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"All things come to them that wait, providing they hustle while they wait."—Charles W. Anderson. "Get out of our sunshine."—R. H. Boyd.

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## THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE

### Opened Wednesday Evening at Payne Chapel.

### ADDRESS BY MAYOR BROWN IN BEHALF OF CITY.

#### OTHER INTERESTING SPEECHES—FIRST BUSINESS SESSION THURSDAY MORNING—ELECTION OF OFFICERS—ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—FRIDAY EVENING SET FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Welcoming the thirty-ninth annual session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to Nashville, Mayor James S. Brown, made a strong amicable address before a large audience at Payne Chapel A. M. E. Church, in East Nashville, Wednesday night. Mayor Brown had been preceded by Dr. R. F. Boyd, who referred to him as one of the best friends of the Negro in the city. Mayor Brown said: "It gives me more pleasure than I am able to express to you to-night to say to you that you are welcome to Nashville. You say that I am a friend to the colored people. I say yes. It could not be otherwise. Before I became Mayor, I said in every speech I made on the stump, that if I were elected Mayor, I would be the Mayor of every man, woman and child in the city. My friend, Dr. Boyd, has said that there is some trouble being made about some of my appointments. I say to you that that grows out of the fact that those men who are after me, know that I am going to be the Mayor of the whole city.

"Now, my friends, as Mayor of the city of Nashville, it is my duty to see that the laws are enforced. I want you to help me. You can do more in aiding me than I can do in aiding you. Let us have an honest, clean, God-fearing and law-abiding citizenry from the lowest to the highest. I say to you, as I said in the campaign, there shall be but one law. One law for the white man; the same for the black man. That is the spirit in which I entered upon the duties of my office, and so help me God it shall be the spirit in which I shall conduct the affairs of my office until the end of the term. The colored people have had a tremendous task. You have had difficulties to surmount, and you have had some dark days. However, I am not the only friend you have in Nashville. I know that the great body of the best white people in this town sympathize with you, and pray for you. I believe with all my heart that your race has more friends South of the Mason and Dixon line than you have North of it. I mean real, true friends, who know your difficulties and your needs and who are willing to help you."

Dr. R. F. Boyd, in welcoming the Conference, called attention to the relationship between the Negro physician and the Negro minister, stating that for the uplift of the masses of the race their work was so closely allied that they must go hand in hand. He stated that the real leader of the race since freedom had been the minister and that he would continue in that capacity for some time to come. Addresses were made by Prof. Frank G. Smith, Dr. Sutton E. Griggs and others.

Besides the reports of the presiding elders, pastors, and the usual business transacted by an Annual Conference, the election of delegates to the General Conference to be held in Norfolk, next May, will claim the attention of the Conference Friday. Great interest is being manifested in this part of the Conference work, as the General Conference promises to be one of the most important held in the history of the church. The Conference elects five General Conference delegates, and just at present this matter is accorded more attention than any other phase of the work.

Nashville being the seat of the publishing concern of the church, also adds interest to the Conference, it being generally understood that the present Secretary of the Sunday-school Union, Dr. William D. Chappelle, will be elected to the Bishopric, and Dock A. Hart, a prominent layman in the church, is a candidate for the place now occupied by Dr. Chappelle.

Two of the present Bishops of the church were formerly Nashville men—Bishop Charles H. Smith being ele-

vated to the episcopacy from the Secretaryship of the Sunday-school Union; and Bishop Evans Tyree from the pastorate of St. John Church.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Tennessee Conference of the A. M. E. Church convened in Payne Chapel, East Nashville, Thursday morning, October 31, at 9 o'clock, Bishop B. F. Lee, presiding.

Dr. I. H. Welch, Presiding Elder of the North Nashville District, read the Scripture lesson, after which Bishop Lee sang "I need thee every hour." The Decalogue services were observed.

Bishop Lee made a few remarks to the Conference in which he expressed himself as being glad to see the brethren and to find them apparently in good condition spiritually, physically, mentally and financially, and to report him apparently the same. He said, further: "But do not pray for my winding up. I am not winding up. If holding conferences was all a bishop had to do, six could do the work, for any one of us can hold twenty conferences a year, but holding conferences is a very small part of our work. I am not speaking in the interest of any candidate, but the day has never been when we needed over ten and I doubt whether the day will ever come when we will need more than that number. It is an imposition upon the people to elect more and pay them twenty-five hundred dollars a year." The Bishop's remarks were very pleasing to the ministers and he was roundly applauded.

The secretary called the roll and with few exceptions all answered to their names.

The election of officers was the next thing to be considered. Dr. T. W. Haigler, pastor of St. John, Nashville; Dr. J. A. Jones, president of Turner Normal and Industrial College, at Shelbyville, and Rev. C. H. Boone, pastor of St. Paul, were nominated. On the second ballot Dr. J. A. Jones was declared elected. Rev. J. T. Gilmore was elected assistant secretary; Rev. C. H. Boone, statistical secretary; H. C. Gant, M. C. Buford and Taylor Miller were elected marshals.

The following were elected as reporters: Christian Recorder, Rev. G. W. Martin; Southern Christian Recorder, Rev. A. P. Gray; Voice of Missions, Rev. T. W. Hampton; Sunday School Monitor, Rev. W. V. Hawkins. The question was asked if reporters would be appointed for the daily papers. Bishop Lee stated that the daily papers had a reporter present who would look after their interests, and they would pay him for his services. He said: "I am not in favor of furnishing reporters for these dailies for nothing when they reap a harvest from our people." He said he knew of one weekly paper owned by white men that had 5,000 subscribers among our people aside from a large daily circulation.

Visitors were asked for and the following were introduced to the conference: Rev. W. M. Green, of the M. E. Church, South; Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, Dean of the Theological Department of Walden University; Dr. A. L. Pinkston, Presiding Elder of the West Tennessee Conference; Dr. H. D. Johnson, of Chattanooga, who has been transferred from the East Tennessee Conference to this Conference; Dr. C. H. Johnson, pastor of Clark Memorial Chapel of the M. E. Conference; Rev. A. Phillips, pastor of Seay Chapel M. E. Church; Rev. N. M. Ferrell, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Nashville; Revs. H. E. Bryant, W. A. Lewis, of West Tennessee Conference; Rev. E. M. Moore, transferred from West Kentucky Conference; Mr. Horace D. Slater, newspaper reporter; D. A. Hart, Superintendent Baptist Publishing House; Mrs. C. E. Lewis, representing the Book Concern; Dr. W. D. Chappelle, Secretary of the Sunday School Union; Mrs. G. L. Jackson, President of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society.

Rev. E. M. Green made a few remarks. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond stated that he was glad to be present but preferred to withhold his remarks until a future time. He said he felt at home as a majority of the students attending his university were members of the African Methodist Conference. Friday evening was selected as the best time to have Dr. Hammond address the conference. A short recess was taken.

At twelve o'clock the Conference assembled to observe the Lord's Supper. The session opened by singing "Happy Day," led by H. D. Johnson, of Chattanooga. Rev. Nathan Smith, pastor of Ebenezer Church, this city, preached the opening sermon. Rev. Smith was at his best, and stirred the conference with a sermon

full of the Holy Spirit. The communion was administered by Bishop Lee, assisted by several presiding elders and pastors.

The benediction was pronounced. Rev. Wm. Flagg, who is so nobly entertaining the Conference, announced that the members of St. Paul Church had prepared dinner for all the visiting ministers and their wives and would accommodate as many visitors as possible. He also stated that each day some one or several of the churches would dine the conference in the basement of the church. Dr. Flagg and the members of Payne Chapel deserve great credit for their magnificent arrangements for the reception of the conference.

The Tennessee Conference is composed of a fine set of men, and on Thursday morning they departed themselves so grandly that Bishop Lee was compelled to compliment them. He said he had been associated with over two thousand ministers and he had yet to know of a single one of them who was a really bad man.

Many prominent men of the church are expected here during the conference. Among them is Dr. W. G. Parks, Secretary of Missions and a prominent candidate for the bishopric; Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor of the A. M. E. Review; Dr. W. D. Chappelle, Secretary of the Sunday School Department and a conceded successful bishopric candidate.

Rev. T. L. Ridley preached Thursday night to a crowded house.

### DEATH OF MRS. BURTON.

On Thursday morning of last week Mrs. Mary Burton, who had resided at the corner of Division and Deluge streets for a number of years, quietly passed away. She had been sick for some time, but bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude until the end. Mrs. Burton was originally a member of the old Summer Street Baptist Church for years, but when that church divided she cast her lot with what is now the Second Baptist Church. She was a true Christian woman and her loss will be deeply felt, not only by the members of the organization to which she belonged, but by the people generally.

Mrs. Burton leaves two children, Mr. John Burton, of Portland, Oregon, and Miss Emma Jo Burton, who is connected with the bookmaking department of the Baptist Publishing House in this city. Miss Burton was with her mother when she died, but the son was in Oregon, and upon receiving the sad tidings he came East as fast as steam could bring him to take a last look upon the face of the devoted mother before she was laid away in the grave. Owing to delays Mr. John Burton did not reach Nashville until Tuesday.

The funeral services were held Wednesday morning, October 30, at the Second Baptist Church, corner Stevens and Deluge streets, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Gilbert Taylor, assisted by Rev. T. W. Johnson, of Clark Memorial Chapel. Long before the hour appointed for the beginning of the ceremonies the church was filled with friends who had come to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The choir of the Second Baptist Church and Clark Memorial Church, of which Miss Burton is a member, discoursed music appropriate to the sad occasion. The officiating clergyman touchingly spoke of the Christian qualities of the beloved woman who had gone to her heavenly home and urged those present to follow the example she had left behind.

Mr. A. N. Johnson, the Cedar street undertaker, was director of the funeral. The remains were interred at Mount Ararat.

### TOM THUMB WEDDING.

The "Tom Thumb Wedding" at the First Baptist Church Monday night was indeed a success as an amusement for the entertainment of the many spectators who were present. The wedding was under the direction of Miss Jennie P. Dunson, who, with about twenty intelligent little children, boys and girls, has made this kind of entertainment signally successful, not only at her own church, Spruce Street Baptist, but at others.

At a few minutes past 9 o'clock Miss Milberta Webb sang sweetly "All for you," then Mrs. McGavock began playing Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and the ushers of the mimic wedding marched slowly down opposite aisles of the church, followed by the flower girls, the pillow-bearer, and then the bride and groom. Miss Alberta Thomas and Claud Toney. All were prettily arrayed upon the rostrum, and then Master Valda Kelley, officiating clergyman, performed the ceremony, after which under strains of sweet music the participants

marched out again. The whole affair was delightful and the audience enjoyed it immensely. Every amusing feature brought bursts of hearty laughter. After the wedding was over refreshments were served in the basement for the benefit of the church. Miss Dunson was the recipient of much commendation and thanks for the evening's entertainment.

### PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Mr. B. M. Parker, Jr., of 1510 Phillips street, had the misfortune last week to step on a nail, which penetrated his right foot, making an ugly wound. He has been confined to his home since the accident. Mr. Parker was painfully but not seriously injured. His physician thinks with careful attention he will be able to resume his duties in three or four weeks.

### SERIOUS FALL.

Last Saturday evening about 5:30 o'clock a young man whose name could not be learned, fell from the railroad trestle near Fifth avenue and Crawford street. The unfortunate man appeared to be badly bruised and it was some time before he regained consciousness. It is said that he was taken to the City Hospital in an ambulance for treatment.

### ATTENDING ASSOCIATIONS.

Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, the irrepressible Globe man, left the city early Tuesday morning for a trip to Georgia and Alabama. Mr. Boyd will visit several of the leading Baptist Associations of these states, where he will represent the work of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

### CANDIDATES INITIATED.

The second degree was conferred upon the large class of Pages who are to form the new K. of P. Lodge, at the Pythian Temple Sunday afternoon. Thomas Turner, A. M. Cockrill, James Frierson and several other old Knights were present and lent valuable assistance in exemplifying the work so as to make the greatest impression upon the candidates. Another meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at which time the last degree will be conferred.

### IMPROVING MT. BETHEL.

The pastor and officers of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church have decided to remodel the church on the inside and put in new seats. They are already in conference with the management of the Church Supply Department of the National Baptist Publishing Board to install a set of their new style church seats, such as are in the New St. John Baptist Church and in the North Third Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Merritt stated to a Globe representative that the church would be so renovated as to present one of the neatest and most completely equipped churches on the East side.

### SIX O'CLOCK DINNER.

Mrs. J. J. Landers of 1603 Harding street, entertained Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock dinner, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of her husband. The dining room was beautifully decorated with cut and potted flowers. On the table was a large display of silver, the centerpiece was battenburg over pink, which was in keeping with the color scheme of pink and white. An elaborate five-course menu was served. Those invited to partake of Mrs. Landers' hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Johnson, Miss Ewing Rev. Cheek, R. H. Boyd, Jackson and Dr. Derrick.

### SENT TO JAIL.

Albert Bryant, who recently had altercation with one Hatcher, a white man, was tried in the City Court Wednesday. The charge against Bryant was assault with a knife with intent to commit murder. He was bound over to the Criminal Court and sent to the County Jail.

### FUNERAL OF MR. MARTIN.

The funeral of Mr. Ned Martin, of Ewing avenue was held last Friday afternoon at Lea Avenue Christian Church. On account of the absence of the pastor, Rev. Preston Taylor, the officiating clergyman was Rev. Mr. Williams of Franklin. The services were very impressive. Mr. Martin was a highly respected citizen and one of the oldest members of the church. For a half century or more he was in the employ of the Nashville American. He leaves a wife and daughter. The remains were conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery.

## ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

### An Important Meeting Held Friday, October 25,

### AT THE OFFICE OF REV. E. M. LAWRENCE.

#### MUCH BUSINESS AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY TRANSACTED—PROF. SALES, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, PRESENT—ANOTHER IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board recently selected for the management of Roger Williams University held a meeting in the office of Superintendent of Missions for the State of Tennessee, Rev. E. M. Lawrence, Friday, October 25. The purpose of the meeting was to consult and advise with the representative of the Home Mission Society at New York in the person of Prof. Geo. Sale, of Atlanta, Ga., a representative of the Society, who is superintendent of education in the Southern States. Prof. Sale was here Thursday, and in company with Rev. Wm. Haynes, again visited the Roger Williams site. The following members were present at the board meeting: Revs. E. M. Lawrence, Wm. Haynes, C. H. Clark, Drs. A. M. Townsend and G. H. Bandy. Rev. Messrs. Isaac and Harding were out of the city, but a quorum was present.

The new president of the University, Rev. J. W. Johnson, was in town for the purpose of attending this meeting. Much business of importance was transacted, and the matter pertaining to by-laws, under which the new board of trustees was to be governed, was taken up and discussed. A motion was also adopted considering the date for opening of the University for the early part of January, 1908, and the President was advised to, as far as possible, hold himself in readiness to take charge at the proper time. Reports from the custodian at the grounds show that things are in fairly good shape. The committee on heating apparatus reported that they had arranged for a rally for the second Sunday in November at the grounds. There was much enthusiasm displayed by the trustee board, and the reassurance is made from those present that they will not only have the co-operation of the city of Nashville, irrespective of denomination, but of the state at large.

Another important meeting and one that has much significance was the meeting of the old Roger Williams' board of trustees on Saturday, October 26, which was called to order in the office of Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The members of the old board present at this meeting were Mr. A. B. Hill, Rev. Wm. Haynes, John D. Anderson, Rev. E. M. Lawrence, Mrs. H. Butorff, Rev. H. T. Morehouse by proxy. It was officially announced at this meeting, for the first time, the death of Prof. W. L. Cansler, of Nashville, and Rev. H. C. Owens, of Memphis, which made a vacancy of two on the old board. This was the first meeting the old board has held since the death of these two trustees. It was agreed that no election to fill vacancies be had, as the old board of trustees was simply meeting to wind up the affairs, with a view of turning over all the effects of Roger Williams' University, constitutions, by-laws and the charter. It was agreed at this meeting to read the charter carefully, and that no amendments were necessary, as the document could not be improved upon. But the old by-laws were turned over to the new trustees. Such business as was transacted was in accord with all the actions taken by the new board and the representative of the Home Mission Society. Prof. Sale assures the Tennessee State Convention, through its board, that the Society will co-operate with them as heretofore in making the University a success. Rev. Mr. Haynes states that many letters have been received from various parts of the country, some of them coming from as far as Southwest Texas, asking for information as to when the school would open, and making application for admission. A united effort will be put forth by the Tennessee Baptists to begin work in earnest from now on.