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EDITORIAL.

NOTHING lower than hypocrisy. WHENEVER things fail to go some people's way they are ready to tumble them over the bank of condemnation.

It is now conceded by Republicans and Democrats that Mark Hanna, of Ohio, will succeed himself in the United States Senate.

AFTER Christmas Bishop G. W. Clinton will give the STAR a series of articles on "Practical Talks for Pastor and People," and "Bible Holiness as I Understand It."

TRUTH is mighty and will prevail; hence, it is well for people to remember that they cannot white-wash their own characters by devilishly endeavoring to black-wash their neighbors.

IF ANY of our conferences which have met and adjourned fail to see the appointments—where the ministers are stationed—in the STAR they must blame their reporters for not sending them to us. Please send them now.

WE had a talk with the General Manager last week and he says if we can bear with him until April that he thinks he can arrange to take out the advertisements and give more space or a larger paper for our correspondents. So note it be.

THOSE pastors and superintendents who desire Christmas programs can get them by writing to Biglow and Main Co., E. Ninth Street, New York, and to the Evangelical Publishing House, 202 and 204 N. Second St., Harrisburg. They will cost five cents each.

INASMUCH as Elder Bloice is replying to Bishop Pettey this week, and several ministers are not intelligently discussing the Bishop's views, Bishop Pettey feels that his entire sermon, and not a synopsis of it, should be printed. We bow and print it. Read both closely.

THE Central Alabama Conference, one of the largest and most progressive conferences in Zion, which met last week in Montgomery, Ala., Bishop T. H. Lomax, presiding, gave the Editor a rousing reception when he appeared for the first time in their midst, and treated him royally.

REV. J. F. MORELAND, D. D., who fled from the yellow fever three months ago, on his return to Mobile, Ala., last week, stopped over last Saturday at the Central Alabama Conference in Montgomery and made a rousing speech saying that the Central North Carolina Conference had humped itself and raised \$3,100 general fund this year.

THE A. M. E. Zion Church has never sent out a richer and finer Quarterly Review than the one just sent out by Editor John C. Dancy. It is Bishop Hood's Silver Anniversary Number, and the brilliant sermons and papers read at his celebration by such Zionites as Bishop C. C. Pettey, Bishop Walters, Bishop G. W. Clinton, Revs. W. H. Goler, William Howard Day, W. J. Moore, J. S. Caldwell, J. H. White and R. H. Simmons, Mrs. M. E. Harris, Editors J. C. Dancy and J. W. Smith appear therein. The Review contains the cuts of Bishop Hood and wife and Congressman Geo. H. White and Senator J. C. Pritchard. The editorials are sparkling gems. Price per copy, 25 cents. Order from the A. M. E. Zion Publication House, Charlotte, N. C.

SOME black people who scorn other people blacker than themselves are miserable over the thought that they are not white. Decent, com-

mon sense Negroes must sit down, and sit down hard, on these restless nobodies. Bruce-Grit calls these stuck-up-nothings "ethnological betweenies"—that is, they are neither pig nor puppy, fish nor fowl. All Negroes have black and bright kin people, and none but jackassical fools who seldom get a square meal a week draw the color line. Good character and reputation, not color and hair, are qualities that make people stand high in decent society. For the last six months drawing the color line by Negroes seems to be the all absorbing topic in the newspapers. Those Negroes guilty of this are scornful dogs, and scornful dogs eat dirty puddings.

WHAT has become of Bishop Small's resolution offered in the Board of Bishops last March requiring each presiding elder to take an account in each quarterly conference of the amount of general fund raised by each pastor and report the same monthly to the conference steward? The fact that it is not put into execution looks as if it were not worth the paper on which it was written. If what several presiding elders and conference stewards say is true it certainly needs enforcement. Let our vigilant General Secretary take the time to send a copy of it at once to our General Manager of the Publication House so that several thousand copies can be printed and put in the hands of each presiding elder. Dr. Blackwell, for the good of Zion, will certainly publish them even if he has to wait until the Bishops can arrange to pay him.

EVERY minister and member should carefully read and preserve the classical and rich controversy that is now being carried on in the STAR between Bishop C. C. Pettey and Rev. Jno. A. D. Bloice on "Biblical and Patriotic Episcopacy." There are only a very few ministers in any denomination that are booked up on this deep and knotty subject, and now is the opportunity of our lives to sit and drink and become thoroughly familiar with this theological question. Bloice is the most learned young divine not only in Zion, but in this country, and ought to be the Dean of the Theological Department in Livingstone College. He is a ripe Latin, Greek and Hebrew scholar, familiar with the Scriptures and full of theology. In crossing swords with Bishop Pettey, Bloice is running up against another polished scholar, instructive historian and an erudite theologian.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH.

The brainy divines in all denominations are reading, thinking, investigating. The Catholics are trying to find out whether the Pope is infallible or not; the Presbyterians are wrestling with "Higher Criticism;" the Methodists with Biblical Episcopacy; or second or third ordination; and now the Baptists are disagreeing on baptism by immersion and close communion. Truly the time has come for every minister to read and study the Bible closer in order to be better informed and abler equipped "to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." Without comment we publish the following telegraphic item to show how the white Baptists have backslidden from their two favorite dogmas:

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17.—The Baptist Congress last night knocked the props from under the belief that immersion is a necessary prerequisite to the Lord's Supper. Rev. Theodore M. Betts, of Brooklyn declared that he had been a Baptist for 40 years, and for 16 years was a close communionist, adding: "I have come to the conclusion that I have been wrong. I stand here to-night opposed to close communion. What is the purpose of the Lord's Supper? To bring to our remembrance the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To do this, it is not necessary that the communicant should first be immersed."

Rev. D. O. P. Gifford, of Buffalo, said: "We challenge the assumption that the New Testament does furnish us with the model of the Church; that the model of the Church was finished in Corinth, or Rome, or Ephesus; that the practice of the Church in the first century is a common law, and all departures from that practice savor of sedition and anarchy. The essence of the Lord's Supper is in the power to discern the Lord's body. Immersed men who fail to discern the Lord's body do not observe the Lord's Supper. Unimmersed men who do discern the Lord's body do observe the Lord's Supper."

Dr. Rossell H. Congell, of Philadelphia, declared that not only was baptism a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, but, on the contrary, it was an ordinance peculiarly adapted to the needs of the erring and imperfect. Dr. Theodore A. K. Gessler, of Lake Hopatcong, N. J., declared that baptism was not even a Church ordinance and that Baptists had no right to dictate who shall sit at the Lord's table. Spirituality and not conformance to Church ordinances, he maintained, was the divine conception of the Lord's Supper. There were several speakers who insisted on the old doctrine of baptism as a prerequisite to Communion.

SHOOTING STARS.

The eloquent Rev. James Ed. Mason addressed the New York Preachers Meeting a few days ago and was warmly applauded. Rev. A. McLees, known as the "Black Sam Jones," received a cordial reception in Winston, N. C., and is greeted with a large congregation. He has good collections and five accessions. His family has joined him.

At the session of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Conference at Newbern \$1,000 was raised in an hour for the Coleman Cotton Mill at Concord, which is to employ exclusively Negro labor. Charlotte (N. C.) Daily Observer.

A writer in The Baptist Safeguard of Canton, Miss., says that the credit for all the improvements such as ceiling, putting on the blinds, etc., in our church there belongs to Elder Cable, and the building of the altar to his wife who raised \$12 to pay for it.

Rev. W. H. Smith, D. D., pastor of Old Ship, in Montgomery, Ala., received a telegram from Darlington, S. C., announcing the death of his father the 2nd inst. The Central Alabama Conference called upon Rev. W. S. Meadows to offer prayer in behalf of Dr. Smith and then adjourned for five minutes.

Dr. Rives is the successor of Dr. R. Alonzo Scott as pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church. Dr. Rives is one of the ablest of Zion's ministers. As a scholar he is brilliant; as a theologian he is accomplished. We bespeak for him a successful administration as pastor of one of the largest churches in the state, of which he is worthy. Wilmington (N. C.) Daily Record.

Bishop Pettey, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, says that for many reasons the Afro-American will thrive in the South better than he can in the North. Major Henry J. Hearsey, of New Orleans, gives notice that a constitutional convention will be called in Louisiana, which will adopt some measure that will remove the "Negro" from politics. This may be the reason that Pettey thinks the Afro-American will thrive better. The bishop and the major ought to get their heads together and have an understanding.—Philadelphia Tribune.

The thirty-second annual session of the South Carolina Conference, A. M. E. Zion Church, opened this morning. There are in attendance about 135 ministers and delegates, with two Bishops, T. C. Clinton, D. D., of Lancaster, and Geo. W. Clinton, A. M., D. D., of Charlotte, N. C. Also Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., Editor of the Star of Zion, of Charlotte, is here and made a speech on the duration of the Church. Bishop Clinton, of Charlotte, made a strong appeal for consistency in our ministry.—Kershaw (S. C.) Era.

At home or abroad Dancy can hold his own. He possesses the gift of saying something whenever he opens his mouth and what he says is always applauded. By the way, it is not time for Dancy to be getting ready to take charge of the custom house at Wilmington? It is generally conceded that he will get the place. His services to the party are so well known all over the State that you can hardly find a man of any prominence who will oppose Dancy in anything that he wants.—Macon (N. C.) Blade.

I see that Bruce-Grit, the famous newspaper correspondent who writes for the most illustrious newspapers and magazines of the day, has become a correspondent for the Star of Zion of this city. Bruce-Grit always has something to say when he takes his pen in hand. He knows how to size up the political situation. I read his political chat with much interest through the columns of the Colored American and the Richmond Recorder during the last campaign. I guess he will be somewhat religious in the Star of Zion.—Afro-American Editor in Charlotte (N. C.) Sunday Observer.

Some think that the policy of the Southwestern Christian Advocate is so far influenced by the white members of our Church, that we cannot be true to the best interests of our race in this country. The fact is, this paper is as free on these lines, as the Star of Zion, the Christian Recorder or any other religious weekly in the country. Moreover, we are run about as they are; we go as far as we can on our income, and then draw on the general fund. They are subject to a general board of Book Committee, and so are we; the Southwestern is published in the interests of the Negro of the M. E. Church, and those we have just mentioned, in the interest of the Negro in their respective Churches.—S. W. Christian Advocate.

The annual assembling of the forty-ninth Alleghany and seventh Ohio Conferences of the A. M. E. Zion Church was remarkable for many things. In the early part of the sessions of the conference Bishop J. W. Hood, Senior Bishop of the Church, assisted Bishop C. C. Pettey in presiding. Throughout the entire meeting the fair rulings of the presiding officer, Bishop Pettey, were favorably commented upon by all present. In introducing Bishop Pettey in the early sessions of the Conference Bishop Hood styled him "the scientist and scholar of the bench of A. M. E. Zion Bishops." And, indeed, the truth of the statement made by Bishop Hood could be substantiated by the editor of this department, who had the pleasure of being closely associated with him in a professional way during his stay in the city. Tall and powerful in stature, his massive head towered as far above many who surrounded him as did his wonderful intellect over many over whom he presided. He is true to his religious principles and his Church, profound in thought, deep in research and a delightful talker. He seems to have been planted in a field where he could best subserve the interest of a million downtrodden Zionites. A copy of the Atlanta Constitution shows us stated editorially that Bishop Pettey delivered a speech at the Exposition here a few years

ago, which was the most powerful and masterly delivered during the Exposition. Like her husband, Mrs. Pettey is unassuming, though highly educated, and these facts make the pair all the more to be admired, since these two propensities are so seldom found together. She has proved an invaluable help to her husband and her faithfulness is being daily rewarded. The Negro race would be far better off if it had more Petteys, and the Negro ministry would do well to emulate the example set by him.—Afro-American Editor in Pittsburg Press.

INNOCENT JOHN EVANS.

HONEST JOHN M. SMITH, SHERIFF OF RICHMOND COUNTY, N. C.—SHALL A NEGRO SUFFER FOR A WHITE VILLAIN'S CRIME?

Mr. Editor: As has been said by a long since celebrated character, "the good that man does is often buried with him while his evil deeds live after him."

You have doubtless read of the trial and conviction of John Evans, charged with the rape of a young white woman of this place, on the morning of the 23rd of Oct. last. If so, I shall not narrate the details of the same, except in so far as to show the entire innocence of the young man and the heroism and wisdom of J. M. Smith, sheriff of this county, having the prisoner in charge.

In the first place, the girl who testified as to the identity of the prisoner declared the man who assaulted her was either a white man or a very bright mulatto. (It was about 6 o'clock a. m., when she was victimized.) In consequence of this statement several white men and all the mulattoes in this bailiwick were arrested and marched in single file before this woman—none of these did she recognize. The town and county were in arms, and mad. Many a black boy and man thanked his God that he was black and not yellow or white, because a lynching bee was imminent.

In the meantime a reward of \$600 was offered by the County and State. The thing wearied along; finally a cold black man, 24 years of age, living in Anson County was arrested, brought to this County, carried before the girl whereupon she said this was the man. I wish to say right here that it was necessary to have two military companies here to protect the different men presented for identification from mob violence. One of the prisoners whom the girl said was not the right man had to be taken to South Carolina and lodged in Bennettville jail to prevent being lynched, and others to Raleigh and Wilmington.

These negative and conflicting declarations of the girl were fully set out in evidence before court and jury; besides as complete an alibi as was ever proved in any court on earth by white and colored and yet the jury said he was the man. How could he if he was not there? He was a stranger to most people in town, coming from his work, going home, stopped over night and slept under lock and key another having the key. These are facts which no one contradicts.

It is believed by all that a white man and not a Negro did the crime. Honest John M. Smith is not only a consistent Republican but he is a typical, broad minded, patriotic, brave American citizen. He respects all men according to their stamina as men, fears no man or clique. Liberal, intelligent, with a catching humor in his eye and a friendly smile on his cheeks all the time, unless it is when he meets up with a man-hater and a knave. A warm friend to our Connection and various Negro enterprises, especially is he intimate with Fishop Hood, Dancy and others of our people.

This is the kind of material that successfully baffled the howling mob; full of liquor, parading around, swearing and demanding the prisoners. He was criticised by the would-be lynch-murderers. His timely action invited their malediction. Now that it is all over the good people everywhere cry out "All honor to honest John Smith for saving the County and State the bad odium of being a lynching County and State. Notwithstanding, prisoner was sentenced to be hanged the 26th of next month, it is believed by many that he will yet be saved the ordeal of suffering for another's crime. Lynching is a hydra-headed monster, but when it tackles such men as John M. it bites the dust.

Respectfully, W. H. QUICK.

All persons desiring cuts of themselves, churches, private residences, or of other buildings or things made, would do well to communicate with the undersigned. Yours truly, G. L. Blackwell, Business Manager Publication House.

ZION'S BORDERS EXTENDING.

BY REV. CHAS. O. WATERS.

The harvest is ripe; reapers, thrust in your sickle. Are Zion's watchmen aware of the area and vastness of the fields of ripening grain that are awaiting their coming?

I suggested a few months ago in a letter to Rev. J. S. Caldwell, B. D., of Big Wesley, Philadelphia, to inform Rev. W. H. Snowden, P. E., that Upper Fairmount, Somerset County, Md., was a grand place for Zion. It is an oyster center where hundreds of gallons of oysters are shipped from daily, in the Fall, Winter and Spring, to Northern and Eastern markets, also strawberries and peaches in their season; besides the majority of our people are free-holders. A young man there at the age of 21 years owns his own house and lot. So you see a preacher cannot starve in such a place as this. Plenty of chickens—I came very near forgetting this very choice dish, as dearly as I love it.

In perusing hastily the columns of STAR, Nov. 25th, 1897, my eyes fell upon this item from the pen of Rev. W. H. Snowden, P. E. We have also organized a new work at Upper Fairmount, Md., with 15 members. Here we have bought a beautiful lot and a clear deed for it. I wish I could hear every man, woman and child in Zion, in one chorus, for this victory, singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

I want to assure the readers of the STAR that this is a glorious victory for Zion. When Zion is permanently established in Upper Fairmount, then we'll have the entire county of Somerset. Thank God that Princess Anne and Fairmount have enlisted for God, Zion and the race.

Come on, ye mighty men of Zion! Come on! We'll yet launch the old ship in deeper waters and defy the forts of hell. We're coming. Do you not see that the enemy's camp is in a tumult? Let's increase our Church Extension fund, and all other denominational collections, and we will yet wave Zion's banner in every State and Territory in the Union. God wants His best men for the purpose of extending Zion's borders. The day has come that men must be in action, and every man who cannot keep the banner fluttering under the wind of the Lord is passing by, will have to leave the ranks and make room for a man with more muscle and brain. This age is moving like a lightning express in Church and State; so you are aware of the kind of men that are needed. Generals of Zion's cause, keep the army in motion. Every man that is sick brought on by hardships, discouragements, and inefficiency, put him in the hospital, for we have no time to wait to hear the diagnosis of the physician. There are men and women knocking at the doors of Zion, and we must have sentinels at the doors who know the password, and if the applicants are found worthy to admit them. There are millions of souls to be saved, and a great many will never be satisfied until they are in Zion.

Then, what are we to do under the prevailing circumstances? Every man that has the success of Zion deep in his soul, should carry to his respective conference \$5 for the Church Extension fund, as well as an increase over his apportionment of General Fund. Now, you need not say "Umph! That fellow is saying to much!" Reader! I am a trained man. I love the Church with which I am identified. I want to see Zion stand number one, intellectually, numerically, financially, religiously and morally. Zion needs to be extended here in America, while she is being planted in Africa with the daring efforts put forth by that magnanimous God-fearing Christian hero, Bishop J. B. Small. Shall we hasten and extend her borders? If so, men, attention! Forward, march! and as we go, let us sing:

"Hold the fort for I am coming, Jesus signals still, Wave the answer back to heaven, By thy grace we will."

HURRAH FOR THE N. C. CONFERENCE!

NEWBERN, N. C. Nov. 29, '97. My Dear Smith: The North Carolina Conference is giving the C. N. C. Conference a great race, and has beaten it, in fact, raising nearly \$3,300. That is the record for this year. This Conference is growing more rapidly now than for fifteen years, both in numerical and financial strength. We are having a great time here. Bishop Hood, Dr. Jaylor and Dr. Goler preached yesterday, and great was that preaching; 2,000 people crowded to St. Peter's to attend each service. Am doing the best I can for STAR and Quarterly Review. Very sincerely yours, John C. Dancy.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

THE N. O. CONFERENCE.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church convened in St. Peter's church, Newbern, Wednesday, Nov. 24th, 1897, at 10 a. m., Bishop C. R. Harris, D. D., presiding. Conference opened with devotional exercises and the holy communion, followed by the announcement of the several committees. Bishop Harris delivered a very able Episcopal address touching upon every vital interest of the Church.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m., the church was crowded to its utmost capacity to hear the welcome addresses and responses. Rev. W. A. Byrd, A. B., B. D., of the Presbyterian Church, delivered a most excellent address and welcomed the conference on behalf of the Preachers' Association of the city of Newbern, to which Rev. W. J. F. Moore of Southport, N. C., responded in fitting terms. Mr. J. T. Barnes made a telling speech and extended a very cordial welcome on behalf of St. Peter's church. Verily Mr. Barnes is "little but loud." Hon. John C. Dancy, Zion's most prominent layman, responded in his usual inimitable style. Miss Sudie Hill came forward to represent the Sabbath-school and Varick Christian Endeavor Association; and in very appropriate language extended to the conference the freedom of the city, expressing the wishes of the youth. Miss Hill is a most excellent young lady. Rev. P. L. Cuyler, of Wilmington, N. C., made a happy response, closing amid laughter and applause. The church choir rendered some very choice selections.

Thursday 11 a. m., Rev. D. T. Mitchell of Fayetteville, preached the Thanksgiving sermon. Bro. Mitchell is a very strong man in the pulpit; sound in his theology and apt in his illustrations. His discourse was timely, practical and impressive. In the afternoon various committees submitted their reports; also two of the presiding elders reported. At 7:30 p. m., a reception was tendered the conference in the warehouse. This spacious edifice was crowded and seemingly all enjoyed the evening until the hour of high twelve.

Friday forenoon was spent in the usual conference routine of business, embracing resolutions, committee and presiding elders' reports. The reports of the presiding elders showed progress along all Connectional lines; especially in general fund and church extension work. Many new societies were reported; a great many old churches have been remodeled and many new ones erected, but the most pleasing feature in connection with their reports was the manifestation of perfect harmony between presiding elders and pastors. This fact was further verified by the reports of the lay delegates, as nearly all of them requested the return of both presiding elder and pastor. The pastors without a dissenting voice spoke highly of the Bishop and the great good accomplished by his annual visits.

Friday night was devoted exclusively to the W. H. and F. M. Society. Mrs. K. P. Hood presided, associated by Mrs. E. C. Bingham and Mrs. C. E. Davis. Dr. J. F. Moreland delivered an interesting missionary sermon, after which he made a pathetic appeal for the cause of missions and realized a good collection.

Saturday was devoted to miscellaneous business. Sunday was a bright and happy day for Newbernians; and Zion thundered heavily from every pulpit in the city. Several of the sermons were masterpieces.

Monday was spent in passing characters, hearing reports, and resolutions. Rev. G. H. Miles introduced a resolution providing for a grand jubilee to be given Dr. W. J. Moore at Wilson, N. C., next June, as the only surviving Elder in the organization of the North Carolina Conference, he having served the Church about thirty-five years. Dr. Moore is a grand man and highly deserves this distinguished honor, which was heartily agreed to by the conference.

Monday night Rev. J. H. Love, formerly of Concord, N. C., but now of Newbern, preached a very thoughtful sermon on Temperance. He indelibly impressed his hearers with the necessity of being temperate in all things.

Tuesday was devoted to Disciplinary Questions and rounding up unfinished business. Rev. W. H. Fulford delivered an impressive sermon on Sanctification which brought forth many loud amens, and afterwards

some discussion. Dr. J. F. Moreland, of Mobile, Ala., acted as chairman of the committee on finance through the entire week. The conference steward, Dr. E. S. Rives, made his final report of general fund collected this year which was three thousand, two hundred eleven dollars, and forty-three cents.

The conference seemed blessed with the Holy Ghost from beginning to end, and the appointments gave general satisfaction. God bless Bishop Harris and his noble host. Dr. Goler was present and delivered an eloquent sermon.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

CENTRAL N. C. CONFERENCE.

Fayetteville District, J. M. Hill, Fayetteville, R. S. Rives, Saow Hill, J. W. Harris, T. S. Heel, H. C. Harrison, Lock Creek, T. M. Stitt. Jonesboro, W. M. Mitchell. Manchester, T. H. Stevenson. Flea Hill, R. Healy. Zion Hill, A. McDougal. Beaver Creek, T. B. McCain. Red Spring, J. J. Stitt. Pritchard Grove, A. S. Hubbard.

Rockingham District, J. H. Mattocks, Rockingham, C. Campbell, Mt. Zion, R. Allen, Zwingly, J. C. Cox, Maxton, S. J. Hargrave, John's Station, J. A. Barber, Matthews and St. Paul, D. G. Howie, Eagle Springs, C. M. McNeil, Troy, S. H. Ross, Mt. Airy, C. K. Smith, Snow Hill, J. S. Bennett, Lithree, J. M. Mitchell, Pee Dee, C. M. Mason, Manly, W. B. Gordon. Lileville, W. M. D. Outhbertson. Hoffman mission, E. J. Fletcher. Concord District, J. W. Thomas. Zion Hill, W. H. Graham. Price, J. N. Rabberry. Mt. Pleasant, J. J. Stubbs. Cedar Grove, W. A. Davidson. Pleasant Grove, A. J. Gorham. Bethel ct., Rook Hill, H. C. Chambers. Norwood, J. S. Settle. Monroe, W. J. Sides. Springfield, N. B. Kelley. Cross Roads, T. O. Little. Mt. Zion, W. J. Gaines. Redding Springs, A. J. McDonald. Clarksville, W. F. McKee. Wadesboro, A. McCallum. Gatewood, G. B. Kelly. Morven, R. A. Simmons. Rocky Mt., R. H. Bright.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

All the white and colored churches of Kershaw extended us the courtesy of the pulpits and contributions. Deacons ordained and obligated: D. D. Moore, P. T. Clinton, A. N. Duncan, et al. Elder ordained, Y. D. Harris. Chester District, F. Killingsworth, D. D., P. E. Chester station, H. Blake. Old Zion and Chester mission, J. C. Coln. Williamsville and Pleasant View, E. T. McDonald. Rehoboth and Galilee, W. M. Clark. Cedar Grove and Chestnut Grove, D. D. Moore. Mt. Zion and Mt. Vernon, J. R. Beckham. Red Oak and Mt. Calvary, J. J. Stratford. White Oak station, H. F. Martin. Sharon and Neal's Chapel, G. W. Dixon.

York District, W. M. Robinson, P. E. Yorkville station, G. W. McDowell. Wilson Chapel and Unity, G. G. Blake. Ebenezer and Walnut Grove, S. N. Barber. Mt. Zion and St. James, C. A. King. Zoar and Shiloh, J. A. Jackson. Blackburg and Gaffney City, P. T. Clinton. Robinson and Earls, O. H. F. McFields. Clover, Center Hill, Zion Hill and Mt. Pleasant, F. Adams. White Hill, Tirzah and New Home, S. S. Watson. Pineville and Emanuel, to be supplied. Tabernacle and Foundation, J. B. Ellis. Mt. Olive station, N. A. Crockett. Liberty Hill and Chisna Grove, S. C. Smith. Rock Grove and Hill's Chapel, W. L. Dunlap.

Lancaster District, J. H. Jackson, P. E. Lancaster station, W. A. Blackwell, Mt. Carmel and Cedar Creek, R. A. McCreary. Camp Creek, to be supplied. Centennial mission church, M. D. Lee. Mt. Nebo and Silver Run, A. D. Miller. Steel Hill and Unity, R. W. Wilson. Spring Hill and Indian Hill, A. J. Johnson. Pleasant Valley and Indian Hook, E. Morton. Old Zion, J. H. Turner. Mt. Zion, J. W. H. Jackson. El Bethel and Gold Hill, T. S. Barnes. Davie's Stand and Mt. Moriah, J. M. Erwin. Mt. Taber and North Corner, A. C. Cureton.

Kershaw District, M. Ingram, P. E. Kershaw and Gold Mine, G. W. Ingram. Mt. Calvary, D. Cousart. Salem and Pleasant Hill, O. N. Dawkins. Pleasant Grove and Westville, A. W. Wilson. Hickory Grove and Poplar Springs, W. M. Jackson. Rook Hill and Road Branch, R. W. Miller. Biddle, Druzilla, St. James and Snow Hill, W. T. Long. Smithville and Mt. Aaron, A. D. Tiltman. Pleasant Grove and Robinson Zion, R. H. L. Crockett. Dyer's Hill and Clio, W. M. Witherspoon. New Zion, Graham's Chapel and Fair Plains, Y. D. Harris.

W. A. Blackwell, Sec'y.

All ministers, delegates and visitors to the North Alabama Conference which is to convene at Birmingham, Ala., January 5th, 1898, will be returned on reduced rates, provided certificates are carried from starting point. Ask agent for full rate certificate at each point where tickets are purchased. Pastors are advised to travel on certificates instead of permits as this will make out the required number and avoid disagreement of agent. T. H. Jones, Sec'y.