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## LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE.

Our Chief Connectional School—Character of The Work.

### RESULTS VERY GRATIFYING.

We attended the Western North Carolina Conference last week in Salisbury, N. C., presided over by the witty and courageous Bishop T. H. Lomax, D. D., and also visited Livingstone College several times, and we here present the cuts of the college and its President and two of its professors. The faculty consists of eight teachers. We gather these "General Statements" from its catalogue:

### ORIGIN OF THE WORK.

Livingstone College is a regularly chartered institution. It was incorporated in 1870, and the first session was held in one room of a colored minister's parsonage in Concord, N. C., in 1880, but was more definitely organized in 1882, and began its work on its new premises the first Wednesday in October of that year. The new site consisted of one building and forty acres of land. The school opened with three teachers, three pupils, and a matron.

It was chartered as a college in 1885. The idea of an educational institution for the training of colored youths was the result of a conference of colored ministers for the promotion of self-reliant education among the colored people. It was argued that our friends at the North had done much for us as a race in this direction, and the time had come for us to begin to do something as a supplement to their generous benevolence. This was the beginning of the educational enterprise now known as Livingstone College, named in honor of David Livingstone, the great Christian missionary, philanthropist and discoverer.

### GROWTH STEADY.

During the fifteen years of our history the growth of the work has been steady and commendable in every particular. It has gradually increased from year to year, in numbers, efficiency, and in the list of substantial friends. During the 15 years we have had in attendance students from different parts of the United States, Africa and from the British West Indies.

### GROWTH IN BUILDINGS.

We have now four large buildings on the campus. Huntington Hall is a three-story frame building 91x38 feet. On the basement floor we have a spacious dining-room, kitchen and store-rooms. The first floor affords space for the chapel or assembly room, library, reception room and two recitation rooms. The second and third stories are occupied as dormitories by lady teachers and students—girls. The building is named in recognition of a large gift toward its erection by Hon. C. P. Huntington, of New York, who is an annual contributor to our work.

Stanford Seminary is a large brick building 100x40 feet, four stories high. The first floor of this hall is fitted up with assembly and recitation rooms for the Preparatory or Grammar school department. The second and third stories are used as dormitories for girls. The fourth story is not completed. This story is greatly needed as the building is crowded every year; \$1,000 is needed to complete and furnish this floor. This building is named in honor of the late Senator Leland Stanford, of California, who gave the money that has thus far entered into its erection. When completed it will accommodate comfortably twenty-four girls more.

Dodge Hall. This is a brick structure 60x40 feet, and four-stories high. The first floor affords accommodation for the Normal department. The assembly and class rooms for this work are on this floor. The second, third and fourth stories of this building are used as dormitories for young men.

The Ballard Industrial Hall is a two-story brick building 66x26 feet. The first floor is used for carpentry and cabinet working and store rooms for furniture. On the second floor is the printing department and shoe shop. This building was erected by Mr. Stephen Ballard, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been a generous and substantial friend of the institution for several years.

### SUCCESSFUL BRICK YARD.

The institution has a very good brick yard. All the brick used in the construction of our large brick buildings, were made on our ground, the students doing a large part of the work. In the erection of one of these buildings, viz: Ballard Industrial Hall, the students made the brick, and under the direction of the superintendent of industries, put up the building.

### INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

We regard industrial training as an indispensable feature in Negro education. In keeping with this idea, we have encouraged the industries from the beginning. The school has had in successful operation for several years an industrial department, embracing carpentry, cabinet-making, shoe-making, printing, bricklaying, plastering, sewing, cooking and farming. The results of this endeavor have been gratifying.

### SPECIAL DONATIONS.

It is an encouraging sign of progress in Negro education when we see colored men and women making substantial gifts to their own institutions of learning. Mr. John Henry Butler, of Baltimore, Md., has donated to Livingstone College sixty (60) acres of valuable land near

Gainsville, Fla. The deed for the same is now in the hands of the treasurer of the college. In addition to this Living-



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stone College stands on and owns 53 acres of land in Salisbury, N. C.

The late Mr. Chas. G. Chase, of Boston, Mass., for several years made annual contributions towards the maintenance of the college, especially in assisting worthy students in their efforts for an education and donated the college with a life size portrait of Abraham Lincoln valued at \$1,000. It is said by competent judges to be the most life-like and expensive painting of the martyred President in existence. The son of Mr. Chase says his father's interest in the college shall be sustained.

Mr. Potter, for many years a generous contributor to the college, at his death remembered it in his will. The college has received a bequest of \$2,500 from the estate of Mr. Potter, which has been invested and the income for the same used for the education of girls who have no other means of support.

Rev. A. J. F. Behrends, D. D., the popular pastor of the Central Congregational church, Brooklyn, N. Y., visited the college as commencement orator in '92 and was so well pleased with the work done and being done that he and friends and congregation have taken a special interest in building up a new library of books for the college.

Mr. S. C. Dizer, of Boston, has recently donated \$1,000 worth of new books to the college and contributes annually a sum for the support of the work.

Last winter through the intercession of Rev. J. B. Colbert, a graduate of this college, Mr. George Henry, of Providence, R. I., was induced to donate to the college his large, valuable and excellent library, together with splendid relics of the days gone by, the picture of himself and Mrs. Martha Henry, and that of John Brown and several other noted characters. The faculty and students decided to name it "The George and Martha Henry Library." We hope soon to hear of other graduates of Livingstone College following the example of Rev. Colbert.

The late Rev. Nathaniel J. Green, D. D., one of our most noted preachers, arranged in his will that his very valuable library of theological books should be given to the college. The gift has been received and it is the first gift in this direction coming from one of Zion's ministers. We trust our other ministers will follow this splendid example. The students were never more careful and enthusiastic in their reading than now.

### A SELF-RELIANT ENDEAVOR.

Livingstone College is a Negro self-help enterprise. It represents this idea to a greater degree than any institution in the South. A large per centage of the money required to maintain it is paid by Negroes than in any similar work in the country. Every teacher is paid out of funds appropriated by colored people. This fact is encouraging, to say the least, especially when it is remembered that the race is a little over a quarter of a century removed from a degrading and dependent bondage of 240 years—a system that meant to crush out of him—the Negro—all manly instincts, and to reduce him to the aimless life and mechanical level of the brute. The college has no State aid and no wealthy organization behind it. It is supported largely by the A. M. E. Zion Church. The progress of Livingstone College has the favor of the father of us all as well as the consideration of good men and women. The college thanks its many friends in and out of Zion who have encouraged and helped in the work from year to year. Donations in cash or material, whether new or second hand, will be very gratefully received.

The following is a report of the condition of the college as rendered last week in the Western North Carolina Conference:

Bishop and Members of the Western North Carolina Conference: We the committee appointed to report on the progress of Livingstone College, our chief educational institution, beg to submit the following: We have visited the grounds and buildings of the college and find the work in a good and prosperous condition. The property of the institution is well kept. The teaching force is efficient; the character of the work as displayed during our visit and demonstrated in the exercises of the college

and also in the good and great work done, and being done, by the students who have gone forth from the school, is truly gratifying.

Twenty years ago, at the meeting of this Conference in this city we decided to locate a college here for the training of our youths and the better preparing of men for the pulpits of our Church. We had then no money, but we had, then as now, men of ability, men of determination, self-sacrificing, men with unshaken faith in God. The result of their faith, self denial and determination is seen in the broad acres, massive buildings and school equipments, valued in all at something over one hundred thousands dollars.

The fruitful brains of Rev. W. H. Thurber conceived of this great enterprise. It was fostered by his peers and materialized by and under the splendid leadership of Bishops Hood and Lomax; but the moving spirit of that great and laudable enterprise of our great Church now sleeps in the bosom of its green campus. He completed his part of the work in ten eventful years, at the close of which God called him; and Dr. J. C. Frice passed to his rest in the month of October, 1892. The teachers he gathered around him, though poorly paid and somewhat discouraged because of his apparent untimely taking off, nevertheless remained at their posts and continued to develop the plans and

materialize the ideas of the great leader and educator, and the work has been kept up to its original standard.

The work on the present site began in 1883. The trustees employed three teachers and they opened with two students; one of these two students is now an active and successful minister in the itinerancy of our Church, a member of this Conference, and one of the marshals on this floor to-day, thus demonstrating and emphasizing the object and aim of this institution from its very start; namely, to prepare men for the ministry of our Church. We have matriculated since the enrollment of those first two students two thousand eight hundred and forty-five. We have regularly graduated of these one hundred and fifty-five, among whom are men and women as teachers, preachers and other professional pursuits, three general officers among whom is a Bishop, three college presidents and 7 professors in Livingstone College, railroad clerks, officers in the government and a large number of mechanics scattered all over the country. Very few come to and go from the institution with embracing religion, and the moral status of our students is of a high order.

We rejoice in the great interest the general Church and especially the Western North Carolina Conference has taken in the College, by the encouragement they give in the increased collections on Children's Day and other donations to the college. We make special mention of such efforts as that made by Presiding Elder M. V. Marable and the ministers of the Lincolnton district. The Theological Department in the English course, under a strong corps of instructors, improved course of instruction will begin January 1st, 1898; and it is hoped that the generous contributions of the members of this Conference to sustain the theological chair will be continued.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee.

Rev. B. Lynch is the right man for us. The grand work accomplished by him this year proves it. Because of a small membership and a dilapidated building, the members had become discouraged. Bishop G. W. Clinton appointed him here September a year ago and he went right to work tearing off the old roof, getting under the building with jack-screws and making a respectable building out of this old hull that has stood since the days of slavery. Nearly every cent of the indebtedness has been paid. He has put in the church an organ costing \$110, and increased the congregation 75 per cent.—New Castle, Ky. Robert Ward.

## PERSONS AND THINGS.

Notes On The Blue Ridge And Tennessee Conferences.

BY REV. B. A. MORRISSEY, A. M.

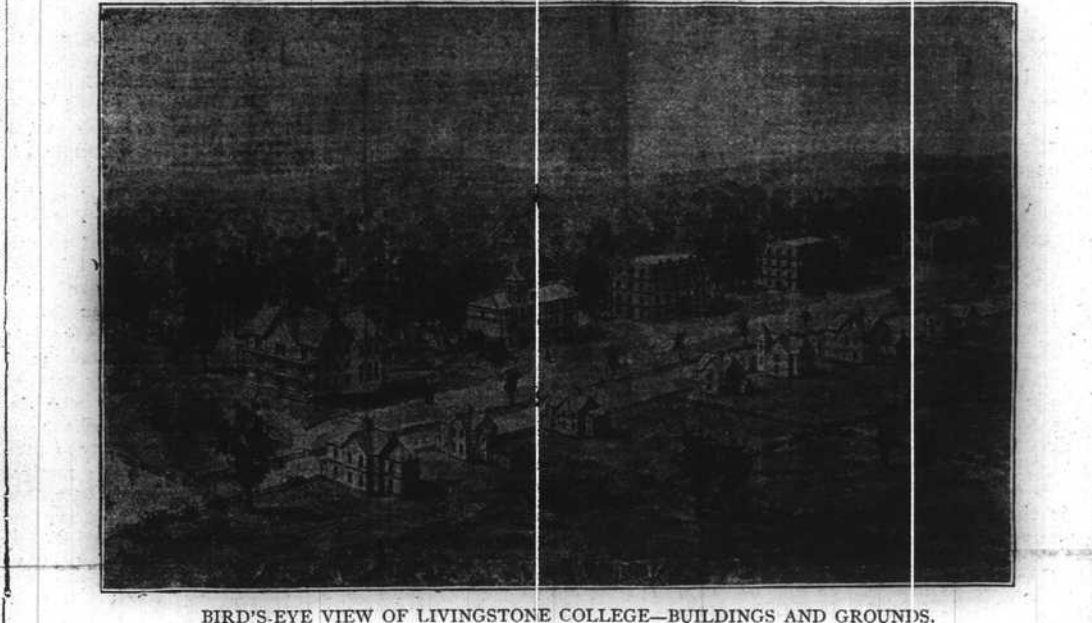
The Blue Ridge Conference recently held in Greenville, Tenn., Rt. Rev. C. R. Harris, D. D., presiding, was a decided success in every way. He was associated by the eloquent Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D., who rendered valuable assistance in holding Conference.

Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., the brainy Editor of the *Star of Zion* and the fearless champion of our Church, was present and added much inspiration to the Conference by his personal magnetism and active participation in the proceedings.

One of the interesting features of the Conference were the welcome addresses delivered by Hon. A. H. Pettybone, Ex-member of Congress, Prof. J. N. Fitzgerald, Mr. A. D. Pearson

was crowded to overflow with the white and colored citizens of Greenville to hear Bishops Harris and Clinton, and Editor Smith. All of the sermons were rich and masterly discourses and elicited merited praise from the great concourse of people who had assembled to hear them. The white citizens of Greenville and many of the colored remarked that they did not know until the sitting of the Conference that Zion had such able men. Rt. Rev. C. R. Harris presided over the Conference to the entire satisfaction of all and again put himself on record as a wise and judicious executive and master of assemblies.

The Tennessee Conference which met later in the picturesque and historic city of National fame, Chattanooga, presided over by Bishop G. W. Clinton, associated by Bishop Harris, was made conspicuous by the presence of three of the General Officers:



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and the writer, and the responses by Revs. J. W. Alsbark, D. D., A. J. Warner, D. D., and J. W. Smith, D. D.; also Revs. F. R. White, E. J. Carter and B. M. Gudger were present. These big men in Zion by their speeches and sermons aroused so much enthusiasm and interest until the occasion seemed more like that of a General instead of an Annual Conference.

The Missionary and Educational sermons preached by Revs. T. J. Manson and W. H. Ferguson were pronounced by many to be the ablest and best they had heard on the subjects. The verdict was unanimous among the ministers and Bishops present that Livingstone would honor itself in conferring the degree of D. D. on these two able and hard working leaders in the Tennessee Conference.

Sunday in Chattanooga was a high day for Zion. Bishop Clinton, Dr. Smith and Dr. Warner preached in the city auditorium, the seating capacity of which is estimated at from five to six thousand people. The sermons were so good, practical and convincing and went home to the hearts of the people in such a manner until many of them could not refrain from giving vent to their joy in uproarious demonstrations. Editor Smith, has won fresh laurels by his recent visits to the Blue Ridge and Tennessee Conferences; and his masterly sermons and speeches made him the subject of much comment for the Bishopric at the next session of the General Conference, provided any Bishops are elected. The brethren before, having never met him face to face, had only known him as a brilliant editor and fearless debater; but now they know him as a great and electrifying pulpit orator and an able ready extemporaneous speaker whenever he is called out. If Drs. Smith and Warner continue to make such profound and lasting impressions as they made at these Conferences by their speeches and sermons the other candidates may look well to the laurels. Stick a peg down here!



SECRETARY B. A. JOHNSON, A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee.

On Saturday the Conference in a body visited Greenville College and after inspecting the building and the grounds, every one expressed entire satisfaction at the condition of the school and recent improvements made. The Trustees of the College met and transacted much important business for the good of the school. They assured the faculty that they were well pleased with the management of the school and its condition and would do all they could for its future success.

On the Sabbath, the Opera House

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TREASURER F. H. NOBLE, A.M., LL.B.

leader of men. Surely the Bishop is following closely in the wake of Bishop Hood, our oldest and greatest leader.—President Greenville (Tenn.) College.  
New York.

## THE W. N. C. CONFERENCE.

A GREAT SESSION—MUCH IMPROVEMENT—LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE.

BY REV. D. C. COVINGTON.

The Western North Carolina Conference convened in Salisbury Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1897, at 12 o'clock a. m., with Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Lomax, D. D., in the chair. He opened Conference by reading Hebrews 6th chapter and 61st chapter of Isaiah, and commented upon the same. "Talk with us Lord, thy self reveal," etc. was lined by Rev. H. L. Simmons, P. E. Rev. M. V. Marable, P. E., addressed the throne of grace. The Bishop then made some timely remarks to the delight of the Conference, and then proceeded to the election of the following officers: Rev. S. F. Hamilton, D. D., secretary; Rev. B. F. Martin, assistant secretary; Rev. D. C. Covington, reporter to the *Star of Zion*, Charlotte Observer and city papers.

Bishop Hood, the oldest active Negro Bishop in the world, and his devoted wife, were introduced. The Conference was pleased to the highest to have the Senior Bishop with them. Bishop Lomax said, "I am pleased to have Bishop Hood with us to associate me in my work here, and I extend to him a cordial welcome." Evangelist R. Alonzo Scott, the "Singing Pilgrim" and evangelist of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Revs. J. B. Colbert, J. S. Settle, T. P. R. Moore and T. F. Morr, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced. These gentlemen made some very encouraging remarks. Dr. Blackwell responded.

At 7:30 p. m., Wednesday evening Rev. R. Alonzo Scott, associated by J. B. Colbert, and D. C. Covington, preached the annual sermon from St. Matt. 22:42. It was an able effort and completely captivated the large audience. He, Scott, is the finest singer I ever heard. He has just published a collection of choice songs for church services, Sunday-schools and weekly prayer-meetings. The whole Church would do well to place these songs into our churches, and Sunday-schools. Rev. Scott deserves a place in our Publishing Department somewhere. He is prepared to furnish Zion with all the choice and most select songs of the present day. Let the General Conference of 1900 keep its eye on him. Dr. Goler added strength and sunshine to the Conference. We have only one John C. Dancy, the greatest layman in any Negro Church. He is always ready to take hold of the work of the Church and intensely interested in the uplift of the Negro race.

On Friday night a grand reception was tendered the ministers and delegates in the old church building by the King's Daughters. The Charlotte district raised this year for all purposes \$9,885.18; Statesville district, \$8,271.26; Lincolnton district, \$7,586.35 and Salisbury district, \$8,129.47; total \$34,872.21. This shows up well for the Western North Carolina Conference, considering the fact that the Conference year consisted of only eleven months. The amount of general fund raised this year is \$1800—an increase greatly over last year. The new societies

taken in the Conference, are Columbia Heights in Winston, Brooklyn Mission and Moore's Chapel Mission near Salisbury. Revs. Williams, Edwards and Pagans were ordained [deacons; Revs. N. D. Dickerson, C. H. Ardis, G. J. Turner, W. M. Massey and P. C. Lackey ordained to elders, orders.

The Woman's Missionary meeting was a success. The receipts amounted to \$63. Mrs. Maggie A. Marable, the vice-president of the W. H. and F. Societies of W. N. C., Conference, is always on the alert for the missionary cause. Rev. M. V. Marable, Presiding Elder of the Lincolnton district, presented Livingstone College with ten dollars from his district. The Conference adjourned to meet in Lincolnton, N. C., on the first Wednesday in Nov., 1898. But before it adjourned the delegates visited Livingstone College in a body last Monday morning, where we listened to an excellent programme, carried out by the leading students. Bishop George W. Clinton responded on behalf of the Conference. Rev. R. B. Bruce spoke cheering words to the College. Bishop Lomax gave some very interesting bits of history concerning the College. We repaired to the dining hall where we took on and enjoyed a good lunch and then returned to the Conference and resumed work again. Livingstone College is doing a great work for the Church and race in general. They have on roll now one hundred and twenty-five students—a splendid enrollment up to the present time.

I cannot close this report without making some mention of the Sunday services. Sunday was a high day in Salisbury. Prof. S. G. Atkins addressed the Sabbath-school at 10 o'clock a. m. Dr. J. W. Smith, President of Zion, preached a powerful sermon at 11 o'clock. Bishop G. W. Clinton, the youngest Bishop in the world, preached a wonderful sermon at 3 o'clock, and at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Lomax carried his audience away. It was indeed a great day. The following are the appointments:

Statesville district, R. H. Simmons, D. D., presiding elder. Statesville station, R. O. Collins; Belmont circuit, J. S. Smith; Mooreville circuit, A. L. Newby; Catawba circuit, P. C. Hilton; Newton circuit, A. McIver; Hickory station, B. F. Martin; Forney's Tabernacle circuit, H. S. McMullen; Morgantown station, T. P. R. Moore; Marion circuit, C. L. Byers; Sittom circuit, W. D. Dickerson; Wilkesboro circuit, W. B. Grady; Taylorsville circuit, A. L. McIntyre; Columbus chapel circuit, J. A. Miller; Torrance chapel circuit, S. L. Hyatt.

Charlotte district, H. L. Simmons, presiding elder. Lincoln chapel, D. C. Covington; Grace church, G. C. Cleant; Little Rock church, H. B. Moss; Biddleville circuit, D. E. Best; Jones chapel, Wm. Little; Center Grove circuit, S. M. Pharr; Steele Creek circuit, H. B. Bennett; China Grove station, J. W. Smith; Pineville circuit, S. W. Jackson; Moving Glade circuit, Wm. Massey; Jonesville circuit, G. G. Musgrave; Rockwell circuit, P. J. Holmes; Jonahville circuit, M. Caldwell; Moore's Sanctuary station, W. L. Alexander; Greenville mission, J. J. Hunter.

Salisbury district, P. A. McCorkle, presiding elder. Salisbury station, R. B. Bruce; Cleveland circuit, Wm. Johnson; Second Creek circuit, F. H. Cummings; Union chapel circuit, W. E. Howard; Providence circuit, J. A. House; Miller's chapel circuit, W. J. McIntyre; Mocksville circuit, R. L. Houston; Piney Grove circuit, C. H. Ardis; Smith Grove circuit, A. J. Anthon; Hickory Grove circuit, F. L. Bell; Winston station, A. McLes; Bethania circuit, J. G. Williams; Cedar Hill circuit, H. J. Simpson; Popular Springs, A. T. Clement; Carter circuit, Wm. Rickert; Moore's chapel mission, S. W. Speight; Mt. Airy mission, J. B. Turrar.

Lincolnton district, M. V. Marable, presiding elder. Lincolnton station, S. D. Watkins; Kings Mountain circuit, A. L. Martin; Pleasant Ridge circuit, W. J. Benjamin; Shelby circuit, S. F. Hamilton; Doggett's Grove, S. C. Carber; Rutherfordton circuit, E. L. Campbell; Zions Grove circuit, J. M. Fullinwider; Logan's chapel circuit, W. M. Carpenter; Gastonia circuit, H. Richardson; Mt. Holly, F. M. Edwards; O'Connor circuit, R. D. Davis; Trinity circuit, A. D. Dunlap; Lincolnton circuit, A. L. Long; Mooresboro, N. L. Mills; Chimney Rock, A. J. Pagan.

## BISHOP HARRIS' APPOINTMENTS.

November 21st, Snow Hill circuit, Snow Hill, N. C.  
22-30, Newbern, annual conference.