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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1897.

EDITORIAL.

ASSOCIATE with the best company or none.

If a lie is told on you let your life be so that no one will believe it.

We are now in the last quarter of the old year. Have you accomplished much good this year and made a proportionate progress in Christian knowledge and grace?

ZION has able men in the several conferences who are yet unknown to the public world. They are gradually pushing to the front and will be heard from in the near future.

Do what you are doing while you are about it, and let other things wait. Think on what you are thinking, and until you have thought it out or dropped the subject, lock the mind to other topics.

The entire Church will be pained to learn that Bishop C. C. Pettet, A. M., D. D., is now, and has been ever since his return home from the Silver Anniversary, quite indisposed. He is somewhat better now, however, so his wife writes.

HON. J. C. DANBY has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address of the York County Colored Industrial Fair, at Rock Hill, S. C., October 27, 1897. Danby will doubtless sustain his former reputation. We herewith acknowledge an invitation to be present on this occasion.

BISHOP T. H. LOMAX, D. D., desires us to state that the time of meeting of both the Central Alabama and Alabama Conferences has been deferred—the former until Dec. 1st, the latter until Dec. 8th, 1897. The brethren of each will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

BISHOP J. B. SMALL, A. M., D. D., so a card from Mrs. Mary J. Small, states, sailed on Thursday last from Glasgow and is expected to reach New York on Saturday next, where Mrs. Small will quite likely meet him. Let the whole Church pray for the safe return of our missionary Bishop.

THE thought of God in the human mind may be either a great terror or a mighty consolation. One soul cries out: "Rocks and mountains, fall on me and hide me from the face of an angry God." Another exclaims: "Whom have I in Heaven but Thee, and there is none on earth that I desire beside Thee." Reader, what is God to you?

AFTER closely observing the preliminary qualifications of Bishop G. W. Clinton for the office of bishop, and his ability shown as an organizer and manager of men that would do credit to the oldest and most astute prelates, Bishop Harris arose and said in the Tennessee Conference just closed that he is more than ever convinced that the youngest Bishop is following in the footsteps of Bishop Hood. This remark was greeted with long and loud cheering.

CAPT.-GEN. BLANCO, the new governor-general of Cuba, is said to be the "softest-hearted soldier" in Spain. In view of the fact that he is coming to Cuba with 20,000 soldiers to fight, he will hardly be that in Cuba; and since he says he will press the war against the insurgents with all his energy we conclude that he is not a whit better than Weyler, "the butcher," who has been recalled. The frequent changing of generals shows that Spain is not able to suppress the rebellion in Cuba and that Cuba will yet be free.

REV. ABRAHAM ANDERSON, pastor of our church in Portland, Ore., and who is doing an excellent work for

ZION in that place, writing of the hymn "The City of my Dreams," composed by us and set to music by Rev. B. Alonzo Scott, our Connexion Evangelist, has the following to say: "Reverend Sir: 'The City of my Dreams' carried everything by storm last night (Oct. 10th) in our services. The song service was grand. But 'The City of my Dreams' is a spell-binder." Yes, that's just what it is—a spell-binder; no doubt about that. Better order a copy of the Editor.

Two corrections are to be made in our "Silver Anniversary Offerings" column. The one, Mrs. B. H. Thomas, N. J., pepper and salt, should have read silver-mounted pepper and salt cruet; the other, Miss Elizabeth Oldroyd, should have been, Miss Elizabeth Oldroyd. In calling attention to these, Bishop Hood happily says, "These errors will creep in. The remarkable thing is that there are so few in such a long list." True; and we would also say in further violation of ourselves (and incidentally in the Editor's absence) that our proof-reader goes over each and every name and offering with copy, the printer having deciphered the bibliography—Bishop Hood's—as best he can, to see if the printed sheet corresponds with copy. We write this to assure all concerned that the greatest possible care is taken on our part.

THE mob is partial in its punishment of criminals who assault white women. Last week Thomas Gleason and his bride, white, of Newport, Ky., started out to visit a friend at night, when two men with revolvers, representing themselves to be officers, separated husband and wife and dragged the shrieking woman into a field where eleven white rascals assaulted her. When the brutes were landed in jail a mob collected and pretended that they were going to lynch the mob, but finally quieted down and went home content to let the law take its course. Had the assailants been colored men they would have been inside of 24 hours been shot down like dogs. We are opposed to lynch law and think that hanging until death comes should be administered by the law upon every rascal, black or white, who rapes white or black women; but if inhuman black brutes are to be set on fire, skinned alive and shot to death, let the same doses of medicine be given to inhuman white brutes. That's all.

ALL black men are not cowards. A party of white scoundrels, calling themselves whitecaps, residing in Levans, Carroll county, Tenn., thinking they were monarchs over all they surveyed, audaciously ordered the colored people to leave the county or be exterminated. One Negro, named Dot Prince, who was just as willing to die one time as another, concluded to stay. The whitecaps went to his home last week and riddled the doors and windows with bullets, and also broke his arm. Mr. Prince took down his old, faithful rifle and put the black cap of death on one man and fatally wounded four others. These who were left to tell the tale took to their heels. The colored man is a citizen and has a right to live in any county where he is law-abiding and can make an honest living. A man's home is his castle; and when we can get more colored men, like Dot Prince, to introduce the business-end of a gun to these whitecaps and mobs who make a raid upon colored men's homes and order them to leave the county, lawlessness will soon be put down and one feature of the so-called "Negro Problem" will be solved.

Chronic Fault-Finders. It seems to be a pleasure for some chronic grumblers to pick flaws and find fault with almost everything that transpires. They stew and fret over every small mishap and disappointment—and if anything seems propitious and opportune they are unthankful and impute it to some haphazard agency and look sad over it as if it could not be possible for them to have anything but evil befall them.

The chronic fault-finder sees no beauty, no harmony, no order, grow out of events. He feels no pleasure and has but little hope in anything he attempts, for his peevish mood discolors all things, even nature's grand panorama of scenic beauty. A little unguarded word, thoughtlessly spoken, is often the prolific source of a serious wrangle, and days and weeks are spent without sympathy or affection, even under the same home roof. The domestic harmony is thus destroyed in the twinkling of an eye, and dark shadows fall upon paths that had just been warmed by gracious sunbeams. The fault-finder makes his life

a failure because he cannot believe the world is right; something certainly is wrong, and he thinks it must be the world and his fellowmen; for human nature is wont to exonerate and flatter itself that it is right and all else is wrong. Such a character smothers down under spleen and jealousy all the nobler and finer aspirations after better things and finds a savage enjoyment in picking holes in the reputations of others, and attributing the basest motives to every word and act of those with whom he finds himself associated in daily intercourse.

It is cheering to think that this unhappy trait can be overcome if not allowed to grow upon one until it becomes chronic. Persons who feel themselves addicted to this growing propensity, which must end in misery and social ostracism, should remember to be kind and pleasant; and the sunshine that nestles within their hearts will cast its holy gleams over the days that bring with their close a restfulness and peace that will amply compensate for all efforts and strivings after better things. Let us all be amiable despite the many provocations we have to make us the reverse; for our own frailties should render us charitable to the faults of others, and we should ever remember that this earth is only a temporary abiding place in which we are to be fitted by severe discipline for that higher, better life which only the pure in heart can ever know.

A fault-finding spirit is wholly incompatible with the doctrines of Christianity, and must be nipped in the bud ere it poison the life source itself; thus rendering us a curse not only to ourselves but to all with whom we come in contact. We should take a cheerful view of life and be ever seeking the virtues and beauties of our friends and surroundings, not their vices and deformities. Sweep before your own door before attempting to clean up the yard of your neighbor.

Blue Ridge Conference.

The Blue Ridge Conference met in its fifth annual session in Greenville, Tenn., Wednesday, October 10, 1897, at 10 a. m., Bishop C. R. Harris, D. D., presiding, associated by Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D. Rev. P. H. Williams lined the hymn "And are we yet alive." Bishop Harris read the scripture lesson. Rev. J. S. Henderson supplicated the throne of grace.

The following are the officers: Secretary and Compiler, P. H. Williams; Assistant Secy., W. H. Anderson, Statistical Secy., J. W. Wright; Recording Secy., G. W. Rose.

Bishop Harris read his Episcopal Address which was timely, interesting and scholarly. Rev. Wm. Lyons preached a grand annual sermon at 7 p. m., from Acts 16:28, Theme "Paul as a Missionary."

Bishop Clinton, after being introduced, said he felt to be at home and admonished the brethren to stick to the old landmarks. Editor J. W. Smith, and Rev. E. J. Carter of the West Tenn. and Miss. Conference, were introduced and made speeches.

Rev. W. B. Sample tendered his resignation which was accepted. There was an enjoyable time Thursday night. Welcome addresses were made by Mr. Nelson Fitzgerald, Mr. A. B. Pearson, Prof. R. A. Morrissey and Hon. A. H. Pettibone. Responses were made by Rev. G. L. White and Bishop G. W. Clinton. Greater speeches were never heard before in Greenville. Sister Binah Garrett was elected Vice-President of the W. H. and F. M. Society. One woman from each circuit and station was elected local missionary agent for the conference. Rev. G. Fortune preached on "The Power of miracles" on Friday night, text John 11:43.

The Sabbath was a great day. Services were held in the church and in the Opera House. At the latter place Bishop Harris preached in the morning; Bishop G. W. Clinton in the afternoon; Editor J. W. Smith in the evening. Their sermons charmed and electrified, and white and colored people said such sermons were never heard before in Greenville. The whites said such able men ought to belong to the white race. Revs. B. J. Hill, M. D. Smith and F. R. White preached excellent sermons in our church.

The reports of the four presiding elders, A. G. Kesler, T. F. H. Blackman, R. A. Morrissey and S. T. Stinson were satisfactory and showed that their hard-working men had made progress. Nearly all of the delegates asked for the return of pastors. The conference decided to give Bishop Harris a robe. The robe question was heatedly discussed, 45 voting for and 4 against it. Bishop Harris said he didn't care anything for robes because it would not make him any better Christian, but he was willing to

wear one in order to be in harmony with the other bishops; that he thought all the bishops should wear robes or none should wear it; that he will wear it under protest until the General Conference meets and acts upon it; that if the General Conference was against it all of the bishops would disrobe. All of those pastors who collected and held Children's Day money until Conference met were according to law, made to pay \$2 each. James Weems, J. W. Henderson and James W. Penland were received on trial; James Sheffey, Giles Fortune, J. C. Chandler, M. F. Wilson and Nelson Fitzgerald were received into full connection. L. V. Wilson was ordained deacon. The new societies organized and received this year were Asheville Mission, Mingo Mission, Richland Mission and Tasselton Mission.

Rev. I. D. Panks died the past year and eulogistic services were held by the conference, the speakers being Revs. J. W. Wright and F. A. Moulden. A collection was lifted for the bereaved widow.

In order to build up Greenville College Prof. R. A. Morrissey asked to be relieved from the presiding eldership so as to take the field. Rev. P. H. Williams was appointed to fill the vacancy. Conference reported \$891.95, general fund raised—an increase of \$31.95 over last year. The bishop said it was a poor increase.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock, while the conference was in session, Rev. G. E. Carter, pastor of our church which entertained the conference, was in the presence of a large audience happily married to Miss Minnie Wilson, a very fine young Christian lady. Several white friends were present and a brass band discoursed sweet music just as they arrived at the church.

After a few fatherly words of advice Bishop Harris read the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

Knoxville District—T. F. H. Blackman, P. E. Logan Temple, F. L. White; Clinton Chapel, G. W. Brazelton; East Port Circuit, J. H. Leroy; Oakland circuit, M. D. Smith; Little River circuit, F. A. Moulden; Sevierville circuit, J. C. Chandler; Dandridge circuit, F. N. Neely; New Market circuit, R. Williams; Morristown and Rocks, H. T. James; Carriytown circuit, B. F. Felders; Middleboro and Pinesville, M. Slades; Harland mission, J. Weems; Newport, L. V. Watson.

Asheville District, A. G. Kesler, P. E. Asheville, J. W. Wright; South Asheville, G. W. Hampton; West Asheville, H. T. Wright; West End mission, B. J. Hill; Shiloh and Swannanoa, W. J. Williams; Hendersonville circuit, Wm. Lyons; Shaw's Creek circuit, E. Z. Goodman; Clear Creek circuit, A. Wilson; Waynesville circuit, Wm. Anderson; Franklin circuit, C. W. Walton; Murphy circuit, J. Lee; Leicester circuit, J. D. Waddell; Burnsville circuit, B. B. Brown; Hot Spring circuit, J. Fortune.

Greenville District—P. H. Williams, P. E. John City, G. E. Carter; Jonesboro circuit, J. D. Dill; Limestone circuit, J. S. Matthews; Greenville circuit, G. P. Barnes; Whitesburg circuit, H. Baylis; Rogersville, G. L. White; Mooresburg circuit, R. D. Chanler; Zion Hill circuit, W. F. Fenderson; Kingsport circuit, J. J. Kelley; Leadville circuit, W. C. Vanhook; Oldtown circuit, ———; Plum Tree circuit, J. W. Williams.

Bristol District—S. L. Stinson, P. E. Bluff City circuit, G. W. Rose; Bristol, J. S. Henderson; Mendota circuit, J. W. Henderson; Abingdon, Va., J. H. Sliger; Saltville circuit, S. A. Charles; Pulaski circuit, D. Goode; Pocahontas circuit, to be supplied; Union circuit, F. H. Gains; Hillsville circuit, J. H. Jackson; Rosedale circuit, J. W. Pinnington; Lebanon circuit, W. W. Slade; Virginia City circuit, T. B. Hackett; Black Mountain circuit, ———; Jonesville circuit, C. C. Snowden.

Conference will meet the first Wednesday in October, 1898, in Abingdon, Va.

Bishop G. W. Clinton, col., of the A. M. E. Zion Church, spent a part of last week in this city the guest of S. W. Brakebell. Friday night he preached at Zion church to a large audience. Sunday afternoon and evening he preached at the M. E. Church, South, to an audience of white and colored. It would be superfluous to say that he had the most respectful hearing that has ever been accorded to any colored prelate. His sermons were sensible and pregnant with rare thought. There are few, if any of the colored clergy who are his peers in the pulpit. He handles his subject with that ease and grace so proverbial of the cultured and refined ministry. His language being of the purest Queen's English and his delivery so perfect, one never tires of his beautiful metaphorical and silvery eloquence. The Negro race should be proud of and strive to emulate him. The Negro clergy of all denominations would do well to take their cue from his sermon delivered Friday night—W. L. Miller in The Republican, South Pittsburg, Tenn.

The North Carolina Conference will convene at Newbern, North Carolina, Nov. 24, 1897, at 10 a. m. Bishops G. W. Clinton and A. Walters have been invited to be present. Rev. G. H. Miles will preach the opening or communion sermon at 10 a. m.; missionary sermon, Thursday 7:30 p. m., by Rev. D. T. Mitchell. Educational session, Friday 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Wm. Sutton, A. M. By order of the Presiding Bishop, G. W. Clinton, D. D.

Pearl of Interest.

BY REV. J. W. SMITH, A. B.

The presiding eldership is only a blessing when good and competent men fill the office. Men who are failures as pastors are not fit to be presiding elders.

DUTY OF PASTOR TO PRESIDING ELDER.

- 1. Respect him as a brother over you in the Lord.
2. Pray for his success in the office.
3. Raise his assessment by some means before his arrival that the stewards may have more money to settle pastor's salary or other church claims from this Sabbath collection.
4. Announce his appointments at least six weeks before quarterly conference; giving out love-feast tickets to leaders at the same time.
5. Teach the officials to respect the office and the man in it.
6. Speak of his good qualities, and seek always to have him as your abiding friend.
7. Commend him to others.

DUTY OF PRESIDING ELDERS TO PASTORS.

- 1. Recognize in him copartnership in the work of the Lord.
2. Labor to impress the officials that you recognize the preacher as pastor in charge.
3. Stand up for the pastor.
4. Take no sides with members who slander the shepherd.
5. Remember that your living comes through the arduous labor of the preacher.
6. Never be contented to take all the money from a brother and a poor charge.
7. Urge the officials to collect the pastor's salary.
8. Speak of his salary in the public congregation urging the church to pay.
9. Never hunt up a scandal like a canine looking for a bone.
10. Praise the good qualities of the pastor.
11. Never tell the church that you are the executive ex-officio and make the appointments.
12. Consider the interest of pastor and church when recommending a removal or change.
13. Aim to have your preachers live out if possible their four year's term, per discipline.
14. Be confederates for goodness; sake; helpful; teach obedience among the flock, letting your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ having always a dignified deportment among your co-laborers and members of every parish.

Pens of poets, philosophers and historians have pleased, startled and enlightened the world for many thousands of years. Great men, their works and influence have blessed the world during their life and many though "dead yet speaketh."

St. Louis, Mo.

Law And Order.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE A. M. E. ZION CONFERENCE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the A. M. E. Zion Conference recently held at Jefferson City, Mo.:

- "WHEREAS, The life of man is more important than that of the beast of the forest; and
"WHEREAS, The virtue of innocent females of any race must be protected; and
"WHEREAS, The Negro for more than thirty years has been charged with heinous crimes of violating the chastity of women; and
"WHEREAS, The law-abiding and self-respecting Negroes of the United States abhor with the greatest condemnation such ignoble and brutal conduct on the part of the low class of our people or any other race; and
"WHEREAS, We, the Bishop, elders, ministers and members of the A. M. E. Zion Church in America, desiring to go on an everlasting record as being in favor of law and order, be it
Resolved, That every paper in the land published by Negroes warn the race against such wicked practices; be it further
Resolved, That every Negro Bishop and minister of our Church preach and teach the subject of virtue; and be it further
Resolved, That this 'race message' be sent to every colored preacher in America; be it further
Resolved, That as the destruction of human life is so alarming by mobs, who also slay innocent men, that we here appeal to the white clergymen of America to preach against lynch law in all of its forms; and be it further
Resolved, That we bind ourselves as Christian agents to assist all legal authority by teaching and preaching in favor of the maintenance of virtue, law and order; be it further
Resolved, That we here herald to all parts of America our righteous indignation and condemnation of all rapists and lynchers, and that the majesty of the law must be upheld at all hazards."
St. Louis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat.

Anniversary Offerings To Bishop Hood.

Miss Jennie Jones, silver fruit spoon, \$1.75
Miss B. Robinson, a silver desert spoon, 1.75
Mr. Morris Hill, 1.75
" James S. Taylor, 1.75
Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Stanton, Newark, N. J., 2.75
Mrs. Sarah J. Transue, 1.75
G. E. Morris, Kinston, N. C., 50
Mrs. Mary M. Jackson, N. Y., 1.75
Rev. W. H. Parker, Gt. Barrington, 1.00
" J. W. Wright, Baltimore, Md., 1.00
Mr. Solomon Stephens, Va., 1.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Harrisburg, Pa., 1.00
Mrs. N. A. Twitty, Union Mills, NC, 25
Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Simmons, 1.00
Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 25
A. M. E. Zion S. S., Trenton, N. J., 1.75
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gomez, Tuskegee, Ala., 1.50
Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Marable, 2.00
Collected by Rev. Marable, 2.00
Rev. J. C. House, 50
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenney, Trenton, N. J., 1.75
Rev. and Mrs. A. Wakefield, Indianapolis, Ind., 2.00
Rev. J. J. Donohoo, 1.00
" A. H. Dorsey, 1.25
" J. W. L. Council, 25
Mr. P. C. Alexander, Alabama, 50
Rev. W. D. Smith, Georgia, 1.00
Mr. L. B. Blackledge, Bayboro, NC, 50
Rev. T. B. Reed, N. J., 3.00
" L. B. Williams, 1.00
Mrs. F. A. C. Dyson, Wash'gton, DC, 1.00
Mr. John L. Borden, Kinston, NC, 1.00
Rev. J. B. Williams, 50
Miss C. A. Smith, 25
Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Gaskill, Waterbury, Conn., 3.00
Mr. James Weaver, Waterbury, Ct., 50
" Henry C. Canty, " 50
Mrs. Caroline T. Thompson, " 1.75
Master James W. Gaskill, " 1.75
Master Wm. Varick Gaskill, " 1.75
Misses Geneva and Gertrude Gaskill, " 1.75
Master Clarence Gaskill, " 1.75
" Sylvester B. Gaskill, Jr., " 1.75
Mrs. Amanda Johnson, 1.75
Mrs. Maria Day, 1.75
Mr. Theo. Thompson, 1.75
Mrs. F. M. Robinson, 1.00
Miss Louisa Westcott, 25
Mrs. Evelyn Farmer, 50
Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Martin, Shelby, N. C., a silver cake basket.
Miss Maggie V. Overton, 50
Rev. E. U. Goler Salisbury, N. C., 2.00
Rev. J. M. Farley, 1.00
Prof. J. H. M. Butler, 1.00
Miss E. V. Bird, 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. V. C. Eato, 1.75
Rev. A. Chapel, 75
Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hazel, 1.50
Prof. and Mrs. D. B. Alsdorf, 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Alsdorf, 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson, 2.00
" also a silver cake basket.
Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Prime, 2.00
Mr. Levi M. Hood, 1.00
Mrs. M. A. Morris, 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, 1.75
Mrs. Cordelia Jewell, two silver napkin rings.
Mrs. Sarah Jones, Reveytown, NJ, 1.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. Fairfax, 1.75
Mrs. Josephine Francis, 1.00
Rev. B. J. Bolding, Media, Pa., 1.25
Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Wales, 1.75
Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Moultrie, 1.75
Rev. J. S. Jackson, 1.75
Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Ardis, 2.00
Miss E. A. Gardner, 50
Mrs. S. A. Thornton, 1.75
Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Biddle, 2.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, 50
Rev. P. B. Fletcher, 75
" Wm. McKoy, 1.00
" S. P. Cook, 1.00
" R. K. Kerns, 1.00
" P. H. Williams, 1.00
" G. C. Clement, 1.00
" H. W. Howard, 1.00
" B. F. Martin, 1.00
Mr. Peter Downing, 75
Mrs. Sarah Biddle, 50
Mrs. Sarah C. Correy, 50
Mrs. M. M. Lee, 1.75
Mr. Robert H. Cordis, N. Y., 50
Rev. C. W. Winfield, 1.75
Prof. S. G. Atkins, 1.00
Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Dudley, a silver bread basket.
Prof. E. Evans, 1.00
Mrs. Alice Cogswell, 25
St. Peter's Sabbath-school, 1.43
" church, Newbern, N. C., 5.00
State Street church, Mobile, 14.00
Rev. F. W. Puryear, St. Louis, Mo., 1.00
" B. M. Gudger, 1.00
" Wm. M. Jackson, a silver butter knife.
Mr. H. P. Dunham, 25
Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Mitchell, 1.00
Rev. J. N. Levy, 1.00
" J. H. Hardin, 50
" T. H. Edwards, N. Y., 1.00
" G. C. Carter, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 50
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Handy and Mrs. Jane L. Thomas, 1.75
Rev. E. J. Cambell, 1.75
" D. L. Irwin, Memphis, Tenn., 1.00
" J. C. Cox, N. C., 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Treadwell, West-bury, N. Y., 3.00
Rev. S. T. Meek, S. C., 1.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Davenport, 1.75
Miss J. N. Perdue, Mrs. M. Enos and Mrs. T. A. Call, 1.00
Mrs. Mary Conley, 25
" S. D. Wadkins, 25
Rev. J. H. V. Harris, Walnut Grove, Ga., 1.00
Rev. S. J. Hargrave, 50
Rev. and Mrs. P. A. McCorkle, 1.50
Mrs. Jennie Price, 2.00
Rev. H. B. Moss, 1.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. Campbell, 1.75
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Day, 2.00
Rev. G. Sexton, Stockton, Ala., 25
" A. J. McDonald, 1.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Marshall, 1.50
" W. C. Cooper, 1.00
" and Mrs. W. H. Smith, 1.00
" and Mrs. W. H. Coffey, 4.00
Mrs. Rebecca Fray, New Haven, 1.50
" Julia White, 1.00
" G. C. Wilmore, 50
" Martha Nash, 50
Mr. John A. Hall, 1.00

Woman's Column.

RES. BISHOP G. C. PETTET, EDITOR.

Prominent Women in Zion.

In the Southwest we have a Christian heroine in the person of Mrs. Eliza Lee, of Amite City, La. For more than thirty years she has labored unceasingly for the upbuilding of our beloved Zion. Being zealous by nature and philanthropic in spirit she has spared neither time, pains nor money in looking after the welfare of the Church of her choice. Some years ago she gave the lot upon which our new church in Amite City is built and contributed very largely of her own money in the erection of the building. She did not tell the trustees to go ahead and build, that the ground was alright; but remembering that life is uncertain and that we are destined sooner or later to leave our worldly goods, she wisely arranged matters to suit any and all emergencies by presenting the trustees with a deed properly made out in the name of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Then beholding the conglomerated masses of ignorance everywhere about her, she resolved to do her part by dispelling the superstitious mist by giving her people in that remote section more light. She then gave to the A. M. E. Zion Church three large lots for educational purposes. Mrs. Lee attended the last General Conference which convened in State St. Church, Mobile, Ala., and formerly presented these deeds, which had been for two years in the possession of Bishop Pettet.

For thirty-three years she has labored with the numerous pastors who have been sent to establish Zion in New Orleans. Quite recently on hearing of the distress of Pettet's Chapel in this great city, Mrs. Lee went to New Orleans in company with Rev. N. N. Norris, the pastor at Amite City and President of Lee Institute, and bought in every note against and mortgage hanging over our church. Notwithstanding these facts our good brethren in the Louisiana Conference have slowly meted out their meed of praise upon this noble woman. All Zion should know of her; all Zion should be proud of her; and all Zion's traveling veterans should honor the name of Eliza Lee, of Amite City, La.

There is a matter which will be of historic interest a century from now when woman shall have entered every door of usefulness now ajar to the sterner sex only, and that is this: Mrs. Mary McKee of Hearne, Texas; Mrs. Hubbard of Stoneham, Texas; Mrs. Ella V. Campbell of San Francisco; and Mrs. E. E. Davis of San Jose, are the first women ever elected as lay delegates to a Methodist General Conference in the United States of America. They were delegated to the General Conference which convened in John Wesley Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1892.

Mrs. McKee was the first one of the four elected. She is an ardent church worker and has done much to establish Zion in Hearne, Calvert and along the Brazos bottoms in Texas. For many years she has been Conference Vice President of the W. H. and F. M. Society.

Mrs. Ella V. Campbell is the first regularly elected lay-woman to attend a General Conference. She is one of the pillars of Stockton St., A. M. E. Zion Church, San Francisco, and is also very prominent in the social circles of her city, being amiable, affable and much devoted to her friends.

Mrs. L. N. Guinn of Hollidaysburg, Pa., is an exceptional woman. She is a licensed preacher and a member of the Allegheny Conference. Her husband, Rev. L. N. Guinn, has a circuit of two churches, viz., Hollidaysburg and Altoona. When he is at one church, she is at the other and the members declare her to be a great preacher and quite acceptable. She does much to lessen the labors of her husband and to assist him in the great work to which he has been called. God bless this noble woman. May she live long to enjoy the fruits of her labor.

The recent articles of Miss E. V. Bird of New York have caused the Star to shine with greater lustre. Since '92 she has rendered the Connection yeoman service in the Book Room. She is cultured, energetic and enthusiastic in the performance of duty. She is an accurate copyist and a type writer of no mean ability. Miss Bird wields a ready pen and is a very entertaining writer, always using the Queen's English in good style. The vivid description of her trip across the continent was both interesting and instructive. She evinced more than ordinary descriptive powers. We always read her articles with peculiar pleasure for they brought fresh to our mind many noted places frequented by us when the Golden Gate was in our district. Very glad, however that our good friend did not encounter an avalanche as we did on one occasion in Northern California.