

It will prove a more gally occasion than any previous one, and the classical atmosphere will show a decided clerification, elevation and crystallization compared with the past history of the College.

A MORAL QUESITON.

For patriotic and economical reasons the United States Government changed the standards of the ordinary time of the day, which brings the Christian Sabbath one hour earlier than its usual time.

R. W. THOMPSON TURNS "SEER."

Mr. R. W. Thompson, a prince of newspaper correspondents and expert news-gatherer, has also turned "Seer," in the current issue of the Indianapolis Freeman, he predicts a "glorious future" for Drs. P. A. Wallace, E. D. W. Jones and B. G. Shaw respecting their well known ambitions.

ZION IN LITTLE ROCK.

By L. M. Green

The Arkansas Conference can catch inspiration from the Zion churches of Little Rock this

After the severe setback that came with the hardest winter ever experienced here, the churches appear to have become resurrected bodies.

Bishop L W Kyles is thoroughly alive to the interests of the churches here and has sought to place a number of good ministers in Little Rock.

Dr Shaw had not been here long before he was selected president of the Minister's Alliance, and last week he was the only city minister whose name appeared for an address to the State Teacher's Association.

At Coleman's Chapel, Dr H N Rhodes formerly of Alabama is founding the alarm and in a financial effort that assures the final payment on the church debt very soon, a debt that has hung on for years.

Payne Chapel our beautiful and commodious church on Book Street, the church that has had so many 'ups and downs,' is now pastored by Rev E E Morgan of Mobile.

Rev Morgan has taken hold with energy and appears hopeful of the future. He is on the front rank as a preacher and if his plans are fol-

lowed Payne Chapel will soon have smooth sailing.

Active missionary Societies are led by Sisters Davis and Mitchell.

A WORD FROM WAKEFIELD, VA.

By G. H. Spaulding, Pastor

Dr Anderson:- Will you please allow me space to say just a word about our work here. This is our second year on this charge, our work is in a better condition this year than it has ever been.

We had our Easter services at Dendron on the 7 of April at twelve o'clock the church was crowded and the yard filled to hear the Easter sermon preached by the Pastor. Subject "A Man Wanted." At 3 pm. Rev J A Stringfield preached a splendid sermon from the subject "The Kingdom." At 8 pm. we listened to another splendid program prepared by Mrs Annie L James.

Our Debt Paying Rally money, church extension money and Dinwiddie money have been sent in Dr Anderson: the Star is shining as never before. I enjoy reading your editorials. Let this appear as soon as you can. Wakefield, Va

THE GREENSBORO N. C. DISTRICT AND THE MEN

By Rev T. H. Stevenson At our last Annual Conference which met in Concord, N C Nov 28th 1917. Bishop G. L Blackwell DD, LLD, removed me from the Concord to the Greensboro District.

Rev E B Watson in five days after our adjournment arranged for his first Quarterly Conference which was a decided success raising \$65. But Watson is a better. The 3rd Saturday and Sunday in December were spent with Rev M T Lagrand at St Paul. The snow fell, but we had a splendid session. Better watch Lagrand.

At High Point D W H Howard is pastoring to great advantage. His 1st Quarterly Conference was noted for the high spiritual interest, as well as for its financial success.

Rev E. H. Kemp is the splendid pastor at White Oak. He only has a few members, but they are faithful.

On the Briscoe work Rev G W Verble in the midst of snow and rain raised in his quarter \$49.22. All his churches are alive. Rev W M French has things going his way on the Zion Grove Circuit. We had a great Conference in this work.

Rev J R Robinson holds the fort on the Mt Olive work. It snowed Saturday night, but the people came through the snow and we had a good conference.

The District songster and gospel preacher Rev S O Waddell outdone himself at Troy. In his quarter he raised \$100.27 and left the people shouting. Our Sunday School Convention meets with the Troy church. Dr Sims, the President of the Congregational School and the student body turned out with us on the Sabbath.

Rev J W Shambarger is making good on the Mt Zion Circuit. The people love him. Here we had a great Conference.

The old warrior of many battles, Rev. W. J. Gaines, is pushing onward on the Mt. Great work. His Conference was a great success.

Dr J J Stubbs has the happy people on the Mt. Airy Circuit. He knocked Rev. Waddell out of the box by raising \$100.28 Saturday and Sunday in his quarter. Stubbs is a power and deserves any promotion that his Conference can give him.

Rev A W Fry decided that he was due the highest honor and on Saturday and Sunday on the Snow Hill Circuit.

his first quarter.

Rev D H Chambers had a substitute Presiding Elder, Rev J J Stubbs and raised in his quarter \$50.20 on the Mount in Grove Mission Circuit. Chambers knows how to do things. Dr Stubbs has our thanks for assistance rendered.

Rev C W Lawrence has a few faithful members at the Warnersville Mission who are working hard to build a church. The Connection would invest \$300 or \$400, there it would prove a paying investment. We had a live Conference here.

Revs T M Person, J E Gilchrist, T W Bynum; A B Joyner and J C Cobb have promising Missions at Star; Ashboro; Reidsville; Danville, Hillsboro; Chapel Hill and Roxboro and Ramseur, respectively Hope it will be convenient for you to publish this real soon as Rev Kennedy and myself are each on new districts. Greensboro, N C.

JUST A WORD FROM THE LINCOLN DISTRICT.

Mr Editor of the Star:- Perhaps the readers of our paper may think that we are frozen out and dead from the severity of the past winter and war times. I thought a word from us would not be out of place. Considering the unexperienced hardness of the winter and war times, we have no just reasons to complain. The men on the fields are doing fairly well. They are encouraged and hopeful of a year of success. Rev R J Arnold, began his administration at Lincolnton as well as could be hoped for. The people received him gladly and the entire congregation is loud in praise of him as a gospel preacher. They are paying him \$700.00 and kept nearly up during the cold winter months. The second quarter, the first Sunday in March was a great day spiritually and financially. Aside from the Presiding Elder salary we raised \$40 on pastor's salary without any special effort. Gastonia.

It was 'hitting the nail on the head' when Dr Lanford was sent to Gastonia as the successor of Rev S T Hawkins who so successfully pastored there for four years. Every

body is highly pleased with Elder Lanford and says he preaches straight from his shoulders from a deep fountain of intellectual divine truth and the congregation is happy and looking forward to greater success. They are paying \$700.00 Trinity Circuit

Rev T B Jones starts off the second year deeper and higher in the estimation of his people who says unhesitatingly that they have never had a better preacher if as good in the history of the church. They have raised nearly all of their claims already. Elder Jones is one of Zion's strong and intellectual preachers who will measure up to the gospel standard of today when and wherever called upon. We are proud of him on the Lincolnton district.

Bessmer Circuit.

Rev L L Boyd was returned to this charge for the third year. His people say he gets better every sermon. Bro Boyd is developing into a very great preacher. His sermons are well thought out and delivered, intellectually filled with fine diction and spiritual power. The congregations are ever on the increase. He and the churches are not expecting anything less than success. Mt Chapel Circuit.

Rev S Herndon was appointed to that work. He was sick and not able to get started until very late, and the people scattered, especially at Adams Chapel. However since he has gotten there and met the people things are putting on new life. They have put a new addition to the church at Mt Chapel and called the church all over since Bro Herndon went there and success looks very hopeful.

Kings Mt. Circuit

Rev J S Smith, who for a long time in the Western N C Conference has been noted for success everywhere he pastors, is keeping up his record. The people say the old man is "drawing rations from the Gospel ration house and walking about in the pulpit. Everything is in fine shape and looking forward to round reports and a high spiritual year. Cherryville Circuit.

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Rev M B Barnett seems to be the man the people here have been looking for a long time. They have never been so delighted since my administration of a pastor. Nine persons joined the church at Cherryville at one service in January when few people were going to church. Rhones Chapel Circuit.

Rev W A Wheeler is there for the second year. The date for the first quarter there, the snow was so deep and cold I did not get any further than Newton, but he informs me that everything is OK and all who know Rev Wheeler expects nothing less than success. Shelby Station

Rev P R Flack was appointed to that field and of course as is well known did not stay. He went up there and spent one day, preached two sermons and left. This and the fact that some of the members desired the return of the former pastor caused some dissatisfaction in the church, so Rev T F Rinehardt who was appointed to succeed the Rev Flack went there under unfavorable conditions. The weather was bad and the people could not get out etc. It was a little dark for a while but the cloud that overshadowed him is about passed over and the sun of hope has risen and is shining brightly. They contracted to pay him \$500.00 with parsonage

Henrietta Circuit.

Rev. L C Thomas is doing well there. The people speak of him as being a high toned Christian gentleman and a strong Gospel preacher. He was very successful last year and I hope this year as well or better.

Doggett Grove Circuit.

Rev R M Harrison is the very acceptable pastor there. This is Rev Harrison's third year and the people like him better. His good wife is a splendid help mate to him. Both of them are very highly respected by the membership. They are paying him more than they have ever paid any pastor. The New Hopewell Church at Harris Station is being built and will be ready for use soon.

Zion Grove Circuit.

Rev H A Keaton is carrying everything before him there. This is his second year and he has brought the work up from \$500. to \$650.

pastor's salary and built up the work every way. He is now fixing to build a new church at Zion Grove. Rev Keaton is a strong preacher and great singer which makes him very acceptable with the people.

Rutherfordton Station.

Rev R Farley Fisher is simply sweeping on to higher heights. He has had a splendid revival already this year in which twenty were saved. He has one of the best organized churches in the Western N C Conference. It is like a beehive—everybody at work. The Sunday School Convention meets there in July. A high entertainment may be expected. Dr Fisher is one of the rising stars in Zion as an intellectual Gospel preacher.

Logan Chapel.

Rev W D Carson is bringing things to pass on this charge. I hardly know which is the more delighted with each other, he or the people. Dr Fisher spoke of his success not long since through this paper.

Wesley Chapel Circuit

Rev P B Falls is still doing well there as could be expected under the present conditions. They are building a new church at Wesley Chapel and the church is generally on the increase.

Rev James Love at Dallas and Briscoe on Chapel Hill Mission are both getting on nicely. Since Rev Love has been at Dallas they have put an addition to the church for the pulpit and choir which adds very much to the looks of the church.

Since the winter has passed everything on the District seems hopeful for success. The Debt Paying rally money will be raised at least by the Sunday School Convention in July, the Lord willing.

Notice.

The pastors of the District will please report and send to me your amounts for the Debt Paying Rally by the 15 of May. Raise and report the whole amount if possible. If impossible to report all send me what you have and report the balance at the Sunday School Convention

H. Blake, Presiding Elder. Rock Hill, S C

Editor of the Star of Zion:-

Please allow me space in your shining paper to say a few words about our work in South Bend. I was appointed Pastor of Taylor's A M E Zion Church at the Connectional Council which convened at Chicago last August, by our distinguished Bishop G L Blackwell who knows how to do and plan things. At that time I had pastored St Matthews in Chicago for over two years, and had learned to love the people of the "Windy City" and it pained my heart very much to leave them and come to South Bend.

Being obedient to the Bishop I took this work on August 24th 1917 and found them very much discouraged along all lines, but all seem to be very intelligent Christian people. I at once organized my forces and put them to work, and they all seemed willing to rally to my plans. Much has been said about the "disloyalty of church and people of South Bend, but I find just as true Zionites here as anywhere in the connection, and the work is moving on. In my six months work here, thirteen new members have been added to the church roll and close to two thousand dollars have been raised for all purposes. Our fall rally which was held Nov 25th was simply a land-slide raising \$906.00. South Bend holds second place in the fall rallies of all the churches in the West. Let the large churches at Chicago and Indianapolis report if they can beat this. We are looking forward to a great time at our Annual Conference which convenes here in June under the leadership of our great Bishop G L Blackwell and our Presiding Elder G W Register. We expect to bring great things to pass, for great are the people of South Bend. We are glad to note the great success our friend Dr H J Callis is having in Washington D C. It is not a surprise to us for Callis is one of our best Pastors.

Mr Editor tell John W Wood, through your paper to preach on, sing on and write on, being faithful over few things we will make him servant over many at the next General Conference. You may let the bright Star Shine on.

L P Powell South Bend, Ind.