

Zion's Retinue.

Of Brainy Representatives Abroad

BY REV. R. H. SIMMONS, D. D.

Never in the history of the A. M. E. Zion Church has she been more highly honored or better represented abroad than what she will be by the able Negro divines and laity who are now in England, and who will fully represent their Church and race, to an enlightened and highly cultured people, who will in time to come carefully analyze the Negro's status in America. Rt. Rev. T. H. Lomax, D. D., will fittingly represent the Negro as a slave and as a farmer. He is rated as one of our best Gospel preachers, and a substantial business man and property owner.

Rt. Rev. C. R. Harris, D. D., is noted for his scientific attainments and many profitable methods in Church work.

Rt. Rev. A. Walters, D. D., who may be the best known of the party on either side of the continent, is the enthusiastic Negro Bishop who seems to stand up with one hand upon God's shoulder, and with the other hand trying to draw the entire race to God for divine protection while he fervently and earnestly supplicates with God and the rulers of America for the manhood rights of the Negro.

Rt. Rev. G. W. Clinton, D. D., the youngest Negro Bishop, perhaps, of the colored race, has fully demonstrated to all that he has come in contact with the capability of the young manhood of the race to rule and govern the Church of God. He will electrify the good people of England whenever and wherever he preaches or speaks.

Rt. Rev. J. B. Small, D. D., the fine penman, may feel more home-like there than any other one of our delegates, as he once was an English subject; therefore, he is better acquainted with the English customs than either of his colleagues. His extensive travel and contact with heads of different nationalities fits him as a very well prepared and refined guide.

Rt. Rev. Dr. J. W. Alstork comes from the extreme South, with the true spiritual zeal of the Gospel ministry, preaching to all the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all mankind.

Rev. J. H. McFarley, the old Zion veteran, will represent the faithful founders of Zion Church. He was at one time Editor of the STAR OF ZION.

Dr. G. L. Blackwell is known as a highly educated theologian and successful pastor. His able business tact as Business Manager of the A. M. E. Zion Publication House in Charlotte, N. C., gives to the Connection one of the very best publication houses of the colored race. He is now General Secretary.

Rev. J. B. Colbert, D. D., is noted as a fine singer and as the Connectional leader of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Rev. J. S. Caldwell, D. D., is a grand preacher, and takes well with the refined and illiterate people every where. He is the Connectional General Steward and therefore stands high in the Church.

Rev. J. F. Moreland, D. D. stands in the front rank of the banking methods, money raising and preaches the Gospel with great power.

Rev. F. M. Jacobs, M. D., D. D. also is very learned in his profession, and withal a powerful preacher.

Rev. M. A. Bradley will represent the Northern ministry of the Church in a dignified style which will reflect credit upon the entire race.

Prof. S. G. Atkins is the untiring advocate for higher education and industrial training of the Negro in America. He has long since been classed with the best educators and leaders of the race; hence, he enjoys the confidence of

the best people, both white and black.

Mrs. d a m e s Alstork, Clinton, Walters and Randolph will crown the fine gallery by their lady like deportment, which is always attractive. Mrs. Bishop Alstork will very fittingly represent the well raised and refined middle-aged woman of America. Mrs. Bishop Clinton will charm the strangers by her fine musical talent, both vocal and instrumental. Mrs. Bishop Walters is noted for scholarship and is a rapid stenographer and a spicy, descriptive writer. Mrs. Florence Randolph is an ordained deacon and stirring Gospel preacher.

We feel that the whole Church will receive inspiration when our delegates shall have returned and made their reports. May God preserve their health and lives and in due time allow them to return safely to their several churches and homes.

Fayetteville, N. C.

Law, Discipline, Church Organ.

BY REV. J. W. MURRAY,

The great A. M. E. Zion Church of America has adopted rules and regulations for its government, publishes these regulations in the Book of Discipline, that every officer and member of the Church may be acquainted with them.

If there be any failure on the part of the ministry or the laity of the Church to comply with these rules, generally trouble will follow.

In many instances there are a great many members and officials of the Church who claim to know all about the law of the Church and its present doings; and never since they have been a member of the Church have they bought a Discipline or subscribed for the STAR OF ZION.

The General Conference generally make changes in some parts of the Discipline every four years, and to keep up with these changes, it is necessary that one purchase a Discipline every time a new issue is made. The laws of the Discipline cannot be fully complied with unless they are read and understood; and surely no person can read and study that he does not possess, unless he borrows from his neighbor, and if the neighbor follows his example he would have none to loan. If every Zionite would buy and read the Book of Discipline of the Church, much unnecessary trouble would be avoided, and in some instances a lot of unnecessary expense to Bishops and Presiding Elders might be saved. We should subscribe and pay for the STAR OF ZION, too. We cannot afford to let our Church organ suffer for want of subscribers or money.

We should buy a Discipline of the Church, because in it will be found the duty of every member, official and minister; when we study the Discipline we are really better informed and better prepared to obey the law than one who has not read it; because each member is a part of the Church, and should not authorize our representatives to publish a Discipline or publish a Church organ that we will not give our financial support. When we purchase the publications, we place that financial strength in the general, that may be used to further the great work of Zion and the master.

If we ever hope to attain to the highest accomplishment of a Christian organization, the membership must support the general Church in its efforts to build up and learn and give the highest respect to the laws of the Church and God.

Pensacola, Fla.

Every minister and member who wants to understand the law of the A. M. E. Zion Church thoroughly should order from the A. M. E. Zion Publication House, Charlotte, N. C., The Code on the Discipline by Bishop J. B. Small, price 50 Cents.

Notes Here and There.

BY MRS. M. E. WASHINGTON.

Rev. W. T. Hays, presiding elder of the first district of the Kentucky Conference is beloved by his men. The churches of his District as a whole revere him for his Christian piety.

Rev. P. A. Wallace, of Jacob st Tabernacle, has returned from a three weeks' vacation granted by his church. He looks well.

Rev. R. L. Cherry, of 15th st Church, Louisville, has increased his membership, and expects to report favorably a large amount of General Fund at the next sitting of the Conference.

Rev. L. S. Scott, of Belltown, has baptized a large number of children this year, and he will wear his laurels well.

Rev. D. J. Young, of Bardstown, is a brilliant young man.

Rev. Wm. Hawker, of Metcalfe, knows no failure. He succeeds at any town or place. His future is bright.

Rev. R. B. Scott, of Lebanon, is a coming young man. His heart is in his work.

Rev. Geo. C. Clement, of 12th st Church is a hard worker, zealous and a Christian gentleman.

Rev. J. R. Irvin, of Stoners chapel, is one of Zion's heroes. He is a strong preacher and a great singer.

Rev. A. Nichols, of New Albany, is holding a campmeeting. The church is being revived.

Rev. J. R. Eley, of Beechland, is reporting his work favorably.

Rev. W. A. Walker, of Chaplin circuit, is the exemplary man, full of faith and trust. He is an advocate of truth and right. He loves his Church and lives a godly life.

Mrs. A. C. Vance Tucker, our estimable vice-president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, is hard at work to increase her report. The Conference as a whole, reveres her for her earnest Christian qualities. She is an ornament to society, and a jewel in her home.

Mrs. I. L. Wallace, the wife of the popular pastor of Jacob st Church is a woman of rare gifts and attainments, and a favorite with the people.

Mrs. Geo. Clement has won laurels as a great singer in Louisville. She is helpful in church work, and amiable in her home.

Mrs. S. J. Slaughter, the president of the stewardess board of the Conference, is endeavoring to make her report the equal of any of the Conferences. She is a lifelong worker for the Cause.

New Albany, N. Y.

Conference-Convention.

BY MRS. S. H. SIMMONS.

The 54th session of the district conference and Sunday school convention opened July 24th with Rev. W. A. H. Pringle presiding. At 8:30 p. m. Rev. S. H. Simmons preached a very able and interesting sermon from 1 Samuel 17:45. Subject, Cast the right stone.

Thursday, the Presiding Elder delivered his address which was able, timely, instructive. Those who responded were Revs. P. J. McIntosh, J. H. Trumble and Dr. W. D. Clinton. Conference sang hymn, "Thou thinkest Lord of me." The several delegates and ministers reported, and conference adjourned. At 7:30 o'clock Song and Praise service, and at 8:30 Rev. J. H. Trimble preached a soul-stirring sermon from Phillipians 3:13. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Moore. Benediction pronounced by Rev. P. J. McIntosh.

Friday morning Sunday school

convention was called to order by the Presiding Elder W. A. H. Pringle who gave out "Simply trusting every day." Prayer by Rev. C. H. Braxton. Delegates reported. Mrs. P. M. McCullen, Mrs. E. Worthon and Miss L. B. Meabins. Remarks by Rev. E. D. Tyler and J. H. Tollivar, of Altoona, for benefit of convention. We also had present with us Mr. D. C. Johnson, superintendent of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school who made a short but interesting address to the Convention. J. T. Moore and S. H. Simmons responded.

The report on banner was received and the banner was sent to Apollo, Pa. At 8 p. m. Rev. J. T. Moore preached a grand sermon from Psalm 13:1. At this service many came forward to be prayed for and several were taken in the church. This was district conference and Sunday school convention that cannot soon be forgotten, and much credit is due Rev B Dorsey and his willing workers for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay for I never attend a district conference entertained better. Money raised, public collection \$36. The next conference and Sunday school convention will meet at Lewistown, Pa.

Good Work Done.

BY E. MCIVER.

Rev. S. B. Barber has done more on this work than any pastor we have had. God is with him and many have been brought to Christ. If the church continues to improve as it has done during the last three months, it will be strong enough to be made a station. O, I wish you could see the church! New seats have been put in, and a nice altar, making everything up-to-date. We have Zion at heart here.

Southern Pines, N. C.

The Seventieth Mile Stone.

The 70th Anniversary of Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D. LL. D., Senior Bishop A. M. E. Zion Church was held at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church last Wednesday evening. The church was tastefully decorated with palms and choice flowers. The choir of the Rockville Zion church rendered sweet music. Over 250 came from Rockville, Md., headed by Rev. A. C. Washington, and Prof. C. H. Edmunds.

Bishop Hood preached an able anniversary sermon. Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. B., of 19th street Baptist church, Prof. William Washington of Pittsburg, Pa., and Bishop George W. Clinton, A. M., D. D., the presiding bishop of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference welcomed the senior Bishop to his district and said that he honored the Church and race by his presence. It was a great night; the church was packed and hundreds turned away. After a liberal collection the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Martha Lucas escorted the guest to the banquet table in the lecture room and all enjoyed the bountiful supply of good things. Rev. I. L. Thomas, D. D., made an eloquent speech telling of the bishop as a churchman.

There were present at the table two bishops and 19 pastors and a number of prominent laymen, Prof. John W. Cromwell and others. Bishops Hood and Clinton left for Atlantic City, N. J. where the Bishop's Council commences this week. Rev. B. J. Bolding, D. D., the pastor who is also a General officer of the Connection, left for Atlantic City, to attend the council.—Colored American.

Forceful Words.

AT AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

BY EMINENT DIVINES.

At the thirty-third session of the Pennsylvania Conference of the M. E. Church held recently at Chambersburg, Pa., Bishops Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., took as a theme "The Model Preacher" and said:

"First, he must be a converted man, and know it. Secondly, he must be a holy man, not a perfect man, there are none, but a holy man and not a holy terror. Young men, you must be what you want your people to become. You will accomplish your work not by what you attempt, but by what you are. The model minister also is a man divinely called. No special sign from Weaver, no Gideon's fleece miracle, but yet a truly divine call. The model minister is also a man of one work. It is not a good platform from which to deliver public lectures. It is a place for preaching the Word of God. The model minister is the man who makes his pulpit a throne of power; who aims to be the best preacher he can be. Why such emphasis? The pulpit is Jesus Christ's everlasting ordinance for the salvation of the world."

At the same Conference Rev. W. F. Oldham, General Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, addressed the delegates and a large audience at Simpson Chapel Wednesday night on the work and progress of the missionary society. He spoke of the great difficulties which confront the Negro, especially in the South, saying that the problem of advancement for the race in the South is most difficult of solution. All easy solutions of the question, said Mr. Oldham, were nonsensical, and it was a problem which could only be solved by time. The whites would have to accord the blacks greater opportunities, and the blacks would have to better appreciate and improve their opportunities. The Negroes, he said, wanted education as well as religion. "And religion," continued Mr. Oldham, "consists not only in religious devotion, but in deeds. The Negro must have a stronger foundation than an emotional nature and a happy exuberance of spirit. God knows the Negro has enough of the emotional and what they want is more accurate knowledge of the ethical side of religion. Cause a Negro from loafing on Monday or breaking the ten Commandments all the rest of the week. The Negro needs an education such as will make him a master in getting hold of the things of the earth. He should study his spelling book and arithmetic if he would command the respect of the people. It is for this purpose that the missionary societies stand at the back of your ministers so that they will have the courage to stand up and tell the people of a struggling race what is good for them. There are many places in this world where the people are yet unborn in the religion of Jesus Christ. China is yet to be reborn, India must be regenerated and the Negroes must play a part in the great work. It is as much their place to help the missionary societies in this work as it is the people of any other race. The people the world over are hungry and thirsting for Christ, even though they don't know Him by that name. Wherever the gospel is taken and brought level with the understanding of men it satisfies the thirst and hunger of the restless soul."—Carlise (Pa.) Sentinel.

Bro. George Hanes, a local preacher, died August 23, 1901. He was born May 21, 1829 and was 72 years old. He was a member of the A. M. E. Zion church 56 years, and leaves a wife and three children. He was a good man and strong preacher.—J. F. Houston, Johnson City, Tenn.