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THE FIFTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

By Rev. W. J. J. Byers.

The Fifty First annual session of the California Conference has passed into history. The Conference convened on the 22nd day of October 1919. Rt. Rev. Lynwood Westinghouse Kyles, D. D., called the Conference to order at eleven o'clock, A. M., and in his usual way expressed the joy and satisfaction which was his at being privileged once more to meet the ministers and laymen in another annual session. Our church building in Los Angeles having been destroyed by fire early in the year and not being completed at the sitting of the Conference necessitated our holding the Conference in other quarters. It was through the kindness of Rev. N. P. Greggs, pastor of the Independent Church of Christ, and his good people that we were granted the privilege to meet in their spacious and well appointed church house.

The organization of the Conference was effected by the election of the regular Conference Officers as follows: Reys, T. Allen Harvey, Recording Secretary; J. G. Edmonds, Statistical Secretary; W. J. J. Byers, and Prof. J. C. Banks, Reporters. Mrs. Janie B. Holmes, Bishop's Secretary after which the Bishop in well chosen words introduced Rev. L. W. McCoy, of Fresno, California, who is a recent transfer to the Conference to preach the annual sermon. Rev. McCoy selected as his topic: "Freedom by Way of the Truth," from which he preached a most excellent sermon. The Bishop assisted by Rev. E. M. Clark, J. B. Holmes, T. Allen Harvey and W. J. J. Byers, administered the Holy communion to the ministers and others who took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the feast. In the midst of a great spiritual outpouring the Conference adjourned.

Upon re-assembling in the afternoon the Conference settled down to the routine of business which was expedited as rapidly as the Bishop could dispose of the items of business that came up. All departments of the Church were represented and reported for during the session and showed that progress had been made along all lines, and as usual the Conference reported round on all claims and the Bishop was all smiles, but he was not permitted to smile alone, for the ministers and laymen caught the same spirit as he passed it along.

At the evening session Rev. T. Allen Harvey, of Sacramento, Cal., who has made it possible for the banner of Zion to be unfurled in the capital of the state was presented by the Bishop as the speaker of the evening. Rev. Harvey preached an able sermon. This was followed by the welcome exercise, the program of which was in charge of the pastor of the local church, Rev. J. E. McCorkle. The welcome was a cordial one extended the Conference by the churches and other organizations of the city. The response to the welcome addresses was made by Rev. B. C. Robeson, Ex-U. S. Chaplain. To say that Robeson responded is sufficient.

One of the most helpful features of the Conference was the morning lectures by the Bishop. These lectures were full of thought and inspiration and were enjoyed by all, and Bishop Kyles is an adept at the job.

In the last four years the Conference has gone forward by leaps and bounds under the leadership of its Chief, who has spared neither time, energy nor money to make this a possibility. His efforts have not been in vain, for the fruit has been abundant. Each year during this Quadrennium some new territory has been occupied. This year three new points were brought into the Conference. Chico Mission, Chico, Cal., organized and brought in by Rev. T. Allen Harvey; Yuma Mission, Yuma, Arizona, organized and brought in by Rev. J. H. Clark, and Palo Alto Mission, Palo Alto, Cal., where the famous Stanford University is located, organized and brought in by W. J. J. Byers. The outlook at both of these points is good for a growing membership.

The Missionary ladies of the Conference under the leadership of Mesdames Janie B. Holmes and Martha Walker gave a good account of themselves for their year's work and the program rendered by them on Friday

evening of the Conference was very inspiring.

The Conference will be represented in the General Conference by the following delegation: Ministerial, Revs. E. M. Clark, J. B. Holmes, B. C. Robeson and W. J. J. Byers. Lay, Prof. J. C. Banks and Mrs. Bertha Kyles.

Sunday was a great day in Zion. At 11 A. M., Rev. J. B. Holmes, of Oakland, preached to a crowded house, at 3 P. M., Bishop Kyles, D. D., held forth and we never heard him to better advantage. At 8 P. M. Rev. B. C. Robeson presented the message. These were all great sermons by great preachers. The Conference passed resolutions memorializing the General Conference for the return of Bishop Kyles for another Quadrennium. It also endorsed Rev. W. J. J. Byers for the V. C. E. and Rev. T. Allen Harvey for the Western Star of Zion.

As a token of the respect in which Bishop Kyles is held by the people of the Conference he was presented a purse of \$100. This fit expression of the Conference of its appreciation of the kind service the Bishop has rendered it was initiated by Rev. E. M. Clark, Presiding Elder.

Rev. J. E. McCorkle and his good people proved to be a good host in the care they took of the Delegation. The entertainment they gave the Conference was all that could be expected.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Bishop called before the altar the ministers and Conference workers and District Officers and gave them their commissions for another year as follows: Rev. E. M. Clark, Presiding Elder; Revs. J. E. McCorkle, Los Angeles First Church; L. W. D. Henry, Boyle Heights Mission, Los Angeles; J. W. Eollett, Monrovia; J. G. Edmonds, Pasadena; C. E. Caldwell, San Bernardino; A. R. Simpson, Blythe; J. H. Clark, Yuma, Arizona; W. J. Conquest, Phoenix, Arizona; J. W. Harvey, Prescott, Ariz.; J. H. Miller, Paso Robles, Cal.; I. R. Hambright, Hollister, Cal.; E. J. McCorkle, Handford, Cal.; L. W. McCoy, Fresno, Cal.; S. A. Knox, Modesto, Cal.; C. J. Wall, Modesto, Cal.; A. S. Little, San Jose, Cal.; B. H. Bonds, Palo Alto and San Mateo; J. B. Holmes, Oakland, Cal.; S. E. Edwards, Vallejo, Cal.; T. Allen Harvey, Sacramento, Cal.; E. W. Camp, Chico, Cal.; J. L. N. Bell, Redding, Cal.; T. M. Draper, McCloud, Cal.; and W. J. J. Byers, San Francisco, Cal.

This brought to a close one of the best Conference sessions in the history of the Conference. "God be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction and all departed for their posts of duty for the year.

W. J. J. Byers, Reporter.

P. S. I am rather late getting this report to you. I hope you can get it in next issue. Remember our delegation will want you to remain at your post for another four years at least.

COLORED CLUB WOMEN

WORK FOR CHILDREN.

Mt. Meigs, Ala. In Alabama, as in Virginia, the state has taken over work for neglected colored children begun by colored club women. These women raised \$5,000 fifteen years ago, bought a small farm and opened a school for forty little boys. It was so successful that the state took it over as a reformatory. The colored women will assist in its support and compose an advisory board, one member of which sits with the state board at its monthly meetings. The school now cares for 300 boys. During this season they have raised 4,000 bushels of corn and provisions for the winter.

The colored women are now entering a similar institution for girls of their race. They have bought ground and are putting up the first cottage which is planned for twenty five inmates.

The war has taught all nations the value of their human resources, regardless of race; and certainly the South needs to conserve colored childhood, on which our future prosperity so largely depends. It will be recalled that a recent Virginia legislature adopted a resolution of thanks to the colored women of the state for their public service in graduating up this element of the commonwealth's human assets.

COLORED PASTOR AND WIFE PLAN GOLDEN WEDDING.

Rev. J. Harvey Anderson and his wife, Mrs. Julia Ann Anderson, propose to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home, 82 Clinton Street, this city on March 10, 1920, having then been married fifty years. The Rev. Mr. Anderson was brought to Paterson in 1863 by Lieut. tenant Heber Wells, now of Malden, Mass., who was connected with the 13th regiment, New Jersey Volunteers in the Civil War. Mr. Wells picked up the colored youth near Maryland Heights, Maryland, after the battle of Antietam and he remained with his employer about a year and then enlisted himself and served as a private in the capacity of Right General Guide till the close of the war, when he returned to Paterson and married Miss Julia A. Moore of this city, the wedding ceremonies being performed by the late Rev. Gabriel Rice, at Lodi, New Jersey.

Dr. Anderson has served nearly 4 years as editor of The Star of Zion, the official organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church whose Publication Plant is located at Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a leading spirit in the councils of his Church. He has practically every position in his large denomination numbering upwards of 545,000 communicants excepting the Bishopric, preferring his present office.

Mrs. Anderson is a native of Paterson and his highly thought of by the circles in which she prominently moves. They have been the parents of nine children three of whom survive and they have two grandchildren. Dr. Anderson was pastor of the Godwin Street A. M. E. Zion church, this city in 1872, and after an absence of twenty years returned to the same church for several years. Heber Wells and Dr. Anderson are devoted friends. The Rev. C. C. Williams of the Godwin Street church has been engaged to repeat the wedding ceremonies. Lewis H. Hicks will act as groomsmen and Mrs. Libbie Gardner as the flower maid. The reception committee will consist of Mrs. Ida Hart, Mrs. Jannie Beckman, Mrs. David Satchwell and Mrs. Cora Cutler. The ushers for the occasion will be David Satchwell, George Adams, William Dunn and Eugene Blunt. (Press. Guardian, (white) Paterson, New Jersey.

THIS IS THE REASON

As it is impossible to publish all of the District Conference reports sent into this office and in order that those concerned and the public may know that the reports were sent in by the reporters we are publishing the names of the writers and the districts. This is the best we can do at this time. We are retaining the matter so that if opportunity presents itself we shall be only too glad to publish as many of them as possible.

- Wadesboro District Conference by Rev. C. W. Carver.
- The Meridian District Conference by Rev. A. Crocker.
- District Conference, S. S. and V. C. E. Convention by W. E. Jenkins.
- Helena District Conference by H. M. Stovall.
- Delhi District Conference by Rev. A. C. Cook.
- Victoria District Conference by Rev. Bynum.
- Montrose, Ark. District Conference by Prof. A. J. Sparkman.
- Brewton District Conference by Miss Marie Poindexter.
- Asheville District Conference.
- Knoxville District Conference by Rev. J. L. Black.
- Russellville, Ky., District Conference by Rev. D. H. Swanson.
- Fayetteville District Conference by Rev. Wm. Lyons.
- Laurinburg District Conference.
- Greenville District Conference and W. H. and F. M. Society, by Miss A. Stallings.
- Greensboro District Conference by Rev. W. H. Howard.

LETTER FROM TENNESSEE.

Dr. J. Francis Lee, Editor of the Sunday School Literature, has received several encouraging letters recently, one from a prominent member in Tennessee which after complimenting him very highly for his efficiency, ends with the following words: "I think you and Dr. Anderson should retain your same jobs." We think so too, and have as much right to let our "THINK" be made known as any body else.



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