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MINISTERS AGAINST LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Members of Baltimore Annual Conference Urge Total Abstinence

BISHOPS COPPIN AND JOHNSON PRESIDING.

Pass Resolutions of Sympathy For Families of Titanic Victims.

A graphic picture by Bishop J. Albert Johnson of the work that the African Methodist Episcopal Churc is doing in South Africa; strong addresses setting forth the evils of the liquor traffic; a plea Prof. D. J. Jordan, of Kiterell College for the support of the schools of the denomination and a strong address on the state of the country were among the features of ninety-fifth annual session of the Baltimore A. M. E. Conference, which opened at Bethel Church, Druid Hill avenue and Lanvale street, Wednesday morning.

The story of the work in South Africa was told by Bishop Johnson Thursday night,, when services in behalf of missions were held. Bishop Johnson has been in charge of the South African work of the denomination since 1908 and the magnitude of the work there has grown considerably under his care. During the past three years the membership in churches conducted by the A. M. E. Church in that section of the world has grown from 9,000 to 17,000. Two schools are conducted there by the church—Wilberforce Institute, in the Transvaal and Bethel Institute in Capetown.

In the course of his address, Bishop Johnson told of the work that the denomination is doing there, and of the great interest manifested by the natives in the work being done.

Rev. U. G. Leeper, of Washington, made an address in which he declared that mission work and the support of the same should be among the most important work undertaken bv the denomination.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC SCORED.

The report of the committee on temerance, which was read Thursday morning by Rev. J. W. Norris, pointed out that the liquor traffic was sapping the morals and vitality of many young men and women. He declared that the way to curb the traffic was for church going people to not only stop the use of intoxicants, but to be total abstainers.

Mr. E. A. Patton, of Washington, declared that the church should not countenance the use of liquor, and that church leaders should not compromise with the exponents of the traffic. Revs. C. E. Herbert and John T. Jenifer made addresses along the same line.

Bishop Levi J. Coppin, who is presiding over the conference, told the ministers that they must be firmly against the liquor traffic and its attendant evils, and then he led in the singing of a temperance song, the refrain of which ran: "For cold water, cold water I am singing"

Rev. J. H. Reid, president of the College of West Africa; John R. Hawkins, commissioner of education for the denomination; and G. F. Woodson, president of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, O, were among the other speakers Thursday.

At the opening session Wednesday, Rev. Marion F. Sydes, pastor

BISHOP LEVI J. COPPIN

of Waters Church, this city, preached the opening sermon, "The Gospel's Adaptability"

"The Gospel is adapted," said Dr. Sydes, "to all men of every age and of every part of the world

It is the great law of love which commends itself to all other men's consciences, and is suited to all the relations of domestic, social, and political life It does not conflict with anything that is good or amalgamate with anything that is wrong. We may thus make admiration at the freedom, purity and love which the spirit reveals in God as the universal Father."

The appointment of the various committees followed, and reports from churches were received in the afternoon. Trinity A. M. E. Church led the local churches in the raising of "dollar money," reporting $301.50. Metropolitan Church, Washington, led the conference, the pastor reporting receipts during the year of over $7,000, including $712.50 in "dollar money" Bethel Church reported the largest amount raised by any local church, $11,400 being raised during the year Grace Church, Catonosville, and Mt. Moriah Church, Annapolis also made fine reports.

SMYPATHY FOR TITANIC VICTIMS.

Following the adoption of resolutions of sympathy for the families of the 1,500 victims of the sinking of the Titanic the ministers spent a brief period in silent prayer Wednesday afternoon. Formal welcoming services were held Wednesday night, Bishop Coppin, Presiding Elder R E. Ford, Rev. I. N. Ross, Rev. D. G. Hill, Councilman Harry S. Cummings and G. Sumner Whyte being among those to deliver addresses A reception to the visiting ministers followed. The disciplinary questions and reports from various committees engaged the attention of the conference yesterday (Friday) morning.

A business session will be held today. Services will be held all day tomorrow (Sunday). Bishop Coppin will preach at the morning sevice and the ordination of deacons and elders will take place in the afternoon. Rev. R. H. W. Leak, of the North Carolina Conference, will conduct a model Sunday School in the lecture room Sunday at 2 P. M. A number of the visiting ministers will occupy local pulpits.

Notes of the Conference

Rev. John Hurst, who is prominently mentioned in connection with the bishopric, was told that he was expected to be the presiding officer of the next session.

Rev. W. W. Beckett, secretary of missions was one of the speakers at yesterday's session. He and Dr. Hurst will most likely be elected to the boshopric next month.

Rev. R. H W. Leak who has been a delegate to every A. M. E. General Conference since 1880 was on hand to greet his friends. He lives

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Well Known Bostonian Passes Away

Was One of the Most Prominent Masons in the New England States

Boston, Mass., April 18—Emanul Sullavan, on of the best known men in the State, is dead at his home here. He was 66 years of age. He was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College, graduating from the later intitution in 1871. Among his classmates at Harvard were Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Bishop William Lawrence, and A. E. Pillsbury. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He lived in South Carolina for a years time, practicing law, teaching school and taking an active part in politics while there.. He left South Carolina and settled in New Bedford, Mass., where he built up a successful practice.

He was one of the most prominent Masons in New England, and was a past grand master of New England. He was mentioned for the post of Minister to Hayti at one time, but the late Frederick Douglass received the appointment.

ANOTHER HARVARD ATHLETE LANDS.

W. C. Matthews Appointed An Assistant United States District Attorney

Boston, Mass., April 18—W. Clarence Matthews, Harvard graduate and famous college baseball player, has been appointed an assistant United States District Attorney for Massachusetts. He will succeed William H. Lewis, who was made an assistant Attorney General of the United States by President Taft a year ago.

Mr. Matthews is a native of Selma, Ala. He was graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1897, and then prepared at Andover for Harvard University. He completed the four-year college course in three years. He was graduated from the Boston University Law School in 1907. While at Harvard he played on the football team and was shortstop on the All-American team for three years.

Twenty Students Graduated At Gammon Seminary

Atlanta, Ga., April 18—Twenty young men received diplomas at the commencement exercises of Gammon Theological Seminary. Among them were Preston R. Vauls, a graduate of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute; Owen C. Sprague, a graduate of Howard University; Joseph S. Roberts, a graduate of the Princess Anne (Md.) Academy, and Spurgeon Davis, a graduate of the Baltimore Colored High School. The latter is a brother of Prof. Carrington L. Davis, a teacher in the Baltimore Colored High School, and was one of the commencement speakers. He has received an appointment as pastor of the Ninth Street M. E. Church, Kansas City.

Were All Colored, However

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. April 1—Exclusive social circles were all agog a few evenings ago when Miss Grace Neville Gould became the wife of Mr. George C. Vanderbilt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Benjamin Judd. Both of the contracting parties are colored.

AT THE FOUNT OF PERPETUAL YOUTH

The Colonel Sees Many Things To Be Proud Of At Several Colleges.

THEY ARE ALL DOING A GREAT WORK

A Very Stormy Meeting Was the Convention of Baptists In Florida

St. Augustine, Fla.—I am now at the fountain of perpetual youth, and I am feeling just like I did when I was 12 years old although one foot is in the grave and the other one is almost there. It is wonderful how old people can feel young at times, but others do not look upon them as being young, hence I must not spend too much time boasting, for fear I may fall down.

Send all mail for me to 628 N. Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md. I will be there next Saturday. Now I must turn attention to what I was saying, and I feel that you will lishen to me this week, because I am here getting young and if I were not here I would be in some other place.

When I wrote to you the last time I as in Montgomery, Ala., and I left there and found my way to this place, and this has been an interesting trip. I stopped at Cordele, Ga., and things did not look exactly as they did just little over a month ago when the lynching took place, but it looked like another town. You remember the lynching, I was about to tell you that I went out to see the Holsey Industrial College, under the great educational leader, Prof. Phillips, who is a brother to the scholarly, Bishop C. H. Phillips, C. M. E. Church. The school is in a flourishing condition and is doing something I enjoyed looking into their faces and seeing what they were doing for God, humanity and the race.

I pulled off to Jacksonville, Fla., and when steppped out I found a young man from the Florida Baptist College, representing Prof. N. W. Collier, the president. He toted my trunks to the the carriage, and soon we were behind Prof. Collier's favorite nag, "Education," and he was not long in getting us started.

It was Easter Sunday morning, and my main trunk had failed to reach town, hence I had him to drive me to the Central Baptist Church.

I went to the stopping place of Rev. John E. Ford, first. Dr. Ford had just left for church hence, I did not get to see him, but he has a hello box at his home and the church, so I just told the girl in the hello circle to give me the church, and I asked Dr. Ford about borrowing one of his shirts. They were too small for me, so I went to see Dr. G. W. Railford I found him in Sunday School teaching is class, but he told me to go right on to his wife, and she gave me a shirt which I have worn.

I am sure the reader will remember Dr. G. W. Railford. He is a great big man and a man of brains and religion. These two things when united in a man will make him a power, hence as they have united in Dr. Railford, you know about what he is and what to expect of him.

I went out to the college talked with those I met for a while and then started for the school, or for Bethel church. I witnessed a bap-

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Indicted True Reformers To Be Tried Monday

Richmond, April 18—The trials of the former officials of the defunct True Reformers' Bank, indicted in connection with the wrecking of the institution, is slated for next Monday. The case of William P. Burrell, former grand secretary of the order, will be the first tried. The trials of the officials may last a week.

Major Jackson and E. H. Green Win Nomination

Chicago, April 18—Major R. R. Jackson, proprietor of the Fraternal Printing Company, and Edward H. Green were among the candidates nominated for the Illinois Legislature at the primaries last week. They ran on the Roosevelt ticket. Rev. Jordan Chavis was defeated for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner of Cook county, and W. H. Thompson lost in the race for nominee for the board of review.

In the Interest of Fisk University

Prominent Men Address Big New York Meeting In Behalf of School Made Famous by Jubilee Singers.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

New York, April 18—A largely attended mass meeting in the interest of Fisk University was held at the Broadway Tabernacle last Sunday night. Chancellor Elmor E. Brown, of New York University; Phelan Beale; Rev. R. C. Ransom, of Bethel A. M.E. Church; Charles A. Hull, charman of the board of trustees of the university; and Prof. George E. Haynes a member of the University faculty, were among those to deliver addresses.

A strong letter from Governor Ben W. Hooper, of Tennessee, declaring that the school is doing praisworthy work and should be aided, was read. Governor Hooper is a trustee of the university.

L. S. Collins, who was president of the defunct Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, has been sentenced to a year in prison for alleged connection with the wrecking of the institution.

Collector of Internal Revenue Charles W. Anderson has been selected an alternate delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention.

Isaiah B. Montgomery, founder of Mound Bayou, Miss., and his son-in-law, E. P. Booze, were in the city a few days ago.

Trying to Secure Release For Innocent Convict.

Cleveland, O., April 18—Efforts are being made to secure the release of Louis N. Peck, who is serving a life sentence in the Ohio Penitentiary for a criminal assault that never happened.

Peck was arrested elevn years ago on the chargeof making an assault upon a little white girl in Akron. Feeling ran high and there were threats of lynching. He was advised to plead guilty, and did so. The physician who examined the little girl said there were no signs of an assault having been committed. Prominent whites are among those who sent a petition to Governor Harmon and the Board of Pardons months ago asking for Peck's release. The Cleveland Gazette is also taking an active interest in the fight.

Does Not Like Being Termed A Negro

Houston, Tex., April 17—Just because he is listed in the city directory as a Negro, James W. Dibrell has brought suit against the directory company for $10,000 damages.

REV. J. H. MORGAN

MORGAN RESTORED TO FULL MEMBERSHIP

Conference Also Recommends That He Be Given Five Hundred Dollars.

Trenton, N. J., April 18—Rev. J. H. Morgan, who was expelled from the New Jersey Conference two years ago, after he had filed charges against the late Bishop W. J. Gaines, has been restored to membership in the conference. The action was taken by the conference, which ended its annual session at Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church Monday night. The resolution restoring Rev. Morgan recommended that he re allowed $500 and that he be given an appointment.

The charges that Rev. Morgan filed against the dead prelate were made at the session at Camden, N. J. The bishop was cleared, and Morgan expelled. He has previously made ineffectual attempts for restoration.

Bishop Evans Tyree, who presided over the conference, reappointed all of the presiding elders. They ware: Newark district, A. L. Murray; Trenton, district, J. H. Hammond; and Camden district, D. A. Moore.

Among the appointments to pastorates were: Camden, F. K. Spearan; Atlantic City, H. P. Anderson; Trenton, S. P. Hood; and Newark, A. P. Collins. The confernce raised $3,600 in "dollar money." The next session will be held at St. James Church, Atlantic City.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 17—During an altercation with a bartender in a local saloon, Q. C. and Emmett Jones, brothers, were shot and killed. The remains were taken to Austin for interment.

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