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## Rev. J. M. Jackson Makes a Resume of Outstanding Men for the Bishopric.

To The Palmetto Leader:

I find myself in the Piedmont Conference stationed at Greenwood, S. C., at West Chapel A. M. E. Church. Although I am here and doing fine in my new field of labor I am still thinking of the church at large, and its progress in the future, and especially of those whom I think should be elected Bishops and General Officers at the next General Conference, should the world stand that long.

I think that South Carolina should always have a man, or men, to run for the bishopric or general officers, because we have great men in this state to fill any office that I've mentioned.

Dr. D. H. Sims, makes a great president of Allen University, and we feel that if he would stay there longer, Allen University would be one of the greatest schools in the South. But great men pass on to greater fields of labor, and since this is true, I'm sure that Dr. Sims would grace the bench of Bishops at the next General Conference. I have often sat and listened to his speeches, and I've also taken special notice of the effective work which he is doing, and all of it portrays that he is educated in the fullest sense of the word, he is kind, he is congenial, he is affable and he has a message for the least as well as the greatest. Since Dr. Sims possesses all of these qualities, and since they constitute those of a good Bishop, let's think about him.

Dr. J. E. Beard, our pastor of Emanuel A. M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., is another who would also grace the bench of Bishops, if elected. He is a ready talker, and he speaks what he thinks, especially when he is right. He is also a great gospel preacher and he has done much in our church to help bring it where it is today.

Dr. T. J. Miles, the presiding elder of the Kingtree District, the dollar and educational money king of South Carolina, is another who would add grace to the bench of Bishops, if elected. He is a great preacher of the gospel and a sweet singer. He has done great work in the church as a minister of the gospel. Let's watch him.

Let us not forget Dr. Sandy Simmons, presiding elder of the Charleston District of the South Carolina Conference. He is educated, a good man, loves his brethren and will do all that he can to help them. He would also grace the bench of Bishops, if elected.

Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., the Editor of The Christian Recorder, is one of the best prepared men in the country, as all of us know. He has been editor of The Christian Recorder for many years, and he is an outstanding character of the race. He can put the world to thinking with his pen. He is kind and congenial, loyal and true, and is a splendid man for the bishopric.

Dr. Noah Williams, of St. Louis, Mo., is a pulpit orator, a thinker, of great ability. He would also grace the bench of Bishops. Also many others, that space won't allow me to mention.

Brethren, we cannot elect all of the men that I've mentioned, but let us get behind the best man, as we think, from South Carolina and put him in as Bishop.

George A. Singleton, one of the professors of Allen University, made good run at the last General Conference for Editor of The Christian Recorder. Dr. Singleton is well prepared along many lines, he is interested in whatever his task might be, and I've found that his writing is very thought provoking. If Dr. Wright is elected to the Bishopric, I think that we can find no better man to fill his position than Dr. George A. Singleton.

If Dr. D. H. Sims should be elected to the Bishopric, Allen University will be left without a president. I can think of no better man than Dr. E. A. Adams for that position, should such occur.

Brethren, let's think it over.

J. M. JACKSON,

Greenwood, S. C.

## Hon. Charles E. Stuart Passes in Greenwood.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 30.—Hon. Charles E. Stuart, churchman, race man, fraternal leader and builder, died at his home here Christmas day about five o'clock in the afternoon. He was 68 years old and leaves a record of worthy achievements as a legacy for his son, his widow and other relatives—for his many friends he leaves friendship and esteem which he built daily as he came in contact with men and women in the churches, in the lodge halls, in the business avenues of life as he communed with them.

The funeral services of Mr. Stuart were largely attended last Saturday. Exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. Mathis, who was assisted by Corin W. T. Boykin, of Columbia; Rev. Moses G. Williams, of Greenwood; Eulogistic remarks were made by Mr. Armwood of Brewer Normal, Mr. Thos. L. Duckett of Benedict College, the head deacon of the church and others.

The funeral services of Mr. Stuart were held in Tabernacle Baptist church and witnessed by a capacity audience from all parts of the state which attested the fact that the deceased was not only well known but much loved by the many people who knew him. He was the founder of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Greenwood, founder of the Little River Baptist Association, founder of Brewer Normal hospital and trustee of the State Grand Lodge of Masons.

Mr. Stuart leaves a widow and one son in his immediate family and two brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss. His widow is Mrs. John Mark Stuart of Greenwood. His only child Dr. Julian G. Stuart well known physician of Columbia and his daughter-in-law Mrs. J. G. Stuart who before her marriage was Miss Hunter of Laurens. His other relatives are W. R. Stuart, of Asheville, N. C.; Ralph Stuart, Wallace, N. C.; Mrs. Bell Lindsey of Greenwood, Mrs. Matilda Harris of Chappell, and Marie Bryant of New York City.

The work of Mr. Stuart as mason contractor was praised by both white and colored speakers at the funeral. Many handsome buildings in Greenwood and other sections stand as monuments to his constructive genius and business acumen. We was a successful business man.

The floral offerings at the funeral formed a huge bank, beautiful to behold spoke silently of the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends. Percival and Biggs, directed the funeral while hundreds of friends passed by the casket to view the remains of one of Greenwood's best known citizens.

## JAMES WELDON JOHNSON RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF N. A. A. C. P.

Elected Vice-President and Member of Board of Directors

New York, December 30, 1930.—James Weldon Johnson, poet, author, former United States Consul in Nicaragua and Venezuela, editor of the Books of Negro Spirituals has resigned as Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His resignation was presented yesterday at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in the Association's National Offices, 69 Fifth Avenue. The resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Johnson was thereupon elected a Vice-President and Member of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Johnson who joined the Association's staff on December 16, 1916, as Field Secretary, devoted himself at once to organizing the N. A. A. C. P. in the South. Before the United States entered the World War, the N. A. A. C. P. under Mr. Johnson's leadership, had 21 branches in that section which in one year sent to the National Office \$18,000.

When Roy Nash, at that time Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., resigned his office to enter the army, Mr. Johnson became Acting Secretary, until the election of John R. Shillady as Secretary in February, 1918. It was through Mr. Johnson, who met him in the South, that the Association's present Acting Secretary, Walter White, came to the Association in 1918 as Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Shillady resigned the secretaryship in 1920 and in July of that year Mr. Johnson was made Acting Secretary; and in October, 1920, he was made Secretary, the first colored man to hold this office.

## Calantheans Win Again.

The Grand Court of Calanthe was again successful in the suit brought against it. This suit was brought by Lilah Martin in the Richland County Court for the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000) dollars, alleging that she was wrongfully suspended from the Order for non-payment of dues. She was represented by Attorney Tressie Pierce while the Grand Court was represented by Attorney N. J. Frederick. This is the second case within 30 days won by the Grand Court, represented by Attorney Frederick, the other case being tried in Lexington, S. C.

## Dr. L. H. Hemingway, Candidate for the A. M. E. Book Concern, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Book Concern is a Publication House owned by the African Methodist Church in the United States, Africa, South America and Isles of the Sea. It was bankrupted for the want of good business operations on the basis of American standards of trade.

No man can run any business unless he knows the art and science of buying and selling. Usually if he is successful in one line of business, he can succeed in another line. He must know the value of things. He must not sell too low nor too high.

We believe the books and newspapers gotten out by our Publication House are out of the reach of our members and ministers. We must compete with other people if we want to stay in business. It is not good judgment to whine and kick about what you can't do, just get down if you can't com-



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pete and let the A. M. E. Church roll on.

Every Company, from a small grocery store to a great Automobile factory must compete or go down. The great manufacturing companies of America put men of vision and accomplishments at the head to keep up with the onward march of trade and capital, but the A. M. E. Church will take any man who is able to get up a political combination, and trust its business that is worth a million dollars to the Church with him. We will do this without knowing whether he can do it or not. We have lost millions of dollars experimenting in the A. M. E. Church. We have lost schools, land, prestige and departments.

We have given the management to aged men, school teachers and lazy preachers, to make money for us and we have lost beyond any redemption. The loss of the Book Concern has diminished the prestige of the A. M. E. Church; twenty million dollars and the Lord knows how much confidence in the Negro race.

If the General Conference will elect me as manager of the Book Concern, I will pay it out of debt in two Quadrenniums. I will change the old method of selling and put a high class Salesman in every Bishop's District and pay him a good living salary to do business for the Church. You can't write and tell our group about books, we must send some one to the uttermost parts to sell books. We ought to do a million dollars worth of business in a Quadrennium. It can be done if the manager will go at business. I believe I can take all the Hymn Books that are sold in any Bishop's District by our Publishing Department on my car and haul them to Philadelphia in one load. The rural people of our Church know nothing about us, nor do they own a Hymn Book. There is nobody to sell them. The manager has a free hand to sell and make an organization. Give the Book Concern to me and see the Connection served with books and pamphlets.

## Now Comes the Question—Who Is L. H. Hemingway?

A man who struggled and educated himself. The man who has preached 24 years out of forty-six. The man who has built up every church he ever pastored. The man who has never had a business failure. The man who has never failed one cent on any assessment ever placed on him or his church. The man who has added hundreds of people to the Church. The man who can put his hands on forty thousand dollars in assets. The man who has not one cent liabilities. The man who is Presiding Elder of the Orangeburg District. The man who will pay the Book Concern out of debt. The man who does not approve in professional laziness. The man who believes in a progressive religion. Give this man a chance to serve the Connection in a larger sense.

We have shown too much mercy and sympathy to inefficient men. There are plenty of men in the Church who have served out their time and usefulness and the Church keeps him in the place, and let the place die. "Say if you move him he will die." Let him die. It is better for a man to die than for a church or department to die. We need efficiency, and men who are willing to earn their salary and not men looking for easy places. Many Circuits and Station charges could be built up if we had ministers who don't mind hard work. Let us turn a brand new leaf and start to build.

## TURNER-MARTIN NUPTIALS.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 30.—Miss Rosa B. Turner was married to Mr. Victor A. Martin on Thanksgiving night, at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Turner, 124 President street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Beard, pastor of Emanuel church, assisted by Rev. M. A. Hollins, presiding elder of the Edisto district.

This was one of the prettiest weddings of the season. Before the bridal party came down the long stairway and entered the front parlor, Mrs. Flora Barr Miller sang beautifully, "Oh Promise Me," accompanied by Prof. Aiken. The wedding march was played by Prof. Isaiah Aiken. The first to enter the parlor was Miss Sadie E. Green of Charleston, now Latin teacher in Allen University and Mr. James Boston's best man. Miss Green was charming in a powder blue satin floor length, and carried white and yellow chrysanthemums. Second entered the groom, Mr. Victor A. Martin; third Miss Maudie E. Turner, sister of the bride and maid of honor, who was lovely in an evening gown of shell pink satin and lace, she carried an arm full of yellow chrysanthemums and ferns. Next entered little Miss Edith Bonneau, flower girl and cousin of the bride, who was very sweet in egg shell satin and carried a basket of sweet flowers. Then entered the bride on the arm of her father, who gave her away. The bride was beautifully gowned in white bridal satin trimmed in lace, and a long lace veil to match, which was a gift of her sister. She carried a lovely armful of white chrysanthemums. Following a delightful repast was served by Mrs. Eva McBrown, Mrs. Ellen Green, Mrs. Maggie Alston and Mrs. Rosa Hollins. Afterwards the guests were ushered to the second floor by Mrs. M. J. Turner, mother of the bride, where the wedding presents were on display. The presents were received by Mrs. George Huston and Mrs. Bessie Jenkins. The bride received over one hundred and fifty beautiful and all useful gifts. Many handsome ones came from Bryn Maur college, Bryn Maur, Pa., where the bride lived for the past 5 years. Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Martin are at home 124 President street, Charleston, S. C.

## WILKINSON-SHEFFIELD NUPTIALS GALA CHRISTMAS EVENT.

Orangeburg, S. C., Dec. 25, 1930—

In an exquisite setting with a color scheme of pink and green augmented by Xmas decorations, Miss Helen Raven Wilkinson eldest daughter of President and Mrs. R. S. Wilkinson of the South Carolina State A. and M. College was married to Professor Frederick Marshall Sheffield 6:00 o'clock Xmas evening at the president's home. The Rev. Edgar C. Brunz, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer at Orangeburg performed the ceremony in the presence of visiting relatives and a large number of prominent local and out of town friends. Mrs. Thelma Simon-Bell at the piano and Miss Ber. Winston soloist furnished the nuptial music.

The walls of the spacious reception, living and dining rooms were artistically bordered with green southern smilax, potted flowering pink glorioa begonias and ferns were set in every corner on small tables where three pink or white tapers glowed throughout the ceremony. In the living room where the ceremony was performed was a white altar in front of a seven branched candelabra with potted ferns and flowering pink begonias flanked on each side by large vases of pink gladiolas and two branched candelabras.

Two solos, "I love you truly" and "Because" sung by Miss Beryl Winston music instructor at Clafin College accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Simon-Bell assistant music director at State College were the opening strains of nuptial music. The lovely bride, in her wedding gown of pink lace made on graceful flowing lines and touching the floor was brought to the altar by her father President Robert Shaw Wilkinson. Her accessories were pink and she carried a large bouquet of pink and yellow roses showered with lilies of the valley.

Miss Lula Love Wilkinson the bride sister and maid of honor wore a green taffeta gown of bouffant fashion and silver slippers, she carried a bouquet of pink roses interspersed with snap dragons and ferns. Miss Anna Louise Birnie cousin of the bride wore a blue taffeta, silver slippers and carried a large bouquet of pink roses and ferns. The Bride's mother Mrs. Marian Birnie Wilkinson wore a beautiful gown of black chiffon with a corsage of violets. Mrs. Ann James Wilkinson of Chicago, sister-in-law wore a beautiful gown of afternoon pink lace. Mrs. Robert S. Wilkinson Jr., wife of Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, Jr., of New York City wore a

gown of lovely blue satin bouffant fashion. Professor Miller F. Whitaker was best man and Professors J. Harold Montague and C. Raymond Clagett were ushers.

Immediately following the impressive Episcopal Ceremony the guests passed into the dining room where a delicious menu was served. A towering wedding cake with lights from three pink tapers beaming upon it sat on the dining room table. Souvenirs of cake and tiny bags of rice were given each guest.

Immediate relatives present who witnessed the event were: Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Wilkinson, Jr., of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wilkinson of Chicago; Miss Lula L. Wilkinson of Oberlin College; Mr. P. H. Wilkinson of New York City; Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Birnie of Sumter; Mr. James Birnie of Atlanta University. Among the many prominent out of town guests were: President David Jones and Dean E. M. Staley of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. Katie Frierson of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. W. W. Sanders of Charleston, W. Va.; Dr. Andrew Maxwell, of Camden, N. J.; Dr. and Mrs. Levy of Florence, S. C.; Dr. J. M. Thompson, Miss Ruvan DeCosta, and Miss Virginia Birnie of Charleston, S. C. Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Jenins, Mrs. Roach Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Jenkins; Miss Rhodes; Mrs. Celia Saxon and daughter, Mr and Mrs. J. S. Jackson; the Butlers of Columbia, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sanders of Greenwood, S. C.; Principal and Mrs. Blanton and Mrs. Menafee of Voorhees Institute, Denmark, S. C.

The Orangeburg guests included many professors, teachers, former students and graduates of the two local colleges Clafin and State. Several white friends witnessed the ceremony among them were the wife and daughter of the Rev. Edgar C. Brunz; F. F. Limehouse, a trustee of the college and President-emeritus L. M. Dunton of Clafin College.

The bride in her traveling gown of green ensemble and matching accessories with her husband sprang a surprise on the family and friends by leaving for an unknown destination. She is a graduate of Atlanta University, and head of the department of Chemistry at the State College. The groom is a graduate of Oberlin College and has been professor of French at the South Carolina State A. and M. College for seven years.

## CHESTER PARAGRAPHS

A happy new year to all is the wish of Chester readers.

Christmas holidays passed pleasantly here. Many visitors were in the city. From the schools were: Rev. John Honor, Misses Bessie Honor, Mary Shelton, Marguerite Spann, and Mr. Louis Finley, Benedict College; Miss Ada Leathers, N. C. State College, Durham; Messrs Israel Stanback, Caesar Walker, Robert Macon, Joseph Stinson, W. B. Stinson, Marcus Boulware, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte; Mr. Walker Allen, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Messrs Welburn Franklin and Willie Cloud, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia; Miss Helen Boulware, Livingstone College, Salisbury, Mr. Tommy Lewis, Clinton College, Rock Hill.

Miss Louise Stanback, teacher in Baden, N. C.; Miss Ruth Blake, teacher in Concord, N. C.; Miss Viola Gregory, Principal of Honey School, Hillsboro, N. C.; Prof. and Mrs. Foster of the Goldsboro N. C. Schools, spent the holidays here.

Mr. Horace Gore, of N. C. spent the holidays here as guest of Mr. Israel Stanback.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Davis, of Durham, N. C. were guests of Mrs. Barbara Hooper during the holidays.

Mr. Frank Rainey, from Washington, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Rainey.

Mr. Alex Walker of Washington, spent the holidays with his mother Mrs. Sylvia Walker.

Mrs. Jennie C. Baum, spent the holidays with relatives in Camden.

Mrs. Frank Gladden and little daughter Alma of Columbia, arrived Christmas morning and are spending several days with husband and father, Rev. Frank Gladden.

Little "Tene" McDonald who has been visiting them for a few weeks returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wright had as their house guests for the holidays, Miss Ann Sherard, Registrar of Benedict College, Columbia and Miss Ruth Blake teacher in the City School at Concord, N. C.

Mr. K. W. Eddie, of Pinebluff, N. J. spent the holidays in the city.

Mrs. Daisy Holly was in Charlotte for the Yuletide.

Miss Emma Mae James and brother, Mr. Wilbur James, arrived Wednesday from New York to enjoy the Christmas season with their mother, Mrs. Emma James.

Dr. Jones and children, Misses Wylene and Mr. Roseboro Jones, Rev. and Mrs. Warren Jones who are recently married and Mr. Peterson of Georgia, spent the holiday home with their relative Mrs. A. A. Adair.

Christmas parties for visiting friends were given at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanback, Jr.,

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stanback, Sr., Mrs. Barbara Hooper, Mrs. Ella Watson, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wright.

Mr. Dwight Washington, student of Benedict College, Mr. Robert Baker, Principal of the Chappell, S. C. Schools spent a couple of days here visiting friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Baxter have as their guests, the former's sister, Mrs. Mary J. Agnew, and her little son, from Silver Street, S. C.

Mr. Louis Finley was unable to return to his studies at Benedict College, because of illness, but hopes to return soon.

Mrs. M. L. Moore, Master Robbie McGill, Miss Lula Mae Washington, a member of the Livingstone College Octette, Miss Charlotte Ross, of Philadelphia, teacher in the Charlotte Schools, Mrs. Gerge W. Carter, and Mr. Richmond Johnson, violinist motored down Sunday and spent several hours at the home of Prof. and Mrs. S. L. Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pride, and their four sons, Fred Jr., Richard, Ronald, and Theodore, motored here Sunday from Rock Hill and spent the day with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Leathers.

Miss Joanna Blackwell, of the Loomis St. Faculty spent the holidays with her grandmother, in Jacksonville Florida.

Mrs. J. D. Martin, and daughter Miss Louise Martin, spent the holidays in Paducah, Kentucky with Mrs. Martin's son-in-law and daughter, Prof. and Mrs. Means.

All of the out of town teachers have returned after a very pleasant Christmas at their respective homes. Misses Daisy Baten, Dewey McDowell, Union; Misses Ottie Green, Annie Garrick, Columbia; Miss Minnie Bradford, Sumter; Miss Agnes Williams, Greenwood; Miss Wilma Smith, Gaffney; Miss Mabel Sumter, Manning; Miss Estelle Bovain and Mr. Charles Young, Orangeburg. School opened Friday, January 2nd.

In the Gold Ring Contest at Finley Hill, the contestants worked well. Inclement weather caused the postponement of the contest until Monday, Dec. 22, when teachers and pupils assembled in chapel. After a few Christmas songs and a talk by Principal Finley, the following report was made:—Sarah McCollough, 50 cents; Mary Johnson, 50c; Mildred Williams, \$1.00; Iola Boulware, 80c; Fleeter Harden, 65c; Beulah McIntosh, \$1.35; Susie Brown, \$2.26; Elizabeth Atkinson, \$2.10; Alice Wright, \$1.50; Miscellaneous, \$1.00; Iola Brice, \$4.05; Lillian Ross, \$2.52; Helen Beckham, \$1.00; Mildred Dorsey, \$1.18; Margaret White, 75c; Inez Rainey, \$1.70; Chaney Pratt, \$1.10; Ada Gladden, 69c; Janie Brice, \$10.29; Lillian Walker, \$10.36. Total \$45.10.

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