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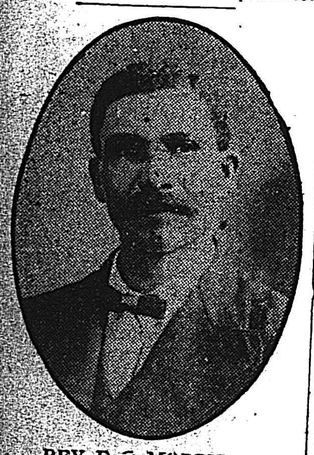
NEGRO BAPTISTS WELCOMED TO PHILADELPHIA BY MAYORS REPRESEETATIVE.

Two Thousand Representatives Assemble in Twenty-Third Annual Session of National Baptist Convention — Welcome Addresses and Responses and Responses—Annual Sermon Preached by Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Booker, of Little Rock, Ark.—Annual Address of President Morris—Race Question Discussed—Missionary Report,

Philadelphia, Pa., September 17. Undaunted by the severity of the storm fully a thousand delegates assembled at the first session of the National Baptist Association in the Auditorium of the Export Exposition Building in West Philadelphia Wednesday morning. On the platform were seated a score or more of men prominent in the work of the Colored Baptist church throughout the United States.

The first session opened at eleven o'clock with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The singing was led by a chorus of fifty mixed voices under the direction of Professor J. B. Wittington, of Shiloh Church. Devotional services were then led by the Rev. D. S. Klough, of Princeton, N. J., assisted by the Rev. I. H. Hamilton, of Russellville, Ala.

An address of welcome was made to the convention by Director Frederick J. Shoyer, who represented



REV. E. C. MORRIS.

Mayor Weaver. Mr. Shoyer said in part:

"The Mayor, through me, sends regrets that he is unable to attend your convention this morning. He is a Baptist, so you may be sure that it is due to pressing business engagements and not to the weather that he is absent, and I assure you that he would be here if he could.

When I was commissioned by His Honor to represent him this morning I felt that he had selected me because I belong to a denomination whose interests are next akin to ours. I am a Methodist.

"I am here as man to man. . . . This is the first time you have honored us, yes, I say unreservedly, honored—Philadelphia by holding your Convention here. No city in the Union more earnestly interested in your race. I bid you, in the name of this great Commonwealth, a hearty, emphatic, earnest welcome. You have in view the betterment of mankind regardless of race or color. The Mayor listed me as a Methodist to address you in his behalf. I am of that faith, and I feel that no other religious organization is more closely allied with yours than the Methodist. Douglass and Booker T. Washington have set you examples to follow, as God has made all nations of one blood. We stand on the platform of character day such as those leaders have laid down. You are welcome to the city of Philadelphia, so say we all."

Some attempts were made at decoration about the auditorium stage, in honor of the event, and when Chairman Taliaferro introduced the first of a list of speakers, a person could have heard a pin drop in the big building. The Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper and the Rev. J. E. Bennett, representing the Baptist Ministers, Conference, made addresses of welcome to the colored folk. Then followed the Rev. W. H. Phillips, D. D., representing the Pastors' Union of Philadelphia: the Rev. A. G. Roland, D.D., the American Baptist Publication Society; the Rev. B. MacMackin, the City Mission; the Rev. Solomon Porter Hood and the Rev John B. Stansbury, the A. M. E. Conference; the Rev. G. L. Blackwell, D. D., the A. M. E. Zion Conference; and Lawyers T. J. Minton, the legal profession; H. W. Bass, the citizens; and G. E. Dickerson, the Baptist laymen.

This afternoon the Rev. E. C. Morris, of Helena, Ark., who has been president of the convention for the past nine years, delivered an address.

After this list of speakers had made short addresses of welcome, the Rev. Taliaferro introduced the Rev. E. C. Morris, the President of the national body.

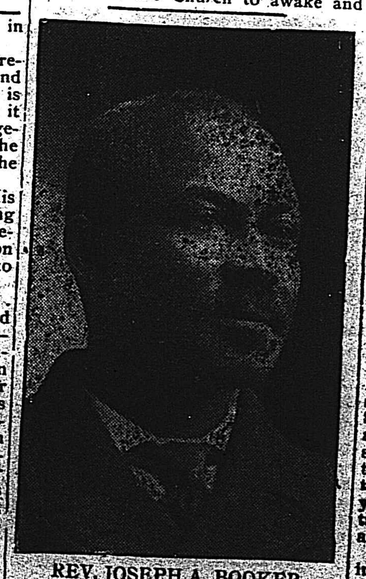
Rev. Dr. Morris, in earnest tones, said in the course of his long address at the afternoon session "Friends and fellow- laborers: It is with a cognizance of the grave responsibilities that rest upon us and in deep and abiding gratitude in my heart for ence of the country and affirming that

REV. L. J. JORDAN.

our meeting should be held in this city, the first capital of the nation, and in this hall, where the unanimous voice of the people representing a great political party was heard in naming as their choice for President the immortal William McKinley. We are now almost within the shadow of old Independence Hall, where the declarations setting forth the independence of the country a dnaffirming that 'all men are created equal' were signed and became the corner-stone of the greatest republic in the world. . . .

Forty years have passed since the Emancipation Proclamation broke the shackles from the limbs of our race in this country, and I think I can say with assurance that those two acts constitute the brightest gems upon the pages of American history. . . .

"We recognize that our country has suffered untold shame by reason of the spirit of anarchy that has spread all over it and brought on a condition which calls loud to the sleeping conscience of the Church to awake and



REV. JOSEPH A. BOOKER.

speak in no uncertain way of those evils that are threatening the peaceable perpetuity of our free institutions and which should give place to law and order.

Let us consider that the most bloodcurdling outrages committed against womanhood of the country are charg-

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MIDNIGHT'S MUSINGS.

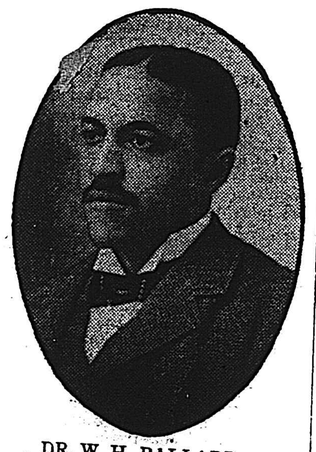
A LETTER DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO THE LEXINGTON FAIR ASSO'N.

A Fair That Has Almost Become National In Its Character—Some Of The Leading Men and The Manner In Which They Conduct Affairs.—Goes To The Races And Enjoys Them Very Much—Fully Twenty Thousand People On The Grounds And Not One Cross Word—Enterprising Negro Men And Women.

I want to take advantage of this opportunity to thank the people of Winchester for praying for me, and I am of the opinion that the Lord heard their prayers, and now I am almost like another man. I am really enjoying life, and enjoying good health. It has been a long time since I felt as good as I do today. I am getting well, and I hope some day to visit Wincheste,r Va., and tell the people how well I appreciate their kind words and prayers.

I am indeed proud of my people and want to get closer to them, and I am never going to try to get away and be with the white people, and I am of the opinion that I have a right for this declaration and if you want to know why I will have to tell you, so you will have to wait.

There are things going on in parts of of the United States for the development of our people that some of us do not know anything about. These people are working to solve the vexed problem, and they are doing their duty. In



DR. W. H. BALLARD.

every State in the Union where are to be found our people you will find thrifty industrious men and women who are not doing much talk, but plenty of real hard work. In every line of trade, business and profession our people have entered and are doing their duty. From East to West, North and South they work, but especially in the Southland they are in work, and this week I want to pay my respects to some of the industrious men and women who are actually doing something, and to do this I will ask you to spend a day or two with me in Lexington, Ky., where you will find more colored men and women doing real work to the square inch than any city of its size in this whole country.

Perhaps you have been to Lexington and perhaps you have not and if you have not it will pay you to go there and see the most enterprising town in the South. I believe there are more men and women there in business to the square inch than in any other of the towns, but then I will not take up your time with this statement because soon you will find out for yourself. I am to talk about the Lexington Fair this week and what I saw there.

It was on a beautiful Thursday morning that I reached Lexington, toted my things over to the Ballard Drug Store and then boarded a street wagon for the Fair Ground. It was a busy place and the men were selling and taking tickets. I announced to them that I was "Col. J. O. Midnight," and one man told me to enter because he had been instructed to let me in. I went in and was only there for a few minutes before I met one of the busiest men in Lexington, J. C. Jackson and he toted or escorted me over to the President of the Fair and he handed me a Press Badge, which was to admit me during my stay, next one of the officials handed me a dinner ticket inviting me at the same time to take dinner with the Directors. I was glad of the opportunity to take dinner with the big men, and away went with them.

The Colored Fair Association of Kentucky was organised in 1869 for the purpose of allowing the members of our race to exhibit their Hgricultural and Mechanical Progress. The men who made up the organization were men of ability, and the only one that figured in the first organization that is left today is Jordan C. Jackson, who runs and owns a lnrge livery stable and is in the undertaking business. He has made his way to the front and has the quality of sticking-to-a-thing, and that is the secret of his real success. The stable that he is owner of stands second to none in the city of Lexington and he owns some of the best horses, best carriages and buggies and even one of the latest improved automobiles. He is a man of ability, and a man of his race, and you may know that he believes in race enterprises when he sticks to the Fair so long and well. He has put his money into it and is willing to continue to do this one thing in order that his people can show their progress at least once a year. This is the thing to do, and this is the thing that is being done.

MRS. J. C. JACKSON.

Mr. Jackson has been a successful man because for the past 32 years he has had as his companion one of the finest women in Kentucky, and she is a native of the State. Mrs. E. B. Jackson, as I am told, came into this world by the way of Danville, Ky., and she was trained in Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. They are blessed with two children, Miss Minnie Jackson is teacher in the public schools of Lexington, and she was trained right there at home. For six years she has labored among our boys and girls striving to fit them for manhood and womanhood future in this country. She is a model young woman, and I am of the opinion that some day she will make some good man happy. She has a place for everything and puts everything in its place.

E. W. CHENAULT.

She is just like her mother for the world in her training and she has been trained to work. Mrs. Jackson is a model housekeeper, and I had the pleasure of seeing her in her home when it was full of visitors, perhaps 20 were stopping with her and she handled them just as easy. She is congenial and worthy of the position she occupies. It is an inspiration to any young woman of my race to meet Mrs. Jackson.

But back to the Fair. The officers are business men and men with money; those who have had some experience in the affairs of the world. J. A. Scott, is the president, and to see him you see a thorough business man, and standing next to him is M. T. Clay, the vice president. A. L. Harden one of the pioneer citizens of Lexington. I suppose he came along in the days of Daniel Boone, but I am not sure about this and will not say it is so, but I do know that he has a host of friends. I want to take a

THE STATE OF MARYLAND

A CONFERENCE MINUTE THAT DOES NOT SEEM TO GIVE GENERAL SATISFACTION

Secretary of Committee Deserves Public Censure—Laymen would and Could do Better Work—A Disgrace to the A.M.E. church—Democrats Believe That They can Carry Alleghaney County—Republicans Must Get Together—A Successful Church Rally Parsonage Remodeled.

Frostburg, Md., Sept. 15, 1903.—Wail! Don't all answer at once. But listen. *Who printed the minutes of the late Baltimore* Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church?

The house that would send out such a piece of work ought to be boycotted forever.

The Secretary or the Publishing Committee who would receive and pay for such a piece of work deserves to be publicly censured, and sent out into the country, there to remain until they learned enough to protect the people from being humbugged. If such a piece of work had been turned over to the late Dr. Jas. H. A. Johnson he would have either refused to accept it or sued the firm for damages.

The construction of the minutes is not very complimentary to the compiler, but we can forgive that but, when a printing establishment imposes such a job upon the public, it is time to kick.

If the conference is short of competent men, let us suggest that they can find excellent secretaries among the laity of Baltimore, Washington and elsewhere, men who would take a delight in having the work done in first class style. The copy in our possession, beginning at page 42 runs thus: Page 42, Seventh Day—Evening Session. Page 43, Bishops closing remarks. Page 44, Appointments of the Baltimore and Hagerstown Districts then back again to page 41 beginning with the 17th disciplinary question. Then we have pages 42 and 43 again, then comes pages 44 and 45 with the appointments of the four districts.

Page 47 and 48 the report on circuits and stations, then back again to page 41, and now page 42 looms up again. Following this comes the appointments again. Next come the report on circuits and stations. On page 45 we have the appointments of the Potomac and Easton districts. Following this comes the report on Circuits and Stations again. Very important report—very.

If all the copies of minutes sent out are like this one, then they ought to be gathered in and sent back to the printer.

No white conference or assembly would accept such work neither ought we.

Yesterday the Democratic Convention was held in this city. Great interest has been manifested in its work. Urged on by disgruntled republicans they believe they have put forward a winning ticket. It takes more than the usual amount of courage to induce a democrat to believe that his party can carry this county, but we must confess that if the breeches in the republican line are not repaired there is a strong possibility of the democrats walking off with the best plums.

But it will not be done with the aid of Afro-American votes. They are fighting for their political rights and to preserve their franchise and they will present an unbroken front to the enemy.

Rev. J. Hammond and his people are busily engaged in repairing and enlarging the parsonage and when it is completed Dickerson A. M. E. Church will have a neat and comfortable home for its deservedly popular pastor. Rev. Hammond is one of those preachers that grow with the times. This is his third year on this work and the people of Frostburg respect and love him more than ever, and unless a great change takes place they will confidently expect to keep him for the full limit of five years.

The rally closed on Monday night, amount raised $101.70. Rev. Carter of John Wesley is moving along nicely. He is holding his people well in hand and if they continue to follow his lead success is sure. The people love and respect him. School opened yesterday under what may be termed most unfavorable auspices. Nine tenths of the people are opposed to the present teacher and they are in a very bad humor, many of them refuse to send their children to school. Of course this is all wrong. The children should not be deprived of the advantages of school on account of the blunders of the trustees.

Mr. G. Ward Arnold of Moonstown, New Jersey is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Arnold of this place.

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DENTON NOTES.

Dentor, Md., September 15.—The trustees' rally which took place last Sunday, was quite successful, and a large amount was raised for the church debts. Bro. Geo. Baily preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. G. Martin of Easton, preached an excellent sermon. It was full of rich thoughts and practical suggestions to the young people. Rev Martin was accompanied by his congregation, and they contributed the sum of $67.20 to the rally. At night, the pastor, Rev. F. A. Seaton, preached to a crowded house, subject: "A Promised Reward." The total collection for the day amounted the sum of $140. Next Sunday is Endowment day, which will be duly observed Rev. Dr. D. P. Seaton, father of our pastor, is expected to be with us and preach at both services.

POCOMOKE CITY NOTES.

Pocomoke City, September 16.—Mrs. M. L. Trusty and Miss Hazel Harris who have been visiting friends here, returned to their homes in Baltimore on Monday. Miss Susan Mill of Philadelphia, who has been spending her vacation here with her mother. returned home last week. Mrs. Julia Warner of Washington, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Quinn. Miss Ella Webb, who has been here visiting Capt. and Mrs. Robert Henry, has returned to Chester, Pa., to resume her studies in the Chester High School. Miss Mary Fields of Baltimore, after a pleasant stay, here with her brother, has returned home. Mrs. Frances Horsey has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after a sojourn with her friends here.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LOTT CAREY ASSOCIATION.

Winston-Salem, N. C., September 14.—Not in the history of this twin city has there been such a religious season as has been during the past week. The Lott Carey Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, which has a strong hold on the eight hundred colored Baptist Churches in the United States, began its sixth annual session here on September 8th, and closed on Sunday night. Sept. 13th. The meeting opened with a warm-hearted address of welcome by the Mayor of the city, who was followed by the white Baptist pastor, the A. M. E. Z. pastor and members of the various churches. Responses were made by Dr. W. H. Stokes of Richmond, Va., and Rev. H. L. Barcoe of Portsmouth, Va. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Richard Spiller of Hampton, Va. Other sermons were preached by Revs. H. H. Waring of Alexandria, Va., Dr. I. Tolliver of Washington, D. C., Rev. Dr. W. M. Moss, of Norfolk, Va., and Rev. J. H. Martian of Sparrows Point, Md.

A great mass meeting was held on Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. when prominent members of the convention, men and women, spoke. The church was crowded to overflowing and when the collection was taken, $52 was freely given. All sections of the country were represented, either by delegates or letter. The convention has had in its employ during the six years of its existence, four missionaries in Africa, and they reported 425 persons converted under their ministry, of whom more than three hundred have been baptised by the missionaries. $3,700 was raised by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards and Women's Auxiliary, during the year. Of which amount $2,100 were used for the foreign field. Two foreign missionaries, Mrs. C. C. Boone and Rev. John Tule, died during the year and the convention instructed its Board to fill their places as soon as possible.

Financially, the year just closed has been the best year in the history of the convention. The policy ofthe convention is to do all you promise to do and strive to do as much more as possible.

—TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.—

Instruction in Agriculture.

The call for educated Negro men who have made a special study of theoretical and practical Agriculture is more pressing than the supply. The demand for such men comes from all parts of the United States and from several foreign countries. The Agricultural Department of Tuskegee Institute is now prepared to give instruction of a high grade to persons who have finished either common school or college courses. We hope that a large number of such persons will enter this department at Tuskegee this fall. For information as to expenses, etc, apply to

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