

"Elizabeth," on the first trip to Liberia. Richard Allen was the first man ordained by Asbury, and became the first Negro Bishop of America.

The specific work of the distinctive Colored organizations has been and is and ever will be a necessity until the Christians of this country learn to treat every man as a brother. The special work is as follows;

1. To organize the moral religious forces.
2. To encourage the organization of social efforts, and of mutual aid, benevolent and charitable efforts of the race.
3. To support the commercial, agricultural and financial efforts of the race.
4. To train the members in the laws of business and parliamentary practice in trustee and official boards.
5. To give them practice in the application of the principles of government in developing and maintaining institutions for the elevation of the race.
6. To give an opportunity to show by example what it is possible for the Negro to do for himself and others.
7. To stand as a living protest against caste in the Church, at the sacramental table and in the ministry.
8. To give opportunity to individuals to grow and develop into full rounded men, mentally, morally, socially and religiously. To teach some how to organize and how to command.
9. To give lessons of accountability. How to collect, how to spend and account for money. How to hold office of trust, honor and emolument. How to arrange the tenure of office.
10. To teach the race how to obey, honor and respect one of their own members, and how to select race leaders. It makes them familiar with the needs of the race and elements of race elevation.
11. To increase in the young men and women race pride.

THE STATISTICS OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH, JUNE, 1894.

Number of itinerant preachers.....	4,263
Number of local preachers.....	14,575
Number of full members.....	497,360
Number of probationers.....	20,127
Total membership.....	542,044

The increase of membership of the Church last year was very large. There were great revivals in each of the Episcopal districts.

The Bishops report that the moral, educational and financial condition of the people is improving, and that the ministers are bearing aloft the standard of Christian education and temperance earnestly, as never before. The people throughout the Church are awake to the subject of the elevation of the race; a strong sentiment in favor of an educated and trained ministry is manifested in the petition from almost every congregation. One congregation said: "Bishop, if you cannot send us sunlight send us moonlight, for we must have light in the pulpit." The accessions were over fifty thousand members; some of them are the most intelligent in the communities in which they live.

The number of church buildings, 4,425; valuation, \$8,250,000. The parsonages have improved this year; we have 1,250; valuation estimated at \$325,000. We never had such a revival in increasing homes for the ministers as we have had this year. One of the finest parsonages in the connection is that of St. Paul A. M. E. Church of St. Louis, Mo.

The Church schools were never in a better condition than at this time. The Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, Ga., built a new wing last year, and had a full attendance. Bishop Grant organized a theological school, and it has a large number in attendance.

The Paul Quinn, Waco, Texas, in charge of President Keeling, made some improvements, and Bishop Lee organized a theological school, and the Rev. Mr. Demby has been put in charge of the same.

The J. P. Campbell College, of Vicksburg, Miss., is moving on, and had enrolled 200 pupils. The gift of 1,033 acres of land by C. P. Huntington was a godsend to the school. The Rev. I. T. Montgomery, the President, is doing much to carry on the educational work in Mississippi.

Wilberforce University, the oldest of our schools and oldest distinct school under the control of the Negroes in the United States, was organized in 1850 by the M. E. Church, sold to the A. M. E. Church in 1893, for \$10,000, and April 14th, 1895, it was burned to the ground. But it was rebuilt by the aid of the Freedmen's Bureau and the United States Congress.

The State of Ohio organized a Normal Department here in 1887, and has built a fine building for its pupils. The Payne Theological Seminary is located here, and is doing good work.

The United States Government has established a Military Department, and Lieutenant Alexander was detailed to fill the professorship of this department. He died after a short stay among us. Lieutenant Young has charge of the "Arnett Guards," which number 110 young men.

The Rev. S. T. Mitchell has been president 10 years and is at present. His average attendance is 148 pupils. Average business transactions, \$15,089.84.

Allen University, at Columbia, S. C., is at work finishing the New Hall, which will accommodate a great many young women.

THE COLORED METHODISTS.

BY BISHOP B. W. ARNETT, D.D.,

Of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodists of America are under lasting obligation to the Irish and the Negro. The first sermon was preached by an Irishman, and the first class organized in New York was composed of Irish and Negroes. In all the history of the Church in this country the Negroes and Methodists have been warm friends; for when there was no one to look after the moral and religious interest of the Negro, the Methodist took the Good Samaritan's part and took him up and gave him a place in the Church of the Living God.

It was the first to ordain him in Christian ministry, and recognized his manhood. Thomas Coko was an emancipationist; he dined with George Washington and presented to the Father of his Country a petition for the universal emancipation of the slaves. Washington said that he was in favor of the document, and would do all he could to hasten the day. But as to the relation of the Negro and the Methodist; the Negro has been connected with English Methodism since November, 1758, when John Wesley baptized Sir Nathaniel Gilbert and his two slave women in Wardsworth. The Governor and the two slaves returned to the West Indies, and there they organized the first class and sowed the seed of Methodism in the Antilles. Sir Nathaniel became a local preacher, and for a number of years preached to the slaves on the plantation. He died and left the class in the hands of those two women. Thus they were the first to hold office in Western Methodism.

At the organization in New York, "Bottle," the African servant, was present; at Sam's Creek Aunt Annie Switzer attended with Strawbridge. John Charleston was the first convert in Asbury Crenshaw's Sunday-school. He became a local preacher, removed to Ohio, joined the A. M. E. Church, died in 1838, in Pittsburg, Penn. Pompey Moor was a pioneer in Tennessee. He had the first camp meeting in the territory of Mississippi. It was Uncle Simon who revealed the burial place of the pioneer missionary to Tennessee. It was John Stewart who was the John-the-Baptist to the Wyandotte Indians. Daniel Coker organized the A. M. E. Church on the ship

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., is prospering under President Jno. R. Septi.

THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH FOR THE YEARS 1893 AND 1894.

Ministerial support.....	\$903,788 00
Dollar money, J. H. Armstrong.....	66,870 75
Missionary Department, W. B. Derrieks.....	17,887 12
Church Extension, O. T. Shaffer.....	10,817 04
Publishing Department, J. C. Embry.....	18,035 00
Sunday-school Union, C. S. Smith.....	17,250 12
Sunday-school supplies, by schools.....	70,020 00
Educational institutions, general expenses.....	60,214 50
Building, general expenses and local trustees.....	85,000 00
Grand total raised by the Church.....	\$1,316,818 13
For general purposes, by schools.....	\$60,234 50
Amount for transporting children to and from schools at 100 miles distance.....	90,000 00
Amount from books and incidentals, at \$5 each.....	25,650 00
Amount from boarding, at \$6 per month each.....	80,000 00
Amount from clothing, at \$10 per month each.....	51,100 00
Total.....	\$204,204 50

Thus it will be seen that the total money spent by members and friends of the A. M. E. Church for two items, church and school, was \$1,481,784.18. This is the lowest estimate for every item where we have not the reported figures at hand.

THE COLORED M. E. CHURCH.

Bishop L. H. Holsey says: We have five Bishops, and pay \$2,000 each per annum; one paper and a publishing interest, and pay Book Agent and Editor \$1,500 and \$1,200 respectively per year. The publishing interest is worth \$10,000.

STATISTICS FOR 1893 OF COLORED M. E. CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Travelling preachers.....	1,224
Local preachers.....	2,354
Members.....	128,817
Infants baptized.....	6,527
Adults baptized.....	10,088
Sunday-schools.....	1,885
Sunday-school teachers and officers.....	6,677
Sunday-school scholars.....	68,923
Churches reported.....	3,072
Value (supposed).....	\$1,000,000
Annual income.....	\$11,322
Schools of learning.....	4
Students.....	750
Value of school property, "Endowments".....	\$25,000
Total value of school property.....	\$57,000
Domestic missions.....	8,000

Exhorters reported as members. Probationers not reported.

THE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Pastors.....	3,650
Local preachers and exhorters.....	7,020
Members and probationers.....	425,000
Adherents.....	1,253,760
Sunday-schools.....	3,200
Officers and teachers.....	80,600
Pupils.....	800,000
Churches.....	3,500
Valuation of property.....	\$5,000,000

The Church is doing much for the increase of education. It has five schools: the largest is the Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C. It lost one of its bright teachers in the Rev. J. C. Price. The workmen die and the work goes on. This Church made a call for the celebration of the organization of the Zion Church in New York, 1896.

The Union M. E. Church last report was:

Ministers.....	115
Local preachers.....	75
Members.....	3,809
Adherents.....	14,475
Sunday-schools.....	115
Teachers and officers.....	1,161
Pupils.....	9,200
Churches.....	115
Valuation of property.....	\$50,000

Other colored organization had:

Ministers.....	102
Local preachers.....	50
Members.....	7,031
Adherents.....	25,000
Sunday-schools.....	75
Teachers and officers.....	740
Pupils.....	6,000
Churches.....	82
Valuation.....	\$30,000

RECAPITULATION OF ALL THE CHURCHES.

Pastors.....	14,083
Local preachers and exhorters.....	28,206
Preachers, total number.....	43,188
Members.....	1,002,700
Grand total ministers and members.....	1,405,548
Sunday-schools.....	13,145
Teachers and officers.....	105,780
Pupils.....	669,803
Grand total army of children.....	1,065,063
The Church and Sunday-school give us the magnificent membership of.....	2,470,631

Add the adherents and we have an army of about 4,216,644 that depend on the moral and religious teachers of the Methodist Churches of all branches. The responsibility of the Church is apparent to all.

WILBERFORCE, O.