

As I See It.

THE MISSION WORK A POOR MISSIONARY SYSTEM.

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The subject that seems to agitate the minds of the leaders of the Philadelphia and Baltimore annual Conference, both ministerial and lay, is "New Missions and How to Help Them."

This Conference, one of the largest and grandest in Zion Connection, should occupy all the available places within its bounds. It is an undeniable fact that we are doing very little if any thing in the States of Delaware and Maryland along this line.

It is said the presiding elders ought to visit and investigate all these cities and towns in their districts where there is a likelihood of securing members enough to organize mission churches. The presiding elders in this Conference are not able at this time to visit these places even where they know a work can be inaugurated.

First, each pastor must get himself deeply interested and then stimulate his parishioners in the work. The next principal thing is to get the money with which to carry on the work after established.

We have a missionary department established by the General Conference. What has it done? What is it doing? Has it assisted any one church since '96? If so, where and to what extent? I am sure the Missionary Secretary is a hard worker; but the trouble we have a very poor system by which the department is run.

not on paper. I am satisfied that if properly managed the missionary department can be so organized and a system adopted whereby the first year more money will be at the disposal of the general Missionary Board than has been in the last three years.

There are plenty of men in Zion to-day, who are never seen nor thought of, who can run successfully any department in the Church; but, poor fellows, they never get a chance. I have seen some men in my life-time that have been wonderfully favored and God blessed, because they can fail at one place and be elected to a greater.

Baltimore, Md.

A. M. E. Zion Conference.

The South Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church held their annual session at Chester last week. Bishop I. C. Clinton presided.

The Conference was in session from Wednesday 23rd to Monday 28th. Several noted divines from various States attended. Dr. Smith, Editor of the STAR OF ZION Charlotte, N. C., Dr. A. J. Warner, Secretary Church edifice fund, Revs. Becham, Robinson and a number of other men of note were present.

Christian Endeavor Topics.

DECEMBER 25, 1898.

The Christian Anthem. Luke 2:13, 14.

At no other time of the year does the Christian feel so much like breaking forth with song as at the time when the birth of Christ is celebrated. Among the customs which aid to make the Christmas time joyous as well as being an expression of the joy within, songs of praise will retain a place as long as the human race will last.

This anthem of praise began at the birth of our Saviour when sung by the heavenly hosts in the fields of Bethlehem.

No one has such cause of rejoicing and singing praises to God as the Christian. He alone with the angels in heaven can say, "Glory to God in the highest." No praise is great enough. Human language divine would be required to describe the Divine love of God.

It is related of a Moravian missionary who was sent to the West Indian Islands to preach to the slaves that he found it utterly impossible to bring the gospel message to them. They were driven so hard that in the evening they were too tired to listen to him, and in the morning they were early awakened to their task.

Furthermore they were black and he was white and of the race to which their oppressors belonged. Finding that he could make no progress whatever, he sold himself to their master and became a slave with them. He lived as they lived, did the same work they did, and while at work he would talk with them and in the evening he would teach them, so that the gospel message was brought among them and many a slave was won for Christ.

Something like this was the love of Christ which brought him from his heavenly home to become man and dwell among us in order to reveal to us the love of God.

"He took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man." Phil. 2, 7. Such good will toward men calls for the loudest praise. "Glory in the highest!"

Such good will it was which brought peace on earth, the announcement of which was heralded by the heavenly host. It was an army from heaven, but they brought the message of peace. Peace between God and man brought about by Christ's atoning work while on earth.

Is it any wonder if, at Christmas time our hearts break forth into song? Would that every one could join with us in this anthem of praise for the love which God has shown toward us. Can you join in this anthem? Have you heard the message of "peace on earth, good will toward men?" Have you followed the example of the shepherds in seeking for the Saviour after they had received the message? If not, why not?

Let Rev. Mrs. Small Alone.

BY MRS. CARISSA BETTIES.

In regards to Rev. Mrs. Small's case, it appears to me that men are attending to God's business. If it be of God, men cannot overthrow it. I will say to these men, keep cool, for you know not at what you kick.

Angels have their work in heaven, and they are ministering spirits. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." So I say, Mrs. Small, "Fear them not, for they that are with you, are more than they that are with them." Ask God to open the eyes of those men that they may see the horses and chariots of fire, that are about thee. You are right; go, and as you go, preach. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

There was a little boy once who was running with all his might to catch the train. As he got there, the train pulled out. A gentleman, who was looking on, said to him, "My boy, you did not run fast enough." He said, "Yes, I did, but I did not start in time."

So these men preachers did not start in time to stop Rev. Mrs. Small from preaching. Let her alone; she is doing what you won't do. I will be glad when the time comes that those men will find something to do and let Rev. Mrs. Small alone. She is like a sheep before the shearers—opens not her mouth. It makes no odds if they do call you "a petticoat minister;" that shows their ignorance. Some men heard a mule bray and said that God had called them to preach.

A word to Rev. Mrs. Small:

"Our Lord is now rejected And by the world disowned; By the many still neglected, And by the few enthroned; But soon He'll come in glory— The hour is drawing nigh. For the crowning day is coming by and by."

May she say in her trials, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." Still may she repeat, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Dear sister, "Speed away, speed away on your mission of love."

Calvert, Texas.

To The Negro Race.

CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL, TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1898.

To the members that were enrolled at the formation of the Council at Rochester, N. Y., September 15th, 1898, and all the signers of the call for said meeting, and all who are in sympathy with the object of the Council (which is the amelioration of the condition of the Afro-American race,) and are willing to contribute five dollars annually towards the carrying out of the purposes of the Council:

You are hereby requested to meet at Washington, D. C., on Thursday, December 29th, 1898. If any apology is needed for the issuing of this call of the Afro-American Council so soon after its formation, I hope the following reasons will be satisfactory: 1st. A large number of the leaders of the race who were anxious to attend the convention held at Rochester were prevented from doing so because of the limited time between the issuing of the call (Aug. 24th) and the date of the convention (Sept. 15th).

2nd. The place of meeting (Rochester, N. Y.) was considered by many as too far removed from the masses of our people where the majority of our leaders reside, necessarily entailing considerable expense. Mr. Fortune, who issued the call for the Rochester meeting, recognizing this fact, gave the following as his reason for doing so: "My excuse for calling the meeting at Rochester is to take advantage of the race sentiment which will be invoked by the unveiling of the monument of Frederick Douglass in Rochester, September 14; a city in which Mr. Douglass spent some of the best and happiest and most fruitful years of his life, and one of the freest and most tolerant cities in the Republic whose hotels, homes and press will receive the conferees with open arms and generous hospitality."

3rd. We did not have sufficient time to finish up the business of the Council as satisfactorily as desired. These reasons make it necessary that another meeting be called in a more central locality to consummate the work so auspiciously begun at Rochester, giving ample time between the issuing of the call and the date of the meeting for all needed preparation. The continuation of brutal lynchings, unjust discrimination on railroads and in hotels, restaurants and labor unions, the attempted disfranchisement of Afro-Americans in several of the Southern States, and a host of other obstacles which are thrown in the way of our moral, financial and educational progress, make it absolutely necessary that we organize and perpetuate an organization for self protection.

The Afro-American press is almost a unit in its demand for a national organization which has for its object a fair representation in the government of the country, local, State and national; to resist by all legal and reasonable means mob and lynch law, of which we are made the special victims, and to insist upon the arrest and punishment of all such offenders against our legal rights; to resist the tyrannical usages of railroads, steamboats and other corporations, and the violent and insulting conduct of their employees; to labor for the reformation of our penal institutions, where barbarous, cruel and unchristian treatment of convicts is practiced; to secure a more equitable distribution of school funds; to insist on a healthy emigration from terror-ridden sections to other and more law-abiding sections; to encourage all kinds of business enterprises, etc.

My reason for calling the National Council during holiday week is that the delegates may take advantage of the reduced rates made during that time. All applications for accommodations should be made to Mr. E. Cooper, 459 C St., N. W., Washington, D. C. [Signed] A. Walters, President.

Our Bishop.

REV. R. C. NASH.

Bishop J. B. Small is now making his episcopal visit here in the South Mississippi churches. He was accompanied by Presiding Elder J. H. Jackson. Bishop's text, I Kings 7: 25. It was a powerful sermon, Biblical, historical, logical. It made a great impression upon the people, and many are saying, Bishop Small is truly a great man. He has made a mark for Zion in Mississippi that time cannot erase.

Presiding Elder Jackson is traveling with the Bishop over the district and he and the pastors are making things pleasant for him.

Our annual Conference will convene at Canton, Miss., Dec. 21, 1898, and we would be truly glad to have the Editor or Manager with us.

Carthage, Miss.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Table with columns: Conference, Place and date, Bishop. Includes entries for North Louisiana, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, New Jersey, New England, New York, and Phila & Balto.

Evangelistic Engagements

OF REV. R. ALONZO SCOTT.

Table listing engagements with columns: Location, Date. Includes Binghamton, Washington, D.C., Rockville, Md., Berkley, Va., Louisville, Ky., Middleboro, Ky., Indianapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Colchester, Ont., Utica, N.Y., Oneda, Schenectady, Bath, Sparkill, Newark, N.J., Port Chester, Tarrytown, Watertown, Ansonia, Conn.

Open for camp-meeting engagements, etc., from July 20th to Sept. 20th. Open for evangelistic engagements in the South from Sept. 25th to Dec. 20th, 1899.

R. Alonzo Scott, Connectional Evangelist. Permanent address, 19 Eagle Street, Rochester, New York.

P. S.: The reason I am so late sending out my schedule is because I have been waiting for more of the Southern brethren to write me. I am sorry no more of them have written in time for me to put them in my schedule, since it was my earnest desire to spend the greater part of the Winter in the South. I belong to no particular section of the field, but will endeavor to go wherever I am invited, when invitations reach me before my time is all taken. R. A. S.

Able And Safe Preacher.

The church here in Tuscaloosa had a change last July, when Rev. T. H. Tipton was transferred to Mobile, Ala., and the Rev. I. F. Aldridge was transferred from Washington, D. C., and stationed here. The Rev. Aldridge, by judicious management and able preaching, has made friends during his four months' service. He is a careful pastor and safe preacher. He can be trusted to represent Zion anywhere. His report at Conference will reflect great credit upon the church here. The general fund report will be the largest ever made by the church here, and the present pastor has collected it all within four months, except \$23.80 collected by his predecessor during his seven months' service. The church here is assessed \$87.50 and the full amount will be paid this year. Last year the amount paid was \$75.00.—Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Chronicle.

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