The Old Gray and The New Rider

By E. Philip Ellis

The Palmetto conference held at Andrews last week was the best we ever attended since we have been connected with annual conferences. Bishop J. S. Flipper, D.D., LL.D, is among the greatest bishops known throughout Methodism. A minister who fails to do his duty under Bishop Flipper ought quit the ministry and go home and sit down. Mrs. S. L. Flipper is truly a queen among the women of this Episcopal district. It seems almost impossible for the A. M. E. church in South Carolina to function without them. The Ordination sermon Sunday morning by the bishop was a masterpiece. It did not only stir Andrews, but the area of the Palmetto conference. Bishop Monroe H. Davis, A.M., D.D., of the second Episcopal district and a son of our soil attended the first day session. His address was simply great, we have not words to express how we appreciated his wonderful speech. Bishop D. Ward Nichols, another son of our soil was present on the second day and his address was wonderful. All of us were made to feel proud of his elevation. The annual sermon by Rev. D. N. Wilson, D.D., was among the best ever delivered to the conference. We were programmed to preach the missionary sermon, but on the account of our physical condition the bishop excused us, and Rev. F. S. Singletary took our place. We are certainly indebted to him for the same. Dr. W. P. Chappelle, head of the State Leagues in South Carolina exceeded the conference with his eloquence in presenting the claims of the leagues in the churches. President Sue Bogens was simply fine on education night and his group of singers received credit on the college.

Presiding Elders

We have in the Palmetto conference one of the best staff of presiding elders in the connection. They are Drs. T. J. Miles of the Georgetown district; J. L. Benbow of the Kingstree district and J. E. Thomas, who leads the Mt. Pleasant district. All financial reports went far ahead of last year. The same was true as to conversions, and accessions. In fact every claim was in advance of those last year. Dr. R. L. Lemon's educational report was the talk of the conference. Time and space will fail me to speak of the fine set of ministers in this conference, but all of them will be mentioned from time to time in our future articles. Prof. C. G. Garrett of Columbia was also guest of the conference and his presence was highly appreciated.

The Grim Reaper

Since our last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, three of our grand officers have answered the judgment roll call. They are Brothers G. C. Williams, grand trustee; F. R. Blanchard, senior grand deacon and J. J. Harrison, right worshipful senior grand warden. Our hearts have been made sadder by their passing. Who will be next we cannot tell. But they all died in the faith, and we shall meet them in that happy land where parting will be no more. Peace to their ashes.

The Union

Our interdenominational Ministerial Union of Charleston and vicinity is among the best in this country. Rev. William A. Mack, spoke on the quietness of a gospel minister, and it was a real treat. Rev. W. B. Jones addressed us on the subject, "Will God Hold One Responsible For Sin Ignorantly Committed". He did justice to the subject.

St. Luke

We received the government check last Tuesday for our property on Wilson street. The new edifice will be erected on St. Philip street between Line and Bogard. It will be a brick structure with elevated floors, and all modern fixtures and furnitures. Our services will be held for the next three months in Dash hall, 148 Smith St. It is a very nice place and our friends and well-wishers, together with strangers are welcome to our services beginning Sunday, October 27th.

Assignments

Bishop Flipper preached the Ordination sermon Sunday morning at the close of which he read the following assignments:

Mount Pleasant district, J. E. Thomas, presiding elder. Morris Brown Station, R. L. Lemon; Ebenezer, D. N. Wilson; McClellanville, William Jackson; St. Philips, J. P. Hearing; Calvary, Samuel Singletary; Friendship, J. C. James; South Santee, J. H. Hamilton; Georgetown, C. Lewis; Black Hall, Edward Hutchinson; Union and James, W. M. Taylor; Howard and St. Peter, J. C. Mack; Mount Zion and Nesmith, W. M. Middleton; Cordesville, D. E. Johnson; Mount Zion and Elloree, F. S. Singletary; Charity and St. Philips, J. P. Wilson; Bethel and St. Peter, R. H. Cooper; Olive Branch, W. T. Green; Cain Chapel, Daniel Scott; Holy Trinity, David Scott; St. John and Daniel Island, V. S. Lark. District missionaries, Robert Youngblood and E. W. Hampton.

Georgetown district: T. J. Miles presiding elder. Bethel Station, J. C. Quarles; St. Stephens, L. D. Gamble; Dickerson, G. B. Burgess; Williamsburg, R. A. Brown; Waccamaw, George Washington; Santee, J. W. Weston; Mount Arrat, M. B. Gathers; St. Paul, Theodore McClam; Sampit, J. H. Bryant; West Andrews, J. C. Williams; Bloomingdale, R. M. McClam; Winyah, F. Kinloch; Black River, F. White; Bethel Pee Dee, M. Jackson; Arnett and Zion, W. M. Brown; Sutton, John Mayel; Johnsonville, S. Randolph; East Andrews and Groves, N. J. Taylor; Nesmdale, C. L. Gary; Sandy Island, Alex Taylor; Warsaw, F. Swinton; New Bethel, M. Session.

Kingstree district: J. L. Benbow presiding elder. Charleston, St. Luke, E. Philip Ellis; Frances Brown, Sampson Brown; St. Peter, D. S. Chisolm; St. Andrews, Chappelle McClary; Jehovah, J. T. Broughton; Indiantown, E. P. Butler; Johnsonville, Silas Middleton; Kingstree, S. M. Hughes; Beulah, L. E. Davis; Lake City, A. R. German; Gapway, C. A. Williams; Hemline, C. S. J. Mollette; Bonneau, Willie Williams; St. Paul, D. V. Washington; Moncks Corner, C. F. Wagner; Great Pleasant, W. V. Murray; Lane Chapel, H. E. Sellerson; St. Stephens, Italy McFadden; St. Matthews, S. L. Thomas; Black Oak, J. S. Johnson and Middleton Chapel, Lee Baylor.

District missionaries, M. T. Gilard, L. S. Gathers, H. Murphy and H. Miller.

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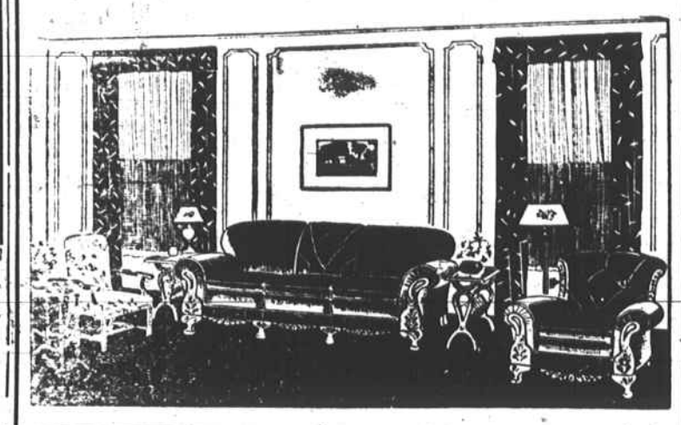

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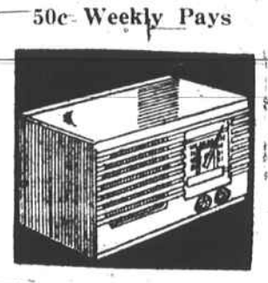

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