

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

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

Rev. J. C. Temple, fraternal delegate from the New Jersey Conference, rendered valuable assistance to the sessions by inspiring and eloquent addresses and masterly delivered sermons. It is remarkable how the people of St. Louis love the man, and though he had been away from them for sometime still they followed him from place to place to hear his powerful gospel sermons.

The Mayor of the city and popular city pastors paid the Conference visits and seemed to be highly pleased with the character of the work our Church is doing. The W. H. and F. Missionary Society held their meeting at the Metropolitan church, Mrs. A. Wakefield, president. This untiring and truly devoted worker in local and foreign mission work, did herself great credit in the delivery of a well prepared paper on missions. She has been the leader of this organization in that Conference for a number of years, and so well pleased were the brethren with her past work that they again elected her vice-president.

Mrs. C. C. Pettey read a carefully written paper on "The Mission of Zion Church," and every thought was clothed in the choicest and most elegant language. It was delivered with that force and swaying eloquence that captivated her many attentive hearers. She thinks for herself, and her public spirit, her intelligence and interest in every question of Church and problems of race easily rank her among the leading Afro-American women of this day.

Mrs. G. W. Clinton, who graduated with high honors from Livingstone College, sustained her former record as a composer of ability, in an address on "Phases of Our Missionary Work." She reasons well when she says that Zion must cultivate a missionary spirit in its ministry so that its borders will be extended and enlarged. Being well trained in a college where the art of oratory is taught to women as to men, she was at home on the stage and acquitted herself well. There are other ladies who should receive special mention, several young lady graduates of the public schools of St. Louis, and I shall ask Bishop Clinton to supply the STAR with their names. On behalf of Dr. Moreland and his church, Dr. Warner presented Mrs. G. W. Clinton a beautiful silver pitcher.

Bishop C. C. Pettey associated Bishop Clinton in presiding over the Conference as a return compliment for similar service he rendered Bishop Pettey in Kentucky. The Bishop was not well but this did not hinder him in the performance of his duty. The ministers were proud to see the bond of fraternal union, love and interest between these two eminent prelates. They were together on all vital questions of Church; each understood how to expedite business, and arm in arm they handled the interests of Zion without fear or trembling. Bishop Pettey preached a sermon on "Home" at the earnest request of the Conference that shall never be forgotten, and the truths were so impressed, and the fire of the Holy Ghost was so evident, until it appeared that God had veiled Himself and come down

to talk with men. Men wept to whom tears are strangers; others shouted and rejoiced who were never known to do the like before, and the man himself was caught up to the sublimest heights of imagination and thought and delivered a sermon that places him in the foremost rank of notable preachers of his day.

The Conference was held in a beautiful brick edifice, built by Rev. W. F. Jones, the present pastor, and too much cannot be said of him and his good people who enjoyably entertained the Conference. The minutes will give the deliberations in detail, but I might add that there was an increase along all lines over that of last year. Conference adjourned to meet in Jones Tabernacle, Indianapolis, the second Wednesday in September, 1899.

Bishop Clinton will supply you with appointments.
Allegheny City, Pa.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

BY BISHOP GEO. W. CLINTON, D. D.

St. Louis district, J. M. Washington, P. E. The Metropolitan church, Morgan street, John F. Moreland; Jones chapel, Lexington avenue, W. T. Jones; St. John chapel, Rock Road, E. St. Louis, D. J. Donohoo; St. Mark, Lucas avenue, St. Louis, A. W. Rice; St. John, South St. Louis, W. E. Jackson; Webster Grove, A. D. Howard; Chain Rock, Mo., and Moscow Mills, Lewis Nunly; Troy and Flint Hill, C. L. Lucas; Dunavant chapel, Jefferson City, Mo., Clement Peters; Lidia mission, Kansas City, Mo., L. R. Brown; East Bottom, Kansas City, Mo., I. H. Johnson; Rosedale, Kan., W. J. Rodgers; West Bottom, Kansas City, Mo., G. W. Donaldson; Kankakee, Ill., L. N. Slaughter; Walters chapel, State street, Chicago, Ill., R. P. Christian; Center avenue church, P. H. Wright; Porty-seventh street mission, G. B. Lane; Fifth avenue, to be supplied; West avenue, to be supplied; St. Joseph, to be supplied; French mission, to be supplied; East St. Louis mission, to be supplied; St. Charles mission, Morris Grant; East Carondelet and Belleville, O. H. Banks; Basket station, Kansas, L. N. Norton.

Indianapolis district, Y. Carr, P. E. Jones chapel, Blackford street, Indianapolis, Indiana, A. Wakefield; Walters chapel, Saunders street, J. W. Zelender; Penix chapel, Norwood, Ind., K. Curruthers; Mulberry street mission, Alexander Averitt; Hood's chapel, Evansville, Ind., C. N. Payne; Hill's and Terre Haute, Ind., C. H. Green; Elizabeth mission, L. B. Butts; Manson chapel, Henderson, Ky., P. W. Dunavant; Corydon, Ky., A. H. Dorsey; Smith Mills and South Henderson, S. S. Green; Sebree, Ky., D. Y. Young; Slaughtersville, Pleasant Valley and Roberts, D. A. Shelton; Duquoin, Ill., to be supplied; Centralia and Walnut Hill, J. J. Kennedy; Cairo mission, W. B. Clark.

Rev. Biner, of Los Angeles, arrived on the 8th and took charge of the A. M. E. Zion church. He preached an excellent sermon last Sunday and was well received. We hope that the church will be under his administration.—*California Western Outlook.*

PROCLAMATION.

Dear Friends and Lovers of the Cause of Jesus Christ and the Spread of the Borders of Zion: Greetings—The General Secretaryship of Missions in the A. M. E. Zion Church, by an act of the Board of Bishops at its recent session at Asbury Park, N. J., was intrusted to our hands. After a prayerful consideration of the grave and important responsibility involved in this act we have decided to assume it under God, trusting to have the financial and moral support of the entire Connection.

Brethren and friends, there is much land to be possessed; there is not a department in the Church that requires more serious and vital consideration by all who are lovers of the blessed cause of Christ than that of missions. No denomination or Connection is entitled to a respectable standing in the body politic of the religious world that has not a full-fledged and effective Missionary Department. We are in the field to win by God's help.

After a careful and reasonable survey of the needs, we have made what we regard as a moderate estimate of what we hope to realize for the benefit of the Missionary cause of our Church between now and the dawn of the Twentieth Century—January, 1901. Our estimate is \$5,000. This is to be known as the Twentieth Century Fund. This estimate is not overdrawn; it is in the ability and the capacity of the Church to produce. Just let every pastor in the entire Connection work in conjunction with us to reach that mark. This done, we can have reasons to rejoice in that we have just begun to do a work which is so much needed and one which necessarily concerns us all. How much will you, as an individual, contribute of your earthly substance towards the amount. Remember the field—Africa, Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii, are ripe for the harvest. "The world for Christ, and as much of it as possible for Zion." Don't say it can't be done; only try.

Send names and amount you can give or subscribe to the Fund to
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GIVING CLEAR RECEIPTS.

BY REV. S. M. MORGAN.

I wish to say in our sunlight paper, that Killarney chapel has her sails hoisted and is gliding along smoothly over the billows. I am the fourth pastor appointed here since the annual Conference—came here March 3d. This membership is principally from old North Carolina, round about Kinston and Newbern, and they believe in the right man in the right place. The church is temporally and spiritually alive. We pay the presiding elder up every quarter and get a clear receipt.

I have given nearly all the members clear receipts on general tax, and am now giving them clear receipts on pastor's salary. We have some loyal members at this church, not because duty says so, but because they love the church and God. Sister L. J. Williams, the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school, does her whole duty, and it is second to none in

the district. We pray that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will continue to bless us.

Willow Bayou is my next loyal church. It is in a prosperous condition and mostly made up of North Carolina members. Like Killarney, it pays up all dues. She is out on general tax and almost up on pastor's salary.

Our appetite craves for the STAR every day. Please don't let me miss an issue. If so, we will starve for her dainties. Please send me eight or ten copies with my article.

Tallah, La.

SOUND TALK.

BY REV. M. RANKINS.

The annual Conference of the Greenville district will meet November 17th. Brethren, we must come up on all lines, especially general fund. The indebtedness of the Connection must be paid off. The Bishops and General Officers paid.

The STAR OF ZION is the greatest Negro paper printed, the best religious journal, up-to-date, full of religious knowledge. It is the best in this country, a burning and shining light throughout this grand old Connection, edited and managed by two of the greatest Negroes of the Southland. It must be kept alive.

The Varick Memorial Building is not paid for. Remember that quite a number promised to send Bishop Lomax money on or before the first of March last which many have failed to do. You will please bring it to the front.

Our old wornout men must have better care. As times seem to grow harder we must study better plans to raise money to run the Connection. Bring Children's Day and mission money to the annual Conference. It will be needed there; and all our subscriptions will have to be renewed for the STAR OF ZION. This Connection must live.

Brethren, the bishops and presiding elders can't do all. We must join in heart, hand and money. The Greenville High School is now in operation. Stick to your bush, boys. It will require money to keep things moving on. I met Rev. J. W. Alstork's district conference at Benton, Ala., on September 5th. It was all I could expect. Dr. Alstork is one of the ablest Negro leaders of his day—a fine man, and a Christian in every sense of the word. I had the pleasure of meeting nearly all of his good men, among whom were Revs. F. W. Ward, of Greenville, Ala., the general fund man, Hale, Finley, Meadows, Baker, Lewis, Samuel, Dr. Manley and others whom I have not in mind at this time.

The Greenville district intends to stand up on every line if possible. Rev. T. A. Weathington, D. D., presiding elder, who knows no failure, is at the head. He is a good leader, a profound gospel preacher; in fact he is the "Black Eagle" in Zion. Revs. R. L. Boyd, A. L. Watkins, M. Jackson, J. J. Taylor, J. G. Gully, A. L. Trimble, S. M. Washington, McGlover, J. C. Thompson, H. C. White and N. H. Dacus are all doing nicely on their work and have had successful revivals; many souls have been converted and added to Zion, the Church of their choice.

I have had a successful revival; including children, 72 have been added to Mt. Olive circuit this year. This is my fourth year here and things are still moving on nicely. We have paid our presiding elder and intend to come up on all financial lines. Send me 20 copies of this issue to sell.

THE HONORED JAMES HALE.

THE DEDICATORIAL OF THE HALE MEMORIAL WINDOW.

BY OBSERVER.

Sunday September 18th was a very conspicuous day at the new Old Ship church, the occasion being the memorial services held in honor of the late James Hale, who stepped out of time into eternity June 16, 1888. The public is too familiar with the passing away of this good and useful man to need any details from this brother of Montgomery.

He was to Montgomery what that celebrated Booker T. Washington is to the race—an important factor. His work will live as long as our old historic city stands. The Hale Infirmary is a monument to the citizens of Montgomery, and a blessing to the race for whom it is designed. It is conspicuous because it is one among the few in the Southland owned by the Negroes. Let us hope that the school boy and girl of Montgomery will forever bear in mind, as they pass and repass the above named monument, that the foundation was arranged by the man of whom we speak. Mr. Hale was a consistent Christian and a devoted member of the Old Ship church. In his death the members lost a good man and a safe leader.

Messrs. H. A. Loveless, S. H. Phillip and Mrs. and Dr. J. H. Manley paid glowing tributes to him. All of the speeches were spirited and full of facts. The papers read by Misses Mary A. Wood and Fannie Pope capped the climax. They were short but noticeable for the thought, language, history and the effective manner in which they were read. Dr. Manley made some very touching remarks that will live a mighty long time in the memory of our people. Prof. Booker T. Washington doubts if Montgomery has produced a man to take Mr. Hale's place. With this opinion mine accords. Give us more James Hales.

Montgomery, Ala.

HARVEST HOME JUBILEE.

BY MISS A. M. POLLITT.

The annual grand rally of Wesley Zion came off October 23rd with grand success. Bishop C. C. Pettey was expected but on account of illness was unable to put in appearance. Our pastor, Rev. J. S. Caldwell, preached morning and evening to a crowded house. Rev. G. H. Cole, of the New Jersey Conference, preached a soul-stirring sermon at 3 p. m.

The "harvest home jubilee," conducted by the ladies of the church, opened on Monday evening. Among those who added interest to the entertainment were Madam A. W. Lyons and Rev. J. H. McMullen of Harrisburg, Pa. The 10th cavalry, the black heroes of Santiago, and the 9th Ohio battalion attended our entertainment and were royally received. Rev. F. M. Jacobs, of Brooklyn, N. Y., preached us a powerful sermon Sunday evening, October 30th. Rev. W. H. Davenport, of Camden, that Sunday morning preached and swept everything before him as by storm. Whole amount collected up to date \$1,500, with more to follow.

Philadelphia, Pa.