

AMONG THE CHURCHES.



According to the recent statistics the Afro-American Baptists of the country number 1,884,000. They maintain 14,863 churches and employ 8,883 ministers.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, the historian of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is spending the greater portion of his time collecting data for the history of his church.

Dr. R. H. W. Leake, ex-business manager of Bethel Book Concern in Philadelphia, has accepted the agency of Bethel's Sunday School Union, says a current report.

The Negro Baptists raised and spent for education during the last conventional year one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. Why not a Negro educational secretary?

Rev. Randolph V. Peyton formerly of Washington, D. C. was recently installed as pastor of the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist church as successor of the late Rev. John Jasper.

The white Presbyterian ministers of Baltimore have sent a protest to the Legislature of Maryland against the passage of the separate coach law in that state.

New Orleans is said to have the only order of Afro-American nuns in the country. The order was founded 50 years ago. The nuns train young girls for work of the order in other parishes of Louisiana.

It is predicted by some wise-acres that the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church will be held in Chicago. Good place for Afro-Americans bent on any business. The Bishops are considering bids.

Much new life is being infused in the colored Y. M. C. A. of Charleston, W. Va., under the administration of Lawyer W. H. Randolph. Recently the association leased larger rooms for its work at No. 419 Raleigh street.

It is gratifying to correct the rumor that St. Augustine Presbyterian church of which Rev. Powhatan Bagnall is rector, was burned in the recent fire at Paterson, N. J. It escaped damage.

The wife of Bishop Alexander Walters continues ill at Jersey City, N. J. Many sympathizing letters have been received by the family all praying for a speedy recovery of the beloved patient.

An unverified rumor is given circulation by the Odd Fellows' Journal to the effect that the referee in the case of Rev. H. C. C. Astwood vs. John Wanamaker, has rendered a decision in favor of Mr. Astwood for upwards of \$20,000.

John D. Rockefeller's most recent

benefaction is a gift of \$15,000 to a Chicago Negro congregation, the Mount Olivet Baptist church. To comply with the requirements of the gift the church had to raise \$6,000 by New Year's Day. Its congregation did so.

Bishop C. S. Smith, one of the bishops of the African Methodist Church has gone to Cuba, taking with him Rev. C. H. Steptean, until recently pastor of the Methodist Church at Baton Rouge. Rev. Steptean has been assigned by the bishop to work in Cuba, and he will be the first from his Church to locate on the island.

The A. M. E. Zion Publication House clamors for three more swift setting



CHARLES SPENCER SMITH.
Bishop of A. M. E. Church.

printers who not only know how to spell and punctuate, but who have no hankering for any kind of liquor except 'pot liquor' made from boiling cabbage. It may be possible to get them, but if they love too much 'pl' won't Brother Smith get 'out of sorts'?

In looking over an old diary, recently procured, kept by a local minister named Joseph Cox, in 1823, the Bishops discovered the original minutes of the Second General Conference held in 1824 and in the same diary has the actual death-bed scene of Richard Allen, who died twenty minutes before six o'clock in the evening, in 1831, in the city of Philadelphia.

Baptist Missionary Calendar.

The handsomest and most copiously illustrated calendar that has been placed before the public this year is that gotten out by the National Baptist Missionary Association. The work bears the deep impress of the clever and resourceful secretary of the foreign mission board, Rev. L. G. Jordan whose office is located at 718 W. Walnut st. Louisville, Ky. It is a credit to his taste and biblical research. Its portrait gallery of distinguished men and women connected with the Baptist faith offers a compendium of church history and work and the appropriate quotations for every day in the year, together with data concerning the stellar events in denomination, supply the ingredients for a very palatable

mental food. The typographical excellence of the calendar speaks well for the artistic skill of the National Baptist publishing house and gives a most potent reason for its existence.

FULFILLING OUR MISSION.

A Thoughtful South Carolinian Praises the Good Work of The Colored American.

Editor The Colored American—Accept my congratulations on one of the best instrumentalities for the elevation of our race—The Colored American. I have been a subscriber to your paper for only about five months but esteem it above all others that visit our home. It should visit the home of every colored family, for it will encourage the discouraged, teach the untaught, tear down the walls of prejudice among our prejudiced ones and give all of our people a birdseye view of our true standing both North and South. This should be the chief aim of all Negro journals. Sad but true, it is not. I carefully examine your paper each week and read it with much satisfaction and consideration, and take a special delight in reading it to the unlettered ones, also to my pupils that they may be benefited thereby, encouraged in their studies, believing that they can make of themselves whatever they desire. Knowing the value of your paper, I shall not be without it and shall pledge myself to get at least one subscriber for it. Should all of its subscribers do likewise, with a determination to succeed, I feel quite sure that you will be enabled to bring its subscription rate as cheap as any white paper that is being published.

I read Miss Johnson's scathing letter on the "Conservator" and its owners, and your scathing editorial on the same explains well the character of the two. And surely if there throbs within their humiliated body a man's heart they will resolve to hew more closely to the lines of right and justice. It is God's decree that "whatsoever ye soweth that shall ye also reap." With this I shall close, wishing your paper a long and prosperous life.

JAMES A. ROACH.

Catchall, Sumter, Co., S. C.

The Private Footmen.

The Private Footmen's Association, No. 1, held their 6th annual reception at Odd Fellows' Hall last night. It was quite an enjoyable affair, and the attendance was large. Excellent music was furnished by the Monumental Orchestra, Prof. Charles Hamilton, director. The officers of the association are: Charles W. Lee, president; Alfonso Woodson, vice president; Lloyd Lyles, treasurer; John F. Lockley, financial secretary; Adoulf Byrd, assistant secretary; George Page, sergeant-at-arms; Charles H. Lee, chairman.

No "Hat-in-Hand" Policy.

The Advocate quite agrees with the position of The Colored American upon the Richardson letter. We shall not only lose our own self respect by waiting with hat in hand for the crumbs which drop from the politician's table but also receive the well deserved contempt of the very class whose smiles we aspire to. The cartoons in The Colored American hit the bull's eye every time and do credit both to the fertile brain that conceives and the deft hand that executes them. The Irishman gets everything because he combines and goes after it, the Negro gets but little because he whines and waits for somebody to send for him.—Advocate, (Charleston) W. Va.

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