

MAJORS AND MINORS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

BY W. F. FONVIELLE.

The thirty-fifth session of the North Carolina annual Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, convened in Farmer's Temple, Washington, N. C., at 10 o'clock, Nov. 30th. This Conference is composed of over one hundred members, most of whom were present. The Conference was organized and began its work immediately. There are five districts in the Conference presided over by Revs. W. J. Moore, J. H. Hooper, D. T. Mitchell, William Sutton and S. B. Hunter. Bishop C. R. Harris, the presiding officer, was on hand in due time, and was assisted by Bishop Hood in dispatching the work of the Conference.

The reports from the several districts showed that the recent political disturbances in this State had been anything but fortunate for this Conference—especially is this true of the Wilmington and Cape Fear districts; St. Luke's church alone having lost 200 members. Bishop Harris delivered a pointed, clear-cut address which made a deep impression upon everybody present. Members who have attended this Conference for years declared it one of the ablest addresses ever delivered before this organization.

A great many visitors were present, among them Revs. E. Geo. Biddle, fraternal delegate from the New York Conference, J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, J. B. Colbert, President V. C. E., Geo. L. Blackwell, Manager Publication House, and Presiding Elder R. H. Simmons. Revs. W. R. Douglass, of the North Georgia; S. J. W. Surgeon, Blue Ridge; and W. J. Sides, of the Central North Carolina Conferences, were transferred to this Conference, received and given work.

The several departments of the Church were represented by their different managers. President Colbert delivered a fine missionary address and organized an Endeavor Society, sold books, sang songs, prayed and made himself generally useful. Rev. J. S. Caldwell preached a great sermon which delighted everybody present, many declaring it the greatest sermon they had ever heard. He also brought the work of the Book Room before the Conference, receiving in subscriptions \$10. Dr. Blackwell did not preach, but brought his receipt books with him, and receipted most of the ministers, laymen and other folks to the amount of \$1 each, subscription to the STAR. However, a great many subscribed to all of the Church publications, including the *Zion Trumpet*.

Rev. E. Geo. Fiddle preached Sunday morning, and as there are a great many people in this locality who are firm believers in the doctrine of Holiness, he soon found that he was in the midst of friends. It was a sweet, pathetic message, which fell upon ears that were willing to listen. It was a sermon without frills and trimmings, but the Word as it is found in the Gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bishop Hood preached an inspiring sermon Sunday afternoon, hundreds being turned away. There were a great

many present who did not hesitate to declare that Bishop Hood preached his greatest sermon Sunday. The spiritual explanations were lucid and the whole sermon gave complete satisfaction. Well prepared and finely delivered sermons were also heard by big congregations at different places. Revs. E. S. W. Simmons, C. H. Phillips, T. H. Hall, Dr. R. H. Simmons and L. B. Williams were the expounders.

The Conference was welcomed by Prof. L. H. Randolph, Mrs. G. H. Miles and Laura Solomon. Rev. Dr. W. H. Goler responded on behalf of the Conference in a fine extemporaneous address which pleased the congregation greatly. Rev. G. H. Miles, the pastor, cared for the Conference handsomely, he and his people giving a grand reception on Friday night.

The vote for presiding elders resulted in the election of Revs. Drs. Wm. Sutton, W. J. Moore, and Revs. D. T. Mitchell, J. H. Hooper and P. W. Lawrence. The prominent laymen present were Messrs. P. H. Davis, W. W. Lawrence, J. W. Sherard and J. J. Taylor.

While the reports this year did not equal those of last year, still a great many places made individual reports that were highly creditable; viz.: Goldsboro, Rev. H. Bell; Newbern, Rev. J. H. Love; Beaufort, Rev. H. H. Bingham; Lake Waccamaw, Rev. H. H. Blanks; A. R. McKoy, Southport; Greenville, L. B. Williams; Piney Grove, A. R. Roberts.

A society for the promotion of Holiness was organized at this session of the Conference; twenty-five members making up the organization.

The districts reported as follows: Newbern district, Rev. J. H. Hooper, P. E.; general fund collected, \$755.65; number of members, 2,580. Total amount collected, \$6,493.46.

Wilmington district, Rev. D. T. Mitchell, P. E.; general fund collected, \$517.25; number of members, 2,312; total amount collected, \$5,278.92.

Cape Fear district, Rev. S. B. Hunter, P. E.; general fund collected, \$427.48; number of members, 2,431; total amount collected, \$3,360.71.

Washington district, Rev. Dr. W. J. Moore, P. E.; general fund collected, \$416.60; number of members, 2,126; total amount collected, \$6,953.69.

Goldsboro district, Rev. Wm. Sutton, P. E.; general fund collected, \$650.00; number of members, 2,400; total amount collected, \$8,686.50. The whole amount of general fund raised by this Conference during the year is, \$2,784.97, a falling off of more than a \$1,000.

Rev. W. J. Moore, D. D., reported that the people had donated to him \$116.60 as a Jubilee offering.

The Conference adjourned Tuesday night to meet the first Wednesday in December, 1899, at Kinston, N. C.

The appointments are as follows:

APPOINTMENTS:

Wilmington district—Rev J H Hooper, P. E. Wilmington, St Luke's, H C Phillips; Price chapel and St Daniel, Jas F Williams; Wrightsville circuit, Hector Smith; Cronly circuit, T H Lovick; Southport, D L Maulsby; Shal-

lotte, W W Lee; Southport circuit, A R McKoy; Phoenix circuit, R G Smith; Lake Waccamaw, D A Kelley; Rosindale, H J Blanks; Whiteville, W Alexander; Lumberton, S J W Spurgeon.

Newbern district—Rev William Sutton, P. E. Newbern, St Peter's, J H Love; Newbern, Clinton chapel, H P Walker; Morehead City circuit, S B Gaskill; Riverdale, L B Blackledge; Trinity mission, Jos Hardison; Pollockville circuit, W A Hall; Trenton circuit, A Hill; Swansboro et., J E Morris; Jacksonville circuit, T D Harrison; Jumping Run, N W McMillan; Dover circuit, J T Tarboro.

Tarboro district—Rev P W Lawrence, P. E. Tarboro, M L Blacklock; Wilson, S B Hunter; Rocky Mount, T H Hall; Goldsboro circuit, J B Smith; Lagrange circuit, E D Jones; Hookerton circuit, B D McIver; Snow Hill circuit, J E Hussey; Speight's Bridge circuit, A M Martin; Apple Tree circuit, J R Shepard; Scotland Neck mission, E F Rollins; Elm City mission, to be supplied; Tom Creek mission, G A Wood; Princeville mission, Chas Malone.

Cape Fear district—Rev D T Mitchell, P. E. Goldsboro, H Bell; Mt Olive circuit, S L Gardiner; Warsaw circuit, G L Clark; Magnolia circuit, J Nelson; Parkersburg circuit, C R Coward; Garland circuit, E A Carroll; Tomahawk circuit, I B Williams; Carver's Creek circuit, H W Harrison; Lisbon circuit, T H Herring; White Oak et, T S Maulsby; Elizabethtown circuit, W J F Moore; Clarkton circuit, W R Douglas; Abbottsburg circuit, G R Richardson.

Washington district—Rev Dr W J Moore, P. E. Washington, N D King; Greenville, L B Williams; Aurora circuit, E S W Simmons; Kinston, A F Moore; Washington circuit, Stanley Boyd; Beaufort, H H Bingham; Bayboro circuit, F B House; Smith Creek circuit, A R Roberts; Adam's Creek circuit, Wm Orum; Piney Grove, J W L Council; Grifton circuit, W A Keys; Bath circuit, E B Williams; Little Zion circuit, H W Wilder.

DR. MANLEY'S REPORT.

The following is Dr. J. H. Manley's report of money raised by his church, Big Zion, at Montgomery, Ala.:

Painted and repaired the parsonage at a cost of \$75; remodeled the church at a cost of \$4,000; added two hundred members. Marriages, 10; baptised children, 22; baptised adults, 90; paid presiding elder, \$160; paid pastor, \$360; paid out to the poor, \$20; for charity, \$45.60; church extension, \$9.40; for education, \$7; Sunday-school Union, \$15; Sunday-school purposes, \$135; remodeling the church, \$2,983; incidental expenses, \$305.45; Home and Foreign Missions, \$5; African missions, \$1.25; widows and orphans, \$1.45; Varick Memorial Building, \$5; district conference, \$2; support annual Conference, \$5; general fund, \$277; grand total, \$4,335.60.

Manley over-leaps the record of himself and the history of the church.

Present indebtedness, \$1,564.56. *Montgomery, Ala.*

APPOINTMENTS.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Chester district, F. Killingsworth, D. D., Presiding Elder. Chester station, Z. Belton; Brown's Chapel Old, and New Providence, —; Chester, mission and Williamsville, E. T. McDonald; Mt. Moriah and Mt. Ararat, H. Blake; Rehoboath and Cedar Grove, W. M. Witherspoon; Chestnut Grove and Galilee, D. D. Moore; Fort Lawn station, R. T. Terry; Mt. Zion and Mt. Vernon, J. J. Stratford; Red Oak and Calvary, J. R. Beckam; White Oak station, H. T. Martin; Niel's Chapel and Sharon, H. H. Wells; St Homes and Lockhart, R. H. L. Crockett.

York district, W. M. Robinson, B. D., Presiding Elder. Yorkville station, J. M. Erwin; Wilson Chapel and Unity, S. C. Smith; Ebenezer and Walnut Grove, S. A. Chambers, B. D.; Mt. Zion and St. James, C. A. King; Zoar and Shiloh, W. M. Clarke, Blacksburg and Gaffney City, J. W. A. Blake; Fort View and Robinson, Chapel, W. H. Gilmore; Liberty Hill and China Grove, G. W. McDowell; White Hill, New Home and Tirzah, S. S. Watson; Pineville and Emanuel, S. N. Barber; Rock Hill station, N. A. Crockett; Rock Grove and Miles' Chapel, W. L. Dunlap; Foundation and Tabernacle, J. A. Jackson; Center Hill, Zion Hill and Mount Pleasant, Wm. Carter;

Lancaster district, J. H. Jackson, Presiding Elder. Lancaster station and Centennial, W. A. Blackwell; Davie's Stand station, E. Morten; Mt. Moriah and Camp Creek, G. G. Blake; Mt. Carmel and Cedar, R. A. McCreary; Corner Rock and Mt. Tabor, A. C. Cureton; Mt. Nebo and Silver Run, J. B. Ellis; Steel Hill and Unity, R. W. Wilson; El Bethel and Gold Hill, D. Cousart; Pleasant Valley and Spring Hill, A. D. Tillman; St. James, India Hook, and Indian Hill, A. J. Johnson; Mt. Zion and Old Zion, O. N. Dawkins; Reeve's Stand, W. D. Thompson; Foster's Mission, —.

Kershaw district, M. Ingram, Presiding Elder. Calvary station, J. W. H. Jackson; Pleasant Hill and Salem, A. W. Wilson; Kershaw and Haile Gold Mine, G. W. Ingram; Westville and Pleasant Grove, T. S. Barnes; Rock Hill, Road Branch and Piney Grove, R. W. Miller; New Hope, St. Paul and Hickory Grove, W. M. Thompson; Robinson Zion and Pleasant Grove, J. W. Robinson; Smithville and Mt. Aaron, A. D. Miller; Drusilla, St. James and Reddeaville, P. Dunlap; Fair Plains and Freeman Chapel, W. T. Long; Dyers Hill and Bennetsville, W. M. Davis; St. Peter and New Zion, Y. D. Harris; Shiloh and Mt. Pleasant, W. M. Jackson.

NEGRO STARS.

BY REV. K. T. THOMPSON.

Bishop Jehu Holliday, D. D., is the right man in the right place. What would the eighth Episcopal district do without this God-sent Bishop? I know that Zion is a great Church, but I will ask, with Zion's nine bishops, seventeen general officers, 4,000 traveling preachers and more than half a million members, have we another Holliday and J. W. Smith? If so, name them. Consecrate this J.

W. Smith Bishop in the next General Conference and elect the second Smith editor of the STAR OF ZION, and you may save the second Jehu Holliday until this one that we have in the West is no more. Then send the second Jehu Holliday to the eighth episcopal district.

Zion has seen more and has been seen more since Bishop Holliday has been leading and showing her in the West than she has ever been seen since the first seed of Zion Methodism was planted in this district. Never a man preached and governed like this man, and never a man protected and saved the record of his Church from the devil as Dr. Smith saved Zion's record from the greedy jaws of Bethel. God bless Dr. Smith.

Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., of the 8th episcopal district of Bethel A. M. E. Church, before the West Arkansas Conference, said for the colored people to make friends with their white brethren; and if they were mistreated by them, not to attempt to retaliate, but to continue to trust God, and the future would bring about a change.

Happy Christmas to all. *Little Rock, Ark.*

OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE.

IT SHOULD RECEIVE OUR PATRONAGE.

BY MISS EMMA L. GEORGE.

I have thought of the great army of young people belonging to our Sabbath-schools, known as the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Sabbath-school, and I find it composed of 2,175 Sunday-schools, 13,145 teachers, 108,820 scholars, 2,180 superintendents, making a total of 126,320. That alone is enough to tell us that we should and ought to use our own literature. Why, just think for a moment? Were we to buy our literature from other publication houses, and pass our own Publication House by, would not that show ignorance and meanness on our part as Sabbath-school workers? Of course.

Since our heavenly Father has handed to us such a Publication House as we have located at Charlotte, N. C., and with such a profound, eloquent, gentleman as our General Superintendent, Rev. G. L. Blackwell, D. D., at the head of it, should we not feel proud to have the privilege of sending our money there for our own literature? Our forefathers and mothers were denied these privileges, and we should not be slothful and inactive along that line by saying we do not need literature in our Sabbath-schools; that the Bible is sufficient. We know the Bible is sufficient, but how can we get out the lesson without helps? You may read the Bible through, but if you have no helps, you will be ignorant when through. The poet hath well said "Help us to help each other, Lord;" so we must have others to help all along the line; and let that help come from our own Publication House, so far as our literature is concerned. It belongs to us, and our generation. Then shall we not follow our captain to victory?

Dr. Blackwell, the general superintendent, needs our help, and we should go down in our pockets and bring out our money and send it to him that he may continue to send us such rich literature that may cause us to better understand the Bible and its truths.

Wilmington, N. C.