

Circular Letter.

OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CONVENED AT DARTMOUTH LAKE CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 26TH, THIS
YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1880.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,—

God our Heavenly Father has spared our lives and permitted us to meet again this year at the Annual Association, a meeting which, we trust, will never be forgotten in this world. We had some powerful sermons preached to us there, which, we trust, will be as bread cast upon the waters, which will be seen after many days.

My brethren, I shall now try to recommend you a support in trouble, "The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed; a refuge in times of trouble," Ps. ix. 9. "He hath not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him he heard," Psalm xxii. 24. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof, Selah," Psalm xli. 1-3. "For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall." Isaiah xxv. 4. "Hear the words of the Lord, He that endureth to the end shall be saved," Matt. x. 22. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John viii. 31, 32. "My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord," 1 Cor. xv. 59.

What dangers are the pilgrims in,
How many are their foes.
How many ways there are to sin,
No living mortal knows.

Our brother, Rev. Henry Francis has gone to his eternal home. He died on the 30th of September, 1880. He hath fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. God hath laid up in heaven for us a crown that cannot fade. The Righteous Judge at that great day shall place it on our heads. And now my brethren try to have strong faith, for faith assures us that though we die that heavenly building stands.

The grace of the Lord be with you all. Amen.

REV. F. RANDOLPH LANGFORD.