

CHURCH NEWS OF COLUMBIA.

By DR. J. C. WHITE.

Southern White Minister to Head Theological Department Morris College.

At the two days session of the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, which met at Zion Baptist church, this city to arrange a program for the coming Baptist State Convention, which convenes with the St. Paul Baptist church, Orangeburg, Rev. C. D. Saitley, pastor, and other business incident to the denominational interest. It was brought in the report on Morris College by Dr. J. J. Starks, president of the College, that the white Baptist State Convention of South Carolina has definitely decided to furnish a man for their group, and pay his salary to teach theology at Morris College. The man chosen, it was understood, to be the pastor of the First Baptist church at Marion, S. C. One of the best prepared men in South Carolina, and among the ablest pastors of the white race.

The Board accepted the offer with a rising vote of thanks, without a dissenter. Morris College is the youngest college for Negroes in America, but has out stripped any other school of its class. This school has one of the best equipped plants of its class in the south, with about 700 students, and one of the most efficient faculties to be found for any college and headed by one of America's greatest men as president.

This is the beginning of a new era for Negro Baptists in South Carolina, it is something "new under the sun." The Negro Baptists of South Carolina number about 280,000 communicants, and it is said, that the white Baptists have decided upon a definite program of transmitting this mighty host of Negroes, into an educational and spiritual force in kingdom building.

This is said to be the first grain of sand out of the mountain of Southern benevolence, and Christian endeavor for the Negro's uplift.

NOTICE.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Gethsemane Baptist Association will meet the first Saturday in March at Zion Baptist church, at 12 o'clock, to get out a program for the next session, which meets May 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, with the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Eastover, S. C., Rev. A. P. Porter, pastor. All members are asked to be present.

Mrs. Medora J. White, Pres. Mrs. Alma L. Hopkins, Rec. Sec'y.

WILLARD VAN ROBINSON. Willard Van Robinson, of Cayce, S. C., died on Monday, at the stone quarry. The funeral service will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist church, Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, at 2 p. m., sharp.

At the 7th Day Adventist Church

On Sunday night an interesting lecture will be given by the pastor Charles Curtis, formerly of New York. Subject, "The Life of Christ," from the cradle to the cross. The lecture will be illustrated by beautiful pictures; you cannot afford to miss this rare treat. All are welcome. Admission free. Lecture commences promptly at 8.

Sidney Park C. M. E. Church A great day at Sidney Park C. M. E. church was last Sunday, which was rally day, Feb. 15. \$1060.45 was raised. Some of the clubs did not make their reports and are expected to do so next Sunday; and some of the others are to make supplementary reports.

We thank our friends for their assistance in this rally.

Sunday morning at 11:30 and Sunday night, Rev. V. S. Johnson, who is the religious instructor of the boys Reform Home preached two very able and impressive sermons. God bless this great and humble servant.

A Pew Rally was held at 3:30 p. m., which was a success under the auspices of Club No. 16. Allen University's Glee Club rendered some very melodious music, under the direction of Mrs. V. M. Holloway, for which too much praise cannot be given her for the great service rendered. Our beloved and courteous Dr. J. G. Stuart gave us great information on the subject of Racial Health. Pointing-out some of the most dangerous things which the race has to deal with. Child birth, food, the cause of operations and tuberculosis. Miss B. H. Beaumont spoke on education and the rearing of our people, what should be done at home and what is to be done in the school. Every mother and father, as well as their children should have heard this subject discussed by this wonderful lady.

The pastor, Rev. W. E. Farmer, introduced the Rev. Dr. D. H. Sims, A. M., D. D., president of Allen University. His subject was: "The Church and the Minister." He proved that the minister and the church are the leading lights of which the business of our people have to look to today. I am not able to tell all of the good things that were said. But I am trying to give a slight synopsis of the program and its work for the rally in the last two weeks which it was started.

Mrs. Jannie Chappelle, Mr. H. S. Allen and Mrs. V. M. Holloway sang a solo each. All were excellent. Misses Eady, Collins, Messrs. Cannon and Britton of Allen University rendered a quartet selection, entitled "Still, Still With Thee." This was a day that will long be remembered. We pray God's blessings upon us all and join hands and voices singing, "Together let us sweetly live, together let us die."

Zion Baptist Church

The usual large crowd was out Sunday morning. Sunday school was large and in the absence of the Superintendent and his assistant, the pastor conducted the opening and closing services for the school. Seventeen classes reported including the kindergarten department.

The pastor preached from Acts 16:30, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And finished the same discourse at the night service. The membership declares that Rev. White has never preached as he did all day last Sunday. Two new members were admitted to the membership. At 2:00 o'clock, the pastor preached at his Shandon Annex church on the subject: "Witnessing for Christ," and at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. White preached at his Arthurtown church, Zion Pilgrim, subject "The prayer of a Mother." The Rev. and Mrs. Curtis, of the Seventh Day Adventist church worshipped with Zion last Sunday and was introduced by the pastor.

The Silver Leaf Club, with Mrs. Georgia Burton, president, Mrs. Maggie Marshall, secretary, Mrs. Daisy Miller, treasurer, were publicly installed at the church last Sunday night by the pastor; also the newly elected officers of the Waverly Wide Awake Club were installed last Sunday night. These officers are Mrs. J. C. Cannon, president; Mrs. Addie Lyles, V. Pres.; Mrs. Rosa Dixon, recording secretary; Miss Helen McCain, financial secretary; Mrs. Survater Gettys, treasurer; Mrs.

Annie Boyd, chaplain. The eighth anniversary of the Ladies' Church Aid will take place Sunday night coming when the pastor will preach an appropriate sermon of the same. The officers for 1926 are Mrs. Emma Tyler, president; Mrs. Mary Coleman, Vice Pres.; Mrs. J. C. White, Recording Secretary Mrs. Izora Holman, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Jennie Green, Treasurer.

The Zion Baptist church will worship with the Wesley M. E. church, the Sanctified church, (Jones' Tabernacle) near the Tin Bridge, Trinity Baptist and at Chappelle Station A. M. E. church next week. Pastor White will preach at all these churches to help raise funds for them.

Ladson Presbyterian Church.

At 11:15 Sunday morning, delivered a most inspiring message, taking his text from 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter, 2nd verse: "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

At the conclusion of the sermon the congregation, led by the pastor, sang a touching Gospel Hymn, "Is my Name Written There?" The pastor very feelingly asked that all who felt that their name was written on the Lamb's Book raise their hands while the last chorus was being sung.

Dr. Davis urged the congregation to observe Sacrificial-Loyalty Week February 15, 22.

Sunday School at 4 P. M. was largely attended. Professor Johnson, Superintendent, expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress the Sunday School is making.

Sunday Feb. 22nd the annual election of officers will take place.

Christian Endeavor at 5:00 o'clock, Topic "Friendliness of Jesus," was led by Mrs. C. D. Saxon. Mrs. Saxon gave a very interesting talk on the subject.

She urged, before closing her remarks, that the young people take a more active part in the discussion of the subject.

Such talks as given by Mrs. Saxon will do much to bring the young people to the front. The Christian Endeavor was founded to train young people for leadership in the church.

Prayer meeting on Friday night was led by Elder Pelot. Those who attended felt that they received a message of vital benefit to their everyday lives.

We were pleased to have a few visitors with us at our morning hour of worship Sunday. The public is cordially invited to all of our services.

Accompanied by Elder C. A. Johnson, the pastor visited the "shut ins" of the church Sunday and administered to them the Holy Sacrament.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH Dr. Joseph Gomez of Detroit,

Mich., preached at Bethel all day Sunday Feb. 15th. At the morning service the church was filled to its capacity. The sermon was very inspiring, as well as instructive. Dr. Gomez captivated his audience from start to finish. In the evening he met another large congregation, and many say he preached a better sermon than the one he preached in the morning.

The idea of perseverance and hope permeated both of the sermons. There was not a person in the church who was not touched by the service. The choir was at its best Sunday and many have expressed their appreciation.

Three persons joined the church, and one was happily converted. The Sunday School made a splendid showing. The collection was \$9.50. The Leaservice was good. In fact it was a high day at Bethel A. M. E. Church. The stewards collected something over \$165.00.

WESLEY M. E. CHURCH - On the Firing Line.

Sunday the 15th day of February was a day of great and marvelous results—the Sunday School under the aggressive leadership of Mr. G. L. Ratliff—conducted the Sunday School student body demonstrated the fact that they had made a diligent study of the lesson during the week, and had assembled with ideas of exchange for mutual helpfulness. The hour having arrived for preaching, the Rev. N. S. Smith, the energetic pastor, ascended the rostrum, and selected for a text I John, 3:14: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.—Thème, "Love the true Evidence of Religion." The minister preached an able sermon, and was given an attentive hearing throughout the delivering of the forceful message.

At 7:15 Mr. Edward McDowell the secretary to Gov. McLeod spoke to the Ephworth League on "Making Christ Real." His address was practical and very helpful. He is a real student of the Bible, and knows how to reach the hearts of the people.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, No. 2, Roysters, S. C.

The Rev. H. Norris is the pastor of this church. Rev. Norris is a student-preacher of Benedict College, and is among the best young ministers of the state. Bro. Norris has recently been called to the pastorate of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Swansea, S. C. Last Sunday was his first day there since his call. Rev. Norris is contemplating building a brick church at Roysters. Roysters is a suburb of Columbia, just below the State Fair Ground. The Sunday School is in a splendid condition and the Woman's Missionary Society is functioning right along.

Sunday Feb. 15th—Early morning prayer meeting, good, a spiritual feast.

Sunday School well attended; Superintendent H. W. Harrison at his post of duty. Morning service, full hour, the Holy Spirit was in evidence; sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Long. Subject: "Christian Assurance." Text: Rom. 8:23-34. The message seemed not to have been in vain. B. Y. P. U. fairly well attended considering the fact that it rained. Lesson reviewed by Deacon Roseboro. President M. S. Stuart presided.

Evening services fairly well attended. Sermon by the pastor, Subject: "The Light of the World." Text: John 8:12. Audience seemed to have profited by the message.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table listing church directories including Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sidney Park C. M. E. Church, Jones Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, 2nd. Calvary Baptist Church, Wesley M. E. Church, Zion Baptist Church, Nazareth Baptist Church, and Ladson Presbyterian Church. Each entry includes address and service times.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Table listing Union Baptist Church services at Divine Street, Bethlehem Baptist Church at Lyon Street, St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Corner Green and Gates Streets, Nazareth Baptist Church at Rev. R. M. Myers, Macedonia Baptist Church at Rev. R. M. Myers, Chappelle Station A. M. E. Church at Corner Senate and Pine Streets, Jones Tabernacle at Rev. B. G. Grayhart, and Ladson Presbyterian at Rev. I. D. Davis. Each entry includes service times.

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TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

"Christian Patience" was the subject used by the Rev. T. W. Rice, B. D. Dr. Rice is one of the best prepared men in Columbia or South Carolina and to say that he preached is enough. Dr. Rice pastors three churches: St. Paul at Lexington Court house; St. Mark and Trinity of Columbia. Bro. Rice came from a preaching family, the Rev. R. D. Rice of Branchville, his father was famous throughout the state in his day, and young Rice is a "chip of the old block." His Sunday schools and other auxiliaries are doing well.

SECOND NAZERETH BAPTIST CHURCH

That "black Spurgeon" the Rev. R. M. Myers is pastor of this great church. Last Sunday to a full house he preached on "The General Judgment." Men and women trembled as the man of God depicted the awful mighty wind. At Macedonia on

Huger Street at 2:30, Rev. Mr. Myers preached on: "Following Jesus Afar Off." Again at 7:15 he discoursed at 2nd Nazareth. There were large crowds out at all these churches throughout the entire day.

Sunday Schools were largely attended, as well as the B. Y. P. U's.

Rev. Myers is planning to have the famous Wilbanks, the Black Billy Sunday of Washington, D. C., to conduct a three weeks revival at the Tabernacle in the near future.

ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. J. M. Myers preached from the text, "He that believeth on the Son hath the witness within himself" last Sunday morning to a packed house. The subject for night services was "The Fundamental Principles of the Christian Religion." To say that the Rev. John Myers preached is "nuf sed" to the people of Columbia who know him. At 8:00 o'clock Dr. Myers edified the saints at Mt. Calvary at Hampton's four miles below this city.

CARD OF THANKS

Being impossible to thank each individual personally, we take this method of expressing our sincere appreciation and heart-felt thanks for the beautiful floral designs and expressions of sympathy, during the death and burial of Helen Nelson Pompey. Helen Nelson (Mother), Husband and Sisters.