

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—SECOND CONVOCATIONAL DISTRICT.

The second annual meeting of the second convocation district will be held Jan. 26th—29th, 1922, at Little Rock A. M. E. Zion church, Charlotte, N. C., corner 7th and N. Myers Sts., Rev. H. P. Lankford, D. D., pastor.

The conferences composing this district are: Western North Carolina, West Central North Carolina, Central North Carolina, North Carolina, Cape Fear, South Carolina, Palmetto, Pee Dee and South Georgia.

Every presiding elder's district is asked to have a representative present, either a district president, district secretary Young Woman's society, district superintendent Buds of Promise, or one of the aggressive local officers.

Better understanding of the work is what we need in our missionary society. If we send our leaders to these meetings the information and the inspiration they get will enable them to do better work.

Every local officer that can should be present. Let us make this the banner convocation. It will take the enthusiastic co-operation of every member in this district at it and always at it to do this. Work, prayer and faith will put it over. Now, altogether, let us all use these three master builders and put the capstone on this convocation of missionary accomplishment. Work, pray and have faith for ultimate success.

MISSIONARY CONVOCATION, JANUARY 26TH—29TH, 1922, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Dear Co-Worker:

We know that you have been watching the columns of The Star for some other word about the second annual session of the second convocation district and we have been as anxious as you to tell you about it, but we have been unable to find a place in which to hold the meeting until today.

We have been very fortunate in securing the most conveniently located city in the entire district, Charlotte, N. C. All roads lead to Charlotte, right in the hot bed of Zion Methodism, a place where all the Zion folks know about, for the A. M. E. Zion Publication House is located here, where the Sabbath School literature is made, the Quarterly Review is printed, the Missionary Seer, our own paper is published and the scintillating rays of The Star is taking the temperature and registering the heart throbs of every interest in the A. M. E. Zion church. Therefore there is no better place to hold the convocation than in Charlotte. Then, too, Charlotte is one of the most hospitable places in all Zion; therefore, the meeting should be a very representative one. Every worker should make an extraordinary effort to be present, and to make the meeting far-reaching in effect.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. The ill wind that has delayed our visit to Africa has blown us the good fortune to get everything arranged for the convocation before we do get away.

We have been delayed so long in finding a place to hold the meeting that we have very little time in which to get our finance together, but we have one of the best little devices for getting quick money that can be used, heart tags. They were used in Monroe, N. C., at the annual conference, together with the little barrels sent out by our Publishing House, for holding the money collected, and in two days sixty-one dollars was collected.

Have a "Tag Day." If you wish to cover the town in which you live, get a permit from the mayor, then put twenty or more tags in the hands of your women and send them out. Instruct them to solicit ten cents or more for the convocation and then pin the tag on as a receipt for the money and the wearer of the tag will show that he or she is in sympathy with the cause. If the tagging is to be done in the church or country, just send for the tags and tag away. The tags are 25 cents per hundred strictly cash. Order at once from Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, 624 South 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Then we have the dime banks which hold five dollars, which we distribute free to any one who will order them, these to be returned at the meeting to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, 415

North Myers St., Charlotte, N. C.; at the meeting, 1309 R. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

We are all very anxious that every church in this district shall send a financial report, and we are asking each pastor to see to it that the missionary women of his congregation shall not leave his church out of the list. The women of one or two churches have signified their intention of sending \$100. We hope that with the tags and the other efforts put forth their intentions may be realized. We wonder if many more can through the same kind of effort, report \$10, \$20 or \$50. Lets all try to do our very best. The very best that we can say to our Heavenly Father. "This is my very best."

We are hoping that the delegation will be very large. How inspirational it would be if there were twenty-five district officers and one hundred local officers present! What an impulse for a better and more efficient work would go out from this meeting. The results cannot be estimated.

There will be a nominal sum asked for entertainment, but do not let that keep you away. Prepare to meet this expense. Notify Rev. H. P. Lankford, Charlotte, N. C., and Miss V. Richardson, 1006 West Monroe St., at Salisbury, N. C. if you will attend the meeting—one to secure you a home and the other to place you on the program. Do this at the earliest possible moment.

Yours for a fine meeting, Annie W. Blackwell, Cor. Sec. W. H. and F. M. Society, Phila., Pa.

NOTICE.—TO THE PUBLIC AND RACE AT LARGE.

Rev. D. D. Moore has been appointed an agent for Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell (white) of the city of Asheville, N. C. and agent for the E. D. G. Wood Park property. This property is in the Hill street settlement. The city is planning a colored park and this property is being sold to colored people, and we have lots at prices to suit the buyer. It will be well to write at once or call and see these lots and arrange to buy as many as you want and build a summer home.

Rev. D. D. Moore, agent.

NOTICE.—MISSIONARY MASS MEETING.

To the ministers and missionary workers of the Spartanburg district, Palmetto conference:—

I am planning to hold my first quarterly mass meeting of the missionaries, the Woman's and Young Woman's Branch, together with the Buds of Promise, with the good people of Rhodes Temple, Whitmire, S. C., Rev. Tucker, pastor, Friday, January 27, 1922. I am asking the prayers and hearty co-operation of the ministers in this work. If I fail to get to your church before the mass meeting, please see to it that a representative from each church of the district be present with a good report, at the time above stated. I would like for as many ministers as possible to be present. One day only, Friday, January 27th, afternoon and night.

(Mrs.) Janie G. Douglas, district president of W. H. and F. Missionary society,

R. H. Riddick, P. E.

NOTICE.

To the ministers and laymen of the Sumner district of the A. M. E. Zion church:—

You are urgently requested to raise and bring to New Zion, Sumner, Miss., January 26th, 1922, the amount asked by the bishop and conference for the Johnson Rural High School. I am sure that there is not a man nor a church that will fail. Let's go over the top.

Your presiding elder and committee,

R. B. Williams, Marks, Miss. Box 201.

NOTICE FOR THE YOUNG WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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The following conferences are included in the above named district: North Carolina, Cape Fear, Central

North Carolina, West Central North Carolina, Western North Carolina, South Carolina, Palmetto, Pee Dee, South Georgia.

Let us have a full representation from each presiding elder's district, and contributions of \$10.00 and \$5.00 from each church if possible.

Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, 624 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa., has on hand banks which will hold \$5.00 in dimes and you can get them free of cost for this purpose.

We regret that our notice is so very tardy in appearing, but owing to the difficulty in securing a place of meeting it could not be avoided.

Young women, do all you possibly can to make this meeting a success.

These convocations serve as training schools for our missionary workers, and inspire them to do more and more for the Master.

A workers' conference will be conducted and all of the members of the convocation will participate.

Do not miss this opportunity to aid in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

Be present at the opening and remain until the close.

Yours for missions, Victoria Richardson, 1006 W. Monroe St., Salisbury, N. C.

NOTICE.

The following ministers wish their brethren to know that their services are available at any time for evangelistic work: Rev. D. D. Moore, 12 McDowell St., Asheville, N. C., Rev. F. R. Smith, Suffolk, Va., (appointed by Bishop Blackwell,) and Rev. Glenn McDowell, Harris, N. C.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BUDS OF PROMISE WORKERS OF THE SECOND CONVOCATIONAL DISTRICT.

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We have been delayed in announcing the meeting because we could not find a place in which to hold the meeting, but now that we have a place, let's go right to work and raise our money for the Convocation and as many of us as possible arrange to attend the meeting in our great Methodist center, Charlotte, N. C.

Remember this Convocation fell short of our expectation last year, but we have the opportunity now to rally and show our strength this time since we have the largest conferences in this district in the whole Connection.

The watchword for this meeting is every P. E. District represented and a financial report from every church, the larger churches sending \$10.00 and the smaller ones not less than \$5.00 and the very weak ones not less than \$3.00.

We have a dime bank that we are sending out free that holds \$5.00 in dimes. Order one at once from Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, 624 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Now Buds of Promise workers, lets do our best to make good financial reports in this great meeting and send in your names right away if you expect to attend the meeting in Charlotte, N. C., so your name can be placed on the program.

Watch The Star for announcements. Marie Clay Clinton, Gen. Supt.

NOTICE.

Dr. Jesse B. Colbert having enjoyed great success in the evangelistic work, will be open for engagements

for revival work for the months of January, February and March, 1922. Address: Dr. Jesse B. Colbert, 2330 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

NOTICE.

"THE HEART OF THE LESSON," a Sunday School Lesson Commentary on the International Lessons for the year 1922. Prepared by Rev. J. Francis Lee, A. M., S. T. D.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the presiding elder and pastors of the New England conference: You are hereby notified that the Mid-year conference will meet in Hartford, Conn., Feb. 1, 1922. Kindly be on hand with your Ter-centenary money in full.

W. L. Lee, bishop.

NOTICE.

The South Florida conference will convene at Big Zion A. M. E. Zion church, Key West, Fla., January 25th, 1922.

All bishops, general officers and visiting ministers, who are planning to attend this conference will please notify me at once.

E. E. Morgan, 702 Whitehead St., Key West, Fla.

NOTICE.

To the pastors and missionary workers of the North Charlotte District. Our first mass meeting of the W. H. and F. M., the Y. W. H. and F. M. societies and the Buds of Promise of the North Charlotte district, will convene in the Torrence chapel church, Cornelius, N. C., January 20, 21, 22, 1922, Rev. C. E. Norment, pastor. Please see to it that all three branches of the missionary department in your church are represented by good reports with their money. If the local officers and delegates can not come, please send money to me and I will credit you for the same.

We ask your hearty cooperation in this work. The opening sermon will be delivered Fri. evening Jan. 20th by Rev. J. W. Henderson, pastor of Columbus chapel circuit, Saturday, business session, and Sunday afternoon sermon by pastor or invited minister. All are very cordially invited to attend.

Yours for success, Lillian B. Lee, district president, Mrs. Mamie Lucket, district secretary of Y's, Mrs. Georgia Rose, district superintendent of Buds, Rev. C. E. Norment, pastor, Dr. H. B. Bennett, presiding elder

ECHOES FROM THE LAND OF THE SKY.

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We chanced to hear a son of Zion in his own town and among his own people, among the hills where he in childhood caught the vision of what God wanted him to do; where he had his first dreams of greatness; where he received his first inspiration to stand up and be counted among the leaders of the younger generation. He had done his best to overcome his home criticisms which are usually launched against one who goes out and comes back with the sign of marked success inscribed on the es-

cuteon of his standard. He delivered the emancipation address of the 59th anniversary of the emancipation of the American Negro. He was at his best and held his audience enrapt for one hour and fifteen minutes. The address was a gem, evidencing close study and limitless research, sublime in delivery, reaching heights in oratory unsurpassed by most of the modern day orators, taking place with the long silenced but not forgotten Robert Brown Elliott, who once made the legislative halls of South Carolina ring with unmatched eloquence, or with the lamented Fred Douglas, who championed the cause of freedom when our mothers and fathers were bowed beneath the yoke of a task master whose brutality caused the world to rise up and stamp out a slavery that befouled the flag of a free and independent nation; or Joseph C. Price who plead in the courts of the old world for means to assist in eradicating the dense illiteracy that marks our race group the victims of the unscrupulous and intensified racial hate. This young man took his wonted high place in the republic of letters some years ago, but upon this occasion he more than came up to the expectancy of his friends. He is already noted as a great preacher, and wherever he goes the people are more than anxious to hear Dr. W. J. Walls, D. D., Editor of The Star of Zion, and to keep him down the old linemen will have to string up new wires and keep pulling.

Rev. C. C. Alleyne is another young giant that stands with poised lance. His life is clean, and his record of achievements counts many points in his favor. About him we will say more later.

Rev. C. S. Whitted is one who talks little, but whose labors for the church cannot be discounted.

Rev. C. W. Brown, D. D., is a great pastor, and a fine young man, and his star rises daily.

Rev. E. D. W. Jones, D. D., the hero of many battles, is still the idol of the trenchmen.

Rev. A. Hannum, D. D., whose pastoral record in the church has never been discounted, has a spotless Christian life, and it is the best evidence of his fitness for a high and exalted position.

Then there are others and still others in the constellation of great men. We shall speak of them later on, and it will be a pleasure to point to their worth and fitness, not to curry favors from them for we care nothing for their promises—but to let the clans learn of those from whom they shall pick to guide the old ship for our children in the next generation, for the old guard,—to which we belong, is rapidly passing up; choose well and wisely.

"Out of our bourne of time and space, The sea may bear me far, I hope to see my pilot face to face, When I have crossed the bar."

Maryville, Tenn.

WATCHING THE BREAKERS.

Dr. Davenport Breaks His Silence in Pungent Paragraphs.

Ireland fought seven hundred years to obtain her freedom. In the seven centuries of her struggles, many, yea, hundreds of thousands have fought, bled and died, fully realizing "without the shedding of blood there is no remission."

I was awfully shocked to read of the death of Rev. L. A. Patrick. Another bright star passes.

Don't ever begin anything that is big and worth while feeling that you will be left to your own thought and planning. Fourteen million people sent advice to the United States Arms delegation.

Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, generally talks with his mouth open. Well, Mississippi is so big at the mouth that it is hard to shut it up. But few of our men are doing any kind of writing for any of our publications. What's the matter in Zion?

Well, here we are in Durham facing four walls and a frost bitten sky. The mosquitoes were singing and the perspiration was falling from my expansive brow when I left Tampa January 5th, but when I reached Durham her (Mrs. Davenport's) teeth were chattering and our legs were shivering. Dr. Jones wired me to accept Durham. Other friends urged it "was fine as silk." Bishop Kyle assigned me here and that is the AL pha and Omega of the whole matter.

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