Pettey carefully and prayerfully considered the appointment of a successor to such eminent ministers as had held the Presiding Eldership. At length he nominated Dr. R. A. Fisher, whose appointment was unanimously confirmed. His administration has been a brilliant success, and his popularity, apparent from the beginning, has steadily increased. His impartial, kind manner has made every minister his friend. At the close of his year he must view the work with pleasure, for he received from every Quarterly Conference in his district a unanimous endorsement and also a request for his retention. Urging every connectional interest, assisting in evangelistic efforts, and doing all that he could to make harmonious the relations between churches and pastors he has, I think, rightly been styled "the model Presiding Elder."

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Just a word about his career. In 1872 he entered the ministry in the Virginia Conference while yet a minor and he was long known as "The Boy Preacher." Since that time with rare fidelity and unbroken success he has worked in missions, circuits, stations and districts. Among the churches built under his pastorate is the well-known Mosely-St. Church in Norfolk, Va. For five years and with increasing popularity he served the Petersburg (Va.) District as Presiding Elder. Indeed, so high was his standing among those who knew him best that in 1892 he was the unanimous choice of the Virginia Conference for the Bishopric, as the minutes of the General Conference will show. It is not the intention to attempt in this brief article any detailed account of the life, work and character of this leader of his people; but we must mention that at the early age of 9 years he had read the New Testament, that two years later he had mastered English Grammar and Elements of Rhetoric, and that he is a finished scholar, a profound theologian and an earnest, faithful gospel preacher. For years he was an efficient public school-teacher. If our excellent "Course of Study" needs a defense I point to Dr. R. A. Fisher, who faithfully pursued it. If that "Course" produces thinkers such as he, it deserves our persistent efforts. His sons inherit much of their father's eloquence and geniality. We pray that God may long spare to Zion Dr. R. A. Fisher, the model Presiding Elder.

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Rt. Rev. C. C. Pettey, A. M., D. D., our brilliant, beloved Bishop, paid the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference his Episcopal visit prior to the assembling of the Conference. His brainy, witty, stately wife accompanied him. Everywhere they were greeted with enthusiastic welcome. The Bishop proved a revelation, and his preaching was commended in the very most complimentary manner by leading papers of Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and other places which he favored with a visit. On Monday evening, May 10, he paid my church at Middletown a visit. His sermon there was a rare specimen of pulpit eloquence. Following the sermon Mrs. Bishop Pettey read a paper entitled, "Woman's Place in the Church." The excellent paper received a hearty round of applause, which it richly merited. If any of the brethren are undecided as to where woman belongs in Christ's Church, let them ask Mrs. Bishop Pettey. With history and scripture she will answer; and they'll remember her reply.

Harrisburg, Pa.

Departed Friends.

Sister Ida Speece, wife of Brother John Speece, died a full-fledged Christian. Everybody who knew her loved her because of the beautiful life she lived. We preached her funeral yesterday. The whole church sympathizes with Brother Speece in this his hour of sore affliction.

East Bend, N. C. J. J. Byers.

My good friend, Miss Deborah Gray, of 1008 Barley St., Philadelphia, who was a member of the new A. M. E. Zion Church on the corner of 15th and Lombard Sts., has taken her departure from earth to heaven. She was indeed one of God's saints; and of all the pious inhabitants of my native land, (Scotland,) or any other, I have never met with a more lovable Christian, or one more refined and intelligent. I used to take the greatest delight in conversing with that exemplary member of your honored Church. She was as perfect a "saint" as we find in either the Old or New Testament. Jno. B. Scott.

Baltimore, Md.

Death claimed Rev. J. D. Banks March 6th at 6 a. m. He passed away triumphantly in gospel faith. He was ill for nearly two years. He was born in Knoxville in 1855. Early in life he embraced faith in Christ and joined the A. M. E. Zion Church of that city. Some years later he felt called to the ministry and joined the Tennessee Conference in which he rendered good service as long as he was able to travel. He was a good financier and filled nearly all of the important charges in Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia. His last charge was in West Asheville. He leaves a wife and three dear little children. The citizens, white and colored, tried to make his last days pleasant. He has gone to live with God. A. G. Kesler, P. E.

Asheville, N. C.

Want To See The Bishop.

BY REV. J. W. ARMSTRONG.

I am one of the young preachers of the Central Alabama Conference and not widely known. I have been for years a reader of the STAR, but never before written anything to it. I have been a member of conference for eight years and in the pastorate for six years. I make an increase in Connectional claims every year, and I expect to do so again on this circuit.

This circuit is largely surrounded with the C. M. E. Church whose bishops and best men visit them often, which enables the pastor to raise the Connectional money easily. Like Rev. N. A. Rice, I think our bishops should sometimes leave the railroads and cities and go into the rural districts. At Lowndesboro, Alabama, we have a small but loving crew of Zionites who are willing to and do pay the general fund. They are continually asking why our bishops do not come around like the bishops of the C. M. E. Church. My church wants to see a Zion bishop. My dear Bishop Lomax when visiting Montgomery promised me that when he came back to Alabama to hold his conferences he would pay us a visit. I made my people feel glad over this news.

The presence of a bishop would be the means of raising more general funds in one day or night than a pastor could raise in a month. I do not say a bishop ought to travel like a presiding elder, but he ought to go to the places where no bishop has ever been. I know some churches in Alabama where the presence of a bishop is no more than that of a presiding elder or some other noted preacher. More general fund is needed than what is being raised. To raise it, we pastors need help. We hope the Board of Bishops will decide to do more along this line than what has been done. I simply write so that the Chief Pastors may see the necessity of traveling and helping the pastors more. My whole aim is to raise all that I possibly can; and after I have done my best I want to hear some one say "Well done, thou faithful servant." We are tired of being discouraged by such men as Prof. D. W. Parker who, after the ministers had suffered and toiled in heat and cold to get the Connectional claims, said at conference in Brewton, Ala., last November that we ministers had not tried to do our duty, but were looking for appointments from the bishops. He is sore over the Children's Day money law made at the last General Conference. Mr. Editor, send me a dozen copies of the STAR with this article to sell.

Burkville, Ala.

TALKS,
On Varick Endeavor,
BY THE PRESIDENT.

Zion may be Left Yet!

Unless the C. E. Societies of the A. M. E. Zion Church act at one and respond to the appeal which has been ordered to be sent by the Board of Bishops, asking for a special collection to be taken to defray the expenses of delegates to represent the A. M. E. Zion Church at the great international Y. P. S. C. E. at San Francisco, Cal., in July, Zion will be left in the rear and perhaps lose whatever prestige she may have gained in this movement. Up to the present time not a single red copper has reached us. We have representatives on the program who are expected to take their part when their time comes. A failure to appear would result in a serious and by no means complimentary manner to say the least to the best interest of our beloved Church. We can ill afford to let this opportunity pass by us without making some disposition to avert it if possible. We have allowed too many such chances to pass by already for our good.

Send all moneys to Rev. Jesse B. Colbert, 1114 6th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. The amount and the name of church will be printed in the STAR OF ZION and the *Varick Christian Endeavorer.*

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AN APPEAL.

Dear Endeavorers: It has been decided and requested by the Board of Bishops and General Officers that we make a special appeal to every C. E. in the A. M. E. Zion Church for a collection to help to defray expenses of delegates to the San Francisco Convention in July. While no particular amount from each society has been specified, nevertheless, it is earnestly hoped that every society will do its best to raise as much as possible. It is very necessary that Zion should be fully represented in this great international gathering, hence we make the following offer as an inducement for every president and society to put forth extra efforts to answer this appeal. Aside from publishing the names and amounts in the *Endeavorer,* we will give a solid gold V. C. E. pin to the president whose society raises the highest amount according to membership. And a large wall pledge 36x54 inches, to the society doing the same. Send all moneys to Rev. Jesse B. Colbert, V. C. E. Headquarters, 1114 6th St., N. W., Washington.

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TOPIC FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30.

"That Ye Bear Much Fruit." John xv. 1-14.

FRUIT-BEARING.

May 24. The fruits. Gal. v. 16-26.
May 25. The soil. Matt. xiii. 18-23.
May 26. No fruit. Matt. xxi. 17-22.
May 27. Fruit time. Matt. xxi. 33-41.
May 28. Show fruit. Luke xiii. 1-9.
May 29. Known by their fruits. Matt. vii. 15-23.

SCRIPTURE VERSES.—Isa. xlviii. 10; I Pet. i. 7, 9; Rom. viii. 28; I Cor. iii. 8, 13; 2 Cor. iv. 17; Heb. xii. 11; 1 Thes. i. 3; Matt. vi. 28; Pa. i. 15, 16; Matt. vii. 17.

LESSON THOUGHTS.

Have you any doubts of your true connection with Jesus Christ? Your own life must answer. He is the true vine, and if you are a true branch you will be bearing fruit. This is the test: When ask yourself if you are bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit,—love, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, temperance.

Without Christ we can no more bear good fruit than the branch separated from the vine can bring to maturity the luscious grapes; nay, even the fruit it already bears must wither and die when it leaves the vine and depend upon itself for nourishment and strength.

SELECTIONS.

There is a counterfeit olive tree in Palestine. It is called the wild-olive, or the oleaster. It is in all points like the genuine tree, except that it yields no fruit. Alas! how many wild olives are there in the church! When I see a man taking up a large space in Christ's spiritual orchard, and absorbing a vast deal of sunlight and soil, and yielding no fruit, I say, "Ah! there is an oleaster!"

If a tree is not growing, it is sure to be dying. And so are our souls. If they are not growing, they are dying; if they are not better they are getting worse. This Bible compares our souls to trees; is there pretty fancy of poetry, but awful, deep, world-wide lesson, tree in the field may be a pattern, to us thoughtless men, that as meant to grow, so our souls are grow. As that tree dies unless it grows, so souls die unless they grow.

Nature abhors sterility. From the humid climate of the tropics, to the ragged fields and frigid atmosphere of higher latitudes, the garment of vegetation covers the earth.

AFRO-AMERICAN NOTES.

Negroes in a Knitting Mill—Opposed to the Jim Crow Cars.

Mr. Johnnie Patterson, a bright young colored man of Topeka, Kan., has been appointed stenographer in the office of the probate judge in that city. —The Elevator.

William Ramsey, a Negro janitor, residing at Grand Rapids, Mich., has just fallen heir to $80,000 by the death of his father's brothers.

Mrs. Emma Clark, colored, died recently at Winchester, Ky., aged 117 years. She was the oldest colored person in that State, and was, perhaps, the oldest member of the Baptist church in the United States, having joined that organization when but 16 years of age, just 101 years ago.—The Race Standard.

Lieut. Chas. Young, a graduate of West Point, now stationed at Wilberforce University, Xenia, O., has been promoted to troop H of the Seventh Cavalry. This is a white regiment, and is known as Custer's old regiment, with a reputation for successful Indian fighting. This is the first time in the history of this country that a Negro has been placed in such a position.—Weekly Guider.

The Annapolis cadets who are about to have a "conniption fit" because a colored lad has been appointed to the school would do well to take a dose of nerve tonic for they are liable to have more trouble for their weary souls. Congressman White, the only colored man in the present House of Rrepresentatives at Washington, has an appointment due him for September and he says he will give it to a colored boy. The cadets will do well to brace up in a hurry.—The Conservator.

At last the color line is to be abolished in fraternal protective societies. A circular is before us issued by a fraternal society, one of the paragraphs of which reads: "Let us ask you to be cautious in the selection of members. Do not take any person in as a member of the lodge that you would not be willing to take to your house on terms of social equality. Any acceptable person, white or colored, admitted to membership." Strange as it may appear this society originated in Mississippi. Surely "the world do move."—Appeal.

The leading Afro-Americans of Nashville seem to be opposed not only to the "Jim Crow" annex of the "centennial exposition," but also to its management. One thing is clear even at this distance and that is, our people wouldn't be connected with it in any but a menial capacity, were it not for the fact that the exposition management needs badly the money they hope to get from Afro-Americans who visit it. With "Jim Crow" cars in Tennessee, and exposition and other color lines to contend with after you get to Nashville, there is very little likihood of many Ohioans of Color attending.—The Gazette.

Negro representatives from the ten Congressional Districts of Virginia met at Richmond and organized the Negro Protective Association of Virginia. There were present about one hundred of the race. The plan of organization adopted provides for a State chairman, an executive committee, a State committee and district, city, county and precinct committees. A. W. Harris was elected chairman of the association. Resolutions were adopted looking to better educational facilities for the race, condemning lynching; the solidifying of the Republican party so far as the Negro is concerned, but placing the race interests first and party interests second.

The visit of Miss Ida B. Wells, two years ago and her addresses in the interest of the colored race, have borne practical and very material fruit. As a result of her agitation there has been established in this city a society for charitable work among the colored people of New Bedford and still more recently a Home for the Aged, which is not confined in its ministration to the African race, though its promoters are colored people. Three weeks ago the Home for the Aged was established by the ladies of the Loyal Union, but its public opening did not occur till today. The home is located at the northwest corner of Cedar and Mill streets, and already has three inmates and three more applications. At this rate, since the capacity of the home is only eleven, it will soon reach its limit and need additional accommodation.—New Bedford (Mass.) Standard.

The colored women who are now running the knitting machines in the Charleston (S. C.) knitting factory are reported by W. Gregg Chisholm, the manager, to be doing well. When the mill first started (says the Textile Excelsior of the 14th, ult.) only white labor was employed, the employes being young white girls of respected families. These were paid by the piece, and having to operate the machines, they couldn't make much at first, so became indifferent, and did not work steady. Furthermore, the management claim they couldn't get enough of white hands, therefore the change was made to Negro help, which was abundant and eager for the chance. Manager Chisholm said the girls employed were all recommended by the colored ministers of the city and that the change was made not to get the work done cheaper, but to secure enough hands.—S. A. L. Magundi.

Tree Ages.

Gericke, the great German forester, writes that the greatest ages to which trees in Germany are positively known to have lived are from 500 to 570 years. For instance, the pine in Bohemia and the pine in Norway and Sweden have lived to the latter age. Next comes the silver fir, which in the Bohemian forests has stood and thrived for upward of 400 years. In Bavaria the larch has reached the age of 275 years. Of foliage trees the oak appears to have survived the longest. The best example is the evergreen oak at Aschoffenburg, which reached the age of 410 years. Other oaks in Germany have lived to be from 315 to 320 years old. At Aschoffenburg the red beech has lived to the age of 245 years, and at other points to the age of 225. Of other trees, the highest known are ash, 170 years; birch, 160 to 200 years; aspen, 220 years; mountain maple, 225 years; elm, 130 years; and red alder, 145 years.—Public Opinion.

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