FOUR NEW BISHOPS RECOMMENDED

Seni-Annual Council of Bishops May Decide to Give Aid to Mother Bethel.

DISCRIMINATIONS SEVERELY DENOUNCED.

Delegation From New Jersey Ask For Reinstatement of Rev. J. H. Morgan.

The semi-annual session of Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church came to an end at Bethel Church last Saturday night with the adoption of a resolution declaring that the prelates had always fought discriminations against the race.

The resolution followed an appeal from the Allen Christian Endeavor Union, of Indianapolis, Ind., asking that the bishops speak out against lynching, disfranchisement, "Jim Crow" laws, and other discriminations that the race suffers.

"We appeal to you," states the plea, "as our sages in the great cause for human rights, to make an appeal to Congress to bring pressure to bear upon the various States to enforce the laws under the Constitution of the states that protect our rights as citizens."

"The council adopted the following resolution of sympathy and interest:

"The bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, assembed in council, having heard the appel from the Allen Christian Endeavor Union, of Indianpolis, take this opportunity to express their most hearty sympathy with the expressions therein and beg to assure them and all concerned that we are most vigorously engaged to the extent of our ability and opportunity in the futherance of every means and movement looking to the removal of these and all other discriminating and humiliating disabilities under which, as a people, we have been forced to live and labor."

At the concluding session, Bishop J. Albert Johnson again told of the needs of the South African work; the council heard a appeal from ministers of the Baltimore Conference that financial aid be given Bethel Church, this city, which was purchased $90,000; adopted a proposal made by Rev. R. H. W. Leak, of Raleigh, N. C., that the centennial of the denomination be observed in Philadelphia in 1916; adopted a recommendation for the election of four new bishops to take the places of the late Bishops E. W. Lampton, Abraham Grant, James A. Handy and Wesley J. Gaines; listened to a delegation that asked for the reinstatement of Rev. J. H. Morgan, who was dismissed from New Jersey Conference two years ago, following the clearing of the late Bishop Gaines on charges that Morgan had filed against him; and made final arrangements for the General Conference of the denomination, which opens at Kansas City on May 6 next. They adjourned to meet in Kansas City the Thursday preceding the opening of the General Conference.

Notes Of The Council.

The illustrated lecture on South Africa attracted a large audience at Bethel Church last Friday night. Bishop J. Albert Johnson was at his best in describing conditions over there. He preached to a large congregation at the church Sunday night, and in the afternoon spoke at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Bishop Turner said that the plea of Rev. J. H. Morgan for reinstatement was a masterly one.

Rev. W. Decker Johnson of Columbus, Ga., was on hand to press his claims as the next secretary of missions for the denomination and D. J. Jordan, president of Kittrell College, let it be known that he was not averse to serving as secretary of education.

Bishop Lee is now in South Carolina, Bishop Coppin sunning himself in Florida and Bishop Heard on the high seas, bound for West Africa where he is to hold two annual conferences.

Some of those who claim to know who will land as bishops at the ext General Conference, pick Financial Secretary Hurst, Secretary f Missions Beckett, Editor G. W. Allen as among the sure winners.

J. M. Conner is also picked by some, while W. D. Chappelle, T. N. M. Smith, the eloquent Joshua H. Jones and that North Carolina nestor, R. H. W. Leak, also have strong friends. The bishops recommended that four new bishops be elected and five may slip through as Bishop Salter is said to seriously ill and another one did not look to be in his accustomed physical vigor.

The banquet was a revelation to many of the visiting ministers. Caterer George E. Frey had every thing that might tempt a ministerial appetite. A number of public waiters volunteered their services to look after the comfort of the prelates and ministers and to dole out the chicken and other adjuncts of a good feed.

While R. R. Wright, A. L. Gaines, and C. M. Tanner each have strong backing for the editorship of the Christian Recorder, a sentiment prevailed among some that some competent layman of wide experience in the printing line should be elected business manager of the publishing house.

Rev. R. H. W. Leak has been a delegate to every General Conference since 1880, when Bishop Turner was elected.

Rev. W. D. Chappelle, president of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., says that the school is in a highly flourishing condition.

Rev. J. M. Conner, presiding elder of the Little Rock District, is one of the big men of the Southwest.

Rev. C. M. Tanner was busy explaining his plan for the care of wornout preachers. He was at one time a missionary in South Africa. Big Bethel Church, Atlanta, where he is now pastoring, has 3,600 members, the largest of any church in the denomination.

Mrs. Ruth M. Collett had a seance with the bishops Saturday regarding the claim ot her husband, the late Rev. J. H. Collett, against the Book Concern at Philadelphia.

Remarkable Growth of Benefit Association

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21—The remarkable growth of the National Benefit Association was told at a public meeting held here last night under the auspices of the Home Agents' Club. The principal address was delivered by S. W. Rutherford secretary of the association. He outlined the growth of the association during the past 13 years as follows:

Policy holders enrolled 97,000; gives employment in full time to 752 persons; employs part time, 218; agents employed in Washington, 39; clerks employed in home office, 24; insurance in force, $3,641,000; on deposit for protection of policy holders, $50,000; real estate owned, $35,000; stocks and bonds owned, $66,000; dividends paid to stockholders each year, 15 per cent; paid to disabled members, $200,107; paid in salaries and commisisons to agents, etc., $379,000; paid in death claims, $94,000.

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ments, less borrowing money from banks, less complaints, and the bishops and general officers are paid promptly. And then again, more money has been paid out this quadrennium to assist the other needy departments than ever before; yet, Dr. Hurst will carry to the General Conference a greater surplus than in the history of this department.

Dr. Hurst has spent, including his preparatory years at Wilberforce, 26 years in active ministry of the A. M. E. Church. Hundreds have been converted to God during these years, and many have been helped and lifted up under his inspiring sermons. Dr. Hurst is a christian gentleman and in Baltimore where he spent 14 years of his active ministry, he is greatly respected and reverenced.

He has led the Baltimore Conference delegation to three general conferences in succession, and if he had not been the Financial Secretary he would lead the delegation to the next General Conference. Dr. Hurst has been unanimously endorsed for the bishopric by the Baltimore Conference delegation, and he has the hearty support of the whole Baltimore Conference.

I, therefote, take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Hurst as a fit person to be elected as one of the bishops of the A. M. E. Church at Kansas City, Mo., in May next.

L. M. BECKETT.

Washington, D. C.

BISHOP J. ALBERT JOHNSON, of South Africa.

LILY-WHITEISM IN VIRGINIA POLITICS

L. M. Hershaw And Others Take Up Their Grievances With The President.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 21—"Lily Whitism" was in evidence at two factional conventions held in South Richmond Monday by a few Republicans of the Third Congressional district.

The Cabell faction allowed a few colored men to attend their convention, but the Henson-Morgan-Treat Brady-Flegenheimer one even asked two colored men who were seen in the meeting hall to take a sneak.

George A. Hanson, of the latter faction, made an address, in which he declared that while the Negro should be a Republican, that his participation in party government savored of social equality. The first faction elected delegates instructed for Taft, while the latter also chose delegates to the Republican National Convention, but did not instruct them. The fight will

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be carried to the Chicago Convention. Alvah Martin, the Republican boss, of Virignia, is being backed for national committeeman and was supposed to be for Taft, with whom he had a talk several weeks ago. He lives at Norfolk, where he has held a fat State office for a generation.

The Negro has but little show in the councils of the Republican party in Virignia. A convention of leading colored men of the state was held at Petersburg, Va. last week, and protests registered against the exclusion of the colored man from the councils of the party, which is now largely in the hands of white office holders.

Protest to Taft.

A delegation was appointed to go to Washington and acquaint President Taft with the anti-Negro attitude of the whites. This delegation called to see Mr. Taft at the White House, in Washington, last Saturady, and proceeded to tell him of the conditions in this tate. The President sent them to Congressman McKinley, who has charge of the Taft headquarters in the District of Columbia, and the Congressman told them, it is said, to line up for Taft, and that efforts would be made to smooth things over.

Those in the delegation were: R. G. I. Paige, W. H. C. Brown, Dr. G. Jarvis Bowen, C. S. Canaday, all of Norfolk; Thomas L. Jones and L. M. Hershaw, who practice law in Washington, and vote in Virginia.

BALTIMORE BOYS AGAIN VICTORIOUS

This Time They Wallop The Hiawatha Team From Washington—Score 26 to 13.

Commonwealth Hall was a raging flame of madness during the basket ball games Saturday night.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes of the High school locked up for a tussle which proved the decided superiority of the older classmen.

Then came on two teams of the Dunbar Athletic Club. This game was more closely contested than the first but the winners held a fairly wide margin, so that the crowd was anxious for the main bout. Dunbar had had quite a stiff practice during the afternoon in preparation for the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. game on the 22 and did not show the snap and life usually seen in their playing.

The crowd gave a ringing cheer when Capt. Murray came on the floor at the head of his five men to wrest the spoils from the invaders from Washington.

The game started with a rush and "Nooney" Rice almost immediately caged one for the High School. The referee had to wait a moment for the noise to cease before the sphere was tossed up again at centre Then after a short period of stiff, snappy passes, with now and then an interception of the ball the High School hit the netted ring for two points more. Again and again the ball went through the ring. Rice's aim was unerring accuracy itself and the counting kept up with first Rice and then Murray as the tosing machine.

The crowd was wild. Time and again Washington tried to shoot but time and again Carroll and Tinsley spoiled the aim, so that Washington scored only once during the whole first half.

The second half found the High School slightly inclined to loaf. Washington made the advantage tell and the scorer chalked up points time and again until only two separated the two teams. Here High School woke up and began a steady march upward until the last whistle blew.

The High School line up was: forwards, Rice and Murray; guards, Tinsley and H. Carroll; center, G. Scott.

Referee. Jas. Garner; umpire, W. A. Giles; time keeper, L. Wilson; scorer, L. Shipley. Score, High School 21—Washington 13.

The High School interclass championship and the graded school championships were begun during the week of the 19th and will continue during the afternoons and nights until the close. Watch these graded school boys and let them make you glad.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MARYLAND

News Gathered by Our Correspondents In Different Part Of The State.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Hagerstown, Feb. 22—Last Sunday was the fourth quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E Church. Presidng Elder S. M; Johnson preached able sermons morning and evening to large congregations. The quarterly conference was held on Monday night and the reports showed that the church is in an excellent condition. Each report highly praised the pastor, Rev. David Johnson, for his work during the year A unanimous vote was taken for his return. The church passed a resolution requesting the privilege of entertaining the Baltimore annual conference at its annual session in 1913.

Asbury M. E. Church held a successful mock conference.

Mrs. Mary Cooper, who has been confined by illness, is able to be out again.

Mr. Richard Miller, of North street, is on the sick list.

Prof. D. M. Reed, the blind singing evangelist, of Chicago, held a service in the churches during last week.

Snow Hill Notes.

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Snow Hill, Feb. 22—Mrs. Florence Harman, the wife of Mr. Asbury Harman, died last Saturday morning. She was buried Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Coleman, of Harrington, Del., has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Paine.

The Adept entertainment given by Mr. P. L. Henry at the Friendship M. E. Church was a success.

Miss Harriett Duffield, who has been quite ill, is much better.

Mr. John E. Ginn has come home from Morgan College, Baltimore quite ill.

Mrs. Wm. Dale entertained a number of friends Monday night in honor of the public school teacher, Miss Helen R. Henry.

The Steamer Maryland left here Monday morning for Baltimore, the first time since the freeze.

Notwithstanding the rain Sunday night the rally at the M. E. Church wasa success. Rev. J. W. Jewett, B.D. is pastor.

Denton Happenings.

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Denton, Md., Feb. 22—Appropriate Lincoln Day services were held at John Wesley M. E. and Union Bethel A. M. E. Churches. Miss L. T. Kennard read a paper at the latter church.

Bishop J. Albert Johnson is slated to deliver a lecture on "South Africa" at Union Bethel A. M. E. Church. Washington's birthday will be celebrated at the church tonight.

Miss Myrtle Bryant was the guest of Miss Sarah Casson last week. Mrs. Edward Williams and daughters are visiting Mrs. Williams' sister-in-law, Mrs. John W. Clark, of Philadelphia.

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Bryant have returned from Baltimore where they attended the session of the council of A. M. E. Bishops.

Don't Want A Fat Husband.

Fairfield, Md., Feb. 22—Mrs. Annie Graham, the attractive North Carolina widow, who told your correspondent last week that she wanted a 250 pound husband with a home in Baltimore now says that she was only joking and that she did not intend her joke to be published. She states that she does not wish her friends to think that she is so anxious for a husband that she has to advertise for one.

St. Michaels.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

St. Michaels, Md., Feb. 22—Mr. John Newman, one of the oldest residents here, died Tuesday of last week after a months' illness. He was said to be 101 years of age, and was active until his last illness. He is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren and several great grandchildren Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. C. Roach, assisted by Rev. J. U. King.

Havre de Grace Jottings.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Havre de Grace, Feb. 22—The Women's Mite Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Durham, the first Monday in March. Miss Elizabeth Frazier, vice president of the society, is rapidly improving from her illness.

Mr. Frank Harvey is rapidly recovering from his illness.

Mr. S. J. Ennie has a first-class grocery store on Revolution street.

Fairfield, Md.

Fairfield, Md., February 22nd—The fourth quarterly conference was held at Hubbard Colored Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday. Reports showed that over $600 had been raised during the year, that a brass bell had been bought by a club headed by Mr. John Shiver, a pulpit bought by a cub organized by Mrs. Walter W. Brown and money raised for the installaton of electric lights by a club organized by Walter W. Brown. Presiding Elder G. T. Long presided.

Good In Low-Voiced Reply.

We have discovered in our home that if the table talk gets too noisy one of the family may bring the rest to order by speaking in a sudden whisper. Parents often sacrifice much to give their children dancing and music lessons, but the most lovely accomplishment of all, a soft and pleasant-speaking voice, is something they may themselves develop in the children. I find that a child reflects almost instantly the tone of voice of one who speaks to him. A very gentle and low-voiced reply to an excited or angry child reduces his next remark to half in volume. To answer the vexation of a little child in a whisper catches attention, often brings a laugh and is far better than to stamp the fretful tone deeper by mimicking it, as parents sometimes do. Example is better than precept. Parents who have themselves learned self-control, and that it is never necessary to raise one's voice in order to speak with dignity and authority, are teaching their children priceless lessons. That a soft answer turneth away wrath is a cardinal maxim for the household.—Good Housekeeping.

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