

Church News Of Columbia

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JONES CHAPEL A. M. E. Z. CHURCH NOTES

Sunday April 25 was a high day with us. The Third Missionary Convocation of the third Convocational District, embracing the Palmetto, South Carolina, Pee Dee, South Georgia and South Florida Conferences convened in Jones Chapel the 22nd inst.

Success attended the meeting throughout the dates indicated in program.

Bishop E. D. W. Jones, A. M., D. D., Presiding Bishop of the 9th Episcopal District, Dr. J. C. Lewis, presiding elder of the hostess district (Columbia). Presiding Elders—Drs. D. S. Crosby, W. M. Robinson, A. C. Cook, Mrs. Anna L. Anderson, general president, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, general treasurer; Dr. W. W. Matthews, correspondent secretary. Representatives from the Palmetto, South Carolina, Pee Dee, S. Florida and S. Georgia conferences and also the good people of Columbia, with nearly every church of our group, regardless of denomination were on the stage of action to give prestige to the occasion.

It is said by those who witnessed the manipulating and the results of this convocational meeting, that it is the best of its nature ever held in the State. There were fraternal and gospel feasts with a financial round-up of \$547.91.

Drs. J. C. Lewis, Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, W. H. Davenport, editor of the Star of Zion and Mrs. J. C. Parker, preached able sermons.

The cooperative effort was a commented one.

Mr. G. L. Floyd, cashier of the Victory Savings Bank, Mr. I. S. Leevy, the business man; Prof. Hawkins, real estate dealer; Dr. H. W. Long, Dr. N. A. Smith, Dr. W. E. Farmer, Dr. E. A. Adams, fraternal messenger from the Interdenominational Ministers' Union of the City; Mr. F. Killingsworth, and other leading men and women of the City all of whom contributed largely to the success of the meeting. Jones Chapel choir, and Sidney Park Choral Club graced the occasion with swell music, quartet duets, solos, etc. to the admiration of all who heard it.

Last, but not least, the hospitable and sacrificing members of Jones Chapel spared no pains to make it pleasant for this delegation.

We wish to thank the many friends who are not members of our Church for opening their doors to assist us in caring for the delegation.

May God accompany Bishop Jones, Dr. Matthews, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Ida V. Smith, as they journey from this field to Alabama and elsewhere to do work for the Master.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Teachers meeting resurrected by our faithful Supt., Dr. J. H. Goodwin is already bearing fruit in that, the Sunday School business is dispatched with haste and yet much of voluminous red-tape of special announcement is eliminated, a number of new teachers have been added to the staff and many new pupils are being enrolled each Sunday. A full school was out. The lesson was had by each class. Dr. C. P. Maddison, and Dr. R. W. Baylor, were guests of the Bearean Class, which class is taught by the pastor, Rev. White. The pastor turned his class over to Dr. Madison through the other 18 classes and introduced him to each teacher and class. Dr. Ma-

dison addressed the school at the conclusion of the lesson.

Baptizes Sick Man

At 11:10 a. m. the pastor baptized Mr. James Johnson, who has been sick for about 3 or 4 months. Mr. Johnson has been a faithful employee at the Carolina National Bank for the past 8 or 10 years.

11:30 a. m.—"Big Z" was crowded upstairs and downstairs. Dr. C. E. Antisdel, President of Benedict College came down and brought a large number of students and teachers to hear Dr. C. P. Madison of Norfolk, Va. Dr. T. M. Boykin, for whom Dr. Madison is conducting a revival, consented to let Dr. Madison preach at Zion; a very kind act.

Dr. Madison is pastor of the Second Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Vice-President of the Virginia Baptist State Convention and Recording Secretary of the National Baptist Convention of America.

Standing room was at a premium, and Zion was "rearing to go." He preached a most wonderful sermon from the text: "I Pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit rest upon me."

Dr. Madison asked, what was the spirit that Elisha asked?

1. A double portion of his fidelity.
2. A double portion of his courage.
3. A double portion of the spirit of prayer.

It is almost impossible to describe the scene that took place in Zion, but it was one of the best sermons listened to in many a day.

At Brookland Baptist Church

At 3 p. m. Pastor White motored to Brookland Baptist Church where a great prayer meeting was in progress. He soon got himself in order and preached on the "Sure Hope of the Believer." The church was set on fire of the Holy Ghost while all could but say, "it is good to be here." Communion was served, but before this took place, the pastor turned the meeting into an "experience meeting" in which many, old and young told of their hopes in Christ amidst shouts and tears.

Mrs. Mary A. Gilliam and Mrs. Senia Watson made all preparations for serving the table.

Miss Mary West is at the head of a new auxiliary known as the Y. P. W. C. (Young People Working Club.)

Sister Mickens is President of the Ladies Church Aid, which is the strongest auxiliary in Brookland Baptist Church. Deacon L. C. Cook is Supt of our Sunday School.

Deacon Mickens has returned from Florida and is again at the head of the choir. Deacon Watson has gone to Baltimore to work for a short while.

Zion's B. Y. P. U. was interesting last Sunday. Lic. J. T. Carter, President.

At 8:30 p. m. The Progressive Club turned out with the installation of the officers by the pastor, Mrs. Eva Rutherford is Mrs. Dora Miller, 1st vice-pres.; Mrs. Moore, 2nd vice-pres.; Miss Eva DeLoach, Financial Sec.; Mrs. McLemore, Recording Sec.; Mrs. Maggie Fair, Chaplain.

Rev. White preached a special sermon to these sisters, using as his subject: "The Reward of the Christian."

This ended another great day in Zion. All strangers are cordially invited to our Church next Sunday to be in a regular Holy Ghost service.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

We are thankful for the manifestation of progress in every department of the church even as

was seen in the Sunday school Sunday morning. A full school of studious little boys and girls, men and women joined in a very interesting discussion on the subject: "Cain and Able." The children proved equal to the task when Mr. W. H. Harvey was called upon to review the lesson. We are hoping that a greater number of the parents and adults will come out and witness the splendid work carried on by the teaching force of the Sunday school.

After the preliminary to the morning service, Dr. E. A. Adams selected Hebrew 12; and a portion of the first verse: "We are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." The following divisions of the text were discussed: Heredity, Environment and Will Power. Asserted—heredity and environment are great forces in our path of progress, either for good or evil and sometimes they are used as excuses for our mistakes and short-comings, but the will power is that great force in man which proves the things that seem impossible,—possible when exercised by faith and trust in God. Martin Luther, Richard Allen and Daniel A. Payne were mentioned as types having had faith in God, finally overcame obstacles and succeeded in making the world better.

The President and members of the A. C. E. League still invite you to come out in larger numbers and witness a splendid program each Sunday afternoon at 6:30.

At night Dr. Adams selected as his text Zac. 4:6, the latter part of the 6th verse. He showed in very plain, through striking terms the inferiority of worldly powers and the greatness of the power of the spirit of God.

The Clubs and boards are still forging ahead successfully with each effort to raise funds for our indebtedness. The Junior Stewardess Board had quite a pleasant and successful evening at the "Tom Thumb's" wedding on the 26th.

Let us now look forward to the next effort and be not weary in well doing.

Sunday, May 2nd, is holy communion. Come to the services, you are welcome to share the joy that passeth all understanding; and satisfies when nothing else can. But let not duty seem a load to you, but a pleasure.

SIDNEY PARK CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School began its service at its usual hour with the Supt., Mr. D. R. Starks presiding. A splendid lesson was discussed by the teachers and pupils. Sub. "The story of Cain and Abel."

After the discussion of the lesson by the various classes the

Supt. reviewed it in full.

At 11:30 morning service began. Just before Dr. Farmer took his text he said that he tho't the good people of Sidney Park should know the facts as to whether he will be with them another year or not, so it became his painful duty to say to the church and the great City of Columbia that he felt that God had called him to another field of labor, and that he had done his best the four years he had served here, and that God had abundantly blessed his labor, and now that he had heard another call to another field he felt that it was his duty to God and the Church to go. He said that it pained him beyond expression to leave the great Church and the good people of Columbia, but he did not belong to himself, but to God.

When he was through speaking he was bathed in tears and seemingly the whole house was in tears and weeping. In the great congregation few dry eyes were visibly seen if any. The good pastor will preach his last sermon Sunday at 11:30 and would be happy to see as many of his friends as possible, both members and friends. It is supposed to be his last in the City of Columbia. He closed by saying that he felt that he had done his best for the good people of Columbia, being led by the unseeing hand of God in the paths of righteousness. God bless all of you.

Ministerial Union Notes

The Union convened in First Calvary Baptist Church, Noon April 27, with Rev. E. A. Adams presiding.

The devotions were conducted by the Chaplain, Rev. G. T. Dillard. The minutes were read and adopted. The unfinished business was handled with much interest. Parliamentary suggestions were made and corroborated by the members of the Union relative to the salutation of the chair, when approached, etc.

The Union expressed its delight in having the Rev. Dr. G. K. Lyles present. Dr. Lyles made a splendid talk and also renewed his relationship with the Union by paying the legal joining fee. Dr. Lyles is a member of the pioneer constituents and Presiding Elder of the Newberry District of the A. M. E. Church.

Information to those who wish to communicate in any way with the Union, you are hereby notified that there is a prudential committee of which Dr. P. P. Watson is the chairman, through which you are to secure access to remit any matter or present present any person to the Union.

Much interest is being manifested by the brethren respectively, for the benefit of both church and race.

The ban is still on the subject: "Crime and its Remedy." There is a committee hard at work on the subject which is expected to be presented next Tuesday as the order of the day.

The prudential committee referred to above, extends a cordial welcome to all who may have persons or matters of importance to come before the Union. Rev. P. P. Watson whose address is 2021 Marion Street is the chairman of the committee. See him or else you will get no recognition from the Union.

EMANUEL A. M. E. CHURCH Kendalltown.

Rev. Julius Holman, our pastor, portrayed the life of Joseph in his sermon Sunday morning. At the evening service, Rev. R. B. Phillips preached.

Sunday School was conducted by Mr. A. Potee, Supt. M. B. Williams being absent on account of illness. The lesson was reviewed by Prof. Green Jackson, LL. D. At 7:00 p. m. the League was conducted by Mr. E. C. Clark who is an expert in League work.

One session of our Trustee Rally has ended. Having a small membership we raised only three hundred and fifty dollars.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH 1915 Laurel Street

We have had great success in our Sunday School for the last year.

The Sunday School and Church has done wonderfully. We have some of the smartest Sunday School workers there is in the sabbath schools. For the time being, we have been successful in all our church and S. S. work for the Lord.

All Christian friends welcome. Sunday School -- 11:00 A. M. Preaching ----- 12:00 M.

ST. LUKE'S P. E. CHURCH Hampton Avenue

All of the services were inspiring, impressive and were well attended. The program rendered by the Young People's Service League of the Church was the "unusual" occurrence of the day and is therefore given special mention.

Promptly at the appointed hour, 5:00 p. m., the service was begun by singing by the League. Scripture lesson was read by Beverley Roberts. Apostle's Creed and prayer was led by Thomas Martin. Instrumental solo—Miss Eloise Bailey. Select reading—Gerald Roberts. Duet—Misses Esther Burton and Jessie Canady. Solo by the Rector. Select reading—Miss Christian McGriff. Solo—Miss Mildred Roberts, Sumter, S. C. Mr. F. P. Paul, the Church School's Supt. was the principal speaker on the program. His address was interesting and beautiful.

The pleasant order of the introduction of visitors was then engaged in. Miss Mildred Roberts of Sumter was among those present. Much delight was shown to them for their presence and valuable assistance in the rendition.

Miss Mamie Virdeer of Fernandina, Fla., and a student of Benedict College of Columbia was the pianist for the occasion. She performed to the great delight of all.

Some very interesting and encouraging remarks were then made by the Rector of the parish the Rev. T. H. Brown.

The meeting then came to a close after the benediction.

Every participant played his part splendidly and those who witnessed the program are looking forward earnestly for the next one.

THE OLD FOLKS' HOME

On Sunday afternoon, April 25th, a splendid prayer meeting was held at the Old Folks' Home by the Zion and Union Baptist Churches, which

was very much enjoyed by the old folks and others. The leaders of this meeting were as follows: Bros. McCormick of Union and Dr. White of Zion.

We were also pleased to have with us the Sidney Park's Missionary Society.

The little Church was crowded and the contribution raised amounted to \$5.00 for which we thank them very much.

The old folks are doing nicely and we are asking the prayers of all good Christians.

Sister Katie Jackson, one of our inmates, has been quite ill, but we are glad to say at this writing she is on the mend.

CLINTON CHAPEL A. M. E. Z. CHURCH NOTES, UNION, S. C.

Sunday was a high day. Dr. W. H. Davenport, A. M., D. D., that great scholar and writer, the editor of our "brilliant Star of Zion" preached three of the most wonderful sermons that have been delivered, in Union, in its history. "Even greater works than these will ye do in my name," are the Master's words, and the disciples of this age are bringing things to pass. Nothing save a miracle in these strenuous financial days could have been wrought in raising the \$1,000 planned by the pastor, Rev. W. Q. Wealch, D. D. a few short

On Monday night Rev. R. A. Carroll, D. D., of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Chester, talked to a large and expectant congregation and the amens and shouts from the soldiers of the cross, under such conditions proved that he was at his best. Then it was announced that the captains in the Rally had "gone over the" raising the amount of \$1,015.70.

It is a great pleasure to correct errors. Mrs. Mattie Moorman, our efficient organist had charge of the Easter music instead of Mrs. Bessie Ray.

A. & T. College Notes

During the past week, Supervisor Simmons and Director Staley, members of the faculty of the Agricultural department of A. & T. College, represented the college at the Fathers and Sons banquet which was staged at Waters County Training School, April 16. This is the first time the history of this institution that an entertainment of this type has been staged. The success of the affair was due largely to efforts put forth by Professor Wynn, the agricultural teacher. During the evening, entertainment was furnished in ways of toasts, readings, music and short talks.

Director Staley, Supervisor Simmons are scheduled this week to attend the agricultural exercises of the County Training School, Hasty, N. C., of which Prof. J. A. Kirk is principal. President Bluford is lending every assistance to create a spirit of cooperation between the men on the field and the college force.

A. & T. College defeated A. U. here, April 24, by a score of 7-6. The visitors lost a chance to sew up the game in the 9th inning when King bunted into a double. This is the eighth victory out of nine starts for A. & T. The boys are scheduled to play Bennet Monday, April 25.

A group of four women, delegates to the Inter-racial conference at Greensboro, paid a visit to A. & T. College during the chapel period of Tuesday April 20. The following were the names of the visitors: Mrs. Dodge, head of the group; Miss Giggs, Mesdames Cox and Scarlett. President Bluford, having introduced the visitors to the student body and faculty members asked them to speak. Each in turn gave a minute speech of welcome and appreciation of having the opportunity of visiting us. To delight and honor these guests, our quintette rendered several appropriate selections.

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