

V. C. E. TALKS.

Denominational programs for the Nashville Convention are ready.

President Colbert will make some official visits to V. C. E.'s in Virginia Conference this month.

We expect every V. C. E. in the Union to celebrate the Second Anniversary. Send for programs if you have not done so already.

The New Jersey Conference led off followed by the New England, the New York and the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conferences.

We have just filled an order for a little V. C. E. in Plant City, Fla., for fifteen solid gold V. C. E. pins. What do you think of that?

Rev. J. H. Davis, pastor of a little Zion church, at Lebanon, Va., was the first to report from the Anniversary exercises. His sketch and picture will appear in the June issue of Endeavor. Look out for it, it is coming.

President Colbert has been relieved from all pastoral obligations and is in the position to assist in taking the world for "Christ and the Church." His headquarters will still remain in Washington, D. C., "doing business at the old stand."

Let there be a V. C. E. Union of all of the V. C. E.'s in every city or town where there are two or more local V. C. E. societies. Let the pastors get together and decide upon time and place of meeting. Call all of the V. C. E.'s together and organize, choose officers, etc., and report to us at once.

We have accepted an invitation to preach the Anniversary Sermon to the faculty and students of the Edenton Industrial High School, Edenton, N. C., Sunday, June 12th, D. V. Several days thereafter will be spent in visiting and encouraging the V. C. E. movement in the bounds of the Virginia Conference.

The Varick C. E. Societies are pre-eminently missionary societies and we desire to develop along that particular line. Hence, we have decided by the approval of the Board of Bishops to turn all moneys coming into the V. C. E. Department from any source whatever (over and above the necessary expenses) into the Missionary Department of the Church.

By invitation of General Secretary, J. W. Baer, of the U. S. Y. P. S. C. E., we will be present and conduct the denominational meeting during the International Y. P. S. C. E. at Nashville in July. We are planning to spend several weeks thereafter in making official visits to the V. C. E.'s in that section. Any V. C. E. societies desiring our special attention in the States of Tennessee and Kentucky will do well to communicate with us at once.

The consolidated plan of all three of our periodicals introduced by Bishop Walters at the New Jersey Conference is working like a charm. That is to say that the pastors are getting the STAR, the A. M. E. Zion Quarterly and the Varick Christian Endeavorer for \$2.25. Manager Blackwell pledges upon his honor to send out all of the above publications regularly since he has become publisher of the same.

The Varick C. E. Society never makes any special assessments upon its members. "We couldn't if we would, and we wouldn't if we could," for we verily believe that we can get more by donations and free-will offerings than we can by the assessment system. Nevertheless we are at liberty to make special appeals as all other civilized and Christianized bodies may do when necessary. See page 14, article 14; per model Constitution and By-laws of the Varick C. E. Societies of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

A WISE RULING.

The astute and far-sighted Bishop Pettey handed down the following wise ruling at the recent session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, to wit: "That all moneys paid out for any purpose whatever by any V. C. E. society outside of its own local interests must be done under the supervision and direction of the President of the Varick C. E. Union." We say Amen. We fear that hundreds of dollars are being paid out by our V. C. E. societies to irresponsible sources that ought to be expended in the bounds of our own Church. Some of the pastors will do well to look into this matter.

If you for it is very necessary, especially now... page 7, Article X... the Society to the... All the above will show the harmony as well as propriety between the law and the far-sighted ruling of Bishop Pettey. But the best thing for every pastor to do is to see that his Varick C. E. is supplied with constitutions, and he be sure that he has one himself.

All persons who expect to represent their V. C. E. at Nashville in July would do well to let me know at once. Jesse B. Colbert.

DON'T RUSH TO WAR.

BY S. C. MOORE.

The Negro should not haste to arms in this war between the United States and Spain, because he has not had a chance to learn the tactics of war.

2. His barns and storehouses are empty, and he should stay home as long as possible and take care of his family.

3. He has nothing to fight for unless it is for the exercise of his part of the constitution. We have Cubans here without being advised to go hundreds of miles away with arms. I do not mean that the Negro should not love his country and its honor, but he should stand second-class in a battle. The Negro in the Revolutionary war on down to the Civil war has fought gallantly—in the first he fought for 200 years of slavery; in the last for a proclamation minus freedom. The white man says to him to-day, "You are not a man, sir, and you are to serve and take such punishment as I see fit to give you."

There is not much encouragement to fight while the Civil Rights Bill remains unconstitutional. We are politically disfranchised in many places, lynch law is king, and Jim Crow car is forced upon us. Where is the Negro's head? Liberty may have supplanted slavery, but I fear it has not supplanted the spirit and power of slavery. There is no spoil in Cuba nor in the sea for the Negro. White soldiers object to marching and fighting side by side in war with us. They are perfectly willing to be officers of colored military companies so that they can get the glory should the black boys win it. Let the Negro stop and think and not rush too fast into battle unless he sees he is going to be treated better after it is over. Nebo, Kentucky.

BRIGHTER LIGHTS NEEDED.

BY S. W. L. REAVES.

We certainly have a good man and bishop in the person of Bishop Jehu-Holiday. He is filled with the Holy fire and is not ashamed to preach the gospel in any place and among any class of people. He is not afraid nor ashamed to visit the poor country churches and see what Zion is doing. He is not one of those men who only follow the railroad and go to the cities. A man of his make-up is the kind of minister we need to spread Zion, especially in the North Arkansas Conference.

The moon cannot luminate the day because the sun is the greater light; neither can a lamp luminate the day, because it is a very small light. To luminate the cause of Zion her magnifying lights must shine in the towns and in the country places, in the schools everywhere. We want presiding elders who will look after the interest of Zion as well as after the mighty dollar; who are willing, like the pastor, to make a sacrifice in order to lift up a standard for the people. We want a working crew of ministers with Holy Ghost power; men who will take the ram's horn, the trumpet, and sound it abroad to the mountains and through the cities. We must have them. Morrilton, Ark.

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One of the funnies of all the funny books is certainly "Samantha at Saratoga." Will Carleton pronounces it "delicious humor" and Bishop Newman says it is "bitterest satire coated with the sweetest of exhilarating fun." Formerly published by subscription at the price of \$2.50, and sold, it is said, by the hundred thousand, it has recently been issued in an exquisite little cloth-bound volume in the Cambridge Classics series by the celebrated publisher, H. B. Sayers & Co., of New York.

When the... it sends out... the ministers would... ly interested in every... Zion as the circus men are... a crowd we would have no... to raise general fund, Easter... Children's Day money, etc. I am not in favor of hanging on any more freight boxes. Let's pull out with what we have. Don't be selfish. Trust God for your bread. Raise some general fund every Sabbath and report according to law. Read Psalms 37: 3 and 25; St. Matt. 12:24, 29, 30. York District shall not boast over us another year. Chester, S. C.

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There is nothing great in man but mind. By this faculty space is blotting out and time annihilated. It is swifter than lightning, faster than electricity and outflies its volts that dance, as it were, on ethereal vibrations. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, this cherub of the airy deep leaps heavenward or hellward, rejoicing in the happiness of the saved, or revolting at the horrors of the lost millions. It sweeps the track of lesser stars, pierces the orbits of the planets, the belted splendors of Jupiter, the golden rings of Saturn, visits "Arctus Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the South," and wraps itself in the fiery sheets of the sun. It delights to flee through "The Milky Way" and the gem studded and constellated highways of God.

The Devil is a powerful prince, a mighty king and a great captain with an empire of spiritual darkness of immense proportions. He is wise, astute, stalwart. Standing up like a spiritual giant of massive proportions and roaring like a lion when he thirsts for blood, he sounds his clarion voice which, like an electric shock, flashes along all the zones and parallels of the habitable earth, convulsing the nations, and spreading far an intensive discord through all the tribes of men. Yoking the whirlwind to his flying car he traverses the mighty oceans and plows the surge of the sea. He is old, he seeks the gleam of the sun and the dew of the earth.

Still the battle rages. Neither entirely defeated the other, but onward and fiercely rolls the battle cry. But hush! hush! I hear the silver notes of the golden clarion of Messial coming with martial tread and haughty tramp. He is "clothed in a vesture dipped in blood." He rides upon the great white horse of truth and on his head are "many crowns." By his side hangs a potent double-edged blade of "heavenly temper keen" that never turns back from the blood of the slain. His armies are upon white horses robed in the bright and shining habiliments of divine purity. Their swords forged upon the anvil of God's house of David, and made of the best old Jerusalem steel do the mountains of God. Do the incisions they make and file of the enemy. Oh, fail. He is more than a man, the devil.

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BY W. B. GOSWELL.

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Among our many visitors this week Misses McIlwain, Cureton, Casland Messrs W R Coles, Sr. and W Coles, Jr. All expressed themselves as pleased with the work being done, spoke complimentary of the efforts put forth by our energetic and...

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June 5th, 11 a m and 8 p m, Jones Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind.
3 p m Penicke chapel, Indianapolis, Ind.
7th and 8th, Walter's chapel, Indianapolis, Ind.
9th and 11th, Chicago, Ill
12th, 11 a m, St John E St Louis, Ill,
3 and 8 p m, Metropolitan church, St Louis, Mo
14th, St Louis, Mo.
15th and 16th, Jones chapel, Lexington ave, St Louis, Mo.
The following other places will be visited: Jefferson City, Kansas City, Mo. Du Quoin, Chicago and Kankakee, Ill. Evansville, Ind. Henderson, Corydon and Sebree, Ky. The dates will be announced two weeks in advance of my coming.

I am authorized by Bishop A. Walters to solicit funds for our Zion High School. Freshmen, look out for me, for I shall canvas this summer and possibly may be of some interest to you and your churches. E. C. Shames, principal. Norfolk, Va.