

curiosity, unbelief, disobedience and backsliding. It shows, first, that kinship with those who are not Christians does not guarantee salvation. Lot was saved. His dear wife was destroyed. God forbade both of them to look back in their flight from the wicked and doomed city. Lot obeyed God, but his wife presumed to violate this injunction and perished. Religion is a personal affair, an individual concern. Sinners, it is folly to say: I have good Christian kin people that think everything of me, and for their sake the Lord will not suffer me to be lost, even though I do not serve Him. You cannot be saved by proxy. Unless you repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ you cannot be saved. Only kinship with Him will save you.

Second, gracious provision for salvation does not of itself secure salvation. Jehovah sent out two holy angels to notify Lot and his wife and family of impending doom. This angelic envoy urged their speedy departure out of the fated city. The place of safety was appointed and designated. Within reach and sight was the refuge from the awful rain of fire and brimstone which was soon to envelop the city and home of Lot. A shelter for Lot and his wife was provided from the terrible tempest. Lot was saved because he heeded and fled; his wife was destroyed because she neglected and disobeyed. Salvation from sin and hell is prepared for all. Those who accept will be saved; those who do not will perish. Remember Lot's wife.

Third, a partial effort will not insure final salvation. Lot's wife arose just as early as he did on that eventful morning to hurry away from the sinful city of Sodom. Both started together. One angel leads Lot, the other angel leads his wife. Who could not fly with his hand pressed by the soft palm of an angel? Lot's wife began well, but her endeavor was partial, and she was overtaken by a salt storm.

Contrary to divine direction she looked back "and she became a pillar of salt." Thus many set out well in the Christian career, led and helped by angel hands, but they look and fall back and are lost. Lot's wife could not have been far from the place of refuge when she disobeyed, failed and perished. She was almost safe. But being almost safe did not avert the destructive thunderbolt of Jehovah's wrath which descended upon her. "Almost cannot avail, almost is but to fail." Lot, obedient and pious, fled to the place of shelter, of security, and was saved from destruction. His effort was entire. He did not stop until the last step was taken into the appointed refuge. Persevering and unremitting effort to obey God insures final triumph. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." Christians, this wicked world is to be destroyed by fire. In your flight to heaven, the place of refuge, do not grow weary nor give up, which would be backsliding, nor look back at the world and yearn to enjoy the 'pleasures of sin.' "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."—Genesis 19:17. "Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup."—Psalms 11:6.

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Yours truly,
 G. L. Blackwell.

The Washington district conference of the Philadelphia and Baltimore annual conference will convene at Fork's church, Patucent, A. A. Co., Md., October 27-30. Each church will please send one delegate. Each Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor society will also send one. All local preachers will attend. The presiding elders of the first and second district are cordially invited to be present. We would be pleased to have a delegate from each of the other districts.—W. H. Snowden, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

BY REV. R. B. BRUCE.

The Salisbury district conference met at Miller's Chapel church Sept. 21-23, with Rev. P. A. McCorkle, P. E. in the chair. The entire session was one of pleasantness, and everything passed off nicely and harmoniously. The Pastor, Rev. W. J. McEntire and his good people, spared no pains in trying to make it happy and comfortable for the conference. Their hospitality was very generous and almost unbounded, and I am sure that the impression made on them by the department of the ministers and delegates will last for a long time. Much good was done there.]

Judging from the reports of the ministers and delegates the work has considerably improved on the district this year. Not only the work, but the ministers showed signs of great improvement and development in their studies, as this could be seen in the concise and business-like manner in which they transacted their business. Dr. W. H. Goler was present, displaying his superior business qualities among the young men, and in his lectures and personal talks to them he always taught some valuable lesson. Prof. S. G. Atkins was there with his eloquent and sweeping oratory, advocating the cause of education, temperance, and virtue. Mr. J. H. Gilmer kept the minutes to the delight and satisfaction of all. Prof. W. M. Provinder spoke on the "Model S. S. Superintendent," and his address was full of wholesome advice and practical instruction on this subject.

The Presiding Elder's address was grand and captivating. He earnestly exhorted his men to be diligent and thorough in their studies, and to be always well prepared before they attempt to preach to their people. Rev. McCorkle is a kind hearted Christian man, and a most excellent Presiding Elder. The conference voted unanimously for his return to the district. The district donated \$3. to the Publishing Department.

TAMPA DISTRICT.

BY REV. GEO. W. MAIZE, P. E.

The Tampa district is in a prosperous condition, all things considered. We have only a few small churches which comprise this district, but they are doing their work well under the care of their pastor. Rev. W. A. Bain has charge of St. Joseph's chapel, Nassau, N. P. and he is bringing the work to the front. It has been said no Zion minister could live in that city, but it is the Negroes' paradise; and they know how to care for a minister. Our church is in better condition there than it has been for 20 years. They are now at work.

Key West, Rev. T. F. H. Blackman has charge of Cornish chapel. He being a new man among the people he ought to succeed; and we hope he will, as he has the luck and the ability.

Tampa Station, Rev. Geo. L. White, M. D., has the reins in hand and his people are together and the watchword is "Marching must be done." The conditions are much improved and the pastor is the man to improve, as every one who knows him to be a preacher and financier. The annual conference meets here. White will get there.

Plant City circuit, Rev. S. W. Cunningham, pastor. He is now serving his second year, and it seems he was just appointed yesterday. He has been successful in getting several converts and a good many accessions this year. He is a good man, good pastor and preacher.

Barton circuit, Rev. A. H. Evans, pastor. He has seated the church at Alifia with new pews, paid off the principal debts of the circuit. The pastor and people are in union. He is a strong man.

Homeland circuit, Rev. A. Jackson, pastor. He is now preparing to build, the lumber being on the ground to build the church. He is moving that country with great push for Zion, although the membership is small.

We are moving along nicely. All of the prescribed Connectional interests are being looked after, and we are using our own literature throughout the district. More territory is being occupied for Zion.

Tampa, Fla.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE.

BY REV. J. F. MILLER, A. M.

The pride of the A. M. E. Zion Connection must have the hearty co-operation of the Church. The late J. C. Price, the lamented president, and the present incumbent, Dr. Goler, are worthy of the confidence reposed on them to make successful schools of learning. Drs. Price and Goler are each known to us, being an alumnus of the same "Alma Mater," Lincoln University, Pa. Too much commendation can not be given to each for his meritorious labor in behalf of Christian Education.

We heard Prof. Wickersham, Superintendent of Education for the State of Pennsylvania, in an address to teachers, "There are two classes of persons who teach school, teachers who love the profession, and those who teach as a necessity to make ends meet."

The above leads us to remark, "Like teacher, like pupil." To many the position of a teacher is a necessity for subsistence, to others it is a profession, to which all energies are bent to make successful educators. Wherever one of the former class enters our schools they leave an impression which is not wholesome or beneficial upon the scholar.

The year which closed at Livingstone speaks volumes. It stops the mouth of the critique and proves the faculty is composed of professional teachers, competent, efficient, courageous and self-sacrificing.

The delegates to the Statesville district conference will please ask for reduced rates for points named: Gastonia, Salisbury, Old Fort, Wilkesboro and Greensboro.—Rev. A. J. Miller, Davidson, N. C.

The district conference and Sunday-school convention of the Raleigh district will convene at Fair Promise church, Sanford, N. C., Wednesday and Thursday, October 18th, 19th and 20th, 1898. Every member of the district conference is requested to be present or send a written excuse. Lay delegates will bring from circuits or stations \$1.25 each to pay the way of delegates from district to the annual conference and meet other expenses; and Sunday-school delegates will bring one cent per scholar to meet the expenses of the convention. By special request the Hon. J. C. Dancy will deliver an address.—F. K. Bird, P. E.

MAJORS AND MINORS.

LET'S GO AWAY.

BY W. F. FONVIELLE.

Let's go away, you and I,
 Some day
 To a place where no one can find us;
 In some small boat, you and I
 Let's float,
 Leaving cares of the world behind us.

Let's find a place, you and I,
 Some day
 That is free from deceit and sorrow;
 An unknown mast, you and I,
 Let's start—
 We may get these some day-to-morrow.

Let's leave the crowd, you and I,
 Some day
 While its busy buying and selling;
 Taking no heed, in its haste—
 Its speed
 Of the heart where the tear drow is welling.

Let's go away, you and I,
 To day
 From those who for honors are dreaming;
 We'll drift away, in our barque,
 To day
 Where sunlight forever is streaming.
 Goldsboro, N. C.

IT IS NOT RIGHT.

BY REV. G. G. MUSGRAVE.

In a recent issue of the STAR appeared a notice from the presiding elders and not the Bishop to the ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference ordering five quarters in one Conference year. This is unlawful, uncalled-for, and unfair to whoever may be elected presiding elders for the next year or two. For the old set of presiding elders to hold five quarters, it means if new men are elected, they will only get three-fourths of their salary in the next year, or eleven months. It seems strange that it takes presiding elders three months to go over a district, and when a bishop postpones a Conference for one month, they can run over it in one month. It is very queer. Since they have received their year's salary, let them see now where mission work can be established, also give the pastors chance to get their salaries, general fund and other collections. Let Bishop Lomax revoke this order.
 Charlotte, N. C.

The Trustees of Greenville College will please meet in Greenville, at 4 p. m. on Tuesday October 11th 1898. Those who cannot attend are requested to send me their power of attorney to sign their names to the charter of incorporation.
 Signed, C. R. Harris,
 Chairman Board Trustees.

Rev. J. E. Rodgers, of Asbury Park, N. J., writes: Brother John Thomas, one of the founders of our church here, died on the 24th inst., and was buried from the church. Services conducted by the pastor, assisted by Dr. W. H. Yeocum and others. Deceased being a veteran of the late civil war, Post 119, G. A. R. of this city took part in the services.

Presiding Elder Wm. Lyons writes: Our last quarterly meeting at Bristol, Tenn., was a grand success; collection \$25. The pastor, Rev. J. S. Henderson, is one of Zion's able preachers and will make a good report at Conference on general funds and other lines. Rev. M. F. Wilson is an able representative of Greenville college.