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Soldier, Orator, Tough Rider and President.

THE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH.

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with fear and trembling

Rev. William Gibbons, his predecessor, was a grand old man and a king among his people. It was indeed no small undertaking for a young man fresh from his books to take the place vacated by so large and so able a man. Dr. Howard, however, has been a success from the very beginning; he began at once to harmonize and to strengthen the church, and year by year the membership has increased, the work in the Sunday-school department has grown and the church is now keeping step to the music of progress.

Rev. Howard preached his 15th anniversary sermon Sunday, July 14th 1901, and during the week of the anniversary the programs for each day and evening were most interesting, and not one whit of interest abated until the last evening.

Among the prominent divines who assisted at the 37th anniversary were, Reverends D. F. Rivers, J. H. Lee, I. Tolliver, W. P. Gibbons, J. H. Richards, W. J. Robinson, J. C. Dent and R. V. Peyton, President of the Baptist Ministers Union of this city. These with their choirs and congregations added much to the enthusiasm and to the general good work of the anniversary celebration. Truly it was a high and good time in Zion for one week. To make the occasion grander and to add to its magnificence, the Baptist Sunday-school Union of which Prof. B. C. Dodson is chairman, held its 23rd anniversary, the Christian Endeavors held their 8th, and the Sunday school their 30th; the co-operation of all of these made the attendance large at every session and added much to the success and good attendance of the anniversary.

The church and Sunday-school reported a surplus in the treasury. The influence of this church is felt outside of its immediate neighborhood, and it is engaged in all of the great causes by assisting in making contributions. Zion church is a member of the Lot Cary Foreign Missionary Society, and not only sent its pastor as a delegate to the convention which was recently held in Philadelphia, but contributes \$100 a

year for home mission work. The church edifice was completed ten years ago and so great was the enthusiasm on this occasion that they sent their pastor on a tour throughout the great West where he visited Utah, Washington State, and California; he traveled thousands of miles at the expense of his church and was a delegate to the National Christian Endeavors Association at San Francisco. The last dollar of indebtedness was canceled five years ago. It is said by the knowing ones of the church that the next excursion planned for the pastor will be a trip to Europe as the members desire their pastor to visit the Holy Land, or any other points on the continent of Europe that may best suit him.

Rev. Howard is a Virginian by birth and had made a reputation at home for honesty, sobriety, industry and Christian character. He has spent the greater number of his years in Washington and is happiest when telling of his church and the great work it is doing and the great love and admiration his members have for him. Rev. Howard is indeed a shepherd and leader, not only as pastor of Zion church but in all works concerning the elevation and advancement of his race. He is public spirited and takes an active part in all things which conduce to public welfare. He is highly regarded as one of the strong men of his race, as a leader in this the capital of the Nation where his heart has been and his greatest achievements have been accomplished.

CHAPLAIN STEWARD HONORED

At His Old Church—Tendered a Dinner—Tell of the Philippines—A Home for Mr. James B. Parker.

While in this city Chaplain Theophilus G. Steward of the 15th U. S. Infantry, regulars, received a perfect ovation. Sunday morning 8th inst., he preached from his old pulpit, the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, to one of the largest and most representative congregations assembled there for several months. The Doctor, who was at his best, discoursed most eloquently on the duty of praise and thanksgiving. Prof. John T. Layton had concert ar-

rangements in Virginia but remained over to sing a solo. At the close of the service nearly the entire congregation, it seemed, came forward to congratulate the chaplain on his personal appearance and on the excellence and helpfulness of his sermon. The Doctor received the greetings in his modest manner and introduced to all his wife, Mrs. Dr. Steward who accompanied him from Wilberforce on his trip eastward. At night there was a praise service, at which Chaplain Steward was the principal speaker. Monday night a complimentary dinner was given at the dining parlors of Emanuel Murray, 1800 14th street, n. w. The gentlemen present were: Chaplain T. G. Steward, Mr. J. W. Cromwell who presided, Rev. F. J. Grimke, Kelly Miller, E. E. Cooper, Rev. A. C. Garner, Thos. H. R. Clarke, Wm. H. H. Hart, Alphonzo O. Stafford, L. M. Heishaw, Dr. J. A. McDuffie, Thomas H. Wright, Eugene Brooks, Joseph H. Stewart, Walter B. Hayden, R. S. Smith, Cyrus F. Adams, Joseph H. Piles, George C. Brown, William H. Richards, Robert H. Terrell, and Jesse Lawson.

The service and the cuisine were first class. There were no toasts nor sentiments responded to, but it was a most enjoyable occasion as those present will unanimously testify. In the opinion of many diners-out, there has been no more artistically conducted nor more satisfactory "spread" for many a day than that tendered in honor of Chaplain Steward at Murray's September 9. The menu was as follows:

Soup,	Tomato bisque,
First Rock egg sauce,	Creamed potatoes,
Fillet of beef,	Mushroom sauce,
Mashed potatoes,	Tomato sauce,
Broiled chicken on toast,	
Lettuce,	Mayonnaise dressing,
Neapolitan Ice Cream,	
Cakes,	Coffee,
Crackers,	Cheese.

Besides those present pressing engagements detained Rev. L. B. Moore, Thomas Walker, John P. Turner, Louis Reed, W. Bruce Evans, W. S. Montgomery and Paul Laurence Dunbar. On Tuesday night the lecture at the Metropolitan church drew nearly three hundred persons to hear the Chaplain's message on the Philippines. As an army officer, loyal to the present administration, he omitted all reference to military affairs or to the insular political situation, but restricted himself to the climate, the towns and cities, their architecture, the habits and customs of the people. Dr. Steward, his wife, was a pleasing object lesson, arrayed in the picturesque costume of a Filipino lady. The entire lecture was a pen picture that had all the realism of the photograph. Many questions respecting the Philippines were answered in such a way as to entertain, as well as to instruct.—in short it was a model lecture as to style, and material, form and substance.

At the conclusion of the lecture, James B. Parker, the Afro-American who first grappled with Czoizogez and prevented him from firing after the second shot, was referred to as a hero and as deserving of some popular testimonial. In the opinion of Chaplain Steward the colored people of the nation should take the first steps towards purchasing for him a suitable home at the national capital from a fund raised by popular subscriptions. A committee to carry out the purpose indicated was appointed as follows: W. H. H. Hart, Rev. A. C. Garner, Mrs. M. C. Terrell, William H. Richards and Henry E. Baker.

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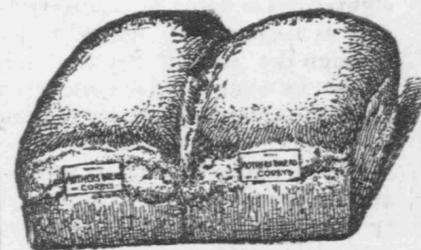
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