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## Annual Convention. Reasons and Things.

New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. July 25-26, 1918.

Dear Co-Worker:

We are nearing the close of our third year of united work. On July 25-26, 1918 we are to meet in Bordentown in what will be the most important convention in our history.

The world's chaotic condition has imposed new duties, larger responsibilities, and we must increase our efforts to impress upon our sisters in the state the urgent need of increased service. Some one has said, ever it may come to an end, it is clear we are through with the old order of things and a new one will have to take its place. "In that pe- This world-wide war has separated the present from the past by a heavy curtain. Whenever and how- riod of readjustment the greater- the more delicate tasks—will fall upon the world's womanhood and upon the weaker races will the heaviest burden fall. The thinking element must bear not only its quota but that of the indifferent. Let us prepare for that time by strengthening our forces and increasing activity.

Let us make an effort to double our club membership. All clubs engaged in helpful activity are eligi- to membership in the Federa-

is to be addressed upon matters relating to membership.

At the Executive Board meeting it was unanimously voted to accept the "New Jersey Observer" as our state organ, the editor offering us a column for notes each week and reducing subscription from \$1.50 to \$1 per year to Federation members in clubs of four. It is earnestly desired that you assist in securing the space and to send all club matter for publication to Mrs. Ella Barksdale Brown, 434 Halladay St. Jersey City head of the Press Department or direct to the editor.

It was voted to have a record or year-book printed every two years the first to be ready at the meeting in Bordentown. The book will contain a history of the Federation and clubs, work done since its organization and cuts of officers. The 1918 year book will be sold for 25c per copy and any woman desiring one is asked to pay at once the sum to her club president or the Federation treasurer, Mrs. Ella Rice, 110 Comstock St. New Brunswick. Heads of departments are asked to raise sufficient funds for postage for correspondence of their respective departments through their local clubs.

The National Association has been able through the financial help of all clubs to raise the mortgage on the Douglass Home in Washington D. C. To complete the restoration and refurbishing of this home is the work of the coming year. We cannot fail to do our duty in contributing to this cause.

The budget for the year will approximate \$250.00. It apportioned according to the present membership, four dollars from each club would cover the sum. The payment is not compulsory but we ask all who can to contribute be the amount ever so small.

The Camp Dix matter has been called off. Presidents are urged to collect the money at once for the minute book as the printer must have at least \$50 in advance. From point of service and enthusiasm let us make this the greatest convention ever held by Negro women.

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## Four Nations and Their Kings At War.

By Rev. Wm. H. Eley.

Daniel 7:3—"Four great beasts came up from the sea."

1. Daniel saw four great beasts come up out of the Caspian sea, two thousand six hundred and fifty one (2,651) years ago.

(a) He saw Belshazzar and the Chaldeans of Babylon.

(b) Darius the first king of the Medes and of the Assyrians.

(c) Cyrus the king of Persia, five hundred and thirty seven (537) years before Christ united Babylon and Assyria. BC 537.

(d) Alexander the first, the son of Philip the king of the Medes, captured Medea and Persia three hundred and thirty (330) years before Christ. The above named kings were the four beasts that Daniel saw in his vision. Alexander was the he-goat and the Leopard favored beast that Daniel saw was Cyrus, two hundred and seven years before Christ, and Alexander was the he-goat coming from the west.

1. These kings fought in the valley of Chap'an and Alexander untied all of the above named kingdoms. In one after God had given the Chaldeans and Babylonians to the Medes and Persians under Darius and Cyrus, five hundred and seven years (507) before Christ.

2. Darius was the first king of the Medes and Persians.

In the month, he united three kingdoms in one, namely Medea, Assyria and Babylon and each of them was a rib controlled by him, that is Darius.

3. Daniel saw the antion of days. This was Christ coming into the world to set up His kingdom in the hearts of men. Dan 7:9.

4. Daniel described Christ as a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and he said that it rolled until it filled the whole earth. It was Christ and His Gospel. His garments were white as snow and His hair like wool.

St John in the Revelation 1:14 gives a similar description of Jesus.

5. Daniel heard the four winds and the fourth beast became strong and stamped upon and destroyed the residue with its iron teeth of cruelty.

6. Belshazzar died five hundred and thirty-eight (538) years before Christ.

7. Daniel's prophecy ends in this narrative and it has no reference to any war since the year of our Lord 33.

1. Read the following scriptures: Numbers 21:14. Wherefore it is said in the book of wars of the Lord, what he did in the Red Sea, and in the book of Aaron. This was 1452 years before Christ, and they were miracles wrought of God for the upright in heart.

2. The following are the dates of the Kings spoken of B C 424; B C 404; B C 338.

Notice what Jesus said of the wars that should be after Him.

1. His disciples wanted to know of him how they should know of his second coming and of the end of time or of the world.

2. Jesus spoke thus to them and said "ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, see that ye be not troubled for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet, for nations shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and there shall be famine and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places.

3. All these are the beginning of sorrows. They shall deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you



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and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. They would be hated by each other. Read Luke 21:9-14; James 4:1-4. The above are the words of Jesus Christ.

You can see in the fourth chapter of the Epistle of James that he predicted the prophecy of Jesus Christ.

1. Where Daniel's prophecy ends that of Jesus begins on the subject of wars since A D 1915 and on.

2. Daniel spoke of the war between the nations and their kings. (1) Darius and the Chaldeans. (2) Cyrus and the Medes and Assyrians. (3) Cyrus and the Persians. (4) Alexander the first and the Medes and Persians.

1. Daniel's prophecy has no reference to any war since the year of our Lord 33.

2. We may see the prophecy of wars since the year of our Lord 33.

1. We are glad to know that Jesus has placed Himself in the reach of our faith and His word is peace. His look is love, His touch is life, and his smile is heaven.

1. The kingdom of Jesus was set up 1832 years ago. He fought the battle to a finish and conquered. He is king of kings and Lord of Lords.

2. There are wars between us, the world, the flesh and the devil and thus we can sing:

"Am I a soldier of the cross, A follower of the Lamb, And shall I fear to own His cause Or blush to speak His name? Sure I must fight if I would reign, Increase my courage Lord, I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by thy word.

1. The river Euphrates and Babylon.

2. The river Tiglis and Nineveh and the Assyrians.

3. The gulf and the river Nile.

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4. The kingdom and kingdom spoken of above, along these waters are historical because of the many events of war between the above named Kings.

1. St John in the Revelation spoke of the wars and of the happenings to and around about Babylon 2,561 years before Christ. Thus you can see that St. John saw the past tense as well as the future tense. He had a vision from God the year of our Lord 96.

2. This was one hundred and eleven (111) years after Daniel's last vision and 2,565 years from the time that Daniel had his first vision on the above subject or subjects.

3. The apocalyps are figurative in their expression, in part at least.

1. Be it remembered that the book of Daniel is apocalyptic also.

2. It ends with the event of Jesus. If you will read Rev Daniel S Gregory's booklet No 1.

The Bible League Primers. Its OK and we agree with him on the subject.

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## Livingstone Commencement.

PREPARATIONS FOR BIG COMMENCEMENT—SPEAKERS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION INVITED—ALL WELCOME TO EXERCISES.

By J. E. Kwegyr Aggrey.

Preparations are being made for a big commencement at Livingstone College which will start Friday May 17th and this will wind up on Thursday May 23rd.

The Choral Union is practicing regularly and excellent music is promised all lovers of music who attend the exercises. Livingstone Commencement has always meant oratory and music, delightful and inspiring, and this year will follow suite.

Among the speakers invited are such persons as Rev. W. A. Lambert, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Salisbury, a speaker whom the great Theodore Roosevelt delights to hear and pays fine compliment. He has already charmed Salisbury and will deliver the Y. M. C. A. address Friday night, May 17th.

Sunday morning the 19th, the Y. M. C. A. Annual sermon will be delivered by Bishop George C. Clement, one of Zion's ablest pulpiterers. In the afternoon the Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Bishop J. C. Kilgo of Charlotte, N. C. one of the most eloquent preachers in the country. That will be a high

(formerly Normal) Commencement will take place.

Wednesday morning the Freshman Trent Walker Gold Medal Contest. Wednesday afternoon the 22nd Junior Price Gold Medal Contest. This year for special reasons, the Anniversary of the Hood and Garrison Literary Societies will take place Wednesday night, at which time Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Editor of the Crisis will deliver the principal address. The Alumni Reunion will also take place.

Thursday morning the 23rd, the principal and Annual Oration will be delivered this year by the great Rev. Dr. Cadman of Brooklyn, N. Y., a preacher and orator of international and chautauqua renown. The College has been very fortunate again this year in securing excellent speakers.

The Theological graduation takes place Thursday morning. At 4 pm. will be the dedication of the Price Tomb, Dr. J. C. Dancy being the orator who will deliver the eulogy and dedicatory address.

At 3 pm. Thursday the 23rd will take place the Classical graduation

Monday the 20th.

All day Tuesday the Trustees will be in executive session, and several topics of interest and moment will be discussed.

Tuesday night the High School

Broad Arena, are conducted by

President D. C. Suggs expects to make this one of the finest Commencements in the history of the institution. Teachers and students are moving rapidly toward the closing.

## BIRDS-EYE Observations.

Rev. Dr. G. L. Mason's 25th Ministerial Anniversary—Nine Years Presiding Elder—A Testimonial Suggested—Poughkeepsie Taking The Initiative.

By Rev. C. VanBuren

The Rev. Dr. Louis G. Mason is now rounding out his twenty-fifth year in the active ministry and his ninth year as Presiding Elder of the Hudson River District, New York Conference. Dr. Mason was licensed to preach by the Rev. H. J. White of the N. J. Conference in 1891. He has pastored the following points with marked success: Englewood, N. J.; Oyster Bay N. Y.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Brooklyn E. D.; Hudson, Sparkhill and Newburgh N. Y. At Sparkhill, he led the Connection in raising the largest amount of money (according to membership) for the Price Memorial Fund. The good Reverend is indeed a man of many admirable traits of character—strong and conscientious in his devotion to duty, a clear and convincing preacher and of an unswerving disposition that endears him to those over whom he presides and with all with whom he comes in contact. As Presiding Elder he is doing permanent constructive work. At the recent fourth quarterly Conference held here the unanimous petition was that he be returned to the District for the tenth year. This speaks well for Dr. Mason and the prosperous condition of his work

proves him to be a workman that "needeth not to be ashamed." As an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Poughkeepsie and of the Smith St. A. M. E. Zion Church in particular and on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the active ministry a Committee has been appointed with Mrs. Lena Anderson, President, to raise a purse to be presented Dr. Mason at the Annual Conference. If all the Churches of the Conference or even of the Hudson River District would fall in line, we have no doubt but what an hour at the Conference would be set aside for a presentation of these testimonials to our beloved Presiding Elder. Only a suggestion, as we believe in giving honor to whom honor is due and in taking the initiative. Poughkeepsie is confident that at least every Church in this District will do its part in making the 25th anniversary of Dr. Mason's active service a memorable occasion. This is our fourth year as pastor here in this, the queen city of the Hudson of cough-drop fame. At the fourth quarterly conference held Monday evening April 8th, the unanimous petition was that we be returned to the Smith Street Church for the fifth year. We most sincerely appreciate this whole-souled endorsement of our four years pastorate here. We have accomplished considerable good and will leave much tangible work as evidence that we have passed this way. This is one of the leading appointments of the Conference with property valued at \$55,000.

Trying to contradict a scandal is like trying to bail out a lake with a skimmer.

The men of the N. Y. Conference are all doing well. The Rev. F. W. Cruse of Mamaroneck, though not

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