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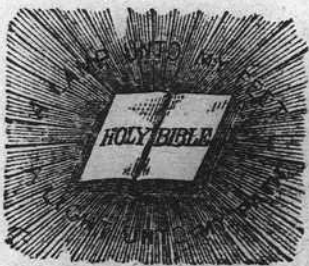
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"Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent; I have cut off like a weaver my life; he will cut me off with pining sickness."

Board Of Bishops A. M. E. Zion Church Meet-Great Interest Manifested-Much Enthusiasm-Much Important Business Transacted-General Church In Fine Shape-Organic Union Discussed-Candidates Galore. Cheerful And Happy Of Large Number Of Ministers From All Parts Of The Church And Country.

The most largely attended Bishop's meeting in the history of the Church by officials, ministers and laymen gathered at the Big Zion A. M. E. Zion Church, Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore Maryland, February 10-14, 1920. The nine living Bishops were present: G. W. Clinton, Senior Bishop, Charlotte, North Carolina, Second Episcopal District; J. W. Alstork, Third Episcopal District, Montgomery, Alabama; J. S. Caldwell, Fourth Episcopal District, Philadelphia, Pa.; G. L. Blackwell, Fifth Episcopal District, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. J. Warner, Sixth Episcopal District, Charlotte, North Carolina; L. W. Kyles, Seventh Episcopal District, St. Louis, Mo.; R. B. Bruce, Eighth Episcopal District, Charlotte, North Carolina; W. L. Lee, Ninth Episcopal District, Brooklyn, N. Y.; G. C. Clement, Tenth Episcopal District, Louisville, Ky. Bishop A. Walters and the two retired Bishops, J. W. Hood and C. R. Harris died during the Quadrennium. All of the General Officers were present and rendered glowing reports from their several Departments which were not only highly gratifying to all concerned, but were passed for file and audit with least criticism. These were semi-annual reports and indicated increases of membership and funds added interest and activities throughout the entire Church. The Officials presenting their reports were: Dr. F. M. Jacobs, General Secretary, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. W. H. Goler, Financial Secretary, Salisbury, North Carolina; Dr. C. S. Whitted, Secretary Ministerial Brotherhood and Benevolence Department, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. J. W. Martin, Secretary of Education, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. J. W. Wood, Secretary Foreign Missions and Editor Missionary Seer, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. J. C. Dancy, Church Extension Secretary, Washington, D. C.; Prof. J. W. Crockett, General Manager of the Publication House, Charlotte, North Carolina; Dr. J. Harvey Anderson, Editor Star of Zion, Paterson, New Jersey; Dr. J. Francis Lee, Editor of the Sunday School Literature, Charlotte, North Carolina; Dr. C. C. Alleyne, Editor of the A. M. E. Zion Church Quarterly Review, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Dr. C. L. Alexander, Secretary of A. M. E. Z. Legion of Financiers, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. D. C. Suggs, President of Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina. (This report was loudly applauded) Prof. J. W. Eichelberger, General Superintendent of Sunday Schools and Editor of the Sunday School Bulletin, Warren, Ark.; Prof. Aaron Brown, Secretary of the Varick Christian Endeavor Union, Pensacola, Florida; Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Treasurer W. H. and F. M. Society, Washington, D. C.; Rev. F. D. Douglas, Connectional Evangelist, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Alonzo Scott, Connectional Evangelist, Baltimore, Maryland; Rev. Wm. Lyons, Connectional Evangelist, Asheville, North Carolina, was the only absentee of the General Officers. Most of the Executive Boards were represented by one or more members and a large representation of Presiding Elders, pastors and prominent laymen. But few of the leading women of the Church were present at this meeting. Aside from Mrs. Ida V. Smith were Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. J. Harvey Anderson, Paterson, New Jersey; Rev. Jennette Johns, Baltimore, Md.; and a number of other ladies. The report of Mrs. Smith showed wonderful accomplishments by the Woman's Department of the Church. Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, the Corresponding Secretary, was detained by reason of injury sustained by a fall; and Mrs. Marie Clinton Superintendent of the Buds of Promise; Mrs. Florence Randolph the President, Miss Victoria Richardson, Secretary of the Young Woman's Department were all in regret for non-attendance. However the ladies found it inconvenient to arrange a program as is their usual custom for this meeting, therefore their presence in so small a number.

In the large congregation of the clergy were observed: Dr. G. W. Kincaid, Dr. G. W. Gaines, Dr. R. B. Hendricks, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Drs. J. W. Brown, A. A. Crooke, P. A. Wallace, New York City; Drs. E. D. W. Jones, James Ed. Mason, Rochester, New York; Dr. W. J. Walls, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. B. G. Shaw, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. W. H. Davenport, Wilmet, Ark.; Dr. S. P. Cooke, Dr. N. D. King, Dr. B. J. Bolding, Dr. M. F. Gregory, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. P. Roy Flack, Richmond, Va.; Dr. T. A. Auten, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. B. W. Swain, Boston, Mass.; Dr. H. J. Callis, Dr. W. D. Battle, Dr. J. T. Moppins, Dr. W. C. Brown, Prof. S. M. Dudley, Washington, D. C.; Dr. L. T. Conquest, Dr. J. A. S. Cole, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. A. Hamnum, Dr. G. M. Oliver, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. J. S. Shaw, Salisbury, Md.; Rev. J. H. Johnson, Ithaca, New York; Rev. H. Durham, Buffalo, New York; Dr. C. L. Alexander, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. S. L. Corrothers, Newark, New Jersey; Dr. H. B. Bennett, Salisbury, North Carolina; Dr. H. D. Bailey, Chester, South Carolina; Rev. E. C. McIver, Edenton, North Carolina; Dr. J. L. Black, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. J. H. McMullen, Akron, Ohio; Dr. W. W. Matthews, Montgomery, Alabama; Dr. Wm. Sutton, Rev. W. F. Witherspoon, New Bern, North Carolina; Dr. J. S. Campbell, Monroe, Ga.; Dr. A. L. Martin, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. S. Q. Swann, Carlisle, Pa.; Prof. A. V. Taylor, Atkinson College, Madisonville, Ky.; Prof. W. E. Woodyard, Dinwiddie Industrial College, Dinwiddie, Va.; Rev. A. H. Hatwood, Dr. H. L. Simmons, Charlotte, North Carolina; Prof. Oscar W. Adams, Editor Birmingham Reporter, Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. L. D. Workman, Alabama; Rev. G. W. Armstrong, Detroit, Michigan; Attorney, R. L. Brokenburr, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. W. H. Taylor, Pa.; Dr. J. W. McCrory, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. G. W. Brown, Va.; Rev. J. P. Foote, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. William Robinson, South Carolina; Rev. J. B. A. Yelverton, Syracuse, New York; Rev. A. Brown, Dr. M. D. Lee, Lancaster Normal and Industrial College, Lancaster, South Carolina; Dr. D. C. Baum, Chester, South Carolina; Dr. A. J. Gorham, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Dr. R. S. Oden, Kinston, North Carolina; Rev. W. T. Beck, Blackstone, Virginia; Mrs. Nellie (Johnson) Daly, Baltimore, Maryland; Miss E. F. Brooks, Chief Clerk, Financial Headquarters, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. W. J. Robinson, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Earnest Lyons of the John Wesley M. E. Church, Baltimore, ex-Minister to Liberia, and her present Consul General to the United States, delivered a magnificent address before the Board of Bishops and a large gathering of ministers and people who manifested their appreciation by frequent and hearty applause. Rev. A. D. Duncan, Wilmington, Delaware; Rev. Lieut. B. C. Robeson, St. Louis, Mo.; and his brother Mr. Wm. D. Robeson, Medical student in Howard University, Dr. F. W. Alstork, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. F. W. M. Butts, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Rev. W. McHenry Vintes, Auburn, New York; Rev. F. R. Killingsworth, Washington, D. C.; Rev. H. B. Gantt, Atlantic City, New Jersey, were also present. Rt. Rev. Roy B. Mohr, Bishop of the Protestant Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Rev.

A. E. Liles, D. D., of the Peoples Congregational Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Attorney W. G. Anderson and a large number of City Clergymen and visitors from the A. M. E. Church's Bishops' Council in session at the Mother Bethel A. M. E. Church were among the prominent visitors to the various sessions of the Bishop's Meeting and other ministerial Conferences at Zion Church. The Board of Bishops straightened out the schedule of General Conference delegates and that of the several Executive Boards which will be published in these columns soon. Interest in the proceedings of the open meetings was lively and at some points intense and many pointed and significant questions were asked and answered from the Chair Bishop J. S. Caldwell, presiding, while Bishop G. C. Clement acted in the capacity of Secretary, assisted by Dr. F. M. Jacobs, General Secretary. Bishop G. C. Clement delivered the usual sermon on this occasion to a large audience and it was followed by an evangelistic appeal and effort led by Revs. Alonzo Scott and W. T. Beck with good results. The sermon was well prepared and delivered in a masterly manner to the delight of all. Bishop Clement is classed among the ablest of Episcopal pulpiteres of the race and country. The Holy Communion was served to a large congregation of ministers and members on Wednesday night after the brief eulogistic exercise in memory of Mrs. Bishop J. W. Alstork, late of Montgomery, Ala., the principal eulogy being read by Dr. W. H. Davenport, of Arkansas. Other remarks followed by members of the Conference. The Boards of Bishops met in Executive session Tuesday preparatory to the regular sessions at which reports from the General Departments are read and passed upon. Dr. J. W. McCoy, the pastor and his congregation pleased all their distinguished guests with the splendid entertainment they furnished. The terms were liberal, the homing of delegates was satisfactory, the food was of best quality, and tidily and politely served by competent attendants, ladies of the congregation. The choir of this church is a fine musical organization, led by Mr. Maurice Butler, an experienced and efficient musician and singer, and who also presides at the heavy tone pipe organ. The leading soprano is Mrs. Lillian Butler, supported by an efficient corps of sprightly and well trained songsters. System characterized their management of affairs. The church edifice has been beautified with up-to-date traacing and new paint and beautiful latest system of electric lights equal to the best in the city, white or colored, and heavy and costly art windows back and front, and other improvements to match both in the spacious auditorium and lecture room with its various apartments. Dr. McCoy is a hustling aggressive pastor of great taste and order and he has the united support of his congregation which he has increased over five hundred per cent since his three years' pastorate, and the main debt has been materially reduced, and the church made to rank with the leading churches of the City while Dr. McCoy has the respect and confidence of the entire City. He and his congregation received the complimentary vote of the delegates in attendance.

A distinguishing feature was the visit of the A. M. E. Zion Bishops in a body accompanied by a large number of ministers and laymen to the Council of Bishops of the A. M. E. Church in their most magnificent edifice situated on McColoh Street. The Greeting was most cordial, brotherly and spirited. After some formalities Bishop W. L. Lee of the Zion visitors was introduced to make the principal address which consisted in a review of events connected with the history and personnel of the great A. M. E. Church, her distinguished Bishops' great achievements and wonderful religious prestige as a denominational force and influence upon popular sentiment and as a powerful race factor in its uplift, progress and education. The speech was masterly, eloquent and forceful and impressive which made it exceedingly difficult to outclass. Bishop Lee was never in better form nor spoke to better advantage and to greater satisfaction to all the auditors. The response was made by Bishop Chappelle of the A. M. E. Church and of the State of South Carolina. The Bishop spoke well but it was evident that he had difficulty in responding to such a timely, logical and powerful address as was delivered by Bishop Lee. This criticism is in good spirit, but we must render unto each man his earnest earning. The reply was made in a splendid fraternal and brotherly spirit as was that of the former speaker and both advanced in the most sincere terms the pending proposition of Organic Union between the A. M. E. Church, the C. M. E. Church and the A. M. E. Zion Church.

The Episcopal visit was returned by the A. M. E. Church Bishops in a body accompanied by a big delegation of officials and laymen on Thursday afternoon when a similar programme was executed, Bishop W. W. Beckett, of the A. M. E. Church being selected to make the principal address. The Bishop was felicitous, earnest, logical and eloquent. His illustrations were applicable and forceful while his mannerism was pleasing and his plea for Organic Union was warm and sincere. But another master appeared when Bishop Geo. C. Clement of the A. M. E. Zion Church was called upon to respond to the great speech of Bishop W. W. Beckett. Such an array of broad information, lucid details of history and events connected with the two great organizations concerned, logic, religious, philosophic application, strength of argument, force of expression and brilliant eloquence is a sparse feature upon occasions of this kind when compared with this one. The verdict was unanimous in this regard. That the Union in question was accelerated by these wonderful and appealing addresses from the four distinguished Bishops was not left a question. They were liberally and spiritedly applauded by their respective constituencies. Rev. Alonzo Scott the popular and renowned songster, sang with impressive and magnetic effect the popular selection: "Here Am I, Send Me, Send Me." There never was in the memory of this writer who has had more than fifty years of observation, contact and familiar connection with the matter of Organic Union between Negro Methodist bodies a more fraternal spirit and brotherly feeling, and that breathed a greater sincerity of purpose in the effort to really come together in spirit and in truth. The possibility of the scheme was never made to be plain-er seen and appreciated. There is so much to be given up, so much to adjust and re-adjust, so much distance to cover spanning the reach between each denomination concerned, so many knotty questions to settle, so many problems to solve that the task appears momentous, tremendous and almost insurmountable.

The report of Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. Society showed the receipts to be over \$3,000 for the past three months which is included in the half-year report. All the Depart-