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REVS. HURST, CONNOR, JONES AND CHAPPELLE ELECTED

EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH AT THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS AT A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE

Rev. John Hurst of the Baltimore Conference Elected On The First Ballot—Ira T. Bryant and Rev. J. .S Caldwell Will Likely Be Re-elected.

Kansas City, Mo., May 17.—The election of four bishops yesterday proved to be the most strenuous day that the delegates to the twenty-fourth General Conference of the A. M. E. Church have had during the past two weeks. There were fifteen candidates for the episcopacy and the adherents of each began to gather at Allen Church, where the sessions are being held at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Bishop J S. Flipper, of Atlanta for two hours tried unsuccessfully to call the conference to order, during which time many heated remarks passed between him, Dr. T. N. M. Smith, of Savannah, Ga., and others. Finally Dr. Smith suggested that the police be called in to settle the matter, and this was done. A police lieutenant soon arrived, at the turbulent scenes, and upon his suggestion the delegates adjourned to Convention Hall, which had ample seating accomodations for the 1,700 people that had crowded the church.

Dr. John Hurst financial secretary of the denomination and leader of the Baltimore Conference, was elected on the first ballot. Revs. W. D. Chappelle, president of Allen University Columbia, S. C.; Joshua H. Jones, former president of Wilberforce University, and J. M. Conner, presiding elder of the Little Rock Ark. district, were elected on the second ballot.

Ira T. Bryant will continue as secretary of the Sunday School Union Rev. J. C. Caldwell, as head of the Allen Chirstian Endeavor work, and Dr. C. V. Roman, of Nashville, will be the next editor of the A. M. E. Church Review.

Among the candidates defeated for the bishopric were: Rev. W. W. Beckett, secretary of missions; G. W. Allen, editor of the Southern Christian Recorder; R. H. W. Leake; M. M. Ponton, president of Campbell College; F. Jesse Peck; R. R. Downs; and James Dean.

DELEGATE DIES

Rev. J. T. Hammond, a presiding elder of the New Jersey Conference and one of the delegates, was taken ill and died while enroute to his home in the East. Rev. Carl M. Tanner, pastor of Big Bethel Church, Atlanta, and a son of Bishop Tanner, is ill in a local hospital, another delegate is confined to local hospital suffering with a fractured knee.

Bishop Lee preached a stirring sermon last Sunday. Bishop I. B. Scott missionary bishop to West Africa, presented the greetings of the M. E. Church Monday. His address made a fine impression.

Commencement of Roanoke Institute

Elizabeth, N. C., May 15.—The sixteenth annual commencement exercises of the Roanoke Collegiate Institute came to end last Friday. Among those who took part in the exercises were: Revs. Bishop Johnson, A. M. Moore, J. M. Armistead, R. Cartwright, W. H. Graves, and Prof. H. W. Jackson. Prof. C. F. Graves is principal of the school.

Reports Show Church In Flourishing Condition

Kansas City, May 16 —Reports submitted by various boards to the session of the A. M. E. General Conference, which is being held here, show that the work of the denomination has made a most gratifying increase wihin the past decade

The report of Rev. W. W Beckett, secretary of missions, shows that $133 000 was raised for missions during the past four years, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church is doing a most commendable work for home and foreign missions.

The quadrennial report of Rev. Julian C. Caldwell, secretary of the Allen Christian Endeavor League, said that from ony a few hundred in 1908, the number of leagues had grown to 2,800. The membership of various leagues, he said, increased too.

Ira T. Bryant, secretary of the Sunday School Union, made a detailed report of his work. He suggested that a suitable building be secured for the housing of his department and other departments in Nashville, Tenn., the present headquarters.

The bishops made a supplemental recommendation that if the General Conference continued the present plan of having one man act as manager of the publishing house at Philadelhia and serve as editor of the Chistian Recorder, that the manager be empowered to appointed an assistant, who shall receive $750 a year out of the general funds of the church and an additional sum not to exceed $1,200 out of the revenues of the concern. They also recommended that the Voice of Missions be published by the book concern in Philadelphia and that the Southern Recorder and the A. M. E. Review be published by the Sunday School Union at Nashville, and that these four publications constitute the official publications of the church. This will legislate the Western Christian Recorder published here out of official existence.

WRIGHT WINS OVER A. L. GAINES

Prof. R. R. Wright defeated Rev. A. L. Gaines for the position of Editor of the Christian Recorder, while Prof. J. I. Lowe was appointed to the newly created office of manager of the Book Concern.

Baptists to Hold Convention

Orange, N. J., May 15—The annual session of the New England Baptist Convention will be held at the Baptist Church next month. Rev. Dr. Lawrence, pastor of the church, is making ample preparations for the entertainmeont of the delegates. The session would have been held a the Monumental Baptist Church, Philadelphia, had not Rev. Alexander Gordon, pastor of the church, resigned. Rev. William A. Creditt, of Philadelphia is president of the convention.

NEWLY EEECTED BISHOPS OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH

DR. W. D. CHAPPELLE

DR. JOHN HURST

DR. JOSHUA JONES

ALARMING DEATH RATE IN CHATTANOOGA

Prominet White and Colored Citizens Will Take Some Concerted Action

Chattanooga, Tenn, May 16. —Leading colored and white residents here are becoming alarmed over the large mortality among colored people and it is most probable that concerted action will be taken shortly to lessen the death rate. The tentative plans include instruction in hygienic living and better honsing conditions.

The Chattanooga Daily News makes the following comment on conditions among the colored people:

"The figures furnished by the Board of Health of the death rate in the city for the three months just closed gives the public a very serious matter for studious reflection. The number of deaths from all causes was: whites, 130, Negroes, 171. The ratio of white to colored population is 2-plus to 1, so that the number of Negro deaths on a normal ratio should have been sixtyfive. Instead it is very naerly three times that number.

"This frightful discrepancy not only appeals to the Negroes themselves, but to the whites. What is the matter? Why this appalling disparity? Those questions may be answered in a general way by the explanation that the vast majority of Negroes are careless, slothful, indifferent to proper sanitation, ignorant of the necessity of cleanliness, and incapable of taking care of themselves when sick. All this may be true, but on the score of humanity it would seem to be some body's duty—the Nergo leaders, white philanthropic associations, the city authorities, one or all—to cure these deficiencies. Instead of decreasing the Negro mortality rates are increasing.

"We would respectfully suggest that Comimssioner Evans ask the cooperation of his colleagues for the appointment of a commission to investigate the living conditions in the various Negro quarters and ascertain, if possible the causes for this lamentable condition. It is a reflection not only upon the Negro citizenship, but upon the city."

Odd Fellows At Church

Annapolis, Md., May 12.—The annual thanksgiving services of the Odd Fellows and the Households of Ruth of this vicinity were held at Mt. Moriah A. M. E. Church Sunday night. The sermon was preached by Rev. R. T. Leek. Grand Master Perry P. Dobson presided.

DELEGATES ARE IN A QUANDARY

Segregation the Only Thing If The Demand For A Colored Bishop Is Not Heeded

Minneapolis, May 16.— The 96 colored delegates who are here attending the sessions of the M. E. General Conference are seemingly in a quandary about the queston of colored bishops. Many have written to the ministers of their respective conferences for instructions as to the attitude they will be expected to take and the delegates of the Washington Conference sent letters to every minister in that conference asking for instructions.

Some of the ministers say that segregation will be the only thing if the demand for colored bishops is not heeded. The report of the committee on episcopacy is now being forgotten for the time being, the election of seven bishops being entered into tomorrow. Dr. Homer C. Stuntz was elected bishop today. Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian, received 222 votes in the balloting yesterday, which is less by more than one half of the votes required. Fraternal delegates from the A. M. E. Zion Churches were received today. The work of I. Garland Penn, who has charge of the Epworth League work among colored people, was especially commended.

Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon of Baltimore, is here mingling among delegates, and discussing his views that were expressed in his recent pamphlet concerning autonomy for the colored membership of the church.

Prof. Tucker is Being Scored

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Norfolk, Va., May 15.—Leading citizens here are still scoring Prof. R. A. Tucker, principal of the largest colored school, for signing the application of the man who wanted a renewal of his saloon license.

John Mitchell Jr., editor of the Richmond (Va.) Planet and grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in Virignia, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of local Pythians, held at the First Baptist Church Monday.

The Metropolitan A. M. E. Church has secured the property occupied by a white Methodist congregation at Queen and Pulaski streets. The church will be formally opened the last Sunday in this month, when the pastor, Rev. R. H. Ridick, will have returned from the A. M E. General Conference in Kansas City.

ZION CONFERENCE IN A DEADLOCK

Seventh Ballot Shows No Result In The Election of Bishops—Jackson In The Lead

Charlotte, N. C., May 17.—Despite the adverse recommendtions of the bishops not to elect, the delegtes attending the A. M. E. Zion General Conference are trying to elect two bishops. The balloting began Wednesday with 8 candidates inthe field, and no election had taken place early this afternoon, when the count of the seventh ballot was completed. No election is in immediate sight and the business of the session is tied up.

The seventh ballot showed the following strength of the four leading candidates: J. S. Jackson, financial secretary, 178 votes; R. B. Bruce, Sunday School secretary, 123; S. L. Corrothers, Washington, 122; and G. E. Clement, editor of the Star of Zion, 63.

233 votes are necessary for election, and each aspirant must have served twenty years in the ministry.

The work that the connection is doing for the educational uplft of the race was told Tuesday, when Prof. S. C. Atkins, educationl secretary for the denomination, told of the work that is being done by the ten schools maintained by the denominaton.

Dr. W. H. Goler, president of Livingstone College, told of the work of that institution, which is the denomination's chief center of learning. Livingstone College has sent out nearly 500 normal and nearly 120 classical graduates. Some 43 are in the ministry and between 6,000 and 8,000 students have attended the college in its thirty years' career. The speaker made a plea for funds to rebuild the girls' dormitory and recommended the enlargement of the boys' building The General Education Board has promised $12,500 if the church raises $37,500 in two years for a $50,000 girls' dormitory The college teachers woodworking, printing, broommaking, plastering, bricklaying, farming, housekeeping millinery, music, plain sewing, dressmaking, and domestic science, all under graduate teachers, besides the literary couses. The college has the hundred and ten acres valued at $2000.00. The Carnegie Library, with 8,000 books, and the Hood Theological Building have just been completed. The quadrennial receipts we $120,5911 and disbursements $111,504.

The session will come to an end next Monday.

NEW LEADERS IN THE SADDLE

Goldsborough and Carrington Manage Republican State Convention.

COLLECTOR STONE STAYS AWAY

Joseph P. Evans Elected Delegate From The Fourth District

According to the opinion of many old-timers in affairs political, the Republican State Convention, Tuesday, at which delegates to the coming Repbulican Convention were chosen, marks a new era for the party in this State

State Chairman Hanna, who has always been an ardent worker for Republican success, called the convention to order. Thereafter the hands of Governor Goldsborough and Col. Edward C. Carrington, the manager of the Roosevelt campaign in this State, were plainly seen. Collector Stone, who has been the city leader for the past 12 years, was not around the convention hall, and many professed to see in the convention an evidence that the power of Mr. Stone to nominate for office, though he has never won a complete victory in the general elections, was vanishing.

The convention seemed to indicate that Governor Goldsborough will be the leader of the enlightened Republicans of the State. It paved the way for the continaance of William P. Jackson, of Salisbury and Colonel Carrington, who had startled the seasoned politicians by defeating the Stone organization in the recent primaries, declared that the personnel of the delegates suited him and that the majority were Roosevelt men at heart. It was the result of strenuous work on his part, however, that the Taftites did not get the better of it in the selection of delegates.

EVANS A DELEGATE

The colored delegates were allowed to select a delegate in the Fourth Congressional district. Their choice rested on Mr. Joseph P. Evans, grand master of Masons and one of the best known men in the State. Louis H. Davenport, of the Seventeenth ward was chosen an alternate from the same district.

H. M. St. Clair, who was chosen as an alternate from the First district, is regarded as a personal selection of Governor Goldsbobough, the two being fellow townsmen and acquaintances of long standing. Remus V. Dorsey, of Howard county, was also elected an alternate.

The platform may be called a trinity of endorsements, the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft being endorsed and Governor Goldsborough coming in for unstinted praise. The trinity helped mightily in not letting loose the explosion that would have happened at any moment had there been a rift in the lute.

The colored delegates were represented on committees as follows: Credentials and permanent organization—Louis H. Davenport, Baltimore city; Henry Yorker, Chestertown, Md.; and James T. Jenson, Howard county.

Resolutions—William C. McCard, Baltimore city, and Benjamin A. Greene, Howard county. Howard was the only county in the State that sent an all colored delegation. The three men from that county beat three Taft men in the primaries