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WALKING ABOUT ZION

By Bishop J. S. Caldwell, D. D.

Editor Star of Zion:

We have had two notable meetings in Philadelphia during the past week. The Board of Ministerial Brotherhood, Rev. C. S. Whitted, Secretary, met here on October 14th, presided over by Bishop W. L. Lee, its Chairman. The meeting was largely attended by members representing several states. This was the largest meeting this board has held for several years. In fact, it is the first in its history of the kind. Dr. Whitted placed at the Board's disposal such information as enabled them to go into the business very thoroughly. If our Connectional Boards would meet oftener, giving the various secretaries help by suggestions, it would stabilize our business to the satisfaction of the whole Church.

The Foreign Mission Board, Rev. W. W. Matthews, Secretary; Bishop G. L. Blackwell, Chairman, met on the 15th. Bishop C. C. Alleyne presented his recommendations in the interest of the Foreign Field which were discussed with great interest and enthusiasm and many of them approved and will be put into operation by the Mission Board as soon as practicable. The meeting was largely attended by the officers and members of the Board. Prof. Aggrey and one of the chiefs from Africa, who is visiting this country, made splendid addresses which were illuminating and encouraging, upon conditions obtaining as it relates to our work in the foreign field. Secretary Matthews seemed pleased at the outcome of the meeting. Bishops present were: G. L. Blackwell, E. D. W. Jones, C. C. Alleyne, W. L. Lee, and B. G. Shaw. Bishop Clement and Bishop Walls had to hurry through the city on the day previous to take up their work in other fields.

Bishop Blackwell not being very well, was ably assisted by Bishop B. G. Shaw, who presided most of the time in the stead of Bishop Blackwell. The report from the field was given by the Board members. Reports from Kentucky, Texas, Alabama and other far off points as to our work were very encouraging. We were pleased to hear the glowing reports of the good work being done for education by Bishop Clement, Bishops Shaw and Walls, Bishop Shaw has put Lomax-Hennon College on a safe footing by his courageous and sympathetic interest already manifested in the behalf of the school. More than eight thousand dollars have been raised in two efforts or educational rallies in behalf of the school.

Bishop W. J. Walls has raised something like \$2,500.00 for Warren Institute in Arkansas. This is the largest amount that has been taken in a drive of this kind for that school. The Bishop and his men are to be congratulated upon this achievement.

Bishop Clement is looking after Atkinson College and seeing that the work there does not lag. With this kind of leadership, our educational problems will become less and our schools must develop and take their place as real educational centers.

Mr. S. M. Dudley, Church Extension Secretary, came into our office a few days ago and got papers signed up in the interest of our Church in Tampa, Florida. He states that a deal of eighty-five thousand dollars was in progress, which if it got through, would put our Zion in a better position than ever before. Bishop E. W. Jones, who presides over that conference and Rev. W. H. Frank, the pastor of that church and Mr. Dudley must feel deservedly proud if this congregation comes into the possession of eighty-five thousand dollars with which to build new church out of debt.

It appears that this is a glorious day for our Zion in many parts of the country. New churches are being built, old ones remodeled all along the line.

We are praying for a spiritual awakening which will go far in filling these churches with devout, enthusiastic Christian workers. This is the hope of all the people, and especially so of our Zion. More anon.

INFORM THE WOMEN

By J. M. Carson, D. D.

I have watched the Missionary work of the A. M. E. Zion Church with a deal of interest during the last five years and noted the earnestness manifested on the part of a number of women who have been appointed to direct the work as presidents, superintendents and secretaries.

When we consider the fact that these good women are often authorized to work and are willing to work, but as we see it, the most of them are compelled to face conditions that almost paralyze many of the efforts put forth by them.

The most of them are inexperienced in that kind of work and must start out so handicapped that it seems impossible for them to succeed, simply because they do not know how to start. They must often work under the direction of pastors who do not possess the ability to give the needed advice and directions and when they are required to organize or assist in organizing local societies in the various churches in their territory, out often times there are no provisions made for their going to these churches so they must go at a great sacrifice or not go at all. Again they are without a mode of operation and having never been trained for the work they must experience many failures in trying to do before they learn how to do. We admit that there are exceptions for there are some few women in the Church who are prepared and know what to do and how to do it, but they are in the minority.

The time has come when the rules regulating the Missionary work of the Church should carry a program and one that is plain and practical; one that does not only tell what to do, but it should include instructions as to how it is to be done. This program should include a course of study arranged for the specific purpose of training the members of the A. M. E. Zion Church for Missionary work, both local and general, home and foreign.

We believe that those who are to do the Missionary work in our great Church should be especially prepared for that work, notwithstanding the fact that many of them are doing a great work and they need to be commended for their work, but the work needs to be revived and so toned up and stimulated that every mass-meeting held, every missionary convention attended and every missionary meeting in the local church or community will be a place to get information along the line of missionary work as well as a place to get money.

We are not getting enough money, but we should give more in the way of information to the members of the Church than we are giving at present.

Prof. Eichelberger, Prof. Brown, and Dr. J. Francis Lee, are all doing splendid work through their respective departments in the way of training the young people of the Church and race. But none of these have as yet been able to meet the demands of the Missionary workers of our church at this time. Why not hold Missionary Institutes quarterly in connection with the mass meetings when ever they are held?

This of course, might require someone with the ability to teach, but

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ST. LUKE ANNIVERSARY AND JUBILEE

1865-1925

By C. L. Bryant

Under the divine guidance of our Heavenly Father, and the unbroken devotional interest of our many pastors, we have been successful through constant prayers to surmount every difficulty and to achieve a much coveted standing, all to which we pride ourselves but give thanks to Him who hath led and kept us to this present time; and in the words of our motto inscribed in our beautiful edifice, we can but exclaim "Hitherto Hath The Lord Helped Us," which very fittingly describes the grounds upon which we are now relying our future hopes.

Each of our former pastors have wrought well, many of whom have left visible specimens of their work, both spiritually and temporally. In spite of the many disadvantages under which we are now laboring because of the scarcity of work among our people, we have been successful under the leadership and supervision of our present pastor, Rev. M. Franklin Gregory, D. D., to eclipse all previous records, comparing the present spending value of a dollar.

Dr. Gregory's ability to plan, and then put a programme over has been thoroughly demonstrated that he knows how and what to do, having impressed our people with the importance and power of cooperation and the results that can be obtained by all of us pulling together and at the same time in the same direction. We have been convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that Dr. Gregory is in every way master of the situation, and is destined to even expand Zion until there will be no further doubt of St. Luke's leadership in Wilmington irrespective of denomination.

During our Anniversary and Jubilee Celebration, we were favored with the presence and enjoyed two sermons each from two of our leading and most popular Bishops. On Sunday September 20th, we were favored with two sermons delivered by Bishop W. J. Walls, D. D., who easily and most effectually electrified us and left us feeling greatly helped by the message he delivered. During the following week, we were highly favored with sermons each night by the pastors of the various City churches, and from the four Sounds on Friday night, on which night we received reports from our Group Workers. On Sunday, September 27th, we were honored with the presence and enjoyed two sermons delivered by Bishop L. W. Kyles, D. D. He too inspired and encouraged us along our pilgrimage to a better land. St. Luke always delights to have and hear Bishop Kyles. He is very pleasantly remembered here, having served us about four months during the pastorate of the Rev. J. Francis Lee. From then to the present time, we have entertained a very warm feeling and consider ourselves as having as our guest, one of our former pastors whenever the good Bishop is with us.

We have raised more money during the ten days' celebration than on any previous effort within the same time since our organization, the amount raised exceeding \$1300, with several of our Group Leaders yet to report.

If Dr. Gregory continues to tone things up with continued interest according to the way he has started. We can only wonder with great expectancy, what will the harvest be in the near future with a real man with a vision marshalling an eager set of enthusiastic Christian followers. We feel safe in predicting, under the leadership and supervision of Dr. Gregory, the erection of one of the most beautiful and modernly equipped Sunday School Annex's to

be found anywhere in the South.

We feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for having spared one of the original members of our grand old church when organized by the late Rt. Rev. James Walker Hood, our first Bishop, in the person of that venerable Sire Jno. W. Moore, a man who has proven to be a 100 per cent churchman for the past sixty years, a Christian gentleman who has lived above reproach, says that it has been the dreams of his ambition to see St. Luke build an annex before he goes to Heaven. Therefore since St. Luke has a man of vision as its pastor and an active officer (Chairman of Trustee Board) who started with the organization, we should, as an act of appreciation and thanks to Almighty God, satiate his ambition. We believe without a doubt, that Dr. Gregory has the ability to put this much-needed project over.

MAIDS MADE 'LEAP YEAR PROPOSALS'

IN KING TUT'S TIME

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 27—(A. N. P.) That "leap year proposals" were in vogue about 1350 B. C. is revealed in a little tablet just translated by Dr. Ephraim A. Spelser, Harrison Research Fellow in Semitics at the University in Pennsylvania.

The translation contains an odd marriage proposal made by Deham-unpatun, widow of Tut-ankh-Amen and the Queen of Egypt. In a second letter, the queen declared her resentment of the fact that the scandal of her proposal had been made public.

The widow of King Tut-ankh-Amen was anxious to have a second husband, the tablet says. She wrote to the King of the Hittites and asked him to give her one of his sons. The literal translation of her letter is as follows:

"My husband is dead.
"There is no son unto me. To thee (there are) many sons.

"They say, if unto me
"Thou wouldst give one of thy sons, then he could become my husband.

"I cannot simply take a slave of mine
"And make him my husband. That I dread."

"The king of the Hittites was not altogether convinced of the sincerity of the unique proposal," said Dr. Spelser. "Suspecting some hidden purpose, he decided thoroughly to investigate the matter before making any decision.

"He sent a messenger into Egypt to make the necessary inquiries. The Queen apparently felt slighted by the distrustfulness of the Hittites' ruler and dispatched a second letter to him by her own messenger."

The "follow-up" letter, translated, said:

"Why hast thou spoken, saying:
"They are trying to double-cross me? if only

"I had a son would I have written about my own

"Troubles and those of my country to another land?

"Now thou hast straightway discredited me

"and has even spoken thus unto me.
"He who was my husband died.

"A son I have not. As for a slave of mine, shall I take

"him and make him my husband
"To another country I have never written.

"only to thee I have written.
"Thou, they say, hast many sons.

"Therefore, give one son to me
"and he shall be my husband

"but in the land of Egypt he shall be king."

The tablet, which was written by Murshittish, one of the sons of the Hittite ruler, ended by saying that the king was convinced by the second letter and heeded the word of the woman and took the matter up with

THE ART OF LIVING TOGETHER

Archdeacon Fotheringham

Unless the world learns the art of living together, the world is not going to get anywhere either in its thinking or in its doing. We have learned the art of fighting together, either along with each other or fighting against each other, and we have learned the art of dying together. That was done and done remarkably well recently, but the art of living together is much more difficult, and we have not yet learned that art, but we must, or there is no possibility of the world's reaching any goal whatsoever. Where there is the will to dominate on the part of the individual or the nation, it is impossible for people to live together in the right way. Similarly, there is the spirit of self-determination, than which there is no more destructive agent. When each people or each nation takes unto itself the power to live as an isolated self-determined unit—in that way lies madness; it is but the wedge that will split asunder and destroy the whole world.

Unless the different colors and races learn the art of living together, there is a grave possibility of war, far more terrific than the Great War. If we are to have one goal for one world, then we must have that goal such that every part of the world will be working toward it. When we talk of the white race and all its great achievements, we must remember what the rest of the world has done, that there was a great Chinese nation before we had clothes, and that Japan was a power long before there ever was the Christian religion. We must try to see the best in each other, and not the worst; we must discover the plan of open diplomacy and of meeting together to discuss our differences. There will be sharp differences at first, of course, but out of those will come the art of living together. When we see that in making a world we need the idea of this race, the note of that race, the color of another race, and the civilization of still another race, that we need all to make up the picture, then, and then only, shall we have learned the art, the divine art, of living together.

—'The Advertiser,' London, Ont.

N. C. TEACHERS' NOTICE

To the Negro Public School Teachers in North Carolina:

The Association of Negro Teachers in North Carolina has been of great service in improving the conditions under which instruction in the Negro Public Schools has been given. A large number of patriotic and earnest teachers have been attending this association for many years.

Whether a teacher is able to attend the meetings of the Association or not, she should become a member and thereby lend her influence and strength to the professional improvement of all the Negro teachers in the State. Membership in this Association might be considered a fair test of one's loyalty to the cause of public education. A wrong attitude on the part of one teacher reflects upon the whole body of teachers and weakens, to some extent, the power and influence of all the others.

It appears to me, therefore, that

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his sons. Hittite has been conceded by scholars to be the oldest language of the Indo-European group of which many written records have been found, Dr. Spelser said.

On November 12, Dr. Spelser will give his findings after his Hittite translation before the Oriental Club of this city.