

Vicinity Items.

There will be a sacred concert at Grace A. M. E. Zion church Sunday, May 27th. Everybody is welcome.

Mr. Roscoe Haggood, of S. Alexander St., passed away Tuesday morning after several weeks of severe illness.

Rev. D. H. Sansom, of S. Brevard St., has returned from the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference.

Miss Beatrice Locke, one of the city graded school teachers, left for her home in China Grove, N. C., Saturday, to spend the summer.

The Livingstone College commencement will begin May 25th and conclude May 30th.

Dr. W. J. Walls delivered the annual address at Lomax-Hannon College Greenville, Ala., Wednesday, May 23rd.

On last Saturday the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Bradshaw, of Biddleville, was laid to rest after several days illness.

Miss Rosilee Freeman, of Salisbury, N. C., was in the city this week the guest of Mrs. Hattie Walls, of E. 7th Street.

Mrs. Grace Wiley, accompanied by Mrs. Wiley, her mother-in-law, and Miss Mabel Bogan, will arrive in the city Friday from Lawrenceville, Va.

Rev. H. E. Wilson, of Salisbury, N. C., was in the Publishing House this week.

The Rose Social that was held Monday night at Little Rock church, under the auspices of the L. B. Lee class, was quite a success.

The May meeting of the City Sabbath School Association will be held in Little Rock church Sunday afternoon (27th) at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that every Sunday School superintendent will be present, as all reports omitted at the annual meeting will be given Sunday. Mr. Goodwin, of the music committee, will have good music.

Oscar J. Jackson, president.
Annie F. Hayes, secretary.

ILLUMINATION...THE PEE DEE MID-YEAR CONFERENCE.

In order that the general church might know that South Carolina has awakened to a full sense of her responsibility respecting the Tercentenary drive, permit me to make the following statement:

The first section of the conference convened in the Mt. Hebron A. M. E. Zion church, at Cheraw, S. C., at 11 A. M., May 8. Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D., presiding bishop of this Episcopal district was present and opened the meeting.

Many of the brethren anticipated his absence due to illness. He was happy in his opening address, and stressed the necessity of the ministers, especially the young men, launching out to do a larger service for God and humanity, the necessity of entire consecration, greater preparation, perseverance and close pastoral supervision in order to obtain the very best results from our labors.

The bishop was given the very best attention by his auditors, who consisted of the ministers and laymen of the Cheraw district. His presence created quite a stir among us to outdo ourselves in this the last year of this drive.

It is a well known fact that this drive was in a manner, blocked in the beginning in this state, but before the clock strikes twelve, South Carolina will assert herself.

An opportunity for free expressions of the ideas of the ministers in this district respecting the future of the church was given, and Revs. W. F. Robinson, J. J. Hunter, M. Ingram, W. M. Robinson and A. C. Cook took time by the forelock and made it plain that they were of the opinion that the general church cannot measure up to her larger opportunities for usefulness and expansion with her one dollar per member assessment. Something to supplement the Tercentenary should be a part of the bishops' address to the forthcoming General Conference. Ye scribe has touched upon this several times in previous articles to The Star.

Many men complain that Zion Church is doing so little in the galaxy of the spiritual firmament, and still they have not as yet brought forward anything better. Let us think soberly, and act wisely when the time comes to meet and do business for Zion.

The following reported after this discussion:

Mt. Hebron station, Rev. C. H. McRae, pastor, \$60.50; Drusilla circuit, Rev. J. C. Cox, pastor, \$66.00; Smithville circuit, Rev. W. F. Robinson, pastor, \$93.00; Pleasant Grove circuit, Rev. M. Ingram, pastor, \$103.10; Piney Grove circuit, Rev. N. C. Edwards, pastor, \$15.00; Rock Hill circuit, Rev. A. McNeil, pastor, \$25.00; Evans chapel circuit, Rev. J. J. Hunter, pastor, \$105.00; St. Peters circuit, Rev. C. L. Flowe, pastor, \$51.31; New Zion, Rev. A. C. Cook, pastor, \$106.47; Mt. Zion, Rev. W. Q. Welch, pastor, \$100.00; Clinton chapel, Rev. J. S. B. Coustart, pastor, \$3.75; Charleston circuit, Rev. A. E. Lomax, pastor, \$30.00; Cash Mission, Rev. E. D. Lyles, pastor, \$7.00; Robinson Zion, Rev. O. N. Dawkins, pastor, \$15.00; from other sources, \$22.75; total for Cheraw district, \$323.88.

Bishop Lee being unable to preach at night, Dr. W. M. Robinson, conference treasurer, delivered the gospel message. Dr. Robinson is an old wheel horse, and his message lifted the entire audience to its feet.

Rev. C. H. McRae was the host at Cheraw, S. C., and he and his people entertained us royally.

From Cheraw, Bishop Lee, Revs. W. O. Carson, presiding elder of the Cheraw district, W. M. Robinson and A. C. Cook, members of the finance committee, moved on to Van Wyck, S. C., to hold the Lancaster district meeting. Bishop Lee gave us another witty address. This was followed by the introduction of visitors. Rev. Kelly (white) pastor of the M. E. Church (south), gave quite a helpful address. Rev. Young, pastor of the A. M. E. church at Lancaster, gave us to know that the great A. M. E. Church still moves on. Dr. W. J. Walls, editor of The Star of Zion, fresh from the evangelistic field, gave us some information that was pleasing to all anxious inquirers. He gave us to know that his reason for helping in the evangelistic field was to counteract a statement that was made by one of the bishops, viz., "The general officers have not done much to help Zion put over her spiritual program." To prove the interest that the general officers have in the development of the Church he entered the field, and is making good. However, he is doing a line of work that some general officers may not be adapted to. Some can preach to the intelligent people, but the less informed class they may not be able to get very far with. Dr. Walls can make it with any class of people.

Mrs. H. E. Bruce was the last one to be presented, and assured us of the pleasure that it gave her to come to South Carolina and inspect the work.

Reports for the Lancaster district follow:

White Oak circuit, Rev. W. M. Robinson, pastor, \$60.00; David Stand, Rev. W. F. Hunter, pastor, \$30.00; Mt. Moriah circuit, Rev. R. J. Lee, pastor, \$65.00; Mt. Calvary circuit, Rev. F. Killingsworth, pastor, . . . ; Mt. Carmel circuit, Rev. E. Boyce, pastor, \$16.25; Pleasant Hill circuit, Rev. R. N. Bittle, pastor, \$25.00; Kershaw circuit, Rev. H. H. Bingham, pastor, \$50.00; New Hope circuit, Rev. Jos. Frazier, pastor, \$18.10; Mt. Nebo circuit, Rev. J. F. Allen, pastor, \$20.50; Mt. Taber circuit, Rev. J. E. Robinson, pastor, \$50.00; from other sources, \$11.00; total from the Cheraw district, \$323.88; total from the Lancaster district, \$345.85; grand total amount raised, \$1,524.58.

Dr. M. D. Lee, presiding elder of the Lancaster district, who has been confined to his room for several weeks with a paralytic stroke, had something to do with the fall off from last year's report.

Rev. W. O. Carson, of the Cheraw district, spent more time on the field since conference helping with this drive than he has at any other time during his seven years' incumbency as presiding elder.

Dr. W. M. Robinson was the host on the Lancaster district. He had given us in one year the most beautiful church edifice to be found in the conference. His good people showed no sign of the boll weevil ravages.

At 3 o'clock Dr. W. J. Walls delivered a soul-stirring sermon as only Walls can do.

The finance committee which consisted of Drs. W. O. Carson, W. M. Robinson, A. C. Cook, supervised by

Bishop Lee, met in the pastor's study and made the disbursements according to law.

At the close of the service, the writer, who is secretary of the Conference finance committee, made the report which was information to all.

Thus we closed to meet in annual conference at Bennettsville, S. C., the 3rd Wednesday in November.

Respectfully yours,
A. C. Cook,
Clio, S. C.

1700 ROSENWALD SCHOOLS AND 49 TEACHERS' HOMES HELP 14 STATES.

Rural Schools Receive from Negroes, \$1,600,000; Whites, \$352,000; Public Funds, \$3,100,000; and Julius Rosenwald, \$1,204,000.

Hampton, Va., May—S. L. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., field agent of "The Julius Rosenwald Fund," which was created to assist in the building of better Negro rural schools, reported at the three-day Hampton Institute conference of State agents for colored schools throughout the south, which has just closed, that, up to April 30, there had been built 1700 "Rosenwald schools" and 49 teachers' homes at a total cost of \$6,257,492. Of this amount Negroes had contributed \$1,600,667 or 25.6 per cent; white people, \$352,199 or 5.6 per cent; public funds, \$3,100,148 or 49.5 per cent; and Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, \$1,204,478 or 19.3 per cent.

The number of buildings follows: Alabama, 260; Arkansas, 84; Florida, 7; Georgia, 73; Kentucky, 73; Louisiana, 173; Maryland, 40; Mississippi, 213; North Carolina, 287; Oklahoma, 35; South Carolina, 116; Tennessee, 146; Texas, 103; and Virginia, 139.

While 474 Rosenwald schools are one-teacher and 650 are two-teacher schools, there are also the following groups: three-teacher, 275; four-teacher, 165; five-teacher, 56; six-teacher, 55; seven-teacher, 6; eight-teacher, 10; nine-teacher, 2; ten-teacher, 3; and 1 school each of the eleven, twelve, fourteen and sixteen-teacher-types.

Cooperation Pays

The cooperation in 14 States of white and colored groups, of public and private agencies, in improving Negro rural school facilities, is shown in the following schedule of total costs and their distribution:

Alabama—Cost, \$471,700; Negroes gave \$187,072; whites, \$25,094; public funds, \$137,134; Julius Rosenwald, \$122,400.

Arkansas—\$271,373; Negroes, \$29,062; whites, \$9,901; public, \$171,410; Rosenwald, \$61,000.

Florida—\$47,288; Negroes, \$3,970; whites, \$2,160; public, \$33,258; Rosenwald, \$7,900.

Georgia—\$236,119; Negroes, \$84,976; whites, \$10,113; public, \$91,480; Rosenwald, \$49,550.

Kentucky—\$329,634; Negroes, \$42,801; whites, \$6,325; public, \$234,508; Rosenwald, \$46,000.

Louisiana—\$525,130; Negroes, \$176,141; whites, \$20,339; public, \$210,650; Rosenwald, \$118,000.

Maryland—\$163,066; Negroes, \$30,362; whites, \$474; public, \$104,330; Rosenwald, \$27,400.

Mississippi—\$943,302; Negroes, \$338,318; whites, \$92,693; public, \$328,891; Rosenwald, \$183,400.

North Carolina—\$1,065,319; Negroes, \$238,485; whites, \$44,636; public, \$582,633; Rosenwald, \$199,565.

Oklahoma—\$189,869; Negroes, \$7,763; whites, \$0.00; public, \$154,176; Rosenwald, \$27,930.

South Carolina—\$627,404; Negroes, \$148,700; whites, \$111,374; public, \$264,730; Rosenwald, \$102,600.

Tennessee—\$571,303; Negroes, \$135,648; whites, \$13,752; public, \$322,303; Rosenwald, \$99,600.

Texas—\$300,722; Negroes, \$42,860; whites, \$2,380; public, \$177,549; Rosenwald, \$77,433.

Virginia—\$515,263; Negroes, \$134,509; whites, \$12,458; public, \$236,596; Rosenwald, \$81,700.

PRIMITIVE NEGRO SCULPTURE ON VIEW IN BROOKLYN, N. Y., ART MUSEUM—

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According to Stewart Culin, ethnologist of the Brooklyn Museum, the varieties of masks include: "War masks, dance masks, and

the masks of the feticheur, that curious personage who combines the attributes of high priest, magistrate and physician. Whatever may be their use, they are all more or less directly connected with the medicine men and are religious rather than festal." Mr. Culin regards Negro art as most vital of all the strange arts from which the world is seeking stimulation.

Most of the fine primitive Negro sculpture is no longer to be had, as it has been bought by private collectors or is housed in large European museums. Use of simple and bold forms is characteristic of the African carving, pegs being used to represent eyes in the masks, and features accentuated to communicate the veneration of terror experienced by minds living in the jungles of the "Land of Fright." So-called "cubism," the employment of simple geometrical forms as the basis of drawings and paintings is held to be related to these African carvings. Many of the carvings are beautifully sensitive in the treatment of surfaces, and suggest the work of the sculptor Brancusi.

The present vogue for African carving in New York, is lending new interest to the cultural background of the race.

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