...tive life. The volume of ...ure lies open before us. Its covers are illuminated by the pictures of fancy; its edges are gleaming with the golden tints of hope. Vainly do we strive to loosen its wondrous clasp. 'Tis a task which none but the hand of time can accomplish.

Life is short and we should all improve our time while it is before us. Not earthly life alone, but life is a thread running through the warps of eternity. It is a sweet as well as a great and wondrous thing. Man may make life what he pleases, and give it as much worth for himself as he has energy for.

We are in the world to make it better, to lift it up to a higher level of enjoyment and progress, to make the hearts and homes brighter and happier by devoting to our race our best thoughts, actions and influences Life was lent for noble deeds. It is short and yet it may be long enough for us to learn about this grand material or external world. If such grand possibilities lie within the reach of our personal actions in the world, how important that we live for something that is harmonious with the dignity of our present being and the grandeur of our future destiny.

Yesterday was ours but it is gone; to-day is all we possess, for to morrow we may never see; therefore in the golden hours of the present the seeds are planted whereby the harvest for good or evil is to be realized. The web of life is drawn into a loom for us. We weave it ourselves. Life is often a bitter struggle from first to last, with many who wear smiling faces and are ever ready with a cheerful word. Life is like a wind... lone. On either side are bright ...nd tempting fruit which we ...pause to admire or taste. ...igh all, let us so live that ...he evening of life the gold... rest sweetly and invitingly ...olden mountains, and the ...ven streams down through ...g mists of death, we may ...ful and joyous entrance ...ld of blessedness where ...e great riddle of life whose meaning we can only guess at here below ...vill be unfolded to us in the quick consciousness of a soul redeemed and purified.

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I attend pay school every day. We have a very classical teacher, Rev. McLendon. He is from St. Louis, Mo. He teaches music every Monday and Thursday nights, and on Friday we meet the society to discuss subjects of all kinds. So we see what we have to do to accomplish any thing during the season of life.

Kingston, Tenn.

CHEERING NEWS.

BY MRS. M. E. RANDOLPH.

It has been sometime since I have written to the STAR. Zion is still growing. Though in a very remote part of Arkansas ere long she will ...ve spread her borders from the ...clad hills of North Carolina to ...den gates of the peaceful Pa... ...nd to the ice bound region of ...rious dominion to where the ... of the Mississippi mingle with ...laby of the heavy Gulf.

... last September there has ...ganized another Zion Church ... Holliday's Tabernacle. We ...missionary band, about 23 ...ber, but we have the finest ...day-school and literary society in ... Bottom, with Wm. Matthew as ...or, and Rev. G. W. Walter, M. ..., to help us. We are preparing to ...rect one of the finest schools here in the South under the Episcopal direction of Rt. Rev. Jehu Holliday. We thank God for such a man in our ...ce, in our Church. We thank ...n for his election to the bishopric, ...acknowledge the fact that his ...ill expand the dignity and ... of our Church. In him the ... found an advocate whose ...ellectual qualifications ...rogress of this well ...stitution.

... this plac... Church larger, and ...ing would be more pleasant. He ...nt speaker, and his intellectual ...bility is the equal of that of any man in the South. He is now holding a charge at Grady, Ark., and has made a success of it. He has added 22 souls to it. He has a wife whose qualities everybody admire. She helps her husband in his untiring efforts. His children, Mrs. Daisy Whitlow, Misses Flossie and Dollie Waters, are earnest workers for Zion and are found at their post every Sabbath morning bringing the little ones to Jesus. Mr. G. A. Whitlow is also a very strong member of our beloved Zion.

Mr. O. M. Spellman, a very rich white gentleman of this place, and a Republican of the deepest dye, gave us five acres of choicest land that Arkansas affords, located in one of the finest localities in the South, and situated on one of the finest lakes. The scenery all around is grand. At the earliest opportunity he will give a deed to our beloved Bishop Holliday for God and Zion. He is the benefactor of the Negro of this country and is the Negro's friend.

I cannot fail to mention Elder B. J. Shumaker, who has just left the Baptist church and is now a staunch worker for Zion. He, too, is doing a great work along the line of education and is using his money and his influence for Zion. Rev. Wm. Matthew, our beloved pastor, is a very energetic young man, a gentleman, a Christian, and a very earnest worker for the Church.

Mr. O. M. Spellman has been elected chairman of the board of managers of this institution of learning which shall be known as the Spellman High School. He is using both his money and his influence for the benefit of this school for Zion. Rev. Shumaker is the chairman of the board of trustees of this school, I am the secretary, and Dr. Walters is general collector. Any one wishing to contribute anything can do so by addressing him at English, Arkansas. For further information, write me at the same place.

A LOYAL CHURCH.

REV. W. L. LEE.

Our church here has been established more than 30 years, and is one of the most loyal in Zion Connection It has a great reputation for responding to Connectional calls in times of stern emergencies. On last year the Presiding Bishop offered several prizes to the pastors of this annual Conference; first, to the one raising the highest amount of general fund over $50, a set of Matthew Henry's Commentaries, and a number of smaller prizes. We with our fine set of people won the Commentaries, by raising $54 general fund, also the prize for Children's Day, raising $13.15, and we received the Commentaries and "Giekie's Life of Christ" as the reward of the faithful zealous work during last year. They are indeed "rich mines," well worth working for, and we shall endeavor to work them well. The good bishop has our warmest thanks and our congregation our best thanks.

We closed the old year with good results and began the new with life and vigor. We have just closed the best quarterly meeting held here since I have been here; licensed one woman to exhort, which is a new thing for Zion in Mississippi. The Presiding Elder, Rev. E. J. Carter, preached a great sermon on "The Promises of God." We never heard him to a more practical and spiritual advantage. This church enjoys the very happy distinction of having had some of Zion's strong men to pastor her, such as the late Rev. L. J. Scurlock, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, Rev. H. H. Bingham, and others. Prominent among our membership is Mrs. B. E. Bohannon *nee* Riddick who hails from Livingstone College; she is indeed a tower of strength for Zion at this place. We have a strong Varick Christian Endeavor which paid the first $5 in the hands of Bishop G. W. ...n for the building of the ...memorial church at Nash... general fund assess... ...s this year is $60, ... expect to collect it, ... this place knows no ... of our strongest and ...bers, both young and ... untiringly for the ...r of Zion here or elsewhere. ... our second year and ...ise our ...ceiving

THE ATHENS ... OF THE SOUTH ...

BY REV. L. ...

The Athens Distr... So far as I have bee... have met with gre... I have ever met with ... round during my five years over this district. The Lord has been with me all this year as my shield and hiding place. It was a little stormy when I started out this year, but thank God it has blown over and we find ourselves sitting steady in Zion's boat sailing on the great gospel sea.

Wynn's chapel is pastored by Rev. A. D. Dunbar. This work was in a bad fix when he took charge of it, but he went to work like a man of God and gained the people. He has worked the church up to its highest spiritual work. He is doing a grand work. He has also Crawford circuit. The writer and Rev. Dunbar are succeeding and sparing no pains to plant Zion in Washington.

St. Paul circuit, Rev. F. C. Collins, pastor, is in fine condition. Elder Collins is a strong Zionite and a splendid preacher. He holds his own better than any preacher I ever saw. His people love him. He has improved his church greatly since conference by building a fine vestibule in front of his church and a new floor; also a lot of other inside work. He has a fine people who know how to make it pleasant for their P. E. The quarter was fine. The Elder made full reports and is succeeding grandly.

Green chapel, Rev. M. P. Pye pastor. He is a grand young man and has done a great work since conference, remodelling his church from start to finish. His people love him. He is the man for that place. His quarter was a complete success. He and his blessed people gave the P. E. a grand time. God bless the young son of thunder.

Gravetown circuit, Rev. C. H. Mallory, pastor. At his second quarter we had a grand time. He was in high spirit. We hope for him great success this year.

Jones chapel circuit, Rev. H. P. Thomas, pastor, is in fine condition. Elder Thomas has added a number of strong members to his churches this year. His quarter was up-to-date. He is a wide-awake Zion preacher and is call the "flying eagle" of the South Georgia Conference.

Zion has some strong members around Pleasant Home, Augusta and in the pine woods, such as C. Harvey and wife J. W. Smith and wife, W. Frances, R. Smith and many others. Dr. H. P. Thomas has a grand family, also Prof. Nash, of Pleasant Home, is a grand man and has a nice family. Mrs. M. M. Daniel, Mrs. Mattie L. Blunt and others of Elder Thomas' circuit are grand ladies. The ladies on the upper end of the district can't be beat working for the Master's cause. Mrs. Martha Simmons, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Mrs. C. Rolland, Mrs. M. A. Cox, A. Simmons Phes Flemming and Geo. Cox, and many others I could name, are grand people.

We expect to bring more Connectional claims to conference than ever before. Brethren, let's go all the way through the gate of success. I love all of my ministers. We are together from start to finish. We expect a fine Easter collection at every point on the district. Mrs. S. Spradlin, of Wynn's chapel and others are strong Zionites, also Green's chapel and St. Paul are blessed with strong females. Success to the STAR.

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