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FOREWORD

To the Pastors and Laity of the New York Conference.

In May of 1964, I was assigned to the Episcopal leadership of the First District. I was deeply gratified because my ministry began in this area. It was like coming home. For it was in Bethel Church, New York City, that I was licensed to preach. The pastors and laity of this conference have been loyal and faithful.

There were many problems relating to the acquiring of mortgages for the churches and also, pertaining to the locating of churches in strategic areas. We have not solved all of these problems but thanks be to God they are not as acute as they were.

I have tried to set a higher tone for our ministry and I have stressed ministerial education, and have made some attempts towards church renewal in the conference.

The New York Conference has never failed under proper supervision to come through when it is called upon.

Again, I appreciate your efforts and labor of love in attacking and solving the Herculean problems in this conference.

The following pages are indicative of the progress and dedication of the ministry and laity of the above mentioned conference. Mrs. Bright and my family share with me in this expression.

John Douglas Bright, Sr.

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OF THE
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FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
OF THE
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BISHOP JOHN D. BRIGHT, Presiding Bishop

Wednesday, May 19, 1965

10:00 A.M.—Brief devotional service by the conference evangelists

10:15 A.M.—The one-hundred and forty-third session of the New York Annual Conference opened with a worship service:

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. M. D. Birt
OPENING HYMN No. 295 Rev. L. M. Carp
INVOCATION Rev. O'Neil Mack
ANTHEM — "The New Jerusalem" The Chorus
SCRIPTURE LESSON — Psalms 46 Rev. R. C. Henderson
DECALOGUE Rev. H. R. Hughes
LITANY Rev. H. J. White, Jr.
OFFERING Rev. Elliott Mayfield
Presentation of his grace, the Right Reverend John D. Bright,
Rev. W. L. Freeman, Presiding Elder of the Manhattan District.
After formal salutations, Bishop Bright introduced the speaker of the
morning: Rev. F. H. Jackson.
SERMON HYMN No. 418 Bishop J. D. Bright
"How Great the Wisdom"
SERMON Rev. F. H. Jackson
Text: Isaiah 43:5
Theme: The Power of the Gospel in a Confused World.
Led by the Holy Spirit, the speaker lifted the conference to spiritual
heights.
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Rev. A. A. Daniels
HOLY COMMUNION
Communicants: Bishop John D. Bright, Bishop D. H. Sims, and
Presiding Elders and ministers

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: See Report

By common consent, the conference agreed to postpone the organization until the afternoon session.

The following visitors were presented by Bishop Bright:

Dr. R. W. Mance, Secretary-Treasurer; Bishop David H. Sims, the Revs. B. T. Cartwright, R. Lambs, J. Beaver, H. Rhodes, J. J. Jackson, J. Alexander, E. L. Blake, D. M. Owens, S. S. Singleton, J. Waters, C. Choice, B. C. Burton, J. K. Baldwin, E. Clark, A. White, G. Franklin, Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Stokes, Rev. Davis of John Street Baptist Church, Rev. Garcia, G. E. Thornton, Rev. Herring, Rev. E. Jordan, Rev. J. P. Collier, Jr., Dr. A. A. Singleton, Editor of the A. M. E. REVIEW; Rev. Norris, who was transferred to the Bermuda Conference; W. H. Smallwood, A. L. Stephans, T. E. Harper, R. Pruitt, W. C. Davis, M. Steel, A. D. Nurn, J. S. Benn, Rev. and Mrs. Cruse of Detroit and L. S. McNeal, W. W. Jacobs, J. L. Dandridge.

The culmination of the presentations was the introduction of the First Lady of the First Episcopal District, Mrs. Vida M. Bright, by the hostess, Mrs. M. D. Birt. Mrs. Bright greeted the conference in her queenly way, and in her discourse she informed the New York Conference of the wonderful attendance, the very warm welcome received in other conferences, and the desire for the same in the New York area.

Rev. R. A. Hildebrand read a resolution in reference to the Prelate of the First Episcopal District, Bishop John D. Bright. Bishop D. H. Sims placed the motion. It was moved by Rev. D. D. Davis and seconded by Rev. H. R. Hughes and carried that a standing ovation be given Bishop and Mrs. J. D. Bright.

Mrs. M. D. Birt was presented with a beautiful corsage. Announcements by Pastor Birt.
Doxology and Benediction by the Rev. F. H. Jackson.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD SESSION
NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE
BISHOP JOHN DOUGLAS BRIGHT, SR., Presiding

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 19, 1965

After a brief devotional service led by the Evangelists, Bishop Bright proceeded with the business of the Conference.

Dr. John W. Moses, Sr., offered a motion that the financial committee be composed of nine persons, plus the three presiding

elders. This motion was second by Dr. G. G. Crumpley and the motion was passed.

The Organization of the Conference was called for and Rev. William Lee Freeman gained the floor and submitted the following names to constitute the Organization of the Conference:

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE — 1965

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| Secretary to the Bishop | Mrs. Vida M. Bridgman |
| Chief Secretary | Rev. Augustus K. Davidson |
| Assistant Secretary | Rev. O'Neil Mack |
| Statistician | Rev. Elliott Mayfield |
| Accountant | Rev. John H. Johnson |
| Chief Marshal | Rev. B. L. Huff |
| Special Messenger to the Bishop | Rev. Leroy R. Judge |

Marshalls

Rev. Joseph Mitchell
Rev. Joseph McKinzie
Rev. Walter L. Matthews

Reporters

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| Church Papers | Rev. Allen Brown |
| Secular Press | Rev. L. F. Webb |
| | Rev. M. A. Robinson |

Finance Committee

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| Rev. R. A. Hildebrand | Rev. M. D. Birt |
| Rev. Donald M. Ming | Rev. Joseph L. Joines |
| Rev. J. W. Lee | Mr. Foster W. Ruck |
| Rev. E. L. Huff | Rev. G. G. Crumpley |

Mrs. Lilla Thomas

Presiding Elders

Rev. William Muldrow
Rev. John W. Moses, Sr.
Rev. William Lee Freeman

This plan for organization was adopted on a motion by Rev. A. A. Davis and seconded by Rev. M. D. Birt.

The boundaries of the conference were set at the first eight pews across.

Bishop Bright then called upon the Secretary to call the roll. The Bishop stressed the importance of the roll call and further stated that the men should take pride in answering the roll.

There were several corrections, deletions, and additions brought to the attention of the Secretary. These additional names have been duly recorded. Also, deceased persons have been taken off the

Bishop Bright then appointed two (2) committees:

- (1) Judiciary Committee

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| Rev. A. A. Davis | Rev. L. M. Carper |
| Rev. H. R. Hughes | Rev. E. L. Huff |
| Rev. H. F. Berry | |
 - (2) Committee on Trials and Appeals

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| Rev. J. W. Lee | Rev. J. A. DeLaine |
| Rev. Donald L. Ming | Rev. L. R. Judge |
- Rev. E. E. Henley is the only retired minister on the pensions roll. Bishop Bright inquired as to the retirement of ministers in the Presiding Elder Districts. There were none forthcoming.

VERIFICATION — MINISTERS' WIDOWS

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| Jennie Coverdale | Susie Gordan |
| Rose Duvall | Mable Jones |
| Mary S. Edwards (deceased) | H. Delima |
| Mary Shepherd | Marguerette Small |
| Mrs. Morton | Maggie E. Thompson |
| Mrs. M. McCoy | Mabel Stewart |
| Beatrice Walton | Carmen Washington (One minister's orphan) |
| Gladys M. Washington | |

The Bishop then called upon the Presiding Elders to call the names of the lay delegates.

BROOKLYN - LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

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| Delegate | Church |
| Mrs. August Midgett | Bethel, Setauket |
| Mrs. Franklin B. Smith | St. Paul, Rockville Centre |
| Mrs. Dorothy Boatwright | Salem, Roslyn |
| Mrs. Gertrude Floyd | North Port and Smithtown |
| Miss Ester Rapely | Bethel, Bayshore |
| Mrs. Alberta Hershey | Calvary, Glen Cove |
| Mrs. Meria Vanderberg | Mt. Olive, Port Washington |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson | Bethel, Huntington |
| Mrs. Sara Edmonds | Bethel, Westbury |
| Mrs. Sweetie Patterson | St. Peters, Douglaston |
| Mr. Albert Howard | Macedonia, Flushing |
| Mrs. Mildred Miller | People's, Brooklyn |
| Mrs. Mary Foster | St. Paul, East New York |
| Dr. Frank McCoy | Bridgestreet, Brooklyn |
| Mrs. Mary Jackson | Bethel, Far Rockaway |
| Mrs. Christine Aikens | Bethel, Amityville |
| Mrs. Georgiana Perry | Allen Memorial, Brooklyn |
| Mrs. Arie Gipson | Bethel, Freeport |
| Mrs. Alma Chaptman | Bethel, Babylon |
| Mr. Blunt | |

BUFFALO DISTRICT

| Delegate | Church |
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| Mrs. Jessie Farmer | Timothy, Mt. Vernon |
| Mrs. Ruby Logan | Bethany, Yonkers |
| Mrs. Ruth Norman | St. Matthews, Buffalo |
| Mrs. Dorothy Roper | Calvary, Brooklyn |
| Mrs. Rosalie Lewis | Union, Lockport |
| Rev. Franklyn Jackson | Allen, White Plains |
| Mr. John Gumbs | St. Marks, Kingston |
| Mrs. Jerelena Lundy | Carter Community, Jamaica |
| Mrs. Bertha Gresham | Emmanuel, Tuckahoe |
| Mrs. Isabel Johnson | Bethel, Arverne |
| Mrs. Lila Thomas | Israel, Albany |
| Mr. Eli H. Boni | St. Johns, Brooklyn |
| Mrs. Mary Murchison | Bethel Tabernacle, Brooklyn |
| Mr. William Banks | St. Johns, Niagara Falls |
| Mrs. Bessie Robinson | Allen, Jamaica |
| Mrs. J. Freeman | Bethel, Buffalo |
| Mrs. Florida Parker | Mt. Olive, Jamaica |
| Miss Gwendolyn Henderson | Mt. Moriah, Jamaica |
| | Little Bethel, Wyandanch |

MANHATTAN DISTRICT

| Delegate | Church |
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| Mr. C. Eugene Pendavis | Bethel, New York City |
| Mrs. Mary Murrough | Emmanuel, New York City |
| Mr. Foster W. Rucker | Greater St. Luke, New York |
| Mrs. Rosa Pascal | Mt. Zion, New York |
| Mrs. Helen Pender | Greater Bethel, New York City |
| Mrs. Rowena Nelson | Metropolitan, New York City |
| Mr. W. J. Singleton | St. Johns, New York City |
| Mr. George Winters | St. Matthews, Bronx, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Rosatta Wyatt | St. James, New York City |
| Mrs. Helen Williams | Emmanuel, New Rochelle, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Daisy Smalls | Trinity, New York City |
| Mrs. L. B. Livieston | Truevine, New York City |
| Mrs. Muried Jermih | Bronxriver, Bronx, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Annie Wilson | Ebendzer, Bronx, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Adell Link | Brownsville, Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Bessie Gilliam | Lincoln Memorial, New York |
| Mrs. Josephine Batey | St. Marks, Corona, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Ella Battle | Mt. Carmel, New Rochelle, N. Y. |
| Mrs. Thelma Gibson | Pilgrim, Brooklyn |
| | St. Matthews, Hollis, N. Y. |
| | Bethel, Bronx, N. Y. |

Following this, Bishop Bright then called all the visitors to the rostrum. At this point Congressman John Lindsay, Republican candidate for the Mayor of New York City, entered the church and was given opportunity to speak. Bishop Bright asked Mr. Arthur Funn to introduce Mr. Lindsay. The Congressman spoke passionately of his love for equality, justice and freedom. He spoke of the constitution and certain amendments safeguarding individual rights, and the need for correct legislation to make them effective.

Following this, Bishop Bright then called upon Dr. H. R. Hughes to respond to Mr. Lindsay. Dr. Hughes made a response that was both moving and representative of the New York Conference. The Bishop also called upon Dr. Mance, General Treasurer of our Church, to respond. Dr. Mance made a brief but stirring plea for the support of the candidate, by more than simple endorsement but in a practical way of ringing door bells and drumming up support and votes.

Following this, Bishop Bright spoke briefly of the role that African Methodists have played in the rights struggle. He mentioned A. Phillip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, as active members of the A. M. I. Church.

The Bishop recognized Dr. Sam Davis of Alabama and a Candidate for Episcopal Honors. Dr. Davis brought greetings and expressed his gratitude for Bishop Bright's leading the African Methodist Church in response to the crisis in Selma, Ala., and Montgomery.

The Bishop then called upon another candidate, Rev. R. R. Stokes from Philadelphia. Dr. Stokes spoke with conviction and fervor and sat down to resounding applause.

Dr. B. T. Cartwright, also a candidate, addressed the Conference briefly.

As result of a motion offered by Rev. H. J. White and second by Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, the Conference endorsed the above candidates, including Dr. H. R. Hughes, for Episcopal Honors.

Bishop Bright spoke with firm conviction in reference to his making appointments. He moved the Conference by his sincerity and serious concern with the work of the District.

We then had remarks from Dr. Benjamin Peyton, Director of the Office of Church and Race of the Protestant Council.

Bishop Bright then called for a report of the Presiding Elders' totals, which were read as follows:

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| Buffalo | \$14,864.80 |
| Brooklyn - Long Island | 20,414.41 |
| Manhattan | 24,536.00 |
| Missionaries (reported to the Conference) | 2,000.90 |

Bishop Bright announced that the Conference would reconvene at 8:00 P.M. Following this, we had the Benediction.

After the sermon Rev. C. F. Hunter lead the Conference singing "I'm Leaning On The Lord."

Bishop Bright then requested the Conference enter into a brief period of meditation. He asked also for the prayers of the Conference because of the important decisions that he must make.

The Bishop then called upon Rev. H. J. White, Jr., to sing "G Shall Wipe All Tears Away."

After Rev. White's solo, Bishop Bright thanked Dr. Baldwin for his sermon, announced that the Conference would reconvene 3:00 p.m.

Bishop Bright recognized the presence of Rev. Reddick from the 11th Episcopal District. The Bishop then called upon Dr. Baldwin for the benediction.

The afternoon session opened with devotional services led by the Evangelists. Bishop Bright then began with the reports of the Manhattan District, Rev. W. L. Freeman, Presiding Elder.

Bishop Bright commended Rev. L. R. Judge on doing the impossible and commended Rev. J. L. Joiner for the part that he played in bringing it to pass. As he moved out of the old Metropolitan, let Rev. Judge and the good people of St. Johns move in. This, stated, is a sign of progress. Bishop then acknowledged the presence of Dr. McCoy Ransom, Historiographer of the A. M. E. Church; I Granberry, Secretary of the Pension Department; Dr. Andrew White Secretary of the Journal of Religious Education. His reports of the Manhattan District resumed.

Rev. A. A. Davis begged permission to preface his report. He informed the Conference of the condition that now exists at Greater St. Luke A. M. E. numerically, spiritually, and financially. Following the report, Bishop Bright commended both Rev. Davis and the good people of Greater St. Luke.

Report of Emmanuel, New Rochelle, N. Y., supervised by Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, informed the Conference that they have won the first round of their legal battle in Court. He stated that the Church was up for sale on tomorrow morning, Friday, May 21, 1904. But the Court has set aside that decision; at this point Bishop Bright urged the Conference Trustees and the Presiding Elders of the District to be real careful and look into these situations. The Conference was informed that the present indebtedness of said church is \$55,000.

At the conclusion of the reports from the Manhattan District, Bishop Bright thanked the Presiding Elder, the ministers and laity of the District for their progressive work.

Bishop Bright then announced the transfer of Rev. McAsh from the Oklahoma Conference to the New York Conference.

Bishop Bright then informed the Conference that the sum of \$161,174.80 has been collected for the General Budget.

Bishop Bright then presented Rev. Donald Jacobs from the Third Episcopal District who is a candidate for Episcopal Honors. Dr. Jacob brought greetings from his District and congratulated Bishop Bright on the progress of the First District under his leadership. It was properly moved by Presiding Elder William L. Freeman, seconded by Rev. J. L. Joiner that the New York Annual Conference go on record as endorsing the candidacy of Dr. Jacobs for the Bishopric. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Pollard from Ohio, was presented. He brought greetings from the North Ohio Conference. Dr. A. C. Clark, Secretary of Home and Foreign Missions, was presented. Dr. Clark expressed his appreciation to the Conference in subscribing to the Voice of Missions.

Bishop Bright then informed the Conference that the Missionary Program for evening would begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., at the Bridge Street Church. He then called upon Dr. Andrew White to give the benediction.

Thursday — 8:00 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL — "Ladies In White"

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. McCoy

OPENING HYMN No. 199 — "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Evangelist Viola Carp

INVOCATION Mrs. Ruth McClellan

SCRIPTURE Mrs. M. Jackson

LITANY Mrs. Evelyn Muldrow

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER Mrs. Evelyn Muldrow

SELECTION — Chorus "Ain't God Time To Die"

SPEAKER — The Reverend Dr. John H. Hicks, Pastor, St. Mark

M. E. Church, New York City, N. Y. — Text: St. Matt: 28:20

IMPERATIVE—We live in relatively demanding days, but in a world

where sin is rampant. The world finds itself today in the midst

of frustration. Man has fought for his freedom. He can't live

saddled, he can't live shackled. He has to be free. We stand at

the threshold of a brand new event. The theme suggests three

things:

- (1) Man's disconcertedness is due to the fact that he was made for God. Man needs a faith to live by.
- (2) He has to have a self to live with.
- (3) He needs to live for something positive and good.

Thursday, May 20, 1965

8:30 A.M.—Devotion by the Evangelists of the District.

9:30 A.M.—The Conference officially opened with the Conference praying together the Lord's Prayer, led by Bishop Bright. The minutes of the opening session were called for and read by the secretary, Reverend A. K. David. It was properly moved by Rev. J. A. Delaine, seconded by Reverend David Robinson that the minutes stand approved.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read by assistant secretary, Rev. O'Neil Mackey. It was properly moved by Rev. H. Berry, seconded by Rev. G. G. Crumpley that the minutes stand approved. Arresting said motion, Rev. H. J. White, Sr., gained the floor and stated to the Bishop and the Conference that he was not present when names of the committee on Ministerial Trials were submitted and made known his objection of serving on said committee, and asked that his name be withdrawn from that committee and appoint Rev. J. A. Delaine to serve on said committee. Rev. Donald Miller gained the floor on an unreadiness and stated that the names of the persons constituting the organization of the Conference should be read. In reply to this request the names were read. There being further unreadiness the motion was carried. At this point Bishop Bright referred to the minutes of the Annual Conference and the conference of operating an Annual Conference, and suggested that he would like for the New York Conference to go on record as having the minutes printed. Presiding Elder Freeman, so moved, seconded by Rev. G. Crumpley. The motion was carried.

The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee for the Annual Conference Minutes: Reverends Donald Miller, G. G. Crumpley, J. G. Ragin, J. L. Joiner, O. B. Freeman; Laymen Mr. Arthur Funn, Mrs. A. Williams, Mr. C. G. Pendavis; Presiding Elders: Rev. William L. Freeman, Rev. W. H. Muldrow, Rev. J. Moses; Secretary, Reverend A. K. David and Assistant Secretary, I O'Neil Mackey.

At this point Bishop Bright informed the Conference of conversation that he had with Rev. Elzae Warrick and his request for a smaller work. The Bishop informed him that his request was granted.

Bishop Bright then acknowledged the presence of Dr. Don Jacobs of Cleveland, Ohio, who is a candidate for the Bishopric, Dr. Anderson, a friend from the Baptist Church who flew with him to Selma, Ala. on the chartered plane; Bishop Bright presented Bishop G. Wyman Blakely, prelate of the 16th Episcopal District to the Conference. The Conference gave Bishop Blakely a rousing applau

Bishop Bright then commended Rev. C. T. Hooper for her courage in her aspiration for Episcopal Honors, and suggested that the Conference endorse her for the Bishopric, Presiding Elder W. H. Muldrow so moved, seconded by Rev. J. L. Joiner. The motion carried.

Report of the Districts were called for beginning with the Buffalo District, Rev. J. W. Moses, Sr., Presiding Elder.

Bishop Bright made inquiry about a church in Kingston, N. Y. on the Buffalo District, that was involved in some litigation.

Rev. Alfred Banks pastor of the church in Kingston, reported to the Conference that all previous litigation against the church has been settled. Pastor Banks also thanked the Presiding Elder and the Conference Trustees for their help in solving the legal problems of the Church.

Following this, Rev. J. C. Carter's Community Church, made his report. He told of the investment of his personal funds, total \$50,000, when he first organized the Church. Dr. Carter also turned over to the Conference the deeds of the Church, which were formerly in his name; the deeds are now in the name of Carter's Community A. M. E. Church. Dr. Carter then told of his building program and the Federal Funds he received under the government's Senior Citizens Program.

Bishop Bright then led the Conference in singing "Jesus Shall Lead Me." Following this the Bishop spoke of his waiting in prayer prior to making appointments.

Rev. H. J. White, Jr., Pastor of Baber Chapel, Rochester, came forward and read his report.

Bishop Bright spoke of the Conference's obligation, \$211.00 per month, for the mortgage on the church in Rochester. Bishop Bright said that when he came here last year the New York Conference was obligated for \$1,500, immediately for this church. But due to loans by the men of the Conference, the church's previous investment was saved. These men were subsequently paid back.

At the conclusion of the reports of the Buffalo District, Bishop Bright thanked the ministers, their wives and all the laity of the District. The Bishop then led the Conference in singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

Bishop Bright then presented Dr. J. K. Baldwin of St. James, Atlantic City, to bring the Noon-Day Message. Dr. Baldwin spoke from Rev. 1:18, subject, "God Is Still On the Throne." The preacher stirred the Conference with his forcefulness and skill in declaring Biblical Truth. He spoke with strong conviction and convincing power.

CHANT — "The Lord's Prayer"

HYMN — "A Charge To Keep I Have"

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP — Reverend Pearl Hen

INVITATIONAL HYMN — "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Mrs. McCoy presented Dr. A. C. Clark, Secretary of Home and Foreign Mission of the A.M.E. Church. Dr. Clark brought greetings from said Department, and urged the Missionary Ladies to scribe for the Voice of Missions and read same.

Mrs. H. R. Hughes was in charge of the offering, \$709.10. Announcements by Mrs. Vida Bright.

Mrs. E. W. David presented Bishop John D. Bright who stated that due to the lateness of the hour he would curtail his remarks. Present Bishop G. Wayman Blakeley and Bishop D. H. Simms. In their remarks, he gave way to the women.

Mrs. Stewart then presented the First Lady, Mrs. Vida Bright.

After greeting the ladies, Mrs. Bright presented Mrs. Gow of the 14th District of West Africa. Mrs. Gow brought greetings to Africa, expressed her gratitude for the privilege of being here and gave credit to Dr. A. C. Clark for making her visit here possible. She then thanked God for the privilege of being a Missionary woman.

Mrs. Crumpley introduced the visiting Missionary women.

Doxology, benediction — Dr. John H. Hicks.

Friday Morning, May 21, 1965

9:00 A.M.

The Evangelists of the Conference opened with a brief devotional service.

9:30 A.M.

Bishop Bright entered the sanctuary and officially opened the Conference by asking all present to stand and repeat, in unison, the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous morning session were called for and read by the secretary. The minutes stood approved. The minutes of the previous afternoon session were called for and read and stood approved.

BROOKLYN - LONG ISLAND DISTRICT REPORTS

Bishop Bright called on Dr. W. H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder, to receive the reports of the Brooklyn-Long Island District. Bishop Bright spoke well of the men of the District and their outstanding reports. He exhorted the Ministers about proper maintenance and upkeep of Church property. He urged the Pastors to concern themselves more with the Sanctuary of the Church. It is the Pastors' responsibility to see and know what goes on in the Sanctuary. The Annual Conference is where the Pastor gives an account of his administration and the General Conference is where the Bishop gives an account of his administration. No one makes decisions for the Bishop. He must make his own decisions and assume responsibility for the same.

Bishop Bright spoke of Rev. C. E. Stewart of Allen Memorial Church, and encouraged the young minister in his aspiration of becoming a bishop in the A. M. E. Church. One of the ministers made mention of the emergency appeal in his report. Bishop Bright suggested that the emergency appeal be referred to as a voluntary gift, because there is no emergency existing in the First District and the reference is misleading.

The Bishop asked the ministers, their wives and all the laymen of the Brooklyn-Long Island District to stand. He thanked all of them for their work. Bishop Bright acknowledged the presence of Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Minimum Salary Department, and Dr. H. Long, Pastor of Union Bethel, New Orleans. The Bishop then led the Conference in singing "I Come to the Garden Alone." He called upon Sister Mabel Stewart to lead the Conference in prayer. After singing another hymn, Bishop Bright then presented Rev. McAshan of Oklahoma City to bring the Noon-Day Sermon. Rev. McAshan delivered a powerful sermon, entitled "The Science of True Prayer" (St. John 15:7). Following the sermon a young lady from the Church in Amityville sang a solo. The Conference had a Pentecostal experience and an Emmaus fellowship. Bishop Bright led the Conference in singing "Guide Me O Thy Great Jehovah." The Finance Committee received the offering. The host pastor, Dr. M. D. Birt, made his announcements. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. McAshan.

Friday Afternoon, May 21, 1965

Promptly at 3:00 p.m., Bishop Bright entered the sanctuary and officially opened the afternoon session for business. The Bishop then presented Dr. Dan Potter, Executive Secretary of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Dr. Potter told of the Council's work in New York City spoke of the Council's role in prodding the State Legislature to certain bills beneficial to the residents of New York City. He is for greater support and participation of the A. M. E. Church, particularly the New York Conference. Dr. Potter also stated that a kind of ecumenical committee to serve and act as the Bishop's arm the work of the Council would be helpful. With this Dr. Potter concluded his remarks.

Bishop Bright then presented Bishop David Henry Simms preside and receive the literary reports. Bishop Simms came forward and spoke of Bishop Bright's qualifications for the Bishopric, inclusive of a big heart.

Rev. D. D. Davis, chairman of the committee on Religious Education, read the committee's report. His report was accepted on motion by Rev. G. G. Crumpley and second by Rev. H. F. Be Dr. D. G. Ming was unready to vote. He felt that the report, while good, was not inclusive enough. He cited recent governmental acts to help in job training and re-education for the drop-out. It pointed out to Dr. Ming that his point might well be taken by the Committee on Education and not the Committee on Religious Education. Also, Dr. H. R. Hughes suggested that Rev. D. D. Davis circulate some copies through the Conference so that it can be fully studied. The motion was passed.

Bishop Simms presented Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, Executive Secretary of the Minimum Salary Department. Dr. Jackson spoke of blessing that he received during the Morning Worship Hour. He commended Bishop Bright on the sagacity and wisdom with which he presided.

Bishop Simms then called for the report of the Committee on Temperance. Rev. C. W. Stewart spoke for the Committee. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on State of the Church was called for. Rev. L. Webb read for the Committee. This report was received and adopted by the Annual Conference.

The Committee on the State of the Country was called for. Its report was adopted with the stipulations that this Committee work with the Social Action Committee in giving a statement to the general press.

Bishop Bright thanked Bishop Simms for presiding, and stated that the Conference would open at 9:30, Saturday morning and that

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he would be available in the Church office from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Anyone desiring consultation with him may see him during these hours.

The Presiding Elders were called upon to make supplemental reports.

Totals

(See report)

Brother Howard of Macedonia gained the floor and spoke of the need for laymen to understand and know the Discipline of the Church. Following this, Bishop Bright urged all pastors to see that their members are instructed in the Discipline of the A. M. E. Church.

Rev. D. G. Ming was called upon to read a partial report on Church Administration. Rev. Ming sat down to resounding applause.

Bishop Bright then thanked Dr. Ming for his presentation and stated that the Youth Night Service would be held at Bridge Street Church, 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Bright then called upon Dr. A. Joseph Reddick of Tampa, Florida, to give the benediction.

Friday Evening — May 21, 1965

(Bridge Street Church)

YOUTH NIGHT

Mrs. Kay Crumpley Jones, Presiding

Theme: "MODERN YOUTH AND THE GREAT SOCIETY"

PROCESSIONAL — No. 538 - Youth Choirs

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF ADORATION — No. 208 - "Wonderful Words of Life"

INVOCATION — Mr. Titus Gar

Salem Church, Roslyn, N

SECOND HYMN — No. 539 - "Give of Your Best to The Master"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Congregation)

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Psalms 100 — Miss Francine Edm

Bethel, Westbury, N

WELCOME ADDRESS

SELECTIONS — Youth Choir - "Hold On," "What A Mighty God We Serve"

READING — "It Isn't The Church It's You" — Mr. James El

Metropo

SELECTION — "Deep River" - Youth Choir, Bethel, Far Rock

SELECTION — Bronx River Cl

PIANO SELECTION

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER — Rev. Isaac Small

SELECTION — Young Adults Choir - "Peace Be Still" — Be

SPEAKER — Rev. Elmo A.

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Rev. Bean began by thanking Dr. D. D. Davis for the invitation. His subject was "The Challenge of a New Day." He emphasized the following points:

- (1) To meet the challenge of today you must overcome your fears, skepticisms and press forward. Success is forty per cent of determination and sixty per cent preparation.
- (2) You must have the faith to venture. This means fail yourself as well as faith in God.

SELECTION — "I Want To Ride The Chariot" — Metropo

Choraleers, New York

SOLO — "My Home Over There"

SELECTION — "Come On Let's Spread The News" — Young People's Choir, St. Marks, Coron

GENERAL OFFERING — \$126.00

SELECTION — "Ride On King Jesus" — G. G. C. Celestial Choir, Macedonia Flushing

"Twelve Gates To The City" - "A City Called Heaven"

SELECTION — "Amen, Amen," "Plenty Good Room" — Youth Choir, Calvary, Brookly

Following the last selection Miss Phyllis Gunn of Bethel Church, New York City, presented Bishop Bright.

Bishop Bright commended the Program Chairman for a wonderful evening. He stated that he has faith and hope in the youth of today. He informed the Conference of the meeting in Dover, Delaware the last week in July.

Miss Joanne Banks of Macedonia, Flushing, presented the First Lady, Mrs. Vida M. Bright, who greeted the Conference, particularly the youth, and encouraged them to further their education and to consult their pastors about scholarships. At the conclusion, Mr. Bright was given a rousing ovation.

REMARKS — Rev. D. D. Dav

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Bishop John D. Brigh

CLOSING HYMN — No. 489

BENEDICTION — Rev. Isaac Smalls, J

Saturday, May 22, 1965

(People's Institutional Church)

8:30 A.M.—Devotions conducted by the Evangelists.

First on the agenda: The minutes of the previous session were called for and read by the Secretary, Rev. A. K. David. Bishop Bright corrected the Secretary in his statement referring to Dr. R. C. Henderson, stating in the final analysis that none of the Churches are worth dying over. It was properly moved by Rev. H. F. Berry and seconded by Rev. C. B. Barrow that the minutes be adopted. Motion carried.

The minutes of the afternoon session were called for and read by the Assistant Secretary, Rev. O'Neil Mackey. It was properly moved by Rev. J McKenzie and seconded by Rev. C B. Barrow that the minutes be adopted. The motion was carried.

Arresting said motion, Rev. J. L. Joiner asked that the reference to the total amount of collection raised by the Delaware Conference for Minimum Salary Fund in comparison with the other Conferences be from the minutes. The reference was ordered deleted.

The Reports of Literary Committees were called for.

The Membership Committee, Rev. P. L. Wells, Chairman, submitted its report, which was read by the Secretary, Rev. Sister C. Robinson. It was properly moved by Rev. G. G. Crumpley and seconded by Rev. J. A. DeLaine that the report be received. The motion was carried.

The report of the A. C. E. League was called for and read. Bishop Bright spoke in reference to the A. C. E. League and suggested that it be renamed, "The Youth Fellowship Hour." Commenting further, he stated that we must think in terms of the trends of the time. The A. C. E. League must be more than just a repetition of the Sunday School, and stated that he had been thinking about this seriously. It was properly moved by Rev. G. G. Crumpley and seconded by J. A. Boxley that such be the order. It was regularly moved by G. G. Crumpley, seconded by Rev. J. A. Boxley that the New York Annual Conference establish an A. C. E. League workshop.

The following persons were appointed to serve on a A. C. E. League Workshop Committee: Reverends D. L. Ming, D. D. C. E. Stewart, O'Neil Mackey and Mr. L. C. Williams, a Layman. Bishop Bright suggested that this be a permanent Committee for the Annual Conference, and persons can be added to it at intervals.

The Social Action Committee submitted its report, Rev. H. F. Berry, Chairman. It was properly moved by Rev. R. A. Hildebrand and seconded by Rev. H. R. Hughes that said report be received and be a part of this Conference. The motion was carried.

At this point, Rev. H. J. White, was granted permission to ask if he wanted to know if the Bishops of the A. M. E. Church had taken a stand or made any pronouncements about birth-control. Bishop Bright informed the minister from Bethel, Buffalo, that while the Buffalo Conference had made no such pronouncement, the National Council of Churches of which the A. M. E. Church is a part, had taken a stand and made statements.

Bishop Bright then spoke directly to the ministers, urging them to take greater interest in the young people of their Churches, and to encourage these young people to remain in school and to seek higher education so that they might be able to enter the doors of higher education opening for qualified Negroes. The report of the Committee on Ministerial Classification was submitted and received by the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School was called for, Rev. R. Jones, Chairman. It was properly moved by Rev. J. Hogan and seconded by Rev. H. L. Boneparte that the report be received. The motion was carried.

Bishop Bright asked that the Committee on Stations and Circuits hold their reports in abeyance.

The Committee on Presiding Elders' House Rent and Fuel was called for. Rev. H. F. Berry, Chairman, submitted the report.

Bishop Bright spoke in reference to the Presiding Elder of the Buffalo District, and suggested that the Conference find a way to supplement his salary and placed the matter before the Conference for discussion. Rev. D. L. Ming spoke in reference to same, and asked that the men of the Buffalo District be given a little time to study the question. The following ministers elaborated on the matter: Reverends R. A. Hildebrand, H. J. White, Sr. and J. A. DeLaine. It was properly moved by Rev. H. J. White, Sr. and seconded by Rev. H. F. Berry, that a Special Committee be appointed to study the question of Presiding Elders support. The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee: Reverends H. J. White, Sr., G. G. Crumpley, D. L. Ming, L. A. DeLaine and R. A. Hildebrand.

The report of the Finance Committee was called for and submitted by Presiding Elder William L. Freeman. It was properly moved by Rev. E. Huff and seconded by Rev. L. M. Carper, that the Treasurer's report be received. The motion was carried. It was properly moved by Rev. L. Judge and seconded by Rev. H. J. White, Sr., that Rev. W. L. Freeman be re-elected as Treasurer of the New York Annual Conference. The motion was carried.

Bishop Bright informed the Conference that at the close of the Conference there should be in the bank around \$8,000. It was properly moved by Rev. D. Robinson and seconded by Rev. A. J. Banks that the Conference give Bishop Bright a standing vote of thanks for his outstanding leadership. The motion was carried.

At this point, Rev. R. A. Hildebrand gained the floor and enlightened the Conference as to the money loaned by the Conference Trustees during a Financial crisis.

At this point, Bishop Bright spoke to the Conference in a fatherly manner, explaining some of the administrative problems on his heart. The Conference was moved by his sincerity and his determination to be fair, honest, and just. The Bishop then entertained a motion for the election of Conference Trustees. It was properly

moved and seconded that the Trustees be elected and that the number be not more than eleven (11). The motion was carried.

Presiding Elder William Lee Freeman submitted the names of eleven (11) persons. The motion was seconded by Presiding Elder John W. Moses, Sr. The motion passed. The Conference Trustees are as follows:

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| Rev. R. A. Hildebrand | Rev. H. R. Hughes |
| Rev. J. L. Joiner | Rev. G. G. Crumpler |
| Rev. M. D. Birt | Rev. O'Neil Mackey |
| Rev. Oliver B. Freeman | Rev. J. C. Carter |
| Rev. J. W. Lee | Rev. W. H. Muldrow |
| Rev. J. W. Moses | Rev. W. L. Freeman |
| Mr. W. J. Singleton | Mr. H. Jones |

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Orders was submitted. It was properly moved by Rev. J. L. Joiner, seconded by J. Lee that the report be received. Motion carried.

Rev. U. S. Brown gained the floor and requested that the Conference grant membership of Bayshore the privilege to borrow \$5,000 in an anticipation of renovating said Church. Bishop Bright informed him that this is a matter of the Local Trustees of said Church and that the Presiding Elder of the District, Rev. D. L. Ming gained the floor and brought to the attention of the Conference that an offer had been given them to purchase the Allen A. M. E. Church, Jamaica, N. Y. The Conference did not grant them permission to negotiate the sale of Allen A. M. E. Church.

Bishop Bright called for the report of the Committee on Candidates for admission to the Annual Conference. At this time Bishop Bright read the report of the Committee and gave them directives as to what the candidates for admission and gave them directives as to what means to enter the ministry in the A. M. E. Church. In examining these candidates Bishop Bright adhered strictly to the laws of the Church, stating that in too many instances we have deviated from the laws of the Church in admitting candidates for the active ministry. In the duly authorized manner the following persons were received on trial:

Titus Gardner—1131 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Age: 17
High School Graduate
Member of Salem A. M. E. Church, Roslyn, N. Y.
This candidate has made plans to enter Wilberforce University this fall and subsequently to enter Payne Theological Seminary.

Cornell Phillips—800 E. 216th Street, Bronx, N. Y.

Age: 32—Married
High School Graduate
Member of St. Matthews Church, Bronx, N. Y.
This candidate plans to continue his education.

Jack Harris—150-43 113th Avenue, Jamaica, N. Y.

Age: 32—Married, 6 children
High School Graduate
Member of Carters Community Church, Jamaica
This candidate plans to continue his education.

Rudolph Douglas—107-48 160th Street, Jamaica, N. Y.

Age: 38—Married, 5 children
High School Graduate
Member of Carters Community Church, Jamaica
This candidate plans to continue his education.

Theodore Nichols—507 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Age: 27—Married, 3 children
High School Graduate
This candidate promises to further his education.

Mrs. Clemmie Cooper—844 Dawson Street, Bronx, N. Y.

Age: 34—Married (now separated), 2 children
High School Graduate
This candidate plans to continue her education.
Member of Greater St. Luke Church, New York City

Mrs. Annie B. Wilson—

Age: 38—Married
High School Graduate

The following persons were included in this report in order to receive Local affiliation:

Mr. Wadell Tillman—835 Home Street, Bronx, N. Y.

Age: 59—Single
Has attended High School
Member of Bethel, Bronx, N. Y.

Mrs. Pearl Saunders—1247 University Avenue, Bronx, N. Y.

The following persons were part of this report but were not admitted on trial:

Mr. Franklin Jackson—67 Fisher Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.

Age: 23—Married
2 Years of College
Member of Allen A. M. E. Church, White Plains, N. Y.

Mr. Walter Willard—58 Fisher Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.
Age: 39—Married, one child
High School Graduate
Member of Allen A. M. E. Church, White Plains, N. Y.

The following person was included in the report but was not present when the report was called for and therefore ineligible to pass:

Mrs. Mary Emma McBeyle—302 W. 149th Street, New York City
Two years of college.

The report of the First Year Committee was called for and read by the Secretary, Rev. O. B. Freeman. It was regularly moved by F. H. Jackson that the report be received and its recommendations accepted.

The following persons were passed on to the Second Year:

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| Oliver Thomas | George L. Harmon |
| Herbert Eddy | Herman Merchant |
| Edwin Callender | Eddie L. Mayes |
| Miss Beulah Hanley | Mrs. Helen Clarkson |

The Second Year Committee report was called for and read by the Secretary, Rev. M. A. Robinson. It was properly moved by J. L. Joiner, seconded by Presiding Elder W. L. Freeman that the report be accepted and its recommendations complied with. The motion was carried.

The following persons were elected as Itinerant Deacons:

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| Ernestine M. Ward | Abner Freeman |
| Robert A. Jones | Joseph Morrison |

For Re-Obligation As Deacons:

Rev. Fred Tinney—College and Seminary Graduate from Baptist Church. Rev. Tinney's credentials and degree have been duly examined.

Rev. Charles M. Washington—Re-Obligation as Itinerant present membership, Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, New York City.

Deaconesses:

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| Margaret Shaw | Theolinda George |
| | Trinity A. M. E. Church, |
| | Paul J. Morrison, Pastor |

Bishop Bright led the Conference in singing "A Charge to Keep I Have." The Bishop then called upon Bishop G. W. Blakely of the 16th District to lead the Conference in prayer. Following the prayer, Bishop Bright led the Conference in singing "The Name of Jesus With You." Bishop Bright then presented

bishop Rodgers of the Old Catholic Church. He brought greetings from his diocese.

The Third Year Committee report was called for and read by the Secretary. It was properly moved by Rev. O'Neil Mackey and seconded by Rev. L. R. Judge, that the report be accepted and complied with. The following persons were advanced to the Fourth Year:

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| Ruth Gibbs Norman | Alfred Harper |
| Ella Moore | Carrie Downing |
| Lillian Friar Webb | Everett Mortimer |

The Fourth Year Committee report was called for and read by the Secretary. This report was adopted on a motion by Rev. J. C. Ragin and seconded by Rev. Boxley. The motion carried.

The following persons were elected as Itinerant Elders:

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| Henry C. Segar—Age 44 | Isaac Eugene Smalls, Jr.—Age 26 |
| Greater St. Luke *N. Y. C. | St. Paul—Rockville Center |
| B. S. Alabama State College | Student at New York University |
| M. E. D. Alabama State College | |

Lloyd Eugene Dees—Age 34
Metropolitan—N. Y. C.
A. B. Shelton College
Entering I. T. C., Atlanta,
June, 1965

William Maxwell Robinson—
Age 26
Mt. Zion—N. Y. C.
High School Graduate
Two years—Reid Center,
Charleston

Delphine E. Irby—Age 43
Greater St. Luke—N. Y. C.
Seminary training

Everett Doster—Age 31
Bethel—Buffalo
Two and one-half years college

Fred Douglas Tenny, Jr.—
Age 31
(Re-obligated from Baptist Church)
Bethel—Coxsackie, N. Y.
A. B., B. D. Virginia Union
School of Religion
Recommended by 2nd year committee

Edward Curtis Ducree—Age 28
Macedonia—Flushing
B. S. Chaney State College
Entering U. T. S.
September, 1965

On a special motion offered by Rev. R. A. Hildebrand and seconded by Rev. W. L. Freeman, the name of Mrs. Ruth Gibbs Norman was added to the Fourth Year report of Itinerant Elders.

LOCAL ELDERS

Hester Edwards—Mt. Zion, N. Y. C.

Samuel Bing—Bethel, Buffalo

Edith Randolph—Carters Community, Jamaica, N. Y.

It was properly moved and seconded that the One Hundred Forty-Fourth Session of the New York Annual Conference be at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, 135th Street, New York City, May of 1966. Presiding Elder John W. Moses was unready to stating that he is serving notice on the New York Conference the One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Session of the New York Conference should be held on the Buffalo District in 1967. Following the motion passed.

Presiding Elder William Lee Freeman was granted permission to speak. He praised Bishop Bright and his Queenly wife, Mrs. Bright, for their wonderful leadership and spirit of cooperation in the administration of the First District.

Bishop Bright informed the Conference that Rev. J. W. Birt is transferred to the New York Annual Conference.

Bishop Bright presented Rev. L. Long of the 8th Episcopal District, Pastor of Union Bethel Church. Dr. Long brought greetings from his District and stated his desire for Episcopal Honors. It was properly moved and seconded that the New York Annual Conference go on record as endorsing Dr. Long for Episcopal Honors. The motion was carried.

Bishop Bright then presented Rev. A. J. Reddick. Dr. Reddick brought greetings from the Eleventh Episcopal District and the New York Conference went on record as endorsing him for Episcopal Honors.

Following the announcements by the host pastor, Dr. Birt, Bishop Bright concluded this session by calling upon Dr. D. H. Sims to give the Benediction.

A. M. E. CHURCH

BRIDGE STREET CHURCH

Jefferson and Stuyvesant Avenues

Sunday, May 23, 1965

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Rev. Robert Jones, Superintendent

Miss Carolyn Williams, Assistant Pianist

9:00 A.M.

LESSON TEXT: II Samuel 6:10-13, 17, 18;

7:1-3, 116-13

THEME: "A Nation Rallies To God"

CLASSES ASSEMBLED

LESSON REVIEWED

Rev. Robert Jones

TOTAL OFFERING: \$24.50

BENEDICTION

BRIDGE STREET CHURCH

Jefferson and Stuyvesant Avenues

Sunday, May 23, 1965

Morning Worship

10:00 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL Choirs, Bishops, Presiding Elder
Ministers and Evangelist

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. M. D. Birt, Host Pastor

OPENING HYMN No. 192 — "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Rev. J. G. Ragin

INVOCATION Rev. Leroy Judge

SELECTION — "Praise Ye the Lord" Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON — 1 Corinthians 13 Rev. J. W. Lee

DECALOGUE Rev. C. B. Barrow

LITANY Rev. T. W. Foster

OFFERING Rev. D. B. Barton

PRESENTATION OF THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN DOUGLAS

BRIGHT, Prelate of the First Episcopal District

by Rev. R. A. Hildebrand

Bishop Bright, after formal salutations lined the sermon hymn No. 144

SERMON HYMN — "O, For a Closer Walk With God"

SERMON Bishop John D. B
 Text: St. Luke 4: 16-19
 Theme: CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO OUR TIME
 In this discourse, Bishop Bright lifted the Conference mountain top experience and the Holy Spirit was felt.
 ORDINATION by Bishops and 1
 Deaconesses: Sister Gusie N. Pinkey, Sister Henrietta Harpe
 Ministers: See Report
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: See Report
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. M. D
 BENEDICTION Bishop John D. B

Sunday Afternoon—May 23, 1965
 3:00 P.M.

NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CLOSING SESSION
 held at
 CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
 435 Marcy Avenue
 Brooklyn, New York
 BISHOP JOHN DOUGLAS BRIGHT, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL Conference
 DOXOLOGY
 OPENING HYMN — No. 1, "O For A Thousand Tongues To
 INVOCATION Rev. H. J. White
 SCRIPTURE LESSON — "Psalms 123" Rev. L. S. M

Bishop Bright then presented Bishop D. H. Sims who extended greetings to the Conference. Bishop G. Wayman Blakely was presented. He brought greetings from the 16th Episcopal Diocese. In closing Bishop Blakely said to the Pastors that wherever you are, God is there, and whenever He closes a door, He opens a window. Dr. A. C. Clark, Secretary of Home and Foreign Missions of the A. M. E. Church was presented. Dr. Clark brought greetings from the Home Department.

Dr. Gardner Taylor, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church presented to the Conference. Dr. Taylor brought greetings from the membership of this Church and extended a very warm welcome.

Bishop Rodgers of the Old Catholic Church was presented. He brought greetings from his diocese.

The report of Committees was called for and submitted.

Resolution Committee's report was submitted by Rev. C. W. Stewart. It was properly moved by Rev. H. J. White, Sr., seconded by Rev. J. G. Ragin that the report be received. The motion was carried.

The Committee on Presiding Elders assessment was called for and submitted by Rev. D. L. Ming. It was properly moved and seconded that the Conference receive said report.

The Committee on memoirs was called and Rev. L. Judge, Secretary to the Committee, rendered the report. The Conference adopted same.

The Conference Chorus led the Conference in singing "Abide With Me."

The Finance Committee was called and submitted its report as follows:

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| The Manhattan District | \$ | |
| The Brooklyn-Lang Island District | \$ | (See Report) |
| The Buffalo District | \$ | |
| Grand Total | \$ | |

It was properly moved by Rev. Isaac Smalls and seconded by Rev. H. D. Floyd that said report be adopted. The motion was carried.

Bishop Bright stated that this balance of \$8,983.41 will be left in the treasury for operation. He then led the Conference in singing "Go, Preach My Gospel." The Bishop stated that this has been the hardest Conference for him to make decisions. He further stated that these appointments came from God. They are as follows:

Rev. E. McAshan to the Philadelphia Conference and stationed at Mt. Zion Church, Morristown.

Rev. M. L. Oliver transferred from the New Jersey Conference to the Delaware Conference.

Rev. A. A. Davis transferred from the New York Conference to the Philadelphia Annual Conference and stationed at Zion Church, Philadelphia.

Rev. C. B. Crawford transferred from the New Jersey Conference to the New York Annual Conference and stationed at Israel, Albany.

Rev. E. Warrick transferred from the New York Conference to the New Jersey Conference.

Rev. R. R. Stokes transferred from the Philadelphia Conference to the New York Conference and stationed at Greater Mt. Zion, New York City.

Rev. Thornton assigned to Greater Mt. Olive, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. G. T. Sims, Sr. transferred from the Philadelphia Conference

ence to the New Jersey Conference and stationed at L. side.

Rev. H. J. White, Sr. transferred from the the New York Conference to the Philadelphia Conference and stationed Mother Bethel.

Rev. R. A. Hildebrand assigned to Bridge Street, Brooklyn, N

Rev. H. R. Hughes assigned to Bethel, 132d Street, New York City.

Rev. J. L. Joiner assigned to Emanuel, 119th Street, New York City.

Rev. E. Huff assigned to Metropolitan, New York City.

Rev. R. C. Henderson assigned to St. Mark's, Corona.

Rev. T. W. Foster assigned to St John, Niagara Falls.

Rev. A. K. David assigned to Macedonia, Flushing.

Rev. G. G. Crumpley assigned to Bethel, Buffalo.

Rev. F. H. Jackson assigned to Allen, White Plains.

Rev. C. B. Barrows assigned to Mt. Carmel, New Rochelle,

Calvary, Glen Cove, New York to be supplied.

Rev. J. G. Ragin assigned to Mt. Zion, New York City.

Following this we had the Doxology, and then the Benediction by Bishop John D. Bright.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FIRST YEAR STUDIES

Bishop Bright, Officers and members of the One Hundred Forty-Third Session of the New York Annual Conference; Greetings!

We, your Committee on First Year Studies beg leave to submit our report.

We have had before us the following Brethren and Sisters:

Oliver Thomas

Herbert Eddy

Edwin Callender

George L. Harmon

Herman Merchant

Eddie L. Mayes

Miss Beulah Hanley

Mrs. Hellen Clarkson

We have instructed them at the Seminar, that was instituted the New York Annual Conference, at Macedonia A. M. E. Church, Flushing, New York, in the books pertaining to the first year studies and have examined them as per Discipline and think they have passed favorably the examination.

We therefore recommend that they be passed on to the Second Year Class.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR COMMITTEE

Dr. H. R. Hughes, Chairman

Paul L. Wells

Elzae Warrick

M. A. Robinson

J. A. Hogan

J. A. DeLaine

J. W. Lee

H. D. Floyd

E. L. Huff

B. L. Jones

Oliver B. Freeman, Secretary

SECOND YEAR STUDIES

To the Rt. Rev. John Douglas Bright, Presiding Bishop of the First Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church and our most Reverend Father in God, visiting Bishops, General Officers, Presiding Elders and the one hundred forty-third session of the New York Annual Conference now in session: Greetings!

We, the Committee on Studies for the Second Year, beg leave to, at this time, submit this, our report.

We have examined the persons whose names we submit in our report and according to the Discipline of the A. M. E. Church, we have examined them and found that they have attended the Annual Seminar conducted by this Conference, are in possession and have knowledge of a reasonable portion of the contents of the Discipline of our Church, instructed to a degree as to the history of its founding and founder, that they have a literary or academic foundation that is, those seeking admission to the itinerancy of our church of a goodly degree, and that their moral character is clear as far as we are able to determine.

We hereby recommend that they be elected and ordained first and to the office they seek, Deacon in the A. M. E. Church.

Itinerants

Ernestine M. Ward

Robert A. Jones

Abner Freeman

Joseph Morrison

For Re-Obligation As Deacons

Rev. Fred Tennie

Rev. Charles M. Washington

Deaconesses

Margarette Shaw

Theolinda George

Trinity A. M. E. Church
Paul J. Morrison, Pastor

Humbly submitted,
YOUR COMMITTEE

Rev. O'Neil Mackey
Rev. M. D. Birt
Rev. F. H. Jackson
Rev. Elliot Mayfield
Rev. Joseph McKenzie

Rev. J. L. Joiner
Rev. M. A. Robinson
Rev. T. W. Foster
Rev. Clifford Stewart

THIRD YEAR CLASSES

MRS. RUTH GIBBS NORMAN

1131 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, New York

Age: 31—April 26, 1934

Married—No children

Member of St. Matthews A. M. E. Church, Buffalo, New York
Attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida from
8th Grade through High School.

In 1952 attended Wilberforce University, in Xenia, Ohio. Graduated
in 1955, B.S., also attended Payne Theological Seminary

This candidate was licensed to preach in Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church,
New York, under Rev. Freeman in 1956. She was ordained
the Diaconic in 1962, in Buffalo. She was unable to attend
Annual Institute 3rd Year Class because her home is in Buffalo.
She has worked in the Sunday School, is the spiritual advisor of
the Youth Department of St. Matthews Church. She has served
on many other Boards in the Church.

Presently Mrs. Norman is Medical Secretary for the Federal
Research Center in Buffalo, New York.

We recommend that Mrs. Norman be passed on to the 4th
Studies.

MR. ALFRED HARPER

121-01 198th Street
Springfield Gardens, Long Island

Age: 41—April 21, 1924

Married—3 children

Member of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Manhattan

Attended and graduate from Dewitt Clinton High School

Attending the University of the City of New York, in his Senior
Year. Will graduate in June, 1966.

The only Theological training this candidate has had is in the Annual
Conference Seminar. He has attended this Seminar for the past
4 years.

He was the Pastor of the Junior Church, Bethel A. M. E. Church,
New York City. He was licensed to preach in 1961—ordained
Itinerate Deacon, 1964.

He is now Active Assistant Pastor of Emmanuel A. M. E. Church,
New Rochelle, New York.

He is a Sgt. in the Police Department of the City of New York. He
will be retired next year and will enter the Seminary at that time.

We urged this young man to follow his ambitions—attend the Seminary
and further recommend that he be passed into the 4th year
Committee.

MRS. LILLIAN FRIAR WEBB

432 Seaneateles Avenue
Lakeville, New York

Age: 40—July 13, 1934

Married—3 children

Membership, Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, New York City

Attended and graduate from Hunter College High School and Hunter
College Graduate School. She has B. A. and is presently matriculating
for her Masters Degree at New York University School
of Religion.

This candidate was licensed to preach in 1960 at Mt. Zion A. M. E.
Church in New York. She was ordained an Itinerate Deacon
in 1964 at Macedonia A. M. E. Church, Flushing.

Mrs. Webb has attended our Annual Institute and we recommend that
Mrs. Webb be passed on to the 4th year Studies.

Mrs. Webb is a Specialist in Research and Survey in the United Presbyterian
Church, General Council.

MR. EVERETT MORTIMER

44 Melvin Avenue

West Hempstead, N. Y.

Married—2 children

Member of Calvary A. M. E. Church, Glen Cove, L. I.

Attended Glen Cove Elementary and Glen Cove Central Junior High
School National Bible Institute.

Baptist Seminary.

The A. M. E. New York Conference Seminary—3 years.

This candidate was licensed to preach in 1959; was ordained Local
Deacon in May, 1964 at Macedonia A. M. E. Church, Flushing,
N. Y.

Presently he is President of the Jr. Steward Board—Class Leader
of Class No. 2—Teacher, Adult Class, Sunday School.

The Committee recommend that this candidate be passed on to the
Fourth Year.

FOURTH YEAR STUDIES

Bishop John D. Bright, Sr., and the member of the One Hundred Forty-Third Session of the New York Annual Conference:

We, the members of your Fourth Year Committee offered following report:

We have had before us the persons listed below. We have interviewed and questioned them per Discipline. They attended the Conference Institutes and have completed their four year studies. We therefore recommend them to you and the Conference to be elected and ordained Elders:

Itinerant Elders

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| Henry C. Segar—Age 44 Greater St. Luke—N. Y. C. | Isaac Eugene Smalls, Jr. — Age 25 St. Paul—Rockville Center |
| B. S. Alabama State College M. E. D. Alabama State College | Student at New York Unives |
| Lloyd Eugene Dees—Age 34 Metropolitan—N. Y. C. | William Maxwell Robinson— Age 26 Mt. Zion—N. Y. C. |
| A. B. Shelton College Entering I. T. C., Atlanta June, 1965 | High School Graduate Two years—Reid Center, Charleston |
| Delphine E. Irby—Age 43 Geater St. Luke—N. Y. C. Three years College— Wilberforce | Everett Doster—Age 31 Bethel, Buffalo |
| Seminary training Fred Douglas Tennie, Jr.— Age 31 (Re-obligated from Baptist Church) | 2 and one-half years college Edward Curtis Ducree—Age Macedonia |
| Bethel, Coxsackie, N. Y. A. B. Virginia Union B. D. Virginia Union School of Religion | B. S. Chaney State College Entering U. T. S. Septembe 1965 |
| Recommended by 2nd year committee | |

Local Elders

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| Hester Edwads Mt. Zion—N. Y. C. Go to New England Conference for ordination; did not attend. | Samuel King Bethel, Buffalo Edith Randolph Carters Community Respectfully submitted, Your Fourth Year Commit Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, Chair Rev. H. Jones, Secretary |
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EVANGELISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

— by —

REV. PAUL L. WELLS

Bishop Bright and members of the 143rd Session of the New York Annual Conference, your Committee on Evangelism and Church Membership, submit the following report:

Evangelism and Church Membership has become a very important phase of the Christian Church. The field of Evangelism has a wide scope in Christian Service. It embraces the entire human family, men, women, children, married and/or unmarried adults, widowed or orphan, and all that make up the roll of church membership. Therefore, the evangelistic efforts of the church should be directed toward families, especially those with children, because they need of spiritual guidance, normal adjustment, and there are no other means for such need.

An editorial in one of our church papers released a statement of the large numbers of unchurched-people, especially in the Negro communities where there are over-crowded conditions. The growing population of the United States is almost 200 million of this, 22 million are Negroes and about one-third of that number are church members. According to recent statistics about 80 percent of our young people, between the ages of 18 and 24 never attend Sunday School or worship services.

These statements present a true picture of the existing conditions in most of our communities, and the facts invite the need of an evangelism. The field is ripe for a fruitful harvest.

The church must face the fact and accept the challenge of evangelism all within its power to reach the masses of men of every birth. The unreached can be evangelized into a thriving church membership.

Evangelism must be practical in offering something to meet the immediate needs of the people materially, as well as spiritually, two-thirds of the human race experience poverty, such as hunger, disease and ignorance. Jesus, when on earth, condemned these and said, "I come that they (the people) might have life, and have it more abundantly" — an over-flowing life running over with the blessings of God.

Let us remember that evangelism and church membership are a two-fold purpose. First, it offers life from God to mankind, secondly, it reveals the nature of that life through the life of mankind.

We are of the opinion that most of the Evangelists and Pastors of this Annual Conference are concerned for the salvation of

FOURTH YEAR STUDIES

Bishop John D. Bright, Sr., and the member of the One Hundred Forty-Third Session of the New York Annual Conference:

We, the members of your Fourth Year Committee offer the following report:

We have had before us the persons listed below. We have interviewed and questioned them per Discipline. They attended the Conference Institutes and have completed their four year studies. We therefore recommend them to you and the Conference to be elected and ordained Elders:

Itinerant Elders

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| Henry C. Segar—Age 44 Greater St. Luke—N. Y. C. B. S. Alabama State College M. E. D. Alabama State College | Isaac Eugene Smalls, Jr. — Age 25 St. Paul—Rockville Center |
| Lloyd Eugene Dees—Age 34 Metropolitan—N. Y. C. A. B. Shelton College Entering I. T. C., Atlanta June, 1965 | Student at New York University William Maxwell Robinson— Age 26 Mt. Zion—N. Y. C. |
| Delphine E. Irby—Age 43 Greater St. Luke—N. Y. C. Three years College— Wilberforce Seminary training | High School Graduate Two years—Reid Center, Charleston |
| Fred Douglas Tennie, Jr.— Age 31 (Re-obligated from Baptist Church) Bethel, Coxsackie, N. Y. A. B. Virginia Union B. D. Virginia Union School of Religion Recommended by 2nd year committee | Everett Doster—Age 31 Bethel, Buffalo 2 and one-half years college Edward Curtis Ducree—Age 2 Macedonia B. S. Chaney State College Entering U. T. S. September 1965 |

Local Elders

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| Hester Edwards Mt. Zion—N. Y. C. Go to New England Conference for ordination; did not attend. | Samuel King Bethel, Buffalo Edith Randolph Carters Community Respectfully submitted, Your Fourth Year Committee Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, Chairman Rev. H. Jones, Secretary |
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EVANGELISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

— by —

REV. PAUL L. WELLS

Bishop Bright and members of the 143rd Session of the New York Annual Conference, your Committee on Evangelism and Church Membership, submit the following report:

Evangelism and Church Membership has become a very important phase of the Christian Church. The field of Evangelism covers a wide scope in Christian Service. It embraces the entire human family—men, women, children, married and/or unmarried adults, widows or orphans, and all that make up the roll of church membership. Therefore, the evangelistic efforts of the church should be directed toward families, especially those with children, because they are in need of spiritual guidance, normal adjustment, and there are reasons for such need.

An editorial in one of our church papers released a shocking statement of the large numbers of unchurched people, especially in Negro communities where there are over-crowded conditions. The growing population of the United States is almost 200 million and of this, 22 million are Negroes and about one-third of that number are church members. According to recent statistics about 80 percent of our young people, between the ages of 18 and 24 never attend Sunday School or worship services.

These statements present a true picture of the existing conditions in most of our communities, and the facts invite the need of all-out evangelism. The field is ripe for a fruitful harvest.

The church must face the fact and accept the challenge and do all within its power to reach the masses of men of every birth; the unreached can be evangelized into a thriving church membership.

Evangelism must be practical in offering something to meet the immediate needs of the people materially, as well as spiritually, for two-thirds of the human race experience poverty, such as hunger, disease and ignorance. Jesus, when on earth, condemned these evils and said, "I come that they (the people) might have life, and have it more abundantly" — an over-flowing life running over with the blessings of God.

Let us remember that evangelism and church membership has a two-fold purpose. First, it offers life from God to mankind, and secondly, it reveals the nature of that life through the life of mankind.

We are of the opinion that most of the Evangelists and Pastors of this Annual Conference are concerned for the salvation of all

people and allow the elements of evangelism to flow, so that thirsty souls could stoop down, drink and live.

We trust that every local church, its minister, officers and members would become awakened to the spirit of evangelism, let men and women know that Jesus manifested the redeeming of His Father.

Dramatically, Jesus choose the way of the Cross, the E Tomb, the Fire of Pentecost, and permitted the power of life to the temporal realm and cut an open channel to the ocean of Eternity. Jesus paused one day, with one foot on the Mount of Olivet and the other resting on the steps of a cloudy chariot, raising His hands towards heaven, He blessed His disciples and commissioned them to preach. The poet so beautifully described the scenery and transcribed the Master's words:

"Go, preach my gospel," saith the Lord,
"Bid the whole earth my grace receive;
Explain to them my sacred word,
Bid them believe, obey and live."
He spoke and light shone 'round His head;
On a bright cloud to heaven He rode,
They to the farthest nation spread,
The grace of their ascended God.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. Wells
F. N. Jackson
James Rivers
J. N. Major
O. B. Freeman
J. D. Capers

G. A. Robinson
H. A. Kirkland
T. E. Dennison
Melvin Brown
H. B. Simmons
and delegates

BISHOP JOHN D. BRIGHT
and Members of the New York Annual Conference
From
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the members of your committee on the Sunday School have the following report:

We are happy to report that most of the Sunday Churches in the conference made progress during the conference year. Reports to the District Sunday Church School conventions indicate that all our Churches had a Sunday Church School or was in process of organizing one.

Many Churches reported an increase in enrollment. Others were able to hold their own in spite of families moving out of certain areas.

Teacher training is still a problem for many of our Churches. The problem is teacher recruitment. We have offered advice on this very pressing problem and have referred those who sought our help to the Department of Christian Education of the A. M. E. Church for further help.

We should like to commend the Department of Christian Education of the A. M. E. Church on its improvements in the literature for the Sunday Church School, and recommend to those Churches not now using A. M. E. Sunday Church School literature to begin using it.

We solicit the prayers of the Conference for our Sunday Church School that they might fulfill their purposes that of guiding persons to make a commitment to Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Sunday School Committee

STATE OF COUNTRY

143RD SESSION—NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RT. REV. JOHN D. BRIGHT, Presiding Bishop

This Twentieth Century has been one of tremendous achievement and advancement. Since the early Industrial Revolution, America has steadily advanced to become, if not the leading, certainly one of the leading industrial and technically advanced nations in the world. Its record of achievements truly has been fantastic. We are continuing to unravel the mysteries of outer space and are looking to interplanetary travel. Our gross national production is at an all-time high. So that in the realm of science, industry and technology, America has made almost unbelievable strides.

EDUCATION

The Federal Government, after many studies, has appropriated larger sums of money to be for educational purposes. But education still remains under state control and implementation. Hence, in many large urban cities of the North, education for minority groups is very inferior.

In this area many experiments are going on in order to try to make the whole educational process relevant and meaningful in terms of life and every-day pursuits. However, this makes for unevenness due to the attitudes in many local communities. In some areas of Southern California, the John Birchites have considered influencing

and have exerted this influence in the school system there. So teachers are harassed if they do not give assurances of being "a hundred percent" American according to Birch-ites.

The John Birch Society is a right wing group that believe isolation and America-for-hite-Protestants. As far as this Commis is concerned they are just as dangerous to freedom and justice as Communists. In other areas, local communities have striven for excellence in education.

EMPLOYMENT

Although the employment picture is steadily improving, a major problem is still one thorny problem that labor management must work out. Due to vigorous action on the part of the president several major strikes have been averted. Negotiations are now going on to prevent a strike by the steel workers union. Due to the avoidance of strikes in some major industries, the economy has remained relatively stable.

For Negroes, the employment picture is a disheartening one. Even in areas where unemployment is greatly reduced, the real figures—whatever they are—consist of Negroes. There is much more work needs to be done to greatly improve the employment and economic opportunities of the Negro. The Federal Government has initiated programs to help high school drop-outs and train unskilled men due to local control and implementation, this help and information has not filtered down to the people who need it most.

HOUSING

There is a great deal of activity in construction and building more houses and project developments are being built than ever before. The Co-op. apartment is one of the novel approaches to building and living. But again many problems exist here for minority groups who face bigoted landlords and home owners who use illegal practices to keep certain vicinities and neighborhoods "lily-white." African Methodist Ministers have become involved and instrumental in Federal sponsored low rent housing. In many cities commissions and councils exist to combat unfair housing practices. We can only hope that these agencies will become far more effective than they have been in the past.

ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM

The president and congress have enacted an anti-poverty program. This program provides money to be used in depressed areas to get at the roots of poverty. The problem is that the local governments are to administer the funds or at least control them. Indigenous personnel is not used in local communities in im-

ing programs for themselves. But this program, now in the early stages, has become a political football. But perhaps there are problems that must arise in the beginning of so massive and ubiquitous program.

CIVIL RIGHTS

America is still in the throes of its racial problem. While many point to the progress in race relations, there is a long way to go before full equality and freedom are achieved for and by the American Negro.

White Americans would like to blot from its conscience the memory of Viola Liuzzo slain in Alabama and the three civil rights workers slain by racists and bigots in Mississippi, but it is impossible to think of sacrifice, freedom and justice and not think of them.

It took this, and more, before so called "war" was declared upon the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan supposedly is being revived due to recent demands and gains of Negroes in the South. We hope the "declared war" is a real, probing investigation of this un-American organization whose continued existence belies all that America stands for.

The Negro has also learned the effectiveness of economic pressure. His threatened, and actual boycotting of stores and industrial plants, supermarkets and firms has created more job opportunities. To an alarming extent, de-facto segregation still exists in the school systems. Many have demonstrated against this evil that cripples and robs our children and incapacitates them for life. Far too many Negro boys and girls are coming out of school no more than functionally illiterates.

Many African Methodist ministers have concerned themselves with this question of education and better schools in their local communities. They have participated in sit-ins and picketing that often led to their arrests. But undaunted they have pressed on to expose and unearth these grave injustices. Recently an appeal was made from Selma, Ala. and A. M. E. ministers along with others converged on Selma to march to Montgomery. After a confrontation with Gov. Wallace's state police and countless deputies, the march was postponed. But when the call came again, they responded in like manner. Backed by the courageous leadership of Bishop John D. Bright, the ministers of the first District participated in large numbers. The Congress is studying a voter-Registration bill that should actually become law very soon.

The problems of police brutality and lack of civilian review boards are still with us in the North. Despite recent exposures and

pressures the building trades unions have only a token number of Negroes — and to use the term token is stretching it somewhat.

So in the area of civil rights, while we recognize real progress we also feel that full equality and justice on all levels for the American Negro is still in the future.

FOREIGN POLICY

America is still in the progress of synthesizing its foreign policy into some workable formula. At present we are at a stalemate in many areas. We are concerned upon the policies of France and its leader, Charles De Gaulle. We are deeply involved and committed in Vietnam, to prevent Communist expansion.

America regrets its lack of a thorough understanding of the Cuban Revolution and the subsequent communist take-over. Consequently troops were sent and still occupy the revolution in the Dominican Republic.

There are many who feel that we should withdraw from Vietnam and that we never should have sent troops to Santo Domingo. The government claims that its detractors do not know the issues well enough and do not understand the nature of the Communist conspiracy.

Thusly, our nation in some areas have achieved — yet in others there is a lag. But it can never be truly the land of the free and the home of the brave until all Americans have equal education, employment, housing voting rights until all Americans share in the American dream.

Your Committee on
THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Social Action Committee

To the Bishop and members of the New York Annual Conference of 1965 — we, your committee on Social Action wish to submit our report.

No one can deny that we are living in a period of our world history which the thinking of man in both church and state is passing through much turmoil, confusion, and uncertainty. There is urgent need for clear thinking, sound judgment, and wise action.

Education

One of the most pressing problems facing us in the near future is re-thinking and re-planning the educational needs on the National, State and Local levels.

Never before in the history of our nation has the National Government thru congress acted with such resolute and progressive program in support of Public Education as was shown in the recent act of congress which appropriated about 1 1/2 Billion Dollars for education. The recent legislation instituted by our President and Congress is designed to lift the level and improve the quality of basic training and improved standard of living for the less fortunate thru out the entire nation.

Both State and Local government are charged with the responsibility of implementing these programs in keeping with needs and adaptability of the local communities. It becomes our Christian responsibility as responsible citizens and leaders in our various local communities to lead full strength of all resources and abilities in supporting local programs.

Birth Control

Our steady increase in population add new problems to make more difficult the solution to our social and economic ills. The problem of Birth Control is being given serious consideration by those who look ahead for remedies for our social ills. Life expectancy is increasing every year. The large number of Senior Citizens who are unable to meet their economic, physical and medical needs are placing greater strain and stress on those who must earn a livelihood for themselves and their dependencies.

Thanks to the strong arm of the Federal State and Local governments that are helping to meet these needs thru their Poverty and Educational programs.

Legislation is being proposed at present by the State Government to increase minimum wage to a \$1.50 minimum. Low rent housing and federal insured loans are making it possible for our low income group and senior citizens to live in decent housing and obtain the necessities for dignified and comfortable living. Information is being prepared and distribute for those who would like to exercise birth control thru the use of scientific and moral methods.

Employment

The lack of employment and economic opportunities are the basic causes of most of our social ills. However, there are employment opportunities now available for Negroes that have been traditionally closed to them in the past. These jobs, these positions are now opened but the Negroes as a whole has not tried to get into them. The males especially are backward in this matter and the

seem to — not have the push — or the ambition that is needed to prepare for these positions and jobs that are now available. The females of our race can handle most any position that a white woman can handle. This is true in all employment categories.

We hope and we urge the pastors of our local Churches to — themselves study the local employment situations carefully so that they might counsel with the men and women in their parish as to what steps they must take in order to better themselves in these days. The day for the Preacher Pastor is past. He must not only preach — but he must be informed himself about all of the controversial issues of the day so that he might be better able to counsel and advise those under his supervision.

We should follow very carefully all controversial issues including abortion and capital punishment. These issues seem to be on the agenda of our statement in the capitol at Albany.

Civil Rights Section

America finds itself, even in this twentieth century, grappling with the still serious and tragic implications of its race problem. There are yet disturbing questions that this Republic must face if it is going to exert the influence that it desires in international affairs. Is the concept of the "Melting Pot" a realistic and workable one? Is the Constitution of this nation a valued, historic document and the basis of law and jurisprudence or is it one-sided and applicable only to White Anglo-Saxons and not to Black Americans? Only in proportion can she move, with confidence into the future.

The American Negro has been more successful in forcing the race issue to the surface of the American conscience in the last decade than at any other period of time. He has been caught up in a revolutionary spirit of racial pride in origins, coupled with insistent demands of equality and justice "Now!" His cries, often to the more sensitive and reserved, sound loud, blatant and even raucous, but there is no such thing as an orderly revolution.

But there has been progress. We now have desegregated schools, lunch counters and waiting rooms in many cases areas of the deep south. Some local communities have met and sanely decided to begin to work out their racial problems. New jobs have opened up as a result of business men adopting a more realistic attitude. We have witnessed the Federal Government, increasingly, becoming more forceful in facing up to some of its obligations to all Americans.

We now have a Civil Rights law with some teeth in it and voter registration laws which will eventually speed up the process of Negro

voter — registration in the South. Make no mistake about it, this progress cost much in terms of human suffering. Some of our people have been murdered and their murderers remain free. Some have been beaten, tear-gassed; some have lost their jobs and their property, as a result of their dedication and overt participation in the struggle in the south.

The church has become increasingly aware of the gap it must fill in this area. Many Churchmen, denominational leaders and ministers have participated meaningfully. We are happy to report that the African Methodist Church participated, in this struggle often assuming a position of leadership.

Our Episcopal leader, Bishop John Douglas Bright, constantly urges participation of the First Episcopal District in these matters. He forcefully demonstrated his concern by chartering a plane for the Ministers of this area to go to Selma, Alabama to participate in the March to Montgomery.

But in the north the problems are somewhat different and far more complex in terms of knowing who our enemies really are. How do we get into the trade unions? How do we acquire the necessary skills to compete, when education for the Northern Negro Ghetto is much to be desired? How do we get out of the spawning, sprawling ghetto?

We hear talk of the "Establishment," the "Power Structure" — who are they really? How do we move them by negotiation or demonstration? How to attack these problems, or who to attack often brings sharp divisions in Negro community. Many persons with little or no insight or understanding of sociological problems, make pronouncements of easy solutions, to complex problems. But this is to be expected. Divisions and disagreements will come but we must press on, on all fronts.

As African Methodists, we must also continue to illuminate the situation, to bring it into some meaningful focus. Perhaps what we need at this point, is for some of the more perceptive leaders of our church to work out a theological frame of reference for us to relate to in our participation. We must find the right targets and help eradicate the evils that plague our people. We must continue to push for more integrated and quality education. We must fight with all our might, slum lords, and press the issue with industry for the hiring of Negroes in positions other than as janitors or porters. Due to the very complexity of the situations in the northern urban community, we can but only buttress the exhortations of our Episcopal leader, Bishop John Douglas Bright, urging Ministers in the local

communities to constantly stay abreast of the issues, to study the various sides of the questions, to engage in meaningful communication, dialogue and after careful study take a position that will be truly a prophetic one.

Only as the church becomes more and more aware of its role in the world and struggle with contemporary problems will she become prophetic.

A. C. E. FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Saturday, May 22, 1965

For most of us, the A. C. E. Fellowship holds a warm spot in our hearts. It was here that many interesting and serious forums and relationships are cultivated at the meetings. This is where Christ is the place; it was here that many of you present came — for many lasting ideals are instilled, the place where the social life of young people are strengthened.

Within the past ten years, there has been a steady decrease in League activities. This is something — something we're proud of. This is a statistical fact. Of thirty churches sketchily interviewed, only seven have active Leagues.

The total membership of these churches are: eight with 28-100, 10 with 100-499, seven 500-900, and three churches with a membership of 1,000 or more.

The meetings:

One group meets Sundays — 4 p.m.

Four groups meet Sundays — 6 p.m.

One group meets Friday — 7:30 p.m.

Literature: two churches use the A. M. E. League quarterly literature, three use the Sunday School literature, and three were not sure.

Some have attributed the backset of the League to the increasing activities of the Y. P. D. Some have attributed it to the locale. New York has so many interesting and educational activities — music, movies, theaters, the World's Fair, amusement parks, etc. Young people in many instances choose that which interests them most.

We find in many instances, the same young people come to the church Sunday School, serve in the Y. P. D., sing in the choir at morning worship and they find difficult to return to another meeting at noon or evening meeting.

There are those who believe that we must instill devotion, and respect for the church. Some believe that we must inspire

visitors who are willing to give of themselves — time, talent, money, etc., to help the young people. In many instances, the same supervisor diligently superintends the church school, supervises the choir rehearsals and class meetings, and takes the children to the Y. P. D. meetings. Her schedule is filled. She comes out, on the average, no less than three nights per week. We need more adults who are willing to support the youth activities of the church.

Then too, we are at a time when getting a good education is of supreme importance. Some feel that after the homework is adequately taken care of, no time remains for full participation in all of the youth activities. Therefore, the young person takes his choice — and the League is chosen after the church school, the choir and the Y. P. D.

Those who are maintaining Bible study sessions are to be commended. Macedonia, Flushing very often have as many as 50 young people returning on Sundays to discuss and disagree on the interpretation of the Sunday School lesson.

Allen, Jamaica has nearly 30 young people attending its meetings on Sundays at 4 p.m.

St. John, Brooklyn, although they meet twice monthly, have inspiring Bible quizzes and they have set up a league of bowlers. They also have birthday excursions for its membership.

Behel, New York City, has a league known as the Youth Fellowship. They meet on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. There are Bible quizzes, lectures and games. Once a month they have a social and serve soft drinks and cookies.

The League at St. John, Niagara Falls has come with a unique project — washing cars. They are presently planning a Clean-up campaign.

Pilgrim, Brooklyn, although having no League officially has set up a Release Time center in their church. Here the children meet for religious instruction on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. More interested parents who understand what is being done, are needed to maintain this as a successful project.

When asked what help would you like from the New York Conference, most persons interviewed, could not think of anything specific. The idea was so new. Though many felt anything would do. Some did mention:

Outstanding Youth night at the conference.

Good speakers to come in and motivate and give direction.

Devising mode to get more adult volunteers.

Help in constructive planning, a system whereby ideas are exchanged establishment of an institute wherein young people could learn more about our church and develop a deeper devotion to the church.

When asked: Should the A. C. E. L. be re-organized?

The responses were: No.—2, Yes—8, re-vitalized—10, no comment—8. Those who answered "no" felt that we are dealing with any age group whose interests are very changeable, we must learn to cope with them and help them with their problems. Those who made "no comment" were convinced that I was a spy, a newspaper reporter, or something. A minister, then asked about his League was embarrassed and told me that he was in a hurry. All I was interested in was, "Do you have a League?" If so, let the others know what you're doing.

What then are the recommendations?

—That the administration see the decrease in activity as serious problem, in as much as the life of the A. C. E. L. is concerned and from the highest level, discuss and devise means to revitalize it.

—That the A. C. E. League be given a newer interpretation which would enable it to operate in a wider framework, a framework which promotes spiritual, physical, educational and social growth.

—That a means of communication be set-up so that we might share the ideas of successful Leagues, i.e., Newsletter.

—That more adults step down or co-jointly support S. C. Club League, Stewardess Board — Y. P. D., Steward Board — Sunday School. We need more than one or two faithful and dedicated supervisors of young people. If one, then a staff to help.

—Youth congress workshops on all levels.

This is the state of the A. C. E. League, 1965.

I wish to thank all ministers and laymen who, in the midst of very busy schedules, stopped to talk to me.

Mary Moragne, chairman, Revs. E. L. Huff, O. H. Young, H. Lewis, E. Jemmott, S. Roper, A. Brown, H. Bonaparte, V. Love, Mrs. M. Gorce, F. Eastman, K. Avery, F. Mann, V. Gibbs, 7 Weeks and delegates from Salem, Roslyn, Emanuel, Tuckahoe, Bethel, Bronx.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Our concern for the church should extend beyond a mere literary report read to an apathetic audience once a year at an Annual Conference. There is a growing need for us to take a good long look at ourselves in the light of our relevance in a great society and move so in the light of our purpose and destiny in the church of God's design. MYTH, or that which is not:

The first step toward self-understanding is the elimination of myths or false concepts that we hold about the A. M. E. Church.

It is folly to believe that we can be the relevant church in a great society through token participation and concern; that is, doing and caring just enough to warrant attention without total commitment. Too often we show peripheral interest and hold the false idea that this is the mission of the church. This can be the sin of the Pharisee. And a greater sin it is to take pride in a token concern.

It is folly to believe that the A. M. E. Church is reaching in the world without a reaching inwardly toward a new life in Jesus Christ. It is false concept that we can function as a church without the need for penitence and surrender of pride.

It is folly to believe that we can be the relevant church today with yesterday's convictions. The A. M. E. Church of Allen's day spoke to her day with a vision, and with purpose, and with intention but Allen's vision is now our heritage. It is myth to believe that heritage is sufficient for outreach.

FACT, or that which is:

There is no other Negro church with greater facilities for outreach than the A. M. E. Church. A cursory investigation of our disciplines show that we have the framework for departments of evangelism, religious education, mission and social welfare from the national level to the local church. There is organizational and functional opportunity for sound witness from the clergy and for thorough training of leadership for the ministry of the laity.

We have adopted a stewardship educational plan through which the church can experience deeper spiritual encounters and show more meaningful concern.

Our giving, based on the statistics of the Manhattan District of the New York Conference, is: 9,025 members of the District show a per member giving of \$4.00 per year, or \$1.03 per person, per Sunday. Note that the Methodist Church reported to the National Council of Churches a per member giving of \$59.60 — but no

further that the Church of God (Anderson) reported a per member giving of \$147.5, or more than twice our figure. The Church of God (Anderson) has a membership of a little more than 130,000. The A. M. E. Church is a giant, but we are a sleeping giant until we match fact with present-day problem and meet our challenge.

THE PROBLEM AND CHALLENGE, or that which can be

The problems of America are being faced by persons in industry, politics, education and social welfare. It is said that the church should go into these spheres, but the reality is that the church is already in these areas in the person of the laity. The challenge to us A. M. E. is to strengthen the ministry of the laity. We have more than 600,000 messengers of the Gospel and we are demanded to speak. Our laity cannot speak — the clergy cannot speak without a language. We need to grow through prayer groups, not just a Wednesday night meeting with a few people reciting the blessings that they have received from God, but through prayer cell activity with the problems of the community on the members' conscience and with a wrestling with these problems together. Our laity and clergy need the experience of a high noon prayer confrontation with God about a single problem — just one problem. Then we need the experience of seeing what prayer can do.

We need growth through Bible study, not just a Sunday School approach for the recanting of the books of the Bible, but for an earnest search for God's design and purpose. A kind of Bible study that will enable us to be unmoved by the glib tongue of the atheist, the extremist or the cult witness. We need the experience of meaningful worship and to strengthen the link between worship and life and work.

If we are to serve this "present age," we must face the problems with responsibility. The prophetic voice of the church is absent unless we acknowledge the need for and accept the prepared and concerned ministry. We should encourage our candidates for the ministry to study and study hard to prove themselves to men for God — and to have with the experience of the classroom some practical experience of perhaps two or three years "in service" training. Preaching is the tool of the Negro ministry, but he cannot preach without spiritual growth. He must have concern and love for the people and a clear idea of his priestly and prophetic purposes. We should encourage our pastors to take periodic retreats for educational, physical and spiritual renewal.

We are called to responsibility through stewardship. To accept this, we must make an honest attempt not to accept stewardship

just another gimmick to raise money. If we are solely concerned with raising money we should learn the methods of the secular and service agencies who do a far better and more effective job than we. But then the service agencies don't have to reckon with concepts of redemption, mission and God's will. With all our raising money for chicken dinners, raffles and rummage sales, our giving—and this is an inadequate word—is about one dollar per person, per Sunday. This is barely enough to support a pastor, not withstanding a destitute family in Selma, Alabama, or a Church School pupil who needs to go to college, or the stranded South African who needs money to keep his family alive.

Our challenge in the mid-sixties is cyclic: It is the cycle of coming to the altar to be renewed by Christ and returning to the world to do Christ's work. Again, we must be penitent, surrender our pride and self-sufficiency, rely upon the mercy and grace of God through Jesus Christ to receive and to transform, and we must renew our commitment to walk in the newness of life.

The A. M. E. Church should be willing to lose its life in order to find it.

Your Committee,
Rev. H. F. Berry, Chairman
Rev. L. F. Webb, Secretary

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Bishop Bright and Members of the New York Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Presiding Elder Assessment, Housing and Fuel, beg leave to make the following report:

The Presiding Elder (Rev. J. W. Moses, Sr.) of the Buffalo District makes no recommendations for increases in assessments of the District. All assessments are to remain the same.

The Presiding Elder (Rev. W. H. Muldrow) of the Brooklyn Long Island District states that all assessments on this district remain the same except Bethel, Amityville—which Assessment shall be increased from \$70.25 to \$100.00 per quarter.

The Presiding Elder (Rev. W. L. Freeman) of the Manhattan District states that the Presiding Elder Assessments are the same with the following exceptions:

| Church | Assessment Had | New Assessment | Increases |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| St. Paul Mission Cathedral, N. Y. C. | | \$10.00 | |
| St. Matthews Hollis | \$15.00 | 25.00 | \$10.00 |
| Pilgrim Brooklyn | 25.00 | 30.00 | 5.00 |
| Lincoln Memorial | 35.00 | 40.00 | 5.00 |
| Mt. Carmel New Rochelle | 60.00 | 65.00 | 5.00 |

The Committee

NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

--: 1965-66 --:

Pastoral Appointments Of The Manhattan District Rev. William Lee Freeman, Presiding Elder

Naxerath, Bronx, N. Y. — Rev. David I. Dempsey
 St. Paul, New York City — Rev. M. E. Baskerville
 Mt. Pisgah, New York City — Rev. Henderson R. Hughes
 Lincoln Memorial, New York City — Rev. Herbert L. Bonaparte
 Brownsville, Brooklyn, N. Y. — Rev. Samuel Roper
 Ebenezer, New York City — Rev. Walter L. Matthews
 Bethel, Bronx, N. Y. — Rev. James H. Huggins
 St. Matthews, Hollis, N. Y. — Rev. Mackey C. Carpentier
 Bronx River, Bronx, N. Y. — Rev. Peter D. DuHart
 Truevine, New York City — Rev. Carrie T. Hooper
 Trinity, New York City — Rev. Paul J. Morrison
 Pilgrim, Brooklyn, N. Y. — Rev. David Robinson
 St. Matthew, Brown, N. Y. — Rev. Julius H. Major

St. James, New York City — Rev. James Rivers
 St. John, New York City — Rev. Leroy R. Judge
 Mt. Carmel, New Rochelle, N. Y. — Rev. C. Beresford Barrow
 Metropolitan, New York City — Rev. Robert L. Pruitt
 St. Mark, Corona, N. Y. — Rev. Rosco C. Henderson
 Greater Bethel, New York City — Rev. Louis M. Carper
 Mt. Zion, New York City — Rev. John G. Ragin
 Greater St. Luke, New York City — Rev. Richard R. Stokes
 Emanuel, New York City — Rev. Joseph L. Joiner
 Bethel, New York City — Rev. Henderson R. Hughes

BROOKLYN-LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

- Rev. William H. Muldrow, P.E., 25 Vale Dr. Huntington, N. Y. — HA 3-0640 —
1. Bridgestreet, Stuyvesant and Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. — GL 2-393
 Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, 1340 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y. — 774-4235
 2. Macedonia, Union St., Flushing, N. Y. — FL 3-5870
 Rev. A. K. David, 45-28 Bowne St., Flushing, N. Y. — LE 9-1234
 3. People's Institutional, Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. — GL 3-283
 Rev. M. D. Birt, 197-14 116th Avenue, St. Albans, N. Y. — LA 7-5197
 4. Bethel, 59 Helen Ave., Freeport, N. Y. — FR 9-1513
 Rev. H. L. Berry, 200-02 116th Avenue, St. Albans, N. Y. — FI 1-0540
 5. Bethel, Redfern St., Far Rockaway, N. Y.
 Rev. D. B. Barton, 28 Redfern St., Inwood, N. Y. — CE 9-2845
 6. Bethel, Albany Ave., Amityville, N. Y. — AM 4-4943
 Rev. John W. Lee, 866 Clocks Boulevard, Amityville, N. Y. — MY 1-0853
 7. Bethel, 54 Brook St., Bayshore, N. Y. — MO 5-1698
 Rev. U. S. Brown, 146-19 115th Avenue, Jamaica 36, N. Y. — OL 9-9512
 8. Bethel, 291 Park Ave., Huntington, N. Y.
 Rev. A. E. Jordan, 291 Park Ave., Huntington, N. Y. — HA 7-0261
 9. Calvary, 78 Cottage Row, Glencove, N. Y.
 Rev. B. A. Galloway, 78 Cottage Row, Glencove, N. Y. — OR 1-0409
 10. Bethel, Westbury, N. Y. (467 Maple Ave.)
 Rev. D. D. Davis, 467 Maple Ave., Westbury, N. Y. — ED 3-2634

11. St. Peters, 40-53 243rd St., Douglaston, N. Y.—BA 4-3250
Rev. John B. Days, 554 149th St., New York 31, N. Y.—
AU 6-3210
12. Allen, Northport, N. Y.
Rev. H. D. Floyd, 31 Lafayette St., Huntington, N. Y.—271-410
13. Trinity, Smithtown, N. Y.
Rev. J. A. Hogans
14. Bethel, Christian Ave., Setauket, N. Y.
Rev. Joseph McKenzie, P. O. Box 924, Setauket, N. Y.—
SE 6-0618
15. Mt. Carmel, 121 Chauncey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. H. A. Kirkland, 121 Chauncey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—
HY 3-5561
16. Allen Memorial, 944 Roger Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. Clifford Stewart, 114-20 142nd Ave., South Ozone Parl
N. Y.—JA 9-3780
17. St. Paul, Randall Ave., Rockville Centre, N. Y.
Rev. Isaac Smalls, 40 Randall Ave., Rockville Centre, N. Y.—
RO 4-5881
18. Salem, 109 Roslyn Rd., Roslyn, N. Y.—MA 1-7284
Rev. Edward Jemmott, 304 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.—
JA 2-2654
19. Mt. Olive, Mackey Ave., Ft. Washington, N. Y.
Rev. M. A. Robinson, 2062 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—
HY 8-8900
20. Bethel, Cooper St., Babylon, N. Y.
Rev. A. E. Stewart, 39-11 Janet Place, Flushington, N. Y.—
IN 3-1312
21. St. Paul, 454 Essex St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. James Wiley, 663 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn N. Y.—
UL 8-6583
22. Hempstead Mission, Hempstead, N. Y.
Rev. Ella Williams, 179 School St., Westbery, N. Y.—ED 382
23. Emanuel, New Rochelle, N. Y.
Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, 1340 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—
774-4235

BUFFALO DISTRICT

- Rev. John W. Moses, P.E., 1041 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn N. Y.
1. Barber Chapel, 62 N. Union St. Rochester, N. Y.
Rev. Vance P. Bethea
 2. Bethel Buffalo, 1525 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.—TT-6-16
Rev. G. G. Crumpley, 479 Voorhees Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
 3. Bethel Lackawanna, 11th and Lohr Streets, Lakeawanna, N. Y.
Rev. George Smith, 166 Hughes St., Buffalo, N. Y.—TT 6-443
 4. Union, Lockport, 123 South St., Lockport, N. Y.
Rev. Henry Lewis, 162 Spalding St., Lockport, N. Y.—HF 3-546
 5. St. John's, Niagara Falls, Centre Ave. and 9th St., Niagara Falls
N. Y.—BU 2-3618
Rev. E. L. Huff, 155 13th St., Niagara Falls, N. Y.—BU 2-3618
 6. Bethel, Olean, 316 W. Green St., Olean, N. Y.
Rev. J. W. Beavers, 316 Green St., Olean N. Y. 14760—FR 2-4270
 7. Delaine-Waring, 680 Swan St., Buffalo, N. Y.—TL 4-6844
Rev. S. Frank Emmanuel, 680 Swan St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 8. Bethel Tabernacle, 90 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.—
HY 3-9036
Rev. J. A. DeLain, 196-05 111th Ave., Hollis, N. Y.—HO 4-9213
 9. Calvary, Brooklyn, 790 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—LN 7-0987
 10. Timothy, Mt. Vernon, 452 South St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Rev. Frazier Williams, 426 S. 2nd Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.—
MO 7-3024
 11. Emanuel, Tuckahoe, 9 Van Dusen Place, Tuckahoe, N. Y.
Rev. J. N. Mitchell, 21 Greendale Ave., Mt. Vornon, N. Y.—
MO 4-3450
 12. Bethany Yonkers, 73 N. Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y.
Rev. H. E. Cunningham, 23-40 102nd St., E. Elmhurst, N. Y.—
HA 4-4656
 13. Allen White Plains, 65 Fisher Ave., White Plains, N. Y.—
RO 1-4397
Rev. F. H. Jackson, 65 Fisher Ave., White Plains, N. Y.—
WH 7-8536
 14. Payne, Chatham, 6 High St., Chatham, N. Y.—CH 2-7771
Rev. J. A. Boxley, 6 High St., Chatham, N. Y.—CH 2-7771
 15. Bethel, Coxsackie, 123 Mansion St., Coxsackie, N. Y.
Rev. J. A. Boxley (Supply) 6 High St., Chatham, N. Y.
 16. Union, Warwick, 92 McEwen St., Warwick, N. Y.
Rev. William Griffin

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE
NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE FROM
April 1964 to May 1965
Conference Trustees Special**

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Manhattan District | \$1,650.00 | |
| New York Conference Special-April 1964 | | |
| Brought Forward | | \$ 232.40 |
| Brooklyn, L.I. District | 1,115.00 | |
| Buffalo District | 1,000.00 | \$3,765.00 |
| Borrowed from ministers—June 1964 | | |
| Rev. J. L. Joiner | 500.00 | |
| Rev. R. A. Hildebrand | 500.00 | |
| Rev. H. R. Hughes | 500.00 | |
| Rev. A. A. Davis | 400.00 | |
| Rev. G. G. Crumpley | 250.00 | |
| Rev. H. F. Berry | 150.00 | |
| Rev. J. C. Carter | 100.00 | 2,400.00 |
| From 1st District Christian Education | | |
| Congress, Atlantic City, N. J. — July 1964 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| From Founder's Day Banquet | | |
| Tickets | 1,604.00 | 1,604.00 |
| New York Conference Special | | |
| Convocation, November 1964 | | |
| Manhattan District | \$2,295.00 | |
| Brooklyn, L.I. District | 1,380.00 | |
| Buffalo District | 1,220.00 | 4,895.00 |
| Grand Total Receipts | | \$12,996.40 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Payments of loan to ministers | | | |
|--|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Ministers | Amt. Loaned | Interest | Total Repaid |
| J. L. Joiner | \$ 500.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 530.00 |
| R. A. Hildebrand | 500.00 | 30.00 | 530.00 |
| H. R. Hughes | 500.00 | 30.00 | 530.00 |
| A. A. Davis | 400.00 | 24.00 | 424.00 |
| G. G. Crumpley | 250.00 | 15.00 | 265.00 |
| H. F. Berry | 150.00 | 9.00 | 159.00 |
| J. C. Carter | 100.00 | 6.00 | 106.00 |
| Totals | \$2,400.00 | \$144.00 | \$2,544.00 |
| Total Repaid Ministers loan with interest | | | 2,544.00 |
| Citizens & Southern Bank | | | 1,070.00 |
| Citizens & Southern Bank Interest | | | |
| and Bank charges | | | 35.00 |
| John W. Moses-Reimbursement paid for money | | | |
| paid on Baber Chapel | | | 1,047.00 |
| Mortgage on Baber Chapel | | | 422.00 |
| Estate of Harthrath 3/20/64 | | | 250.00 |
| Emanuel AME Church, New Rochelle | | | |
| (Mortgage) 3/20/64 | | | 250.00 |
| First Lee Methodist Church 7/10/64 | | | 1,500.00 |
| Theodore DeLisi | | | |
| (Allen Memorial Church, Bklyn.) 7/10/64 | | | 250.00 |
| First Lee Methodist Church 6/18/64 | | | 1,500.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 6/18/64 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 7/15/64 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 8/7/64 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 9/8/64 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 10/6/64 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 11/9/64 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 12/1/64 | | | 211.00 |
| John W. Lee Real Estate | | | |
| search of Property on L.I. | | | 35.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 2/8/65 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 3/9/65 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 4/5/65 | | | 211.00 |
| Columbia Saving Bank, Baber Chapel 5/8/65 | | | 211.00 |
| Grand Total Disbursement | | | \$ 9,935.50 |

RECAPITULATION

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Brought Forward | \$ 232.40 |
| New York Conference Special—April 1964 | 3,765.00 |
| Loan by seven (7) ministers | 2,400.00 |
| From 1st District Christian Education Congress | 100.00 |
| New York Conference Special, November-1964 | 4,895.00 |
| Founder's Day Banquet Tickets | 1,604.00 |
| Grand total receipts | \$12,996.40 |
| Grand total Disbursements | 9,935.00 |
| Total Balance | 3,061.40 |

Submitted by

WILLIAM LEE FREEMAN

Treasurer

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1966

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MANHATTAN DISTRICT

1928 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. 10457

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| 18. Rev. Samuel J. Roper | 18. Nellie Bledsoue |
| 19. Rev. John G. Ragin | 19. Rev. William H. Davis |
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| 21. Rev. Julius H. Major | 21. Rev. Wilson Grant |
| 22. Rev. Paul J. Morrison | 22. Rev. Eunice Baltimore |
| 23. Rev. Robert L. Pruitt | |
| 24. Rev. M. E. Baskerville (Local) | |

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(None Pastors)

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3. Rev. James D. Capers
4. A. A. Averhart
5. Rev. Benjamin Gibbs
6. Rev. William R. Robinson
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16. Rev. Herbert McMillian

LOCAL DEACONS

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2. Rev. Zola Brown
3. Rev. William Epton
4. Rev. Essie Williams
5. Rev. Lena Edwards
6. Rev. Harry Wilson
7. Rev. Rebecca Daniels
8. Rev. Leon Schular
9. Rev. Pearl Sanders
10. Rev. Emma McBride
11. Rev. Helen Linzie
12. Rev. Blanche Bundy

ITINERANT DEACONS

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2. Rev. William Herriott

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BUFFALO DISTRICT**

425 Rockaway Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y. 11212
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21. Rev. R. N. Christian
22. Rev. Allen Brown
23. Rev. Donald Ming
24. Rev. Calvin Collins
25. Rev. J. C. Carter
26. Rev. Melvin Brown
27. Rev. John Kemp
28. Rev. Vernon Lowe

ITINERATE DEACONS

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2. Rev. Freeman
3. Rev. F. L. Davis

LOCAL DEACONS

1. Rev. Leon Horn
2. Rev. Hellen Clarkson
3. Rev. Samuel King

**ITINERATE ELDERS
(Supernumerary)**

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2. Rev. Jacob Butler
3. Rev. Richard Jenkins
4. Rev. Magnum Sheehy
5. Rev. Crawford Ellison
6. Rev. L. Williams
7. Rev. Emmit C. S. Owens
8. Rev. M. G. Crawford
9. Rev. Bennie Parks
10. Rev. E. L. Tyler

LOCAL ELDERS

1. Rev. M. G. Crawford
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3. Rev. Thomas Thompson
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5. Rev. Arthur Jones
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7. Rev. Marie Robinson
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10. Rev. Joseph Blackwell
11. Rev. D. W. Williams
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13. Rev. Leon Nicholson
14. Rev. John Deveaux
15. Rev. Willie Williams

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| 36. Mrs. Annie Huff | 74. Mrs. Genevia Allan |
| 37. Mrs. Ola Mollin | 75. Mrs. Edith Graham |
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| 39. Mrs. Althea Davis | 77. Mrs. Janie B. Stewart |

DELEGATES TO
THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH SESSION
NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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MANHATTAN DISTRICT

1928 Prospect Avenue Bronx, New York

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| Mr. William Jenkins | Greater St. Luke, N.Y.C. |
| Mrs. Sarah Simpkins | Mt. Zion, N.Y.C. |
| Mrs. Helen Pender | Greater Bethel, N.Y.C. |
| Mrs. Walsein | St. Marks, Corona, N.Y. |
| Mrs. Rowena Nelson | Metropolitan, N.Y.C. |
| Mr. William J. Singleton | St. John, N.Y.C. |
| Mrs. Rosatta Wyztt | St. James, N.Y.C. |

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| Mr. George Winters | St. Matthews, Bronx, N.Y. |
| Mr. Herman Merchant | Pilgrim, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| Mrs. Rebecca Alston | Trinity, N.Y.C. |
| No Delegate | Truevine, N.Y.C. |
| | Bethel, Bronx, N.Y. |
| Mrs. Besse Gilliam | Lincoln Memorial, N.Y.C. |
| Mrs. Annie B. Wilson | Ebenezer, N.Y.C. |
| Mr. Walter Carter | St. Matthew, Hollis, N.Y. |
| Mrs. Dorothy Roper | Brownsville, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| No Delegate | Mt. Pisgah, N.Y.C. |
| No Delegate | Nazereth, Bronx, N.Y. |
| | Bronx River, Bronx, N.Y. |
| No Delegate | St. Paul, New York City |

BROOKLYN-LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

LAY DELEGATES

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| Gertrude Floyd | Allen, Northport |
| Violet Thompson | Bethel, Setauke |
| Annabelle Maybank Scott | Bethel, Freeport |
| Christina Saunders | St. Paul, Rockville Centre |
| Ethel Wilber | Bethel, Huntington |
| Ada Schofield | Macedonia, Flushing |
| John Richardson | Allen Memorial, Brooklyn |
| Rose Day | Bethel, Bayshore |
| Wyvies Gasden | Salem, Roslyn |
| Shelia Brooks | Hempstead Mission |
| | Hempstead, N.Y. |
| Joyce Biddle | Mt. Olive |
| | Port Washington |
| Carrie Bellamy | Mt. Carmel, Brooklyn |
| Alberta Hersey | Calvary, Glen Cove |
| Sara Edmonds | Bethel, Westbury |
| Alberta Hersey | Calvary, Glen Cove |
| Mrs. Saunders | Bridge Street, Brooklyn |
| Laura Stukes | Peoples Institutional, Brooklyn |

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1966 at 10:00 A.M.
Bethel A.M.E. Church - 1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

The Opening Service of the One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Session of the New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church - The First Episcopal District

Bishop John Douglas Bright, Sr., D.D., LL.D., Presiding Bishop
 Dr. A. Chester Clark, D.D., Secretary of Mission
 Rev. John W. Moses, Sr., Host-Presiding Elder
 Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, Host Minister
 Rev. William Lee Freeman, Presiding Elder, Manhattan District
 Rev. William H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder, Brooklyn, L.I. District

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL — Bishop Bright, Visiting Bishops, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Ministers and Evangelists

PRESIDING OFFICER — Rev. John W. Moses, Sr., Presiding Elder, Buffalo District

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. G. G. Crumpley, Host-Pastor

OPENING HYMN No. 295 — Rev. Joseph McKinzie, Pastor, Bethel Church, Setauket, N.Y.

PRAYER — Rev. Edgar L. Huff, Pastor, St. John Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

ANTHEM — Joint Choirs

SCRIPTURE READING — Rev. John G. Ragin, Pastor, Mt. Zion Church, New York City

DECALOGUE (In Full) — Rev. D. B. Barton, Pastor, Bethel Church, Far Rockaway, N.Y.

SELECTION — Joint Choirs

THE ACT OF CONFESSION AND PENITENCE — Rev. William Lee Freeman, Presiding Elder, Manhattan District

OFFERTORY — Rev. S. Frank Emanuel, Pastor, DeLaine-Warrior Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP — Rev. William H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder, Brooklyn, Long Island District

SERMON HYMN No. 418 "How Great the Wisdom, Power and Grace"

SERMON — Rev. Richard R. Stokes, Pastor - Gr. St. Luke Church, New York City

Text: Matthew 24:9-13

Subject: "The Overcoming Christian". Dr. Stokes brilliantly elucidated the problems that the modern day Christian must deal with and overcome. He also gave some prescriptions for a spirit filled life.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP — Rev. O'Neil Mackey, Pastor, St. John's Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

HYMN OF INVITATION No. 189 "When, Peace Like A River"

OFFERING — Finance Committee

HOLY COMMUNION - Bishop Bright, Visiting Bishops, General Officers and Presiding Elders.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION — Rev. Richard R. Stokes

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION MAY 16, 1966

DEVOTIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE EVANGELISTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

The afternoon business session convened at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Bright led the Conference in the Apostles' Creed. He then thanked the Evangelists for their part in the devotions.

Bishop Bright thanked Mrs. Vida Bright, District Supervisor, Mrs. Mignonette McCoy, Conference Supervisor for their leadership in the work of the Women's Missionary Society. He also thanked the Missionary Women for their financial contribution to the conference. Bishop Bright then called for the Organization for the Conference. The Organization was read by presiding Elder W. Lee Freeman. It is as follows: 1. Chief Secretary, Rev. O'Neil Mackey; Ass't Secretary, Rev. A. Earl Jordan; Statistical Secretary, Rev. Paul J. Morrison; Secretary to Bishop, Mrs. Vida M. Bright; Accountant, Rev. John H. Johnson, Jr.; Chief Marshal, Rev. B. L. Hall; Special messenger to the Bishop, Rev. Leroy Judge; Reporters: Secular Papers, Rev. Harold F. Berry; Church papers, Rev. S. Frank Emanuel; Marshals: Revs. Walter L. Matthews, Alfred Banks, U. S. Brown, Clifford W. Stewart, Herbert L. Banaparte and Vance P. Beathe; Motion by Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, seconded by Rev. J. W. Lee that the Organization be adopted. Motion carried. Finance Committee: Revs. Richard H. Hildebrand, Henderson R. Hughes, Augustus J.

David, Donald G. Ming, Joseph L. Joiner, John W. Lee, G. Gran Crumpley, Richard R. Stokes, Edgar L. Huff, Robert L. Pruitt and Presiding Elders: William H. Muldrow, John W. Moses, Sr., William Lee Freeman. Laity: Mrs. Helen Pender, Mr. Arnett Pald, Sr. and Ida Saunders. Motion: Rev. Robert L. Pruitt, seconded by Rev. Joseph McKinzie that Finance Committee be elected. Motion carried. Motion by Rev. J. W. Lee that Committees and members serving on those Committees as they appear in "Schedule of Conference" pertaining to New York Annual Conference be adopted. Motion seconded by Rev. H. F. Berry. Motion carried. Motion by Rev. D. Ming that the Judiciary Committee compose the following: Revs. Presiding Elder J. W. Moses, Sr., J. G. Ragin, C. B. Crawford, L. M. Carper, G. A. Gallaway and H. F. Berry - seconded by Rev. H. R. Hughes. Motion carried. Motion by the Presiding Elder Freeman that the following serve as the Commission on Ministerial Efficiency: Revs. M. D. Birt, W. L. Matthews, J. A. DeLaine, J. L. Joiner, D. G. Ming, D. B. Barton and S. F. Emmanuel. Motion seconded by Rev. H. F. Berry. Motion carried. Motion by Rev. R. L. Pruitt, seconded by Rev. C. B. Crawford that the Revs. D. D. Davis, D. Robinson, G. G. Crumpley, A. K. David and C. B. Barrow serve as Triers of Appeals. Motion carried. Bishop Bright called for the "Roll Call of the Conference." Necessary corrections to the "Roll Call" were recorded by the Secretary of the Conference. The Secretary instructed to send a message of condolence to Rev. James Rivers at the passing of his wife. Motion by Rev. J. L. Joiner that the New York Annual Conference accept the resignation of Rev. Thomas Wendal Foster, dated September 11, 1965 and Rev. J. Anderson Hogans from the A.M.E. Church. Motion seconded by Rev. M. D. Birt - 110 voted to accept the resignations. None voted against acceptance. Motion by Presiding Elder J. W. Moses that first seven pews across the Church constitute bounds of Conference. Motion seconded by Rev. J. G. Ragin. Motion carried.

Bishop Bright presented Mrs. Vida M. Bright, First Lady of the District. Mrs. Bright complimented and thanked the Conference for the wonderful work it is doing. The Conference responded by warmly applauding Mrs. Bright. Bishop Bright introduced the visitors to the Conference. Bishop Bright then called for "Roll of Lay delegates." The Roll of Lay Delegates was read according to each presiding Elder District. The Conference paused to receive the Rt. Rev. G. Wayman Blakely, Presiding Bishop, 16th Episcopal District. Greetings were received from Rev. R. C. Eberhart, Bethel, Pittsburg, representing the 3rd Episcopal District. Greetings, also, from the several Conferences of the First Episcopal District. Rev. V. R. Byrd represented Bermuda Conference; Rev. V. White, Delaware Conference; Rev. H. A. Garcia, New Jersey; Rev. J. L. Lath, New England and Rev. A. D. Nearn,

Philadelphia Conference. Rev. H. F. Berry responded to the greeting for the New York Conference. Lay Delegate corrections: Mrs. Lau Stukes - delegate from Peoples Institutional. Bishop Bright presented Bishop Blakely to greet the Conference. Bishop Bright lead the conference in singing Hymn No. 393 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less". Bishop Blakely stated that he greatly appreciated his association with Bishop Bright. He thanked the New York Conference for its financial contribution for the work in the 16th Episcopal District. He further stated that the First Episcopal District had given more money for the project of building a church in Kingston, Jamaica than any other Episcopal District. Bishop Blakely thanked Mrs. Vida M. Bright for her help in shaping up the Missionary Work in the 16th Episcopal District.

Bishop Blakely ended his remarks in a blaze of divine glory. The Conference was greatly inspired. Bishop Bright lead Conference in singing "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing". In an atmosphere charged with the Holy Spirit, Bishop Bright thanked Bishop Blakely for his words of help and encouragement. Bishop Bright stated that the District had a project in Bermuda. He said he would have more to say about it at the District Planning Session. Conference Totals were called for: Manhattan District: General Board: \$19,730; Retirement Hospitalization \$2,805; Christian Recorded \$177.00; A.M.E. Review \$38.50; Voices of Missions \$94.50; Journal of Religious Education 102.50; Women's Missionary Magazine \$32.50; Special From Churches \$2800.00 Special from Pastors \$4200.00 Roll Call \$432.00 Sustentation \$500.00; Secret Chamber \$2.00; Total \$27,344.50.

Buffalo General Budget: \$10,76; Retirement-Hospitalization \$3,084; Christian Recorder \$115.00; A.M.E. Review \$63.00; Voice of Missions \$94.50; Journal of Religious Education \$55.00; Secret Chamber \$4.00; Women's Missionary Magazine \$42.50; Roll Call \$375.00 Church Gift \$2,000.00, Pastor's Gift \$360.00, Sustentation \$387.50 Total \$17,189.50.

Brooklyn-Long Island General Budget: \$15,044; Hospitalization-Retirement \$2682.92; Periodical \$479.00; Pastors Gift \$485.00 Church \$2620.00; Sustentation \$413.50; Total \$21,957.96.

Total for Conference \$45,484.00; Retirement-Hospitalization \$8,571.96; Grand Total Budget-Hospitalization-Retirement - \$54,056.96.

Announcements: Pastor Crumpley

Doxology-Benediction: Rev. J. L. Joiner

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 18, 1966 - 8:00 P.M.
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"MEN'S NIGHT" of the One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Session
the New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist
Episcopal Church

Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, Host-Minister
Rev. John W. Moses, Sr., Host-Presiding Elder
Bishop John Douglas Bright, Sr., DD, LL.D., Presiding Bishop
Dr. A. Chester Clark, D.D., Secretary of Mission
Rev. William Lee Freeman, Presiding Elder, Manhattan District
Rev. William H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder, Brooklyn, L.I. District

PROGRAM

PRESIDING OFFICER -

Mr. Arthur L. Funn, The First District President of Laymen

PROCESSIONAL — The Joint Men's Choir, Bishop Bright, Visiting
Bishops, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Ministers and Laymen

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP — Mr. Arthur L. Funn

OPENING HYMN No. 421 "Rise up, O Men of God". - Mr. William
J. Singleton from St. John Church, New York City

PRAYER — Mr. William Manks - from Allen A.M.E. Church
Jamaica, N. Y.

SELECTION — The Joint Men's Choir of the Buffalo Area

SCRIPTURE READING — Dr. Frank A. McCoy - from Bridge Street
A.M.E. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DECALOGUE SUMMARY — Mr. Lloyd Jones - Bethel Tabernacle
A.M.E. Church Brooklyn, N. Y.

SELECTION — The Joint Men's Choir of the Buffalo Area

REPRESENTATIVE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY

OF BUFFALO
The Mayor's representative warmly welcomed the Conference
and presented Bishop Bright with a Key to the City.

SELECTION — Joint Men's Choir of the Buffalo Area

OFFERTORY — Mr. Edward J. Roberson, People's Institution
A.M.E. Church Brooklyn, N. Y.

PRESENTATION OF BISHOP BRIGHT — Mr. Arthur L. Funn
Mr. Funn then presented Bishop Bright as a bold and courageous
prelate.

The Bishop then presented the speaker, Rev. Donald G. Ming.
He spoke of Rev. Ming's background and training and asked
the Conference to pray for him as he preached from the Holy
Scriptures.

SERMON HYMN No. 338 - "I need Thee Every Hour"

SERMON — Rev. Donald G. Ming, Pastor, Allen A.M.E. Church,
Jamaica, N. Y.

Text: Timothy 1:6

Subject: "Rekindle the Fire".

The preacher moved the Conference deeply with an eloquent
and dynamic sermon.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP — Rev. Braddock A. Galloway,
Pastor Calvary A.M.E. Church, Glen Cove N. Y.

OFFERING — The ladies will be led by Bishop Bright,
The Men will be led by Mrs. Bright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION — Rev. Donald G. Ming

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1966

144th Session of the New York Annual Conference
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bethel A.M.E. Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

Promptly at 9:00 A.M., the Evangelists of the District began
Devotional Service. At 9:30 Bishop Bright entered and officially
opened the Conference for business. He asked the Congregation to
stand and repeat the Apostles' Creed in unison.

The minutes for Wednesday's sessions were called for and read
by the Assistant Secretary Rev. A. Earl Jorden. After the following
corrections the minutes stood approved.

- (1) The Delegate from Greater Bethel is Helen Pender.
- (2) Rev. Delaine pointed out that the Finance Committee was
elected not appointed.
- (3) The Delegate from St. John, N.Y.C. is Mr. William Jenkins
and the Delegate from Emmanuel is Mr. Joseph L. Ladsen
and not vice versa.

These corrections were taken note of and the minutes will reflect
them.

Bishop Bright commended the Secretaries for an efficient record
of the proceedings of the first day of Conference.

The Bishop then informed the Conference that Mr. Arthur Fur President of the N.Y. 1st Dist. Conference Lay organization, had suddenly taken ill and had been hospitalized. He asked the Conference to stand in a moment of prayer for Mr. Funn. Bishop Bright then lead the Conference in singing softly "For You, I Am Praying

Bishop Bright spoke of some copies of Bishop R. R. Wright book "87 Years Behind the Black Curtain". The Bishop stated that he highly recommended this book for Ministers and laymen, all. He had forty copies, they were quickly purchased

Presiding Elder William H. Muldrow was called upon to make Supplementary Report:

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| Budget | \$50.00 |
| Christian Recorder | 15.00 |
| Ministers' Gift to Conference | 25.00 |
| Sustentation | 25.00 |
| | \$115.00 total |
| | Supplementary Report |
| | for the Brooklyn, L. |
| | District. |

Dr. John W. Moses, Presiding Elder of the Buffalo District also made a brief addition to this report:

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| Voice of Missions | \$14.00 |
| Journal of Religious Education | 7.00 |
| Women's Recorder | 8.00 |
| | \$29.00 total |

The Bishop presented Dr. Moses to call for the reports from the men of the Buffalo District. Dr. Moses expressed his thanks to Bishop Bright and spoke of the joy and satisfaction he had working under Bishop Bright during the past year.

Dr. Moses then told of the addition of a church and pastor to his District. The St. Peters Community Church in Brooklyn, now the St. Peters A.M.E. Church. This Church of 100 members, along with its pastor, Rev. E. B. Hunter (who must be re-obligated), voted unanimously to become part of the A.M.E. Church.

Bishop Bright commended P. E. Moses for the forthright leadership he is providing on the Buffalo District. On a motion offered by Rev. David Robinson and seconded by Rev. J. A. Delaine, the conference voted unanimously to accept this pastor for re-obligation and this congregation into the N. Y. Conference of the A.M.E. Church.

The Bishop also spoke of Trinity Church in Jamaica, and pointed this out as an example of Dr. Moses' ability to get things done.

This little church now is completely modern and equipped no-

to serve the community in a relevant manner. Dr. Moses along with his Assistant in the church, Rev Mac Sheehee have done a magnificent job. The mortgage on the completely renovated church is \$540.00 per month. Already deposited in the bank is enough money for two mortgage payments.

Bishop Bright asked for a round of applause for the Presiding Elder and his work. The Conference warmly applauded him.

MT. OLIVE, JAMAICA: Rev. J. R. Kemp.

The Bishop spoke of the Mt. Moriah congregation purchasing the building soon to be vacated by Allen, Jamaica, who will begin their new church this year and suggested that Rev. Kemp investigate the possibility of purchasing the Mt. Moriah building.

BETHEL, LACKAWANNA: Rev. George Smith.

By common consent, the name of this church was changed from Baby Bethel to Bethel, Lackawanna.

CARTER'S COMMUNITY

Dr. Carter spoke of the one million fifty thousand project in inclusion of church and community facilities plus apartments for the aged. He spoke of some top problems and also a loan of \$15,000 that he owed Dr. A. C. Clark. Bishop Bright inquired if the Conference Trustees had approved the transaction. Pastor Carter answered in the negative, but assured the Bishop and Conference that all of these matters would soon be settled.

After the Report for Bethel, Buffalo made by the Host Pastor G. G. Crumpley, the Bishop suggested that the reports be continued in the afternoon session and paused for the offering and the noonday sermon.

Bishop Bright then proceeded to lift the offering. He spoke of African Methodism being 150 years old and asked the Conference for \$150.00, one dollar for each year. The Conference responded quickly and quietly.

Following this, Rev. R. L. Pruitt, a member of a special resolution committee, was granted permission to read a resolution. The Resolutions pertained to the work and labor of love of our Bishop, and further spoke of his affections and goals in the First District and particularly the New York Conference. Rev. Dr. Rembert Stokes the President of Wilberforce University and the noon-day speaker presided and the Conference unanimously adopted the resolution.

Dr. G. G. Crumpley was recognized and he presented the organization of the Finance Committee:

- Rev. Henderson R. Hughes - Chairman
- Rev. Richard A. Hildebrand - Vice Chairman

P. E. William L. Freeman - Treasurer
 Rev. G. G. Crumpley - Secretary
 Rev. A. K. David - Asst. Secretary

After the singing of a hymn, Bishop Bright presented Dr. Remi Stokes, President of Wilberforce University to deliver the noon-message. Dr. Stokes spoke from the 5th Chapter of Romans and first verse. His theme: "Four Wild Winged Horses". Dr. Stokes delivered a powerful message and the Conference responded enthusiastically.

Immediately following the sermon, Bishop Bright asked the Conference to leave the sanctuary quietly after the Benediction, Doxology and Benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 19, 1966

The pastors of the Buffalo District completed their reports. Bishop Bright asked all the pastors, their wives and all the lay delegate this District to stand. He expressed appreciation to all of them for their efforts in Kingdom Building.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT REPORTS:

Bishop Bright presented Presiding Elder William L. Freeman who proceeded to call forth his pastors for their reports. Bronx Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. J. H. Huggins, has purchased new quarters. They own a spacious plant geared to serve the community in all respects. Pastor Huggins spoke fervently of his respect and love for Bishop Bright and of the advice and help Bishop Bright along with Conference Trustees have given him.

He read a resolution from his church requesting that the name be changed from Bronx, Bethel to Bright's Temple. The Conference unanimously adopted this resolution on a motion offered by Rev. F. Hughes and seconded by Rev. J. L. Joiner.

Bishop Bright called upon Rev. J. H. Johnson, Jr., his secretary to preside during the passage of this resolution.

After the conclusion of the report of St. Marks, Corona by David Robinson, Bishop Bright spoke of the former pastor the Dr. R. C. Henderson. He asked the Conference to stand in a moment of silence in memory of this courageous soldier of the Gospel.

Dr. R. R. Stokes was called to report for St. Luke and prior to reading his report he spoke of the work of the former pastors of St. Luke and that with God's help he is determined to carry out this distinguished tradition.

At the conclusion of the District Reports, Dr. H. R. Hughes spoke of the love and admiration all the men of the Manhattan District

for their Presiding Elder Dr. William Lee Freeman, and asked for his return as their Presiding Elder.

Bishop Bright then led the Conference in singing "Nearer My God To Thee".

The Bishop acknowledged the presence of Rev. Clark from Monumental Church in Steelton, Pa., and Rev. T. S. Clemons from Harrisburg and Rev. D. M. Owens, the newly appointed minister of St. James Church, Newark.

Bishop Bright then asked all of the men to give two dollars each to help the ladies in their evening Missionary Service.

The offering was given according to the Presiding Elder Districts.

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| \$18.00 | Buffalo District |
| 31.00 | Brooklyn, L. I. District |
| 23.00 | Manhattan District |
| \$72.00 | Total |

After the announcements, Bishop Bright called upon Rev. J. W. Lee to give the Benediction.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1966 - 7:30 P.M.

Bethel A.M.E. Church - 1525 Michigan Avenue
 Buffalo, New York

Rev. G. G. Crumpley, Pastor

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

New York Conference Branch - African Methodist Episcopal Church
 presents AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING with the

"WOMEN IN WHITE"

Right Rev. John D. Bright, D.D., Presiding Bishop
 Dr. A. Chester Clarke - Secretary-Treasurer Missions
 Rev. John W. Moses, Sr. - Host Presiding Elder
 Rev. William L. Freeman
 Rev. William H. Muldrow - Associate Presiding Elder
 Mrs. Vida M. Bright - Episcopal District Supervisor
 Mrs. Octavia Dandridge - Episcopal District President
 Mrs. Anna J. Waters - Episcopal District YPD Director
 Mrs. Mignonette McCoy - Senior Conference Branch President
 Mrs. Earline W. David - Conference Director YPD Work
 Mrs. Geneva Allen - Local President

PROGRAM

- PROCESSIONAL — "O ZION HASTE"
 CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing) — Mrs. Evelyn Mc
 OPENING HYMN — Mrs. Lacy Freeman
 INVOCATION — Mrs. Edith Gumbs; Mrs. Ola Molin
 LITANY FOR MISSIONS
 SELECTION — Choir, Bethel Buffalo
 PROLOGUE - Mrs. Mignonette McCoy, Conference Branch Presid
 HYMN — "HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING"
 REPRESENTING:
 GHANA Mrs. Althea Davis - Buffalo A
 RHODESIA Mrs. Harriett Kittell - Albany A
 CHINA Mrs. Regina Morrison - Bronx A
 WEST AFRICA Miss Ester Rapley - Eastern L.I. A
 SOLO — "The Voice of One Crying" - Miss Dorothy L. Minte
 HAITI Mrs. Ruby Logan - Westchester A
 SIERRA LEONE Mrs. Bessie Gilliam - Manhattan A
 SOUTH AFRICA Mrs. C. Mottley - Brooklyn A
 JAMAICA Mrs. Mable Stewart - Long Island A
 INDIA Rev. Edith Randolph - Interboro A
 "HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING" (2nd and 4th Vers
 INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER — Mrs. Vida M. Bright
 by Mrs. Alma Chapn
 SELECTION — Choir, Bethel Buffalo
 "ODD GIFTS" - Mesdames Ruth H. Hughes, Chr. Emma S. Freem.
 Evelyn Moses - Ethel Muldrow
 PRESENTATION of Secretary-Treasurer Missions, Dr. A. C. Clar
 by Mrs. Katie Matthews
 PRESENTATION of Bishop John Douglas Bright, Prelate of
 First Episcopal District by Mrs. Laura Stokes
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS — Mrs. Willie Lee Crump
 EPILOGUE and the MISSIONARY BENEDICTION —
 Mrs. Magnolia Jacks

MORNING SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1966

The Evangelists of the Conference led in devotions. The Bu
 ness session convened at 9:30 A.M. Bihop Bright led the Conferen
 in repeating the Apostles' Creed in unison. Bishop called for t
 minutes of Wednesday's business sessions. The secretary read t

minutes of the morning session. Motion by Revs. A. K. David and
 J. W. Lee that the minutes of the morning session be adopted, seconded
 by Rev. M. D. Birt. Motion carried. The secretary read the minutes
 of the Afternoon Session. Motion by Rev. J. M. McKenzie, that the
 minutes of the Afternoon-Session be adopted. Seconded by Rev. C. W.
 Stewart. After the insertion in the minutes that Rev. J. H. Johnson, Jr.
 assumed the chair when a resolution was read to change the name of
 Bronx Bethel, to Bright's Temple A.M.E., the minutes of the Afternoon
 Sessions were adopted. Bishop Bright gave the secretary a telegram
 to read. It was from the Rt. Rev. Joseph Gomez, presiding Bishop of
 the 4th Episcopal District, in which he expressed his regrets stating his
 cousin would be ordained Saturday, consequently he would be unable
 to attend New York Annual Conference. Bishop Bright called for the
 pastoral reports of the Brooklyn and Long Island District. The Rev.
 William H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder. Presiding Elder Muldrow re-
 ported an increase of twelve dollars to the "roll call" and five dollars
 subscription for the "Christian Recorder" Rev. Muldrow stated in the
 last ten years, the Brooklyn Long Island District has expanded the
 work both in churches and parsonages, without the need of Conferences
 funds stressing the point that all of this was done while meeting all
 the conference obligations. Bishop Bright thanked the Presiding Elder
 and the District for their accomplishments. As the pastoral reports
 were being read, Presiding Elder Muldrow commented on the progress
 made by each pastor. In addition, the various pastors familiarized the
 Conference with a progress report of their respective churches. Among
 the pastoial reports, certain reports were singled out. Namely, Rev. H.
 A. Kirkland, Mt. Carmel A.M.E. - bought a chuch and parsonage in
 Brooklyn, Rev. James Willey, St. Paul renovation of the church, and
 Rev. J. M. McKenzie, Bethel, Setauket, new church and parsonage. An
 outside donation of 60,000 dollars had been given for the work at
 Bethel. An inspired Bishop Bright gave fartherly words of wisdom
 and counsel to the pastors and members of the conference. The con-
 ference responded with expressions of gratitude.

Bishop Bright paused in the reading of pastorials report to presen
 the Rev. D. M. Owens, who in turn greeted the Conference. Rev.
 Owens, who in turn greeted the Conference. Rev Owens thanked
 Bishop Bright for his new appointment at St. James, Newark he looked
 upon this appointment as a great challenge. Bishop Bright in respons
 to the remarks of Rev. Owens stated that while he was aware of politic
 in the church. The Bishops did play politics in his pastoral appoint
 ments. At the reading of the pastoral report of Bethel, Far Rockaway
 Rev. D. B. Barton, suggested that Bethel, Far Rockaway with the hel
 and encouragement of the New York Conference tender a testimonia

to the Rev. D. B. Barton. A man who has given the church a full day's work.

At the conclusion of the reports, Rev. Muldrow thanked Bishop Bright for the privilege and opportunity to serve as Presiding Elder of the Brooklyn Long Island District. Bishop Bright, then asked Rev. Muldrow to stand. He thanked both Presiding Elder Muldrow and Mrs. Muldrow for their leadership and cooperation. Bishop Bright asked the pastors and their wives to stand. He thanked them for their fine reports and full cooperation in the work of the conference. Bishop Bright proceeded to thank the laity of the District for their full cooperation in the success of the pastors. Rev. David Robinson offered a motion that the conference give Bishop a vote of thanks for his outstanding leadership and the divine inspiration he is giving to the New York Conference. Motion seconded by the Rev. Paul Morrison. Rev. J. H. Johnson, Jr. assumed the chair and placed the motion before the conference. Motion carried by the rising vote of thanks of the conference. Bishop Bright responded with thanks to the conference and also added he was only doing his duty. Again, Bishop Bright thanked the conference for a job well done.

Anniversary free will offering received. Amount \$152.75. Announcements: Mrs. H. R. Hughes announced the offering received in "Women in White" service Manhattan Dist.: \$160.00, Brooklyn L.I. Dist. 302.55, Buffalo Dist. \$250.00, Balcony \$15.87, Extra \$2. Total \$735.42.

Bishop Bright thanked the Missionary Women's Society for their most inspiring service and an outstanding financial effort. The Noon Day Meditation: Bishop Bright led the conference in singing No. 100 "The Churches One Foundation." Bishop Bright presented the Rev. Charles E. Steward, Pastor of Tyre A.M.E. Church, Philadelphia, who in turn provided the Noon Day preaching. Starting with the genius of a thought, principle, and idea coupled with the spirit of God. Rev. Brother Steward then proceeding within this context elaborated upon limitless potential of man and the world in which he lives. He used, Richard Allen, the founder of African Methodism as a nexample of this fulfillment. The conference was divinely lifted to new heights, the message was warmly received. Bishop Bright then led the conference in a singing meditation with "Holy Ghost Wash My Face Like a Dove" serving as the hymn. Benediction: Rev. C. E. Steward

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - MAY 20, 1966
144th Session of the New York Annual Conference
Bethel, Buffalo

After a very warm devotional service lead by the Evangelists, Bishop Bright entered the sanctuary and the afternoon session began. Bishop Bright announced the transfer of Rev. Archibald Simon from the 6th District to the 1st District, New York Conference.

The report on the State of the Church was called for. Rev. M. D. Birt the Chairman of the Committee read the report. Prior to the adoption of this report, Bishop Bright permitted discussion from the floor.

Rev. Pearl Hendricks raised the question of the function of Evangelism and Evangelists in the growth and development of the Church. Bishop Bright thought this a vital question and urged the pastors and laymen to consider new techniques and methods of Evangelism and to explore the connection between Evangelism and Christian Education. Dr. H. R. Hughes was recognized and told of the work of various church councils and how we can make use of their resources and facilities.

Rev. Robert Jones was recognized. He pointed out that the Discipline calls for a commission in the local church on Evangelism. Rev. Simon was recognized. He stated that the report should have included something about the recent Conferences. Among these the Negro Methodist bodies pertaining to unification particularly the recent conference in Dallas, Texas. The Bishop informed Rev. Simon that Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, the representative of the A.M.E. Church, would report at a later time about the Texas meeting.

Rev. J. A. Delaine was recognized. He pointed out that an official of the Protestant Council of the City of New York informed him that in New York City the Council can be served only if the Negro churches conduct intensive programs of Evangelism.

Bishop Bright further pointed out that more and more the importance of the Negro church in the total salvation of the total church and the world.

The Bishop further observed that our people are going through a peculiar stage. There is a rising middle class that is alienating itself from the church and concentrating on their newly acquired affluence. But we must work to keep them within the church. Rev. Herriot spoke of the importance of broadcasting in communicating the gospel. The Bishop thought this a vital point and encouraged the brethren to seriously consider this medium of communication.

Rev. Benjamin spoke of her work as an Evangelist in the W Indies. Bishop Bright told the conference of his experience with Evangelists in the local church when he was a local pastor. He used them often, but urged them to be conscious of a pastor's program and work within its framework.

Rev. J. L. Joiner was recognized, he pointed out that the Discipline required Evangelists to be local preachers. He further stressed the need for some minimum standards or requirements in reference to training if they are to represent the A.M.E. Church. At this point the discussion came to a close and the report was received and adopted. **STATE OF THE COUNTRY** - Rev. Heyward Attmore read the Committee's report. Bishop Bright stated that a report of this nature should have made reference to more of the important issues of our time, such as medicare, race relation, housing and the war on poverty.

Dr. H. R. Hughes was recognized. He spoke forcefully about the implementations of civil rights laws upon the books. He also touched on a forthcoming White House Conference to discuss this same issue. Bishop Bright then urged the pastors toward greater participation in community affairs and to keep abreast of vital issues affecting the people. He stressed the importance of communication and understanding between pastor and congregation.

This report was received and adopted and motion by Rev. R. Pruitt, seconded by Rev. D. Ming.

Temperance:

The report was read by Rev. E. P. Duhart. This report was received as information on a motion by Rev. R. L. Pruitt, seconded by Rev. A. Stewart.

Bishop Bright suggested that the Committee on Resolutions prepare a statement dealing with the draft, alcoholism, Vietnam, Divorce and the Ecumenical movement.

The Bishop urged all the pastors, the younger men particularly towards more competitive and progressive ministers.

Social Action:

The report was read jointly by Reverends D.G. Ming, the Chairman and Rev. Luther Williams, a member of the Committee. The report was received and adopted by the Conference.

At this point, Bishop Bright recognized the presence of Dr. Chester Clark, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Home and Foreign Missions. Dr. Clarke spoke briefly wholeheartedly endorsing Bishop Bright's encouragement to the pastors.

Following this, Bishop Bright deferred the other two reports until 9:30 Saturday morning. After the announcements, Doxology and Benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 20, 1966 - at 7:30 P.M.
Bethel A.M.E. Church - 1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Rev. G. G. Crumpley, Pastor

YOUTH NIGHT under auspices
Commission on Christian Education of the One Hundred and Forty
Fourth Session of the New York Annual Conference of the African

Methodist Episcopal Church - The First Episcopal District
Bishop John Douglas Bright, Sr., D.D., L.L.D., Presiding Bishop
Rev. John W. Moses, Sr., Host Presiding Elder
Dr. A. Chester Clark, D.D., Secretary of Missions
Rev. W. L. Freeman, Presiding Elder - Manhattan District
Rev. W. H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder, Brooklyn, Long Island District
Rev. Lillian Frier Webb, Director

PROGRAM

Friday Evening — May 20th, 1966 - 7:30 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL — "Revive Us Again"
CALL TO WORSHIP — Emerson Godwin
OPENING HYMN — "All Hail The Power" No. 4 - Lorraine Lewis
INVOCATION — Terrence Emanuel
SCRIPTURE — Old Testament - Beverly Jackson
New Testament - David Crumpley
APOSTLES CREED — Constance Shine
SELECTION — Children's Choir of Bethel - Mrs. Alberta Nelson
Director

WELCOME — Carl Jeffries
INSTRUMENTAL SOLO — Michelle Dill - (Chopin's Prelude
in D. Major)

READING — "Who's To Blame?" - Edward Rutledge

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PANELISTS

MODERATOR — Rev. Mrs. Lillian Frier Webb
Dr. Webster; Dr. John DiBiase; Rev. Robert Pruitt

THEME: "Youth Wants To Know" (Questions from the floor)

PART II — A PAGEANT

"AFRICAN METHODISM AFTER 150 YEARS"
"Couronne de Papier" - (The Paper Crown) Written and
directed by Mrs. C. B. Thomas

1. — First Episcopal District - Bethel, Buffalo
2. — Second Episcopal District - Macedonia, Flushing, I
3. — Third Episcopal District - Union, Lockport, N.Y.
4. — Fourth Episcopal District - Allen, Jamaica, L.I.

COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR - "Joybells Ringing"

Rev. E. Frank Emanuel, Director
Mrs. Lucille Cook Owens, Accompanist

5. — Fifth Episcopal District - Mt. Zion, New York City
6. — Sixth Episcopal District - St. Johns, Niagara Falls, I
7. — Seventh Episcopal District - DeLaine-Waring, Buffalo,

COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR - "Let God Abide"

8. — Eighth Episcopal District - "Macedonia, Flushing, L.
9. — Ninth Episcopal District - Bethel, Lackawanna, N.Y.
10. — Tenth Episcopal District - Baber Chapel, Rochester, I
11. — Eleventh Episcopal District - Bethel, Buffalo, N.Y.

COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR - "Amen"

12. — Twelfth Episcopal District - St. Mark, Corona, L.I.
13. — Thirteenth Episcopal District - Israel, Albany, N.Y.
14. — Fourteenth Episcopal District - Bethel, Schenectady, I
15. — Fifteenth Episcopal District - Long Island Churches
16. — Sixteenth Episcopal District - Bridge Street, Brooklyn, I
17. — Seventeenth Episcopal District - Bethel, New York C
18. — Eighteenth Episcopal District - Emanuel, New York

RECESSIONAL — "Lift Up Your Heads"

BENEDICTION

SATURDAY MORNING - MAY 21, 1966

**144th Session New York Annual Conference
Bethel, Buffalo**

Bishop Bright called for the report of the Board of Examiners on Ministerial Classes.

Class on Admissions:

Clemmie Lillie Cooper and Azalie Simmons Brown referred back to Committee. Motion by Rev. Robert L. Pruitt, seconded by Rev. M. D. Birt that Theodore Nicols be admitted on trial to Conference. Motion carried.

First Year: Motion by Rev. R. A. Ragins, seconded by Rev. D. Birt that Cornel Phillips, Annie Blake Wilson, Titus Samuel Gerner, and Rudolph Jacobs Douglas pass on to Second year studies. Motion carried.

Second Year: motion by Rev. R. R. Stokes, seconded by Rev. O'Neil Mackey that the following be elected and ordained Itinerant Deacons: Oliver Thomas, Jr., Edwin George Callenders, Herbert Lee Eddy, James Hill, Helen Lucille Clarkson, Eddie Lee Mayes and Samuel Chestnut, Jr. Motion carried. Local Deacons: Mrs. Zola A. Brown, Mrs. Nancy Rogers, Rev. Hammond Alexander

Bishop Bright led the Conference in singing "Take the Name of Jesus With you." The candidates knelt at the altar and Rev. J. A. Delaine led the Conference in prayer.

Motion by Rev. Donald G. Ming, seconded by Rev. J. G. Ragin that the following persons be elected and ordained Local Deacons: Carried.

Third Year Report: motion by Rev. J. L. Joiner, seconded by Rev. O'Neil Mackey that Ernestine Miriam Ward be passed on to fourth year studies. Motion carried.

Fourth Year Report: motion by Rev. J. A. Ragin, seconded by Rev. O'Neil Mackey that Lillian Friar Webb and Alfred Halper be elected and ordained Itinerant Elders. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rev. E. Jemott, seconded by Rev. O'Neil Mackey that Eunice Hargret Baltimore, Ester Edwards and Effie Lou Davis be elected and ordained Local Elders. Motion carried.

The following persons were elected Conference Trustees:

- Rev. R. A. Hildebrand - Chairman
Pastor Bridge Street Church, Brooklyn
- Rev. O'Neil Mackey - Secretary
Pastor St. Johns Church, Brooklyn
- Rev. W. L. Freeman - Treasurer
District P.E., Manhattan District
- Rev. R. R. Stokes
Pastor St. Luke Church, N.Y.C.
- Rev. J. G. Ragin
Pastor Mt. Zion Church, N.Y.C.
- Rev. O. B. Freeman
Pastor Bethel Church, Arverne, N.Y.
- Rev. H. F. Berry
Pastor Bethel Church, Freeport, L.I., N.Y.
- Rev. D. G. Ming
Pastor Allen Church, Jamaica, N.Y.
- Rev. J. L. Joiner
Pastor Emmanuel Church, N.Y.C.
- Mr. Lloyd Jones
Member Bethel Tabernacle, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Mr. William A. Singleton
Member St. John, N.Y.C.

Dr. John W. Moses, Sr.,
P.E., Buffalo District
Dr. William H. Muldrow
P.E. Brooklyn - Long Island District

The report of the Conference Trustees was called for and accepted on a motion by Rev. D. B. Barton and seconded by H. B. Attmore.

Disciplinary Questions found on page 358 of the A.M.E. Discipline.

1. See Report
 2. " "
 3. " "
 4. " "
 5. " "
 6. " "
 7. " "
 8. " "
 9. " "
 10. A A Davis
 11. James Washington, Henry Segar, Ella H. Williams, T Foster, J. A. Hogan
 12. All of the members of the Conference were asked to state Character passing. All passed.
 13. See Report
 14. Yes
 16. On a motion then announced that the Electoral College be October 20th. On a motion offered by Rev. M. D. Birt and seconded by Rev. P. L. Wells it was decided that the Electoral College will be held at People's Institutional Church.
- Following this was the Doxology and the Benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1966 - 10:00 A.M.
Bethel A.M.E. Church - 1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Sunday Morning Worship Service of the One Hundred and Fourth Session of the New York Annual Conference and (Ordinary Service) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church - The First Episcopal District

Bishop John D. Bright, Sr., D.D., LL.D., Presiding Bishop
Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, Host Minister
Rev. John W. Moses, Sr., Host-Presiding Elder
Dr. A. Chester Clark, D.D., Secretary of Mission
Rev. William Lee Freeman, Presiding Elder, Manhattan District
Rev. William H. Muldrow, Presiding Elder, B'klyn, Long Island District

PROGRAM

PRESIDING OFFICER — Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, Host Minister
PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL — Bishop Bright, Visiting Bishop, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Ministers and Evangelists

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Leroy R. Judge, Pastor St. John's Church, N. Y. C.

OPENING HYMN No. 163 C.M. — Rev. Robert L. Pruitt Pastor, Metropolitan Church, New York City

PRAYER — Rev. Harold F. Berry, Pastor, Bethel Church, Freeport, N. Y.

SELECTION — Bethel A.M.E. Church Choir, Buffalo, N. Y.

SCRIPTURE READING — Rev. Henry Lewis, Pastor, Union Church, Lockport, N. Y.

DECALOGUE (In Full) — Rev. Henderson R. Hughes, Pastor, Bethel, N. Y. C.

SELECTION — New York Annual Conference Choir

THE ACTS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Richard A. Hildebrand, Pastor, Bridge Street Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

OFFERTORY — Rev. Oliver B. Freeman, Pastor Bethel Church, Arverne, N. Y.

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP — Rev. Joseph L. Joiner, Pastor, Emanuel Church, New York City

SERMON HYMN No. 220 C.M. — Rev. Paul J. Morrison, Pastor, Trinity Church, New York City

SERMON — Bishop John Douglas Bright, D.D., Presiding Bishop First Episcopal District

Bishop Bright spoke from the 55th chapter of Isaiah and the 10th Verse. Subject: "Planting A Seed". The Bishop traced the history and development of African Methodism stating that a seed was planted by Richard Allen. He further stated that African Methodism must plant relevant seeds in today's world.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION — Committee of Board of Examiners, Bishop Bright and Presiding Elders

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING — Finance Committee

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION — Bishop John D. Bright

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24. TRINITY, JAMAICA, 120-02 Marsden St., Jamaica, N.Y. (P.E. Supply) Rev. Magnus Sheehy
25. ST. PETERS, BROOKLYN, 392 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Rev. F. B. Hunter, 406 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N.Y. ST 9-3976
26. CARTER COMMUNITY, 167th St. & Linden B'ld, Jamaica, N.Y. JA 6-6644
Rev. J. C. Carter, 104-16 164th St., Jamaica, N.Y. OL 8-6154
27. MOUNT MORIAH, 148th St. & Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park, NY
Rev. Melvin Brown, 109-24 192nd St., St. Albans, N.Y. SP 6-7138
28. MT. OLIVE, JAMAICA, New York & Foch Blvds., Jamaica, N.Y.
Rev. John Kemp, 115-42 205th St., St. Albans, N.Y. AR 6-6684
29. MT. PLEASANT, JAMAICA, 108-48 New York Blvd., Jamaica
Rev. Vernon Lowe, 67 Circle Drive, Hempstead, N.Y. IV 9-5461

30. Churches New Syracuse added, 1968

FIRST YEAR

We recommend to you the following persons for first year relation for the itinerary:

Mrs. Annie Blake Wilson

Mr. Rudolph Jacobs Douglas

Mr. Cornell Phillips

Mr. Titus Samuel Gardner

All passed to Second Year Studies.

MRS. ANNIE BLAKE WILSON

110 East 99th Street, New York City, 10029

Member: Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

Age: 38 married - 3 children - ages 19, 16, 12

Sister Wilson graduated from High School and is planning further her education. She is a housewife.

The instructors stated that Sister Wilson is highly committed to the work of the ministry and she was found to be alert in her studies.

In her local Church, Sister Wilson is a member of the Senior Class a stewardess and a member of the Sunday School Board.

RUDOLPH JACOB DOUGLAS

107-48 160th Street, Jamaica, Queens, New York

Member: Carter Community A.M.E. Church

Age: 39 Married - 5 children

He claims to have a High School Equivalency Certificate which obtained at the Jamaica High School in Jamaica, New York. He completed one course in vocabulary building.

The instructors informed the Board that this young man has studied did possibilities and has the ability to do better.

He was placed under the supervision of Dr. H. R. Hughes for further counselling and advisement.

CORNELL PHILLIPS

800 East 216th Street, Bronx, New York — AD 1-2416

Member: St. Mathews A.M.E. Church

Age: 35 Married - 6 Adopted Children (His deceased sister's Children) 9th grade education. Planning to finish High School under G. I. Bill of Rights. Not in school at the present. The Board Examiners advised Bro. Phillips to continue and complete his education.

The Instructors informed the Board that this young man was found to be dedicated and committed to the ministry but it is hoped he will continue and follow through in his plans to further education. Rev. Ragin was assigned to the task of counselling and advising Bro. Phillips. He is a sewing machine operator.

Graduated 1956. Not attending any school at present. He is a Chauffer. Brother Nichols expects to arrange plans to further his education. He seems to be capable to do this. He was urged to investigate opportunities offered at the Brooklyn College, part time basis and work towards a degree. He was placed under the supervision of Rev. Oneil Mackey. His instructors spoke well of him. Advanced to First Year.

AZALIE SIMMONS BROWN

1840 Lexington Avenue, New York City - TR 6-7994

Member: Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church, New York

Age: 41 Married-Separated 15 years - not Divorced.

Board of Examiners stopped here long enough to explain to her the new divorce laws in the State of New York and urged her to clarify her marital status at the earliest possible time.

Sister Brown has six children.

High School graduate, South Carolina - 3 years private tutoring 2 terms seminary studies at the Biblical School of New York City.

The instructors spoke well of her and her ability to grasp things quickly. Sister Brown is seeking the itinerary and this was carefully explained to her. — Referred back to Class on Admission 1967.

CLEMMIE LILLIE COOPER

1844 Dawson Street, Bronx, New York City

Member: Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church, New York City

Age: 36 married - Separated 14 years, not divorced.

The Board of Examiners informed Sister Cooper that her marital status must be cleared up and the new divorce laws of New York State were explained to her. Sister Cooper is a brush maker by trade. The instructors spoke well of her. She attended all classes and was quite alert in her studies.

Referred back to Class on Admission 1967.

MR. WADDEL TILLMAN

835 Home Street, Bronx, New York City

Member: Bronx Bethel A.M.E. Church

Age 24 - Single

Graduate of the Monroe Avenue High School, Salisbury, North Carolina. He has taken extension courses from Hood Seminary, Salisbury, N.C. He plans to enter one of the schools of higher education in New York City beginning September 1966. He came before first year committee by error and was referred to the class of admission. Failed to appear - returned to Class on Admission for 1967.

TITUS SAMUEL GARDNER

1031 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Age: 18 Single

This young man is a high school graduate and is presently a student at Wilberforce University where he plans to study for graduation. He was urged to stay in school.

SECOND YEAR

The following candidates for the Ordination of Itinerate Deacons before the Board of Examiners and are recommended for ordination:

Brother Oliver Thomas, Jr.

Brother Edwin George Callendar

Brother Herbert Lee Eddy

Brother James Hill

Sister Helen Lucille Clarkson

Brother Eddie Lee Mays

Brother George Harmon

The following persons appeared before the Board for ordination were not recommended by The Board for Ordination at this time for the following reasons:

BRO. HERMAN MERCHANT - age 27, was not recommended because he failed to pass the conference studies. He was urged to remain in this class for another year.

SISTER BEULAH HENLEY - age 29, was not recommended because the Board found her to be emotionally immature. She was also advised to remain in the second year class for another year.

OLIVER THOMAS, JR.

31 West 124th Street, New York City

Member: Bethel A.M.E. Church, New York

Age: 41 married - 4 Children

High School graduate and has two years studies at New York College. He plans to continue his studies at night at the State College in New York City. He was referred to Reverend Assistant Pastor of Bethel for follow up counselling and advice. Ordained and passed on to third year.

EDWIN GEORGE CALLENDAR

1312 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, New York

Age: 31 Married - 3 children - Security Job

High School graduate. Now in First year at Pratt Institute, New York City, studying in Psychology.

Ordained and passed on to third year.

HERBERT LEE EDDY

34-38 112th Street, Corona, New York

Betheny A.M.E. Church, Yonkers, New York

Age: 25 - Married - 2 Children

High School graduate - Now in Shelton College - 2nd year working towards a degree.

Employed by the New York City Housing Authority.

Ordained and passed on to third year.

JAMES HILL

1305 Loring Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

People's Institutional Church, Brooklyn, New York

Age 29 - Married - 6 Children

High School Graduate - one year Manhattan Bible Institute, N.Y.C.

Lead Record Clerk - Internal Revenue.

Ordained and passed on to third year.

HELEN LUCILLE CLARKSON

1275 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York

Member Bethel Tabernacle A.M.E. Church, Brooklyn, New York

Age: 37 - Married - no children - No problem regarding husband and her decision to follow the ministry.

B.S. Degree from South Carolina State

Referred to Reverend Oneil Mackey for further counselling.

Ordained and passed on to third year studies.

EDDIE LEE MAYERS

115-08 145th Street, Jamaica, New York

Age: 28 - Married - 3 children ages 10, 5, 2

He has his High School Diploma

Plans now to enter college

He was referred to Reverend Ming for follow-up counselling and advice.

He is a second class Machinist.

Ordained and passed on to third year studies.

GEORGE HARMON

33 Harbor Homes, Port Washington, New York

Member Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, Port Washington, New York

Age: 41 - Married - 6 children

High School drop out. Has since taken 2 courses at the Shrieber High School and is now awaiting for the High School Equivalency Certificate.

SAMUEL CHESTNUT

114-13 149th Street, Jamaica, New York

Allen A.M.E. Church, Jamaica

Age: 37 - Single
 High School Graduate
 B. A. Degree Wilberforce University
 Now working on B. D. Degree, Payne Theological Seminar,
 Attended and admitted to Annual Conference 1961
 Ordained and passed on to third year studies.

LOCAL DEACONS

The following persons appeared before the Board of Exam-
 seeking ordination as local Deacons. They were examined and
 instructed in the functions of their duties, carefully. We were infor-
 that these persons have appeared and were passed by the Quar-
 Conference and the District Conference.

SISTER ZOLA ANNE BROWN

46 West 11th Street
 New York City
 Bethel A.M.E. Church, N.Y.C.
 Ordained

SISTER NANCY ROGERS

653 Eagle Avenue
 Bronx, New York City
 Bethel A.M.E. Church, N.Y.C.
 Ordained

BROTHER HAMMOND ALEXANDER

35-40 103rd Street
 Corona, New York
 St. Mark's A.M.E. Church
 Ordained

DR. JOSEPH P. ARNABALDI

541 West Broadway
 Port Jefferson, L.I., New York
 Bethel A.M.E. Church, Setawket, L.I.
 Due to lateness, he was advised to attend the New England
 Conference to be ordained a local Deacon.

LOCAL ELDERS

The following persons appeared before the Board of Exam-
 seeking ordination as Local Elders in their churches. They were
 fully examined and instructed in their duties.

EUNICE MARGARET BALTIMORE

2026 Madison Avenue
 New York City
 Bethel A.M.E. Church, New York City
 Ordained

HESTER EDWARDS

211 Central Park West
 Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, New York City
 Ordained

EFFIE LOU DAVIS

657 Jerome Street
 Brooklyn, New York
 Bethel Tabernacle A.M.E. Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Ordained

THIRD YEAR

The following persons appeared before the Board of Examiners
 for advancement to The Fourth Year Studies. Two members of this
 third year class were recommended to remain in this class for another
 year for the following reason:

Mr. Abner Freeman, age 41 - Married and the father of two
 children - has only 3 years of High School work and was urged to
 complete his High School education at least. He was referred to
 Reverend Ming for further advice and counsel. Brother Robert Alfred
 Jones, age 31, Single, did not complete his High School education and
 he was urged to follow advice and counsel of Rev. Berry. The last
 person in this class is Mrs. Ernestine Miriam Ward.

Failed to Pass:

MR. ABNER FREEMAN

140-27 172nd Street, Springfield Gardens, N.Y.
 Member: Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, Jamaica, N.Y.
 Age: 41 - Married - 2 children - 3 year High School
 Recommended to Rev. Ming for further advice and counselling.

ERNESTINE MIRIAM WARD

1024 Prospect Avenue
 Member: Emmanuel A.M.E. Church, New York City
 Age: 40 - Married - Separated not yet divorced
 She was advised to clear up her marriage status now that the divorce
 laws of the State of New York are more lenient. Mrs. Ward was
 advised of the importance of this matter.
 She is a High School graduate - 2 years extension courses at Dickson

Seminary, Allen University.
Passed on to fourth year.

BRO. ROBERT ALFRED JONES

54 Liberty Avenue, Freeport, New York
Member: Bethel A.M.E. Church, Freeport, N.Y.
Age: 31 - Single
Failed to complete High School work. Recommended that he re-
in the third year classes until High School work is completed.
ferred to Reverend H. F. Berry for further advice and couns
Re-obligated - Rev. Fred D. Hunter.

FOURTH YEAR

The following candidates appeared before the Board of
aminers for Elders Orders and Ordination. The Board recomm
that these persons be ordained, this Annual Conference:

Mrs. Lillian Friar Webb
Mr. Alfred Harper

MRS. LILLIAN FRIAR WEBB

432 Scaneateles Avenue, West Hempstead, L. I., New York
Member: Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, New York City
Age 42 - Married - Properly Divorced - 3 children (daughters)
High School Graduate - Hunter College High School
B. A. Hunter College
Post Graduate work - one year Cornell University
Occupation: Minister of Christian Education, Bridge Street A.
Church, Brooklyn, New York
Ordained Itinerate Elder

ALFRED HARPER

121-01 198th Street, Springfield Gardens, New York
Member: Bethel A.M.E. Church, New York City, New York
Age: 43 - Married - 3 children
High School graduate
Senior at University of New York
Expects to attend Union Theological Seminary, New York City
Mr. Harper is a Sergeant in the Police Department and he
retire from the Police Department in September, 1966 and
be able to devote full time to his studies and the Church.
Itinerate Elder.

RUTH NORMAN

1131 Elliott Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.
Age: 32 - Married - no children.

Needs Birth Certificate and College Certificate
Did not pass - was not ordained.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIES**Wednesday May 22nd, 1966**

To the Right Reverend John Douglas Bright, Sr. and the
officers and members of the New York Annual Conference now
convened in its One-Hundred Forty-Fourth Session.

Greetings:

We your Committee on Memoirs beg leave to submit this our
report.

This Annual Conference has winged its way across the path of
eternity and that the time clock of humanity is gradually ticking away.
Many are they who started with us, have been called from their labors
to their reward. Among them, and - bowing to the Divine will of
Almighty God through the Mercy and Grace of His Only Begotten Son
and Saviour of all mankind, Jesus Christ our Lord, are -

The Rt. Rev. David Henry Sims - one of the Episcopal Fathers
of our Church;

The Rev. Roscoe Conklin Henderson, one of the great pastors
of our Church, Manhattan District;

Rev. Sis. Mary Morrough, Local Minister of Emanuel A.M.E.
Church, New York City, Manhattan District;

Rev. Sis. Alice McShaw of the Manhattan District; and
Sis. Marie Rivers, the wife of Rev. James Rivers, Pastor of
St. James A.M.E. Church, New York City, Manhattan District.

"In a moment we pass from time into eternity, like a river that
flows into the sea. Then comes sweet hours of rest from dangers and
from toils, where sorrow and distress cans't come night, I see a rest-
less host marching through the corridor of time beckoning by loved
ones in eternal bliss, Trials and tribulations, NO! NEVER! But in the
bosom of His love rest forever"

THE COMMITTEE

Rev. O. B. Freeman

Rev. Vernon Lowe

Rev. J. H. Major

Rev. Melvin Brown

Rev. H. L. Bonaparte

Rev. M. A. Robinon

and delegates from Trinity A.M.E. Church, Bethel Tabernacle A.M.E.
Church and Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, Port Washington, New York.

remember that here also ideas which are not utilized are possibly harmful. By utilizing an idea, we mean relating it to that stream of consciousness composed of sense perceptions, feelings, hopes, desires and of its activities adjusting thought to thought, which might fortify their activities by passively reviewing disconnected ideas. Humanity is not built that way - except perhaps some editors of newspapers.

In scientific training, the first thing to do with an idea is to prove it. Allow us, for one moment, to extend the meaning of "Prove"; we mean to prove its worth. Now an idea is not worth proving unless the propositions in which it is embodied are true. Accordingly, an essential part of the proof, either by experiment or by logic, is to establish the truth of the propositions. But it is not essential that this part of the truth should constitute the first introductions to the idea. In all, its assertion by the authority of respectable teachers is sufficient evidence with which to begin. In our first contact with a set of propositions, we commence by appreciating their importance, which is what we all do in after-life. We do not attempt, in the strict sense, to prove or to disprove anything, unless its importance makes it worth that honour. These two processes of proof, in the narrow sense of appreciation, do not require a rigid separation in time. Both may be proceeded with nearly concurrently. Insofar as either process must have the priority, it should be that of appreciation by use.

Furthermore, we should not endeavour to use propositions in isolation. Emphatically we do not mean a neat little set of experiments to illustrate proposition I and then the proof of Proposition I, a little set of experiments to illustrate Proposition II and then the proof of Proposition II and so on to the end of the book. Nothing should be more boring. Inter-related truths are utilized en bloc and the various propositions are employed in any order and with any repetition. Choose some important applications of your theoretical subject; study them concurrently with the systematic theoretical exposition. Keep the theoretical exposition short and simple but let it be strictly logical so far as it goes. It should not be too long for it to be known with thoroughness and accuracy. The consequences of a pile of halo-digested theoretical knowledge are deplorable; also they should not be muddled up with the practice. The child should know no doubt when it is proving and when it is utilizing. My point is that what is proved should be utilized and that what is utilized should be proved as far as is practicable - proved. We are far from asserting that proof and utilization are the same.

At this point of our discourse, we can most directly carry forward our argument in the outward form of a digression. We do so only just realizing that the art and science of education require genius and a study of their own; and that this genius and this

are more than a bare knowledge of some branch of science or of literature. This truth was partially perceived in the past generation; and headmasters, somewhat crudely, were apt to supersede learning in their colleagues by requiring left-hand bowling and a taste for football. But culture is more than basketball and more than football.

Education is the acquisition of the art of the utilization of knowledge. This is an art very difficult to impart. Whenever a textbook is written or real educational worth, you may be quite certain that some reviewer will say that it will be difficult to teach from it. Of course, it will be difficult to teach from it. If it were easy, the book ought to be burned; for it cannot be educational. In education, as elsewhere, the broad primrose path leads to a nasty place. This evil is represented by a book or a set of lectures which will practically enable the student to learn, by heart, all the questions likely to be asked at the next external examination. And, we say in passing, that no educational system is possible unless every question directly asked of a pupil at any examination is either framed or modified by the actual teacher of that pupil in that subject.

Now, a note concerning the availability of scholarships. First, we will distinguish between scholarship loans and grants, and scholarships.

A scholarship is a grant to an undergraduate college student, requiring no repayment or return of service. A loan, however, as the name implies, requires repayment in either cash or services, usually fulfilled after college.

A grant is a stipend given an undergraduate or graduate student for research performed under the supervision of the university; and a scholarship loan is financial assistance, advanced to the student, but canceled, either in part or whole, upon completion of services to the granting agency.

Major State Scholarships in New York

1) Regents College Scholarships: Awarded to about 17,400 students annually (approximately 10% of New York State high school graduates).

2) Scholar Incentive Program: Assists approximately 120,000 New York students attending in the State, providing \$100 to \$300 yearly.

Loan Programs

National Defense Student Loans: Founded in 1959 under the auspices of the U.S. Office of Education, this program allows undergraduates to borrow as much as \$1,000 a year up to a total of \$5,000

Educational Loans from Banks. Many commercial banks established student loan plans whereby a student with a good credit record is able to obtain funds for college.

United Student Aid Funds. Established in 1961, this non-profit organization guarantees loans through more than 2,800 commercial banks.

To the Right Reverend John D. Bright, members of the 127th Session of the New York Annual Conference;

Your Committee on Social Concern wish to make the following report:

During the last few years, we have witnessed a "social revolution!" A revolution that has affected the lives of every American regardless of color or creed. The peoples of African descent, who three hundred (300) years have been subjected to ill-treatment forced upon them by that awful "Humpty-Dumpty" of segregation have forced its downfall.

During the past twelve (12) months, our State and Nation have faced many social changes; changes that have been brought about by the revolution that began in 1954 when the Supreme Court decision, barring segregation in Public Education as well as the social concern that has been emphasized in this "Great Society" program enunciated by President Lyndon B. Johnson. In spite of the changes there are some great social problems facing our cities, states and Nation. In the area that comprises the New York Annual Conference finds the financial and cultural center of the nation—no doubt of the elite. Yet, in the shadow of this environment, can be found slums, poverty, hunger, disease, depravity and even segregation, can be found in the nation as a whole, after considering these and related subjects of concern, the Committee makes the following observations and recommendations based upon its findings in the following problem areas:

YOUTH

In spite of the great emphasis placed on programs for youth in the "Great Society," young people still seem to be the chief concern. There are thousands of young people who are unskilled and semi-educated, flooding our labor market, at a time when the market is shrinking for young people. Many of these youth children of our Churches, who have been guided to the street says "Dead End!" There are several factors that have caused this, namely, the lack of motivation of the home and the church and misguided counsel from the school. Vocational help and advisory services are necessary. The need for JOB TRAINING and retraining cannot be overly emphasized. Another great problem that is affecting youth is teenage drug addiction.

It was once felt that only children of the low income family would succumb to this disease. To the surprise of many social psychologists, youth of all levels and income brackets and backgrounds are affected by this disease. They come from the slums of Harlem and from the rich suburbs of Westchester County. More than 100,000 of our youth, now roam the streets of cities, out of work and out of school, untrained and uncaring. What a challenge this is for the Church!

SENIOR CITIZENS

In the State of New York, 10% of the population is over 65 years of age. By 1985 the elderly population will have increased by an estimated 41%. In almost every city there are hundreds of elderly, who are just sitting in the corner, watching time go by. In the City of New York, it is most discouraging to visit the City hospitals and watch the over crowded conditions and, see the number of Senior Citizens who are sitting around rotting away! What has the Church to say about this? Your Committee observes here, that there is at least one Church that is leading in this area, namely Carter Community A.M.E. Church, now in the process of completing a Home for the Elderly. Our congratulations to both pastor and people. In the "War on Poverty," an opportunity is afforded most Churches to provide a program of recreation, social and medical help for the elderly.

Speaking about the war on poverty, how does this program affect the churches in our various cities? In the opinion of the Committee, this program offers our Churches an opportunity to provide many programs, such as day camps, Job training, teen canteens; child care and a host of other programs which will benefit our parishioners and the community at large - without placing a financial burden upon the local Church. Let us hope that more of our Churches will take advantage of the same.

CRIME

Looking at the crime situation, we can see crime on the increase at an appalling rate! This is especially so in New York City. Here, one out of every 300 persons - men, women and children - can expect to be murdered, raped, robbed or feloniously assaulted before 1966 comes to a close.

Every minute a complaint is filed! Every three minutes a thief steals! Every three and a half minutes a felony is committed! Every twelve minutes someone is assaulted! Every three hours a sex offense is committed! Every fourteen hours a New Yorker is murdered!

The criminal is starting younger today than ever before, not only in New York but throughout the nation! Last year, there were

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the thirty-seventh (37th) session of the General Conference, through its Episcopal Committee, acted with prof wisdom and forth-rightness by assigning the eightieth (80th) Bishop, Bishop John Douglas Bright,

WHEREAS he was assigned to the District from whence his mission came into fulfillment - he came "not as a stranger" but as a man with whom he had labored and grown and served.

The District which embraces the Rocky-bound coast of England; the Diamond State of Delaware; the throbbing metropolis of the New Amsterdam; the Garden State of Jersey; the home of the Liberty Bell; and the beautiful beach of Bermuda.

Not coming unprepared - but having served, where the Church sent him, in the foreign fields of Africa and its sovereign states of Oklahoma and Arkansas -

WHEREAS across the District in two (2) years, eight (8) new churches have been erected and purchased; thirteen (13) new parsonages acquired; mortgages burned, churches completely renovated, housing projects begun - all of which stand as testimony to his creative genius.

WHEREAS the First Episcopal District, under the dynamic leadership of this "Herculean Giant" has reached heights unparalleled.

WHEREAS a spirit of brotherhood prevails now "progress without duress has become our theme.

WHEREAS the "blush of shame" has been taken from our cheeks, regard to financial matters and we now proudly record a healthy financial status.

WHEREAS during the course of the past two years of service charge has been too large or too small; no weather too hot or too brave;

Having traveled thousands of miles to proclaim the "Gospel News" of Christ and to extol the virtues of African Methodism.

WHEREAS our Bishop has aligned himself with the vital issues of today and has moved into the main-stream of our society with intellectual perception, spiritual fervor and mental alertness.

WHEREAS Mrs. Vida Bright, the charming shepherdess of the First District has walked by his side with quiet dignity and yet exerted a positive influence in the Leadership she has given to the Women of the District as the Episcopal Supervisor.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 144th session of the New York Annual Conference go on record as reaffirming and pledging anew our unstinting support to this spiritual dynamo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an unwavering appreciation of this talent, this dedication, this unparalleled leadership will not go without note and that it shall become a permanent part of the minutes of this 144th Session of the New York Annual Conference.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this shall be the motto of the New York Annual Conference - and hopefully of the entire First Episcopal District -

"WE CONQUER THROUGH PROGRESS

and

WE PROGRESS THROUGH PRAYER!"

Respectfully Submitted,

Your Special

Committee on Resolutions

Rev. Robert L. Pruitt

Secretary

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

144th Session

New York Annual Conference

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Michigan and East Ferry Streets

Buffalo, New York

To our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Douglas Bright, Sr., Mrs. Vida Bright, officers and members of the 144th Session of the New York Annual Conference, the following is the report of the Commission on Christian Education, as reported to the Conference Committee on Christian Education:

Last May, 1965, fifteen people were named by Bishop Bright to form a Commission on Christian Education. All of us had misgivings, doubts, fears, wait-and-see attitudes—all the emotions that would accompany a new idea of a newly functioning Commission in the Annual Conference. Courageously, however, we met and organized and began almost at once to tackle man-size jobs. Our first task was to overcome the idea that Christian Education was new. The phrase may be

new, but the idea goes back to the year 32 A.D. when "seeing-the-titude, Jesus went up into a mountain, and when he was set, his ciples came unto him and he opened his mouth and TAUGHT . . ." We taught Christian Education, not as a new gimmick, but a mission from Christ, "Go Teach".

Our Bishop was encouraging; he found time to counsel in Dover, Delaware, offer his endorsement for pastoral letters and lend us his support to get us off our feet.

Our Presiding Elders were particularly helpful without our ing, we were given financial support from the Brooklyn-Long Island Buffalo and Manhattan Districts. They helped in distributing literature and Presiding Elder Freeman helped by personally selling our prayer cards during his quarterly conferences.

As was suggested by our Bishop, our main thrust this was to sell the idea first to the District Conferences and then to local churches. Representatives were sent to the District Conferences and they were warmly received.

But the pride of our Commission is the production and publication of our prayer card. By now there must be hundreds of prayer cards at the bedside of our sick.

We are grateful to Dr. Andrew White for his resourcefulness during our one-day semina. In spite of the complication involved in staging or planning a seminar in three and one-half weeks, the inst was well attended.

Ideas have little value without work. Of the seventy-two churches in the New York Annual Conference, there were seven reported Commissions in the local churches last May when this Commission formed. Today, there are twenty-two Commissions in the local churches. They were formed in churches with less than one hundred members and in a church with more than 2500 members. One church has a full-time minister of Christian Education.

We are grateful for many things. The dynamics of working together have helped us to know a little bit more about each other about ourselves and certainly about our intent and purpose. We can say that we have arrived, because working for Christ and with Christ is always an act of becoming. We cannot say that there hasn't been and misunderstanding because life, at any setting, deals out size portions. We are grateful to know that our tenacity, resilience and adaptability have not been in vain.

We are grateful to our Bishop for all that he has done by providing the way for us by underwriting \$124.00 of our expenses.

We are grateful to our Presiding Elders for their spiritual and financial help.

We are grateful to our pastors who opened their doors to us and to Rev. J. G. Ragin, who made it possible for us to use his office facilities.

We are grateful to all the people who had and still have faith in us and in our ability.

Our policies will be the total and product of the goals and desires of each local pastor and his workers. Undergirded by your prayers, there is hope that we will be instruments of God, doing His will, in order that Christian Education may continue to serve as a means through which God uses human personality to witness his truth and bring men to discipleship.

We recommend:

1) that churches find a way to finance their Commissions on Christian Education, that the Commission should not be solely a fund-raising organization. Example: One church has a method of 5% of total income. That is, if the church's yearly income is \$40,000, the year's budget for Christian Education would be \$2,000;

2) that more churches take advantage of the community agencies and church related organizations. (That literature that is distributed this morning can be gotten for minimal cost and is invaluable to augment the A.M.E. literature;)

3) that more churches involve the membership in training programs that cut across the age levels of the congregations. One church is teaching a class of evangelists. Another a Senior Citizens talent-finding group. Studies should be made so that there will not be pockets of undevelopment in the congregation.

4) vacation Bible School in the summer program of our churches. Five A.M.E. Churches are continuing their efforts so that the children will have a richer experience that they would have if they were limited because of the lack of funds.

5) that the local churches have libraries and/or literature racks. One church in Long Island changes the literature every month or so in order to make the display interesting.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS

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| From Conference | \$124.00 |
| From Presiding Elders | 30.00 |
| From Seminar | 135.00 |
| From Sales | 29.00 |
| | \$318.00 |

EXPENDITURES

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Dr. Andrew White | \$ 50.00 |
| Entertainment of Seminar | 75.00 |
| Expenses of Seminar | 47.00 |
| Christmas Gift | 25.00 |
| Printing | 98.25 |
| | \$295.25 |

RECAPITULATION

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| | \$31 |
| | 29 |
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We thank God for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

The Commission:

Rev. Donald Ming, Chairman
 Rev. J. L. Joineh
 Rev. D. D. Davis
 Rev. O'Neil Mackey
 Rev. William Jones
 Rev. Robert Jones
 Rev. Ernestine Ward
 Rev. Bernard Crawford
 Rev. Frank Emanuel
 Rev. G. G. Crumpley
 Rev. O. Boxley
 Rev. Marie Robinson
 Mrs. Carolyn Thomas
 Mrs. Myrtice Goree
 Miss Mary Moragne
 Mr. John Walker
 Mrs. Earline David
 Rev. William F. Webb

The Committee:

Rev. J. J. Joiner
 Rev. C. T. Hooper
 Rev. D. D. Davis
 Rev. Isaac Smalls, Sr.
 Rev. J. C. Carter
 Rev. D. G. Ming
 Rev. O'Neil Mackey
 Mrs. Ethel Wilber
 Delegate from Israel, Alban
 Lillian F. Webb, Chairman

144th
 NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Michigan and E. Ferry Streets Buffalo, New York

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Our concern for the church should extend beyond a mere literary report read to an apathetic audience once a year at an Annual Conference. There is a growing need for us to take a good long look at ourselves in the light of our relevance in a great society and more so in the light of our purpose and destiny in the church of God's

MYTH, or that which is not:

The first step toward self-understanding is the elimination of myths or false concepts that we hold about the A.M.E. Church.

It is folly to believe that we can be the relevant church in a great society through token participation and concern; that is, doing and caring just enough to warrant attention without commitment. Too often we show perpheral interest and hold the false idea that this is the mission of the church. This can be the sin of the Pharisee. And a greater sin it i to take pride in a token concern.

It is folly to believe the A.M.E. Church is reaching into the world without reaching inwardly toward a new life in Jesus Christ. It is false concept that we can function as a church without the need for penitance and surrender of pride.

It is folly to believe that we can be the relevant church today with yesterday's convictions. The A.M.E. Church of Allen's day spoke to her day with a vision, and with purpose, and with intent; but Allen's vision is now our heritage. It is myth to believe that heritage is sufficient for outreach.

There is no other Negro church with greater facilities for outreach than the A.M.E. Church. A cursory investigation of our Discipline shows that we have the framework for departments of evangelism, religious education, mission and social welfare from the National level to the local level. There is organizational and functional opportunity for sound witness from the clergy and for thorough training of leadership for the ministry of the laity.

THE PROBLEM AND CHALLENGE, or that which can be:

The problems of America are being faced by persons in industry, political education and social welfare. It is said that the church should go into these spheres but the reality is that the church is already in

these areas in the person of the laity. The challenge to us A.M.E. to strengthen the ministry of the laity. We have more than 600 messengers of the Gospel and we are demanded to speak. We need to grow. We need to grow through prayer groups, not just a Wednesday night meeting with a few people reciting the blessings they have received from God, but through prayer cell activity with the people of the community on the members' conscience and with a wrestle with these problems together. Our laymen and clergy need the posture of a highnoon prayer confrontation with God about a social problem—just one problem. Then we need the experience of what prayer can do.

If we are to serve the present age, we must face today's problem with responsibility. The prophetic voice of the church of Almighty God is absent unless we acknowledge the need for and accept a prepared ministry. Our challenge in the mid-sixties is cyclic: It is the cycle of coming to the altar to be renewed by Christ and returning to the world to do Christ's work. Again, we must be penitent, surrender all pride and self-sufficiency, rely upon the mercy and grace of God through the Holy Spirit, Christ to receive and to transform, and we must renew our commitment to walk in newness of life.

The A.M.E. Church should be willing to lose its life in order to find it.

Your Committee,
Rev. M. D. Birt, Chairman

WHEREAS, in the State of New York revolutionary legislation concerning Medicare and Narcotics Control has been enacted into law under the inspired leadership of our Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and,

WHEREAS, analysis of both pieces of legislation indicates that successful implementation will do much to ameliorate social areas of social concern, particularly in our teeming metropolitan-urban areas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in behalf of its congregations throughout the State of New York, the New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Governor for his untiring and dedicated leadership that brought this legislation into being.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that we pledge our support to the Medicare and Narcotics Addiction programs and State agencies involved in their implementation and commendation to the general public.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York Annual Conference notify the Governor's Office of their concern and interest in assisting him in these humanitarian endeavors and that the New York State Welfare Commission and the Narcotics Addiction Control Commission be notified of our action and resolves in these socially challenging programs. Done, this.....day of May, 1966, in the City of Buffalo, New York, site of the 150th New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

TEMPERANCE

The temperance subject is one that is broad in its scope. It known as moral, spiritual, social involves a variety of essential phases and physical life, which is often affected by the menace of alcohol and the alcoholic. We have in our times, enchanting assortments of evil that have been an indisputable threat to our social order. Among these assorted evil, thus mentioned, is the alcohol beverage, the long ancient curse which has been the temptation of mankind in all ages down to our times. The primary use of this beverage was extracted from grapes, resulted into fermented juice, then used as a stimulant among community associates.

Since those days, alcoholic liquors have become a great commercial output in the world. It is the consumption of many for good or evil. The temptation and the practice of indulgence have become so closely intertwined and ingrained into the customs and tradition of the people until there wasn't as yet, any corrective answer. Thus more recent approaches took place in the given case; organized institutive and scientific studies were established by the Doctors at Yale University to determine the effects of alcohol on the body and mind: thus a journal was printed called Yale's Quarterly of studies on Alcohol which was the result of much investigation and much study.

Thus, in their general and final analysis, they discovered that excess drinking of spirited liquors finally led to alcoholic sickness. Alcoholic sickness is a two-fold problem, it attends to ramshackle the nerve center. It is a sickness that destroys the physical and mental health of one; it also, destroys the social relationship with others. Their habitual drunkardness makes them unconscious of their behavior among others. Sober people are invariably periled, many various incidents and accidents occur, lives lost from drunken driving, fire caused

by drunken dozer and cigarette smokers. These are some of the liabilities that society has to live with. Thus this existing evil in our Nation does not only destroy human lives, but much of the poor man's economic

Excess use of alcohol has caused much impoverishment in our Nation. The poor has gotten poorer, many purchased homes have been lost, many family units have been broken up. All of these consequences are from excess expenditure and excess drinking. Combined efforts of various agencies have done much to slow the excess drinking trend. And much more is needed to be done. Since prohibition the magnitude of alcoholic problems in our Nation, is of an aggregate number of various illnesses, close to five million. The United States leads the world rate in alcoholism. Seventy-five million Americans, at fifteen years of age and over. This, in itself, is a sadden prospect of future cultural

Oh, can't we take a little time off, and count the cost of this wide spread evil? This poisonous beverage that brings woes to our Society and Community doors? Could there ever be a cure? Can there be positive persuasion of Church and State to admonish the youth of our Nation, to refrain from intoxicating liquors, and practice positive sobriety pursuant to ideal virtues of moderation, that adequately and unitedly play our part in saving our Nation and World from destructive sin?

Respectfully,
Rev. Peter D. Duhart
Member of Temperance Commission
Rev. J. H. Huggins, Chairman

May 22, 1966

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
of New York Annual Conference
(144th Session)

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| Brought Forward | 5,780.89 |
| Receipts | 71,429.58 |
| Total | 77,210.47 |
| Disbursement | 62,457.73 |
| Balance | 14,752.74 |

MANHATTAN DISTRICT

May 22, 1966

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Budget | \$19,730.00 |
| Retirement & Hospital Insurance | 2,805.00 |
| Christian Recorder | 200.00 |
| A.M.E. Review | 38.00 |
| Voice of Missions | 231.50 |
| Journal of Religious Education | 97.50 |
| Women's Recorder | 32.50 |
| Secret Chambers | 2.00 |
| Roll Call | 446.00 |
| Special Gifts for Extension | 2,800.00 |
| Special Gifts for Pastors | 520.00 |
| Sustentation | 500.00 |
| | \$27,403.00 |

BROOKLYN-LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

May 22, 1966

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Budget | \$15,098.00 |
| Hospital & Retirement Insurance | 2,682.96 |
| Christian Recorder | 160.00 |
| A.M.E. Review | 73.50 |
| Voice of Missions | 122.50 |
| Journal of Religious Education | 62.00 |
| Women's Recorder | 65.00 |
| Secret Chamber | 2.00 |
| Roll Call | 367.00 |
| Special Gifts For Extension | 2,620.00 |
| Special Gifts For Pastors | 510.00 |
| Sustentation | 387.50 |
| | \$22,150.96 |

BUFFALO DISTRICT

May 22, 1966

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Budget | \$10,712.00 |
| Retirement & Hospital Insurance | 3,084.00 |
| Christian Recorder | 135.00 |
| A.M.E. Review | 70.00 |
| Voice of Missions | 108.50 |
| Journal Religious Education | 62.50 |
| Women's Recorder | 50.00 |
| Secret Chambers | 4.00 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Roll Call | 375 |
| Special Gifts for Extension | 2,000 |
| Special Gifts for Pastors | 360 |
| Sustentation | 38 |
| | \$17,345 |

STATEMENT OF INCOME and DISBURSEMENTS

INCOME

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| General Budget | \$45,540.00 | |
| Hospital and Retirement Insurance | 8,571.96 | |
| Special Gifts for Churches | 7,420.00 | |
| Special Gifts for Pastors | 1,365.00 | |
| Sustentation | 1,325.00 | |
| Periodicals | 1,511.00 | |
| Conference Branch (Missionary) | 1,978.86 | |
| Public Offerings | 1,902.40 | |
| Total | \$70,801.22 | |
| Sun. A.M. Collection | | \$70,801.22 |
| | | 628 |
| | | \$71,429 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dr. R. T. Mance | |
| General Budget | \$45,540.00 |
| Hospital & Retirement Insurance | 8,571.96 |
| Christian Recorder | 495.00 |
| 1/2 Free Will Offerings | 1,385.70 |
| | \$55,992.66 |

TO OTHER EDITORS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| A.M.E. Review - G. Singleton | 182.50 |
| Voice of Missions - A. C. Clark | 462.50 |
| Journal of Religious Education | |
| A. White | 212.50 |
| Women's Recorder - A. B. Williams | 150.50 |
| Secret Chamber - | 8.00 |
| | \$1,016.00 |

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Women's Night Expense | 120.00 |
| Printing of Conference Programs | 110.00 |
| Host Church Entertainment | 1,000.00 |
| Host Pastor | 150.00 |
| Host Pastor's Wife | 50.00 |

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| Parsonage (Special) G. G. Crumpley | 125.00 |
| Second Half Episcopal Office Budget | 900.00 |
| Three Presiding Elders - Supplement | |
| \$225.00 each | 675.00 |
| Postage & Printing (Treasurer's Report) | 4.70 |
| First Payment - General Conference | |
| Entertainment | 900.00 |
| Johnson and Hall (Room Rent) | 60.00 |
| Bishop Blakely (Conference Guest) | 100.00 |
| Special Secretary | 300.00 |
| N.A.A.C.P. Life Membership (Bishop) | 125.00 |
| (N.Y. Annual Conference portion) | |
| Rev. Averheart (Conference Guest) | 25.00 |
| Dr. Rembert Stokes (Conference Speaker) | 50.00 |
| Dr. Charles Stewart (Speaker) | 75.00 |
| Finance Committee Expense | 130.00 |
| Refund - Roll Call (Rev. B. J. McDaniel) | 3.00 |
| Host Pastor (additional Bill) | 346.37 |
| Bishop's Meals & Special Entertainment | 200.00 |
| | \$5,249.07 |
| | \$62,257.73 |

RECAPITULATION

INCOME BY DISTRICTS

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Manhattan District | \$27,403.00 |
| Brooklyn - Long Island District | 22,150.96 |
| Buffalo District | 17,349.00 |
| Public Offerings | 1,902.50 |
| Conference Branch (Missionary) | 1,978.86 |
| | 70,784.22 |

(To be distributed - Roll Call)

(Public Offerings, Periodicals)

(Special Gifts from Pastors)

17.00

\$70,801.22**\$70,801.22**

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dr. Mance | \$55,992.66 |
| Other Editors | 1,016.00 |
| Other Disbursements | 5,249.07 |
| | \$62,257.73 |
| Balance | \$62,257.73 |
| | 8,543.49 |
| | \$70,801.22 |
| | \$70,801.22 |

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|--------------------------|------------|
| PERIODICALS | \$1,511.00 |
| Christian Recorder | \$495.00 |
| A.M.E. Review | 182.50 |
| Voice of Missions | 462.50 |
| Journal of Religious Ed. | 212.50 |
| Women's Recorder | 150.00 |
| Secret Chamber | 8.00 |
| | \$1,511.00 |
| | \$1,511.00 |
| PUBLIC OFFERINGS | \$1,902.40 |
| Wednesday - A.M. | \$327.05 |
| Wednesday - P.M. | 417.33 |
| Thursday - A.M. | 152.00 |
| Thursday - P.M. | 735.42 |
| Friday - A.M. | 152.75 |
| Friday - P.M. | 117.85 |
| Sunday - A.M. | 628.36 |
| Total | \$2530.76 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the 153rd Sessions of
The New York Annual Conference
That was held at the

PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONAL A.M.E. CHURCH
244 Styvesant Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Rev. Millard D. Birt, Host-Pastor
May 19-23, 1965

To Bishop John Douglas Bright, Sr. D.D., LL.D, Presiding Bishop,
Mrs. Vida M. Bright, Episcopal Supervisor of Mission, General Officer
Clark, Presiding Elders, Ministers, Evangelists, Missionaries workers,
Delegates, and friends, I begged to make the following report as your
treasurer. "Finance Committee".

RECEIPTS

| | |
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| Brought Forward | \$1,152.01 |
| Buffalo District, Rev. John W. Moses, Sr. P.E. | |
| General Budget | \$10,524.00 |
| Insurance | 2,665.30 |
| A.M.E. Christian Recorder | 120.00 |
| A.M.E. Church Review | 70.00 |
| Voice of Mission | 112.00 |
| Journal of Rel. Education | 38.00 |
| Women's Recorder | 40.00 |
| Sustentations | 274.00 |
| Total Buffalo District | \$13,843.30 |
| Brooklyn, L.I. District, Rev. William H. Muldrow, P.E. | |
| General Budget | \$14,701.00 |
| Insurance | 2,612.00 |
| A.M.E. Christian Recorder | 150.00 |
| A.M.E. Church Review | 56.00 |
| Voice of Mission | 154.00 |
| Journal of Rel. Education | 68.50 |
| Women's Recorder | 75.00 |
| Sustentations | 487.50 |
| Total Brooklyn, L.I. District | \$18,404.00 |
| Manhattan District, Rev. William L. Freeman, P.E. | |
| General Budget | \$19,340.00 |
| Insurance | 2,808.00 |
| A.M.E. Christian Recorder | 200.00 |
| A.M.E. Church Review | 45.50 |

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| Voice of Mission | 161.00 |
| Journal of Rel. Education | 111.50 |
| Women's Recorder | 62.50 |
| Sustentations | 487.50 |
| Total Manhattan District | \$23.21 |
| Grand Total from districts and brought forward | \$56.41 |
| Additional General Budget | 68 |
| Total Conference offering | 3.11 |
| Grand Total money handled | \$60.22 |

"FINANCE COMMITTEE DISBURSEMENTS"

| | |
|---|-------------|
| To Dr. Robert W. Mance, General Treasurer | |
| General Budget | \$44,781.00 |
| Insurance | 8,104.21 |
| 138-1/2 Free Will Offering | 1,662.55 |
| 101 | |
| 109 - Christian Recorder | 485.00 |
| 172 - Additional General Budget | 1,420.00 |
| Grand total sent to Dr. R. W. Mance, Treasurer | \$56.45 |
| 110 - A.M.E. Review (Dr. G. A. Singleton) | 171.50 |
| 102 | |
| 111 - The Voice of Mission (Dr. A. C. Clark) | 427.00 |
| 103 | |
| 112 - Journal of Rel. Education (Dr. Andrew White) | 218.00 |
| 100 | |
| 113 - Women's Recorder (Mrs. A. B. Williams) | 177.50 |
| Grand total to Editors | 98 |
| 147 - Life Member dues | .. |
| (Mrs. Rosa B. Williams | 8 |
| Cash - Women's Night Disbursements | 198 |
| Cash - Youth Night Disbursements | 11 |
| 133 - Conference Speaker Bishop D. H. Sims | 100 |
| 134 - Conference Speaker Bishop G. W. Blakely | 100 |
| Cash - Conference Pianoist (Mrs. Collins) | 3 |
| 114 - Host-Pastor Rev. M. D. Birt | 13 |
| 115 - Host-Pastor's Wife Mrs. M.D. Birt | 3 |
| 116 | |
| 139 - Host-Church Entertainment | 100 |
| 135 - Concord Baptist Church (Janitor) | 0 |
| 117 - Rev. John W. Moses, P.E. (Suppliment) | 23 |
| 118 - Rev. William H. Muldrow, P.E. (Suppliment) | 23 |
| 119 - Rev. William L. Freeman, P.E. (Suppliment) | 23 |
| 123 - Rev. B. L. Hall (Chief Usher) | 3 |

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| Debit - Check book | 7.92 |
| Grand total money handled (Finance Committee) | \$60,220.34 |
| Grand Total Disbursement | 59,902.43 |
| Total Balance | 317.91 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the New York Annual Conference Trustees
From May 1965 to May 1966
Conference Trustee Special

Receipts May 18-22, 1966

Brought Forward

May 18, 1965

Buffalo District

Rev. John W. Moses, Sr. P.E.

Special Church Gifts

Special Pastor's Gifts

 Total Buffalo District

Brooklyn, L.I. District

Rev. William L. Muldrow, P.E.

Special Church Gifts

Special Pastor's Gifts

 Total Brooklyn, L.I. District

Manhattan District

Rev. William L. Freeman, P.E.

Special Church Gifts

Special Pastor's Gifts

 Total Manhattan District

Received from N.Y. Conference Branch Missionary

Received from N.Y. Conference Laymen

Received from N.Y. Conference Evangelists

Total received from P.E. Districts, Conf. Branch,
 Laymen and Evangelists

June 16, 1965

From sale of abandoned property, Alben, N.Y. \$2,404.80

Jan. 3, 1966

From Peshire Building & Development

Balance on (Escrow Money)

From Peshire Building & Development

Sale of Abandoned Lots on Long Island

 Total Received from Abandoned properties

Sept. 10, 1965

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| Received from 1st Dist. Christian Education Congress | 300 |
| Nov. 19, 1965, (Special Church Expansion Gifts) | |
| Buffalo District | |
| Rev. John W. Moses, Sr. P.E. | \$2,000.00 |
| Brooklyn, L.I. District | |
| Rev. William H. Muldrow, P.E. | 2,640.00 |
| Manhattan District | |
| Rev. William L. Freeman, P.E. | 2800.00 |
| Total Received Conference Special | |
| for local church expansion | \$7,400 |

February 14, 1966

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| Received from Founder's Day Banquet Tickets | \$ 1,295. |
| Feb. 16, 1966 - Interest earned from (Saving Account) | 103. |
| Grand Total money handled with brought forward | |
| and Interests earned | \$21,904. |

CONFERENCE TRUSTEE'S DISBURSEMENTS

Checks No.

| | |
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| Old Acc. 39 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | \$ 420 |
| New Acc. 122 - Montgomery Freedom March Trip | |
| Chartered Plain deficit | 200 |

Finance Committee

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| 124 - Rev. R. A. Hildebrand, Chairman | 50 |
| 125 - Rev. G. G. Crumpley, Secretary | 50 |
| 126 - Rev. D. G. Ming | 50 |
| 127 - Rev. J. W. Lee | 50 |
| 128 - Rev. J. Joiner | 50 |
| 129 - Rev. M. D. Birt | 50 |
| 130 - Special Secretarial help | 300 |
| 131 - Phil Conf. Trustee (Pelham Rd. Epis. Residence) | 200 |
| 132 - District Office (Rev. J. H. Johnson, Jr.) | 200 |
| 136 - Conference Guest (Rev. A. Chester Clark) | 50 |
| 140 - Conference Account (Room J. H. Johnson) | 50 |
| 141 - Columbia Saving Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 200 |
| 142 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 200 |
| 143 - Paid to John Kelly (Settlement 1st Mortgage on | |
| Trinity A.M.E. Church, amaica, N.Y. | 3,100 |
| 144 - One month payment (on Emanuel A.M.E. Church | |
| New Rochelle, N.Y. | 250 |
| 145 - John W. Moses, Sr. P.E. 1st Payment (Suppliment) | 250 |

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| 146 - Paid to Rev. F. H. Jackson (Settlement 2nd Mortgage | |
| on St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Bronx, N.Y. | 2,556.00 |
| 149 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 150 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 151 - N.Y. Conf. Board of Christian Education, | |
| Meeting in Dover, Del | 16.60 |
| 152 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 153 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 154 - John W. Moses, Sr. P.E. 2nd Paym't (Suppliment) | 250.00 |
| 155 - N.Y. Conf. Board of Christian Education | |
| Budget (Rev. L. F. Webb) | 124.00 |
| 157 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 158 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 159 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 160 - First District Office (1st Half - 1701 Arch St.) | 900.00 |
| 161 - Treasurer's Expences, (Stationaries, Postages, | |
| Stencils and Travel | 100.00 |
| 162 - Edgewood Free Methodist Church, Rochester, N.Y. | |
| Catching-up 2nd Mortgage (Baber's Chapel) | 726.69 |
| 163 - John W. Moses, Sr. P.E. 3rd Paym't (Suppliment) | 230.00 |
| 165 - City Collector (Back Taxes Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Ch | 1,194.13 |
| 169 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 170 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 171 - Columbia Savings Bank (Baber's Chapel) | 211.00 |
| 174 - Donated to Bethel A.M.E. Church, Bronx, N.Y. on | |
| Down Payment | 3,100.00 |
| 275 - John W. Moses, Sr. P.E. 4th Payment (Suppliment) | 250.00 |
| Grand total Receipts | \$21,904.47 |
| Total Disbursements | 16,441.49 |

Total Bal. on Saving \$539.78 Checking \$385.11

Grand Total Balance \$5780.89

Your Treasurer,

William Lee Freeman