

The "Old Gray" and The New Rider

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Fidelity Committee Reports Progress

(Continued from last issue)

Alabama: Our informer says: "Dr. Newsome is the standard bearer of our state. However others have been endorsed. We are willing to work with your state. You all help us and we will help you all elect your man, Mance." I am sure the old Palmetto State will not allow any other state to be better to her than she will be to them. Dr. Newsome is connectionally known and his chances should be brilliant.

Arkansas: Our writer said: "My and we will also support Dr. Mance. Our state is in earnest about Dr. Green & believe Dr. Green would measure up to the standard and my state thinks so too."

Missouri: Our correspondent says "Dr. Noah W. Williams leads for episcopal consideration in these parts. What is the attitude of your state toward him?" Let our state answer through the State Chairman and steering committee. I know Dr. Williams personally. He is an able man. Our intelligence from the second episcopal district is that both Drs. Wilson and Davis have good followings in their district, both claiming the lead. I guess time will settle the leadership between them. I know each of them and both of them, are able men occupying great places in our ministry.

While our report is still to be continued, we want to thank all of sister states for their consideration of Dr. Mance. And in reply, we beg to state that South Carolina has endorsed Dr. Mance for the bishopric and Dr. Mance only and we mean to stand by him, first, last and all the time. He will make one of the greatest bishops in the A. M. E. Church. He is a real lover of humanity and no one would question his wonderful ability. This is not only his time to be elected, but our state's time to get a bishop. So our prayer is to give Mance in Chicago."

General Conference & my Experience

For sixteen years I have been attending General Conferences. If I live to attend in May, it will be twenty years. And all of these years, I have never seen where any set of individuals who were not members of the General Conference could stand on the outside and dictate the policy of those that were on the inside. No one knows this better than a defeated delegate who has been a member of the General Conference before. Don't be misled by persons telling you that they can do just as much or more on the outside than they could on the inside. If that were true why did they run, ran and fairly "blew" to be elected? Why not "walk" and stay on the outside where they are at loss. Now I will admit that persons who are not delegates can do a wonderful good at the General Conference, but they have to be in accord with their delegation. As such they can meet at the headquarters with their delegations, serve on committees, make speeches and can assist in forming combinations. All I have experienced from defeated and disgruntled delegations is a display of their ignorance, an exposure of their heart-rending disappointment, and an exhibition of their non popularity. In fact my experience is that such persons are the unfavorable comment of the General Conference. And anybody who wants anything from the General Conference has no time to spend with enemies of delegations. I have never seen any victory that outsiders have achieved from the General Conference, organized though they be. Allow me to say once for all that the delegates to the General Conference will control the election of bishops, General Officers and assignments. I mean that the delegates only will manage this great General Conference machine. They may be styled or accused as "hand picked" "count in" or "walked in" but they will pretty apt to be "in" until General Conference adjourns at Chicago.

What's Wrong With the Laity and Ministry?

In reply to the above I answer absolutely nothing. There is nothing between the ministers and lay members in this or any other state. Any minister that would seek to plot against worthy laymen in the church is unfit to preach the gospel. What minister would dare stand in the way of a worthy laymen being promoted to anything in the gift of his church. Name one that has ever been defeated for one that was less worthy. We acknowledge that the laymen are to a

McJunkins is always on hand. A more loyal officer cannot be found. Mr. A. Jeter, the undertaker, is always at his post of duty. Space will not permit us to speak of the loyal officers of the Bethel Church.

An appreciative audience was in attendance both morning and evening. A program on health was fostered by Dr. L. A. Sartor in the afternoon. Rev. W. Q. Welch, pastor of Clinton A. M. E. Zion Church, Dr. C. W. Montgomery, dentist; Dr. C. A. Dawkins, physician; Misses Ruth Freeman, Lunett Kepnely and Mrs. Maud Thompson were the participants. The collection at Bethel ran over the eight dollars mark last Sunday. One can truthfully say that the Church is moving on.

Honor Roll for Wallace St. Private School

Fourth Grade—Carrie L. Bradford
Third Grade—May Lilly Sartor, Miriam Gregory.
Second Grade—Elbert Roberson, Eddie Blackwell, Ruby Lyles.
Advanced First—Sarah Ruff, Jessie Gaudie, Bessie Jeter, Helen

Arden, Harold Farr, Onal Isom.

First Grade—James Gilliam, Ruthie

J. Tucker, Dora Flemming, Irene

Deman, Ruby Dawkins, Lucy Young

Elise Adams.

BENEDICT NEWS

The important occasions which have marked the activities of Benedict College aside from athletics, have concerned Founder's Day and the Palmetto State Teachers' Association.

Both have added educational value to our general endeavors of classroom instruction. Things are advancing along normal lines. Most assuredly they have their faults and their failures, like the ministry, but we have every reason to be justly proud of them. Therefore I re-state that there is nothing wrong with the laity and ministry in this country, and the same is true in the old Palmetto State.

Our Whereabouts.

We were with Rev. J. S. Branch on the Blaney Circuit last Sunday morning, and we had a fine time that day. At the close of our services four persons joined with the church. Making our quarterly conference better off. Rev. Barrill is certainly a fine preacher and his people are simply carried away with him. He has a grand and noble set of people for this charge. The afternoon and evening we were with Rev. McLean at Shady Grove and Jacob Circuit. Here we had another heavenly feast. There are fine officers and members on this charge and Rev. McLean is a splendid preacher. He will do a great good on this charge.

Our prayer meetings have been interesting. Mrs. Nellie Varney again has charge of the service. Her subject was "The Immortality of the Soul." Interest was manifested in this subject.

Our speaker at the chapel exercises

sunday evening was Professor T. L. Jackson, who spoke on the passing

of Martin Luther King. He urged the student body

to put more confidence and re-

lance in God as their leader in life.

Members of the Glee Club who have

on board will on behalf of the Col-

lege and themselves by singing to

the audience and in various per-

formances will go to Aleoh, S. C.

in the First Baptist Church

April 8th. They will be welcomed

by Mr. R. J. Alderman, a friend of

Benedict College who has shown his

interest in a substantial way by

the publications of new books to

Mr. Jackson, and by securing several

lectures for our reading room.

The piano recital given by the de-

partment of music of Benedict College

was a grand success. Quite a large

and appreciative audience witnessed

the playing of the young folks. Last

Wednesday was the last night of

the declamation. Olivia Black and

John McDonald received honorable

mention. All of the pupils deserve

credit for their efforts as well

as the teacher, Mrs. L. Y. Pullen.

Encouraging talk was exchanged

between Dr. J. E. Watts and Mr. H. H. Mullins, president of the college.

We were very glad to have Rev.

and Mrs. N. S. Smith their daughter,

Ruth, also Mr. Alexander in

of Hartsville visit us on March 29.

The nurses and infants of the

above-named place enjoyed a won-

derful program on Sunday evening. April 1st given by the Deacons of

Sidney Park C. M. E. Chapel.

Capt. W. Carey Thomas of A. M.

University, gave a series of lectures

at the school. He has also promised to

return to the school on May 1st.

After the program the high school

presented by the club a series of

candy eggs and fruits. These were

smiles to see that the students were

sure they would get those for Easter.

We want to say to the members of

the Dramatic Club and friends, that

you all have a standing invitation.

Those who were present are as follows:

Drs. J. E. Watts, T. M. Walton,

L. H. Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. John

Goodwin, Miss Rosa Jones, Mrs. F.

Allen, Mrs. Carey Thomas, Mrs. A.

W. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goff,

Miss Lucinda Wilson, Miss Elizabeth

Reeder, Miss Annie B. Nelson,

Miss Catherine Mack, Miss Margaret

Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Brundage, Mr.

Florence Gantt, Miss Osceola Allen,

Miss Jane Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W.

W. Taylor, Miss Ruth Delorme, Mr.

Mrs. Hattie Wertz, Mr. and Mrs. M.

Dreher.

UNION NEWS

Service at Bethel A. M. E. Church reached high water mark last Sunday. Two powerful sermons were delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Washington. He seemed to put his entire soul into his message. The congregation is proud of having this talented

pastor as its pastor. Bethel is safe under the leadership of Rev. Washington.

The Sunday School was well attended. Mr. W. E. McJunkins is superintendant of the Sunday School and president of the A. C. E. League. Mr.

RIDGE SPRING NEWS.

Messrs. W. W. Hammond and Jas. Watson motored to Columbia on business. Mrs. Myron Mason has returned from Durham, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dorman have returned from Walterboro, S. C.

Within the past two weeks Ridge Spring has lost three of her ministers.

Rev. B. J. Quattlebaum, W. T. Merritt and G. W. West.

The people of this section were very shocked on last Sunday morning when the news came from one to the other

that our friend and brother, Rev. G.

W. West had passed into the great beyond. He worked Saturday as he

had always done, did his shopping, made the usual arrangements for

his family, and retired in his regular way, but before dawn Sunday morn-

ing the Almighty had summoned him to come up from this field of toil to

a place that has been prepared for him. The funeral service was held

Friday 3:00 p. m., Rev. C. E. Mc-

Tesley pastor, presided. Remarks

were very график by the following:

Rev. Samuel Barnes, J. C. Williams,

T. W. Watson (of this place) W. T.

Aiken, Aiken, S. C. and Dr. D. F.

Thompson, of Augusta, Ga. Also

R. B. Watson, (white). All spoke

a high term of the deceased brother.

It was a sad occasion and we

all deplored him, but we can only say

that he has gone to fill his place,

here we too must follow sooner or

later. He leaves to mourn his death

is widow, two sisters and a host of

friends.

The Monetta School closed Satur-

day, March 21st. The principal, Mrs.

Eliza Hammon and assistant, Mrs.

Eliza Peterson really had some good

work on exhibition. The speakers of

the day were: Supervisor T. F. Ham-

mond, Mr. J. B. Felton, Miss Shuler,

and Mrs. Taylor, Supervisor of Ai-

lanta. They raised a good sum

of money on their new building. We

hope they will complete it before

the school to re-open.

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