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Bishop J. W. Alstork, D. D., LL. D. of the Second Episcopal District, Who died Friday in Searcy, Ala

THE FUNERAL OF BISHOP J. W. ALSTORK.—BISHOP CLINTON DELIVERS EULOGY.—MULTITUDE ATTENDS.

The city of Montgomery nestled upon the arm of the Alabama River and the capital of his native State was in reverent expectancy when the body of John Wesley Alstork lay in state in his home under a bank of flowers from Saturday until the burial. The corpse was not opened in church for it had been viewed by all. From every county and adjoining States, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York they came to see him borne to his last resting place.

His death occurred Friday night at 11 o'clock at Searcy, Alabama. He had spent the Sabbath at home and attended service at three Zion Churches as if bidding them all good bye. The first of the week he was at District Conference in the Alabama Conference and returning home Thursday evening, he left early Friday morning for Dr. P. W. Laramore's Sunday School Convention at Searcy. In the morning session he spoke two hours and a half out of a deep concern for the work, but little did his hearers know they were hearing his last message on earth. Prof. J. W. Eichelberger had spoken at the evening service and he was called by Presiding Elder Laramore to make responding remarks. He had just begun when he was halted by a stroke of apoplexy, and was carried by loving hands from the pulpit and laid down. Being beyond the reach of a doctor he died within an hour after the attack came.

The funeral was at Mt. Zion church where he was a member at 1:30 Tuesday July 27. It was attended by six Bishops, one hundred and fifty or more ministers and a multitude of interested neighbors of all creeds and stations. Montgomery colored people took a day off to do him honor. The church by no means housed half of those who filled the streets to see the casket borne in and out of the church.

The program consisted of the procession and cortege worded led by the pastor, Rev. William Bascom. Bishop J. S. Caldwell was master of ceremonies. Hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done," was announced by Bishop G. L. Blackwell. The 90th Psalm was read by Bishop W. L. Lee. The last verses beginning with the fortieth of the Fifteenth Chapter of First Corinthians were read by Bishop J. W. Wood. Bishop L. W. Kyles gave the prayer, "Asleep In Jesus" was sung by the choir leading. Bishop Geo. Wylie Clinton of friendly endearment with Bishop Alstork delivered the eulogy. It was carefully thought out, partly written, and partly extemporized, very inclusive and uniquely punctuated with tributes of bubbling praise of Bishop Alstork's unselfish humanity and labors for education, the Church and Fraternal Societies, especially the York Rite Masons, of which he was National Grand Master. Bishop Clinton's pathos was natural and sublime, and his language attractively lofty, but filled

with the word of God and the Holy Spirit. The eulogy was complete and absolutely fitting, as was the universal acclaim. State Grand Master H. C. Malone spoke for the York Rite Masons. Miss Willie M. Stone of the congregation, and Rev. C. J. Stevenson for the Talladega church where the Bishop was converted and served as official member read resolutions. Mr. Aaron Brown read a tribute from Florida. Prof. J. W. Eichelberger read and announced the telegrams. Among the telegrams paying deserving tribute were those from the Bishops' widows and General Officers of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and Ministers Unions of Washington, D. C., Charlotte, N. C., Tuskegee Institute, and Talladega College, and leading ministers and Fraternal lights throughout the country.

Resolution announced by Dr. Laramore from the Southeast Alabama Conference, by Dr. C. J. Stevenson, of North Alabama Conference.

By Miss Daisy Johnson from the North Alabama Missionary Society, from the Southeast Alabama Conference by Dr. W. W. Finley, the Alstork club in the Selma church, the West Alabama Conference by Dr. Hamblin, the Cahaba Conference by Dr. Blackledge. From the C. M. E. church, the A. M. E. church, and from the Lomax-Hannon School by Dr. G. M. Glover. A white friend, Mr. W. E. Alfred paid a tribute to the sainted Bishop by his own request. Dr. Hamblin will secure the names of the ministers who attended for a subsequent issue of The Star. The floral offerings will be listed also. The Florida and North Alabama Delegations came in special cars and brought expensive floral designs.

Many relatives and friends went in more than forty automobiles to the burial. The chief ones of the family present were his brother, Rev. A. G. Alstork, and sister-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Burt, and nephew, Rev. A. G. Alstork, Jr., and wife and nieces and nephews of his wife.

Bishop Blackwell, chairman of the Board of Bishops, announced that due to the deaths of Bishop Varnier, Bruce and Alstork the conferences of their District would be reassigned as follows: Bishop Caldwell, Palmetto and North Alabama; Bishop Lee, the South Carolina; Bishop Clinton the Alabama; Bishop Wood, the Southeast Alabama; Bishop Wallace, the Florida Conferences. "The Alabama Bishop is gone, was the affectionate remark upon loving lips who saw the last of the man known and honored by all the State and all the churches.

SHELLS FROM THE BUCKEYE STATE.—ZION IN CINCINNATI.—OUR FOUR THOUSAND DOLLAR DRIVE.

By Rev. James P. Foote.

Just a little information to you about Zion in Cincinnati, I am sure that you will not object to receive.

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OUR DELEGATE TO THE WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, TOKYO.

By James W. Eichelberger, Jr.

General Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

Some months ago the Sunday School Board selected delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention which will convene in Tokyo, Japan in October of this year. Of the six chosen we do not know that all can make the trip. Reservation has been made for Miss Sarah J. Janife

Connectional Impressions

By Rev. Geo. L. White, D. D.

The General Conference at Knoxville is past history. Regardless of the rights and wrongs committed, it is passed.

If you were disappointed in the pre-convention promises and the delegates put one over, do not mourn and worry about it; it is done; but don't allow yourself to be disappointed again in the same way and by the same people.

Bishop Clinton sustained his old record as an orator, and he brought the bacon. He said, he never made a practice to oppose anyone, but when he did, it was defeat. He reckoned with his host and apparently knew what he was talking about.

It was a powerful address clothed in language beautiful and picturesque delivered by Bishop Kyles, in the defense of Organic Union. If the picture artistically drawn and presented to the Conference ever reaches the point of realization it, will certainly be worth while to be living in the world. I am only waiting to see what the harvest will be?

It is no use to run for anything, unless you are a member of the inner circle. Save your money and stop visiting all over the Connection.

The best policy is to place your money in stocks, bonds and real estate where it will be interest-bearing; unless you have inside information that you have been selected for such a position as you seek by the machine. Don't publish booklets and pamphlets disclosing your sacrifices and achievements they don't count. The worse form of slavery is Christian or ecclesiastical slavery. If you have convictions, keep them to yourself—it will only work a hardship and bring you disappointments.

Do your work well, think about the good that God wishes you to do in the world for the on-sweep of his kingdom, encourage humanity, do all the good you can, hoping that God will reward you in the end.

If you have a mind think of God's goodness, express your best thoughts among those who are laboring with you. Don't expect to be recognized by men of affairs in this life. If any man comes to your door feed him, and expect nothing in return when he is prospered or favored but a kick for that is the way of men; We have been seeing men through a glass darkly, but now we know them.

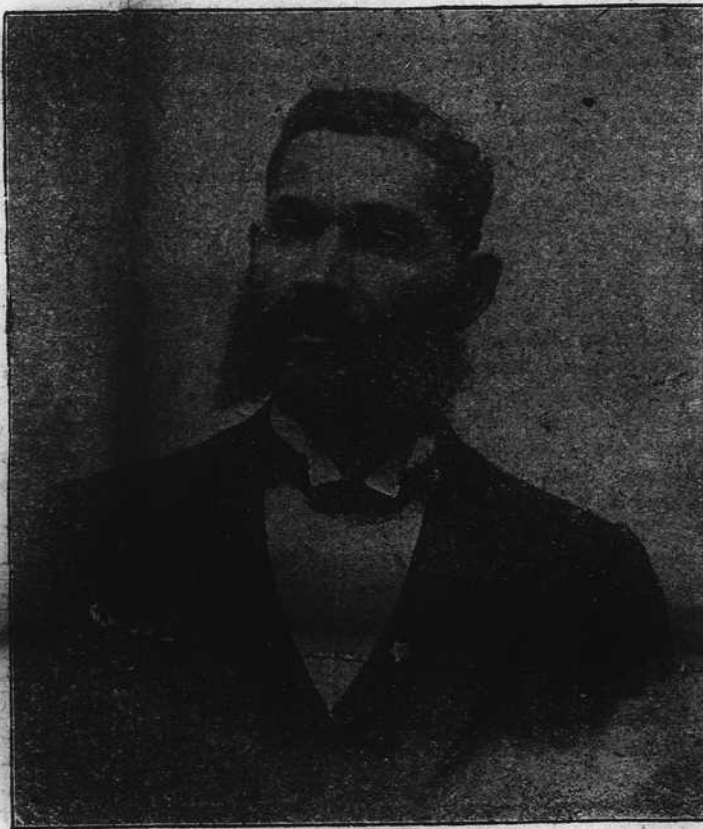
There was a certain brother who was a candidate for the Bishopric at Louisville, and it seemed he was doomed to be defeated, he was abut in tears. He came to the writer and asked helped; as we had the inside information and knew the power that was causing his boat to rock at this troublesome time. We approached him who held the situation to let up and call the dogs in. He said, let him come and acknowledge his sins that he committed when he held the weapon of power. He did so, and the bars were let down.

This same brother asked one of his hinchmen who held our ticket in hand is that the ticket you are going to vote? I don't want that. You do as I told you, and tore the ticket into bits. He soon discovered the writer standing behind him, and he then proceeded to say, "He is a good man," but you do as I told you. It was my ticket who was a candidate for Foreign Missions Secretary.

I said, God deliver me from such ecclesiastical hypocrisy and slavery and that kind of Episcopal Demagogue.

We may not feign so much goodness and it is true, we are not perfect and have made some open blunders, but if I am ever such an ingrate, and possess that much hell in my heart against my brother, as that brother has proven himself to be, I shall consider my own self a consummate hypocrite of the first water. God is not dead justice will some day come to the throne, and we will reap what we sow.

Greenville, N. C.



BISHOP JOHN WESLEY ALSTORK, A. M. D. D. 68 years old. Died Friday at Searcy, Alabama. The cause of his death was apoplexy and he died in an hour after he was stricken at the Church. He was Bishop of the Second Episcopal District and well known as churchman and Fraternal Leader throughout the Nation. The Bishop was responding to an Address by Prof. J. W. Eichelberger, Superintendent of Sunday Schools, and his last words were "Teach your children to read the Bible." He was buried Tuesday from Mount Zion Church, Montgomery, Alabama. Bishop G. W. Clinton pronounced the eulogy, which was a gem, and Bishop J. S. Caldwell was master of ceremonies. The death of Bishop Alstork was a shock to the Church and Race. He had been feeble for two years, but was always able to pursue his work. A full account of funeral later.

Bishop G. W. Clinton, Bishop R. B. Bruce, Dr. J. Francis Lee, Prof. J. W. Martin and Prof. J. W. Eichelberger were selected by the Sunday School Board.

We were officially represented in the World Conventions in Rome Italy, 1907; in Washington, D. C., 1910 in Zurich, Switzerland, 1913. It would be a step backward for us to fall in being represented at this Convention which promises to be the greatest of all sessions ever held. The expense of each delegate will be \$1,000.00. We must have one. Our having a delegate depends upon the immediate and liberal response of individuals and of Sunday Schools. Individuals are asked to give \$1.00 or more. Sunday Schools are asked to contribute largely. None of our larger Sunday Schools will give less than \$5.00. Many will give more.

A Souvenir receipt bearing a picture of our delegate and of a scene in Japan will be mailed every person School or Group contributing \$1.00 or more. Names and amounts will be published in the Sunday School Bulletin. Fill out the form below at once and mail to me. Those wishing to send cash with order may do so.

JAS. W. EICHELBERGER, General Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

The _____ Sunday School of the _____ District _____ Conference

will contribute toward the expense of the delegates to the World Convention in Tokyo the amount of _____ Collars on or before September first.

Signed: My Office is My Address:

TWO SOUTHERN GOVERNOR'S REPLY TO ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION'S TELEGRAMS.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with headquarters at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, today made public replies to telegrams sent to Governors Bickett of North Carolina and Hobby of Texas with reference to lynchings in those two states recently. One Negro was lynched at Roxboro, North Carolina, on July 7th and two brothers were lynched at Paris, Texas, on July 10. The Association wired both Governors asking them what steps would be taken to arrest and punish the lynchers. Governor Bickett replied that he had already offered a reward of \$400 each for the arrest and conviction of the lynchers, adding that this was the limit allowed him by the state and he was horror-stricken on account of the awful crime. Governor Hobby of Texas advised that "Lamar County

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