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IF CHRIST STOOD AT YOUR SIDE.

All yesterday I was tempted
 By my most besetting Sin;
 I closed the door to the Tempter,
 And would not let him in.
 For a voice that spoke within me
 In tones insistent cried:
 "Would you do this thing that tempts you
 If Christ stood at your side?"

Oh, fierce indeed was the struggle
 With my most besetting Sin,
 For oft before had I risen
 To welcome the Tempter in.
 But I prayed for help to Heaven
 That was not long denied
 When Conscience asked: "What would you do
 If Christ stood at your side?"

Tomorrow when I am tempted
 By my most besetting Sin
 I know that, though stern the battle,
 I shall be certain to win,
 Since something of evil in me
 In that last conflict died,
 When I heard: "Would you do what tempts
 you
 Christ stood at your side?"

—Frank H. Meloon.

ME IT ON CUPID!



Testimonial To Dr. Mason Suggested

The Rev. Dr. Louis G. Mason, is now rounding out his 25th year in the active ministry and his 9th year as Presiding Elder of the Hudson River District, N. Y. Conference. All of the Quarterly Conferences thus far held are unanimous in their petition for the return of Dr. Mason to the District for the 10th year which indeed speaks well for him and the prosperous condition of his work. As an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held in this city and by Zion in particular, Mrs. Lena Anderson heads a committee that plans to raise a purse to be presented Dr. Mason at the Annual Conference. If all the Churches of the Conference or even of this District would fall in line, we have no doubt but what an hour at the Conference would be given over to the presentation of these testimonials to our beloved Presiding Elder, making his 25th anniversary in the active service and 9th consecutive year as Presiding Elder a memorable affair. In taking the initiative Poughkeepsie believes every Church will gladly take part and give honor to whom honor is so richly due.

Zion's Annual Spring Fair

The Annual Spring Fair will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings June 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1918. In connection with doing all they can to aid the Fair proper, everybody is also requested to take a Cross Gleaner and contribute at least \$1.00 Sunday, June 2nd. The proceeds will be used to pay salary of the Pastor and to settle balance due on General Claims. This is our last chance and Zion is depending on one and all to help in this crisis. To swing clear we must realize \$300. Don't fail us!

A grand high class entertainment each night as follows: Tuesday, Grand Concert; Wednesday, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," illustrated by stereopticon pictures; Thursday A Variety Program; Friday, A one act Play entitled, "The Place We Always Hold." Every night a gem. See our four page circulars for particulars. Help us "go over the top." Admission each evening 10 cents. President, Mrs. Jessie Wye; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lena Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. Olivia Bostick, and Treas., Mrs. Anna VanBuren.

Heroic 15th Making Good

At The Battle Front in France—Johnson and Roberts Honored—No Color Prejudices Over-there.

The old 15th N. Y. Colored Infantry, now known as the 369th, is making good on the firing line in France and fully sustaining the Negroes long and honorable record of valor from the 'Black Regiment of Rhode Island' of the Revolutionary War to the present. Now, as in days of yore, he is fighting as bravely as the bravest in defence of Old Glory and giving his life's blood that democracy might not perish from the earth.

Col. William Haywood now has two battalions in front line trenches and in a recent encounter, two of our boys—Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts, fought 24 Germans and were victorious in honor of which they were each presented the much coveted French War Cross. The Negro will fight just as courageously on Sea when granted the privilege, and our girls—trained nurses—only await the opportunity to be accorded them and they will gladly hazard their lives in ministering to the wounded 'over-there.'

The dear old 15th which is today giving such a good account of itself on French soil, while in the South here at home, was recalled to the North because of racial friction. However their relations with the French have been most cordial—no trouble whatever due to the fact, in France character counts and not color.

In 30 years 3000 Negro citizens of America whose patriotism has never been doubted; men, women and children have been butchered in a most every conceivable form by the lynching bee's and but little if any serious attention accorded it by the authorities. The sport yet goes merrily on undisturbed—four or five reported lynched the past week. Recently, however, a German was lynched and Government pressure was at once in action to punish the criminals and to enact such laws as will make its repetition improbable. Our heart yearns to know why this prompt and drastic action in the interest of a German alien, while thousands of loyal American native born citizens are lynched with hardly a protest in their behalf? Our boys are now abroad giving their lives for America and democracy. Can it be out of place to ask of America protection for their loved ones at home?

Memorial Services

Memorial services for our deceased during the past year will be held Sunday evening, 26th, with Mrs. Mary J. Colden in charge. Pastor will give a short sermon and special music will be rendered by the choir.

Comfort Club Will Entertain Draftees

Wednesday Evening May 29—Wives and Mothers Invited—Prayer Service Memorial Day Evening.

The contingent of our drafted boys who will next leave us will be entertained, together with their wives and mothers, at Zion Church by the Soldier's Comfort Club of which Miss Grace Deyo is president, Wednesday evening May 29. A fine program has been prepared and refreshments will be served. Clifton Pinkney and Clarence Anderson have been appointed Field Secretaries. The Club is determined to do its bit in keeping strong the morale, courage and good cheer of our boys who go to the front, and in this work it merits the unstinted support of all.

Memorial Day Prayer Service

The Club will also conduct a Service of Prayer in accordance with President Wilson's proclamation, at Zion, Memorial Day evening, Thursday May 30. Our Country is in a great struggle for the cause of Liberty. Let us unite in earnest prayer for the success of our arms. This service will take the place of the Prayer Meeting that would be held Friday evening. Everybody invited and urged to attend. Rev. Mrs. May is Chaplain of the Club and will conduct the Service.

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Rev. C. Van
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Our beloved Bishop Hood is regaining his health. Continue to pray for his complete recovery. God bless Bishop and Mrs. Hood.

We wish to commend Dr. J. W. Wood on the current edition of "The Missionary Seer." It is indeed a gem in every particular.

Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D., is a great and grand man. Our prayer is that he may live long to lead the forces of Zion. His Episcopal Residence is a splendid building and is representative of his high office. Bishop Lee will make good.

When visiting Asbury Park stop at The Hotel Elysian, 143 Sylvan Ave., Mrs. A. A. Williamson, prop. It is open the year round and is first class in every particular. We were domiciled there during our short stay in that city, through kindness of Dr. Conrad.

The Quarterly Review under the masterful hand of Rev. Dr. C. C. Alleyne continues to hold first rank place. Its mechanism, the strength of its editorials, the variety and soundness of its matter touching different phases of Church life make it a credit to Zion and to the race.

The Church erected by the Rev. Stephen D. Conrad, D. D., at Asbury Park is one of the most beautiful and commodious to be found in the Connection. His entertainment of the Conference there can not be excelled anywhere. Dr. Conrad is popular and progressive and well merits the great success that is crowning his labors for God and Zion.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR MAIL

I very much enjoy The Quill. It is indeed a very bright little sheet. Long may it live to bless Zion in Poughkeepsie.—Aaron Brown, Pensacola, Fla.

I read The Quill with much interest. I do not measure it by its size but by its quality. It shows that you know how to use the pen.—Rev. W. H. Eley, Bridgeport, Conn.

Allow me please to congratulate you on your parish sheet—The Quill. It is fine. It takes men of your push and kind to do things worth while.—Rev. A. Hannum, Philadelphia, Pa.

We have the pretty little parish sheet—The Quill—published by Rev. C. VanBuren, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The paper is growing in appearance and good use to his work. His people are wonderfully pleased with their pastor and his grand work. Pastor VanBuren is developing into a fine newspaper man. His little journal has merit as well as being creditable and useful.—The Star of Zion. (4-4-18).

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At the Shepherd's Haven

Rev. L. H. Taylor, D. D., of Newburgh; Rev. W. P. Douglas of New York; Rev. S. S. Boyd of Mount Vernon; Rev. L. G. Mason, D. D., of Highwood, N. J.; Mrs. Sparford Meyers of New York; Rev. L. T. Conquest of Danbury, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Howard Simms and daughter, Thelma, of Sparkill.

Two organizations in the interest of our soldier boys have recently sprung into existence in this city, namely: "The Soldiers Comfort Club" of which Miss Grace Deyo is president, and a unit of "The Circle For Negro War Relief," with Mrs. Maggie Wormley, president. They both have worthy aims and a splendid opportunity of doing much tangible good, and merit the hearty support of one and all. They have the best wishes of The Quill in their very laudable undertaking.

We are now closing out our fourth year's pastorate here in this, the Queen City on the Hudson, of cough drop fame. We sincerely appreciate the whole-souled endorsement of our labors as evidenced by the unanimous vote of the Fourth Quarterly Conference that we return for the fifth year. More than 200 persons have united with Zion during our administration, a splendid parsonage has been built and much other tangible work accomplished that will ever testify to the fact that we have passed this way. If we do not return, and we are not expecting to, we will cherish among our most pleasant recollections the four years we've spent in this city. This is one of the leading appointments of the Conference with property valued at \$55,000.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference

Return of Pastor VanBuren Requested

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held Monday evening, April 8th, Rev. Dr. L. G. Mason, presiding. The vote was unanimous for the return of Pastor VanBuren for the fifth year and also for the return of Presiding Elder Mason to the District for the tenth year. Clarence Anderson was elected delegate with Rev. W. H. Abbott as Alternate, to represent the Church at the Annual Conference to be held at the Rush Memorial Church, New York City, June 12-17. Dr. Mason preached an excellent sermon Sunday evening, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The Order of Time in Which They Are Supposed to Have Been Written.

Before Christ

Job, 1521; Genesis, 1500; Exodus, 1491; Leviticus, 1490; Numbers, 1451; Deuteronomy; Joshua, 1427; Judges, 1403; Ruth, 1060; 1 Samuel, 1055; 2 Samuel, 1018; Psalms,——; Song of Solomon, 1013; Proverbs, 1000; Ecclesiastes, 977; Jonah, 862; Joel, 800; Amos, 787; Hosea, 785-725; Isaiah, 760-698; Nahum, 713; Micah, 750-998; Zephaniah, 630; 1 Kings, 626; Habakkuk, 626; 2 Kings, 590; Jeremiah, 628-586; Lamentations, 587; Obadiah, 587; Ezekiel, 595-575; Daniel, 534; Haggai, 520; Zechariah, 520; Esther, 509; 1 Chronicles, 457; 2 Chronicles, 457; Ezra, 450; Nehemiah, 437; Malachi, 397.

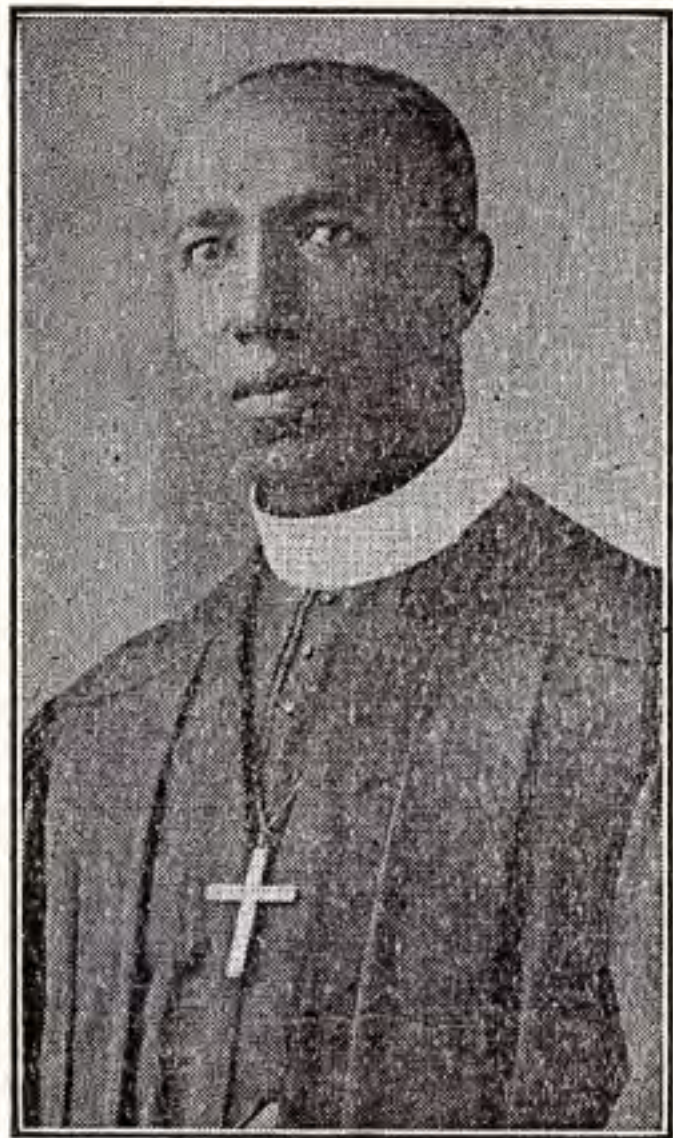
After Christ

Matthew, 38; 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 54; Galatians, 58; 1 Corinthians, 59; 2 Corinthians, 60; Romans, 60; 1 Peter, 60; James, 60; Luke, 63; Acts, 64; Ephesians, 64; Colossians, 64; Philippians, 64; Philemon, 64; Hebrews, 64; 1 Timothy, 65; Mark, 65; Titus, 65; Jude, 66; 2 Peter, 66; 2 Timothy, 66; John, 90; 1 John, 90; 2 John, 90; 3 John, 90; Revelation, 96.

Sermon to Neighborhood Club—

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erend. The Neighborhood Club is doing a splendid work for the general betterment of our race in particular and of the city in general. Mrs. John Harden is president. Mrs. James Powell heads the Auxiliary.



Rev. Frederick Clarence VanBuren

Now closing our twentieth year in the ministry and fourth year as Pastor of the Smith Street A. M. E. Zion Church.

Recording Secretary of the New York Annual Conference, a member of several of its Committees and of the Mission Board and one of the Triers of Appeals, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Compiler and Publisher of the Minutes.

Organizer and member of the Interdenominational Preachers' Union.

Member of the Poughkeepsie (white) Ministerial Association and of the Zion Ministers Meeting of New York City.

Author and Publisher of "The Varick Certificate or Church Membership" and "Of Office."

Founder and Honorary Member of St. Catherine's Mutual Aid Circle: Sons and Daughters of Zion.

Member of Douglas Lodge No. 18 (P. C.) K. of P., also a member of the Grand Lodge and District Deputy for Dutchess County.

Member of True Heart Lodge No. 3418, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows. (P. N. F.)

Member of Esther Tabernacle No. 79, Order of Moses and of Shiloh Temple House No. 11.

Editor and Publisher of "The Parish Quill."

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THE GRIM REAPER.

"How blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes,
How gently heaves the expiring breath!"

Ethel May Bush—

Pastor VanBuren officiated at the funeral of infant Ethel May Bush at 102 Catharine Street, Friday, April 12.

Thomas Choats—

The funeral of Thomas Choats, who died Easter Sunday, was held from Zion, Tuesday, April 2. Pastor VanBuren officiated. He is survived by a devoted wife.

John VanBuren—

John VanBuren, father of the Rev. C. VanBuren of this city, departed this life at his home at Westhampton, N. Y., Monday, April 8th, after a short illness. He leaves five sons, a daughter, and a large circle of relatives and friends who mourn their loss. He was a splendid father, a loving husband and an exemplary citizen. He rests beside his wife. May their repose be sweet.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep."

Rev. Charles S. Fariess—

The Rev. Charles S. Fariess, who 28 years ago founded the Ebenezer Baptist Church in this city, and who has since served as its pastor, died at the Vassar Brothers Hospital, May 4th, from an attack of pneumonia. Funeral was held from Ebenezer, Tuesday the 7th. The Rev. G. H. Simms, D. D., President of the Colored Baptist Ministerial Association delivered the eulogy. The choir of Zion sang. Practically every Church in the city was represented either by its Pastor or by Resolutions. Quite a number of clergymen and friends from out-of-town were also present. Many floral tributes were received among them a beautiful cross and crown design from Zion. Rev. Mr. Fariess was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and leaves a devoted wife and many friends and relatives.

Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies;
While heaven and earth combine to say,
How blest the righteous when he dies!"

Total Eclipse:

There will be a total eclipse of the sun on June 8th, the first since 1900, and there will not be another before 1923.

Born—

A daughter, Reonda Victoria, was born to Richard and Margarite Deyo, Saturday, March 31.

Read The Quill.

PARAGRAPHS**OUR CHURCH NOTES****Ass't Church Clerk, missed:**

Miss Harriet Glasby, one of our very efficient Assistant Church Clerks, has been greatly missed since her return to her home at Jamaica, N. Y.

Rev. Duiers with us:

The Rev. H. E. Duiers, pastor of the Centennial Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ossining, N. Y., worshipped with us Sunday evening, May 5th.

Finance Cards Report:

For lack of space we are not publishing the Finance Cards reports for the year as we had anticipated doing. However, the Financial Chart in the rear of the Church will tell the story—look at it!

Pew Rally Effort:

Seventy dollars was realized in the Pew Rally effort held Sunday, April 28. Mrs. Jessie Wye led the Custodians with \$25. The affair was very successful.

Madame Rose recites:

Madame M. Rose, before a large audience, fully sustained her reputation as an elocutionist of exceptional ability at the recital given by the Men's Club, Wednesday evening, April 24th. The whole affair was a grand success.

Rev. Douglas preaches:

The Rev. William P. Douglas of New York, preached us a very pleasing sermon Sunday evening, May 5th, in appreciation of which a very liberal offering was presented him. Mr. Douglas is pastoring our Church at New Paltz. He is a splendid young man and has before him the promise of a very bright future.

Mother's Day Observed:

Mother's Day was observed at Zion, Sunday morning, May 12, under direction of Mrs. Lena Anderson. An appropriate program was well rendered that will long live in the memory of those who witnessed it in which a fitting and lasting tribute was paid to Mothers. Music was furnished by the Junior Choir interspersed with several duets and solos by a number of its members.

Men's Day a Success:

Men's Day was observed with three services Sunday, April 14th. Pastor VanBuren preached in the morning, subject: "Master Builders." In the afternoon a grand literary program was rendered. The Fifth Anniversary sermon was delivered in the evening by the Rev. S. S. Boyd of Mount Vernon. Dinners were served from 1 to 3 o'clock. The affair was under auspices of the Men's Club and was one round of successes.

"The Girls Over Here"

"The Girls Over Here," a new patriotic entertainment will be presented by Miss Sadie Rhodes at our Zion, Thursday evening, June 20th. This promises to be one of the most popular entertainments of the season and should be witnessed by one and all. Refreshments will be served. The program will be supported by a large company. Don't miss it. Proceeds will be used to reimburse Miss Rhodes for the Sinking Fund Assessment and balance will be given the Trustees.

Sermon to Odd Fellows



Pastor VanBuren preached the annual thanksgiving sermon to Rose Leaf Lodge, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, with the Household and Juveniles as guests, Sunday evening, May 12th. Subject, "The Three Links or the Task of Odd Fellowship." The sermon was well received. A large crowd was in attendance and the Order made the most representative appearance of any of the local Fraternal societies that have yet attended Zion, and they are to be commended. Nathan Wye was Master of Ceremonies. A very pleasing program was carried out in full. The choir rendered special selections. A purse was presented Pastor.

The New York Conference

The New York Conference will convene at Rush Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, 58 W. 138th Street, N. Y. City, Rev. A. A. Crooke, D. D., Pastor, at 11 a. m., Wednesday, June 12, Bishop J. S. Caldwell, D. D., presiding. One of the best sessions yet held is anticipated.

The Scarf Drill

"The Scarf Drill," given Thursday evening, May 16, under direction of Miss Evelyn Jones by the young folks was well rendered and fully appreciated by the splendid gathering, and Miss Jones is to be congratulated. Refreshments were served. Proceeds were given Pastor on salary. Miss Jones is an excellent young lady and one of whom Zion is proud.

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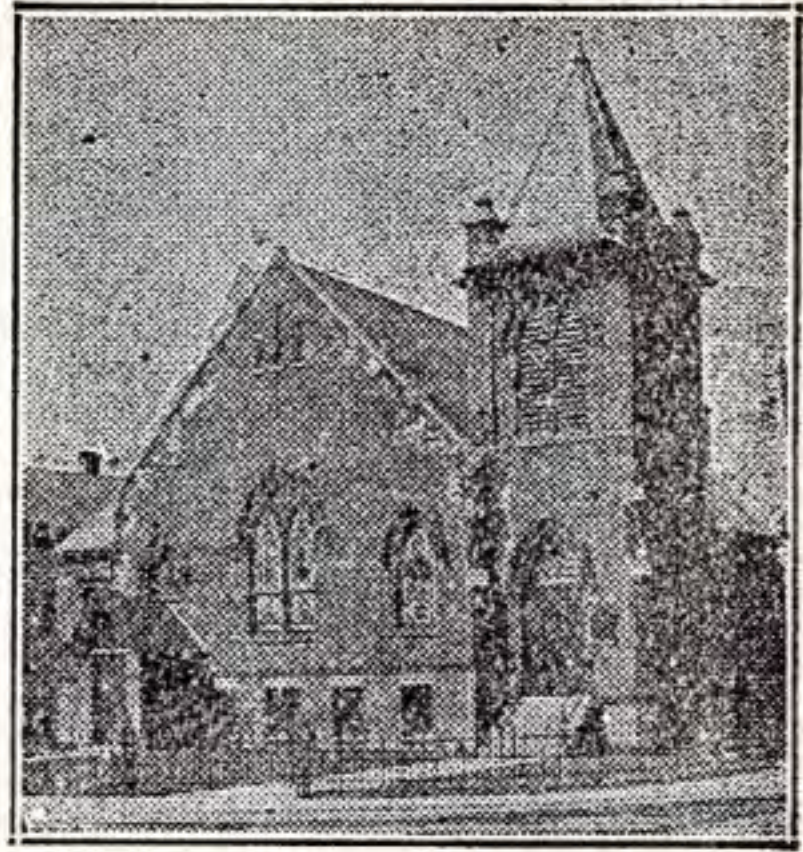
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