

## GRAND RALLY AT EXCELSIOR A HUGE SUCCESS

### 2ND OF QUARTERLY MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Rev. B. F. Tipton, District Superintendent Receives Warm Response to His Helpful Message of Truth.

Excelsior, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Excelsior M. E. Church, and though the weather was extremely frigid a large crowd turned out to hear Rev. Tipton, District Superintendent of the Bluefield District of the East Tennessee Conference. Rev. Tipton preached morning and evening, but at the evening service the able divine was at his best. In a most masterly manner he delivered a message of truth and love that swept his hearers out of their own narrow selfish lives to avenues of higher thinking and better living. Rev. Tipton is always welcomed here with an ovation, for he brings more with him than a gospel message. He brings a personality possessed with a deep human sympathy for the longings and yearnings of fellow beings. Truly he is a man with a soul so consecrated and true to seem to dwell apart yet he never loses the common touch.

On all occasions the choir, led by Mr. E. C. Griggsby, rendered excellent music. Mr. Azzie Jones, of Freeman, rendered excellent service as organist and the occasion of the series of meetings made a most profound impression upon those who attended them.

Rev. Randolph expressed himself as especially pleased with the enthusiasm and zeal of his members though they do far less for their beloved pastor than he deserves. One hundred dollars was the total collection of the rally a detailed report of which will appear in the next issue of the McDowell Times.

## Methodist Prelate Touring West Va.

It is hard to conceive of anything more interesting than a trip through West Virginia.

Physically, the scenery is picturesque, instructive and edifying.

Upon invitation of Rev. R. French Hurley to be with him in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the A. M. E. church, I left Bluefield February 7, enroute to Clarksburg. A night in Huntington with Rev. J. T. Gibbons and his good people added a deal of pleasure and inspiration to us.

The night of the 9th was spent with Prof. J. L. Hill at the Colored Orphan's Home. It was indeed a revelation. The building is well appointed and nicely kept. Prof. and Mrs. Hill are showing themselves to be the right people in the right place, in that everything is regulated with clocklike precision. Indeed the institution is more like a large family than a Home for Orphan children. Too much praise can not be given for the way in which the Hills are managing the Home.

Thursday night was spent in Parkersburg, where we worshipped with Rev. John M. Henderson, Bethel A. M. E. Church.

The ten days in Clarksburg were the fullest and most complete of any time spent in recent years. Never have we spoken to more appreciative people. Rev. Hurley and his daughter did everything they could to make our stay pleasant and profitable. Our next point was Weston where we spent a night with Rev. G. H. Jenkins and lectured to a full house. At Weston is the State Institution for the insane; and to our surprise and delight, we found 60 or 65 men in quarters built for 40, with absolutely no provision for separating the feeble minded from the maniacs, and the convalescent from the incurable.

Is it possible that the Negroes of West Virginia have forgotten the unfortunate members of their race?

On the other hand the whites are amply provided with private rooms and corridors, spacious piazzas and lawns, while our people are herded together like cattle. It ought to be somebody's business to right this wrong.

In Huntington, Parkersburg and Clarksburg the colored people enjoy large contributions and well appointed school buildings with all modern improvements, laboratories for high school work, and in some instances, domestic science; while Bluefield has a series of three-story apartment houses.

At Clarksburg Prof. Jordan had special chapel services in their school auditorium that I might address the students and faculty.

In conclusion I should like to ask, how is the citizenship of Bluefield ever measure arms with other sections of the state? And how are the teachers to their best or demonstrate their fitness when absolutely deprived of the facilities with which to work?

NORMAN W. BROWN,  
Pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church,  
Bluefield, W. Va., Feb. 29, 1916.

## TRALEE

Rev. Ross is having good success in his his christian work.

Mr. Ballard Price got hurt a few days ago, but he is able to walk around now. We are sorry to say that Brook Early is on the sick list at Mullens, and we hope that he will soon be out.

The St. Luke work is doing fine here. Our Deputy, Mrs. Polly Jeffries, was called a few days ago to visit a sick member.

## M'ALPINE

BY MRS. LULA WALLER.  
Rev. E. McCloudie filled his star Sunday and preached two able sermons to appreciative audiences.

It was quite a sad at the home of Mrs. Dora Wright Sunday over the loss of her father. He arrived at Big Stick Tuesday night and died Wednesday evening. Quite a number of our people attended the funeral services. Music was rendered by the St. Paul choir of this town.

Mr. Moore and Mrs. Laura Durham were business visitors to Beckley Tuesday.

Mrs. Ada Finney and Miss Alice Johnson were business visitors to Sophia Wednesday.

Mrs. Sinie Harris left Wednesday for Beckley hospital where she will undergo a slight operation.

Miss Viola Bundy, of Hot Coal, was in these parts Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Moore and children left Thursday for Roanoke to visit relatives and friends.

Rev. W. C. Johnson, of Charleston, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Waller Friday. He left Saturday for Trace Fork.

Mrs. Maggie White is reported very ill at this writing, and we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Willie Tibbs was a business visitor to Stotesbury last week.

Miss Mabel Parks is somewhat indisposed at this writing.

It is something very strange that keeps some of our old men go to the "No Ham Hill" every night. They claim they are giving advice, but it was quite amusing Monday night when some of the young boys put the rollers under two of the advisers and one did not stop running until he got to Big Stick, while the other landed in his home at McAlpine at 8 o'clock, when ten and eleven had been their usual hours to get in. So be on your guard, boys. They have changed their way. One gives advice at night, while the other gives advice in the day.

The people of McAlpine are making great preparation for the Ministers and Deacons Union which meets here on the 9th and 10th of March. They are expecting a large delegation. We hope the Lord will bless us with good weather. We hope much success for the Union.

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## WEST VA. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FINANCIAL RALLY DAY

The 23rd annual session of the West Virginia Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at Institute May 4-5. A campaign is now being pushed which promises to bring to this educational center larger attendance than heretofore. The Committee on Program is endeavoring to have some of the best Sunday School experts to serve on the program.

The Board in its meeting on the 19th set apart the first Sunday in April as the Convention's Financial Rally Day which all schools are requested to observe.

MRS. J. J. TURNER, Vice Pres.  
Kimberly, W. Va.

## MINISTERIAL LEAGUE

Kimball, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Mr. Editor: Please give space for a few words concerning the meeting of the Ministerial League on the above date. Many of the leading pastors were present. President W. O. Clements, D. D., called the meeting to order at 11:20 a. m., and opened in the usual way. After which the President briefly stated the object of the meeting. Many new members were added, and the interest intense because of the many visitors being admitted.

Distinguished men of leadership were introduced to the League and proved their loyalty concerning the racial future in their speeches. Our visitors were Editor M. T. Whittico of the McDowell Times; W. H. Harris, our popular insurance representative; Dr. R. C. Harrison, our foremost physician of Kimball; that peerless vice-regent Justice of the Peace Samuel Crider, whose usefulness in the past demands our future respect, and we can not fail to mention one Russell Carter, Attorney-at-law and public school teacher, who stood before us and waited our restless thoughts away on the wings of peace, and landed us in the harbor of advice by saying to the League, "Look well to this administration."

## MINISTERIAL LEAGUE

What is it? What is its aim. It is not a political agitator, and it is not the purpose of the League to be used by any reason from a monetary standpoint. We organized to find out the needs of our people and to learn more about setting forth their principles of right.

In our last letter we stated we were not office seekers but helpers. We have not changed. We say once again, we know no reason why the League should not be understood.

## OUR LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE.

This League stands for higher ideals and Christian dignity. Our loyalty to our people need not be questioned. Why? We believe we know our state in which we live. We further state that we are personally acquainted with its leaders. We know their achievements, and further know who to trust, so far as the past records prove. We hope and trust that our people may note the high stand we have taken as ministerial leaders to defend ourselves from outright slander and low criticism. We are laborers side by side, one cannot overlook the interest of the other.

This statement gives you our personal sentiments of standing on higher ground. We have no enemies. We accept no fight against operator or friend, but we, the Ministerial League, will stand for equal rights to all men all.

REV. W. C. CLEMENTS, Pres.  
L. J. HALL, Sec.

Wednesday night of this week Algoma was represented by some of the best citizens and Republican voters that are to be found in the state. They were Messrs Joe Sapper, President Algoma Republican Club, Derry Bandy, James Lash, Henry Glenn and their friend, Mr. Charlie Rice, of Northfork. They are all for Judge Ira E. Robinson for Governor.

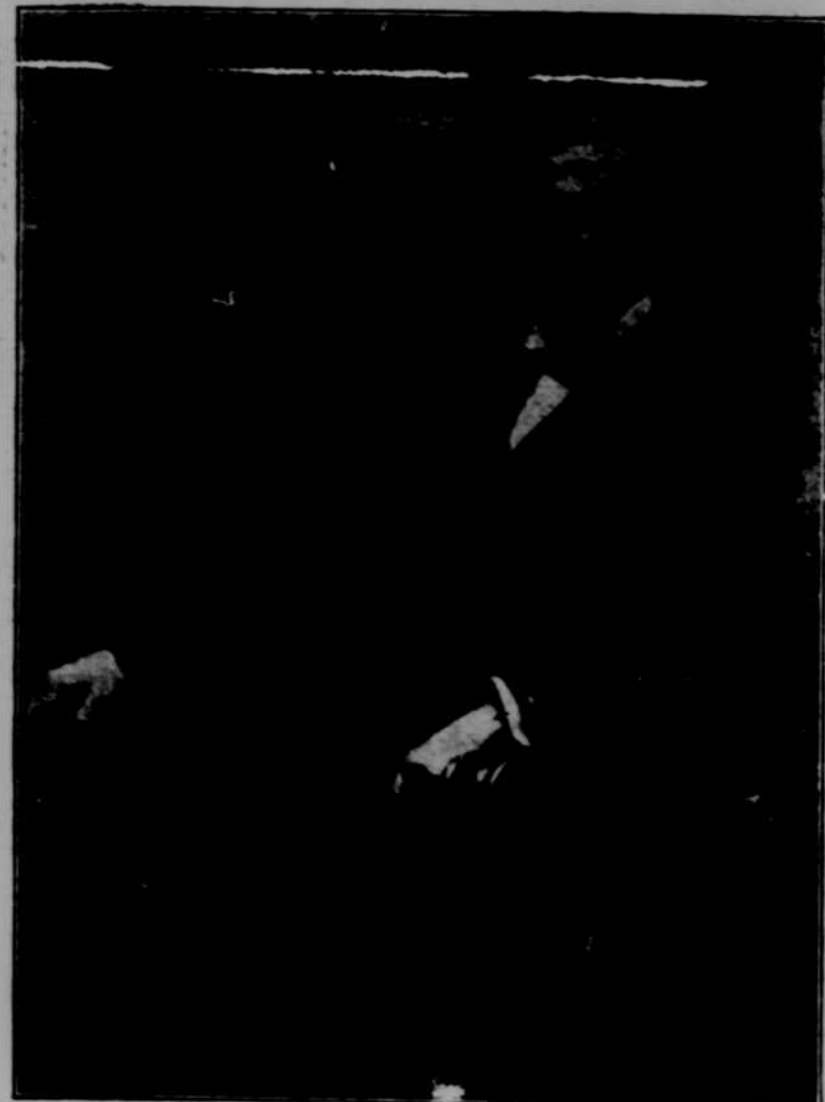
## Notice of Application for Pardon.

1. Arthur Coles, convicted of highway robbery at the February term of the Criminal Court of McDowell County in 1915, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, will on or about the 15th of March, 1916, apply to the Governor for a pardon.

ARTHUR COLES.

Pay for The Times.

## JUDGE JOHN L. WHITTEN Candidate for Attorney General.



Judge John L. Whitten was born on a farm, in Mason County, West Virginia, and has been a resident of Mason County all of his life. In early life he was thrown on his own resources, by reason of the death of his father, but, by great industry and perseverance he has fought his way to the front, and now, in the prime of life, he is recognized as one of the leading citizens and attorneys in his section of the State.

He has held several positions of honor and trust. He served with unusual industry and ability as Judge of the old Seventh Circuit which was then composed of the counties of Mason, Putnam and Kanawha, as the successor of the late Judge Guthrie, by appointment from the Governor.

While on the bench he won praise from the litigants, as well as members of the bar, for his uniform courtesy and fairness in the trial of cases before him, and, although but five of the cases decided by Judge Whitten during the time he served as Judge were appealed to the Supreme Court of this State, his decisions were never reversed by the Supreme Court finding no error in them.

He is now Referee in Bankruptcy of the district composed of the counties of Mason, Putnam, Jackson and Roane, and as Referee many important cases have come before him in the last eight years and his findings as Referee have never been made the subject of correction by the United States District Court.

He was twice elected Superintendent of Schools of Mason County, twice elected Mayor of his home city, and twice elected Prosecuting Attorney of Mason County.

As Prosecuting Attorney he distinguished himself by his fidelity to duty and efficiency in the discharge of his duties to the public. He holds the degree of Master of Laws from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

While he has been busy with his professional duties, having an extensive law practice, he has not been inactive in politics by any means. He has served in different campaigns as Chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee, and was the Chairman of that committee in the last campaign.

As Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, he has always been unyielding in sustaining the principles of his party, yet by uniform courtesy and fairness he has won friends from all parties. Those who know him best speak of him as a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, and a man of sterling character, and the soul of honor.

He is a logical and forceful speaker, a dignified and prudent campaigner, and would add strength to the ticket, if nominated. His home county of Mason will take pride in giving him its unanimous vote in the primary.

"I will have no interests to serve but the interests of the whole people of the State, and it is to them I will be responsible, if nominated and elected Attorney General," is the declaration made by Judge Whitten to the people of the State.

## HELP REBUILD THE CHURCH.

The disastrous fire which swept this city Tuesday night, destroying 8 buildings including the colored Baptist, leaves the colored people of this city without a church building. It is generally admitted that the church could have been saved, but it would have been at the risk of endangering the entire city, and the gallant fire fighters fearing to divert a part of the water from the danger line sacrificed the church to save the balance of the city.

The officers and members of the church are not complaining but the good and generous people of Keystone ought out of the broadness of their hearts respond to the appeal which will soon be made for help to erect a more substantial building in which these god earnest workers may worship God.

Without regard to race or creed the people of this city should make generous contributions to help the people of Mt. Chapel Baptist Church begin the erection of a building without delay.

A prominent business man of Keystone has already subscribed \$100.00 toward the erection of this church. He volunteered the subscription and is ready to pay the money over at any time. His name will be given later.

Mr. C. A. Robinson, of Landgraff, night watchman at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, who has been at his home for the past month because of illness, returned to Charleston Friday. Mr. Robinson is a strong outspoken Robinson for Governor man, and did some very effective work for the cause during his stay.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Kelly is conducting revival services at the white Baptist church of which Rev. Dr. Hatfield is the pastor. Dr. Kelly is state Evangelist and is well known and popular throughout the state. He has the distinguished honor of once having been the teacher of Governor H. D. Hatfield in Logan County and he is a great admirer of his former pupil.

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