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NOTES BY THE WAY

By Bishop Alexander Walters.

VARICK, PHILA. PA.

I resumed my tour of the spring conferences Sunday March 28th, at great Varick Church, Philadelphia, Pa., where Dr. S. L. Cororthers is pastor.

Several days prior to my visit, there, I had noticed in the daily press of Philadelphia, and other ciwties, reports of a great revival that was being conducted in Varick church, by Rev. Alexander Wiltbanks, the great evangelist, known as the black Billy Sunday, of Washington, D. C. His sermons and sayings were reported daily in leading papers. Indeed, columns after columns were given to him, and the church was unable to accommodate the thouasnds that assembled night after night to hear this wonderful evangelist. Rev. Wiltbanks is certainly a unique character, and knows how to handle colored people he sways them by his eolquent and forcible appeals. His pleasing personality and ready flow of language make him easily one of the foremost evangelists of the day, he possesses a far greater intelligence than the ministers are wont to give him credit for.

Never since we have occupied Varick Church has there been such a crowd to gather there, as since Rev. Wiltbanks has been preaching there. It is marvelous how he handles the crowds. "Striking the pike," is Rev. Wiltganks' equivalent to Billy Sunday's "Hitting the trail," and hundreds have been converted, or in other words, have struck the pike.

Palm Sunday, the day of my visit, I preached at 11 a. m., to a full houes, while he (Rev. Wiltbanks) was preaching the funeral of one of his officials at Washington, D. C. He arrived in time to be at the night service, at which time he delivered a sermon, entitled "Daniel in the lion's den," which was a great effort. At 3 p. m., the Philadelphia Concert Orchestra gave [illegible] Anderson. It was a magnificent affair. Mr. Anderson is one of the foremost muscial conductors in this country, and his exceptional ability is evidenced by the high standard to which he has developed this organization of skilled musicians.

On my way to Philadelphia, Palm Sunday, and while sitting reading my Bible, as is my custom, a young white gentleman stopped beside my seat and said, "I see you are reading a very good book," I replied "Yes," and he asked me where I was going, "To Philadelphia," I replied. And during our conversation, I told him of the great revival being carried on at Varick, and that, since he was going to Philadelphia, I would like him to visit the church and hear Rev. Wiltbanks. I did not particularly expect him, and gerat was my surprise when I saw him come in the church before the morning sermon. Upon seeing him enter the churcn I directed one of the ushers to conduct him forward. When the collection was called for at the close of the sermon, he gave $50.00 and informed us that for every $5.00 the congregation gave, he would give an equal amount, or in other words, dollar for dollar. This he continued to do, until he had given $150.00. He returned to the evening services and made the same proposition, and became so enthused that he said he would give $20,000 to the church, if the cohgregation would raise a similar amount within a year. I await with great anxiety the outcome of the affair.

'Twas a great day in Zion. Dr. Corrothers shed tears of joy, and he deserves great credit for securing the services of Rev. Wiltbanks, and making such a success of the revival, which demonstrates his ability to handle things on a lagre scale.

UNION WESLEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Thursday night April 1st, I was persent at the great organ recital at Union Wesley Church, Washington, D. C. Besides the new organ which cost $3000, Mr. Andrew Carnegie giving $1250 of that amount, the church has been remodeled from top to bottom, and from front to rear. It is now one of the most beautiful auditoriums of our connection. The church was packed from pit to dome, and, I was told, hundreds were turned away, notwithstanding the price of admission was 25 cents. A most excellent program was rendered. A youpng white man whose name I do not now remember, was the soloist, and Prof. Robbin the celebrated organist of Baltimore presided at the organ. Rev. Oliver has achieved a great work at this point. He is a splendid man and fine preacher.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Friday April 2nd was spent at New Haven, Conn., Rev. T. E. Roach is pastor. The subject of our lecture for the evening was, "The result of Emancipation." We had a splendid audience, a fine supper, and a very enjoyable time. Rev. Roach is a perfect fit at New Haven and is sweeping everything before him. He possesses a magnetic personality, is a fine preacher, and a very capable young man. He has built up a splendid congregation, the largest the church has had in years. His first rally resulted in raising $500.00, and he is now planning to raise $1,000.00 to pay on the mortgage. If he continues his good work and remains cheerful, he will do wonders in New Haven for our Zion.

BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, the intellectual hub of the nation, was reached Saturday April 3rd 6 p. m. All was fair when I left New Haven early Saturday morning, but ere I reached Boston in the evening, the blizzard had blocked the wheels of our train with snow, and delayed us two and a half hours. When I awoke Sunday morning and peeped out of the window, it looked more like Christmas tnan Easter morning. We were all down in the mouth, and didn't have much to say to each other. We arrived at the church at 10:30 a. m. and found but few present and the mercury in our barometer of hope for a glorious Easter Day was it its lowest point; at 11 a. m., it commenced to creep up; 11:30 it showed signs of a fair day, the church was filled, and my, what a change came over the face of pastor Swain. The music for the hour was excellent. All seemed to enjoy the Easter sermon. Seven united with the church [illegible] by the Sunday School, at 2:30 p. m. The program was an excellent one; songs and recitations by the children were most beautiful; and the anthems by the whole school, were certainly inspiring.

The evening services were conducted by Dr. Taylor, the Chorister of the great Columbus Avenue Choir. He was at his best, and they astonished Boston with their Easter music. My, but it was great! I cannot remember of ever hearing anything like it. First came "The Arisen Savior;" this was followed by "The Victorious Christ;" and finally the "Shouts of Angels" was rendered. I can see the lighted face of the chorister, and hear the music of the great choir again as I write. What a day, what a day.

Rec. Swain, the able eloquent and enthusiastic pastor, returned home in a far different frame of mind, than what he had when he entered the church in the morning. He was happy to the tips of his fingers. Collection $100.00.

The reception given in our honor on Monday night, by the pastor, trustees, and stewardesses of the church, was a beautiful affair. I have never, since I have been in charge of the district, had a more delightful time than on this occasion. The fellowship was most beautiful, and the sympathy was all that any one could wish. Miss Swain, the loving sister of Rev. Swain, and the boys, made my stay in their home exceedingly pleasant. Rev. Swain is monarch of all he surveys and no minister in Boston is more highly esteemed than he; indeed; he has made an enviable record in Boston of which any man might well be proud.

ATTLESBORO, MASS.

Attlesboro, Mass., Rev. D. R. Overton, Pastor, was visited Tuesday night April 6th. I was surprised to find the church remodeled new windows—painted within and without. It is a beauty. The improvements were made under the auspics of the Citizens' Club, an organization outside of the church. Rev. Overton is very proud of this achievement. We had an interesting service at night, seven came forward for prayer, four professed religion and three joined the church. In reporting my last visit to Attleboro, I stated that sister Overton was not at home, and that I missed

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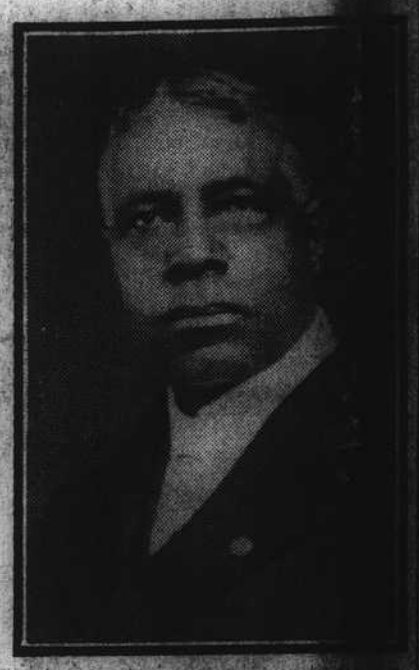
SEARCH-LIGHT SCENES

TESTIMONIALS TO THE SEARCH-LIGHT SCENES CORRESPONDENT—WHAT THE A. M. E. MINISTERS SAY.—WHAT PERIODICALS PUBLISH.

By Rev. J. Harvey Anderson.

Dr. Anderson, I want to see close your ministerial career the honor of being editor of Star. Your chances are much ter than otherwise.

Dr. J. Francis Lee,
Wilmington, N.



REV. J. HARVEY ANDERSON, D. D.

With regards to the Sta[illegible] chances seem to be good th[illegible]

Dr. L. W. Kyles, Charlot[illegible]

The Searchlight is an illu[illegible] open to the best interests of the church, nad disseminating much valuable information.

W. E. Shaw, Middlesboro, Ky.

I write to you for this information for I believe if there is any man in the Zion Church that is able to give me the desired information it is J. Harvey Anderson, for what he does not know about Zion Church is not worth knowing.

J. B. Colbert, Louisville, Ky.

You put your men in the limelight by your powerful Searchlight, machine and they all should appreciate it, for no set of men in the wohle Church are given so splendid portrayal of their of their work as yours.

J. W. MacDonald,
Waterbury, Conn.

As to your candidacy, you can depend upon your friends. You can wield the pen as few in the race can.

Dr. J. S. Jackson,
Birmingham, Ala.

I write you my appreciation of the Searchlight Scenes, in the current issues of the Star. I suppose you will stand for the Star editorship in 1916, if so count on me for any encouragement I can give you.

B. W. Swain, D. D., Boston, Mass.

You should be elected in 1916, editor of the Star of Zion. Your friends will stand by you. Anderson can edit the Star as good as any.

J. W. Wood, D. D.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Dr. Anderson:—The kindly reference made concerning the men of our Pacific slope, in last two issues of the Star in Searchilght Scenes, are highly appreciated by us all. Rev. W. W. Matthews, P. E.,
San Francisco, Cal.

I read the Searchlight Scenes with no little interest, and will read the editorials, D. V. after 1916, with the same interest, because they are expected to come from the same dauntless and painstaking defender of the truth, J. Harvey Anderson, D. D., Ph.D.

R. Alexander Carroll, D. D.
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Anderson:—I have taken the liberty to speak a word for you in the Star in connection with the editorship of the same. I have placed your name at the head of the famous men.

W. L. Lee, Brooklyn, N. Y.

You are still alive and on top with pen in hand and Searchlight Scenery. You remind me of the irrepressible Joseph Cannon—defeat can not dampen your ardor nor dim the orilliancy of your facile quill or typewriter.

J. W. MacDonald, D. D.
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Dr. Anderson:—I said to one of our Bishops and three others a few days ago, that the church is being criticised for not letting you go to the editor's chair where you should have been long ago.

J. C. Overton, Employment Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Anderson:—I hasten to express my high appreciation for you and the Searchlight Scenes. Zion has no superior to you in sentiment making and quill driving, and the sooner it is acknowledged by the Church the better.

S. L. Corrothers, D. D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Anderson:—I pray that God may bless you in the future as in the past, and that you may live to see the travail of your soul, that is, to be the next editor of the Star of Zion, and we will try if the Lord let us live to see the next General Conference see that you will reach the goal.

J. [illegible] Colin, York, Pa.

Dr. J. Harvey Anderson is especially noted for his ability to give startling accounts of his men. And no doubt the men of the Harrisburg District are rejoiced to hear [illegible] counts to much more [illegible]

—(Wednesday Morning.)

Presiding Elder [illegible] Anderson, Dean of [illegible] expounded says, in [illegible] to him, telling him he will be the next editor of the Star. Watch Dr. Anderson.

Bishop A. Walters.

[illegible] be made by the [illegible] fent detailed report made by J. Harvey Anderson, of the Harrisburg District. His was one of the most accurate reports it has been the writer's pleasure to hear. It omitted nothing essential; every man was given credit for his succes and for his faithfulness. We would expe t nothing less than this from Dr. Anderson; for he is in some respects one of the best prepared and efficient men of the church; he is somewhat of a connecting link between the fathers and the men of today; with the exception of our own Bishop Hood whom God has spared to guide the ship of state, I know of no man who is more familiar with the history of our Zion Methodism as is Dr. Anderson. He makes an excellent presiding elder; he is always kind and considerate; painstaking and faithful; and he will go a long distance out of his own path to help his men and to develop his work. He knows how to dissipate the gloom by his outbursts of sunshine which he scatters in every direction; therefore he is always welcome to the homes of the pastors and people of the district.

Dr. J. Francis Lee, (Star of Zion.)

The Searchlight? Who in all Zion has felt the fascinating effects of its mellow rays? What corner in all the church has it not searched? What subject pertaining to the interest of Zion; to the uplift of the lay and ministerial work; the delicate relations that exist between Zion and the sister churches have the rays of his searchlight not been turned on to the lasting benefit of all concerned? The man on the most unpretentious circuit, digging with might and main unknown to honor and regardless of fame, doing a man's part faithfully, and loyallly thinking no one is giving him any consideration in his struggle, is sought out and the lens of the Searchlight are flashed on him and he is astonished to find his asiduous labors have been discovered and published throughout the Church.

The years of experience only "ripen" his well balanced powers; his broad and varied reading coupled with his native ability gives him a weapon which makes him formidable in defense of any cause he champions; his deep grasp of secular and ecclesiastical subjects gives him the power to throw light

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EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY CONV'TN

HEADQUARTERS OF EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY CONVOCATION OF THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

To those [illegible] interested in the success of [illegible] struggling [illegible] of christianity among the people we make this earnest appeal.

It is needless for us to recount the work of our church in east Tennessee since 1865. The same is too well known to the reading public. Finding that our financial strength will not permit us to accompany the [illegible] desire as well as [illegible] of good that can be [illegible] forth efforts that [illegible] necessary to save and educate our [illegible] constitute a part of the [illegible] of our land. We are [illegible] you will open [illegible] us financially in [illegible] tional system [illegible] sionary cause [illegible] of our conference.

We are [illegible] the next [illegible] meeting and [illegible] each year. [illegible] and upon the [illegible] people interested. In [illegible] will you thereby [illegible] tribution either by giving to one of the authorized bearing a certificate [illegible] kindly mail check to Dr. [illegible] and all thereafter that the same may be published at the meeting. You are aware of the fact that people [illegible] Church's [illegible] and [illegible] Sunday school, but otherwise [illegible] ing age school, but otherwise [illegible] ing is gain. CAN WE WORK [illegible] OF THE greatest of ALL [illegible] ASK YOU TO HELP [illegible]

1915 and will hold four days.

Now Dear Brethren:—In accordance with the action of last annual conference the "Educational and Missionary Convocation," of our Church will assemble at Maryville, Tenn., on Wednesday May, 12th, 1915 and will hold four days.

It is needless for us to urge upon you the wisdom of putting forth your best efforts to be present and likewise to urge others of your church to do the same. You are fully aware of the fact that for us to reach the place we are fighting for, we must be most strongly fortified along educational and missionary lines in this conference. Why should not Zion with its strong ministers and loyal members take first place in raising means to help our schools and local missionary work.

Then in the name of the interest which is dearer to us than life let us marshal out our forces and be present at the meeting with all the means we can possibly raise. Other Methodist Churches are raising thousands of dollars through this medium let us likewise do something that will place us in front and thereby help our cause geenrally.

Yours truly,
Dr. W. H. Tucker, Chairman,
Dr. B. J. Jones, Solicitor Gen.
Dr. J. L. Black, Treasurer,
Rev. W. H. Mitchell,
Rev. Wm. R. Riley,
Rev. J. H. Branner,
Rev. C. L. Byers,
Rev A. S. Monroe,
Dr. C. C. Steward, Sec.
A. J. Warner, Bishop.

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