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FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

We Want \$20,000 General Fund by December 30th.

BY REV. J. S. CALDWELL, D. D.

Editor of STAR OF ZION: As General Steward of the A. M. E. Zion Church, I shall seek space in the columns of the STAR occasionally by your permission to talk with our members, both ministerial and lay, on the subject of our financial outlook.

Three months have nearly passed since we were elected to our present position; we have for the most part during this period been busying ourself in getting our office in shape, and in getting the proper literature in hand to properly carry on the work assigned us.

Bishop J. W. Alstork turned over promptly the office which he had on hand, and gave us a good deal of information about the work of a General Steward for all of which we take this method of returning thanks.

The revision of our financial plan which was made at the last General Conference, gives us a much stronger and clearer plan by which to collect sufficient revenue to run our great and growing Church. The complaint has been by many, who had to operate the plan, that it was not clearly stated, and was not easily to be made intelligible to their flock. Much reason for this complaint has been removed in the last statement of the plan.

The amount to be raised by episcopal districts has been stated hence, each of our Bishops knows what his year's task is from a financial point of view; the amount to be raised by each annual Conference has been laid; hence, the presiding elders, in each conference, know just what is expected to be raised in their respective districts. Every church within the boundary of each annual conference has been or should be assessed a certain amount for General Fund. That gives every pastor in the A. M. E. Zion Connection definite knowledge of what he is expected to raise. This, to my mind, is the best arrangements for general fund collecting that we have ever had.

While the fifty cents per capita idea has not been abrogated, and we yet hold each member of our society to the pledge of fifty cents per annum, we also hold each church society for an amount levied thereupon by the constituted authority for this purpose, for the amount assessed. This plan gives the pastor the right to look to each member, and the church as a whole including congregational members, for the amount he is expected to bring to the annual conference.

June, July and August are months when but few conferences are held, and I suppose very little general fund collected. We have

heard from less than half dozen conference stewards during this Summer season. I take it for granted, therefore, that they have no report. It is to be remembered that we have only four conferences in the Connection as yet which have no conference steward, namely, Philadelphia and Baltimore, New York, Western New York and the New England. From these conferences we are receiving reports directly from the ministers, and each is doing fairly well up to this date.

The bishops, editors of our STAR OF ZION and Sunday school literature, *Quarterly Review*, Manager of our Publication House, General Secretary, General Steward and other departments upon the General Fund, including Livingstone College our Connectional institution, wornout ministers, etc., are all depending almost absolutely for support upon the General Fund. If each pastor could arrange to collect if but a small amount monthly, and forward the same to either General Steward or Conference Steward, as the case may be, we could keep our servants above distressing want to say the least.

The amount to be collected by December 30th, from the close of the General Conference, was about \$20,000. This amount can be easily raised if each workman will say, "It shall be done," and then go about helping us. Let the watchword be sounded all down the line "\$20,000 by December 20th. I desire to hear from each pastor or conference steward by August 25th, as I will then begin to make up my list for publication of conferences heard from.

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Bishop Hood's Appointments.

September	
Saturday, 1st	New York
4-7	Bishops' Meeting
Sunday, 9	Fayetteville N. C.
Thursday, 13	Avery Grove N. C.
Friday, 14	Blackwell's Chapel
Sunday 16	Michels "
" At night	Evans "
Monday 17	Siler City "
Tuesday 18	Gees Grove "
Saturday 22	Bridgers Grove "
Monday 23	Maxton "
Monday 24	John's Station "
Tuesday 25	Matthews Chapel "
Wednesday 26	Gibson Station "
Thursday 27	Rockingham "
Friday 28	Lethes "
Sunday 30	at 11 a m Union Grove "
" Night	Combnoek "
October	
Monday 1st	Rives' Chapel "
Sunday 7 at 11 a m	Southern Pines "
" At Night	Aberdeen "
Monday 8	Zion Grove "
Tuesday 9	Condor "
Wednesday 10	Troy (District Conference) "
Friday 12	Mt Zion "
Sunday 14	Norwood "
" At Night	Cottonville "
Monday 15	Albemarle "
Wednesday 17	Price & Tom Concord "
Thursday 18	Cedar Grove "
Friday 19	Rock Hill, Cabarrus Co. "
Sunday 21	11 a m Bethel "
" At Night	Zion Hill Church "
Wednesday 24	Hudson S. H. "
Thursday 25	Redding Springs "
Friday 26	Mt Zion Union Co. "
Sunday 28	Monroe "
Monday 29	Marshville "
Tuesday 30	Ansonville "
Wednesday 31	Cedar Hill "
November	
Thursday 1st	Morven "
Friday 2	Gatewood "
Sunday 4	Wadesboro "
Saturday 9	Lillington "
Sunday 10	11 a m Oak Grove "
" At Night	Davis Chapel "
Monday 11	Hebrew "
Wednesday 13	Manchester "
Friday 15	Union Oak "
Saturday 16	Little Marsh "
Sunday 17	At 11 a m Spring Branch "
" At Night	Clark's Chapel "
Monday 18	Willis Creek "
Sunday 24	Jonesboro "
Wednesday 27	Annual Conference, Concord "

IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The C. E. Convention and Pan-African Congress.

BY BISHOP A. WALTERS, D. D.

I arrived in London safe and sound, after an unusual smooth voyage of ten days.

LONDON CONVENTION.

The International Christian Endeavor Convention, which was held at Alexandra Palace, London, was a great success. Immense crowds were present daily. On the last day more than forty thousand



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people were present. Some of the most renowned, able and eloquent ministers of the world addressed the meeting, among them His Lordship the bishop of London, Dr. Joseph Parker, Judge Price Hughes, Dr. Charles Sheldon, B. F. Meyers, Floyd Thompson, G. T. Pollock, G. C. Lorimer, and over a hundred others. It was the greatest religious gathering it has ever been my good fortune to witness. I was late in reaching London, but I reached the convention in time to make two speeches, and to open the meeting on the day that His Lordship the bishop of London and Dr. Joseph Parker spoke. All agree that the cause of Christianity has been furthered and strengthened by our meeting here.

PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS.

Delegates from all parts of the world where the black races are represented assembled at the call of Mr. H. S. Williams, the secretary of the African Association of London, to a Pan-African Congress. The meetings were held in the magnificent chambers of Westminster Hall, near the Victoria Station.

The following is the list of delegates: Bishop A. Walters, D. D., United States; M. Benito Sylvian, aide-de-camp to Emperor Menelik, Abyssinia; the Hon. F. E. R. Johnson, ex-Attorney General, Republic of Liberia; C. W. French, Esq., St. Kitts, B. W. I.; G. W. Dove, Esq., councillor, Free Town, Sierra Leone, Africa; Miss Anna H. Jones, M. A., Kansas City, U. S. A.; A. F. Ribero, Esq., barrister, Gold Coast, Africa; Dr. R. A. K. Savage, M. B., Ch. B., delegate from the Afro West Indian Literary Society; A. Pulcheirie Pierre, Esq., Trinidad, B. W. I.; H. Sylvester Williams, Esq., Trinidad, B. W. I.; Hon. D. Augustus Straker, Detroit, U. S.; John E. Quinlan, Esq.; R. E. Phipps, Esq., barrister, Trinidad; Mr. Meyer, dele-

gate West India Literary Society; Rev. Henry Smith; Miss Barrier, Washington, U. S.; A. R. Hamilton, Esq., Jamaica; Rev. H. Mason Joseph, M. A. Antigua; G. J. Christian, Esq., Dominica; J. Buckle, Esq., F. R. G. S., F. C. I. E.; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Loudin, director Fisk Jubilee Singers; Hon. Henry F. Downing, ex-U. S. A. Consul, Loanda; Rev. Henry B. Brown, Lower Canada; Dr. John Alcinder, M. B. L. R. C. P.; Rev. J. C. May, Dr. Rowland May, Dr. James; Mrs. J. Roberts, (widow of president of Liberia); D. F. Ware, member of town council; Dr. R. J. Colenso, Mr. J. M. Parish, barrister; Prof. W. E. DuBois, A. M. U. S.; Dr. Schomera, Spanish Consul; Charles P. Lee, barrister, U. S. A.; Chaplain E. W. Arnett, U. S. Navy; Miss Ada B. Harris, Helen M. Adams and others.

The Chairman Walters announced that a bureau would be formed in London at no very distant date with the object of influencing legislation on behalf of the colored races.

The following officers were elected to serve two years: President A. Walters, U. S. A.; vice-president, W. B. Brown, London, England; secretary, H. S. Williams, London, England; treasurer, Dr. Colenso, London; vice president for America, W. E. B. DuBois; under secretary, T. J. Calloway.

The *London News* of July 26 says:

"In the afternoon resolutions were adopted providing for the formation of a permanent Pan-African Association, the objects of which should be: (1) to secure civil and political rights for Africans and their descendants throughout the world; (2) to encourage friendly relations between the Caucasian and African races; (3) to encourage African people everywhere in educational, industrial, and commercial enterprise; (4) to approach Governments, and influence legislation in the interest of the black race; and (5) to ameliorate the condition of the oppressed Negro in Africa, America, the British Empire, and other parts of the world.

Provision was made for the formation of affiliated societies in all parts of the world, the headquarters of the Association being in London. Vice-Presidents and Secretaries were also appointed for the local branches to be established in various parts of the world. The Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia and the Presidents of Liberia and Hayti were elected honorary members of the Association.

The conference was a great success. We were given splendid consideration by the London press. On Monday, the 23rd, the members of the conference were given tea by the Reform Cobden Club. On Tuesday, the 24th, the Lord Bishop of London entertained the delegates at this place, at Fulham. He personally conducted the party through the grounds, describing the things of interest. Some parts of this palace have been in existence since the fifteenth century. The whole surroundings are beautiful. Speeches were made by the writer and his lordship.

On Wednesday, the 25th, a tea in honor of the delegates was given at the House of Parliament. Several private dinners were also given. Special mention should be made of the work done by Prof. DuBois. Excellent papers were read by Mrs. Anna J. Cooper of Washington and Miss Anna Jones of Kansas City, Mo.

London.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Called to Meet in Indianapolis, Indiana

AUGUST 28, 1900.

Washington, D. C., July 28, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL, Greeting:

You are hereby called to meet in National Convention, in the Senate Chamber, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Tuesday August 28, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing questions affecting the interest of the race; to elect officers for the ensuing year; to devise plans and to take such action as may be deemed best for the protection and advancement of the Afro-American people.

The basis of representation shall be as follows:

1. All persons who hold life membership.

2. Every Local Council shall be entitled to representation in the National Council by delegates elected on a basis of one delegate to every fifty members, said delegates to qualify upon presentation of credentials, and payment of ten cents for each member so represented. Provided, however, that any Local Council having less than fifty members shall be entitled to one vote, upon presentation of credentials and the payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

3. Regular and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of the race, and which desire to co-operate with the National Council, may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates shall have the right to vote upon payment of five dollars for each delegate.

4. Editors of Afro-American newspapers and principals of academic schools and colleges may be admitted to membership in the National Council, and be entitled to vote upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

We need not emphasize the fact that the National Afro-American Council represents the organized possibilities of the race, and that our condition in this country, at the present time, makes this meeting imperative.

It is desired that every interest be represented, and a hearty co-operation of our people in all parts of the country is earnestly solicited.

A. Walters, President; T. Thomas Fortune, Chairman Executive Committee; Jesse Lawson, Chairman Sub Executive Committee; R. W. Thompson, Secretary.

We are moving on grandly here with our work. I trust your future career, Mr. Editor, may be even greater in the future than in the past.—Rev. W. B. Fenderson, Asheville, N. C.