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NO. 35.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING.

The various Committees made their reports.

Question 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? H. M. Cryer, R. H. Grissett, F. C. terling, P. B. Wallis and G. W. Smith.

Question 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? M. C. Raney, S. F. Brown, J. T. Smotherman and W. T. Barnhouse.

Question 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? W. E. Rutledge and Jas. D. Rutledge.

Question 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Question 17. Who are supernumerary? J. J. Alexander.

Question 18. Who are superannuated? Jno. Rhyne and M. C. Morris.

Question 21. Local Preachers and Members: L. P., 164; Members, 18,851.

Question 22. Infants baptized 413.

Question 23. Adults baptized 1,118.

Question 24. Sunday schools, 214.

Question 25. Officers and Teachers in Sunday schools, 1396.

Question 26. Sunday school scholars, 10,592.

Question 31. No. and value of churches. No. 188, value \$140,736.00.

Question 32. No. and value of Personages. No. 35, value \$18,775.00.

Question 34. The next Conference to be held at Searcy.

Question 3. No one discontinued.

Question 5. Who are readmitted? Wm. E. Wilson from Red River c't, Searcy district, was refused re-admission by vote of the Conference.

The votes by which Ashley F. Skinner and A. C. Graham were admitted on trial were reconsidered, and the president decided that their applications could not be considered, because they were recommended at an adjourned session of the Quarterly Conference.

Question 33. Educational statistics: Central Collegiate Institute with 6 teachers and 119 students, property valued at \$13,000. Galloway Female College in course of construction, property valued at \$25,000. Raised for educational purposes \$27,079.20.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolution calling for the incorporation of the Joint Board of Finance.

Whereas information has reached the Conference that several individuals contemplate making gifts and donations to the Conference fund for the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.

Resolved, that the chairman of the Joint Board of Finance be authorized to take the steps necessary for the incorporation of the Board under the laws of the State.

Resolved, That we accept the proposition of Bennett & Emmonson touching their donation to the Conference claimant fund; and that we will endeavor to raise the subscription of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST to 12,500. Signed C. H. Ford, E. M. Pipkin.

The Joint Board of Finance offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, It has been the custom in this Conference for the Bishop to appoint the Joint Board of Finance annually and Whereas, under the constant changing of members makes the work difficult;

Therefore be it resolved:

1st That this Conference elect a Board to serve until the close of the session next preceding the General Conference in 1890 and resolved:

2nd That at the session of the annual Conference next preceding the General Conference, this Conference shall elect a board to serve for four years.

The Joint Board of Finance nominated and the Conference elected the following named to compose the Joint Board under the above resolution, viz:

Joint Board of Finance Clerical:—C. H. Ford, E. M. Pipkin, J. M. Talkington, J. F. Jernigan, R. S. Deener.

Lay:—W. S. Blackshire, J. M. Hanks, J. L. Adair, M. F. Collier, F. P. Laws.

Geo. Thornburgh was elected publisher of the Minutes of the Conference.

The Sunday school Board asked for the appointment of a Sunday school Agent for 1888-9 which was approved by the Conference.

Question 19. What preachers have died during the year? Thos. Vincent, R. P. Harwood and Ed T. Jones. After singing a hymn the Committee on Memoirs made its report, which was approved.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby extended to the citizens of Paragould for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of this Conference and that we will hold them in grateful remembrance in our prayers at a throne of grace.

2nd That we also extend our hearty thanks to the Baptist and Christian Churches for the use of their houses of worship. Also to the Railways for reduced rates to the Conference.

S. L. COCHRAN.

THOS. WHITTAKER.

C. H. Ford presented to the Conference a beautiful book for keeping the acts of the Joint Board of Finance in, which was thankfully received by the president for the Conference.

J. F. Jernigan and S. L. Cochran were appointed a visiting committee to Central Collegiate Institute.

Question 35 was called and the appointments read out.

After which, by request of the Bishop, Bro. Jernigan lead and the Conference sang "In the Sweet bye and bye," and one of the most harmonious sessions White River Conference ever held adjourned *sine die*. Yours fraternally,

Geo. Thornburgh, Sec. for the 9th time in succession.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your committee on the subject of Books and Periodicals recognize that the circulation of sound religious literature is not only first in importance, next to the preaching of the Gospel, but that it is so essential as an ally of pulpit ministrations that permanent success cannot be assured without it. In the great commission given by the Lord, "Go, teach the nations," He no doubt meant that both mind and heart culture were necessary to a successful conquest of the world. This mental culture necessary to a high appreciation and right conception of man's duty to himself, his God and his neighbors can be done through no other channel as cheaply and effectively as through the medium of sound religious literature, distributed broadcast over the land. We think that the introduction of S. S. Libraries, as offered by our Publishing House, if placed in every Sunday-school in our connection and properly conducted, would not only be a grand auxiliary to the pulpit in the matter of teaching our young people the true spirit and principles of evangelical religion, thus pre-occupying the ground so as to shut out much of that chaffy and pernicious stuff flooding the country—but as an economic measure it so cheapens good, wholesome literature, that the poorest could have equal opportunities with the more prosperous to inform themselves and become more intelligent about the things of God, and more appreciative. We congratulate our Church on the high standard and cheapness of our Sunday-school literature, and most heartily recommend its use in all our Sunday-schools.

The Quarterly Review we regard as an essential factor in the literary and religious publishing interests, and regret that so valuable an accessory of good is not made self-supporting. We think that all our ministers, both traveling and local as well as all of our intelligent laymen, would at least avail themselves of a great privilege and blessing to subscribe for and read it. Besides benefiting themselves with an intellectual treat, they would thus build up a periodical on a self-propagating basis, that its area of usefulness might be enlarged, and our church honored in sustaining a periodical inferior to none.

Our connectional organ The Christian Advocate we recommend to our people as a safe expositor of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus and well worthy the patronage of our people everywhere.

We are glad to note the prosperity of our Publishing House at Nashville and from communications on hand learn, that that interest so essential to our success in "speaking Scrip-

tural holiness over the lands," is now in a condition to enlarge its sphere of usefulness and thus joining with other means and agencies to extend the borders of Christ's Kingdom and inculcate the true doctrines of the Gospel until the kingdoms of this world shall be brought to Christ.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, published at Little Rock by Bennett & Emmonson and well edited by our own Bro. Bennett of this Conference, we esteem very highly for its work's sake. We recognize in it a live and progressive paper, which is doing a great work in educating our people in religion and morals as well as the doctrines and polity of our Methodism. We most heartily recommend a continuance of our relation to it as our Conference organ and commend it to our people as in every way worthy of their patronage.

We appreciate the generous offer made by the joint owners of the paper, Bros. Bennett & Emmonson, to donate one-half the net earnings of the paper to the three patronizing Conferences for the benefit of our worn out preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers; and do hereby pledge ourselves to a faithful effort to extend its circulation among our people.

We recommend the election of a committee to act with similar committees from the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences on publication, composed of the following named persons, R. G. Brittain, J. M. Talkington and Frank Ritter.

C. H. GREGORY, Ch'n.

R. S. DEENER, Com.

C. G. JOHNSON,

E. C. CASTLEBERRY.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance, submit the following as our report:

The temperance work is one that every lover of God and man should take a deep interest in, temperance being one of worst evils which the Church of God has to contend.

Every city, town and country have to their hearts' sorrow witnessed the dire effects of the soul destroying monster rum. It is the father of lies, the mother of perhaps nine tenths of all the crimes committed in the land, and the enemy of religion and morality, and should be declared a public nuisance, and a curse every where; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That we ministers and members of the White River Annual Conference, pledge ourselves to promote the cause of temperance and prohibition in every laudable and lawful way, and that we pray God to hasten the day, when the nation shall be freed from this awful curse, by national prohibition.

2nd. That we respectfully pray and petition our next General Assembly of the State to enact a law requiring that the study of the nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, and special instruction as to their effects upon the human system, in connection with relative physiology, shall be made a regular branch of instruction for all pupils in all schools supported by public money or under State control.

3rd. That we, also, ask the said General Assembly to enact a law prohibiting the sale of native wines in all places where local option prevails. Respectfully submitted,

S. L. COCHRAN, Chairman.

A PROPHECY IN MEDICINE.

The science and practice of medicine and surgery are undergoing a revolution of such magnitude and importance that its limits can hardly be conceived. Looking into the future in the light of recent discoveries, it does not seem impossible that a time may come when the cause of every infectious disease will be known; when all such diseases will be preventable or easily curable; when protection can be afforded against all diseases, such as scarlet fever, measles, yellow fever, whooping cough, etc., in which one attack secures immunity from subsequent contagion; when, in short, no constitutional disease will be incurable, and such scourges as epidemics will be unknown. These, indeed, may be but a part of what will follow discoveries in bacteriology. The higher plane of actual knowledge, the more extended is the horizon. What has been accomplished within the past ten years, as regards knowledge of the causes, prevention and treatment of disease, far transcends what

would have been regarded a quarter of a century ago as the wildest and most impossible speculation.—Dr. AUSTIN FLINT, in the Forum.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

The 19th session of the North Mississippi Conference met in the Methodist Church in Starkville, Miss., Wednesday morning 9 o'clock Dec. 12, 1888, Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding, who conducted the religious exercises, singing the old Conference hymn, "Are we yet alive," etc.

The roll of members was called by the secretary of the last Conference, John Barcroft was elected sec'y with Thos. Cameron, J. S. Oakley and T. I. Ramsey, Jr. as assistants.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee on nomination and nominated the standing committees.

Communications from Dr. John, Sec'y of the Board of Missions and from Dr. Morton, Sec'y of Board of Church Extension were read and referred; also, one from Dr. Barbee, Agent Publishing House.

Dr. C. W. Carter, Editor, and Mr. J. C. Grant, publisher of the N. O. Christian Advocate were introduced to the Conference and made some remarks on the work of the paper.

Rev. W. C. Lattimore, pastor of the Baptist Church was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Abbey and T. L. Mellen of the Miss. Conference were introduced by the Bishop.

Bro. Mellen presented a paper from the Miss. Conference in reference to establishing a Male College within our State, which was read and referred to the Board of Education.

Rev. J. W. Boswell, assistant Editor of the Christian Advocate at Nashville, and W. C. Dunlap, Commissioner of Education, were introduced. Bro. Dunlap made an appeal for Paine Institute and Lane High School, and took a collection amounting to \$105.

Question 20. Was called and the names R. P. Mitchell, S. M. Thomas, J. F. Evans, W. T. J. Sullivan, Amos Kendall, J. B. Stone, John Barcroft and J. W. Honnell were called and passed.

W. S. Harrison, J. M. Hampton, T. J. Lowry, J. H. Hunter, R. P. Mitchell and D. M. Cozdel, were referred to committee on Conference relations.

S. B. Carson, J. P. Commander, E. J. Williams, W. J. Reeves, A. H. Houston, S. A. Ellis and J. E. Brooks passed and referred for superannuated relation.

W. T. J. Sullivan presented to the Conference an invitation from the President of the A. and M. College to visit that institution in a body. The invitation was accepted and the hour of 3 P. M. on Friday was chosen, as the time for making said visit.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met at the appointed hour, the Bishop in the chair. Religious services led by Dr. C. W. Carter.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Grenada Collegiate Institute was read by the chairman and referred to the Board of Education.

Question 1st. Who are admitted on trial.

Rufus C. Morehead, Henry P. Gibbs, Thomas B. Hargrove, Henry T. Cunningham, Richard B. Gladney, Jno. C. Park, Wm. H. Sanders, Henry P. Crowe, Henry M. Young, being duly recommended and having passed a satisfactory examination were admitted on trial.

Question 8. F. P. Spencer, J. E. Burk, Geo. S. Inge, C. R. A. Brantley, James A. Whitehurst and Jno. A. Randolph were elected to deacon's orders.

Rev. J. W. Boswell addressed the Conference in behalf of the Publishing House interests.

Rev. Wm. D. Matthews of the White River Conference and representative of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST and Rev. J. W. McLaurin, Dist. Supt. of the American Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. H. Gambrell, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. Raymond, pastor of the Presbyterian, were introduced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair.

Religious exercises were led by J. J. Wheat.

Dr. Garland, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, Rev. G. R. Steward, of Centenary Female College, East Tenn., and Rev. T. F. Sanders, President of Lane Institute, Jackson, Tenn., were introduced.

Question 12. Ans. O. L. Savage, J. H. Shumaker and W. C. Harris were elected to elder's orders.

Question 10. Ans. R. C. Morehead, E. J. Boyett, H. L. Cuningham, W. H. Sanders, T. M. Weaver, C. H. Porter, H. M. Young, L. A. McKeown, Hugh C. Edmonson were elected to deacon's orders in the local ranks.

Dr. Garland addressed the Conference in the interest of Christian Education.

The report on Bible cause was read and adopted.

FOURTH DAY.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services conducted by Dr. Abbey of Miss. Conference.

Admitted into full connection:—F. P. Spencer, W. W. Woolard, B. B. Sullivan, D. M. Gaddie, B. P. Fullilove, J. E. Buck, Geo. S. Inge, C. R. A. Brantley, J. A. Randolph, J. A. Whitehurst.

Dr. A. S. Andrews, President of Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., and Prof. Able, Principal Winona District High School, were introduced to the Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 o'clock p.m., Dr. J. D. Cameron in the chair by appointment of the Bishop.

Religious services conducted by A. P. Sage.

Committee on District Conference Records and Books and Periodicals made their reports which were adopted without discussion.

Statistical Sec'y reported as follows:

Local Preachers	173
Members	37,082
Net Increase	2,628
Infants Baptized	673
Adults	1,792
Conference Fund	\$2,904.50
Bishop	1,142.50
Raised for Foreign Miss.	8,079.70
" Domestic	2,258.55

The Report on Temperance was presented and after quite a warm discussion was adopted.

Next Conference to be held at Holly Springs.

APPOINTMENTS.

SARDIS DISTRICT.

S. M. Thomas, P. E.

Sardis and Davis Chapel—John Richie. Como and Fredonia—E. H. Casey; D. M. Cogdell, sup.

Senatobia—R. G. Porter. Arkabutla—to be supplied (by W. H. Echols); J. H. Hampton, sup.

Hernando and Coldwater—A. A. Jones. Horn Lake—R. P. Goar.

Lewisburg—A. P. Sage. Cockrum—W. J. Obryan.

Mt. Vernon—A. P. Leech. Batesville and Wesley—Thos. Cameron. Pleasant Grove—T. B. Hargrove.

Paducah—J. W. Bates. Chulahoma—R. M. Davis. Courtland—H. L. Vaughan.

Lakeview miss—sup. (by T. P. Miller.)

GRENADE DISTRICT.

J. F. Evans, P. E.

Grenada station—J. E. Thomas. Grenada circuit—H. C. Morehead.

Water Valley station—J. M. Wynn. Abbeville circuit—J. M. Haggins.

Coffeysville circuit—H. B. Scruggs; E. G. Kilgore, sup.

Charleston circuit—T. G. Freeman. Oxford—T. A. S. Adams.

Tocopolia—James Porter. Banner—C. C. Grisham.

Pittsboro—J. M. Massey; J. M. Hampton, sup.

Atlanta—A. J. Foster. Water Valley circuit—J. H. Brown.

Minter City and Strathmore—J. W. Malone.

Sunnyside and McNutt—W. S. Shipman. Carrollton circuit—D. L. Cogdell.

Chapel Hill circuit—B. B. Fullilove. Tilletoba—R. C. Morehead.

Bethel and Longview—sup. (by J. L. Bowling.)

Grenada Collegiate Institute, T. J. Newell, President.

WINONA DISTRICT.

J. J. Wheat, P. E.

Winona station—to be sup. (by T. W. Dye.)

Winona circuit—D. C. Foust.

Vaiden—W. S. Lagrone.

Carrollton and Greenwood—T. W. Lewis.

West—R. A. Ellis.

Black Hawk—R. A. Burroughs.

Lexington circuit—J. C. Lowe.

Richland circuit—J. Barcroft.

Newport—G. W. Brown.

Newport—J. H. Smith.

Kosciusko and Darant—H. R. Tucker.

Salis—W. W. Williams.

Weir—W. A. Dollar.

Ethel—A. W. Langley. Poplar Creek—R. C. Calloway.

Kosciusko circuit—J. E. Buck. Belzona—W. H. Sanders.

W. B. Murrah Vice-president of Whitworth College; G. W. Bachman Colporteur and Sunday-School Agent.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

W. T. J. Sullivan, P. E.

Columbus station—J. S. Oakley. Columbus circuit—B. F. Phillips.

Walshall—to be sup. (by John Pitman.) Crawford—T. B. Malone.

Brownsville—J. W. Luter. Macon—S. D. Long.

Hebron—J. L. Futrell. Machulaville—E. H. Rook.

Louisville—F. P. Spencer. Shuqualak—B. S. Rayner.

Plattsburgh—to be sup. (by R. A. Whitmore.)

Starkville station—J. W. Price; W. S. Harrison, sup.

Starkville circuit—J. W. Treadwell. West Point—J. D. Cameron.

Tibbe—W. C. Harris. Tampico—C. R. A. Brantley.

La Grange—to be sup. (by J. C. Woodruff.)

Chester—W. C. Lester. Sturgis—J. R. D. King.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Amos Kendall, P. E.

Aberdeen station—E. L. Spraggins; R. P. Mitchell, sup.

Okolona station—T. C. Weir. Okolona circuit—O. A. Whitson.

Verona and Tapelo—Eugene Johnson. Prairie—B. B. Sullivan.

Buena Vista—G. W. Gorden. Houston and Wesley—J. R. Roberson.

J. C. Park.

Sparta—W. D. Bass; T. J. Lowry, sup.

Pontotoc—W. W. Wollard. Shannon—J. M. Barnes.

Richmond—M. H. Honnoll. Bigby Fork mission—Sup. (by L. P. Sargent.)

Saltillo—W. T. Shell. Tremont—B. R. East.

Fulton and Smithville—J. A. Whitehurst.

Athens—Sup. (by T. M. Weaver). Ebenezer—J. T. Cunningham.

CORINTH DISTRICT.

J. B. Stone, P. E.

Corinth station—J. H. Mitchell. Corinth circuit—W. M. Young.

Iuka station—J. W. Bell. Iuka circuit—H. P. Crow.

Harmony—Sup. (by L. A. McKeown). Kossuth—T. L. Foster.

Blackland—A. B. Deering; John McWhannan, sup.

Jonesboro—H. M. Young. Ripley and New Albany—D. W. Babb.

Ripley circuit—O. N. Koon. Booneville and Kienzi—K. M. Harrison.

Guntown—J. Johnson. New Albany circuit—G. H. Jacobs.

Marietta circuit—Sup. (by W. A. Clark).

Pleasant Ridge—M. E. Tumlin.

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

J. W. Honnoll, P. E.

Holly Springs station—G. S. Inge.

Waterford—W. M. Adams.

Pine Mountain—J. W. Poston.

Byhalia circuit—J. T. Moody.

Mt Pleasant—J. A. Leech.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1888.

ORIGIN OF INFANT BAPTISM.

NO. 10.

The extract last given was written A. D. 250. The next is forty years earlier.

A. D. 210. "But the prophets tell us a sacrifice for sin was offered even for newborn infants as not being free from sin. They say, 'I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.'" Origen vs. Celsus Bk. 7. Ch. 50.

A. D. 210. "Also in the law it is commanded that a sacrifice be offered for every child that is born. Can the child that is new-born have committed any sin? It has even then sin for which sacrifice is commanded to be offered. * * * Of this sin David is to be supposed to have said that which we mentioned before, 'In sin did my mother conceive me.' For this also it was that the Church had from the apostles a tradition to give baptism even to infants." Origen, Comment on Romans.—Wall, p. 66.

A. D. 210. Hear David speaking, I was says he, conceived in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me; showing that every soul that is born in the flesh is polluted with the filth of sin and iniquity. * * * Besides all this, let it be considered what is the reason that whereas the baptism of the Church is given for the forgiveness of sins, infants also are by the usage of the church baptized, when if there were nothing in infants that wanted forgiveness and mercy, the grace of baptism would be needless to them." Origen, Homily on Leviticus.—Wall, p. 65.

A. D. 210. "I will mention a thing that causes frequent inquiries among the brethren. Infants are baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Of what sins? or when have they sinned? Or how can any reason of the laver in their case hold good, but according to that sense that we mentioned even now: none is free from pollution though his life be but of the length of one day upon the earth? And it is for this reason because by the sacrament of baptism the pollution of our birth is taken away, that infants are baptized." Origen, Homily on Luke.—Wall, p. 65.

These extracts are from the voluminous writings of the most distinguished Christian scholar of his age. Says Dr. Scrivener, "His is the highest name among the critics and expositors of the early Church." Note that Origen tells us that "infants also are by the usage of the Church baptized." Some times it is foolishly said that the early church was Baptist; if so, infant baptism was then "Baptist usage." It ought to be so now.

Origen was born at Alexandria about the year 185. The apostle John had been dead not more than eighty-five years when Origen was born. Leonides, the father of Origen was a Christian, and suffered martyrdom when Origen was a lad of seventeen years. The boy desired to go to the court, declare himself a Christian and die with his father, but was prevented by his mother, who concealed his clothes to prevent his purpose. He wrote to his father, however exhorting him to constancy, that he might not falter from the consideration that in his death he would leave a widow with seven children, made penniless by the confiscation of their property. The father of Origen is said to have been a teacher in this literary center. It is said that not only his father, but also his grand-father, and great-grand-father were Christians. The Christian faith of the family must have begun in the apostolic age. A family devoted to books, and to inquiry, they could not fail to know what had been Christian doctrine and usage from the beginning, and when Origen says "the church had from the apostles a tradition to give baptism even to infants," he knew what he was saying—had every opportunity to know.

Tradition of the apostles, in that age signified instruction delivered by the apostles unto those whom they ordained to the care of the churches, with directions to transmit to their successors. Read 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." This was written a little more than a hundred years before Origen was born, less than a hundred years before the birth of his father. The apostle had delivered oral instruction to Timothy in the hearing of the church. He charges Timothy to commit the same unto the

"faithful men" whom he should ordain, with the charge to hand them down to their successors. Origen says the command to baptize infants was one of these instructions. He could have known. He supposed he did know, for no one ever accused him of willful falsehood. He does not speak doubtfully, but confidently and positively.

There was a catechetical school or theological seminary established at Alexandria, probably by St. Mark. After Mark, Pantænus was the head of this school. He was succeeded by Clement. Origen was born in Alexandria, educated in this school under Clement, and succeeded Clement as head of the Institute. Clement, without doubt had heard Polycarp, who established a similar school in Smyraa, and Polycarp was a convert of the apostle John. The apostle John is said to have established such a school in Ephesus. These correlated schools were established to preserve and transmit pure Christian doctrine. There was constant intercourse between them. In the second century the school at Alexandria came to the front as the most illustrious, as indeed Alexandria was then the great literary metropolis of the world. And the renown of Origen for scholarship and virtue was wide as the Roman Empire. Bishop and a host of distinguished men boasted that he had been their preceptor, and his counsel and opinions were sought by all ranks of society. The mother of the Emperor sent a military guard to escort him from Alexandria to Antioch that she might see and hear the distinguished scholar.

While prosecuting his studies and in teaching, he traveled much, visiting and sometimes residing for years in Antioch, Caesarea, Rome, Jerusalem, Greece and Tyre. He was intimately acquainted with almost every eminent teacher and minister in the church through all its borders. He knew the usage of the church, the doctrine of the church, the traditions of the church, the history of the church as no other man of his day did or could. From him we learn that infant baptism prevailed then, and that by common consent it was regarded as of apostolic origin. Unless we stultify ourselves we are obliged to believe it was so.

If it was not instituted by the apostles, it had begun and extended and became universal and unquestioned in less than a hundred years. The man who can believe that can believe in transubstantiation. Here is our chain; we are within one hundred years of the apostles. This is not its beginning. Evidently it reaches more than a hundred years further, whether we can find mention of it or not. Let us follow it on. J. H. RIGGIN.

LETTER FROM THE CITY OF MEXICO.

MR. EDITOR: In this republic all roads lead to Mexico. It is, and has been for four hundred years, the political, social, commercial and religious center of this famed and favored country. I doubt not it has witnessed more violent revolutions, political and ecclesiastical, and been the scene of more tragedies and triumphs, more conflicts and conquests, than any city in the old or new world. It has been the home alike of pomp and poverty, of prince and peon. The people are equally fond of splendor and content with squalor. War-horse and donkey have shared the right of way on causeway and paseo. And to-day the contrasts are as great, though titles have changed. The President in name is a prince in power. But the people seem to be happy, and the country is moving up to larger prosperity.

My first sight of this wonderful city produced strange sensations. Viewing it from a neighboring mountain, spread out over a beautiful green valley, with its hundreds of domes and towers piercing the sky, I could appreciate the exultation of Cortez, when, from the historic pass between the two snow-crowned monarchs of the sierras, he first saw the city of the Montezumas, and resolved upon its conquest. It is beautiful for situation, and the pride of all Mexico. Like the mountains round about Jerusalem, volcanic ranges completely gird and guard this ancient capital. Down whichever street the eye turns, the vista ends at the foot of a purple mountain. Conspicuous among these mighty peaks guarding, with eternal vigilance, the beautiful city, rise the majestic, glistening summits of Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl. They are respectively 5,500 and 4,786 metres high. You can calculate the altitude in English feet. From the castle of Chapultepec I saw a sunset on those

mountains, which transcended my most extravagant ideals of the sublime in nature. I have not the temerity to attempt a description until the rapture of nerves subsides and the vivid vision is somewhat toned.

The founding of this Aztec city has a tradition quite as interesting as has Rome. You have read it; but a repetition may serve to refresh memory. The story is that an Aztec priest, who had consulted the oracle, instructed his people not to found a city until they saw an eagle standing on a cactus with a serpent in his beak. That realization of the oracle's promise they found on a point of land in the lagoon where the great city now stands. And this is the origin also of the Mexican coat-of-arms. On artificial soil, and with traditional deliberation, the Aztecs erected their cabins, slowly driving back the waters into the lakes, until, at the time of the conquest, they had a city of nearly three hundred thousand souls. But when Montezuma and his desperate legions finally surrendered to the victorious Spaniard, the Indian capital was a heap of ruins and ashes.

When I alighted from the cars at the depot, and rode up the paved paseo, with the solid walls of the flat-roofed houses built out to the street, and each window protected by iron bars, the impression came over me that I had been suddenly let down into an oriental city of the olden time. These buildings are entered through a door, wide enough for a carriage-way, and open into a court, where staircases lead to the upper apartments. These courts are usually adorned with the beautiful flowers so luxuriant and fragrant in this country. From the observatory of the College of Mines, I had a magnificent view of the city. The streets are laid off with mathematical exactness at right angles and parallel and the houses all have flat roofs, without a single chimney. If one could step across the streets, he could walk over the entire city on the tops of the buildings. There are no fire-places or grates in the rooms, and in the kitchens cooking is done on *brasceros*, with charcoal for fuel. There is no chance, therefore, for poetry on warm hearth-stones within and curling clouds of smoke without. But of the city, its monuments, *paseos* and *Alameda*, and its various and curious buildings, I may have occasion to write at length.

After a delicious dinner in our mission home, at No. 3 Alameda Balderas, in company with Sister Carter and Bro. Watkins, I started out to see first the great cathedral, in many respects Mexico's most magnificent architectural monument. In front is the main plaza of the city, and the edifice stands on the very same spot where stood the famous Aztec temple. In the museum may be seen the "sacrificial stone," taken from that heathen sanctuary on which thousands of human beings died at the hands of bloody superstition.

After entering the present shrine, and witnessing its gross idolatries, I had grave doubts as to whether the glory of this latter temple was much improvement on the former. The histories say this cathedral was begun in 1573, and was completed in 1657, eighty-four years after its corner stone was laid, and cost \$1,752,000. It is 432 feet long by 203 feet wide, and has two front towers 200 feet in height, which alone cost \$199,000. In the two towers there are forty-eight bells, several of them of immense size and weight, and each named for some saint. The interior of the building is said to belong to the Doric order. There are fifteen or twenty small chapels on the sides, each richly adorned with paintings and gildings, and dedicated to the worship of a particular deity. In the center, beneath the frescoed dome, and between the choir and the kings, stands the main altar. A list of the jewels and precious stones which once adorned the life-sized statues of the apostles, disciples and favorite saints standing above the altar, would amaze you with the magnificent prodigality and superstitious opulence of the Spanish king, from whom they were an acceptable present. For two hours or more we lingered, studying the paintings in the chapels and observing the idolatrous performances of the ragged and dirty devotees. I saw less than a half-dozen persons with clean faces and respectable dress on their knees before the several altars and images. There are no pews or seats in the building. The "faithful" kneel or sit on the floor as they elect. A number of fountains of holy water—made of onyx stone, and very beautiful—are located at convenient places for pious use. I noticed the prayer-saying and bowings of the ignorant worshiper, and concluded that they were sad strangers to true devotion. Their eyes roam over the

building with their prayers, and frequently stop to exchange remarks, with accompanying laughs, Bro. Watkins approached one old woman on her knees, with busy lips and fingers, saying prayers and counting beads, and asked her a question which led to quite a conversation. When we passed on her devotions were resumed. A few days thereafter another old lady, on her knees, stopped her prayers long enough to offer a gentleman a lottery ticket. It ought to be said, however, that the lottery was for the benefit of the church, and is conducted under immediate priestly supervision. Near each chapel is a locked box for the offerings of the faithful. Over one of those boxes I noticed a horrid painting, representing a woman in purgatory, with the red flames enwrapping her person, and with an inscription below reciting the fact that money there paid would secure masses for such poor souls. Other larger, and even more horribly realistic paintings of purgatory, were hung near the images of certain saints. My soul was stirred to the very depths at such superstition, and I wondered if all paganism could present a more deadly idolatry. O, for more consecrated workers to show these people the true light and lead them in the right way!

In connection with the old woman's proposal to sell a lottery ticket in the cathedral, while on her knees in prayer, I must relate another incident. An official notice (*auto*) posted on the front, inside door of San Hipolito, I saw, and which, translated by Bro. Carter, read as follows:

"LOTTERY FOR SOULS."

"In the raffle for souls, held in this church, the thirty masses of St. Gregory were won by Agapito Solis; the mass with vigil and honor was won by Guadalupe Maury; and nine special masses were won by the following nine persons" (here were inserted the names.)

And such means of raising revenue are common, and are run by order of archbishop, bishop, and other clergy. The sanctuary of the Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, the patroness of Mexico, is sustained principally by a lottery.

But I am reminded that this letter is too long to give an account of my first Sabbath in Mexico. I wanted to tell of the services in San Andres, from the morning Sunday school to evening doxology; but will have to reserve the account for another issue. Bro. Watkins, the pastor, has had quite a revival in the church, during which over seventy souls were converted, and fifty or more added to our membership.

Bro. Winton and family have arrived from California, and all the missionaries are well and full of hope.

I hold the Pueblo District Conference this week, and the Annual Conference at San Luis Potosi next week.

Fraternally,

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY.

November 17, 1888.

—N. O. Christian Advocate.

LEGISLATIVE.

I am requested by the Arkansas Conference to present to the next General Assembly the subject of Sabbath desecration, and the importance of legal enactments requiring a due observance of that holy day. It may not be generally known, that it was only the veto and personal exertions of Gov. Hughes with the last legislature that saved us from a bill becoming a law, that would have allowed shops to keep open and sales to be made on that day. It was headed "A Bill for the Relief of the Poor." The devil is always very artful, and nothing suits him better than to appear as an angel of light, out on an errand of mercy. And this was done and carried through the last legislature in the face of the fact, that there is no surer way to help the poor than to get them to observe the Sabbath, and attend on the public worship of God and there learn how to better their condition. It is to be hoped that there will be no adverse legislation during this session tending to lessen the sacredness of the Sabbath; but on the contrary that much will be done for its preservation, particularly in prohibiting the running of freight and passenger trains and in the adoption of a memorial requesting Congress to forbid the carrying or delivering of mails on the Sabbath.

I am also to represent the matter of Juvenile Reformatory where convicts, who are minors, and may for the first offence be kept in the State penitentiary apart from hardened criminals, and where they could be taught, if deficient in learning, at least how to read and write and given a trade, if they have an aptitude for mechanical skill;

and also, that an adequate salary be allowed the chaplain to the penitentiary. So marvelous is the power of the gospel of Christ that it can even soften and heal the spirits in prison." But how can they hear it without a preacher, and who must in this case, be supported from without. Simply as a mere matter of business, it is good Statesmanship and pays right well for the State to avail itself of the services of the teacher—and the minister, by endeavoring to reform the fallen by forming in them habits of industry, self reliance and a love of righteousness instead of as now turning them out with their hearts embittered against society and without these prime elements of good citizenship. The Scriptures say that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and at the head of all callings it places the office and work of the minister. And experience justifies their wisdom and shows that where they labor most, there is the greatest degree of happiness; and where they labor least, there is the greatest amount of misery. But the State of Arkansas reverses this Divine order, and when it wants the services of a lawyer or an architect or even a janitor, it pays him more than it does the minister. The physician to the penitentiary is allowed \$1,200 a year, although he spends but little of his time there, and usually does a large outside practice; but the minister who when he gives his Sabbath, gives the best part of his time, is only allowed \$150 a year and this beggarly sum the last legislature failed to appropriate. Still we are in favor of the minister putting in his whole time there in visiting the sick, in the burial of the dead and in preparing for the Sabbath, and that the State shall not disparage his work by giving him a salary less than other professional men. Such an example from this "bad eminence" has its influence in lowering and keeping down the salaries of ministers all over the State.

That I may get a hearing and that these matters may receive due consideration, will not the friends of Christ and humanity call on the members of the legislature who may live in their neighborhood, and before coming to the session, and tell them that you are in favor of these measures, and that the whole Methodist Church, and in fact all the Churches, on these questions are neither Democrats nor Republicans, but a solid unit in favor of their adoption? And oblige yours in Christ,

THOS. M. C. BIRMINGHAM.

Altus, Ark., Dec. 15.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT NO. 1.

To the Bishop and members of the Arkansas Conference.

Your Board at regular meetings has carefully considered all the educational interests referred to us, and report as follows:

1. VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.—From Dr. Garland, the venerable and scholarly Chancellor, we have a most cheering account of this great institution of learning.

We endorse the action of the Board of Trust, with the "proviso" of the Tennessee Conference Board of Education, in the plan of its reorganization, and enter the "Plan and Proviso" upon our Conference journal.

2. CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—We most heartily endorse the faculty and management of Central Collegiate Institute. We notice with pleasure the largely increased patronage; the elevated moral, mental, and religious tone of the students; the addition of Prof. J. B. Clark to the Faculty, and the bright prospect of a rapid development of all the Departments of this Institution.

We do not deem it expedient to continue an active Agent, but in connection with any pastoral charge to which the Bishop may appoint Rev. V. V. Harlan, we recommend that he be authorized to act as Agent in collecting subscriptions, receiving contributions and, in fact, to superintend the financial affairs of the Institution.

We ask that Rev. A. C. Millar be reappointed to the Presidency, and authorized to act as Agent in connection with Rev. V. V. Harlan.

While we are not prepared just now to define definite plans for raising an endowment fund for C. C. I., yet we shall be pleased to know that the Church will speedily respond to the call of President Millar for the seventy thousand dollar endowment on the plan of one dollar per capita.

3. GALLOWAY FEMALE COLLEGE.—We commend the enterprise of the church at large in the State of Arkansas in building this institution of learning for the Christian education of our daughters.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett, the newly appointed Agent, has been with us. We give him a hearty welcome and shall rejoice to know of the early completion and equipment of Galloway Female College.

Concur in the election of Trustees from the Arkansas Conference, as follows: for 1 year, J. A. Anderson and P. A. Prince; for 2 years, G. W. Harlan and W. W. Garland; for 3 years, S. A. Babcock and H. M. Welch.

5. QUITMAN COLLEGE.—By request of the Board of Trustees, we ask:

1. That J. L. Massey, E. A. Tabor and D. O. Harton be elected to fill vacancies in the Board, as by law provided.

2. That Rev. O. H. Tucker be reappointed to the Presidency for the next Conference year.

3. In view of the fact that the suggestions of this Conference at its last session could not be satisfactorily carried out, we therefore now recommend that Quitman Male and Female College retain the relation of a Conference School.

5. DISTRICT SCHOOLS.—We have three of these located respectively at Booneville, Bellville and Prairie Grove. They are the property of the Church, and we regard them as necessary adjuncts and feeders to our Colleges. But inasmuch as the action of this Conference in regard to District Schools has not been understood by some, we hereby reaffirmed that the District Conferences should manage the details of said schools, while the Annual Conference reserves the right to control their general policy.

By request of the Trustees, we ask that the preacher in charge of the Prairie Grove work be appointed by the Bishop, financial agent for the Fayetteville District High-School.

We reassert that a system of correlation for all our church schools in Arkansas is proper and greatly desired.

We recommend that the assessment of \$400 for the Ministerial Aid Fund be continued.

REPORT NO. 2.

The financial report of the Agent is hereby submitted, which is eminently satisfactory to this Board.

To the Bishop and Members of the Arkansas Conference convened at Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 1, 1888.

DEAR BRETHREN: I submit the following report of my work as Agent for Central Collegiate Institute, at Altus, Ark.

Total subscriptions to date	\$31,000.00
Total cash to date	13,838.82
Bal. unpaid subs.	17,161.18
Total	\$31,000.00
Totalsubs. since Dec. 1, '87	\$13,374.50
Cash receipts since Dec. 1, '87	6,057.90
Cash in hand Dec. 1, '87	260.92
Total	\$6,318.82

Credited on above.

Incidental expenses	\$ 81.00
Discount and interest	38.35
Improvements	625.36
Traveling Ex. Board Visitors	119.10
Advertising	140.00
Apparatus and books	210.00
Traveling Ex. of Agent	329.00
Salary of Agent	1,000.00
Paid I. L. Burrow on property	3651.45
Cash in hand, Dec. 1, '88	124.50
Total	\$6318.76

The following is the report on Ministerial Aid Fund:

Fort Smith District, assessed \$80.00; paid, \$17.00.

Clarksville District: assessed, \$72.50; paid, \$6.00.

Dardanelle District: assessed, \$67.50; paid \$43.55.

Fayetteville District: assessed, \$65.00; paid \$5.00.

Morrilton District: assessed, \$65.00; paid, \$51.70.

Harrison District: assessed, \$50.00; paid, \$11.15.

Total: assessed, \$400.00; paid, \$134.40.

Respectfully submitted.

V. V. HARLAN, Ag't,
H. M. WELCH, President.
O. H. TUCKER, Secretary.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BEHIND.

DEAR BROTHER BENNETT:—Since the arrival of to-day's METHODIST I have been pondering some statistics, which afford food for thought. As an humble member of the Arkansas Conference and interested in her good name, desire to call attention to the bad showing we make, when comparisons are made with our sister Conferences. The West Texas Conference, a border Conference, has, including local preachers, 11,692 members, and she paid to all church purposes \$39,854.33, a little less than \$3.41 per member. I have not the full expenditures of the Arkansas Conference and Little

Rocky Mountain. I will confine the comparison to the receipts for Mis-

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All traveling preachers of the M. E. Church, South, are invited and authorized to act as Agents for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, to solicit, collect and receipt for subscriptions to the paper.

The second Methodist Ecumenical Conference will be held in 1891.

The letters of Bishop Chas. B. Galloway in our last and this issue will be read with much interest. He is a charming and instructive writer.

We have on file for our next issue, Jan. 5, the first of Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter's series of articles on Methodism in America. Our readers may promise themselves a religious treat in perusing this series of articles.

The White River Conference raised during the year for Foreign Missions, \$2,092.65; for Domestic Missions, \$965.90; for Church Extension, \$335.20; for Bishops' Fund, \$546.44; and for Conference Claimants, \$1,102.05.

We requested (and rather expected this week) an article from Bishop Joseph Key, giving his observations in Arkansas. In our next issue we will give our readers a metal plate picture and pen sketch of Bishop Key—the former is a good one and the latter ought to be.

For ten weeks Rev. J. H. Riggins has been tracing history for the origin of Infant Baptism, and his articles have been read with increasing interest. In the article for our next issue he exclaims "Eureka!" When that and others have appeared, we trust Bro. Riggins will comply with many requests, and have them published in permanent form.

We are opposed to certain kinds of racing, but very much disposed to encourage a worthy rivalry among our three Conferences to see which will show the largest increase of patronage to their Conference organ before the meeting of our Publishing Committees in February next. Now, brethren, up and at it; lay hold and push *altogether*, and the report of the Committees will be gratifying to you and creditable to Methodism in Arkansas.

To all Christian and patriotic citizens of Arkansas we commend a timely and favorable consideration of the letter, on our second page, from Rev. T. M. C. Birmingham. The subjects to which he invites the attention of the people and the members of our next General Assembly, call for wise, humane and righteous legislation; and we trust our lawmakers will honor God and this great commonwealth by enacting suitable laws to secure the objects sought.

Brethren of the Boards of Stewards: Confer freely with your pastor before estimating his salary, and then make a just and liberal assessment. Next assure him of your hearty co-operation in both moral and material support, to relieve him of worldly care and any secular employment. Finally advise him that your charge needs and will expect the consecration of his time and talents, to the sublime work of the pulpit and the onerous duties of his pastorate. Begin thus and your pastor will be happy; be true to him and the Church, and your charge will be blessed.

Brethren of the itinerancy: You are now planning, and we trust wisely, for another year's labors in the fields to which you have been assigned. It is well to go, as sent of the Lord; but it is better, going in a spirit, to be personally conscious of that endowment and power which the Lord has bestowed upon you. Read again the promises: "And, behold, I will send the promise of my

Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24: 49. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1: 8. Now turn to that strong, inspiring assurance of God's willingness to bestow this to you absolutely indispensable gift, and fervently pray, even with agonizing, until you can sweetly rejoice in the known presence and felt power of the Comforter. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11: 13.

We desired to make in this issue observations on the recent reports of the three Conferences in this State, but we lack both space and time. While our progress has not been fully equal to expectation in every line of religious work and Church enterprise, we should with profound gratitude "thank God and take courage." We can in humility and joy point to the Divine test: "By their fruits ye shall know them." And taking one proof our Savior gave of His own Divine mission, our Church can truly say, "and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

Dear readers, we wish you all a happy Christmas and bright New Year. Eschewing evil and avoiding excesses, may you richly enjoy this festive season. May your experience and deportment be approved as becoming subjects of the heavenly King, whose joyous advent we should celebrate, in heart and life, in sweet harmony with the angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

OUR PAPER!

For the very hearty endorsement of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST by our three Conferences in this State, we here and now make grateful acknowledgment, and we promise, by the blessings of God and the assistance of His people, to render better service than in the past. Our opportunities will be better, and we hope to have more time for editorial work proper. Our columns will be enriched with contributions upon live subjects by some of the best writers in our Church, and with the "Field Notes" correspondence will instruct and entertain our readers every week. We hope to make the Family and Young Folks departments specially attractive, and with an article on the Sunday-School Lesson and a brief summary of current news, we think this paper will be more appreciated generally than ever before. Our purposes are to make improvement upon "our paper," and to expend upon it fully as much as the support given it will justify.

That our purposes may be fully realized, and that this paper may accomplish more good than ever before, we appeal to all our readers to aid us with their prompt renewals and to secure during the holiday season as many new subscribers as possible. Published at a lower price than any other Conference organ in the M. E. Church, South, and proposing to donate one-half of its net income to the worn-out preachers and widows and children of deceased preachers in its patronizing Conferences, we confidently believe its patrons can raise its circulation to 15,000. We beg the early and active co-operation of our clergy and laity, and we most sincerely trust their interest in this paper may increase till all of them shall call it "Our paper."

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

We have secured the exclusive privilege in the State to offer, as a premium to our subscribers, the Rand-McNally Standard Atlas of the World, the very best work of its kind and one of the best books of the age. It must be examined to be duly appreciated. The large advertisement on our third page does not fully describe all its excellent features. We think we were fortunate in securing it on such terms as to offer our subscribers a most attractive bargain. Agents have been and are now selling this Atlas at \$4.50. Till we dispose of 43 copies now in our office, and for which we paid cash, we offer to sell it only to our subscribers, old and new, at \$4.50, and give each purchaser credit on his subscription by \$3.00, that is for two years. The purchaser must pay postage, 32 cts., or express charges for delivery. After selling the copies now on hand, the price will be \$4.50 prepaid, giving a credit of \$2.25 on subscription—that is for 18 months. We think our statements are plain enough to be understood by our readers, and we hope all wanting this superior Atlas will promptly avail themselves of this unprecedented bargain, secured for their special benefit. We offer to sell the Atlas only to old or new subscribers to THE ARKANSAS METHODIST; other persons must buy of agents.

LATER: We have just received a letter from the publishers of the Atlas, saying their agent transcended his authority; hence, we can not now guarantee to fill orders beyond the copies on hand. "First come, first served."

In a letter to the Nashville Advocate, Rev. B. G. Johnson, one of the oldest preachers of the Little Rock Conference, says of its recent session: "Bishop Key presided to the satisfaction of all concerned. He left his impress upon the minds and hearts of the Conference, and spectators. The religious element in him seems to dominate every other interest. His sermon on Sunday was gathered from the personality and influence of the Holy Ghost. I don't think the appointments of the preachers were ever more satisfactorily and wisely made. All seemed to accept them cheerfully and submissively. There has been progress in every line of Church work in the Conference for the past year."

An esteemed patron of the Richmond Christian Advocate challenged the statistical accuracy of its editorial, "Danger Signals," from which we quoted one paragraph. Without any partisan purpose in view, we now quote a paragraph of the editor's reply: "Certain facts must have escaped his vigilant eye. First, Harrison without the electoral votes of New York would have failed. His majority there was 14,000. There are 25,000 negro voters in that State. The African gave him New York. Second, Harrison carried Indiana by 2,000. There are 10,000 negro voters in Indiana. The African gave Indiana to Harrison. And so in other close and decisive States. Third, there are one million and a half negro voters in the United States. Cleveland, with this huge host against him at the polls, has received a popular majority of one hundred thousand. He is, in fact, the choice of the people, and they have so said through the ballot-box. The electoral machinery will deprive the people of their President. Cancel the negro vote, and what an enormous popular majority of the white citizen vote was given to Cleveland!"

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The preacher who takes up his regular Church collections early in the year gives his people the opportunity to obey the command and secure the blessing involved in presenting the first fruits to God. When he waits for the "leavings," he will get a smaller contribution, and a smaller blessing on it.—Nashville Advocate.

All Churches have awkward features. The "settled pastor" finds the brother who assists him in a revival winning upon the membership and unsettling him. The man who comes over to help may get a "call" there, which forces the "settled pastor" to "take up his bed and walk." It is better to move by law of rotation than to be uprooted by intestine strife, and "fired out" by deacons or vestrymen.—Richmond Advocate.

Now, we want to call the attention of district stewards to the fact, that they are not called together to protect and defend their pastoral charges from the financial assaults of the Presiding Elder, but to provide for him a just and liberal assessment, and then to distribute the amount to the various charges in the district according to the ability of each. There is no necessity for any

clash between the stewards of the district and those of a pastoral charge. The way to avoid friction is to do right. The Presiding Elder is as much your Pastor as the preacher in charge, and his claim upon you for a living is as strong in proportion to the service he renders you as the claim of your Pastor. In the work of your district stewards be sure to find the brother whose motto is retrenchment at the expense of equity, and when you have found him, sit down on him, with the avoirdupois of righteous disgust.—Alabama Advocate.

Give your new pastor a warm welcome. Do everything in your power to make him feel at home the moment he arrives, and then co-operate with him and help him all through the year. Raise a little money for him to start off with. If you were to move into a new place and had but little money to begin living, you would appreciate help.—Stand by your pastor. Do no form a hasty judgment of him—give him time to show what is in him.—Raleigh Advocate.

Bishop Keener in his address to the class about to be received into full connection, remarked that we find "great vitality" among young preachers; that before long this vitality in a large measure disappears. In fact, the Bishop said, that this "vitality" is never found in a preacher after the first year. The preacher may improve in other respects, but he loses that fresh, new-born zeal that gave such zest to his early efforts. The words "vim" and "boom" are much used to express this intensity of force put forth by such a fresh impulse.—Southern Advocate.

The utter unscrupulousness of many members of the Mormon organization is seen in their recent vote in Idaho. The laws of the territory deny the ballot to members of the Latter-Day Church. To evade the statute, many obtained from the Bishop certificates of withdrawal which, after serving their political purpose, were to be returned. In this instance the trick was unavailing, as the Gentiles outnumbered the Mormons; but the incident shows the sort of smoked Jesuits the government has to deal with, and how utterly unsafe it would be to admit a Mormon territory as a State in the Union.—Zion's Herald.

The State Reformatory of Elmira, N. Y., has received 3,500 juvenile criminals in twelve years, and 60 per cent of them have been reclaimed. It is time that every State should take its youthful criminals from among the more hardened ones and give them such treatment and instruction as will be calculated to reclaim them from vice and make good citizens. It is a shame for a State to take a mere boy, who has been convicted of violating the law, and, under the pretext of vindicating the law, confine him in such conditions and relations as will almost certainly bind him to a life of sin.—Holston Methodist.

The French Government has formally declared that it is for the separation of church and State, though, until it is superseded, they must, of course, live up to the Concordat with the Pope. We could receive this with more pleasure if it were not that the attitude of the Government expresses more indifference to religion than regard for its free exercise. But the feeling of the Government, or of Paris, does not express the sentiments of France. That country is the reservoir for Roman Catholic missions. The income of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, amounted, last year, to 4,462,276 francs, 4,000,000 of which came from France alone. This does not seem to indicate that the Roman Church has lost its hold over the French nation, or is likely to at present.—The Watchman.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Tuesday we had a really pleasant call from Maj. H. B. Strange of Beebe. Rev. W. A. Steel is planning for vigorous work in the Little Rock City Mission.

Our partner Bro. A. Emonson visited this city and our office since our last issue, busy and in a hurry as usual. Rev. J. R. Sanders and Rev. Geo. M. Hill were among our pleasant visitors last Saturday—each just entering upon his new charge.

We had a cheerful card from Rev. C. H. Gregory, P. C. of Beebe and West Point station. No pastor will serve better people than he.

Rev. T. J. Miller, of the North Texas Conference has been in our city about two weeks visiting his brother Capt. J. R. Miller. He gave our office several calls.

Rev. F. J. Shaw gave us a friendly call Monday, returning from the Auburn circuit. He was much pleased with the people he met there, and full of a successful year.

We had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Bro. W. R. Crosssett, Presiding

of the People's Bank, Hope, Ark. He informed us, that Rev. H. W. Books moved into his new home, the parsonage, on Monday, and was numerously "pounded" at night.

Rev. E. N. Watson, P. E. of this District, called Monday returning from Lenoire. He was charmed with that charge, pastor and people, but we expected such report from Longe.

Dr. C. G. Andrews goes from Jackson to Meridian, Miss. A correspondent of the N. O. Christian Advocate speaks highly and gratefully of Dr. A's labors for four consecutive years in Jackson.

The numerous friends of Rev. Dr. Alonzo Monk will be gratified to know of the high esteem accorded him, as indicated in this item from the Alabama Advocate: "Dr. Monk and Dr. Riddick enjoy the distinction of receiving the largest salaries of any two pastors in the North Alabama Conference. The former gets \$2,400 and the latter \$3,000, and they richly deserve and earn all they get. Dr. Monk expects soon to begin the erection of a \$20,000 church in Anniston, and a \$5,000 parsonage."

Some of our readers have been hoping Bishop Galloway could be induced to accept a residence in Little Rock. A Jackson (Miss.) correspondent of the N. O. Christian Advocate says: "The Bishop's residence, directly in front of the Church, is nearing completion, and when finished, will be an ornament to and one of the most beautiful in the city. We now have the finest Church in Jackson; we have the district parsonage, the Bishop's residence, and next May or June will have Sam Jones for a week or two, &c."

STATEMENTS.

We are now sending out "statements" to our subscribers and we hope to be kindly and promptly aided by them during the holiday season.

If all our subscribers will pay in advance, our paper can save \$1,000 more per year, and that would be \$500 more for our Conference claimants. Please renew now for 1889. The price of this paper is so low, it ought to have all the benefits of cash subscriptions in advance.

SPECIAL NOTES.

Please Renew for 1889. The post-office of Rev. A. D. Jenkins is Centre Point, Ark. We have several short communications on file. Kind reader, send us your renewal and one new subscriber as a Christmas gift.

Rev. W. F. Evans sends \$3.50 for two renewals, one getting "3 Model Books."

Rev. A. M. Smith, Sharon, Tenn., sends \$2 for this paper and the "3 Model Books."

Bro. W. P. Moore, Augusta, sends \$5.25 to pay up, renew and get the "3 Great Books."

Be sure to read the adv. of the great premium, the Rand-McNally Standard Atlas of the World.

This paper will not be issued next week. Our printers want to enjoy part of the holidays.

Mrs. Sue Yarbrough, Honey Grove, Texas, sends \$3.12 to pay up, renew and get the "3 Model Books."

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Mrs. M. E. Jelks, Riverside, sends us \$5, gets the Companion Pictures, and says continue THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Rev. R. S. Kirkman, one of our best local preachers, has collected for our paper from new and renewing subscribers over \$70 in less than one month.

Rev. T. A. Graham, P. C. of Clinton circuit, writes "I am well pleased with my work here," &c. We think that charge will be well pleased with their pastor.

Rev. J. L. Massey sends \$3 for one new and one renewing sub., and Rev. Jas. A. Anderson two new subs. Brethren, send us fifty new subscribers from Fort Smith.

Mrs. Mattie L. Tucker, Star City, says "we took your good paper three months and we are so much pleased we now send \$2 for it and the "3 Model Books."

Rev. W. A. Pendergrass, Searcy, sends \$8 for one renewing and three new subs., each getting the "3 Model Books," and each will be much pleased with the books.

Bro. Wm. Hoover, Summit, Miss., sends \$2 for renewal and "3 Great Books," and he says: "By all means have Bro. Riggins to publish his riddles on Infant Baptism in pamphlet form."

We have ordered the Commentary, 4 Vols., by Jamieson, Fausset & Brown, sent as a special premium to Rev. B. W. Aston. Many of our preachers could very easily secure this valuable premium.

Rev. John H. Gold writes a cheerful business letter from Washington, Ark. He is pleased with the outlook and his charge, is starting well, sends \$3.00 for 2 renewals and promises good service in the future.

Rev. J. C. Carter, Carlton, Texas, sends \$5.00 for his own and two other "3 Model Books." See List of Subscribers on 6th page.

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Hon. J. J. Sumpter, Hot Springs, has sent us 6 new subs. and is working for the Commentary, 4 vols., by J. F. & B. See the adv. in this issue. Dozens of our intelligent laymen, S. S. sup's and teachers, could get this Commentary as a premium.

Last Sabbath we had the privilege of hearing a good sermon from Rev. A. O. Evans at Winfield Memorial church, and at 3 p.m. we attended a delightful song service conducted by Bro. John P. Lowry, one of the musical directors we ever heard.

Rev. H. J. Brown writes, that and his wife met a kind reception in Bentonville, his new charge; had a large audience at prayer meeting, a number happy, two shouts; stewards have assessed his salary and will pay weekly; will soon have a parsonage built.

Rev. M. M. Smith, P. E. of the Jonesboro District, writes: "I am going to do more for the circulation of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST this year than ever before, if the good Lord gives me health to work." We hope 199 more itinerant preachers in Ark. will do likewise.

Last Saturday we mailed orders to have the "3 Great Books" sent to 16 persons, and we think every one receiving them will be very highly pleased with them. The advertised price of these books is \$1 each; they are cheap at 50 cts. each. We send this paper one year and the "3 Great Books" for only \$2.

Rev. A. C. Ray's home at Enders was "stormed by forty persons" the night of Dec. 12, and about seven five people "pounded" Rev. J. C. Ratter and family in the parsonage at Paragould, Dec. 14.—results will appear in our next issue. We should rejoice to know that all our preachers receive generous remembrance.

Be sure and read the card of Rev. V. V. Harlan, Agent, and if possible respond to his call by Jan. 10. We know the demand is really urgent, and we hope it will be very promptly met. Such promptness will relieve this worthy institution of great promise to our Church and State, and, further, it will be creditable to the generous subscribers.

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Associate Justice W. W. Smith of our State supreme court died at his residence in this city, Tuesday night, Dec. 18, after long suffering from consumption. Of him Gov. Hughes said: "He was an excellent, upright, able, faithful, learned and conscientious judge. His death will be a great loss to the judiciary of the state; to the bar of which he was a bright and much beloved member; to his numerous friends, and to the community generally. He was a good citizen and a conscientious Christian in all the relations of life. He was a true friend, an affectionate, kind husband and father."

CENTRAL CHURCH—FT. SMITH.

Mr. Editor:—Here I am again at Ft. Smith, entering upon my fourth year in the city, and my second as pastor of Central Church. This is my twelfth year in the itinerant ministry, and I may say, without disparaging other charges that a preacher need not desire a more generous, appreciative, and cooperative people than those composing the membership of Central Church. The members are not rich, neither are they poor, nor are they righteous over-much, still a great and good work has been accomplished by them.

The beginning was small and the future seemed beset with much hazard and surrounded by grave doubt. No land, no money, few in number, they began, trusting God and calling upon their neighbors and the Church Extension for help. Help came, God was in it, and his blessing was upon it—and a little more than a year ago Bishop Galloway preached the dedicatory sermon and solemnly set apart this beautiful house to the worship of Almighty God. A year ago this scribe was appointed pastor with ninety-three members enrolled. What is the result of the first year's work? To Foreign Missions, \$60; Domestic Missions, \$30; Con. Claimants, \$16; Church Extension, \$16; Education, \$40; Bishops' Fund, \$6; Bible Cause, \$15; S. S., \$110.45; Self Denial, \$14.45; Children's Day, \$20.30; Incidents, \$158.60; Church improvements, \$75. P. E., \$140; P. C., \$1165; Total, \$2540.80.

Here are some other items of interest, the true test of the preacher's mission and of the right of a Church to exist, and be called the Church of Christ. Received into the Church, ninety-three, exactly the number at the beginning of the year. Twenty of these on profession, and the balance, mostly by letter, from the North and East, some by renewal, baptized eighteen adults and eleven infants. Two have died and nineteen have removed. There is also a five Sunday-school, with godly men and women as teachers, striving with all diligence and prayer to enforce the word and bring their classes to Christ.

The prayer-meeting has been no small factor in our church work. This is the altar upon which we lay our sacrifices and keep the fire burning. There are about an equal number of men and women who will lead in prayer—twenty or more in all.

The class-meeting has been a feature of our prayer-meeting service. But after twelve months' training we think we may safely set the class-meeting to itself. I have an experienced leader in my Church, a man of God, a thorough class-meeting Methodist, whom I shall appoint tomorrow. I'll be a committee of one to endeavor to revive this time-honored means of grace.

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The stewards raised a little on the preacher's salary, which, being interpreted, is a bid for better preaching and more ardent labor among them and for them. The Lord help me to be as good and true to them as they were to me.

Yours truly,
J. L. MASKEY.

I have procured a copy of the Pastor's Record prepared by Rev. A. D. Jenkins and find it very complete and our preachers can scarcely find anything in that way which will give them so much satisfaction. It is complete in its contents.

W. G. MILLER,
Pastor 1st Church, Little Rock.

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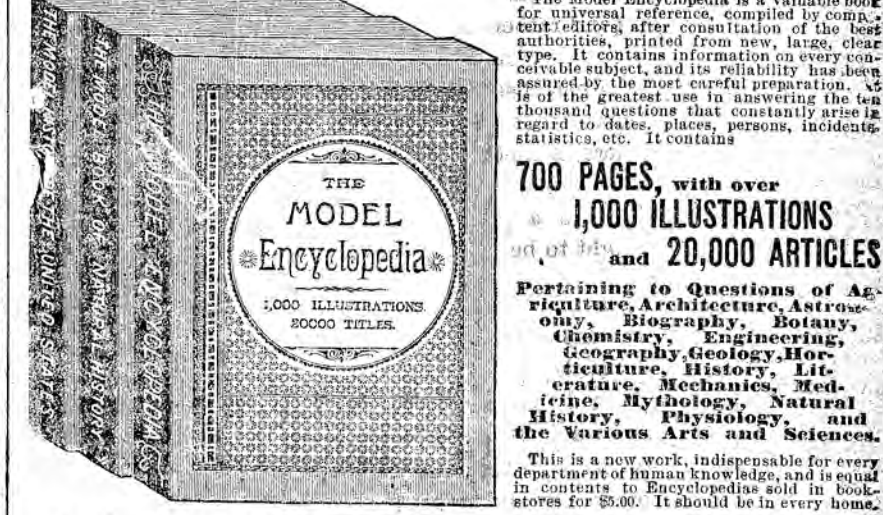
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SATURDAY NIGHT.

Paid thy hands, tired world, the Sabbath comes;
Thy God remembers thee;
Thy weariness, thy weakness, and thy woe;
For one day set thee free.

For one day breaks the bond by labor sealed;
Strikes off the chains of greed;
All to His holy presence rich and poor,
Equal in human need.

Ves to the child its father; at the hearth
Renews the arid soul
With breaths of sweet affections, wins the heart
From the week's harsh control.

As mists from mountain waters shower the plain
Till blossoms star the sod,
The Sabbath brings to thee, O panting world!
Dew from the heights of God.

—M. F. BUTTS, in Sunday School Times.

THOUGHTS FOR THE THOUGHTFUL.

Referring to recent large gifts of money for the education of the colored people, the Nashville Christian Advocate says:

"But appreciating highly these gifts to the colored people, we are deeply impressed with the fact that more must be done for the higher education of Southern white people, or evil may come of this magnificent benevolence. Let us see how matters stand: For every million dollars given for the higher education of Southern whites since the war, there have been two millions given to the education of the Negroes, though they are only about half as numerous. Splendid buildings have been erected, and competent faculties organized. A Negro boy finds no trouble in securing free or nominal tuition in these institutions. His board and clothes come to him cheaper than a white boy's come. Hundreds of them have thus received college training. Coming out, they have found the prejudices of their own race, as well as the habits of the white people, shutting them out of all professions, except preaching and teaching. Hence, very many of the primary schools of the Negroes are supplied with college-trained teachers, capable of the most thorough work. With millions pouring into the South to continue this work, and only a few thousand being given for the education of the whites, what result may we expect at the end of thirty or forty years? What shall we of the South do in this case? Envy the Negro, and quarrel with Northern benevolence? This would be to dishonor ourselves. We should rather rejoice when a Northern man gives a million dollars to educate the Negroes, that thereby we are in part relieved of what otherwise would fall to us to do, and so we are enabled to do more for Southern whites."

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

I was talking a few weeks ago with a clergyman at the West, who said he returned to his father's house in Boston, and his brother, a son in the family, came in intoxicated; and he said, when the intoxicated son had retired, "Mother, how do you stand this?"

"Oh!" said she, "I have stood this a good while; but it does not worry me now. I found it was worrying me to death, and I put the whole case in God's hands, and said: 'O God, I can not endure this any longer; take care of my son, reform him, bless him, save him,' and there I left the whole thing with God, and I shall never worry again."

"The next day," said the clergyman, who was talking to me in regard to it, "I met my brother, and said, 'John, you are in an awful position.' 'How so?' said he. 'Why, mother has told me that she has left you with God; she doesn't pray for you any more.' 'Is that so? Well, I can never contend with the Lord; I shall never drink again.'"

He never did drink again. He went to the far West; and at a banquet in St. Louis, given to him, a lawyer just come to the city, there were many guests, and there was much wine poured, and they insisted that this reformed lawyer should take his glass of wine; and they insisted until it became a great embarrassment, as they said to him, "Ah, you don't seem to have any regard for us, and you have no sympathy with our hilarities."

Then the man lifted the glass, and said: "Gentlemen, there was in Boston some years ago a man who, though he had a beautiful wife and two children, fell away from his integrity and went down into the ditch of drunken-

ness. He was reformed by the grace of God and the prayers of his mother, and he stands before you to-night. I am that man. If I drink this glass I shall go back to my old habits and perish. I am not strong enough to endure it. Shall I drink it? If you say so, I will."

A man sitting next to him lifted a knife, and, with one stroke, broke off the bottom of the glass, and all the men at the table shouted, "Don't drink! don't drink!"

Oh, that man was a hero. He had been going through a battle year after year; that was a great crisis. What a struggle! There are a great many men in peril; and when you are hard in your criticism about men's inconsistency you do not know what a battle they have to fight—a battle compared with which Austerlitz and Gettysburg and Waterloo were child's play.—Friends' Review.

"SO HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP."

(Psalm cxxvii, 2.)

The margin of the Revised Version gives us the exact meaning when it says: "In sleep." The thought is not that God gives sleep to His beloved ones, but, that He bestows His gifts upon His beloved ones even while they are sleeping. God has given the day for work and the night for rest. If the farmer does not use the day-time for plowing and sowing, and all the other operations of husbandry, he need not expect a harvest. But on the other hand, God's gifts do not cease when the farmer takes his needed rest. The rain-fall and the dew by night, as well as the brightest sunshine by day, are among God's gifts; and whether we wake or sleep the corn is growing in the field. But this is true in spiritual things as well as in natural. The work, the husbandry, is His, not ours. He uses us in it, because He delights to associate us with Himself in what He does. We may be diligent, therefore, in all that He intrusts to us; but we need not to be anxious and careworn, or to suppose that the Lord cannot afford to let us rest, least the work should stand still. The Lord builds the house; the Lord keeps the city. Has He called us to labor at the building of His house? Has He given us a charge concerning His Jerusalem? Then let us seek grace to show how highly we value the privilege. But whatever the urgency of the claims of the Gospel, or however the needs of His Church may press upon us, the moments are not wasted when He calls us apart to Himself to rest, for He giveth to His beloved even when they are sleeping.—Golden Censer.

IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS.

"It is the will of our heavenly Father to afflict us, and we must submit." The words fell from a Christian, tried and true, but they struck us with a sense of some mistake. Are not our joys, our peace, our blessedness, the will of our heavenly Father? We are expressly told that God wills we should continually render thanksgiving. Sometimes, by our ignorance and errors, we outrage nature's laws, and so suffer from colds, diphtheria, and other depressing complaints; but it seems to us ungrateful to lay all our troubles to the will of God, and fail, as we frequently do, to recognize that will in our good fortune and enjoyments. Every good gift, no less than the bereavements, is under the Lord's control, and grows out of His great heart of love, and of His remembrance of us. Some excuse their hours of depression thus: God sends me bright days of spiritual summer; I must expect these hours of darkness as well. But if we must have our hours of darkness, let our hearts and our Master know them only, lest we hinder and depress the Christian life of those around us. We heard of a good man who arose in prayer-meeting and asked the preceptor to start a hymn full of mourning and complaints, but the preceptor declined, believing the general atmosphere to be one of thanksgiving, and gave out instead

"O for a thousand tongues, to sing
My great Redeemer's praise."

The best remedy for depression is to count up our mercies. By the time we have reckoned up a part of these we shall be on our knees praising Him for His great mercy and love.—The Quiver.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

HOLIDAY OFFERS.

As very many of this paper's active workers, including zealous laymen as well as preachers, have declined to receive any commission for their services, we now make and would emphasize this timely sugges-

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Mourn not, mamma and papa for little Rena is now a member of that band of purity and innocence, standing at the pearly gate, waiting with stretched arms to welcome you that mansion our blessed Saviour promised to prepare for all who love and serve him. Dear little brothers, who loved her so well, grieve not; for "little sister" is now a precious little white-robed angel in heaven, and while she can no more come to you, member always, that you can go to her. C. B. THOMASSON.

POPE.—Mary L. Pope, wife of W. H. Pope, and daughter of John F. Montgomery of Faulkner co., Ark., was born Nov. 4, 1865. Last Spring Bro. Pope moved to Searcy and built a dwelling and was laying plans for life, feeling its duties, responsibilities and importance. Life's duties were scarcely planned, when ark scroll vailed all plans, threw shadows down life's course, hid earth's prospects, echoing from the grave, vanity, vanity, all is vanity. God took His own Aug. 22, 1888. Sister Pope accepted Christ in early life. Being susceptible she received the Spirit's inditing. She often spoke to her husband with affirming confidence of heaven. Upon her death bed, she referred to her past life with satisfaction. "How blest the righteous when he dies." Husband and relatives, live to meet Mary in Heaven.

W. A. PENDERGRASS.

Nov. 19.

REAP.—Mrs. Annie Reap, daughter of E. N. and Martha Cotner, was born Jan. 28, 1856; married to D. K. Reap in the year 1883, and died at her home near Plantersville, Ark., Sept. 8, 1887. She joined the M. Church, South, Sept. 12, 1876, in which she lived a devoted and faithful member until death. While it was not the privilege of the writer to personally acquaint with the subject of this sketch, yet from what he has learned of her through her family and friends he can say that she was an obedient and dutiful child, an affectionate sister, a devoted wife and mother, and withal an earnest, sweet-spirited Christian. Her influence for good still lingers in the church and community where she lived; so that it may be truly said of her "she rests from her labors and her works do follow her." J. A. SAGE.

MILLS.—Mrs. Nancy Mills was born in North Carolina, Aug. 24, 1806, and died in Prairie co., Ark., Oct. 23, 1888. She was truly a mother in our Israel, having been a member of the Methodist Church for 56 years. During all this time she was recognized as a devout, earnest Christian. In her last illness she was entirely resigned to the will of God, ready to go whenever the Lord called. The writer saw her often during the year, and always found her in a religious frame of mind, disposed to talk on experimental Christianity. She was the mother of Rev. W. W. Mills of the Little Rock Conference, who was not permitted to see her in her last illness, not arriving until after she was buried.

D. T. HOLMES.

Des Arc, Ark., Nov. 9.

DARBY.—Once more the angel of death has visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cratic Darby and taken from them the pet of the household, little Maud, aged thirteen months and two days. For ten days kind friends watched with the anxious parents over the crib of the little sufferer, hoping that by tender nursing and medical aid little Maud might be restored to health, and again cheer the hearts and home of that devoted father and mother with bright smiles and winning ways. On the evening of the 7th inst. a detachment of holy angels came and triantly bore the spirit of that one to her home with Jesus, robed in Heavenly garments, smiles on the loved ones left behind. Weep not, dear parents, for your darling has gone to that shore prepared for the pure in heart. There she awaits your coming. God will give you to live so that when the end comes you will be one united family in heaven, is the prayer of a sympathetic friend, L. B. Goodwin, Ark., Nov. 16, 1888.

HOLMES.—Little Joda Holmes, son of J. D. and Mollie Holmes.

Was born October the 10th, 1887, and died Sept. 11th, 1888, being at the time of his death eleven months and one day old and the delight of his parents, being their only child; So it was very hard to give him up but he was too pure and sweet for earth; and the Lord took him to live with the angels. May the parents have the grace of resignation, and be able to say with Job of old. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord; And may the so live that they may meet their sweet little boy on the banks of the sweet deliverance, where parting will be no more, is the prayer of their pastor. A. D. MILLER, Cato, Rankin Co., Miss.

LIDDELL.—We your committee appointed at the last Quarterly Conference to draft resolutions on the death of our Bro. James D. Liddell, at his home in Clay co., Ark., June 5, 1888, who was a member of this body (on St. Francis Mission,) would submit the following statement and resolutions:

That in this sad dispensation of Providence, the church has lost a valuable member and class leader. The Quarterly Conference a steward who will be greatly missed.

Therefore, resolved, That we humbly bow with resignation to the will of an alwise and infinitely gracious God, who doeth all things well; also, that we commend his sorrowing relatives to our heavenly Father, who, if they will trust in Him, will turn their mourning to joy, and greatly sustain them by giving them bright prospects of meeting him in the better land, where death never enters. Therefore, we sorrow not as those who have no hope; but will strive to emulate his virtues, to pass by his faults, looking forward to that joyous meeting in heaven.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon this journal of the Quarterly Conference, and a copy sent by the secretary to THE ARKANSAS METHODIST for publication.

Committee, { T. E. WALLIS,
S. E. EBBERT,
R. C. YOUNG.

SULLIVAN.—Departed this life Sept. 21, 1888 at her home in Phillips co., Ark., Lydia Sullivan, beloved wife of Dunklin Sullivan, and loved daughter of Chrisley and Lydia Burke. She was born Feb. 28, 1825; married Sept. 17, 1843; professed religion August 1839 at Alexandria Camp Ground, Ala., and joined the M. E. Church, in which she lived and died a trusting Christian, with a faith that grew stronger and brighter as she neared the tomb. She was afflicted for twenty years of her life, but endured her suffering with great Christian fortitude. She was an affectionate wife, devoted mother, and faithful friend, ever ready to help the distressed, devoted to her Church, her pastor always found a welcome at her hospitable home. She was the mother of ten children, four had gone before her, and we hope "were waiting and watching for her at the beautiful gate." The husband and remaining six, she is now waiting to welcome. Three brothers and two sisters are also left, but they should not sorrow as those without hope; for they know she has fought the good fight, kept the faith, and now has received the crown. Husband, children, brothers and sisters, be resigned to the "will of Him who doeth all things well," and like her, so live, that when you are called to pass from this earthly scene you will be ready to answer the call, and join her in that home where parting is no more.

Lo, the prisoner is released,
Lightened of her fleshly load;
Where the weary are at rest,
She is gathered unto God.

A. FRIEND.

BUTTERWORTH.—Sister Margaret Ellen Butterworth was born Jan. 14, 1870, and died Nov. 3, 1888, of congestion. She was buried at Mt. Carmel Church near Cabot, Ark. She was the daughter of William and Sarah Ringold. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, south at Shiloh on Jacksonville et. in September, 1884. She was from that time till her death a consistent and worthy member of the Church.

She was married to Bro. Thomas Butterworth, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Dec. 10, 1884. A sweet little babe was born to them in Dec. 1886, and they named her Ina Bell. But little Ina Bell only lived until May the 1, 1888. She was beautiful and bright and ere she was polluted by sin, her spirit was yielded to the God who gave it.

This sad bereavement troubled the young mother much; it was a sore trial. But in conversation with the writer during our protracted meeting in August last, she said she was sure that God did all things right, and she said that it seemed that she was

more anxious than ever before to make heaven her home; for she knew her precious jewel was there awaiting her to come.

It was to be but a short time when mother and precious little one would meet in the Eternal City of God, never, never more to part.

She was an affectionate mother a kind and loving wife, and dearly beloved by father and mother, sister, and brothers and friends. But dear ones let us not grieve for her; our loss is her gain. We will all go soon. May God help us to so live, that we may meet her in that land where parting is to be no more, is the prayer of her pastor.

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Fulton et al. at Bethlehem. do 22-23
Princeton et al. at Holly Springs. do 22-23
Lono et al. at Lono. do 22-23
Rock Hill et al. at Friendship. do 22-23
Hot Springs at Cove City. do 22-23
The District Stewards will meet at Malvern at 2 o'clock Saturday January 12, 1889. Brethren, be there to represent your work.

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Redfield et al. do 22-23
Pine Bluff City mission. do 22-23
Auburn et al. do 22-23
Newburg et al. do 22-23
Lehi et al. do 22-23
White River et al. do 22-23
De Witt et al. do 22-23
Stuttgart et al. do 22-23
District Stewards will please meet in Pine Bluff Jan. 2nd at 10 o'clock a. m. Their names are as follows: R. T. Stock, J. M. Mitchell, B. F. O'Kelley, C. D. Harris, Thos. Stahl, J. N. Almond, J. R. Ivey, J. I. Portey, Dr. A. B. Loving. Let all attend.

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Collegeville. do 22-23
Windfall Memorial. do 22-23
1st Church and City miss. do 22-23
Austin. do 22-23
Wattans. do 22-23
Hazon and Dr. Warr's Bluff. do 22-23
England. do 22-23
Mannville. do 22-23
Benton et al. do 22-23
Carls et al. do 22-23
Gateway and Liberty. do 22-23
Benton station. do 22-23
District Stewards meeting will be Jan. 4, 2 o'clock p. m. It is important that all the charges are represented. It will be held in 1st Church Little Rock.

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Stephens et al. at Mt. Prospects. do 22-23
Buckner et al. at Mt. Ida. do 22-23
Ouachita et al. at Steele's chapel. Jan. 5-6
Texarkana et al. at College Hill. do 22-23
Atlanta et al. at Pleasant Grove. do 22-23
Hampton et al. at Chambersville. do 22-23
Fordyce station. do 22-23
Camden et al. at Teas Springs. Feb. 2-3
Carolina et al. at New Salem. do 22-23
Bright Star miss. at Concor. do 22-23
Bearden miss. at Bearden. do 22-23
Lapier et al. at Soule's chapel. Mar. 2-3
El Dorado at Caledonia. do 22-23

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Sidney H. Babcock, P. E.

St. Smith circuit at Spring Hill. do 22-23
Hackett City and Huntington at Hackett City. do 22-23
Greenwood et al. at Greenwood. do 22-23
Mansfield et al. at Center Bluff. do 22-23
Waldron et al. at New Prospect. do 22-23
Black Fork miss. at Walnut Grove. do 22-23
Cauthron et al. at New Hope. do 22-23
Charleston et al. at New Prospect. Feb. 2-3
Caulkville et al. at Caulkville. do 22-23
Boonville et al. at Boonville. do 22-23
Magazine et al. at Lick Creek. do 22-23
Paris and Roseville at Paris. do 22-23
Hackett City at Excelsior. do 22-23
District Stewards will please meet at wood Thursday Dec. 27, at 10 a. m. in the Methodist Church. I hope each charge will be represented by the District steward.

MORRILLTON DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

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Quitman station. do 22-23
Springfield and Hill Creek. do 22-23
Plumerville circuit. do 22-23
Morrilton station. do 22-23
Oppole circuit. do 22-23
Conway mission. do 22-23
Cadron circuit. do 22-23
Mount Vernon circuit. do 22-23
Perryville circuit. do 22-23
Clinton circuit. do 22-23
Archie circuit. do 22-23
Quitman circuit. do 22-23
Bee Branch circuit. do 22-23

The District Stewards will please meet at Quitman Dec. 21 at 11 a. m. I hope the Stewards will report at least one-fourth the salaries due the preachers. The close of one Conference year and the beginning of the new impose unusual expenses on the preacher—his trip to and from Conference moving, the winter supply, etc. I hope no preacher will begin the new year with a lower standard than a gracious revival all over the charge and every assessment paid in full. I hope no Steward will be content with less than a liberal salary for his preacher paid in full. I hope every member of the Church will pray more and do better this year than last.

HARRISON DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

P. B. Summers, P. E.

Bellefonte. do 22-23
Lead Hill. do 22-23
Elbert. do 22-23
Valley Springs. do 22-23
Carrollton. do 22-23
Berryville. do 22-23
Kings River mission. do 22-23
Eureka Springs sta. do 22-23
Yellville et al. do 22-23
Mountain Home et al. do 22-23
Big Flat et al. do 22-23
Wiley's Cove. do 22-23
The following District Stewards will please meet me at Harrison, Jan. 1st: J. M. Jarrett, R. L. Kerr, J. P. Sims, J. H. Marshall, A. J. Bruner, H. H. Hudson, G. C. Rhodes, Chas. Pyron, S. G. Walker, G. M. Reynolds, Perry Thomas and W. E. Bradley. Dear Brethren, please do not fail to attend. This is important.

CLARKSVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

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Ozark et al. at Center Point. do 22-23
Alma and McKerry sta. Mulberry do 22-23
Lamar et al. at Mt. Olive. do 22-23
Clarksville station. do 22-23
Ozark et al. at Mt. Zion. do 22-23
Altus sta. Jan. 5—Conference at 10 p. m.
Ozark sta. do 22-23
Dyer et al. at Dyer. do 22-23
Clarksville et al. at Mt. Zion. do 22-23
Coal Hill et al. at Hartman. do 22-23
Chester et al. at Chester. do 22-23
Cove City et al. at Cove City. do 22-23
Parton mission. do 22-23
District Stewards will please meet at Altus Jan. 5th at 8 o'clock p. m. Stewards will please bring up fully one-fourth of their quarterly to the Quarterly Conference. Look well to the wants of your preachers. They all had to move, and some of them a long ways. Brother preachers let us do our best for the Church and our people, trusting in our God.

DARDANELLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

G. W. Boyls, P. E.

Russellville. do 22-23
Dover at Davis Chapel. do 22-23
London. do 22-23
Atkins at Cove. do 22-23
Dardanelle station. do 22-23
Prairie View et al. at Granite C. do 22-23
Marvinville miss. at Cedar Creek. do 22-23
Dardanelle circuit. do 22-23
Walnut Tree circuit. do 22-23
Gravelly Hill circuit. do 22-23
Rover circuit. do 22-23
Dardanelle et al. at Oak Grove. do 22-23
District Stewards will please meet me at Dardanelle Jan. 19 at 2 o'clock p. m., at the preachers office. Brethren, please be punctual and all attend as there will be business of interest.

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F. E. Taylor, P. E.

Newport station. do 22-23
Portia circuit. do 22-23
Jacksonport station. do 22-23
Walnut Ridge circuit. do 22-23
Avergreen station. do 22-23
Hoxie mission. do 22-23
Tuckerman circuit. do 22-23
Corning circuit. do 22-23
Reyno circuit. do 22-23
Pocahontas circuit. do 22-23
Silom circuit. do 22-23
Warm Springs mission. do 22-23
Walnut Hill circuit. do 22-23
Smithville circuit. do 22-23
Calamint circuit. do 22-23
The District Stewards will please meet me at Walnut Ridge Friday at 2 p. m., Jan. 11, 1889. A full attendance is very necessary and respectfully urged.

FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

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Fayetteville station. do 22-23
Bentonville station. do 22-23
Bentonville circuit. do 22-23
Centre Point circuit. do 22-23
Eun Springs. do 22-23
Hoxie mission. do 22-23
Prairie Grove circuit. do 22-23
Cincinnati circuit. do 22-23
Goshen circuit. do 22-23
Huntsville circuit. do 22-23
Kingston miss. do 22-23
Clifty mission. do 22-23
White River miss. do 22-23
Bloomfield circuit. do 22-23
Mayville mission. do 22-23
District Stewards will please meet at Springdale Jan. 2, at 11 a. m.

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Mt. Pleasant et al. at Rock Springs. Dec. 22-23
Lacy et al. at Lacy. do 22-23
Monticello station. do 22-23
Holly Grove et al. at Tiller. do 22-23
Nash et al. at Mt. Tabor. do 22-23
Bethelme at Bear House. do 22-23
Lake Village at Lake Village. do 22-23
Arkansas City. do 22-23
Hamburg et al. at Bethel. do 22-23
Warren at Warren. do 22-23
Hamburg station. do 22-23
Palestine at Pottsville. do 22-23

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Henry T. Gregory, P. E.

Batesville station. do 22-23
Bethesda et al. at Flat Rock. Jan. 3-6
Evening Shade et al. at Le Croix. do 22-23
Jamestown et al. at Jamestown. do 22-23
Sulphur Rock et al. at Sul. Rock. do 22-23
Cedar Grove et al. at Pine Grove. Feb. 2-3
Ash Flat et al. at Bear Creek. do 22-23
Melbourne et al. at Forest Chapel. do 22-23
Mountain View et al. at Marcella. do 22-23
Newburg et al. at Chapel Hill. do 22-23
Salem et al. at Pleasant Valley. Mar. 2-3
Vidia miss. at Union R. do 22-23
State Line miss. at Pine Creek. do 22-23
Mammoth Springs miss. at M. S. do 22-23

The District Stewards will please meet at Maxville, Sharp co., Thursday at 12 o'clock Dec. 27, 1888. A full attendance is desired.

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Vandale and Harrisburg Sta. do 22-23
Harrisburg et al. do 22-23
Boysville et al. do 22-23
Gainesville et al. do 22-23
Paragould et al. do 22-23
Paragould Sta. do 22-23
St. Francis Miss. do 22-23
Jonesboro Sta. do 22-23
Marion et al. do 22-23
Buffalo Island Miss. do 22-23
Lake City et al. do 22-23
Clucksville et al. do 22-23
Osceola et al. do 22-23
Lorado et al. do 22-23
Shiloh et al. do 22-23
District Stewards' meeting. Jonesboro, Ark., Jan. 24 at 2 o'clock p. m. Pastors please notify your District Stewards and see to it that your charges are represented.

HELENA DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

Frank Ritter, P. E.

Mariana station. do 22-23
Howell circuit. do 22-23
Helena station. do 22-23
Brinkley and Clarendon. Jan. 5-6
Wynne mission. do 22-23
La Grange circuit. do 22-23
Taylors Creek circuit. do 22-23
Forrest City station. do 22-23
De View circuit. do 22-23
Wheatley circuit. do 22-23
Spring Creek circuit. do 22-23
Holly Grove circuit. do 22-23
Brinkley circuit. do 22-23
Cypress Ridge circuit. do 22-23
The District Stewards will please meet me in Brinkley, Ark., Jan. 9, 1889 at 9 o'clock a. m.

SEARCY DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

Geo. M. Hill, P. E.

Searcy station. do 22-23
Searcy circuit. do 22-23
Jacksonville circuit. do 22-23
Beebe and West Point sta. do 22-23
Lebanon circuit. do 22-23
Bradford circuit. do 22-23
District Stewards will please meet me at Searcy Friday, Jan. 11, 1889, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is very much desired and I respectfully urge all to attend.

WASHINGTON DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

J. A. Riggin, P. E.

Wallaceburg Midway. do 22-23
Nashville at Nashville. do 22-23
Centre Point at Center. Jan. 5-6
Fulton at Fulton. do 22-23
Emmet at Emmet. do 22-23
Prescott. do 22-23
Washington at Ozan. do 22-23
Peytonville at Hicks. do 22-23
Little River at Hopewell. do 22-23
Chapel Hill at Chapel Hill. do 22-23
Hope. do 22-23
Saine at Piney Grove. do 22-23
Cove at Wesley Chapel. do 22-23
Dallas at Cherry Hill. do 22-23
Missouri Mission. do 22-23

NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the Conferences in Arkansas and to Subscribers to Central Collegiate Institute:
DEAR BRETHREN:—I will want \$2,000 by Jan. 1. Every dollar of our indebtedness on College building and grounds is now due. Will not those who are indebted to me on subscriptions, send the money at once? If so, you will greatly oblige me and our creditors. The money is urgently needed. Let the preachers please be kind enough to bring the matter to the attention of subscribers in their respective charges. You can greatly assist us by so doing.
Remember the time—Jan. 10th—and address me at Morrilton, Ark.
Yours very truly, V. V. HARLAN.

Minutes—L. R. Conference.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—Please say to the preachers that I mailed the copy for our Conference Minutes to the printer to-day, and it is very important that they furnish me with their Post office addresses immediately, so that there will be no delay in sending them. And oblige your brother,
J. R. MOORE.

Arkadelphia, Dec. 13, 1888.

BATESVILLE DIST.—To the Preachers and Stewards of the Batesville District.

The preachers will please take the collections ordered by the Annual Conference during the first quarter, while there is money in the country. I noticed at our last Conference the preachers that did that, collected more than those who deferred it until Fall. It is a duty devolving upon you and why not discharge it at once? Delay is dangerous. I am anxious to see the District move up on its Conference collections. It is moving up in Church and parsonage building, and let us not be content until the collections ordered by the Annual Conference are met in full, and a church and parsonage where one is needed. I wish to say to the stewards, go to work at once for your preachers; most of them have had to move, and will need help in the beginning of the year. It is easier now than after awhile for you to collect quarterly. There is more in the country than will be after awhile. As I heard a steward say not a month ago, that he believed he could collect more during the first quarter of the next Conference year than he had in the past two quarters, from the fact that the Fall had been so unfavorable for gathering the crops. Please, brethren, go to work at once, and let us have the best report from preachers and stewards that we have ever had on the Batesville District at the first quarterly meeting.
HENRY T. GREGORY.
Batesville, Ark., Dec. 15.

LOCKESBURG C'T.—The good people of Lockesburg have "pounded" the preacher since Conference.

The good people of Lockesburg have "pounded" the preacher since Conference. Last Saturday night a crowd of men, women and children met at the Methodist Church and from thence they came to the parsonage and deposited their bundles and packages on the portico; then called for the writer. I arose and opened the door, and behold there were two piles of bundles and a large crowd of people with lanterns in the yard, to my right stood Bro. Alex. Wofford and wife. My attention was directed towards them as Wofford was pulling off his hat to make a speech in behalf of the crowd. His speech was short but appropriate for the occasion. When the time came for the writer to respond he had no speech, but after a few words expressive of our gratitude the crowd dispersed leaving us, to wonder why such an expression of appreciation on the part of the good people on our return to the Lockesburg circuit. After the crowd had gone our little children with eager feet and ready hands carried the packages to the dining room and laid them on the table where they were opened and examined. The donation consisted of coffee, sugar, molasses, rice, flour, pork, beef, potatoes (Irish and sweet), dried fruit, peaches and apples, canned goods, soda, starch, soap and towels, chickens, lard, candy, pecans, butter and eggs. Since then the donation has been supplemented by some who were not present. A gentleman next morning sent me a five-dollar bill. A sister gave Mrs. D. a new quilt and a brother gave us a turkey for Christmas. God bless the good people of Lockesburg.
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Dec. 9, at the residence of the bride's father Mr. J. G. Fair, by Rev. R. D. C. Dodd, Mr. J. E. Wallace of Lockesburg and Miss Minnie G. Fair of Ransom, Ark.

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