



THE STORM.

By Walter Raleigh Lovell.

For two nights before we had hardly slept at all. We were tired, completely worn out. Thus, when we fell asleep in a freshly lined berth of the midnight train from Saint Louis to Kansas City we did not wake until six o'clock the next morning.

Even as I stirred for the first time, the absence of the sunshine told me that it was cloudy, for at six in June the sun is high. But when I had gone to the wash room for my morning shave and toilet, I saw the sky was hideously darkened with cloud and almost immediately we were in a blinding storm. Fierce lightning streaked across the angry sky, while deafening thunder somewhat muffled by the roar of the train muttered and groaned as the rain came down in torrents.



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I thought of the engineer, and said to a fellow passenger: "He certainly is running by faith now, rather than sight," for it is impossible to see more than a few feet away.

As I went to the dining car for breakfast, for I was hungry, I could see more clearly through the larger windows, and the fierceness of the storm almost frightened me. But the train, with its "brave engineer," never slackened its speed; on and on it raced through the beating rain which poured forth in sheets from the darkened heavens. Ere long, however, because the train sped on in its course, we were soon able to see farther. The lightning and thunder became less frequent and finally ceased. The rain came down no more, all was quiet, and then the sun shone—it was all past, the storm was over.

How often, I thought, do people meet with storms, even in the morning of life. Confusion, doubts, ignorance, temptations, all combine to make the storm for youth as it enters upon the stage of life. And, I thought again, one cannot successfully weather the storm alone. There must be in each life a Brave Engineer, one who "knoweth the way that I take," one, "who knoweth the dangers at hand"; one who can lead us aright even when dark clouds shut out the view of the sun.

No, young people, we cannot hope to cope with the dangerous storms of life, which lurk about us, and often break upon us, yea, in the early years of our life, in the thoughtless and often care free days, unless we build our hopes on Christ.

But this is our assurance and confidence: if Christ be our Guide, if He be the Engineer of our soul's train,

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the storms cannot harm, and we shall go on our way rejoicing, learning fine lessons from the storms through which we have passed.

Oakland, Cal.

"HERE AND THERE."

By Rev. W. A. Deane.

Bishop J. S. Caldwell is a born leader, and is successful because he is frank and plain and kind to his ministers and workers.

The people in the south are certainly more independent than those in the north and consequently they are more hospitable.

The ladies of the W. H. and F. M. Society, of Charlotte, N. C., have made up their minds to do greater things for our foreign fields during this quadrennium, having had the necessary stimulus from one of our foreign missionaries.

Rev. Dr. D. D. Moore, pastor of Clinton Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church, Hickory, N. C., assisted by Mrs. Viola Smith, Calla Bost, Sarah Smith, Jannie Marble, Myrtle Bost, Pinkie Lorett, Cretta Nealey, Miss Le'a Chambers, Miss Frankie Bost, and Mrs. Vina Roach and Mrs. Letitia Smith of St. Paul's A. M. E. Zion church had a mass meeting in the church on the 9th of June when our foreign missionary for Demerara British Guiana, South America, was the principal speaker. He was ably introduced by Dr. Argyle.

The writer spoke of his work giving the conditions of the masses of the people, etc. A sprinkle of white folk was present and enjoyed the meeting.

The ladies and their good pastor had a sumptuous repast for the foreign missionary who felt encouraged. Being satisfied the women expressed their determination to double their effort in the future.

Our Senior Bishop J. S. Caldwell in introducing our foreign missionary for Demerara said he was "our faithful missionary."

We desire to sincerely congratulate the Rev. Battle, A. B., S. T. B., on his being decorated with "D. D." by Livingstone College. He deserves the title.

Dr. W. A. Deane, our foreign missionary, leaving the New York conference, visited his Washington, D. C., friends and supporters, on Sunday the 22nd of June and helped to welcome Dr. C. C. Williams, of Union Wesley church. Miss Sarah J. Janifer, M. A., was not at home but Dr. Battle, Mrs. Wormsley and Mrs. Norton, and Mrs. E. D. W. Jones and Miss Mary J. Mason and Bishop E. D. W. Jones and others spared no pains in welcoming the industrious foreign missionary who was kept and helped for a while.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Grey, of 1829 Vermont Ave., Washington, D. C., were especially graciously good to our missionary and we thank them.

Demerara, British Guiana.

MEN AND THINGS.

By Rev. H. F. Martin.

Bishop E. D. W. Jones, D. D., in Cheraw, S. C., called a one day conference with the ministers on the Cheraw district to line up for the work of the conference year. Bishop Jones captured the men as never a bishop before him. He captured the ministers and laymen alike. South Carolina is proud of Bishop Jones. He is kind hearted and approachable to all. The little men can get his attention as well as the big men. The ministers are carried away with Bishop Jones. Rev. W. O. Carson, our presiding elder, gave up the district at the General Conference and accepted a charge at Greensboro, N. C. We were at a loss to give him up.

The bishop made good by appointing the Rev. A. C. Cook, presiding elder of the Cheraw district. The ministers seemed to be well pleased with the appointment.

Dr. J. M. Lawson and his good

people gave the bishop and ministers a fine reception. All enjoyed themselves.

The ministers are proud of Dr. Davenport as our Editor. They think he will some day go higher.

Cheraw, S. C.

MT. CALVARY ZION NOTES.

By Miss E. M. Crowder.

The pastor, Rev. J. T. Newby, choir and congregation of Mt. Calvary Zion church, worshipped with the Rev. Ingram, at Waxhaw, N. C., where the Rev. I. J. Alexander, acting presiding elder, was conducting quarterly meeting. \$25.00 was raised. Sunday evening, the children of the church rendered a fine program.

Wednesday evening, June 25th, the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor departments went out for an



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outing. A pleasant time was had by all.

On Sunday, June 29th, Dr. Garrett, of the Elizabeth City District, and of the Albemarle conference, delivered the message of the day. He is presiding elder of this district.

Messrs. Chapple and Brooks were delighted to have had their sister, Mrs. Vincent, from Aberdeen, to visit them for a few days last week.

We are sad to note the death of Mrs. Ann Stevens, one of the oldest members of Mt. Calvary Zion church, who departed this life June 18th. She was a member for 30 years. She leaves two sons, 1 daughter, 2 sisters, 5 brothers and 6 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perry mourn the death of their son.

Rev. J. T. Newby, choir and congregation worshipped with the Elizabeth Baptist church Thursday, June 26th, Rev. J. B. Ivey, pastor. Monroe, N. C.

STATESVILLE, (N. C.) NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thompson and family of Charlotte, were the pleasant guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Holliday this week.

Mrs. F. H. Harrington, mother of Dr. M. H. Harrington and his niece, Miss Fannie N. Harrington, of Port Chester, N. Y., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrington.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Holliday and Harrington gave a delightful picnic Monday at Boston Bridge in honor of their visiting guest, Mrs. Jacob Thompson and children of Charlotte, N. C. Mrs. F. M. Harrington and Miss Fannie N. Harrington, of Port Chester, N. Y., and Miss Grey of Statesville, N. C. Abundant refreshments were served. Music was furnished by a portable victrola. The little rain did not dampen the day's pleasures.

An enjoyable party was given Wednesday June 18 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrington in honor of their guest, Mrs. T. M. Harrington and her granddaughter, Miss F. N. Harrington, of Port Chester, N. Y.

Half of all the allroad mileage on earth has been built in our own country, and eighty per cent of all the automobiles manufactured and in use in the world are in our own country.



**REVERENCE**  
Planted in Childhood  
will  
Bear Fruit in Manhood  
in  
**BETTER LIVES  
HAPPIER HOMES  
NOBLER CITIZENS**

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

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THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS.

Lesson Text: Luke 2:40-52.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were as-



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tonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

1. Golden Text: Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52.

2. Memory Verse: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of Jehovah. Psa. 122:1.

3. Time: Before the account called A. D. 4th year.

4. Place: Bethlehem of Judea.

5. Leading Thought: Jesus was a normal child and unfolded and developed in keeping with the laws of the

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nature of his being.

6. Historical Background.

Jesus passed through all the periods of a normal childhood. The period of early childhood, middle childhood, latter childhood, the period of early adolescence, latter adolescence, young manhood and adult period.

I presume he felt the thrill of these periods as he passed through them. Although a serious minded child, he had his moments and hours of play with his youthful associates. And at the period of early adolescence, he felt the call and pull of the work, and had his own boyhood desire for freedom.

7. Topical Outlines.

- I. The normal life of Jesus, v. 40.
- II. Jesus a child of the law, v. 40-43.
- III. Lost in the crowd, v. 44-48.
- IV. The service-conscience of Jesus, v. 49-50.
- V. The obedience of Jesus, v. 51-52.

8. The Lesson Exposition.

A. The Normal Life of Jesus.

Jesus came into the realm of human nature, so then he developed according to the laws of nature. His spiritual nature must be limited to the growth of his physical nature, and also in keeping with these, the mental nature must also unfold. The child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

B. Jesus a Child of the Law.

At the age of twelve a boy became the son of the law. He then assumed the responsibility of a man toward the law. At this time he goes again up into Jerusalem. And at this time fully conscious of his relation to the law. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem. They returned, the child Jesus tarried on behind. When the eight days, seven days of unleavened bread and one day of the passover had passed so at the end of a stay of eight days, the parents returned.

There was much which attracted the attention of Jesus, which found no attraction for his parents; and so great was the attraction that he remained behind in Jerusalem, the city of his fathers.

Went a day's journey. The parents start home on the return trip, and go a whole day's journey without missing Jesus and perhaps the confidence in Jesus, of the care of their friends over him, threw them off of their guard. Turned back to Jerusalem. Now awakened to their loss, they at last retrace their steps with saddened hearts.

C. Lost in the Crowd.

But Jesus was in the crowd, and yet lost to the crowd. After three days. Now the parents find Jesus and find him in splendid company, engaged in a glorious task. Were astonished at his understanding. Why hast thou dealt thus with us? The parents were surprised, and administered a mild rebuke unto the Son. Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? Jesus is now no less conscious of his relation to God his heavenly Father.

D. The Service-Conscience of Jesus.

About his Father's business meant that he must now begin to shape his life so that God might use him in the salvation of the world.

E. The Obedience of Jesus.

He goes on down to Nazareth in obedience to his parents and now until he is about thirty years old, we have the silent years of his life. Practical Hints of the Heart of the Lesson.

- 1. Their manifestation of power to Jesus.
- 2. But he loved the surrendered life.
- 3. Years of silence were the years of preparation for power.

NOTICE.

The Missouri conference will meet at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday, July 9th-14.

J. W. Wood.