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THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1898.

EDITORIAL.

Do Right and trust God.

EVERY V. C. E. should carefully read President Colbert's letter and go to work immediately.

DR. G. L. BLACKWELL is arranging to visit the Northern conferences. The boys will be glad to see him.

BISHOP J. B. SMALL is writing and has nearly completed a great book entitled "The Human Heart." It will be pictorially illustrated.

MR. N. WRIGHT CUNY, of Galveston, Texas, died last week of consumption. He was an able Negro and an influential party worker.

It is difficult to get brethren to cease writing to the STAR for four or five weeks so as to give us a chance to publish what we have. Articles pour in here fifteen or twenty a day with the request to get them in the next issue. Why not heed our request?

BROTHER pastor, did you raise an after-collecton last Sabbath in answer to Bishop Lomas's appeal? If not, do so this Sabbath and report immediately as things are very critical. If you don't do something this Sabbath you will hear something drop in three or four days.

MR. JOHN JOHNSON, colored, has been appointed postmaster of New Haven, Pa., by President McKinley. He is the first Negro to receive an appointment of this kind in the North. The prejudiced whites are kicking, but they will not follow the example of those fiends in Lake City, S. C.

For brief, concise reports of their work, we doff our hats to Presiding Elders T. F. H. Blackman, S. C. Birchmore, W. H. Ferguson and A. L. Cowan. These brethren realize that space is valuable and that there is nothing in long, windy, taffy reports which occupy two or three columns, and they have therefore put a world of meaning in each word. Some presiding elders boom their men almost to heaven and when the times arrives for their re-election numbers of their men turn their heads down and elect other men. Brethren who write briefly like the above will receive first consideration. Long articles will have to wait until we can boil them down.

JUDGE SIMONTON, of Harrisburg, Pa., in granting hotel and restaurant licenses two weeks ago declared that the keepers of the same had no lawful right according to a statute of the commonwealth to discriminate against any decent, well behaved person on account of his race or color and that he would refuse to renew the license of any hotel or restaurant keeper who wilfully violates its provision. We are personally acquainted with Judge Simonton. He is a fine man and is thoroughly versed in jurisprudence. If we had judges like him in all the courts who would interpret the letter and spirit of the law impartially, a good deal of prejudice, oppression and rascality carried on by vaporing cranks and hateful fools to the detriment of the Negro would soon come to an end in this country.

EACH superintendent should send immediately to Dr. G. L. Blackwell for the Easter programs. They are exquisite and excel any yet sent out by him. He gives the Easter cards and five programs free to each school. He wants to raise \$3,000 this year, and it can be raised as easily as drinking water if each pastor and superintendent will get interested and boom it from now on. We

trust the day will soon come when all our pulpits will have men who will be loyal and rally as earnestly to the support of these general departments as they do to the local interests and to their own salaries. The new press and 8-page paper, the fitting up of another floor for the rapidly increasing business, and the liquidation of some annoying debts depend entirely upon the raising of this money. Pastors, rally this time by all means. The second Sabbath in April is Easter.

KEEP COOL, GENTLEMEN.

REV. BLOICE was doubtless a little nettled at something the Bishop said, when he wrote his last reply two weeks ago, and the same may be true of Bishop Petty who this week calls Brother Bloice an ingrate and says if he had the opportunity he would take advantage of his superiors in office. All who know Bro. Bloice will certainly differ with the Bishop, and the Bishop will revise his opinion of this talented young divine when he knows him as well as we do. Bro. Bloice makes a manly apology this week which will give those who do not personally know him, a grand opinion of him. The readers must not allow the red-hot adjectives that these two brainy divines now and then hurl at each other to divert their attention from the points at issue. As a referee it is our duty to see until one or the other lands a blow on the solar plexus that they break away when they strike below the belt and inform them that Zion knows them pretty well but does not know the disputed subject so well. Bishop Petty has reached the pinnacle in Zion, and if ability and merit count for anything Rev. Bloice, whom the late Bishop Jones seven years ago at the conference in Baltimore said was as keen as a briar intellectually, will yet be Dean of the theological department of Livingstone College.

SHALL WE HELP HIM?

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., is busy gathering material for the history of our Church. He is "the man to give the Church the history that we need." — Southern Christian Recorder.

We thought the learned and lamented Bishop Payne gave your Church the history it needed. He says on pages 4 and 6 of the preface of the History of the A. M. E. Church that he wrote that he had traveled all through his Connection, searched diligently for historical material and copied every pamphlet, every Conference minute, quarterly and annual, with every scrap of paper that threw a ray of light upon the genesis and progress of the Connection, and that that was all he could find that was reliable and indisputable. If Bishop Arnett expects to make any better headway he will have to do what Bishop Payne said he would not do—tax his imagination and depend upon tradition. It is too bad that Dr. Johnny Misinformed Henderson has not been made Historiographer of his Church. Since he has has not, please hand this item which we copied from the Richmond (Va.) Baptist two weeks ago to Bishop Arnett:

The A. M. E. Church separated from the whites in 1816, whereas the Baptists remained with the white people until 1865.

HONOR THE FATHERS.

We heartily endorse the splendid suggestion of friend Caldwell in the last issue to honor the veteran fathers of each Conference with testimonials. Dr. John E. Price before his retirement to the superannuated list was for years the courageous and able leader of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference. He has been a power for good in that Conference. He was a close friend of Bishop S. T. Jones and sang and prayed over him nightly in Harrisburg, Pa., in a revival until he was converted. The honored names of that tall sycamore, Dr. E. H. Curry, and his right hand friend, Dr. J. B. Johnson, are indissolubly joined to our western work. Bishop Hood said a few years ago that if the General Conference of 1876 had elected Dr. Curry bishop instead of Elder Hilliary, Zion would have had 100,000 more members to-day. Dr. William T. Biddle is the father of the New Jersey Conference and Elder N. A. Crockett of the South Carolina Conference. They are worthy sires.

Dr. Jacob Thomas—the very mention of his name brings applause—for years Manager of our Book Concern, is the father of the New York Conference; Dr. S. C. Birchmore, refined, lovable, sent during the War as a missionary by Bishop J. J. Clinton and the New England Mission

Board to Florida where he organized churches, is the father of the New England Conference; Rev. J. W. Lacy, once superintendent of Zion on the island of Hayti, father the Western New York Conference. The name of Wilbur G. Strong is a household word in Zion. We all know that he was our first pioneer and missionary sent to the extreme South in 1864 to plant Zion, and Florida and Alabama honor him for the great work he has accomplished. Rev. Solomon Derry, who assisted in organizing the Alabama, Florida and Georgia Conferences, built over twenty churches, built a school house out of his own pocket and gave it to the Tuskegee church (the Booker T. Washington school began in that school house) is now the father of Zion in Florida.

Dr. William Howard Day, peerless scholar of Zion and one of the most polished orators living, is known in two continents. His mother was a member of John Street Methodist, the mother church of Methodism in this country, and later on she became a member of Mother Zion in New York. Dr. Day, when a child, was baptized by Bishop James Varick. All of Zion's oldest bishops, beginning with Varick, were welcome guests at the home of his mother. Dr. Day's life has been devoted largely to missionary and educational work. He and old John Brown of Harper's Ferry were intimate friends. Dr. W. J. Moore, with the exception of Bishop Hood, is the father and hero of North Carolina. He met Bishops J. J. Clinton and J. W. Hood and unfurled the banner of Zion in this State. He has organized 68 congregations, licensed about 70 preachers, built 11 churches, was one of the first to put down \$50 to start Zion Wesley, now Livingstone College, and was among that number who paid one dollar each month for nearly four years to give the STAR of Zion a start. Some cheap ministers now kick against paying one dollar a year for this paper. Dr. Moore who has been presiding elder longer than any other man in Zion, is one of the best gospel preachers we have. Just announce that he is going to preach anywhere in North Carolina and there will be a rush for seats. He is in his glory when he is in the pulpit opening up the Scriptures. Let the respective conferences and Zion generally honor with testimonials all of these Christian warriors who have suffered and made great sacrifices to give us this grand old Church. If we had young men like them to-day Zion would soon be as strong in the conferences superintended by Bishops G. W. Clinton, Jehu Holliday and J. B. Small as she is in North Carolina and Alabama. The conferences of these men will be ungrateful if they do not soon honor them. God bless them.

RANDOM SHOTS.

THE LOUISIANA CONVENTION—THE BAKER ASSASSINATION—DAY TESTIMONIAL.

BY REV. W. H. MARSHALL.

Much interest is being manifested in the proceedings of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention, now in session; and its conclusions upon the suffrage question will in no small degree affect the future relations of the races in the "Creole State." Louisiana, according to the census of 1890, has the rather undesirable distinction of having a greater per centum of illiteracy than any other State in the Union. Said census shows that out of a total population of 794,643 persons over ten years of age, 45.8 per cent, or 364,184 persons were illiterate. Of this illiteracy the "whites" furnished 20.1 per cent, or 73,201 persons; the "Negroes," 72.1 per cent, or 262,577 persons; Indians, Chinese et al., 7.8 per cent or 28,406 persons. Now, as it is proposed that the new Constitution shall deny suffrage to all illiterate persons it is readily seen that even a fair execution of the law would disfranchise three and one-half times as many Negroes as it would whites.

So far as I am concerned, I see no great misfortune to my people in this proposition if its provision shall always be fairly applied. The danger is not in the law but in the manner of its execution. It is true that a considerable proportion of the Negro vote could not be cast at present if education shall be made a test in exercising the right of the franchise; but it is also true that this denial instead of discouraging the colored people of Louisiana will prove to be a much needed stimulus. Our youths there, realizing that voting is a sacred duty of the citizens of the Republic, have been made a privilege

to be granted only to those who can intelligently perform that high duty, will crowd the institutions of learning, and a single generation will be sufficient time to nullify the purpose of those who are now framing this law. All the Negro can insist upon is the faithful and impartial execution of the law; but unfairness need be no cause for anxiety, for injustice has the habit of returning to plague and condemn its advocates. The demagogue is eventually buried in the capacious grave which he digs for others. However, such a law could not be effective even temporarily if the masses of our people in Louisiana were educated. We trust that the lesson will not be lost. Educate! Educate! Educate the masses!!! Next to Christ, Education!

This Convention is also considering an outrageous proposition. It is nothing less than a proposal to insert in the Constitution a clause virtually expunging Sunday from any protection or recognition in the laws of the State. Christians everywhere are filled with horror; and as they recall the fact that the French Convention which abolished Sunday in France also inaugurated the "Reign of Terror" they say, "People of Louisiana, be warned; God still liveth!"

In the fiendish killing of Postmaster Baker the dignity of the United States was grievously insulted, and all true patriots demand the speedy apprehension and summary punishment of the guilty parties. No great difficulty ought to be experienced in discovering the murderers. Indeed unless the detectives, before starting the investigation, get some friend to blind-fold them and stuff their ears, they may experience some difficulty in not discovering the criminals. The President owes it to himself to see that Mr. Baker is succeeded by a Negro who should be given adequate protection in the performance of the function of the office. Who will take the place? His name is legion. The Negro is not a coward. What right has the nation to burn with rage at foreign insults unless it defends itself against domestic contempt? "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on earth?"

As Treasurer of the executive committee on Howard Day Testimonial, I would suggest that those intending to contribute will please do so promptly. As fast as money is received personal acknowledgements are sent to donors. The literary part of the Testimonial will be a conspicuous success. Again, let me urge Dr. Day's friends to send in contributions at once. We have been receiving encouraging responses. Send all moneys to W. H. Marshall, Treasurer, 625 Briggs St., Harrisburg, Pa. Let Zion give substantial recognition to one of her most brilliant sons.

PEARLS OF INFORMATION.

REV. H. W. SMITH.

After one of the most pleasant sessions of the Palmetto Conference, under the leadership of that godly and good man, Bishop I. C. Clinton, D. D., I greet you. He is truly a great man in experimental knowledge and has a well cultured mind. He is a bishop, brother and father in Christ Jesus. We love him. The ministers acquitted themselves grandly as pulpiters while in Columbia. The writer preached to Allen University students and at the C. M. E. church and in Zion. One man said "You have preached yourself to Union."

This is a first-class church. When we arrived here we were met with a buggy by some of the "Gossetts" who are among some of the most reliable men in the town. My coming was hailed with delight. The people are crowding the sanctuary. The general interests of the Connection are being looked after at once—\$5.25 general fund has been forwarded to the Conference Steward. Clinton Chapel is up-to-date. We have organized several auxiliaries in the church; one is the "Bible Holiness and Prayer Service" every Wednesday evening, conducted by six members each time, one of them being the leader.

The hospitality and welcome that the people of Union gave us are surely hard to surpass. The Editor is well-known in this region round about. We have had and accepted invitations to tea from the following families—with many more to follow: Messrs. Sims, Davises, Neals, Sansons and kind deeds from the Wal-

laces, Colemans, Thompsons, Abrams, Bensons, Siles, Saltes, Moores, Washingtons, Smiths, Laytons and many others. The courtesies shown Mrs. H. W. Smith in town are worthy the emulation of the parishioners of any parish. There an address of welcome was delivered in behalf of the church by Prof. J. A. Cunningham, teacher in our Palmetto Institute, of which the writer now enjoys the honor of vice-president, being elected by the annual conference. The ministers certainly treated me as a welcome guest, and may God bless Bishop I. C. Clinton, who also spoke in commendable terms of the Missouri transfers. We now can truly say "Our lines have fallen in pleasant places." We loved old Missouri and our co-laborers; now we rejoice that we have met other brothers at "Appi Forum" of Zion and are taking courage, and going forward. We want the Editor to come and see us—so say many.

Union, S. C.

COMPLIMENTS BISHOP SMALL.

The first business of the day was hearing the report of Presiding Elder Samuel Sherman. In this report he brought before the bishop and conference each pastor and his church or churches, and what each church had done during the year for the Connectional interests as well as its own work. By this means the Bishop will know the condition, temporal and spiritual, of each church in the conference. As each church is brought before the Bishop, questions are asked either of the pastor in charge or the presiding elder, and the Bishop either commends or condemns as the case may require. In condemning or censuring the Bishop does not mince words. His language is simple and plain enough for a child to understand. While he is stern and inflexible, he is kind and approachable, and as gentle as a woman. He does not make enemies. He will thrash a fellow to the bone and then heal his wounds before he leaves him. He is highly esteemed, dearly beloved, and implicitly obeyed. While hearing a report of a zealous brother who stated that he had succeeded in breaking up all of the other churches in his neighborhood, the Bishop replied that he—the brother—was not sent to break up churches, but to break up the devil's camp and bring sinners to Christ. —Mobile (Ala.) Daily Register.

MINISTER SMITH TO SAIL SOON.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 26, 1898.
Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D.,
Charlotte, N. C.

My Very Dear Sir and Brother: This may inform you that I expect to leave my home—Wilson—enroute for Monrovia on Friday, March 18th, and arrive in New York on Saturday morning about 6 o'clock and will stop over with Brother Franklin of Mother Zion until Wednesday, March 23rd. On that date—March 23rd—I expect to sail on Steamship Majestic, United States and Royal Mail Steamship, for Liverpool. I expect to take my wife and baby with me. James R. Spurgeon, Esq., Att'y at Law, Maysville, Ky., has been appointed Secretary of Legation at Monrovia, Liberia. The government supplies the Legation of Foreign Ministers and Consul with two American newspapers selected by the Minister or Consul. While in Washington, this week, I filed my application for the STAR OF ZION to the New York Tribune to be sent to me at United States Legation, Monrovia, Liberia.

Zion in North Carolina has no cause to abuse President McKinley—two consuls to foreign courts, and one collector of customs. I think this is well, when we consider that this is from mere worth. God bless you. Let me hear from you, Brother Smith. I desire to know what Zion is doing in America.

Truly yours,
Owen L. W. Smith.

GVERNOR MAY BE PRESENT.

Rev. J. J. Adams, the popular pastor of the Oak Street A. M. E. Zion Church, of Petersburg, Va., made a flying trip to Richmond on Thursday and called on the Governor and extended an invitation for his Honor to be present and address the House of Bishops and General Officers of the A. M. E. Zion Connection at their semi-annual meeting at the Oak Street Church in April next. The A. M. E. Zion Connection has nearly 600,000 communicants, 6 institutions of learning, several church papers and magazines, a Publishing House where the Sunday-school and all other church literature is published. It has 9 Bishops and over 3,000 active ministers, and the first independent Negro Church organization in the world, organized in 1796, in New York City.

The Governor replied that he is interested in religion and in the moral and intellectual elevation of the colored people of his State. He requested Rev. Adams to keep him informed as to the exact date of the meeting, and if the circumstances permitted he would be pleased to be present and say a word to the high officers of this grand religious body.

Rev. Adams was much pleased by the attention shown to him, that although it was a busy time, being the closing days of the legislature, every courtesy was paid to him by the officials at the state house and he had no difficulty in seeing the Governor. —Norfolk (Va.) Daily Recorder.

What's the matter with Brother Davenson and the Walters' reception affair? Wasn't it alright? —F. C. Endeavourer.

IN FUTURO.

A NOVEL LAW-SUIT IN 1898.

BY BRUCE GRIT.

CHAPTER IV.

Written expressly for the STAR OF ZION.

Who as he believed was the victim of a vile conspiracy to ruin him. It appears that certain persons had attempted to influence the vote of this Negro in favor of a Negro corporation which sought by questionable means to obtain certain franchises in the city of Atlanta, but which always met with reverses whenever the measure came up in the State Senate. The fatal opposing vote against this iniquitous measure was cast by this Negro Senator, Hiram Coleman, who was reputed to be worth \$500,000, though he had not been in politics more than six years. All efforts on the part of the R. R. Lobby to control the vote of this Negro had failed. Persuasion, threats and intimidation were equally unavailing. He could not be swerved from the line of duty which he had marked out for himself. Finding it impossible to control this vote, these conspirators proceeded to smirch the character of the Negro Senator by causing to be circulated a report that he had accepted a bribe and refused to comply with the conditions on which it was given. It was also alleged against him that he had grown rich by selling his vote and his influence to other corporations, and that it was impossible for any member of the Legislature on a salary of \$5,000 per annum to save \$500,000 in six years. The scheme to ruin Senator Coleman was a dastardly and desperate one, and but for the timely interference and assistance of Judge Corwin, might have succeeded.

He had known Coleman from boyhood and had unlimited faith in his integrity and honesty. When he learned as he did from the daily papers of the plot to destroy, crush out this man who though of a different race than his own had shown himself courageous enough to spurn with contempt and loathing the offers of the agents of this corporation to buy his honor—his vote—he sent for the Senator and congratulating him upon his manly and courageous stand, assured him of his entire willingness to defend him from the attacks of his enemies. After some conversation between them in which the Senator satisfied the Judge as to the method by which he had acquired the immense fortune attributed to him, he authorized the Judge to represent him as counsel in a suit against the R. R. Co., for defamation of character, and for damages in a good round sum.

Several days after this interview having gotten out that the Senator had retained the Judge as counsel he received a visit from several persons representing the R. R. Co., who stated that they had understood that he had been retained by the Negro Senator. Though they disbelieved the report, of course, they expressed surprise that a white attorney, an ex-judge of the eminence that he had attained to at the bar and in the community, would join hands with a Negro bribe-taker against so powerful a corporation as that which they represented. They hoped the report was untrue and assured him that a few twenty times the amount of what the Negro was able to pay, would be paid him if he would consent to represent their Company in this suit.

Judge Corwin smiled and assured his visitors that he had given his word to this Negro, that the Negro had given him his confidence, and that if the Company should offer him a fee of a half million he would not be base enough to betray the confidence of a client who trusted in his honor as a lawyer. This reply produced a most unfavorable effect on his callers who could not quite comprehend why a white man, and a southern white man at that, could be so foolish as to incur the risk of social ostracism by defending a Negro to the prejudice of men of his own race, and that, too, when the latter represented millions of money, social power and political influence. The Judge, however, did not discuss the question further than to say that he would represent Senator Coleman, and that under no consideration would he engage to represent the R. R. Company. Politely leading the way to his parlor door, he gracefully bowed his callers into the spacious hall and directed the men at the front door of his palatial residence to "show the gentlemen out."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]
Albany, N. Y.

ACT AT ONCE.

To the Pastors and Sunday-school Superintendents of the Seventh Episcopal District: At the Spring meeting of the Board of Bishops in 1897, each bishop agreed to raise \$125.00 toward the payment of the fourth One Thousand Dollar payment on our Publication House. I called the attention of all the ministers to this matter at our conferences and I have frequently urged upon the Presiding Elders and many of the pastors by correspondence, to raise a special amount to assist in meeting the note of \$1,000 which falls due about March 15th. Only a few have reported so far. See to it at once that every pastor in the 7th Episcopal District not holding a mission, raise a sum not less than \$1, and where it can be done \$5, and each Sunday-school send in \$1 to me at 415 North Myers Street, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 15th of March, to assist in raising the \$125, which our district is required to raise. This building is not only one of the most valuable pieces of property we have, but our Publication House is growing to be one of the strongest institutions of the Church. All names and amounts will be published in the STAR. Act at once!
Geo. W. Clinton,
Bishop 7th Episcopal District.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

BY REV. J. H. MANLY.

The above Conference in Tallahassee, Fla., had a successful annual address. The reports were very good. The ministers have gone home with new inspiration to increase the membership and raise more finance for Zion and to enlarge her borders. Conference will meet in Caryville, Fla., the first Wednesday in February, 1899. The following are the points:

Pensacola district, S. Brown, presiding elder; Talbot Chapel, Pensacola, G. Gaines; Mt. Moriah, Pensacola, F. L. H. St. Luke and Warrington circuit, J. Lee; Edwards Chapel, Nos. 1 and 2, Allen; Millview and Muscogee circuit, J. W. Murray; Spring Hill and Quantette circuit, R. P. Perry; Escambia and Gadsden, B. J. Arnold; Molino and Pine Barren circuit, J. D. Peterson; Chemung and Bluff Springs circuit and Flomaton mission, S. C. Scarborough; Bay Point and Robinson Point mission, H. Jackson; Olive and Cantonment mission, H. J. Davis; Powelton and Cedar Town, Sam Allen; White Pine and surroundings, C. G. Powell.

Milton district, B. F. Stevens, presiding elder; Isaiah Chapel, Milton, —; Bagdad mission, Mrs. M. V. Anderson; Millington station, J. H. Simons; Lake DePausk circuit, Wilson station and Flow River mission, H. Taylor; Point Washington and Hogtown circuit and surroundings, J. L. Cook; Jacob Chapel circuit, Jacob Chapel and Mandy Bend, G. W. Powell; Saumerville and Valle mission, —; Caryville station, T. D. Upshaw; Holmes Valley and Spring Hill mission, M. Sheffield.

Tallahassee district, S. Derry, presiding elder; Tallahassee station, J. N. Rasberry; Hilliardsville and Carrabelle mission, M. Mohorn; Monticello, —; Pin Hook mission, R. H. Hurst; River Junction and Sneed missions, —; Cypress and Oxendine missions, —; Cottondale circuit, St. Paul and Wynn Chapel, F. A. Hogan; Greenwood and Camblerton missions, —; Oak Grove and St. Mark missions, —; Chopopa and Necksuck missions, —.

OUR DEPARTMENTS.

WHY WE SHOULD CENTRALIZE THE

BY REV. D. C. COVINGTON.

We as A. M. E. Zionites can do most of having one of the largest and most complete Church organizations in this country. While this is true we should not fail to widen her borders, strengthen her stakes and lengthen her cords. One of the most substantial ways to do this work is to consolidate the heads of the Church, which in part are the General Officers as well as the Bishops.

I agree with the active and far-seeing Editor of the STAR OF ZION who spoke editorially two weeks ago upon the necessity of bringing the General Missionary Secretary, the President of the Varick Christian Endeavor department and the Secretary of Education to Charlotte and thus fit up their departments in the Publishing House. To unite all these forces here in Charlotte would be to build up one of the strongest, if not the strongest, Publishing Houses found among the colored people where in this country. Let Warner and Wheeler, and Rev. Albert be brought to Charlotte and their respective departments thus build up the largest Negro Publishing House to be found in this country.

While it is a fact that these men's respective departments will not afford them a living of themselves, yet on the other hand we have nice churches in and around Charlotte that they can take charge of as pastors and get a living and thereby build up these important departments. The Board of Bishops have power in their meeting to order these departments to come to Charlotte and I believe that they should do so in the next meeting which meets in Petersburg, Va., in April.

Charlotte, N. C.

The Trustees of Greenville College are urgently requested to meet at Greenville, Tenn., Monday, April 11th, 1898. A President and other members of the Faculty are to be elected and other business of importance transacted. Trustees who can not attend will please appoint proxies who will be present. Signed, G. R. Harper, President Board of Trustees.

Presiding Elder J. S. Jackson is pleased with the Meridian district and his men are pleased with him. He says God helping him he intends to work hard to build up Zion in that part of Mississippi.

Rev. A. D. Dunbar, Triplets, Ga., the South Georgia Conference needs more loyal men. We have some men that can't build churches, and if they cannot get the best churches that some one has built they won't take any but around and fight the men the best sends.