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SHOP J. W. HOOD.

Your attempt to add... report of the decision... of Bishops in the case... all's relation to the church... to give satisfaction, as... have learned from another... I wish therefore to state... I understand it.

I believe in the eternal fitness of things; hence, I only want the place that fits me or that I can fit. It does not appear to me that we will need any more bishops soon, as we have so much head now it will not do to enlarge it for fear we might get the big head. But in case of a vacancy, Dr. Smith, Editor of the STAR, will occupy the vacant chair. Dr. Smith deserves to be made bishop because of the great victory Zion got in the fight that Dr. Smith had with Dr. Henderson; and it appears that he has the right of way at this time. We all can't be bishops; if so, there would be no one to preside over; hence, I am content to fill a place in the gift of the annual conference where I can make myself felt for the good of the Church and not for the office only.

It appears to me that there is undue haste to want to be a bishop or a general officer, for as soon as some preachers are heard of out of their own conference they want to be endorsed for some general office. I say the head is too big now for the body. It is not good for the Church for every successful pastor to be taken from the pulpit and put into some general office. It impairs his usefulness. The pulpit needs able preachers, and the Church needs able pastors; and I think it best to let the able preachers stay in charge of the churches and fill the general offices with laymen as much as possible. The presiding elders know how difficult it is to satisfy the people. The churches all want strong preachers, and yet the strong preachers are trying to be general officers. Zion can boast of having laymen that can hold any office in the Church aside from the bishop's office; such men as Hon. J. C. Dacey, Prof. S. G. Atkins, Prof. W. F. Fonvielle, Prof. E. Evans, Hon. G. C. Scurlock, Prof. Noble and many others.

When I hear the Church calling for stronger pastors, I wonder why that such able preachers as Doctors Goler, Day, Smith, Blackwell and others are not in charge of the strong churches where they are needed. Says one, "That won't do, for they are general officers." Yes, and they are also great preachers and the churches say we need them, and if they cannot fill both positions, let them go preach the gospel, and let the laymen have the general offices; but in most cases they can fill both when the church is near at hand.

Charlotte, N. C.

GOD BLESSING US.

REN. E. G. WILLIAMS.

The quarterly conference convened here at Mt. Boykin A. M. E. Zion church, March 12th, with Rev. Samuel Sherman, P. E., presiding. Our meeting was a success and a blessing to the entire circuit. Rev. Sherman is one of the noblest and best men of Zion. As presiding elder he is a blessing to Zion wherever he travels to preach or lecture. May he live long to lead, teach and preside in our beloved Zion. I paid him off in the conference, and the entire Sunday's collection, except the poor's money, was raised for the pastor. Mt. Boykin circuit has taken on new life. We are now making large preparations to build a new church at Mt. Pleasant, and also at Mt. Boykin, and to remodel Bethlehem church. We rallied at Mt. Boykin church, April 24th, and raised \$9.04 on pastor's salary. We have a very good Sunday-school throughout the circuit which is ranking second to none. I am to organize the V. O. E. Society in my churches and also the W. H. M. Society. This circuit is a 240 general funds this year. The big bell rings in De- of 1898 we expect to have receipt.

REV. W. J. MOORE, D. D.

His Jubilee—One Of The Founders Of Zion In The Southland.

A BRILLIANT RECORD.

We present the picture of Rev. W. J. Moore, D. D., who is being honored with a great Jubilee this week in Wilson, N. C. It began last Tuesday, and Bishops Hood, Pettet and Harris and several prominent divines are present doing "honor to whom honor is due." He was one of the ministers, and the only one now living, who met Bishop J. J. Clinton and Elder but now Bishop J. W. Hood in Newbern, N. C., in 1864 and assisted in organizing the North Carolina Conference, and he was ordained a deacon at that session.

James Varick, Peter Williams.



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Francis Jacobs and others founded our Zion in the North—in New York—in 1796, and J. J. Clinton, J. W. Hood, W. J. Moore and others founded our Zion in the South—in Newbern, N. C.—in 1864. During the latter part of 1864 and nearly the whole of 1865 Dr. Moore was engaged with others in organizing churches. He had a charge but he responded to every Macedonian call. At the second annual conference in 1865 he was ordained elder. He has served with great success the churches at Fayetteville, Beaufort, Granville County, Salisbury, Wilmington, Charlotte, Statesville and Newbern and has made a record at each point equal to that of any of his predecessors.

He has organized 68 congregations, built 12 churches, improved many others, and licensed over 60 local preachers. He was conference steward for about 17 years and has been a presiding elder for 20 years. There was a clamor last year in his conference among some of the men for a change of presiding elders. Some thought he had held the office long enough, but when the voting time came this heroic pioneer and "father" of the conference was quickly elected by a handsome majority. He was among the first to put down \$50 for Livingstone College and among that number that paid one dollar a month for nearly four years to give the STAR OF ZION a start. If we had about 75 men of Dr. Moore's stamp Zion would soon capture the West and Southwest. In consideration of his great services Livingstone College unanimously conferred upon him the degree of D. D.

Dr. Moore is one of the greatest Biblical preachers of the race. He is at home in the pulpit and knows how to wake up, charm and edify a dull and sleepy congregation. Just announce in North Carolina that W. J. Moore is going to preach and there will be a rush for seats.

Every minister, not only in North Carolina, but in Zion, considering that he is one of the southern founders of Zion, should send him freely and immediately a donation—50 cents or a dollar is better than nothing.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

BY MRS. A. S. LOFF.

The Sunday-school Convention of the Concord district met in Morven, N. C., May 5th, 1898. After devotional exercises President J. W. Thomas made some very timely and pointed remarks showing the aim and purpose of the work to be done. Too much praise cannot be given to our President for his well arranged plans. His annual address, subject, "The

ent Demands of Sunday-school Work," ably explained the duties of parents, superintendents and teachers. When we see it as it was laid before us it will make us better workers for God and humanity. It was grand and noble, filling our hearts with enthusiasm. Revs. J. S. Settle, A. McCallum, G. L. Black and others said they could not afford to let such a rich blessing as our esteemed president had given us pass without speaking. They voiced the sentiments of the Convention.

The delegates made their reports showing much interest manifested in the different schools. Rev. W. J. Sides' delegate struck us with more force than any, to see the number added since the last Convention, and together with 25 converts in their school. The mission schools, though small in number, are trying to do their part of this work. The Sunday-schools in our district are doing good work on all lines; all are using our own literature. Rev. A. McCallum preached the annual sermon at 8 p. m. Text Matt. 16:18. He made quite an impression. Welcome addresses by Mr. C. S. Leak, Rev. E. A. Simmons and Mr. Mark Ramsey. Responses by Miss Alice Rowland, Rev. J. S. Settle and Mr. D. A. Alexander. The addresses were up-to-date in style and language. Rev. Simmons and his stewardesses served refreshments. He is getting on well with his work.

Friday the delegates finished up all their reports which were creditable. The Superintendent of each school spoke and made us feel that their hearts were in the work. The reports of the committees on Missionary, Easter offering, Education and Children's Day were commendable. The Easter offering for the year was \$67. Amount raised in the convention, \$57. Some very interesting papers read by our ladies showed earnest preparation and thought. The President said this was the best convention he ever held any where, and we all agree with him for it is now a model organization and good work is being done all over the district.

The delegates met Sunday morning with the Sunday-school and took active part, some taught and some spoke. Rev. W. J. Sides graced the pulpit and preached from Romans 1:16. It was an impressive sermon. At 3 p. m. Rev. J. L. Black preached a very practical and instructive sermon. Rev. W. H. Graham preached an enjoyable sermon at night. Communion was administered and four persons were admitted into the church. The house was packed all day, indeed we had a good attendance during the entire Convention. The good people of Harris Chapel, Flat Rock and Galilee together with their pastor Rev. R. A. Simmons did all they could to make our stay a pleasant one. May God's blessings rest upon them.

Wadesboro, N. C.

SANCTIFICATION.

REV. J. G. GREEN.

What is sanctification? It is the work of God's free grace whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

What is it for one to be sanctified? It is to be made a saint or holy person set apart for a holy use. I Thess. 5:23.

Can any sinner sanctify himself? No, we can defile but cannot purify ourselves. Job 14:4.

Whose work is it to sanctify? It is the special work of the Spirit of God. I Thess. 2:13.

Justification makes a relative sanctification a real change. The first changes a man's state. The other changes his heart and life. Ezek. 36:26.

How do they differ as to their form or manner of conveyance? Justification is elected by the imputation of Christ's righteousness to us; sanctification by the implantation of His grace in us.

How do they differ in their progress? A justification is complete and perfect at first, but sanctification is carried on until the day of glory. The Holy Spirit is to be back to back with the law.

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Of Our Livingstone College... by Pen Pictures

BY REV. E. D. W. JONES, A. M.

Livingstone College commencement over and the students, faculty and trustees can now be at ease over the flattering success of the past year's work. It is evident that there need be no fears about the future prosperity of the College, for it has been shown beyond a doubt that its progress is a surety and that it must go forward because God is well-pleased with the character of the work being done.

This commencement eclipsed all others in the reported scholarship of the students, its oratory, in song, and attracted more visitors to the beautiful grounds and excursions than any in the history of the College. They were there from every quarter; graduates fresh from the field of conflict and labor came back to report their achievements to their dear old Alma Mater; fathers and mothers were there to rejoice in the splendid dawning of a better day for their sons and daughters; old men sat with tear-dimmed eyes as they listened to the sweeping eloquence of the future champions of a race of slaves, while distinguished prelates and representative civilians sat in motionless surprise, amazed over the grand results of their sacrifices and labors that alone made an institution of this kind possible.

On Thursday evening, May 19th, 1898, the graduating exercises began with the Preparatory Department, of which Miss Victoria Richardson is the principal, ably assisted by Miss Mary A. Lynch and Mrs. Annie O. Tucker. These ladies evidently sought to vie with the higher departments of the school, and truly the declamations in point of delivery showed careful training, and the essays would do credit to classes of higher standing, while on a whole the closing was far above the average. Due credit must be given these experienced teachers for the important work allotted them in laying the foundation, in preparing the youth not only for entrance into higher branches of study but in forming character in this most important period of human life; for as the growth of the tree depends upon the condition of the sapling, so the development of human life depends largely upon the instructions given in early days. These ladies, realizing that their Department deals with the formative period of character, throw their whole souls into the work and some day will see the results of their energies in useful and noble lives.

Next came the graduating of the Normal Department, of which Prof. B. A. Johnson is the well-prepared principal. The accomplished daughter of Dr. A. J. Warner, Miss Jennie, led this class in point of scholarship, while the others followed close to the standard she set. The original orations were not only marked because of the polished style of delivery, but for thought and careful preparation. The essays by the Misses: Fannie Cassell, M. A. Garland, Julia Mosely, Fannie Murchison, Lillie Stewart, Maggie Kelsey, Annie B. Warner, Emma Williams, Hester Lee and that burning and shining Christian light, Miss Lillian E. Wicks, of Philadelphia, were indeed not only spoken with the earnestness of experienced public performers, but in the advanced position taken upon the reformatory movements of the age they proved themselves adequate to the task of life. Here we might well add that the scholarship of the present set of girls is higher than it has ever been, and that Livingstone College is doing for women what no other institution is doing, bringing her up to be the equal of her eternal antagonist, man, in debate, in public spirit, in morals and thought; and side by side with him she determines to help solve the problems of human life. Especially were we interested in this class because Alex. H. Hanum, one of the Normal graduates, first received his impetus to attend Livingstone while we were preaching in Maryville, Tenn., and also Johnnie Foster whose parents are members of our present charge. A. J. Gorham, George H. Thompson, D. J. Moore, J. W. Rives and S. F. Collins delivered fine speeches.

Too much cannot be said in this connection of the untiring labors of Prof. B. A. Johnson, of whom we are all proud and especially the Alumni that he so acceptably represents on the faculty. He works all the time, is ever on the alert to catch new ideas and inject them into the life of the institution. He is a prominent and representative layman of Zion Church who because of his merit and service has been mentioned several times for general offices. Because he is such an overworked little fellow, I move now that he either in the near future select himself a help-meet or the College select one for him. Carried over.

The graduation exercises of the Department of Education and Fine Arts, under the leadership of Prof. W. F. Fonvielle, and from the approval received, it was clear that we agreed with him that it was commendation.

The Class of '94 was well represented. Prof. W. F. Fonvielle, of course came down to see what the about, and no doubt will be the readers of the STAR. Anyhow, he is a member of our present charge.

THE ASSOCIATION...

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BY REV. E. D. W. JONES, A. M.

This organization was started by that leader in North Carolina of the Temperance movement, Miss Mary A. Lynch. Mrs. Annie Tucker took the presidency of the local College union and it was under her wise supervision and training that the contest of Monday evening held to the delight of all present still a question in my mind were not six gold medals awarded into as many parts, three keen judges to decide and critical comparison of the beautiful gold medal, Scott, of Harrisburg, Pa. a large share of praise that she receive the gold other gold medal.

This Association closed after having spent eight months in relieving the poor and destitute. Rev. R. B. still, but deep thinker, annual address, and it was by that it ranked among productions of the movement.

That "other discipline" invited to preach the sermon before the Y. M. C. A., managed much perspiration to "lastly conclude." Bishop U. R. Harris who preached the Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduates never appeared to greater advantage, never preached a greater gospel sermon that completely caught everybody and answered everybody's needs as that on Sunday afternoon. He was calm, but impressive, simple in the use of words, but mighty in thought, clear in application, and above all it was evident that the Holy Ghost was with him and in Him, for never a man taught any better lessons of character and life than this good, true and noble prelate.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The annual address to the faculty and students was delivered by Rev. W. H. Pearce, D. D., of Wilkesbarre, Pa. He talked 45 minutes from the subject "Vicariousness, or the Spirit of Amelioration." The spirit of the address was working for the improvement of scornful selfishness and admonition all to follow the noble example of who disdained all glory and to live and die for humanity. A have been selected to publish a dress, I will only add that Dr. proved himself equal to the task and his wonderful address easily him among the best speakers who graced the commencement stone. Without paper of out of the abundance of and all were impressed that he lived the life measured up to the standard of the best examples of the spirit of Amelioration.

COMMENCEMENT NOTES

Hon. J. C. Dancy was the only student who succeeded in getting in his year's work. He paid a high tribute to the work that the College under the leadership of Prof. W. F. Fonvielle, and from the approval received, it was clear that we agreed with him that it was commendation.

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