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A COLORED BISHOP MAY BE ELECTED

Law of M. E. Church May Be Changed To Bring This About.

SUPERVISION OVER COLORED CHURCHES

Colored Delegates Are Making a Strong Fight—Bishop Scott Makes Report

Minneapois,l Minn., May 10.—With an attack yatreday by a number of colored delegates from the South on Bishop Thoams B. Neeley, whom they asserted had not been often at the episcopal residence in New Orleans, the question of the need for race bisbops for the 325,000 colored members in this country was brought sharply before the Genreal Conference of the M. E. Church, in quardennial session here.

The question was first brought prominently to the attention of the deleagtes lastFrida when W. W. Lucas, of Missssippi, introduced a resolution asking that a commission consisting of one ministerial and one la delegate from each General Conferene district be appointed to look after the needs and the supervision of the colored membership of the denomination.

The commission made a report yesterday that the law of the church be changed so that colored bishops may be elected and their jurisdiction confined to colored conferences. That would prevent them presiding over white conferences. The matter came up again this morning, and strong opinions were expressed for and against the plan. The Washington Conference delegates conferred with those from the Baltimore Conference this morning regarding the proposition for a restriced colored episcopacy. Should a colored bishop be elected, Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, will probably be elected. Revs. I. L. Thomas, W. H. Brooks, J. W. E. Bowen, M. C. B. Mason and I. B. Scott, missionary bishop for Liberia, are also mentioned. Four bishops will be elected at this session.

Strong addresses advocating the need of colored bishops were delivered by Rev. S. S. Jolly, of Cambridge, Md.; Rev. Hilary Key, of Tennessee and the author of the resolution. Prof. I. Garland Penn, of the Washington Conference; Prof. S. R. Lovinggood, of the West Texas Conference, and Rev. R. E. Gillum, of Central Missouri, were among the colored delegates appointed on the comimssion. Rev. C. A. Tindey, Phialdelphia, and H. S. Wilson, represented the Delaware Conference on the Episcopal committee, while Prof. Penn, and W. G. Thompson performed a like service for the Washington Conference. The election of Bishop's may beign Monday.

BISHOP SCOTT'S REPORT

Bishop Isaiah B. Scott, who has had charge of the work in Libreia for the past eight years, made a report of his stewardship last Thursday.

Duing the past eight years, he said, that the membership of the denomination had more than doubled in West Africa, the Sunday School enrollment had shown a similar growth and that the property of the denominatior there had increased from $95,200 to $165,454. Of the 1,548 pupils enrolled in the schools of the denomination there, 1,925 of whom are trying to escape from heathenism. He told of the visit of Bishop L. B. Wilson there some months ago and of the visit of President Daniel Howard, of Liberia, and his cabinet to the recent session of the Liberian Conference. He then gave an outline of the financial needs of the missionary and educational work there.

Bishop J. C. Hartsell also made a report on the general needs of the denomination in various parts of Africa.

Bishop Earl Cranstonwho read the quadrennial address, said while separate conferences and separate church oragnizations are maintained for the colored membership of the church that "not one jot or tittle of their legal rights or sanctuary benefits abated by this arrangement." After declaring that the constitution and discipline of the church forbid race discrimination, he extolled the high standard of the colored contingent of the church, and said continuing: "With many thoughtful men of this body the question of the hour is not, 'What shall the church do with the Negro', but 'How will the Negro affect the church.'"

He closed by lauding the progress that the race has made since emancipation.

Rev. E. S. Williamsom, of the Washington Conference, was made secretary of the General Conference organiation of the Sixth district.

Mrs. Alice R. Albert, Mrs. Carrie Evans, Mrs. Annie S. Gray, Mrs. Mattie E. Ferguson, Mr. Viney B. Spears, Mrs. Estell Wyatt, Misses Amelia Brinkley and Miss Anna B. Clark, the latter two of the Delaware Conference are among the colored women reserve delegates.

George A. Owens, Rev. M. J. Naylor, both of Baltimore, Md., and Attorney A. J. Oliver, of Roanoke, Va., have good committee assignments.

Rev. D. D. Turpeau of Baltimore, has arrived here for a short visit, and Rev. I. L. Thomas, of the same city, is mingling with the many deleagtes.

Officials of Modern Order of Workmen Indicted

Richmond, Va., May 10.—Folowing close upon a charge of fraud made by Insurance Commissioner Button, of Virginia, indictments have been returned by the grand jury of the District of Columbia against Samuel J. Masters and John B. Kinnear, both of Virginia, charging them with embezzling $13,700 of trust funds belonging to the Modern Order of Workmen.

When the order made application for permission to do business here several years, the insurance department unsuccessfully, fought against the application. Later Commissioner Button succeeded in having the right to do business revoked. Then followed a consolidation of the order with the Royal Life Insurance Company, of Washington, assets of the former company valued at $42,000 being included in the transfer

Numerous suits against the company are now pending in the courts of the District of Columbia and Virginia.

Knights of Pythias Case Before Supreme Court

Washington, May 10.—Alton B. Parker, of New York, argued the case of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Georgia a few days ago, in their contentionthat the Georgia law prohibition their use of the signs, grips, and name of the order was unconstitutional.

C. G. Woodson a teacher in the M. Street High School has been awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy by Harvard University.

Joseph B. Evans, son of Dr. Bruce Evans, has been elected a member of the Phi Betta Kappa Society of the University of Michigan.

CARD PLAYING AND DANCING MUST STOP

Resolution To Romove Ban In Zion Church Overwhelmingly Defeated.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DELIVERS ADDRESS

Bishop Alstork in Episcopal Address Says U. S. Supreme Court Is Hostile

Charlotte N. C., May 10.—Clinton Chapel was crowded to the doors last night to listen to an address by Dr. Booker T. Washington, who came here to speak before the A. M. E. Zion General Conference, which has been holding its twenty-forth quadrennial session here since Wednesday of last week.

The noted educator touched many of the problems that confront the race, and his address was well received by the many white and colored people present.

The Episcopal address, which was read by Bishop J. Alstork, was a general review of the condition of the church as well as that of the race. It deprecated mob violence, said that the United States Supreme Court had been hostile to the interests of the race, and urged an extension of religous work. Dr. Booker T. Washington, Bishop Clinton, and J. Edward Mason were praised for their work in getting Andrew Carneige to give the money needed for a new building at Livingstone College, Salibsury, N. C. Mention was also made of the completion of Hood Theological Seminary, which cost $20,000, and the High School at Greenville, Ala., which costs $40,000 to build.

The recommendations, which were read by Bishop George L. Blackwell, provided a minimum budget of $90,000 annually. Out of this the eight bishops of the denomination are to be paid $2,500 annually, the editors of the various church papers paid, the salary of the financial secretary paid, and other contingencies met. The suggesion that no additional bishops be elected met with disapproval from some of the delegates. The prelates asid that they were able to do all of the work needed and that the salaries of additional bishops could be used for meeting the pressing need of the denomination.

The delegates attended in a body the annual commencement exercises of Livingstone College last Friday, at which time a number of honorary degrees were conferred. A collection of $700 was taken for the college.

Rev. R. P. Fisher, of Waterbury, Conn., offered a resolution Monday to remove the ban on card playing and dancing. The resolution was overwhelmingly defeated. Rev. C. D. Hazel brought to the minds of many of the older delegates a reminder of slavery days, when he introduced a resolution to expunge from the book discipline the words, "except unavoidably separated by slavery."

In explaining the quadrennial address of the bishops, Bishop Hood made the following remarks to the conference:

Pythians Gain Point

Washington, May 8.—The United States Supreme Court has granted a writ of error against the Tennessee Supreme Court, which had ordered the colored Knights of Pythias to dishand under the State law.

Mammoth Musical Concert For Musical Settlement

New York, May 8.—Carneige Hall was packed to suffocation last Thursday night, when a concert in which all of the participants were colored was given for the benefit of the recently established Music School Settlement for Colored People. Many of the best known white musicians in the city, and all were loud in their praises of the fine program offered.

The participants were all whose work in the musical world had received general recognition and included: Will Marion Cook, James Reese Europe, J. Rosamond Johnson, Harry T. Burleigh, Hugh Woolford, Deacon's Johnson's Martinnique Quartette, the male choir of St. Philip's Church, Paul C. Bohlen organist ot the church, the Royal Poinciana Quartette, the Clef Club Orchestra and an orchestra of 125 men.

Nearly all of the selections rendered were those composed by colored musicians and writers and included selections from the pens of S. Coleridge-Taylor, and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Popular ditties, old Negro melodies and difficult selections made up the program.

Sixty mandolins, fifteen guitars, fifteen cellos, five double basses, ten pianos and some brass and wind instruments were necessary for the rendition of this concert.

Arkansss Citizens Will Fight Disfranchisement

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Little Rock, Ark., May 8.—A meeting of prominent men of the race from parts of the State was held here this afternoon to consider ways and means for defeating the disfranchising amendment that will be submitted to the voters next September, when a State election will be held.

The arrangements for the meeting were in charge of the following committee: J. E. Bust, receiver of public moneys; Dr. E. C. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention; the Rev. J. M. Conner, presiding elder of the Little Rock District; C. M. Wade, Dr. J. P. Robinson, Dr. J. A. Booker, president of Arkansas Baptist College; Scipio A. Jones, G. W. Hayman, and Prof. W. L. Purifey.

War On Saloons Being Waged In Norfolk

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Norfolk Va., May 8.—As a result of a fight waged against saloons in the vicinity of Queen and Cumberland streets the saloons of the neighborhood were only granted licenses with the understanding that there be a decided toning up of the moral atmosphere. The fight was waged by leading men and women of the race, assisted by prominent whites.

Prof. Tucker, principal of the largest colored school in the city, wrote a letter recommending that the saloon on the corner of Cumberland and Nicholson streets be granted a license. His action has been roundly condemned by church people, and a demand made that he resign his position.

Salisbury School Holds Closing Exercises

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Salisbury, Md., May 8—The commencement exercises of the puolic school were held Tuesday evening at John Wesley M. E. Church. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday. The graduates were: Annie Pinkett, Bruce Williams, Annie Byrd, Maurice and Slemons Anderson. The latter are twins. Miss Annie Pinkett was the valedictorian; Bruce Williams, of Fruitland, the salutatorian, and Rev. R. G. Waters, speaker of the evening. A. H. Long is principal of the school.

FOUR NEW BISHOPS RECOMMENDED

At Quadrennial Session of The African Methodist Episcopal Church.

BISHOP SMITH READS EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Declared Race Is Forced to submit To Taxation Without Representation

Kansas City, M., May 10. — The episcopal address of the bishop in which the election of four additional bishops was urged, help for the work in South Africa recommended, the dissolution of the Connectional Preachers' Aid Society advised, and a brotherhood substituted, a plea for home and foreign missions by Rev. Beckett, secretary of missions; a declaration by Bishop J. Albert Johnson that the work of the denomination in South Africa is hindered by the whites, and a stirring quadrennial sermon by Bishop C. T. Shaffer, of Chicago, are among features of the twenty-fourth quadrennial session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which opened Monday morning at Allen Church, Tenth and Charlotte streets.

The conference is being attended by thirteen bishops, over 400 delegates and a large number of visitors.

The episcopal address, which was read by Bishop C. S. Smith, of Georgia, was listened to with rapt attention by the delegates at the session Tuesday morning.

After making are view of the progress that the denomination had made during his existence, he mentoined the present problems of the church, urged that more young men prepare for the ministry.

Speaking of the prejudice that shuts the race out of the halls of legislation, Bishop Smith said:

It is an appaling thought that ten millions of people possessing 350,000 homes valued at $2,125,000 and the owners of 240,000 farms with a total property valuation of more than $100,000,000 are without a single representative in the national halls of legislation and outside of Illinois and Pennsylvania not a single representative in the State legislature. We are forced to submit to taxation without representation."

The bishop s recommended that the salaries of the general officers be increased from $1,350 a year to $1,500. The recommendation that four more bishops be elected was greeted with enthusiasm by the many candidates for the same, as well as their numerous friends present. Revs. John Hurst, W. W. Beckett, T. N. M. Smith, W. D. Chappelle, J. M. Conner, M. M. Ponton, and F. Jesse Peck are among the many mentioned in connection with the bishopric.

Bishops W. H. Heard and J. Albert Johonson, who have charge of the work in West and South Africa, respectively, made reports of their work. Bishop Johnson, in his report, made an exhaustive review of race conditions in South Africa. He will deliver an illustrated lecture on "South Africa" before the close of the convention. Booker T. Washington will also speak.

Dr. Beckett, in addressing the conference at the missionary rally, gave an outline of the work that the denomination is doing for home and foreign missions, and he advised that both fields be cultivated. His remarks were endorsed by Dr. W. A. Fountain, president of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, and Dr. H. A. Attaway, president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.

Nashville to Have Park For Colored People

Nashvile, Tenn., May 10.—Dr. John Hope, president of the Atlanta Baptist College, is here attending the sessions of the Southern Sociological Convention. He was appointed a delegate by Governor Brown, of Georgia.

The City Park Commission has brought a beautiful tract of 34 acres, which will be used as a park for the colored people. It lies between Fisk University and the State Normal School.

Tuskegee Alumni Meet

Tuskegee, Ala., May 9.—The local Alumni Association of Tuskegee Institute held a meeting here yesterday to consider plans for the general alumni reunion, which will take place during commencement week.

James O. Hazelwood Passes Away Suddenly

Charleston, W. Va., May 9.—Local fraternal circles have lost one of their most active workers in the death of James M. Hazelwood, who broke his neck and fractured his skull in a fall down the stairs of his home a few days ago.

He was a past grand master of exchequer of the Knights of Pythias of this State, a quarter-master general in the Uniform Rank, a trustee of the home of the order at Hot Springs Ark., and for 12 years was a trustee of the West Virignia Colored Institute. He had been in ill health for months, and several months ago went to the Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, for treatment. He was associated with J. C. Gilmer in the publication of the Charleston Advocate, occupying the position of business manager.

TAFT'S CHANCES PRACTICALLY GONE

Is Generally Conceded Now That He Cannot Get Renomination

Washinton, May 10.—The victory of the Roosevelt forces in Maryland the other day is regard here as parctically ending President Taft's chances for a renomination. His managers, however, are still keeping up a show of a fight. The attitude of Governor Goldsborough, Maryland, and John B. Hanna, Republican State chairman for Maryland, in declaring that Roosevelt should have the Maryland delegation is gratfying here, especially since both were ardent Taft men.

Eyes are now turned toward New Jersey and Ohio, where the next battles take place. Roosevet has expressed himself as confident of beating the President in the latter State, which is Mr Taft's home A rumor is in circulation here that some of the most influential Taftites will be found in the Roosevelt camp within the next two weeks. Some of these men may not shout their change of mind from the housetops, but their change will put still another crimp in the Taft room.

That the contest that have been instituted in some of the Southern States will have consideration is indicated by the fact that the Republican National Committee intends to spend twelve days considering them.