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## LIVINGSTONE COMMENCEMENT—MAY 30.

Livingstone College closes May 30. Coming as it does on the day when large crowds gather in Salisbury for the usual May day celebration, the commencement of Livingstone promises to be one of more than ordinary importance. The graduating classes are all large, and added to this feature of interest some of the ablest speakers of the country have been secured to make the annual addresses. On Sunday morning May 27th, Rev. W. C. Brown, pastor of the Fleet Street A. M. E. Zion church, Brooklyn, N. Y., will preach the annual sermon to the joint Christian organizations of the school. At three o'clock in the afternoon Bishop L. W. Kyles will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating classes.

The commencement address will be delivered on Wednesday morning, May 30 by the famous platform orator and able divine, Rev. S. Parks Cadman, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Interspersing these exercises there will be the usual numbers by the school with such modifications as will make the commencement season one of sustained interest. On commencement day the exercises will begin at ten o'clock instead of the usual eleven o'clock hour. Effort is being made to make this a home coming season by the alumni and under graduates and large numbers of them are expected. All loyal, loving Livingstonians should strive to be present. The alumni meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 29th., followed by a grand

## Men and Measures.

For the Next General Conference.

By N. Murrough, Asheville, N. C.

It is evident that if Zion would keep pace with other leading denominations in the educating and training of our young people as they should be for the most efficient service in life, we must wisely and judiciously plan and put into execution a more progressive program to this end at the next General Conference. We have already been negligent in doing this too long. Many of our young people who ought to be receiving and completing their education at our own Livingstone are in other colleges and universities. Zion is lamentably the loser, and will be as long as conditions remain the same. To remedy this situation should be one of the biggest issues before the next General Conference. I ask the general church, what shall we do about it? Shall we continue to allow Livingstone to lag behind other race institutions of learning? Or will we by raising her curriculum take her out of the class of colleges and place her on the roll of universities so greatly needed today in Zion and in the race?

The question is being asked by many who have given Livingstone College careful consideration, who will be its next president? Among those being prominently mentioned I know of none more able and efficient as an educator, orator and outstanding race leader than Prof. W. J. Trent, of Atlanta, Ga. His record of eminent ability and successful service for race welfare for many years in Asheville and at Atlanta, Ga., speaks for itself. As Y. M. C. A. secretary, he served successfully in Asheville for about 12 years and about the same time in Atlanta, thus rounding out 24 years' work.

He is the man to elect president of Livingstone College, for in turn he will raise the standard to that of the foremost institutions of the country, for Zion and the race as he has done

reception that night. The music for all exercises will be up to the high standard.

Note:

All persons planning to attend the commencement exercises at Livingstone College, May 27-30, will please notify President D. C. Suggs at once in order that suitable arrangements may be made for them.—D. C. Suggs, Pres.

in Asheville and Atlanta. Zion, Livingstone and the race need Prof. Trent as president of our oldest and foremost school.

Hopkins chapel A. M. E. Zion church, Asheville, N. C., has taken on new life under the magnetic leadership of the pastor, Dr. R. A. Morrisey. He is easily one of the foremost preachers of Zion and our race and the people are flocking from all parts of the city to hear his gospel sermons rich in intellectuality and spiritually to cause the people to live

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## THE HUMILIATION OF THE SON OF GOD.

Rev. G. W. Kincaid.

The humiliation of the Son of God is so marvelous, so wonderful, so sublime that we stand amazed as we ponder it. In truth, we cannot fully comprehend its magnitude, because the distance between the throne of glory, from which our blessed Lord stepped down, to the cross of shame, upon which he offered up His life, is infinite, and the finite mind cannot fully comprehend the infinite. Yet God has brought even within the range of our limited vision a picture of such grandeur that we cannot gaze upon it and remain unmoved. This picture is portrayed by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians church, chapter 2, verses 6-8, "Who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in

## WOMEN TRUSTEES METROPOLITAN A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

Mrs. Pauline H. Jackson.

Women today of all classes and in all walks of life are beginning to appreciate their situation in the social order, and when their rights are abridged or an issue is to the front where right and justice should prevail, they become vitally and absorbingly interested to the point of action.

A case in point that might prove of interest to the readers of The Star of Zion follows:

At Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, Birmingham, pastored by Rev. F. W. Riley, at the beginning of the year 1923, there was the usual election of church trustees one Sunday morning when there was a capacity house.

Three new members were duly elected as prescribed by law. Six of the old members were re-elected. Later developments, however, revealed that these were not elected strictly according to the law. Thus in April, some little disturbance arose in the Board that eventually reached the ears of the membership—a matter that some termed a "mole hill," but took on mountainous proportions after being discussed pro and con by the membership.

The members wanted the facts but had been frustrated in their effort to get them, because of the disturbance in their trusted body of trustees.

Various suggestions were made by interested members as to method of regaining church equilibrium. The spirit of the membership was fine—

## Haitians Want Colored Americans

To Visit Their Land, Which Has Vast Resources and is Ripe for Development Along All Lines of Endeavor.

Has Become Winter Resort.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Apr. 23 — What of Haiti? Haiti has the greatest natural resources, and the greatest possibilities of all the smaller republics of the Western hemisphere. Haiti is a Black republic—and that fact despite the prejudices, exploitations, and disadvantages which have kept her from advancing with the rest of the Western Hemisphere is an eternal source of pride to the Haitians. It ought to be a source of pride to Colored America. It ought to be more; it ought to afford an opportunity for mutual cooperation between the peoples of the two nations unlike anything heretofore known. The time to act is now!

Haiti has arrived! The republic is ready for real material advancement. What will Colored America do in the premises? That is the big question. It is not being asked so generally by the white American occupation as it is by the Haitians themselves. Numbers of them have met numbers of leading Colored Americans. This contact has opened up a field of understanding unlike anything previously known. The progressive Haitians—and there are many of them—wish the progressive Colored Americans to unite with them in the forward march for progress.

The gate is opened; the opportunity is at hand. Haiti is going to afford the greatest outlet for Colored American talent and foresight known in the history of the hemisphere West. There are some in America who see this, but the number is altogether too small at present.

Haiti has commercial credit; her national bonds in a flotation recently

made, were grabbed up by the leading bankers, and they would take many millions more if they could get them. Colored American bankers had an opportunity to take a couple of million dollars in these bonds. Why did they sleep on their opportunity? What is the matter with their big insurance companies?

The only way to know Haiti of today is to come on down and look the country over. More than 60,000,000 pounds of the finest coffee in the world were exported from here last year. With government supervision and American encouragement, the people of the interior are to be informed in the most modern methods of farming. Prof. W. T. B. Williams, an expert of Tuskegee Institute, has been down here several months, making a survey for the Department of State, and his recommendations are to be acted upon.

There are to be millions of dollars worth of farm machinery, seed, building material, road construction material, tractors, and other necessities of material progress brought down to Haiti and put in use. Prosperity is abounding, and with the development of the natural resources will follow a great demand for many other things, including luxuries, on which the duties of import are small.

What is Colored America going to do about it? That, indeed, is the big question. Will they let the crafty minds of the white financiers grab off all the opportunities, while the high class Haitians are praying that people of their own blood will "get in sight?"

Reasons:  
1st. Because the great A. M. E. Zion denomination recognized the worth of woman's work in the general church years ago, and gave her the ballot, thus placing her on an equal platform with men in official matters.

2nd. Because the majority of the members of Metropolitan Church are women. They are doing and have done

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ST. LUKE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, BUFFALO, N. Y.  
REV. H. DURHAM, PASTOR.

It was constructed at a cost of \$51,000.00 and has a debt of \$2,500.00. Rev. Durham has pastored here eight years. He found the congregation in a store front building which they had begun to purchase under Rev. J. C. Taylor. He has taken advantage of one opportunity after another until what seemed to others an impossibility has become a realization. It has gone from a mission a decade ago unto the first place in the conference.

Some of the most loyal and liberal people in Zion are found here. Rev. Durham has received thousands of help from the friendly whites. The church is finished and furnished, and after the Cleveland church, is the finest and most ample church we have acquired in the central north this quadrennium.

## IN MEMORY OF BISHOP M. R. FRANKLIN.

In loving memory of my dear husband who entered into rest May 13, 1909. Gone but not forgotten.

Entering into rest  
And with a loving smile  
He clasped his hands upon his breast  
and said:  
"We will meet again after awhile."

I miss the loving smile;  
Hushed is the tender voice  
But I am striving with all my soul  
To meet him after a while.

Dear heart, 'twill not be long  
E're we again shall meet  
And there around Christ's blessed throne

We'll worship at his feet.  
His lonely widow,  
M. B. F.

(Fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, yea the death of the cross.)

In these words we have a record of the most stupendous condescension that the universe has ever witnessed.

### Christ's High Position.

If we would understand in a limited way, the magnificence of His descent, we must first of all get a glimpse of Him in His high and exalted position before He began His descent; and thus He is portrayed to us in these words: "Who existing in the form of God."

By these words we understand that all that can be said concerning God the Father can also be said concerning God the Son. John says of Him: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." The writer to the Hebrews says that "He was the effulgence of His glory and the express image of His person." We

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