

NOTES FROM MORVEN, N. C.

Rev. J. T. Tarboro.

The members and friends of Rose Hill A. M. E. Zion church were grieved to lose by death two of their loyal members. Brother Douglas, one of the oldest members and a class leader in the church passed away recently at the age of 67 years, and Sister Leona Harrington, another of their oldest members, passed away at the age of 81. Peace to their ashes.

Mrs. A. B. Tarboro, wife of Rev. Tarboro, is visiting friends and relatives in Florida and will return next month.

REPORT THIRD MISSIONARY CONVOCATION.

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urer, made her report Sunday evening. During the four days in Wilson the convocation gathered in thirteen hundred dollars. The Fifth Episcopal District is leading.

The convocation could not close without pausing to pay respect to our late Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, who meant so much to the missionary work of Zion. The tributes paid to her by Mrs. Ella Caldwell and other friends were beautiful and touching.

The convocation closed with the missionaries encircling the church, holding hands and singing, "God be with you."

The missionary benediction was repeated and friends bade one another God speed.

Resolutions of respect to Annie W. Blackwell from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, New Bern district, North Carolina Conference, follow:

Whereas: In the death of our beloved General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, who departed this life, Dec. 7, 1922, the A. M. E. Zion church and especially the missionary department has lost one of its most zealous and faithful members; therefore, be it,

Resolved: First, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we take this method of expressing our sorrow.

Second: That we hold in grateful remembrance the faithful work of our deceased sister.

Third: That we pledge our service in carrying on every good work advanced by her.

Fourth: As she was always in her place ready for work, we will follow her example of faithfulness.

Fifth: As she showed to all her coworkers a beautiful Christian character, we also should strive for more Christlike lives.

Sixth: To the bereaved husband, Bishop G. L. Blackwell and family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray that the comfort of heaven may be theirs in their lonesome hours.

Resolved further: That these resolutions be spread upon our district missionary record and a copy be sent to the Missionary Seer and Star of Zion for publication.

Mrs. L. C. Perry, president of Women.

Mrs. A. E. Gaskill, secretary Y's. Miss Maggie Chapman, superintendent of Buds.

Mrs. M. W. Todd, corresponding secretary.

Resolutions from the third annual convocation, Wilson, N. C., are as follows:

Whereas: The officers and members of the Missionary Convocation of the A. M. E. Zion Church have been so highly entertained by the generous hearted people of Wilson, who have been so cordial in welcoming us to their church, homes and tables and have done so many things which meant comfort and pleasure, be it

Resolved: That the officers and delegates extend to them a hearty vote of thanks for their hospitality:

First: To pastor, choir and trustees for the splendid service rendered.

Second: To Mesdames Lee and Caldwell, who presided so graciously over our meeting.

Third: To the secretary, Mrs. N. E. Darden, for her excellent minutes.

Fourth: To the general officers who have spared no pains in making this a profitable meeting.

Fifth: To Dr. A. A. Crooke, and Dr. W. W. Matthews, our returned missionaries, for their instructive and inspiring addresses.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. M. A. Hauser, Mrs. R. E. Belk, Mrs. Josie W. Kelly.

Committee on resolutions.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRELESS TOWER.—FINANCING THE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

By Rev. J. Harvey Anderson, D. D.

Dr. E. D. W. Jones, in his plea for an adequate quadrennial assessment on the A. M. E. Zion Church, strikes the nail on the head. The "budget" dependent upon the financing and maintenance of any system of government or organization, should exceed in its prospective revenue not less than one-fourth of the prospective expenditure; that is to say, if it will require \$100,000 per annum to run the Church, the assessment should be not less than \$125,000 or more per annum, and ample provision made for its collection. The teaching of the A. M. E. Zion church has always been to raise the amount of the legal assessment—nothing more, and this has become a stereotyped policy governing the aim of the collecting agencies from the presiding elder down to the laity with scarcely an exception.

The leaders of the A. M. E. Zion Church, from her inception, appear to have taken into first consideration her impotency as compared with other denominations with like personnel, advantages, possibilities and resources; hence this unfortunate sentiment and feeling of inability to measure up or compete with like organizations, as was said of a famous pugilist of our race—the A. M. E. Zion Church—on the assessment test, "has never extended" herself. We are well assured that the ensuing quadrennium will necessitate an expenditure of not less than \$110,000—\$115,000—\$120,000—\$125,000 per annum respectively; therefore, let the assessment be \$125,000 at once and enable the church to pull up to the maximum figures during the four years. We believe she can do it: Give her the opportunity. She has been the unfortunate victim of complaints, misgivings, lack of confidence, and ignorance of her real strength and possibilities. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Suppose in the first year of the quadrennial we make an increase of \$5,000 and a similar supplementary or plus increase every year of the quadrennial thereafter, would that not be commendable? Would not that prove encouraging?

And let there be a proportional increase on all the assessments to the general departments, now so well understood by the rank and file of church workers from presiding elders down to the laity, rather than to make changes in their good order which, to some extent would confuse the situation and occasion delay in collecting. Of course, if an increase is ordered in the salary of the bishops (to which I would not object) such legislation would be controlled somewhat by the number of bishops we constitute for the quadrennium. And a similar action would control the making of salaries to General Departments.

All great organizations like the A. M. E. Zion Church, are controlled from the head of its financing as well as in the application of its administrative functions, and legal orders. Not all can grasp the true idea of the policy especially the ramifications of a great Methodist Church, so they think the Connection must be run on the narrow gage of a local church, district conference, or an annual conference. The larger the organization the more retired is its general business from the view of the local constituency; therefore confidence must be exercised in the integrity of the administration authorities in levying assessments upon the Church, for while susceptible of error, they knowing best the conditions and needs are the best judges of the situation. Suggestions from the thinking constituency, like Dr. E. D. W.

Jones in his wonderfully able plea for a program for the Church, and other able writers will furnish aid to authorities upon whom devolve the duty—the grave and responsible duty of assessing the church for the ensuing quadrennium.

(To be continued.)

New Bern, N. C.

MINISTERIAL REIGN OF REV. J. E. P. MARSHALL.

"Break, break, break, On thy cold gray stones, O sea, And I would that I could utter The thoughts that arise in me.

And stately the ship sails on To its haven under the hill, But, O, for the touch of a vanished hand And the sound of a voice that is still."

Into that blessed land above our beloved brother, the Rev. J. E. P. Marshall passed on Friday, April 13, 1923, to be forever with the Lord. His passing brings a great loss throughout the A. M. E. Zion connection, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Rev. J. E. P. Marshall entered the ministry about forty years ago and has faithfully rendered us a most beautiful and consecrated service. Up from the dark days of reconstruction he came serving, sacrificing, toiling and praying for the growth and spread of our Zion. He had labored successfully in all of the conferences of Mississippi and in a major part of the state of Alabama. But owing to his feebleness and physical disability he was superannuated about fifteen years ago, but never retired altogether from the field of service until three years later.

As a pastor it is said by all who knew him that he ruled with loving-kindness. His voice was certainly heard and obeyed by all of his subjects, yet I am not here to declare that the judgment of J. E. P. Marshall was always sound, nor his estimate of men always just, nor his policy always approved by the event. I am not here to eulogize the mortal but the immortal. His richness and depth of religious faith shall never be forgotten. He is called from earthly labor into eternal rest and reward. He is dead yet he lives.

If we could but get the ear of that angelic watchman, who guards the gateway of that sainted realm above, we would have him tell our beloved brother that we are following in his footprints and to his idea's we will be true till death.

Sleep on, beloved brother, sleep on.

N. A. A. C. P. CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCH LAW.—REPRESENTATIVE DYER HAS BEGUN SPEAKING TOUR IN THE WEST.

New York City, May 4.—The campaign to have the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill enacted into law by the next United States Congress is under way, according to announcement today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Representative Dyer has begun his speaking tour under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P., having already spoken in Kansas City, Springfield, Illinois; Omaha and Denver.

Representative Dyer is using as one of the arguments for federal action against lynching the recent mob murder of James T. Scott, colored janitor of the University of Missouri, who was hanged from a bridge while protesting his innocence of an alleged attempt at assault, while the father of the girl alleged to have been attacked pleaded in vain with the mob to give its victim a trial.

At the Springfield, Illinois, mass meeting which he addressed, Representative Dyer said of his measure: "The bill is not sectional in its scope nor is it aimed at any particular part of the country. It simply provides justice for the survivors of those lynched no matter of what race or creed or color. The Anti-Lynching Bill provides a federal hearing for those active in the crime and will necessitate investigation by government authorities and trial in the federal court for the lynchers."

Did you ever wear a collar that didn't fit? Think how much worse off is a mule or horse with a collar that is too large or too small.

The Bishops' Announcements.

SCHEDULES.

SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Bishop J. S. Caldwell, D. D. The New York annual conference meets at Fleet Street Memorial A. M. E. Zion church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday, June 12th.

The Mid-year conference of the North Carolina conference will meet at Beaufort, N. C., Thursday, May 24th.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.—MID-YEAR MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell, D. D.

MAY.

20—11:00 A. M. St. Stephens, Hamlet, N. C.

8:00 P. M. Mt. Pisgah, Rockingham, N. C.

23—10:30 A. M. West Central Mid-year conference, Trustee Board Meeting.

24—10:30 A. M. Trustee Board Meeting, Dinwiddie, Va.

6—11:00 A. M. Commencement Day, D. N. and I. School.

13—11:00 A. M. Virginia Annual conference, Petersburg, Va.

20—11:00 A. M. Michigan Annual conference, St. Catherine, Chicago.

Address mail as follows:

April 19-24, 879 Ave. A., Norfolk, Va.

April 25-28, 21 West Clay Street, Richmond, Va.

May 1-3, Williamston, N. C.

May 4-10, 420 S. 11th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 11-18, 119 E. Gale Street, Edenton, N. C.

May 17-23, Rockingham, N. C.

May 24-29, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

June 1-5, Dinwiddie, Va.

June 6-16, 27 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Va.

June 18-23, 3400 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

MIDYEAR CONFERENCES.—SIXTH DISTRICT.—1923.

Bishop Geo. C. Clement, D. D.

May

West Tennessee and Mississippi, Drew, May 21st, 11 A. M.

A full report on Tercentenary and conference school assessment will be expected from every presiding elder and pastor.

MAY.

17th, 8 P. M., Brittain chapel.

20th, 11 A. M., Rome.

20th, 8 P. M., Drew.

Commencements as follows:

May 13th—17th, Johnson, High School.

May 20th—23rd, Atkinson College.

MIDYEAR CONFERENCE SCHEDULE.—EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Bishop P. A. Wallace, D. D.

Indiana Annual Conference, at Jones Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind. June 6th to 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. S. D. Davis, pastor.

Missouri conference at Kyles Temple, Des Moines, Iowa, June 13th at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. S. Chapman, pastor.

We are expecting round reports from each pastor and charge in the Conference. The bishop asks each pastor to do his best to make this a record-breaking year.

SCHEDULE OF TRICENTENARY CONVOCATIONS OF THE FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Central North Carolina Conference Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22nd and 23rd at Raleigh, N. C.

Western North Carolina Conference, Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th at Gastonia, N. C.

The Convocations of the South Georgia and South Florida Conferences have been indefinitely postponed. Announcement of dates will be made later.

L. W. Kyles, Bishop Fourth Episcopal District.

INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

All who expect to attend the annual conference which convenes June 13, 1923, at Des Moines, Iowa, will notify Rev. S. Chapman at once please. Otherwise we will not be looking for you. When you arrive in the city of Des Moines you will catch the Scott Street car No. 23 across the street in front of the Union Station and ride to 18 and Scott St. Anyone will show you the A. M. E. Zion church.

Rev. S. Chapman, 701 Southeast 15th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

NOTICE!

The second quarterly mass meeting of the W. H. and F. M. S. the Y. W. and Buds of Promise of the North Charlotte district will convene in Marable's Memorial church May 18-19-20, 1923. Rev. B. L. Jones, pastor. All local officers with their delegates are expected to be in this meeting with report. Come and help make this meeting a success.

The presiding elder and all the pastors are very cordially invited to attend and take some part in helping to put the missionary program over to the glory of God and the spread of His kingdom in the hearts of men. May we look for you! We shall.

Lillian B. Lee, district president.

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