

A. M. E. BISHOPS MEET IN COUNCIL

At Charleston--Bishop L. J. Coppin Appointed to Fill Vacancy Resigned by Bishop Turner--Bishop Chappelle Fraternal Delegate to Gen'l. Con. M. E. Church, South--Other Notes.

The Bishops Council of the A. M. E. Church was held at Charleston, beginning last Friday and closed Monday of this week.

All the bishops were present with the exceptions of Bishops Wm. B. Derrick, who was sick, and J. Albert Johnson, who is in South Africa. Many of the general officers and other prominent ministers from all sections of the country were in attendance.

Much business of importance was transacted. Bishop W. D. Chappelle, of Columbia, was appointed fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church South.

Bishop H. M. Turner, resigned Bishop of South Carolina, Bishop L. J. Coppin, D. D., of the 2nd Episcopal Dist., was given the oversight of the work in South Carolina, until the meeting of the Bishop's Council next June. At that council, the work will be given permanently to some bishop, to hold until the General Conference. Bishop Turner seemed to be visibly affected by the oversight of the work, and showed a past turmoil grown heavily upon him. Bishop Turner, is at present without a district, and he said to press reporters and others, that he will write, travel, lecture and preach. Bishop Coppin, who comes to South Carolina, is well known, and well liked throughout the State.

Among the men of Bishop Chappelle's District, who attended the Bishops Council, and visited Columbia, were: Rev. Charles R. Tucker, D. D., pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Oklahoma City,--Dr. Tucker is one of the foremost men in the Southwest, and is a prominent candidate for Episcopal honors; Dr. O. L. Moody, the president of Shorter College, Argenta, Ark., Dr. Moody is young, well educated and progressive, he addressed the student-body of Allen University last Tuesday morning to the delight of all who heard him; Dr. W. T. Pope, the Presiding Elder of the Sherrell District (Ark.) and editor of the Arkansas African Methodist--Dr. Pope is one of the ablest men in Arkansas, and Dr. J. G. Robinson, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Fort Smith, Ark. Dr. Robinson was the official reporter of the Bishops Council--he is one of the best known newspaper men in the country. The leading dailies in all parts of the country publish his articles without the changing of a sentence. Dr. Robinson is a candidate for the Editorship of the Southern Christian Recorder.

Bishop Chappelle was the leading spirit at the Bishops Council, and it has been thoroughly demonstrated that he will be to the new church in power and influence what Bishop Grant was in other days.

Mrs. R. O. Jeffers and her friend, Miss Daisy Jackson of Asheville, left for their mountain home last Thursday after a visit to Mrs. Jeffers' mother, Mrs. Henry Lindsey, Sr.

AT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH "SOMETHING DROPPED"

Mrs. Gracie Vincent, a former Columbian, but now of New York city, where she has resided a number of years, has set an example of church loyalty which other people who, by change of residence, are removed from the church in which their membership is, could well afford to follow. It was this way:

The first of last December the Rev. Dr. R. W. Baylor, pastor of the Zion Baptist church, received an unsigned letter in which he was told that on the first Sunday in February 1913, "something would drop in Zion." Dr. Baylor's wildest imagination gave no clue to the source or the meaning of the letter. So, deciding that it was all a practical joke, he let the matter drop.

It was all cleared up however when, during the last weeks in January, he received from Mrs. Gracie Vincent, whose membership is yet in Zion, a beautiful individual silver communion set, valued at \$100, with the request that he present it to the church on the first Sunday in February, 1913 and that the time of presentation be made the occasion for the re-union of the older members of the church, those with whom she had been associated as a church worker.

Acting on the suggestion, Dr. Baylor planned and carried out a great day at old Zion on the first Sunday in February. In the morning at 11:30 o'clock Dr. A. P. Dunbar preached an unusually strong sermon; at 3:30 Dr. R. B. Hall, "the young man eloquent" who leads the hosts at the Union Baptist church, even surpassed himself in a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Then the deacons from all the colored Baptist churches in Columbia entered from a rear room bearing the communion set, the gift of Mrs. Vincent. Dr. J. J. Durham then delivered an address in which he made plain the appropriateness of the gift. At night, Rev. Dr. Baylor himself preached, urging his congregation to "let us therefore go on to perfection."

When it is stated that Mrs. Vincent is a widow, is poor and a working woman, her gift to her church is the more remarkable for it represents toil and sacrifice. And when it be stated--as her pastor does state--that, in all the years of her absence, she has regularly paid her church dues, her example becomes the more worthy of imitation and emulation.

HAIR IS WOMAN'S GLORY

MADAME ELSIE C. NELSON who lives at 718 W. Blanding St. is also engaged in Hair Dressing. She took lessons in Washington, D. C. in 1906 from an experienced Hair culturist. "Hair is woman's glory." Why not get it before it is too late," Mrs. Nelson says, her hair in 1906 was too short to braid and had been falling out for some time. She began to work on her hair and other folks' also. Now her hair is long and in the up-to-date style. She believes in improvement and is now taking lessons in Hair Culture from the Wonderful Hair Grower Madame C. J. Walker of Indiana. Anybody who wants hair grown on temples, bald heads, who needs shampooing, or desiring long hair, will please write or call on Mrs. E. C. Nelson, 718 W. Blanding St., Columbia, S. C.



REV. J. H. JOHNSON, who was elected secretary of the Ministers' Federation, Chairman of the committee on reformatory for Negro juvenile criminals and elected secretary-treasurer of the proposed South Carolina Union Bank.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNION BANK

Has Opened Book of Subscription. An Enterprise Manned and Controlled by Negroes.

Mr. Editor:--

At the recent session of the Race Conference held at Carroll's Auditorium Columbia, S. C. E. J. Sawyer, Esq., Bishop W. D. Chappelle, Revs. Richard Carroll, C. C. Scott, J. H. Johnson and Messrs. L. A. Williams and J. W. Thomas were appointed a committee to consider the matter of establishing a Banking institution in the State of South Carolina with headquarters at Columbia, S. C., and to formulate plans, etc., for the organization of same. The report of the committee was as follows:

"Your committee beg leave to report that they have given the subject mature consideration and that they heartily endorse the establishment of such an institution, believing as they do that the effort will at once command the confidence and enlist the co-operation and support of a great number of our people in the various sections of our State who for years have been clamoring for an institution of this character, and who are now looking forward to, and praying the enterprising, intelligent and progressive men of the race to give them a chance to show their interest and race-pride by rushing to their support."

Your committee beg to recommend:

First. That we associate ourselves together for the purpose of carrying on the business of banking under the laws of the State of South Carolina, and that we do subscribe for the stock of the association hereinafter named and that we do enter into the following articles of association:

Second. The name of this association shall be THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNION BANK.

Third. That the place where its banking house and office shall be located, and its operations of deposit and discount be carried on, and its general business conducted shall be at Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. That the capital stock shall be \$20,000.00 divided into 2000 shares of ten dollars each; Twenty (20) per cent of the amount subscribed for to be paid cash, or when called for, and shall constitute the first installment; and, 20 per cent to be paid

quarterly thereafter until the amount subscribed for is fully paid."

The committee's report was unanimously adopted and the conference pledged itself to stand by the committee in its further efforts for the furtherance of the enterprise, and as an evidence of its determination 207 shares of stock were subscribed for.

As this is to be the people's Bank the committee decided to make par value of the stock small and the payments easy in order that the small means may be at least one step toward the South Carolina Union Bank. The people therefore, throughout the State are urged to unite themselves in this undertaking and write at once to Rev. J. H. Johnson, 2029 Marion street, Columbia, S. C. giving their name and address in full and tell him how many shares of stock they will take in order that they may have a part in this splendid enterprise. The men who constitute the committee and are asking your co-operation, are men who have achieved something in the social, religious and business world, and who are daily making sacrifices for the uplift of the race without thought of reward.

And, now Mr. Editor, let me say for the encouragement of all that the committee on the 7th of February filed with the Hon. Secretary of State its declaration and petition for permission to open books of subscription to the capital stock of the association; that the commission was duly granted and books for subscription to the capital stock of the association have now been opened at the tailoring establishment of Mr. I. S. Leevy, 1221 Taylor street.

All communications should be addressed to Rev. J. H. Johnson Sec.-Treas., 2029 Marion street, and prompt attention will be given.

All newspapers as well as the ministers of all denominations and other persons of influence are requested to bring the matter to the notice of the people and urge their cooperation. Let those not in accord say nothing against it as this is an effort at union, harmony and cooperation.

Yours for success,
J. H. Johnson.
Columbia, February 12th 1912.

When you can't find who did it just lay it on the Negro. That's fashionable.

DR. A. S. ORNE SPOKE TO BIG GATHERING

Famous Slum Worker Made Appeal for Boys and Girls at Carroll's Auditorium.

Dr. A. S. Orne, the "father of the juvenile courts" and one of the country's most famous "slum workers, addressed a large gathering at Carroll's Auditorium Sunday afternoon in the interest of his life's work--the betterment of living and working conditions for the young boys and girls of the nation.

He is a most interesting talker and his work in many of the states has been productive of great good. In many places he has established homes for the boys and girls that were criminally inclined, and placing in these homes an environment foreign to that of the jail, in which the boy or girl of tender years not infrequently have as jail companions, the hardened criminal.

The address in part is as follows:

"At a meeting in Chicago J. T. Smith, London's greatest temperance orator, said 'I have discovered that the peril of your America today is a laxity of enforcing certain laws.' I replied that is not true and I know just what I am talking about, having carefully canvassed every class and condition of humanity from the humble home in the country to the time-honored White House at the capital and personally inspected every poorhouse and and yet the most lawless age in history. The peril of our country today is a lack and laxity of parental control, care and culture of children or Christian homes. God did know what He was doing when He created men and women told them to multiply and replenish the earth, failing to follow Divine directions, Deut. 11, 18, 19, 21-29 has filled our otherwise fair land with charitable and correctional institutions.

"One of the most startling crimes of the times was committed in New York city a few years ago. A young man of enormous wealth walked through a crowded assembly in an amusement resort, to a table at which a man was sitting, and drawing a revolver from his pocket, shot three times, killing him instantly. So far as can be learned, not a word was spoken on either side nor was any gesture made by the victim that could have provoked the act. Rumors were current, however, that the dead man, who was a wealthy architect of some prominence, had been in former years a friend and patron of the lady whom his slayer afterward married. It is suggested by the friends of the murderer that the crime was committed to avenge her wrongs and to vindicate her from aspersions cast on her reputation. The principals in the affair may be dismissed with little consideration. The dead man's life is reputed to have been of a character that was likely sooner or later to bring him to death. The murderer inherited his father's millions, which he was squandering with utter recklessness, and was living a life of idle pleasure. Neither for the man who is dead nor for the man now in Matteawan is there need for sympathy.

"The real cause for concern is the attitude of the public on the subject. It is reported that a Chicago lecturer, speaking in

Kansas on the crime, said that the murderer should be acquitted and his remark was cheered by hundreds of women in his audience. The same sentiments expressed in New York and Philadelphia society and in the press, show that there was a similar drift in public opinion elsewhere. That is the most ominous feature of the case. It is an indication of lawlessness that bodes ill for the future.

"Who would be safe if young men of unregulated passions drew the inference, from the treatment of this criminal, that they might proceed to avenge some real or fancied wrongs by a pistol shot? To applaud an act so cowardly as to walk up to a man sitting peaceably in a public place and shoot him without remonstrance or warning, is to raise a criminal to the position of a hero. It is a step backward in our social progress, a disgrace to our civilization and an insult to Him who said, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.'

"This crime reveals a condition of society that should give the patriotic citizen serious concern. History gives no warning so emphatic as that of the danger to a nation's life, that comes from depravity of this kind among what are called its higher classes. It has been proved over and over again that the greatest peril to a nation is not its exterior enemies, but in wickedness and corruption in its own high places. When its aristocracy and its wealthy citizens devote their means to idle pleasures and the gratification of their lusts, that nation is going to its fall. As the Hebrew prophet said, when he had explained why a nation was swept out of existence. 'Pride, fullness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. They were haughty and committed abomination; therefore, they were taken away.'"

Concluded next week.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Executive Committee of the Baptist State Convention met at Zion Baptist church, this city Wednesday Feb. 12. A very large number of the brethren were present and after transacting other routine matters the following program was arranged for the convention which meets at Sumter, S. C., Wednesday before the first Sunday in June 1913, with the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Rev. E. W. Dick, pastor. Introductory Sermon: Dr. G. W. Raiford of Aiken, S. C. Doctrinal Sermon: Rev. D. F. Thompson of Greenwood. Educational Sermon: Dr. G. A. Goodwin of Springfield Baptist church, Greenville. Conventional Sermon: Rev. I. W. Williams of Cheraw. Saturday night: Dr. R. Kemp of Charleston. Missionary Sermon: Dr. J. D. Brooks of Chester.

Sunday afternoon: Rev. A. L. Wilson of Society Hill. Sunday night: Rev. E. A. P. Cheek of Columbia, S. C.

Rev. J. C. White of Union is Secretary of the Trustee Board of Morris College and reports that the affairs of the College are in good shape. Prof. Starks has made good from the very start and the Baptist brethren all over the State are rallying to his support.

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