PASTOR INSISTS THE SUN DOES ACTUALLY MOVE

Rev. James S. Hatcher Says "Good Book" Expressly States So

HE BELIEVES THE BIBLE

Sermon To Be Repeated At City Auditorium April Twenty-sixth

(Preston News Service)

Richmond, Va.—"The Bible says the Sun moves and I believe it," declared Rev. James S. Hatcher, Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church.

The statement was made in reply to criticism of a sermon preached by the minister recently in which he revived the famous text of the late Rev. John Jasper, "The sun do move and the earth am flat."

The Rev. Hatcher's statement given to the Preston News Service states he is the pastor of a church with 500 members, which has raised $150 every week last year without "giving an entertainment or selling an oyster."

He says in part:

As to The Sun's Motion

"I have no quarrel with science nor scholarship. I gladly welcome all that investigation and scholarship can bring us of truth. But these are days of Apostacy, and I will not stand by like an abject coward and permit so-called scholarship to read all of the miracles out of the Bible without protest. God made a mistake by the mouth of the Holy Ghost and His holy prophets in saying that the sun rises and sets, goes down, goes back, etc., it is possible that He made a mistake in saying that the that believeth shall be saved. The Holy Ghost ascribes motion to the Sun more than 30 times in God's Holy Book. Moses, who was learned in ALL the wisdom of the Egyptians and with whom God talked 'face to face' (Acts 7:22, Ex. 33:11) affirms the motion of the Sun SEVEN times.

Skill and Knowledge of Egyptians Recalled

Remember that the Egyptians were so skilled in science that they set the Sphinx in the desert, and the Pyramids in the delta of the Nile with such geometrical and scientific precision that you cannot detect the joining of the stones, and after a lapse of more than 4,000 years they have not settled nor cracked. The Egyptians could make flexible glass, and embalm their dead so as to prevent putrefaction and result in petrefaction. They knew astronomy, astrology and geometry. Moses was learned in all these, and he says the Sun moves.

Values Culture and Refinement of Richmond

In addition to the culture and refinement of Richmond, (and we have as much to the square inch as any city in the South) I am expecting several distinguished visitors from other parts. One, Mr. W. M. Richardson, a white Bible scholar of the "Boanerges" type will be with me on the rostrum and will contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

He is known unto all men. Mr. McKinney included, that I, James S. Hatcher, believe the Bible to be God's Holy word. I believe it from Genesis 1:1 to Revelations 22:21. I believe Jonah and the Whale, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the burning fiery furnace, Jonah and the Fish, the burning bush, Balaam's Ass, dumb as asses than Balaam's Ass have spoken and written also) the immaculate conception, the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection of Jesus, His present advocacy, and His imminent return to the air to catch away His church, and to the earth. (Mt. Olivet, if you would know the geographical and scriptural location, Zech. 14:1-4.)

Eternal hell of fire and brimstone for all who wilfully reject God's offer of His Son Christ Jesus as an atonement for their sins.

Cites Solomon As An Authority

Solomon, (1 Kings, chapters 3 and 4) is proclaimed by God to be the wisest man that has ever lived or ever would live; yea, he was so learned in music, science, philosophy and psychology, that he wrote 1,500 songs, 5,000 proverbs, knew botany from hyssop on the wall to the Cedars of Lebanon, knew zoology from the coonies of the woods to the foxes that spoil the vines", knew human nature so well that he could tell when women were lying, (understandest thou this, Mr. McKinney), and Solomon says the Sun moves.

Jesus Says The Sun Moves

And, now listen prayerfully, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is The Word, who created all things. (John 1:1-13, read brother) light, life, men, heaven and earth; Jesus who is the very God of very God, who is so very scientific that He speaks and the waves are still. He prays and three fishes and five loaves are enough to feed 5,000; who prays and a dead man leaps from his grave; Jesus, who died, descended into Hell, preached unto the spirits in prison, then rose from the dead, ascended up into Heaven and sits now at the right hand of God,—this same Jesus Christ says that He (God) maketh His sun to RISE on the evil and on the good, etc.' (Matthew 5:45.)

To Repeat Sermon April 26

I have nothing to be ashamed of as long as I am in the company of Moses, Solomon and Jesus, and speaks their common tongue.

"I am expecting to call to meet our Lord Jesus in the air at any moment, but, should He tarry and will it, I am to repeat this same sermon at the City Auditorium on Sunday, April 26, at 3:30 p. m. I would be glad to have Mr. McKinney in the audience.

$50,000 Church Fire

Denver, Col.—Shorter A. M. E. Church, the Rev. A. Wayman Ward, pastor, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday.

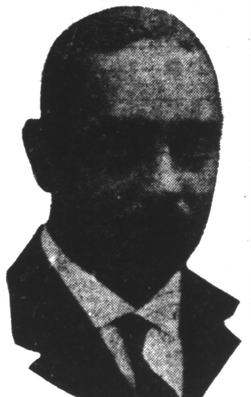
The Rev. Ward succeded the Rev. William H. Thomas, now in Baltimore, as pastor here. The Rev. Mr Thomas had placed $10,000 in the building fund for a new church.

Bishop Not Guilty

The late Bishop B. W. Arnett, when a member of the Ohio State Legislature, presented and secured the passage of a bill permitting the establishment of separate schools in Ohio, wherever a sufficient number of Negroes lived in a given community.—Baltimore (Md.) Afro-American.

Our esteemed conferee is in error. Bishop Arnett did nothing of the kind but as a matter of fact did just the opposite with the Ely-Arnett bill which wiped out the remnants of Ohio's "Black Laws," many years ago. One of these "Black Laws" made separate schools possible. Their erasure from the statutes of this State and our Ohio Civil Rights law make unlawful such schools for any class or group of residents of this State.—Cleveland (Ohio) Gazette.

NEW CITY PASTOR



Rev. Ernest S. Williams, new pastor of Metropolitan M. E. Church, who received a hearty welcome there.

Many Churches Not Ready For A. M. E. Conference

Many churches are not ready for the annual conference, so far as finance is concerned, according to reports made by the A. M. E. Preachers Meeting, Monday, by some of the ministers.

Very little money is in circulation now and a number of people out of jobs, stated the Rev. W. H. Hall, pastor of Wayman Memorial A. M. E. Church. He also stated that the member who here-to-fore gave $1 money in morning services, now gives only 25 cents.

The Rev. Charles Stewart of Washington, D. C., who is also a member of the A. M. E. Preachers Meeting, of Baltimore, made a like statement. He stated the boycotting of the oyster season is one of the chief reasons for poor financial conditions among some of his members.

The Rev. J. A. Briscoe, pastor of Payne A. M. E. Church, made a very good report. 16 accessions were made to his church, Sunday. During the year, 120 accessions were added to the Church.

Nine converts were baptised Sunday, April 5th, at Union Baptist Church by the Rev. David Over, pastor.

On Easter Sunday, there will be just the regular services during the morning but the evening service will consist of a cantata entitled "The Victorious Christ."

Union Wesley Ends Successful Drive

More than $683 was raised in the drive of the Union Wesley Colored M. E. Church, 1607 Mount St., which closed April 5th. The drive lasted four weeks.

The Rev. D. L. Miller, pastor, has been in charge of the work for four months, and the excellent showing of the first financial effort under his administration has put considerable life into the Church. Before coming here he pastored the St. Paul C. M. E. Church in Norfolk, Va.

Besides the money raised in the drive the Church has raised and paid out by the trustees, $203.21, in pastor's salary for first quarter, $206.61 fund for the poor, $18.35, raised during third quarter, $355.26, making a total of $1467.03.

In speaking of the success which had attended his work here and the cooperation given by members as well as friends in other denominations, the Rev. Miller said:

"We have a much smaller membership when taken in comparison with many other congregations of the city, but they are the 'true and tried,' a real Gideon's army, the equal of any little congregation in the city in effective working force, and liberal to the core. Having succeeded in our drive, we have been able to cancel most all of our pressing obligations, and we have a round report for our Annual Conference which meets April 22nd in Washington, D. C. The pastor's congragation and his friends of other churches have the tailor working on the pastor's conference suit, and his hat, shoes and shirts are forth coming. Great are the friends Wesley C. M. E. Church and her friends!

How is this for a new C. M. E. pastor the city of Baltimore for a little better than four months?

The pastor is all smiles.

Metroplitan M. E. Turns Away Crowds

Over 2,000 persons were turned away from the Metropolitan M. E. Church Palm Sunday and 10 persons joined the Church.

Over 300 persons were turned away Easter Sunday. 11 persons joined and 630 communed. A Red Cross Circle has been organized whose duty is to look after the sick and needy members. The Rev. E. S. Williams, the new pastor, received a hearty welcome.

Fire Interrupts Sermon

Philadelphia, Pa.—Several Hundred members of the congregation of Morris Brown A. M. E. Church, Ridge avenue below 25th Street, were interrupted in their Easter morning services when fire broke out in the real estate building across the street.

Gang Bombards Church

Philadelphia, Pa.—A gang of white men and boys attempted to break up the services at Zion A. M. E. Church, 2134 Tasker street, Sunday night by throwing milk bottles against the door and yelling fire. Police quieted the panic and fire which ensued.

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The AFRO-AMERICAN, published every week at Baltimore, Maryland, for April 1, 1925, State of Maryland, City of Baltimore. Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared J. H. Murphy, Jr., who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the business manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act fo August 24th, 1912, embodied in section 483, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to with:

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MARYLAND MASONS ARE 100 YEARS OLD

Two Day Celebration Planned For April 26th And 27th

STREET PARADE PLANNED

Reviewing Stand To Be Erected Near Perkins Sprig Square

The Masonic fraternity under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Willard W. Allen, Grand Master, has been preparing for months for the celebration of 100 years of existence in Maryland.

On February 2, 1825, Friendship Lodge was warranted by the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America, No. 1, of the State of Pennsylvania, Peter Richmond, Grand Master. Soon thereafter, St. James Lodge and Enterprise Lodge were warranted by the same authority. In 1845, these three subordinate lodges created the first Colored Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland. Two years later, another Grand Lodge was organized. Both continued to operate until 1876, when efforts were made to bring about a consolidation.

On September 12, 1876, the Rev. James A. Handy, Grand Master of the First Colored Grand Lodge and Nathaniel Burgess, Grand Master of the Union Grand Lodge, with their representatives met in Douglass Institute and there formed the First Union Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland. In 1878, the name was changed to the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, which name it still bears.

From this beginning, there has been developed every department operative among Masons.

A general committee under the chairmanship of Wallace W. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master, has planned the following events:

Sunday, April 26th, 2 p. m., Masonic Temple, Deputy Grand Master William Cooper, Cumberland, Md., presiding. Welcome address, Grand Master Allen and Fraternal Greetings from the Elks, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, St. Lukes, Good Hopes, Chaldeans, Owls, Fishermen of Galilee, Jobs, Moses, Galilean Fishermen, American Woodmen. Music by the Eastern Star choir. Mrs. Avis H. Lee, directress. At 7:30 p. m. in the Sharp Street Memorial M. E. Church, with Grand Chaplin Ernest S. Williams presiding, the Masonic body will listen to Anne, Md. Music by the Masonic choir, Wm. H. Bevans, director. The anniversary sermon by the Rev. Professor Thomas H. Kian, Princess

Short Parade

On Monday, April 27th, 1 p. m., the parade will take place forming in East Baltimore, passing the City Hall where it will be reviewed by the Mayor and other City and State officials, past the old Masonic Temple, now the City Health Department on Courtland street, thence to Center street, to Howard, to Monument, to McCulloh to Biddle, to George, to Myrtle avenue—where the official reviewing stand will be erected—to Mosher, to Druid Hill, to Lanvale, to Etting, to Sharp Street Church where the Anniversary session will be held. Among the speakers will be former Governor Phillips Lee of Goldsborough; Mayor H. W. Jackson, Dr. Ernest Lyon, Bishop A. L. Gaines, Atty. W. Ashbie Hawkins, Prof. George A. Owens, Doctor Pezavia O'Connell, former city councilman, Warner T. McGuinn. Music by the Masonic choir.

At the Lyric

At night, led by Jerusalem Temple, A. A. E. Order of the Mystic Shrine and their band, the fraternity will march to the Lyric where an elaborate recital and reception will be given. Artists of renown will appear at the recital. The Commonwealth band and orchestra will play during the reception. St. Andrews Grand Commandry and Subordinate Commanderies, Knights Templar, commanded by Sir Harry Franklin, Right Eminent Grand Commander, will be the escort of the Grand Lodge in both parades. The Master Mason throughout the celebration will be directed by the Grand Marshall, Charles R. Smith.

M. E. PASTORS VOTED AGAINST UNION

Newark, N. J.—(A. N. P.)—With the younger pastors in the inapority the Delaware Annual M. E. Conference 93 to 53 against unification with the Methodists in the South. This is said to be the first race conference to oppose unification.

It was also the first time that the conference had opposed any movement strongly advised by the Rev. Charles A. Tindley, one of the conference leaders.

The Rev. Dr. Tindley immediately moved for reconsideration of the vote in spite of almost daily opposition of great Southern bishops and churches voting negatively on this question because, he stated, "We Negro ministers must suffer and practice the spirit of Jesus Christ in all our dealings if we are to expect our neighbors' forgiveness. The South left the M. E. Church when we were in slavery; now, as free men, we must help our white people in this hour to see the new light of human brotherhood."

Appoint Attorney General For Church

Jacksonville, Fla. (A. N. P.)—At the annual conference of the A. M. E. Church of the 11th Episcopal District, Bishop John Hurst, presiding, it was voted to create the office of attorney general for the church in this State.

This comes as a result of the great expansion going on in this church throughout the State. There are so many churches in the course of erection, many of which are buying, selling and mortgaging property that it was thought advisable to have an attorney as part of the church who would be available for consultation on matters by the ministers

Rebel Church Buries Its Race Sexton

Richmond, Va.—St. Paul P. E. Church does not admit colored worshippers. Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis, most distinguished rebels, one attended there making it one of the most aristrocrat blue-veined affair.

Everything was changed when the first floor was thrown open to colored people and the whites sent to the gallery while the pastor preached the funeral service of Robert Damell, colored sexton for the past 18 years.

Text for Today

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them for this is the law, and the prophets. Matthew 7: 12.

The text this week was suggested by the Rev. C. H. Stepteau. The text for next week will be given by the Rev. M. S. Banfield, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

WHERE YOUR LODGE MEETS

Thursday, April 16

K. of P.—Eureka Lodge No. 1, Enterprise Lodge No. 2, Ruth Court No. 28, Myrtle Court No. 11, Monumental City Company No. 14.

Masons.—St. John's Lodge No. 5, King David Lodge No. 18.

Elks.—St. Peters.

Moose.—Parran Tabernacle No. 56, Baltimore City Tabernacle No. 59, Rising Sun Juvenile Department No. 28.

Friday, April 17

K. of P.—Morning Star Lodge No. 8, Amazon Court No. 10, Star of Golden Link Court No. —, St. Paul Court No. 43, Syracuse Company No. 4.

Masons.—Mtl Moriah Lodge No. 56, Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 76.

Elks.—None.

Moose.—Marion Juvenile Department No. 1.

S. K. and S. of U. S. and A.—Madison Lodge No. 8.

Monday, April 20

K. of P.—Perseverance Lodge No. 18, Lily of the Valley Court No. 1, Union star Court No. 15, Pride of Maryland No. 57, Bethel Company C. D. C.

Masons.—Zion Lodge No. 4, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 22, E. W. S. Peck Lodge No. 32.

Elks.—Belmont Association.

Moose.—J. W. Hanson, P. O. C. No. 1.

Tuesday, April 21

K. of P.—Damon Lodge No. 8, Syracuse No. 23, Mary Mgadalene Court No. 9, S. W. Starks No. 39.

Masons.—Enterprise Lodge No. 8, Jerusalem Lodge No. 59, Corinthian Lodge No. 62, Eden Lodge No. 72.

Elks.—Monumental Lodge.

Moose.—Elijah Tabernacle No. 17, Eastern Star Tabernacle No. 54.

Wednesday, April 22

K. of P.—Hannibal Lodge No. 11, Sweet Beulah of Allen No. 26, Cicerone Court No. 8, Guiding Star of Perseverance No. 49. Enterprise Company No. 1.

Masons.—Federal Lodge No. 9.

Elks.—Prosperity Chapel of Moose.

Moose.—Mt. Tabo Tabernacle No. 46, St. Joseph's Tabernacle No. 86, Mt. Carmel Household of Princes No. 1.

S. K. and S. of U. S. and A.—None.

DUBOIS SPEAKS

Washington, D. C.—Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of The Crisis, was the speaker at the mass meeting of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held Tuesday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Bethel Literary Historical Association. Mrs. Marie Madre Mason, president.

Dr. DuBois' message, of one and one-half hour duration, described widely to a vast audience French Africa with its four hundred colonies.

Referring to the political conditions, Dr DuBois said, "that the French possessions of territory in Africa is far greater in size than the United States. The population of the natives numbered approximately 22,000,000, and there are cantonments in these colonies. The cantonments all have black majors. All natives have the right to vote. They have one representative in the French Chamber of Deputies. There is no color bar, but the race problem is exceedingly complicated."

He also outlined the courses of the schools established by the French for the Africans, consisting of normal and industrial training. He declared nothing existed at Hampton or Tuskegee in the nature of industrial training as thorough as that of Dakar.

He scored the citizens of Washington for their hearty in favoring residential segregation. He said "the city of Washington is not alarmed about segregation."

Teval H. Thomas, president of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., introduced the speaker, and also made a short address emulating the Negro race to gain political freedom, which he said could only be secured by the use of the ballot for all colored citizens.

MARYLAND

COWDENSVILLE, MD.

Cowdensville, Md.—At Cowdensville A. M. E. Church, Sunday, 5th, class was held at 11:30 a. m. Mrs. Matthias Matthews, the leader. The Sunday school rendered an Easter program at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Parron, superintendent. The League opened at 7:30. Mr. John Thomas, president. At 8:30 p. m., Rev. E. E. Hughes preached. Thursday, Apr. 8th, at 8:30 p. m., the Community Club held its regular meeting. Mr. Torsell, a resident of Catonsville, gave a very splendid talk on the spirit of community club. The following prorgam was rendered by the friends of Catonsville: Solo by Mrs. Flora Terrel; recitation by Miss Gladys Terrel, Mrs. Torsell, a member of Catonsville Community Club, gave a splendid talk. John Harriday, president; Miss Mary Earles, secretary. The teacher of Mt. Gilboa School. A splendid collation was served by Mr. Amos Williams.

NEW CHAPEL, MD.

New Chapel, Md.—The Rev. M. Pratis preached at 12 o'clock Sunday. The Sunday-School and Junior League rendered program at night under the leadership of Mrs. Eleanor Christian and teachers, Mrs. Ida Gibson and Mrs. Mary Webb. Visitors at the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson, of Brimingtong, Mr. Elex Brice, of Northumberland, Pa.; Mrs. Viola Boldink, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Webb. * Mr. John Sampson is on the sick list. * Willie Gardner is home from the hospital much improved. * Collection for the Easter service was $10. * Mrs. Willa D. Willoughby, the wife of Dr. William Willoughby, of Englewood, N. J., is the house guest of Miss Cornelia Brooks during the Easter season. During her brief stay she is being lavishly entertained by Miss Brooks and her friends.

SALISBURY, MD.

Salisbury, Md.—Mr. Royden West is able to be out again after being ill with pneumonia. * Miss Carrie Elsey, who is teaching school at Federalsburg, Md., spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Elsey, of Delaware avenue. * Mr. Larrie Jones, a student of Morgan College, spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, of W. Main street. * Miss Olivia Church, who is teaching school at Federalsburg, Md., spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Church. * Mrs. Susie Gale, of Quantico, Md., spent the week-end with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Brickhead and Miss Demerest Gale, of Second St. * Miss Maebell Deedon is home from the hospital and has resumed her position again. * Misses Demerest Gale, Florence Birckhead and Mrs. Stanley Pinkett motored to Cambridge, Md., on Tuesday night for the basketball game and dance. * Mr. and Mrs. Willis Slater and children, of Laurel, Del., spent Sunday with Mrs. Slater's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlander Purnella, of W. Main St.

MT. GILBOA, MD.

Mt. Gilboa, Md.—The Woman's Mite Missionary met Tuesday evening, April 2nd, at 8:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Bessie Ridout. Mrs. Sarah Hall gave a splendid talk on missionary work. The Rev. E. E. Hughes addressed the ladies on mission work. Miss Hattie, president; Miss Edna Brown, secretary. A splendid collation was served by the host. ** The Mt. Gilboa Community Club met at the home of Mr. Amos Williams, Sunday, April 8th. ** Church doors for class at 11:30, the Rev. J. D. Hall, leader; 3:30, Easter services. Easter sermon by the Rev. E. E. Hughes.

OAKVILLE, MD.

Oakville, Md.—Services were as usual Sunday. The Rev. C. L. Jones preached at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3 o'clock. ** A picnic was given by the Oakville Improvement Company Monday afternoon. ** The funeral of Mrs. Ella Wilson was held a tSt. Mark's M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. ** Mr. George Milbourne motored to Layskin, Md., Sunday. ** Easter program was given by the Sunday school Sunday evening.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Sunday, April 19: LIFE IN THE EARLY CHURCH. Acts 4: 1 to 5: 11. Print 4: 32-37; 5: 1-5.

Golden Text: The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul.—Acts 4: 32.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 33.

Primary Topic: A Story About Giving.

Lesson Material: Acts 4: 32-37.

Memory Verse: God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9: 7.

Junior Topic: How the First Christians Loved One Another.

Lesson Material: Acts 4: 32-37; 5: 1-6.

Memory Verse: Acts 4: 32.

Intermediate and Senior Topic: How the Early Christians Lived Together.

Topi for Young People and Adults: Lessons from the Early Church.

Senior A. C. E. Prayer Meeting Topic: My Denomination: Its History and Principles. Acts. 1: 1-8; 11 Tim. 3: 14-17.

National Baptist Sunday School Lesson: LIFE IN THE EARLY CHURCH.

Senior Topic: Lessons from the Early Church.—Acts 4: 32-37; 2: 1-5.

Motto Text: The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul. Acts 4: 32.

Bible Thot Today

APRIL 19

GOD IS LOVE:—Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.—1 John 4:7.

NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN, N. J.

Camden, N. J.—Easter exercises entitled, "Redeeming Love," given by the Sunday school was held Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock at Ferry Avenue M. E. Church, of whih the Rev. F. J. Handy is pastor. Those who took part were the Misses Gladys Harden, Cora Berry, Edna Williams, Fannie Melton and sister, Helen, Elmira Camphor, Pleasant Fogten, Dorothy Schly, Alverta Batten, Pernell Mitchell, Fredia Byard and others. Music was furnished by Gumby's orchestra. * Mrs. Annie Sharkley, widowed of the late A. J. Sharkley, formerly district superintendent of Delaware Conference, was buried from Zion M. E. Church Tuesday at 2 p. m.

DELAWARE

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Middletown, Del.—Services at Dales M. E. Church were well attended Sunday. The newly appointed pastor, the Rev. F. O. T. Laws, formerly of Bridgeville, Del., was present, but due to his indisposition, he did not preach. The Rev. H. W. Simmons, of North Middletown, Ky., who is spending Easter with his wife and daughter, who is a teacher at Bridgeville, Del., preached on the "Resurrection." At 7 p. m., Epworth League, Mr. George Jackson, president. Topic was opened by the Rev. Charles Horsey. Rendition of Easter program concluded. ** Prof. Graham Scott, of Milford, and Mr. Pettijohn, motored to town Sunday and spent the day with his daughter, Miss Edith Scott, who is a teacher in our public schools. Miss Scott and Mrs. Rives also accompanied the Professor back to Milford, where they will spend Monday. ** Mrs. Eldora Jones, who was advised to go to a hospital last week, died Wednesday, April 8th. Funeral was held Monday, April 13th, at Trinity A. M. E. Church. The Rev. J. O. McKall officiating. ** Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Glass, of Atlantic City, are spending Easter with relatives and friends. ** Mrs. Helen Freeman spent Easter with parents in Philadelphia. ** Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, of Devon, Pa., are spending Easter with parents and friends. ** Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, of Beverly, N. J., are spending Easter with parents. ** Mr. Burton Wilmore, of Baltimore, who has been away from our town for several years, has returned for a while. Mrs. Benjamin Jeffries and Mrs. Alexander Chaney, of Chester, Pa., were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harris. ** Services at Trinity A. M. E. Church were well attended throughout the day. Easter program was the feature of the day. ** Mr. Ellis Wood and sister, Mabel, who are attending Dover State College, are spending Easter with their mother, Mrs. Mollie Moody. ** Mr. Odis Jefferson, of State College, is spending Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jefferson.

A. M. E. BOARD OKEYS HAWKINS WORK

General Funds Reported To Treasurer This Year Total $364,156

PENSION FUND $77,800

Delegation Pays Visit To White House To See President

Washington, D. C.—The General Board of Finance of the African Methodist Episcopal Church held its annual meeting at the financial headquarters, 1541 14th street, northwest, last Wednesday, for the purpose of examining the books and vouchers of the executive secretary, and passing upon every phase of business handled by the financial department.

The total amount of general funds reported for this year was $364,156.11. This amount was raised and reported to the general secretary-treasurer as a general fund and does not include any money raised for local purposes, such as payment of pastors' salaries and local improvements.

John R. Hawkins, of Washington, was unanimously re-elected by the last General Conference for another term of four years, and this was his first report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1925.

The fund is apportioned by orders of the General Conference, and this report shows the following distribution:

For education, $28,700; church extension, $28,700; foreign missions, $14,300; pensions to superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased ministers, $77,800; current expenses on account of bishops, general officers nad departmental work, $143,000.

After a careful audit of the books and vouchers of the financial department, the board passed resolutions of commendation for the faithful and efficient services of Secretary Hawkins and his entire office force.

Bishop A. J. Carey, of Chicago, is chairman of the board, and Mr. Hawkins is the executive secretary and treasurer. The other members of the board—one representing each of the 19 episcopal districts embracing the United States, Africa, South America and the islands—are as follows:

Rev. W. W. Thornton, New York City; Rev. Charles E. Stewart, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. O. Haithcox, Cincinnati; Rev. C. M. Tanner, Chicago; Rev. J. R. Ransom, Atlanta; Rev. Jno. Jy. I. Stringer, Dawson, Ga.; Rev. J. W. Lykes, Columbia, S. C.; Rev. S. P. Felder, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Rev. J. G. Hanson, Selma, Ala.; Rev. A. G. Winn, Terrell, Texas; Rev. H. E. Daniels, Quincy, Fla.; Rev. W. T. Eskridge, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. G. T. Stinson, Shreveport, La.; Rev. A. D. Byas, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Joseph Gomes, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. H. M. Steady, West Africa; Rev. P. J. Gow, South Africa, and Rev. J. H. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.

All of the members were present except the Rev. F. M. Gow, of South Africa.

They were received at the White House by President Coolidge at 12.25 p. m., last Wednesday.

Elect Trustees

At a meeting at Allen A. M. E. Church, Monday night, the following trustees were unanimously re-elected: Messrs. John Hill, Amos Hill, Jessee Beloale, Isaac Taylor, Howard D. Brent, James Thomas, Jesse Bennett, Arthur Stansbury and Joshua Freeland. A unanimous desire for the return of the pastor, the Rev. P. J. Jordan, was voiced.

Tuesday, 5 P. M., Dead Line

WATERS A. M. E. CHURCH

Alsquith Street, near Orleans

Rev. M. H. Davis, Minister Parsonage, 427 Alsquith Street

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th

11:00 A. M.—Special sermon by the Pastor.
2:30 P. M.—Sunday-School. Mr. J. T. Maxwell, Supt.
6:00 P. M.—Allen C. E. League. Program by the Junior League. Miss Mattie Armstrong, president, Thomas Stanley, president.
8:00 P. M.—Sacred Concert, by the Commonwealth Orchestra. Prof. Chas. Harris, director. Instrumental music by the choir. Mr. J. Edw. Fisher, director.

Class meeting service Sunday evenings, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Prayer meeting Thursday nights.

Official Board, Boys' Training class and Choir Rehearsal, Friday nights.

ATTENTION—Members will please pay their dollar money. A very cordial welcome awaits you. Strangers and community especially welcome.

J. F. Waters, secretary.

St. John A. M. E. Church

Lexington Street, near Pine

10 A. M.—Bible Class.
11 A. M.—Sermon by the pastor. Closing of the year's work.
2:30 P. M.—Sunday-School. F. W. Phillips, Superintnedent.
6:00 P. M.—A. C. E. League. Mrs. Sedonia Harriday, president.
8:00 P. M.—The Harpers of Jerusalem will render a program. Silver offering at the door.

Sunday, 7 A. M. and 4 P. M.—Class meetings. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p. m. Friday, 8 p. m., sermon by R. Hutton.

H. W. Ebb and Samuel Carroll, Secretaries. W. H. Manokoo, Minister.

The Eleventh Anniversary Services

Sweet Beulah of Allen Court, No. 26, O. O. C. K. of P.

Sunday, April 19th, 7 p. m.

AT MT. ZION M. E. CHURCH

Biggs Avenue and Gilmor Street

Rosa J. Richardson, G. W. C. Wilnet Birdsong, W. C.
Cora F. Williams, Chairlady Annie E. Emory, W. R. of D.

I. O. St. Luke

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERMON

SHARP ST. MEM. M. E. CHURCH

Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Sunday, April 19, 1925, at 3 P. M.

Members are hereby notified to assemble in Lecture Room at 2:30 P. M., in prescribed dress.

Yours in L. P. & C.,

S. R. Jackson, Dist. Dep. M. E. Moseley, Dist. Sec.

COME TO THE GOSPEL TREAT

The Christian Pilgrimage, entitled "The Way to the Cross"

Will appear at

John Wesley M. E. Church, Sharp and Montgomery Sts.

Sunday Evening, April 19th, at 8 o'clock

Come hear Madam Gant, the great songstress, and Madam Sorrell, the reciter, and other great talent. SILVER OFFERING. Mrs. Ryan Coleman, directress; Mr. William Cornish, chairman; Rev. Thomas, Pastor

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

THE THIRD ANNUAL BOYS' DAY

AT

TRINITY A. M. E. CHURCH

Linden Avenue and Biddle Street

Sunday, April 19, 1925

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JOHN W. MARTIN ACTIVITY CLUB

Services: 11 A. M. Bishop John Hurst. A special message to boys. 3:30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Stepteau, Presiding Elder of the Baltimore District. 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Grand Master of Masons of Los Angeles, Calif. Every boy is requested to give $1.00. A cordial welcome to the boys of the various Sunday-schools of Baltimore. The Royal Select Council of Masons will be present.

Officers—Emory Johnson, president; Howard Smith, first vice-president; John Deshields, 2nd vice-president; Laurence Roberts and Harry Hopkins, secretaries; Charles A. Parker, treasurer; Mr. Robert L. Henson, general director; Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, A. M., D. D., Pastor.

WEEKLY SERMON

The sermonic message this week was given by the Rev. M. S. Banfield, Pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The message next week will be given by the Rev. M. H. Davis, Pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church.

Second Coming Of Christ

In Acts, the first chapter and verses 10-11, we read that while the disciples stood gazing after Christ, who had ascended, two angels appeared and told them that in the same manner of His ascension would Christ return. Previous to this announcement, the disciples had thought that Christ would set up his kingdom soon, if not immediately. But Christ was to leave them and return.

He came to earth, took on the flesh of sinful man, went thru the cycle of life and death, rose, that man might live. Those who have remained true to God and to his holy laws, will, at the last day be raised.

The coming of Christ will not be in secret. "Every eye shall see Him." "He will come with a shout and with the trump of God." Althe the Holy Scriptures describe his coming as a terrifying occurence, the Christians will not be afraid. His appearance will be a blessed and living hope.

Then, too, at his coming every man shall be given a reward according to his work. God has given to us a commission, to go into all the world and preach his gospel, and we must do our part in carrying out his command. When this task is done, then will the Prince of Peace appear and gather his loved ones home.

Friends, are we ready for that great and terrible day of the Lord? Let us be found doing his will day by day. Do not let us be among those who cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them. May be among the redeemed who have done the will of God and as Paul says "have finished out tasks and are ready to receive the crown of life.

CHURCHES

NOTICE

S. S. LESSON

CHURCH SERVICES

CHRIST INSTITUTE
BOY'S DAY
11:00 A. M.—Preaching by Rev. Jones.
2:30 P. M.—Sunday School.
7:00 P. M.—Platform Service.

NELSON MEMORIAL HOLY TEMPLE
1008 McCulloh Street
Rev. Elizabeth Green, Pastor
11:00 A. M.—Preaching and Test.
3:00 P. M.—Sunday School.
8:00 P. M.—Special Test Services.
8:00 P. M.—Special sermon to the Cabinet followed by Holy Communion.
Tuesday.—Healing and Test.
Thursday.—Preaching and Test.

CHURCH SUNDAY — HAPPY MONDAY
THE PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Bond and Jefferson Streets
9:30 A. M.—Junior Church.
10:30 A. M.—Junior Church.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the pastor.
2:30 P. M.—Sunday School.
3:30 P. M.—Junior Endeavor.
6:30 P. M.—Christian Endeavor.
8:00 P. M.—Sermon by the pastor.
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNS, Pastor.

AMES MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 1925
6:00 A. M.—Class Meetings.
10:00 A. M.—Men's Bible Class.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Pastor.
2:30 P. M.—Sunday School—
—Alfred Dixon, Supt.
3:00 P. M.—Union Experience Meeting.
5:00 P. M.—Epworth League—
—James Flood, President.
7:00 P. M.—Brotherhood.
8:00 P. M.—Special Easter Exercises by Sunday School.
REV. ERNEST LYON, Pastor.

TRINITY A. M. E. CHURCH
Corner Linden Avenue and Biddle Street
BOY'S SUNDAY
Sermon at 11 A. M., by Bishop John Hurst, D. D.
3:00 P. M.—Address by Dr. C. H. Stepteau. Music by Boys' Choir.
7:30 P. M.—Sermon to Royal Select Council by Rev. James H. Wilson, D. D.,