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BRUCE-GRIT'S PHILOSOPHY.

alone and defy popular opinion.

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### HEIR FIELDS OF LABOR

Where The Ministers Are Stationed For The Ensuing Year.

TWO CONFERENCES REPORRED.

CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE. The above conference, presided

presided. It is said that the six- over by Bishop T. H. Lomax, D. D., met in Zion Star church, Montgom-1 certain definite ine of work for the bury Md., Sept 7, 1897, at 10 a. m., District Conference was one of the ery, Ala., December 1, 1897. This Rev. Wm. H. Wright, pastor, Rev best in the history of our Church is a very large and strong conference William H. Snowden, D. D., presid-. Just as long as we can have in the ex- and its sessions were pleasant and ing elder. He gave some very ecutive chair a clear-headed leader as profitable. The following were orhealthful instruction as to man and his P. E. John Hooper, one who has nev- dained deacons: N. E. George, T. duty to God and his duty to his fel- er known a failure, the flag of the C. Jones, S. W. Sumpter, J. V. Catlowman. Officers were Revs. W. A. Newbern District will never trail in ledge, M. C. Glover, L. A. Bell, J. H. M. Cypress, secreta y, B. J. Bolden, the dust. Amount raised in District Hubert, C. W. Thomas, L. R. Johnassistant secretary, J. W. Fitzhugh, Conference \$42. 95. Donated to Dr. son and J. J. Johnson. Revs. J. H. statistical secretary end B. F. Grant, Blackwell to publish these proceed. Parker and Wilson Escott were orreporter to the STAR. Rev. B. H. ings in the STAR, \$3.-L. H. Ham, dained elders. Brothers P. L. Per-

kins, D. C. Keyser, W. M. Randolph, R. B. Sherman and R. O. Goldston were received on trial. Conference will meet the fourth Wednesday in November, 1898, in Evergreen, Ala. APPOINTMENTS.

Montgomery district, J. W. Alstork, presiding elder; Old Ship, Montgomery, W. H. Smith; Mount Zion, Montgomery, W. M. Finley; Zion Star, Montgomery, W S Meadows; Hilliard Chapel, Montgomery, C E Baker; Ada circuit, Rev P. S Samuel; Benton circuit, L A Oliver; Burksville circuit, L Lindsay; Shiloh circuit, L D Workman; Mount Moriah circuit, F W Ward; Ebenezer circuit, J

H Halo; Barnett's Mission, L Thomas; Harefield Mission, Thomas Barnett. Greenville district, T A Weathington.

presiding elder; Luverne circuit; Wilson Escott; Lapine circuit, M C Glover; Big Zion circuit, A L Trimble; Hopewill circuit, S Washington; Hayneville circuit, N H. Dakus; Washington Chapel and Bruceville, J G Gulley; Mt Olive circuit, M Rankins; Sandy Ridge circuit, J J Taylor: Oak Grove circuit, A B Barnes; Fort Deposit circuit, J C Thomson; Cedar Hill circuit, R L Boyd; Forest Home circuit, M Jackson; St Luke circuit, D W Williams; Greenville, A S Watkins; Haysley's Mussion, M D Alexander. Evergreen district, A J Rodgers, pre

siding elder; Evergreen circuit, J W Armstrong; Brewton circuit, Henry-Talley; Archard circuit, C W Thomas Holy Ghost preaching on Sanday, associated by Rava. G. W. Washing Twin Eeach circuit, J H Parker; Monton, D. Goode, J. R. Riley and others. rover circuit, J R Rustin; Repton Mission, T H Mitchell; Burnt Corn circuit, terial Relief Society, Roy. J. S. II P Shuford; Millegeville circuit; G Sex-Henderson, president, W. W. Slade, ton; George Ann circuit, A Stokes; Pine Apple circuit, J W Eason; Zion Chapel circuit, T M Moore; Idumea circuit, C W Motley; Pleasant Hill circuit, A Greg-Meadow View, Va., the 1st Wednes- ory; Green Street Mission and Glensdale, day in July, '98 .- Rev. J. H. Sliger, TH Shuford.

## VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Edenton district, C W Winfield, D D, The District Conference me! in Au- presiding elder; Mt Lebanon station, Grove, Coleman's Grove and Trinity,

"Lays n Summer land;" DeLarge, of S. C., Rapier, of Alabama, Long, of La, Ransier, S. C., Rainey, ol S. C., Elliott and Cain, of S C., It doesn't require any courage to Revels, of Miss., U. S. S., Haralson, follow the crowd, or to fall in with Ala., Bruce, of Miss., U. S S, Snalls, popular opinion. True courage makes Miller and Murray of S. C., Langston, itself manifest in the man who, beof Va., Pinchback, of La., U.S.S. lieving he is right, dares to stand who was counted out of his seat, and

ward w ote and published a volume

therefor not in this class, Eyman Cheathan and White, of N. C. Tuere The danger which threatens in this may be , few others and then again country is that to be found in the esthere "navn't." Those first men tablishment of an aristocracy of tioned lelong to the pieneers who wealth. The pursuit of the dollar is "committed statesmanship" in the now the principal avocation of those early seventies, and earned National who aspire to lead, both in politics reputation for themselves. Hyman, and socially. The tendency seems Haralso ), Murray, Langston, Cheat to be in the direction of the centraliham and White, are names of a few zation of wealth, and to employ it to of the nore recent distinguished purchase power, and shape legislation great min of the race who have for the masses. There are no great shined and now shine with more or commoners in American politics tolesss lus re in the National halls of

day as there were when brains was the basis and ability the test of statesmanship. Now a man's greatness is measured by the length of his purse did the lest they could. "Who does with which he buys both brains and fame.

\* . The Negro is often beguiled into believing that he is necessary to the success of this or that political party, and so believing takes himself more seriously than he should. It is la- is blastel asunder. For now not mentably true of the Negro in politics that those who have stood highest in the esteem of party managers have had less influence and less patronage to bestow upon those whom they were supposed to represent, than exile from his loved country in every some of the third-rate white political bunco-steerers who have profited by him, "while gloomy night is gathertheir lack of sagacity and knowledge ing fast" in mental storm and soli of practical politics.

\* \* \* With the possible exception of Robert Brown Elliott and Richard H Cain, the Negroes have had no representatives in either branch of the National Congress who could truthfully be accused of being statesmen. Elliot was by far the bravest and the most intellectual of the whole outfit lessons of the hour in which his desand gave splendid proof of his abili- tiny are vrapped up, and which he order to bolster up the claim for race ty as an orator by his masterly reply only can unfold. It is beginning to leadership diligent search is made for to Alexander Stephens of Georgia, in the discussion on the civil rights business, not politics, is the solvent days, provided he isn't able to give bill.

The environments which early surrounded Elliott, and his opportunities for acquiring an education under been or nay be written and spoken was ever delayed in his crowning for English skies gave him that inde- agoinst il; that a Negro with a \$100,- six months after the things happened pendent feeling and bold and auda- 000 or less to his credit in a bank he is reported to have done. cious manner when deba'ing with even though he be as black as ink, is "As a general thing our people do

legislation. \* \* \* \*

Of all these it may be said they the bes: his circumstances allow, does wel, angels could do no more."

The poet Burns-the blackest desperation now gathers over him, broken only by the red lightnings of remorse. The whole fabric of his life only his character, but his personal liberty is to be lost. Men and fortune are leagued for his hurt. Hungry ruin has him in the wind. He sees no escape but the saddest of all: sense inhospitable and abhorent to tude as vell as in physical, he sing his sad firwell to Scotland:

"Farewel my friends, farewell my foes! My peace with thee, my love with those The bursting tears my heart declare Adieu my native Banks of Ayr !"

\* \* \* \* \* The Nagro seems to learn with difficulty, yet he learns nevertheless the

dawn upon our young men that every little thing he did in "boyhood for the ills we bear as a race, that this information himself. And I con-

and destioys prejudice more rapidly published sketches, I am made to

white men which unfortunately way not nearly so black in the eyes of white not keep too close a watch of the events in the life of another, unless

of very creditable poems entitled Only Necessary To Point Out The Necessity Of Right Action. REV. F. H. HILL'S VIEWS.

The Rev. Francis H. Hill, pasto of the First A. M. E. Zion church, Winter Street, an earnest student and popular with this congregation, has the following to say of "Rice leaders," a timely subject:

"All the talk about race leaders that we hear from platforms, pulpits and through the press sounds very ine indeed. A man in the ordinary walks of life among our people says something, and his words find their way into a paper, and he is immediately brought forth, and a few of hifrien is and acquaintances attempt to set him up as the leader of the race He drifts along on a small, popular



wave for awhile, till another man says something, when another little crowd begins to enthrone another newly found race leader; and so it goes. Every six months or so, a crop of race leaders has been raised; and in as many months, they go the way of all the earth. One is made in one or two newspaper articles with a cut and biographical sketch, and in money covers a multitude of sins; fess, that on reading some of those

than all he dissertations that have wonder how in this world the man

SOME BRUCE-GRITISMS. | of a literary turn of mind who after- NJ 'LEADER IS NEEDED. | present rate of the world's progress, | DISTRICT CONFERENCES | present. Rev. A. A. Crock preached t will amount to less than heretofore to far as my people are concerned We have organized in several of the States some so-call id national leagues,

which are supposed to have State and local societies of the same name and character, and tributary to the nacional organization. These leagues are also supposed to be following up benefit of the race. Some are for policical, others for spoial, intellectual, professional and business purposes. Hardly any one of them bears any

TRUE NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. None of them is notional in its character. These organizations in the past, at present, and for how long in the future I can't tell, have done more talk than any thing else. These national organizations are composed largely of the individuals who have

floated for awhile on the popular wave of race leadership, who are usually the committee calling for the organization and who after the organization is effected constitute the boards and entire membership. Here, then, is the Mecca of our race leaders to which they go and then talk. It is not that, as a rais, we need to go on a still hunt for a leader for our people. We don't need a leader for them half as much as we need to show them the necessity of looking out and leading out in the right direction and in a manly manner for themselves. My people are not children. Thirty-two years lave made them men and women. There is a narrow pass through which every man must go if he would attain to success. wealth, honor and position. Every we pass through on samples. We may raise a leader to-day or to-morrow, and we may crown him. He may start forward to the place of honor among all the other races of the earth and call us to follow him. When he is weighed, if he passes all right, individually he goes up; and when the rank and the file of our

race comes up, one by one, each upon his merits shall rass or go down in the trial. It is so in business, in the professions and in everything. Some individual here and there may do

cide his case."

The Charlotte (N. C.) District Con- James H. Moseley; reporter to the gust at Smithville Church, five miles PR Arderson; Pasquo circuit, includ-The Charlotte (N. C.) District Con-ference and Sunday school convention STAB, L. W. Ham. J. J. Moseley, P. E. presiding Ray, M. Ingram, Rebecca, Samuel Story; Whiteville met at Rockwell church, September and S. J. Fenderson, were elected the mide and set of the mide and set o

from St. Matthew 19:27. It was The Work Of The Men On The Presidgood. After the hour of preaching ing Elders' Districts. was a program by the Sunday-school

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which was extremely grand. The choir of St. Mark's church rendered some of its enchanting music, D. B. Flowers, leader. W. H. Starkey teenth annual session of the Newbern

THEIR WORK REPORTED. BALTIMORE DISTR OT CONFIRENCE. The District Conference convened in Willow Grove Zion Church, Salis.

Wales moved that out of respect for Reporter. Rev. R. J. Daniel's wife, who departed this life Sept. 5, that the Conference stand adjourned to 2 p.m.; Rev. I. R. Johnson amended that a telegram of condolence also be sent to the bereaved brother. Passed. Conference adjourned until 2 p. m. The presiding elder made some very feeling remarks relative to the worth of so young, good and grand a man as Rev. G. S. Adımı stricken down

Grant, delegate from Dr. Adams' church, make some remarks on his great ability as a scholar and what great energy and fortitude he had. Rev. D F. Bralley preached the annual sermon, which was powerful. The reports of the ministers and delegates were very satisfactory. The officers elected were B. F. Grant, president, Mrs. O. A. Gray, vice presman must stand for himself, nor do ident, Mr. Andersor, secretary, Rev. T. H. Scott, treasurer. Important business was transacted. The Varick Christian Endeavor held a soul-stirring meeting. Rev. J. B. Colbert was

leader. The District Conference convened to finish the lusiness and take part in the banquet. The District Conference made an impression on the people in Salisbury which will be long remembered b; its citizens .-B. F. Grant.

NEWBERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE. In pursuance to the call of our

most worthy Rev. Join Hooper, P. E., something for us, show some favor, the loyal members of the above named simply because we are of this or that District met at St. Marks Zion race, but when it comes to the real Church, Jumping Roa Circuit. Rev. and supreme test, the merits of the H. C. Phillips lined the hymn. Rev. Reporter. man, his worth and measure, will de- S. B. Gaskill prayed. Officers were

rence; for recording secretary, Rev.

elected. For secretary, W. W. Law-

BRISTOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Bristol District Conference met in Roaring Springs Zion Church, Abingdon, Va , at 10 a. m , Nov. 3rd, with Rev. S. L. Stinson, presiding elder and Chairman. Officers, Rev. W. W. Slade, secretary, Rev. G. H. Jackson, assistant secretary and re porter, J. H. Sliger. Opening sermon was preached from Isa. 26:4, by Rev. G. H. Jackson. Rev. Robert Baugh-

right in his usefulness; also did B. F man preached from St. John 9.36, Theme, "Judgemnt." The session was observel in legislating for the financial improvment of the District. Rev. James Samuel Henderson, one of the most notel divines, preached powerfully on "Tas Glory of God and the excellency of His law." A member of Conference entertained the au lience with a sermon from Gen. 10:9, Them , "A Hunting Giant." A royal reception was tendered the ministers and delegates, at which time we listenel to the address of welcome by Miss Jen-

# netteWatson. Response by a member of the Conference. D., S. L. Stinson, P. E, climixel the proceed. ings with his fiery eloquence and Holy Ghost preaching on Sanday, The ministers organized a Ministreasurer, S. M Charles, secretary.

Conference adjourned to meet at

KERSHAW DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

not possessed by his Negro colleagues in any of the Congresses in which they were afterwards represented.

\* \* \* \* \* Elliott was an exceptionable Negco. and was far from being a saint in many particulars. In this, however, his life does not differ from that of many others of both races more or

less distinguished. It is as a public man that I speak of him only: his private life is no concern of ours. He was confessedly the ablest, clearest headed and bravest Negro that has ever filled a seat in the National Congress.

His grasp of public questions and his large information concerning the measures he was called upon in his representative capacity to consider, his aptness at repartee, and his withering sarcasm in debate, gave him a standing among National legislators which no other Negro has since obtained in either branch of Congress. "All the world loves a fighter." Robert Brown Elliott was a fighter, not in the vulgar sense, of course, but in the arena of thought. He wielded a Damascean blade like a veteran warrior and carved his way to imperishable fame.

Richard H. Cain, afterward a Bishop in the A. M. E. Church, stood second to Elliott in point of ability and the courage to give voice to his thinking. He too was a fighter and showed his teeth when he talked, and that he understood the things of which he talked. I knew most of the men personally or by sight, who represented us in Congress, and at this distance can call most of them by name. They were Menard of Florids a man of superior education and

men as those Negroes who haven't a that condition, not color, is the cause ture, which it becomes very convencessful Negro business men in any above a certain point in the scale of section count for more than fifty politicians, and add more to the material progress of the race. Somehow or other it appears to me that there's he dies. Then our people take time a right snart wisdom in these observations made by our young men, and I reckon they are right, too. \* \* \* \*

According to the London Daily Mail, there has been organized in London, a society composed of blacks called the "Central British African Association," and consists of represenis mere sentiment. No one seems to tative blicks from all parts of the empire. "They hail", says the London Mail "from Trinidad Demerara,

Isle DeLos, the Gold Coast, and Sierra Leone, and their location in the metropols is accounted for by the fact that they, are for the most part students at the medical schools, or are reading for the bar. They have banded together with the avowed object of er couraging a feeling of unity and facilitating friendly intercourse among Africans in general. The first meeting of the Society was held recently at the Charing Cross Mansions Hotel, where an address was delivered to its members by Mr. Fox Bourne, Secretary of the Aborigir es Protection Society." rather suspect that the British African Association received its inspiration and encouragement to take this step from perusing the able and comprehensive description of the work and scope of the National Negro Academy from the pen of Prof. John W. Cromwe l, of Washington, D. C., and

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counted in a large measure, is when man delivered his annual address, to study his life, and they are remarkably successful in finding out he sat down showed that the right after he dies that he was the very man was in the right place. best kind of a man, even though it was hard for him to pass muster ick Christian Endeavor Society from when alive. The whole matter about race leaders, as it is talked of in our

have a clear conception of what we NEED A BACE LEADER FOR

unless it is to talk for us a race; but as U.; and Mrs. B. A. Forney on behalf is calling the prodigal." I see it there is no race under the sun of the Sunday-school. Conference

this race of mine. All of them talk, good. Fine essay! were read by owning houses, building up in busi-Sawyer Holmes, reporter.

ness enterprises, etc., all this very good indeed, still if they had given

less of the past thirty years to talk, nothing substantial behind it, will never amount to much, and at the Washing

delegates to the Annual Conference 15, 1897, Rev. H. L. Simmons, presiding. Dr. R. H. Simmons graced and alternates D. S. Lee, John A. dollar t) their credit anywhere; it be something of an unsavory na-that convention with his presence and Norwood and C. E. Smith. At 8 sitting of the Conference. It shows cluding Lehigh Temple, Oak Hill, Holly Grove and Moses Temple, R H Dick: the convention with his presence and Norwood and C. E. Smith. At 8 that he is one of Zion's rising young Grove and Moses Temple, R H Dick; a rousing speech. Bishop Lomax, Dr. p. m, the church was packed and that he is one of Zion's rising young Hertford circuit, including St Paul, Popof the ex stence of race antipathy and ient to remember so as to use it G. L. Blackwell and Presiding Elder thrilled with music by the Pleasant tark and Adams existant. The against them when they begin to rise G. L. Blackwell and Presiding Elder Hilled with music by the Fleasant tary and -Adams assistant. The Bay Branch circuit, including Bay vention with a visit, Rev. McCorkle R. S. Rives preached from St. James the good in a man of our race is acothy 1:18. In the evening the chair. and plans of the devil in waging war against the human family and also described the imperfection of human which was timely and instructive. could easily see the importance of

would occasionally take special fights the Psalms, his text being "Send thee help from the sanctuary." He said so as to give the church a little peep al sermon. Rev. P. T. Clinton, the Wooten; Moyock circuit, including journals, periodicals and newspapers, that is the medium through which God into the glory world. Rev. Wm. son of our beloved Bishop, preached a Good Hone circuit, including the description of the second se Williams prayed, after which the works. Mrs. R. C. Bearden and Mrs. Pleasant Hill choir led by L. W. C. L. Simmons favored us with excel-Ham, sang that sweet selection "God lent papers on beha f of the W. C. T.

Mrs. Patsey A. Moseley gave the that has so large a number of great voted \$5 to Bishop Hood's Silver An- Conference a hearty welcome address. talkers, in proportion to its size, as niversary. Reports of delegates were Miss L. Hicks, responded in a very heart cheering many er. Miss Nancy While it is true that some telling Misses Nicey J. Irv n, Sarah Wilson J. Richardson delivered a well prework has been done by my people and Carrie Alexander. We tip our pared address of welcome on the part during the last thirty years, in the hats to the Rockwell people and bid the Sunday-school. Rev. A. F. way of buying property, building and them adien for their kind hospitality. Mitchell responded interestingly. Prof. Crook having reached the Con-

Dear Dr. Smith: Please permit with some timely remarks and eulome through the columns of the STAR gized Rev. G. S. Adams.

big, empty talk, and talk that never amounted to anything, and more to doing something, where there are now owned \$20,000 or \$30,000, there would be owned instead from \$50,000 great need for a race leader to talk great need for a race leader to talk of the service. Standing room for us or to teach our race how to is often at a premium. In a recent dilement and a premium. In a recent big, empty talk, and talk that never to say that Union Wesley A. M. E. The church delegates all made

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ide awake pastor in cl everything so nicely arranged for the H Batchelor; Holly Grove circuit, inbeings in becoming subject to the in- years. His ministers all love him Clayton; Jamesville circuit, including fluence of Satan. He simplified his for his dignity and Christian man. Hood's Temple, Bethlehom, William's subject so that the whole audience hood, and when he preaches large Chapel and Hamilton, J Woodhouse; resisting the devi. The Doctor to is less talk and more work. Wm Carmel circuit, including Ms Carmel

Jackson.

I am a whole souled. Zionite. raised \$31 91 to ceil my church. am moving on nicely. I am glad to see the STAR coming out on time. It ought to be enlarged.

> Rev. D. M. Pinkard. Summerville, Ga.

acknowledge through the STAE the circuit, including Mt Hope and Mar's Hill, D W Bowe; Piney Grove station ference, entertained the Conference receipts of the following sums of money, in answer to the appeal sent

out in October: Mr. J. R. Riley, for us or to teach our race how to talk. There are some of our race who expect to do nothing but talk as long as they live. But talk, with Pray for our continued success. Standing room is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent to and officials, we raised nearly \$200 clear of expenses for the church. Pray for our continued success. Standing room the main recent is previous which is often at a premium. In a recent talk is often at a premium. In a recent to and officials, we raised nearly \$200 clear of expenses for the church. Pray for our continued success. Standing room the weight is often at a premium. In a recent to an officials, we raised nearly build up is cause Dawis, president of the W. H. and F. also 1st John 8:17, and ponder the nd Taboring with same. Oleveland, "Ohio

writer reported to the STAR. Elder Branch, Piney Grove and Winslow Ingram has proven himself to be the Grove, A L Newby; Kedesh station, M right man in the right place. The District is on an increase on all lines. J H Wilson; Plymouth circuit, includ-He rules as if he has been ruling for ing Mt Hebron and Macedonia, W L crowds gather to hear him. His mot-ligator and Roper, H H Whidbee; Mt Wetherspoon preached an able annu- Drizel Grove and Mt Hermon, W E sermon fall of fire. Dr. Barrett Hope, Parksville and Wilson Grove, H preached a fine sermon .- Rev. Wm. B Pettigrew; New McBride circuit, in cluding McBride and New Bethel, S M G Copeland; Colnjock circuit, including Coinjock, Pilgrim Progress and Roanoke Island, A Pindle; Jones' Chapel, Elizabeth City, G W Brown.

Petersburg district, S P Cooke, pre siding older; Oak Street station, Adams; Chesterfield circuit, including Leigh's Temple, Mt Zion, Yates and Chester Mission, B F Harrison; St Thomas circuit, including St Jones' Chapter, Epp's Grove and Oak Dear Brother Smith: I wish to Street Mission, J S Nichols; Mt Hope

and Waverly Mission, M N Levey, A M; Sunbary circuit, including St J Walton's Grove and Sycamore Hill, O cest bless- Matthews: Longridge station and Portsmonth Mission, C B Hogans; Hickory nd circuit, including St Thomas man's Temple, A W Lowther: circuit, including Mt Zion, Van el, White Rock, Taylor's Chap

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