

ZION HONORS A HERO.

Dr. W. H. Day; Preacher, Educator, Orator, Humanitarian.

BY REV. W. H. MARSHALL.

A fitting tribute is now being paid to the life and work of Rev. William Howard Day, A. B., A. M., D. D., in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., which has for many years been his home. The leading men of our Church and race, either in person or through papers, which they have prepared and forwarded are eulogizing the efforts of a man who has done so much for



PROF. WM. HOWARD DAY, D. D.

the moral, intellectual, social and material improvement of his people.

Born in the city of New York, he spent the early part of his life in the great American metropolis. He was baptized by Bishop Varick, and is most probably the only living man, who, when a child, was baptized by Zion's honored pioneer. When three years of age, his father in stepping from a ship to the wharf miscalculated the distance and falling overboard was drowned. Between him and his widowed mother there was a most tender affection. After the lapse of seventeen years Mrs. Day became Mrs. Graham, and "Grandmother Graham" later in life was an object of affection and reverence to a very wide circle of friends.

He was an errand boy in connection with Committee which honored the Rev. Chas. W. Gardner, who afterwards left Zion and became the first pastor of the Harrisburg Capitol-st. Presbyterian church. Dr. Day's work as an educator began in his boyhood. His guardian, John Payson Williston, Esq., becoming interested in young Day's efforts, furnished a lesson-room in the Williston business building; and here under his guardian's direction he taught a class of colored men, who eagerly embraced the opportunity to learn to read, write, etc. Shortly after his class had become very large and effective he was sent to Oberlin College, Ohio. While attending college he spent his vacations in Ontario, Canada, where he taught fugitive slaves the rudimentary branches. In 1847 he was graduated with honor and almost at once began his life's work, the educating and the Christianizing of his own race and the uplifting of humanity. Gifted by nature he soon attracted great attention as a public speaker of rare charm. Preaching from every platform, "The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," he became the confidante of John Brown of Osawatimie. Dr. Day knew more about the purposes of this great martyr than any other and Brown trusted Day anywhere and at any time. We record with pleasure that trust was never betrayed.

An active agent of the Underground Railroad, he was a directing in a movement which enabled American slave flying for freedom to Canada where all men were free. When 50,000 former slaves reached Canada he went to England and Scotland and so effectively did he plead that he was returned and build one church and school houses. With the man, Rev. William King, son of Mrs. Store's work eleven months there was properly applied over Such an effort deserves evaluation.

to England he was with Ward Beecher on the stormy meeting in the war and he Dr. Cheever, in of July gather-

ing in Smithfields, London. He addressed many thousands in Edinburgh, Dublin, Birmingham and other parts of Great Britain; and he was everywhere regarded as one of the foremost orators of his day. Such men as Sir Francis Brown and Lord Colthorpe, honored him by presiding over notable gatherings to whom he spoke.

Receiving intelligence that his mother was ill he hastened to New York. About this time colored men were first permitted to enlist, and Prof. Day offered himself to the recruiting officer in New York city for service. In 1867 he went to Meadville to deliver an oration and attend a convention. While in the midst of his work there he received the sad intelligence that his mother to whom he was so devoted, had been suddenly summoned into the presence of her God. This was the greatest sorrow of his life. After this he devoted himself almost exclusively to educational and religious work. His labors in education have been phenomenal. As long as the District of Maryland and Delaware continued in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, (the Freedmen's Bureau), he was honored by Major (General) Edwin M. Gregory and Major General Oliver O. Howard, commissioners, with the complete superintendency of schools for seven thousand children in Maryland and Delaware, with one hundred and forty schools, and one hundred and fifty teachers, his headquarters being Baltimore, in the great building formerly the residence of Reverdy Johnson, and in Wilmington, Delaware. It was the only time but one in life, when he received a salary befitting the high duties and responsibilities to which he has so often been called. General Gregory spoke highly in Prof. Day's praise, and General Howard, at the close of Prof. Day's services, writing concerning him, said, "He was one of my excellent Superintendents of schools."

His good work in the schools in Harrisburg, Pa., is well-known, and many who otherwise would have been deprived of educational privileges, now rise to bless his memory. And as the unanimously-elected President of the Board of School Control and President of the County Association, comprising all the boards of the county, he stood with the best. It is very seldom, if ever, that in this country any colored man has been so generally useful.

To refer again to his early life we would say that he was the only colored man before 1853 who successfully called together the colored people of the nation to publicly do honor to the colored soldiers of the war of 1812—some of whom were present at Cleveland, Ohio, and for the first time he secured the cannon of the U. S. government to belch forth their praises. All this helped to make public sentiment for right and justice.

Dr. Day has also achieved great success as an editor. As local editor of the daily, tri-weekly and weekly paper now the Cleveland (O.) Leader; as contributor to various newspapers; as editor and publisher of The Alien American in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio as editor of the secular department of Zion's Standard and Weekly Review in New York City; as editor of Our National Progress, Harrisburg, Pa., and Wilmington, Delaware, always defending the oppressed classes, he is well remembered and honored in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware and Maryland. Several offers were made him, one by a member of congress, to unite his interest to a successful political organ of white citizens, but he always declined thinking he could do more good working among what are called his own people. He could have been wealthy if he had been willing to assert their interests. It is not therefore, for Rev. John Jackson, of Philadelphia, pastor of Grace church in the bounds of Central M. E. was also chaplain of the

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CHESTER, S. C., DISTRICT

Proud Of My Men—Hopeful Of Success Along All Lines.

BY REV. F. KILLINGSWORTH, D. D.

I am making the second round for this Conference year over the Chester district over which I have the honor to preside, and notwithstanding the scarcity of money there seems to be some financial life still remaining. Considering all things, my district is in very good condition.

Chester station under the pastorate of Rev. H. Blake is doing well. He is preparing for a revival which will start from Easter Sunday. He is arranging also to paint and beautify his church. He is a notable preacher and a splendid business manager. Zion always prospers under his administration.

Rev. J. C. Coon, pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle and Old Zion, is greatly beloved by his congregations. He is a good man, and as to his ability as a preacher he ranks with the foremost and holds the fort when and wherever sent. Rt. Rev. I. C. Clinton, D. D., preached an able sermon at Old Zion on Sunday the 3rd, and at Chester station Sunday night. The Bishop's sermons made a lasting impression upon the minds of both congregations. His Sunday night sermon at Chester was the subject of conversation for several days. Long live our grand and faithful prelate in the bonds of Christian love.

Rev. E. T. McDonald, pastor of Pleasant View and Williamsville circuit is doing an effectual work, notwithstanding he encountered some opposition in the outset. I look upon him as one of our forthcoming young men. His people love him more as they know him better. I am well pleased with him and bespeak for him a brilliant future. His work is in good condition.

Rev. R. T. Terry, pastor of Mt. Mariah, and Mt. Ararat, seems to have that whole community under control. The people love him notwithstanding the fact that he scolds them severely when he thinks they need it. He is making great improvement at Mt. Mariah. He has put one coat of paint on and is preparing for another, and intends having a protracted meeting ere long. He is a Christian gentleman.

Rev. W. M. Clark, pastor of the Rehoboth and Galilee circuit, has things his way. They love their pastor and are taking care of him. He is among those holiness new upstarts, led by an apostate of Charlotte, N. C., that is teaching the people that it is an imposition upon them to pay Bishops and Presiding Elders, and yet Rev. Clark is holding the fort, and breaking their ranks, and will take care of Zion's interest. He is highly esteemed as a man of sterling integrity and is rising toward the upper ranks.

Rev. Z. Belton, pastor of Union Ezel station, and steward of the South Carolina Conference, is as solid as a gold dollar, a splendid preacher, and an extraordinary pastor. His congregation and the people generally, white and colored hold him in the highest esteem. His work is in good condition.

Rev. J. R. Beckham pastor of Mt. Zion and Vernon circuit, is called the baby revivalist. He is an excellent preacher, a sweet singer, and a pleasant winning pastor. He is doing a good work, and is in the hearts of his people. He is a power in the pulpit.

Rev. H. F. Martin is pastor of White Oak station, and from the time that he took that work a year and a half ago, he has been growing in influence and in the confidence of all who come in contact with him. He is of most pleasing as well as healing ministrations. I would we could get more Martins in Tennessee or any other Conference. We have such men to spare. I need ask for him while I prepare him, for they just can't get him. An organ, a new school-house, general improvement is the result of his labors and influence at this

istration of the law. He is a soul-stirring preacher, and a first-class preacher when reprover is necessary. His work is in good condition. He has ceiled Red Oak and was ceiling Mt. Calvary when there last. He makes a success wherever he is sent.

Rev. D. D. Moore, pastor of Cedar Grove and Chestnut Grove circuit, is one of our promising young men. He is a splendid preacher, and as for singing, he has but few equals. Moore, is a success wherever he goes. All he needs is a little more education, and I am advising him to put forth every effort to procure it. He is one of the best financiers that I know of anywhere. His work is in a progressive condition. The Sabbath-school institute will meet at Chestnut Grove on the fifth Sabbath in May on Moore's circuit.

Rev. G. W. Dixon, pastor of Neal and Sharon circuit, is a young man of considerable ability, though young and just starting out in the active duties of the ministry. He has had some trouble on his work. Some of Zion's deserters are trying to capture one of his churches, namely, Sharon, but Dixon is still holding the reins in his hands. I am going to his assistance in a few days. He is all right at Neal's Chapel, and is hopeful of getting Sharon all right in the near future. Dixon is all right.

Before concluding I wish to say that my men have not been as obedient as they should have been in collecting the Varick money, but I am seeing after it as I go around. It will be collected, the Lord willing. Four or five of them have collected their part. I feel proud of my preachers on my district. They are all good men to the best of my judgment, and I feel hopeful of success along all lines. My district in the near future will put a suitable monument at the head of ex-Presiding Elder D. I. Walker's grave. They hold him in lasting esteem, and his name is revered by them all. We intend also to show our appreciation to Elder M. Jones for his faithful labors in the South Carolina Conference. He has been preaching the gospel for over fifty years. He is now superannuated.

Chester, S. C.

VAIN AND EGOTISTIC.

BY REV. WM. T. BIDDLE, D. D.

"How vain are all things here below, How false and yet how fair."

Mr. Editor: I beg just space enough to reply to my worthy brother, Rev. S. A. Chambers. I would not do so had he not attempted to set me in a false light. The brother seems unkind. He intimates that I made an apology. If so, why, as a Christian minister, did he not accept it? But no, he charges me with trying to screen and twist out of what I said. Now any fair-minded reader who has common sense can judge for himself. I said that I may have used an ambiguous remark, but that I did not think that he would find the word referred to. Judge if that is trying to get out of anything.

Then he goes on to say why he attacked my article, as he was not aware of the fact that we could go from Maine to Georgia without touching his State at all. Maybe he did not know that, but assumes to be anxious as a committee of the whole to speak for the entire South. He says he wanted the public to know that's just what I thought.

either wanted to stir up a feeling, or show how he could discuss through paper. In all his manner this, for no one in Maine or intervening States, and why he should say a sentence like that to the public on is a mystery. He shows also charges me indirectly. He says I did not have said it, and the dignity of a Christian in closing up the matter am concerned, and the brother wishes something of importance to do so intelligently with him in a Christian thing Biblical, or man or Negro something

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Succinct Reports Indicative Of Progress Of Zion.

THE CHURCH AT WORK.

Zion is coming in Alabama. Rev. A. J. Rogers, P. E., is endeavoring to carry Evergreen district to the highest peak. I could never read a newspaper with satisfaction until I subscribed for the brilliant STAR. I am getting up a list of subscribers for it. I am one of Zion's sons, rocked in a Zion cradle.—D. C. Kyser, Gravelle, Ala.

Our conferences will be what we make them. If we are ministers of the right spirit we will obey the law and collect all the assessments, local and general, to run our great church. Some ministers collect general fund and hold it a long time before sending it in and some never send it. This thing must come to a speedy end. When you collect, report monthly.—Rev. R. C. Nash, of Mississippi.

Our beautiful church, Johnson's Chapel, attracts great attention. Our pastor, Dr. J. T. Jones, who has the exegetical and ecclesiastical training is giving tone and dignity to it. It was through the influence of our able instructor and pulpit orator, Rev. E. J. Carter, P. E., that we secured our pastor. Doubtless it was providential. We all are in harmony with him. We shall endeavor to make this year's report on all lines outstrip all previous ones.—L. C. Hoggins, Memphis, Tenn.

Zion's cause is being by the pastor H. M. C. an energetic worker. The crary Society has intelligence. The Society is endeavoring funds to make some need of the church. Aunt Harrietta staunch friend of Zion. grand old woman. Aunt another grand old friend. Jas. Ed. Mason is an abler and brilliant talker. Dean, Auburn, N. Y.

Our church here in A. D. Bloice is in It is full of life and Methodist church success and his god inspired by God. We like him. He is in appearance, refined profound scholar. He been evinced in the which he has treated his discussion with Bishop Pett Brown, Atlantic City, N. J.

I am a true Zionite. I love to note the progress of Zion. Rev. J. E. Springs, from North Carolina, our pastor, is doing good work here. Since his arrival here the dark clouds have returned to their home and he has completely revolutionized things. He has an excellent Sunday-school. When he mounts the rostrum his words are full of electricity. If he continues he will be one of the leading men in Zion. Mr. Editor, don't throw this in the waste basket, for we need more men like this man.—M. D. Dixon, Girard, Ga.

The Virginia Conference according to membership led the Connection last year in raising general fund. This makes her the banner conference. She did better on all Connectional claims than ever before, and we donated to Bishop Walters \$32.25. Bishop Alexander Walters is our general. He put out a number of young men who ordained to mission points, and tends to extend Zion all over Virginia. Mrs. E. H. Badham was elected president of the W. H. and F. M. Society. Conference will meet the fourth Wednesday in Nov., in Edenton, N. C.

Despite stringent circumstances treacherous friends, with undaunted workers Clinton Institute sailed clear sky and on a quiet sailing to the music of friends. Mr. R. B. Colson, colored chaut, furnished the shades. Mr. donor, gave the The Zion Church paid for a site at