

The "Old Gray" and The New Rider

By E. Philip Ellis

Publicity Committee Reports Progress

Since our appointment, January 11, we have not ceased day nor night to keep in touch delegations, and for the benefit of the South Carolina delegation and most especially the steering committee. We are happy to report the following results:

Tennessee: Dr. J. C. Caldwell has been endorsed by the entire delegation of his state. It appears that the state means to win, and especially since the writer said "we will be glad to do what we can for Dr. Mance, as he has many friends here." Dr. Caldwell would make the A. M. E. Church an ideal bishop. I know him.

Georgia: Our correspondent says that Dr. J. A. Lindsay will carry 80 percent of his state. In that he will have as many votes as almost any one episcopal district. Our correspondent also said that "Dr. Lindsay does not fail to say that he is in perfect accord with Dr. Mance and wants his supporters to work to that end." Everybody knows that Dr. Lindsay would not only measure up but would be a great big brother on the bench.

Texas: Our correspondent writes: "Dr. G. B. Young is the state's standard bearer but others have been conventionally endorsed. However Texas is for your man, Mance." While I am not to interfere with the business of Dr. Miles and Benbow, but I know Dr. Young personally. He is a man of ability, and a Christian gentleman and would be a fine fit on the bench.

Florida, our twin sister: "Dr. Grant has his state," says our informant. Well we all know that Dr. Grant was nearest to the door when it closed at last general conference. It is conceded that he will go in this time. The writer said that there is a good understanding between Grant and Mance.

Pennsylvania: Our intelligence tells us that Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr. is the winning card in those parts and that his supporters are willing to confer with the old Palmetto State. To this we confess that they have good sense for we have no objections of seeing Dr. Wright on the bench. We have communications from others to publish next week. Watch The Leader. Suffice it to say that Dr. Mance is only too glad to be associated with the above faithful bearers, and with the rest that will be published in these columns. As soon as Dr. T. J. Miles can confer with these and other state chairmen we are ready to vote.

Our General Conference Approval And Why.

We approve the fathers' recommendation that four new bishops be elected at Chicago. Because if fifty were elected that would not be one half of the number that are in the land. Then four new bishops are not only enough but they are enough to get rid of those that have been before the general conference sufficiently of which to be made choice. We approve the suggestion to centralize the educational facilities and cut out some of those "make-shift" schools going as collectors. By so doing it would not only lighten our financial burden but would cease to make a mockery of education. What does it matter whether one is educated in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Massachusetts or Ohio. Education is not sectional nor denominational. It is not even racial. The people are going where they can get the best educational advantages and consideration. And wherever those things can be given the people are going irrespective of denominations, locality or anything else. Make few and better schools the sensible thing to do. We approve the popular sentiment of increasing lay representation in the general conference. There are many grand and loyal members in this state who ought to be going to Chicago as full fledged members of the general conference. The reason they are not going is because of the limited number the law allows. There is nothing to be lost by giving the laity equal consideration. If such had been the case, we would have had in our delegation such noble church workers as Julius A. Brown and Bennett, of Charleston; Geo. H. Hampton, E. H. Pressley, and Julius Bowman, of Columbia; Harper of Jenkinsville; H. B. Rikard, of Prosperity; U. S. Gallman, of Newberry; Miss Hattie E. Perrin, of Bradley; B. J. Badden, of Laurens and many others of this type. Who could hope to

Teachers' Association and our Reflection.

have a better group. Let us extend our borders.

The coming together of the State teachers in our city last week was a wonderful sight to behold. It was indeed an aggregation of intelligence. I have hesitated heretofore to say much about this gathering because of the social feature that is attached to it. I have never witnessed one in my life and had no intention of doing so this time. But being persuaded by my wife I yielded, more to please her than anything else. After seeing I must confess that I was wonderfully benefitted. To my mind the literary features of the association are blessings to the profession and no teacher in the state can miss those features of the association without doing his or herself a serious injustice. The various lectures and group meetings are an education within themselves. Dr. Hale of Tennessee, was at his best Wednesday night. The city superintendent of education of Sumter delivered a masterful address on Friday, and also the State Superintendent. The address on Friday night was worthwhile the assembling of the association. I have never heard one better in all my life. After listening to reports for two or three days, drilling and electing school teachers, I see every reason why the school teachers should keep abreast with the age. But my reflection is, will this ministry of ours be able to measure up in the future with none of these advantages in this ministry? I am persuaded to answer "No." Where is the time and where is the place that the ministers can come together in a life time and get as much from ministerial experts to help them in their calling as the teachers received to help them in their profession last week.

Our Newberry, Greenwood and Sumter Visitors.

It was certainly a pleasure to Mrs. Ellis, children and myself to welcome our former friends into our home. Newberry: Prof. G. J. Gallman, Messrs. Edward Young and Cleophas Floyd, Misses Loretta Floyd and Etta Pratt, Greenwood: Mrs. S. J. Burgess and Mrs. Evans, Sumter: Miss Lena Canty and Mr. Clark. We were elated with meeting Prof. Geo. W. Howard, of Georgetown. He is the vice principal of the school in Georgetown and a churchman of the highest rank.

Our Whereabouts.

On last Sunday morning we were with Rev. C. C. Melvin at Zion Hill and while it was a rainy day, we have never witnessed a better service. This was the new church that was attached to our district and it was our first visit there. They are among the best people in the A. M. E. Church. They were so pleased with us until we will have to go back in a few more days. Rev. Melvin is simply fine. The church will certainly take care of him for the work he is doing. Rev. Owens had a crowded church that night when we arrived. Our service at Lancaster was a real revival. The officers could scarcely take the offering and the people seemed as if they wanted to stay all night. Rev. Owens is the ministerial talk of the city. He is putting over the program in Lancaster. The people say that his coming was a blessing to the A. M. E. Church in those parts.

Our Whereabouts.

This week-end will find us on the Blaney and Shady Grove Circuits. We will preach for Rev. I. S. Burrell at Mt. Sinai on the Balony Circuit, Sunday morning and at Shady Grove for Rev. O. A. Morant at 3:00 o'clock that afternoon, and at Jacob's Chapel that night. Let the people of those churches pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit. "Let us advance on our knees."

GAFFNEY NEWS

The famous Rigaletts Quartet now known as the Southern Harmonizers were in a grand recital on Friday night at Bethel Baptist Church. Their beautiful songs were enjoyed by all present.

Clafin College String Quartet rendered a recital Tuesday night at Dunton's Chapel M. E. Church. The audience was very large.

Rev. E. P. Bruce accompanied by twelve members of his church attended the recital. Mr. Bruce is the pastor of the Mt. Pleasant M. E. church at Cowpens, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Riley, Mrs. Blanche Brown and Miss Alice Richardson motored to Salisbury on a short visit to Mrs. Riley's mother. They reported a lovely trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Foster have just returned from Columbia where they attended the funeral of Mr. Foster's father. We express our deepest sympathy.

Mr. James McGee of Spartanburg, has recently opened an up-to-date motion picture here known as the Plaza Theatre.

It has been quite a success but needs a little more patronizing. If you want to see a real good Race picture, go to the Plaza.

BEAUFORT NEWS

On Wednesday of last week Messrs. James L. D. Nixon, L. Frazier, H. Scheper, Mabel Williams, A. B. Haynes and Miss F. Ford left for Columbia to attend the State teachers' association also Mrs. Florence C. Sanders, the rural school supervisor.

On Thursday morning Rev. and Mrs. Wilson accompanied by Mr. Israel Abbott and Miss Mamie Patterson, a student of Robert Smalls high school, who represented the school in the fashion show left for the teachers' association. We are pleased to state that their school was the winner of the second prize.

Those from the county training school who attended the teachers' association, were Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Shanklin and Miss Wood.

The week of meeting held at Grace Chapel A. M. E. Church, Rev. S. W. Fordham, pastor, with Mr. Joe Grant, captain of the Club No. 5, was quite a success. This program featured the welcoming of the new ministers and their families with Rev. J. A. Wilson, senior minister and master of ceremony. Each of the minister of the four union churches had charge of the program a night. Vacant places were filled by the local preachers. Each minister was accompanied by his congregation and choir. On Monday night, the beginning of the week's program, was a literary program, in which was well carried out despite the absence of some of the participants.

A lovely, F. A. B. Church parsonage is being erected no corner of New and Prince streets. When finished this will be quite an improvement to the community.

The students of the Robert Smalls high school department are endeavoring to meet the requirements as laid down by State authorities.

The seniors have distinguished themselves by crowning their vast intellects with caps of purple and gold. It is an inspiration to the lower classes. We hope however that they desire to be seniors for a greater purpose than to wear class caps.

Mr. P. S. Sanders died at his home on New Castle St., Wednesday, morning, March 21st. Mr. Sanders was one of the old staunch members of Tabernacle Baptist Church for a number of years. He was a very active member of Queen Rosa Court of Calanthe No. 12, a trustee and a Grand Court officer. Mr. Sanders will be missed for the interest manifested in every organization of which he was a member. He was twice married, his second wife being dead more than a year. He is survived by seven children, four sons: Messrs. Paul Alonza, Clarence and Samuel; three daughters: Mesdames Clara Jones, Marie Jenkins and Miss Pauline Sanders, four grand children and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Anna Pressey died Saturday at her home on Washington St. Funeral services were attended at Grace A. M. E. Church, Wednesday, March 28th. She is survived by three sons: Albert, John and Lewis; two daughters: Mrs. Frances Tiller, Mrs. Lilla Pressey, of New York City, 2 grand children and three great grands.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Gilbert Fisher, who has been on the sick list for more than a month, is steadily improving.

Rev. J. W. Budhin made a short visit to Beaufort. While here he was the guest of Miss Mabel Saxon.

Miss Etta Washington made a flying trip to Charleston. She reports the trip short and sweet.

GADSDEN NEWS

We are glad to welcome the beautiful spring days at last. The farmers are certainly busy now. Some are planting corn and a few of them are planting cotton. Most of them are behind with their farm work on account of the bad weather.

Quite a crowd worshipped at Red Hill Baptist Church on the 25th, although the day was showery. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Jenkins, was at his best.

In the afternoon of the 25th four local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and Court of Calanthe held their annual thanksgiving services at Red Hill Baptist Church. Rev. R. W. Jenkins preached a very strong sermon.

Mrs. Louisa W. Randolph attended the Palmetto State Teachers' Association last week. She reports that it was one of the best sessions she had attended.

Mr. J. A. Randolph and Mrs. C. M. Webber motored to Columbia on the 23rd. They witnessed the Benedict-State game.

Mrs. Carrie W. Bobo spent the week-end here writing her children, Dorothy and Olivia who are with their aunt, Mrs. L. W. Randolph.

Mrs. Bobo attended the Palmetto State Teachers' Association. She returned to Spartanburg Sunday afternoon to resume her school work.

The community was saddened by the tragic death of Mrs. Lucy Mae. While crossing the railroad, Friday afternoon she was killed by the Southern train No. 28.

Mrs. Mae was a faithful member of the Zion Benevolent Church. She was about 85 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at the Zion Benevolent Church by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Neil, on the 25th. The Red Hill Sunday School will render their Easter program, Easter morning beginning at 10:30.

Newberry News

Miller Chapel A. M. E. Church has on a one-week exercise, consisting of preaching for the first four nights and a literary program on Friday night.

On Sunday, March 20th although the weather was bad the church was crowded to hear Rev. J. C. Smart. The Sunday School was well attended. Mr. E. P. Floyd, the superintendent reviewed the lesson.

The K. of P.'s had their thanksgiving services at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon a 3 o'clock. Sir Henry Montgomery, Acting C. C. and Sir F. B. Pratt, Jr., master of ceremonies. The program was the best that the Knights have ever had. It was made up with religious songs and addresses. Sir E. P. Floyd made an address on the word of the order. Sir U. S. Gallman made the address on Pythianism. Mrs. C. S. Floyd made the address in behalf of the Court of Calanthe. Mrs. N. J. Gallman made an address in behalf of the church. Sir A. J. Chappelle made the welcome address.

The teachers from Newberry have returned from the State teachers' convention, which was held in Columbia. They returned with better encouragement to do better work in their respective schools. All the children were glad to greet them in Monday morning.

The death of Rev. F. Metz, who departed this life instantly at his home in Hencla, S. C., was quite a shock to the people here. He leaves to mourn his loss, two boys, two

Aiken News

Miss Mable B. Williams of Beaufort, S. C., was in Aiken two days last week as the guest of Mrs. Mable Jeter.

Mrs. Rosa Williams, Grand Register of Deeds, Mrs. Beulah Fisher and Sir P. A. Roper J. W. Cox, of Beaufort; Rev. I. D. Davis, of Sumter; Dr. H. G. Pfoleau, Grand Medical Director, of Charleston, and Rev. G. W. Long were in Aiken last week on business. They were entertained at the home of Mrs. D. C. McGhee, Grand Register of Deeds for the Court of Calanthe.

The Jolly Four Club hailed the coming of spring with a very pleasant dance last week.

Mrs. Minnie Trowell of Wagener, S. C., was in Aiken last week as the guest of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jones.

The great financial campaigns staged by the different churches and schools of this vicinity have closed and those who have reports from were a grand success.

Cumberland A. M. E. Church of which Rev. A. F. B. Harty is the very efficient and beloved pastor, realized one hundred dollars from their campaign.

Friendship Baptist Church of which Rev. A. W. Hill is the noted pastor, realized one thousand dollars from their campaign.

Bethesda Academy, Prof. A. W. Nicholson, president, realized eight hundred dollars from their campaign staged by the students and teachers.

The address made by Prof. Jesse D. Thomas, of Atlanta, Ga., at the Friendship Baptist Church on March 24th was very forceful and inspiring. The large audience was held spellbound from the beginning of this wonderful lecture until the end. Prof. Thomas is a very prominent member of our race and one of the competitors to investigate the flood conditions recently, and has manifested great interest in all movements to better our racial conditions and especially in bringing about better relations between the races.

One of the outstanding features of the campaign was the beautiful selections rendered by the glee club from Bethesda Academy, Storm Branch Academy and Schofield school. The contribution went for the benefit of the educational drive launched by the teachers and students of Schofield.

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