

## CLOSE IN TOUCH WITH GOD.

BY R. L. PERKINS.

I would lie close in touch with  
Thee,  
My Saviour and my friend;  
Into Thy confidence take me,  
On Thee do I depend.

Jesus, my Saviour, God and King,  
My life, my guide, my all;  
Eternal praise to Thee I'll sing  
And on Thy name I'll call.

Closer and closer to Thy side  
Dear Saviour take Thou me,  
For all my wants do Thou provide  
Till I thy face shall see.

Closer, until in Thee I live,  
Protected by Thy power;  
To Thee my being now I give,  
O, take me from this hour.  
*Brewton, Ala.*

## LOCAL ITEMS.

J. ELI WALKER, REPORTER.

Mr. H. T. Hughes is spending the Summer at Buffalo, Va.

The camp meeting, we are informed, will start about the first week in August.

Miss D. Regina Scott succeeds Miss E. W. Sasser as one of the clerks in our office.

The Y. W. C. T. U. concert at Friendship Baptist church Monday night was quite successful.

Miss Maggie Dixon and Mr. S. L. Young will be united in holy bonds of wedlock to-night.

Rev. J. W. Davis, pastor of the M. E. church, is meeting with success in his series of meetings.

The communion of the Lord's supper was celebrated at Clinton chapel last Sunday afternoon.

While Miss A. E. Chapman is away Miss Gracie Scott presides at the organ of Clinton chapel with ability and credit.

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The Charlotte Cycle club is preparing for races July 4th. All who would like to enter the race contest, would do well to see either president J. T. Sanders, or track manager N. L. Wyche.

Grace church is losing some of her best members. Two weeks ago Mrs. Jethro Sumner died, and Mrs. Mary Moore, a sweet soprano singer of the choir died, Tuesday. Both had large funerals at the church.

Miss Cornelia Gorham, after a stay of nearly three weeks in the city, left for her home, Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday night. During Miss Gorham's stay in the city she made several friends and some "lasting impressions."

Among the recent visitors at the Publication House this week we note Rev. R. D. Davis, Misses Lydia Schenck, Mary Anderson, Minerva Thacker and Emma Richie. Misses Thacker and Richie are the guests of Miss Anderson.

Mrs. D. C. Covington, wife of the genial pastor of Clinton Chapel, recently left for Statesville to visit relatives, traveling through the country, a distance of 44 miles. The parson has the absence of his horse and buggy as well as his wife to grieve over now.

Last Friday night the force and a few other friends of Miss Sasser, realizing that we were soon to lose her went to the home, of Miss Addie McKnight to show our esteem and respect to our friend, Miss Sasser. The evening was spent very sociably and one of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the giving in of the experiences of love. When the question was asked one young lady she said she

had always found love "sorter nice" which put an end to that part of the program. Miss Sasser left Saturday morning via Wilmington for her home, Goldsboro. All expressed themselves as being sorry to have Miss Sasser leave.

## ON THE WING.

BY REV. J. B. COLBERT.

I left Washington Wednesday evening, June 1st, enroute for the Western New York Conference at Rochester, N. Y., arriving there Thursday morning in time to witness the opening of the day's session. We found this Conference to be composed of an intelligent and progressive set of men. Bishop A. Walters was associated by Bishop G. W. Clinton. We were delighted to find that Bishop Walters put into execution the unique plan created by himself at the New Jersey Conference, to wit: that every minister can become a bona fide subscriber to all of our leading periodicals, viz.: The STAR OF ZION, The Quarterly Review, and The Varick Christian Endeavorer, for the sum of \$2.25, and in keeping with the good example set by the New Jersey Conference, the New England, the New York, now the Western New York is following in hot pursuit.

When we can get our ministers to read and patronize all of the literary productions of the brains of the members of our Church, the signs of the times indicate that Zion is marching on. Really, we can see stronger and more potent evidences of the wonderful possibilities for the Zion Church to day than ever before in her history. We find the ministers of this Conference alive to every interest of the general Church. Away with your pessimistic and narrow notions about the interest in the Church being on the wane! Not a word of it. The Church as well as the world is growing better every day. All the more because of the influence of the blessed Christian religion. We left this Conference full of hope and courage, and to God be all the glory and honor for what the world and the Negro in particular have accomplished through the instrumentality of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Among those who compose the old and venerable regime in this Conference and have contributed so largely to make this in some respects the banner Conference, are, Fathers J. W. Lacy, I. Stewart, M. H. Ross, C. A. Smith and R. M. Turner. We find the major portion of the work has been transferred upon the stalwart shoulders of the younger men who have manfully and willingly assumed the work which has come to them as the glorious heritage of the fathers, such as Revs. J. E. Mason, D. D., B. F. Wheeler, D. D., J. H. Anderson, D. D., G. C. Carter, J. R. Dangerfield, F. E. Owens, W. A. Eley, W. O. Cooper, H. R. Phoenix, B. W. Swain, A. R. Jackson, W. A. Fitch, S. L. Corrothers, J. H. Accooe, H. J. Callis, H. M. Cephas and others of the younger men who give evidence of hopefulness for a bright future.

All V. C. E's having celebrated or observed the anniversary occasion will please report at once as we desire to publish names and amounts raised on said occasion. Those having failed to celebrate will please do so at once as the time will not expire till the latter part of the month.

Prayer without faith is salt without savor.

## PASTORS, ORGANIZE.

BY MRS. B. BANKS.

Mr. Editor: I have been a reader of the STAR OF ZION ever since the beginning of its publication, and this is my first attempt to write an article for said paper. I want to speak to the ministers of the West Alabama Conference, as I am the Vice-President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. I beg them to do all they can in organizing the Society in the different churches and to encourage the women and tell them the meaning of the Society and its object for raising money. My heart, soul and body are in the work.

I also have a great desire to travel over the district, but on account of the illness of my husband, as you heard me speak of it in Zion church last January during the Conference, I am hindered in going over my work and doing my whole duty. I now ask the pastors to do all they can to bring in a good report should we live to meet again in another annual Conference. Pray that God may bless the good work throughout the district as I know that nothing can be a success without prayer.

Mr. Editor, I must say something more about this paper as I have some of the copies that were printed at the time that Dr. J. A. Tyler was manager, and have many copies reserved. I love this paper as I do the Bible and I am sorry to say that a majority of Zionites do not know the good of the STAR OF ZION. On account of sickness, to read that paper is all the gospel I hear. I read it with a heart full of joy and eyes full of tears. You shall hear from me again soon.

*Mobile, Ala.*

## A THANKFUL MAN.

Dear Brother Smith: I take this method of extending my heartfelt thanks to my many friends who have and are still sending me valuable presents in money and other things of a substantial nature. My Jubilee was a grand success in every way, as it was associated with a Preachers' Institute. It was of great interest to ministers and members. Bishop J. W. Hood was present associating our presiding Bishop C. R. Harris, and they gave us some wholesome information.

The program was carried out to the letter and in grand style. It was my intention to publish the names of the donors and amounts of Jubilee presentations, but I have received quite a number of letters asking me to withhold publication until they could get in their donations. The Institute decided that the many friends might have until the first of December to get in their presents; and I have decided to publish the minutes of the Jubilee and Institute, and in the minutes I will publish the many soul-cheering letters with all the papers read, and the sermon preached by Bishop Hood, together with the names and amounts of the donors.

Up to this writing St. Peter's A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. J. H. Love, pastor, Newbern, N. C., has sent in the largest amount of money, and Smith Creek circuit, on the Washington district, Rev. J. W. L. Council pastor, has sent in the largest amount on my district. I have received letters and money from such distinguished persons as Bishop C. C. Pettay and wife, Bishop J. W. Hood and wife, Bishop C. R. Harris and wife, Bishop G. W. Clinton and wife, Rev. J. M. Hill, Presiding Elder, Dr. W. H. Goler, President of Livingstone College, Rev. W. H. Davenport, Camden, N. J., and Rev. O. L. W. Smith, Resident and Consul General to Monrovia, Liberia, who left with me \$2.50 in gold before he sailed for Africa. He was first on the list. I have received money also from Rev. P. W. Lawrence, Rev. C. R. Coward and others that I have not time to mention just now, but will later on. Oh! we had a grand time, and the stay-away ministers lost a grand treat. I am a happy man to-day, and I feel that the Jubilee together with the Institute has added ten years to my life, whether I live that long or not. I am as ever yours for the success of our great Church.

W. J. Moore,  
Box 59, Wilson, N. C.

## BISHOP LOMAX'S APPOINTMENT

" 18-22, Montgomery, Ala  
June 23, Morganville, Ala

## NOTICE.

To the Pastors in the North Carolina annual Conference: You are hereby notified that Rev. Hubbard Bell, of Goldsboro, N. C., has been appointed Conference Steward instead of Rev. P. L. Cuyler, who has resigned.  
C. R. Harris, Bishop.

## BISHOP HARRIS' APPOINTMENTS

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

" 19, 11 a. m., St. Peter's church,  
Newbern, J. H. Love.  
" 8 p. m., Trinity Chapel,  
Newbern, A. Hill.

## BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS

July 3rd, Southern Pines, "  
10th, New Haven, Conn  
12th, Bridgeport, "  
14th, Derby, "  
15th, Waterbury, "  
17th, Hartford, "  
18th, Haydens, "  
19th, Norwich, "  
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My boy Arthur Bolware of Fort Mills, S. C., left home Tuesday morning and has not returned. He went in the direction of Charlotte, N. C. I traced him to Pineville and Shuman's and was not able to trace him further. He has on a light pair ragged pants, is in his shirt sleeves, and wears an old red hat. He is rather rawboned in the face and is 9 years of age. Any person finding him will do me a great kindness to inform me.

Edward Bolware.

It is not easy to take advice from those who have not in like manner suffered as we.

We have heard some complaints relative to ministers transferring from one large church to another, but our inability to do the same is somewhat conspicuous.

## NEGRO STAFFS.

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