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SPECIALLY TO OUR PREACHERS.

NEW AND BETTER PLANS.

Having been officially chosen and appointed General Colporters for the Arkansas, Little Rock and White River Annual Conferences, we have at considerable expense fitted up desirable quarters for conducting a vigorous system of colportage in these Conferences, and for the sale of all the books and periodicals of the Publishing House of our Church. We now desire immediate correspondence with all our traveling preachers, who will engage with us personally or by proxy in the great work of supplying our people with the book and periodical literature of our Church. "Carry our books and periodicals to the people," is the motto of our Book Agents, Barbee & Smith. To this end we want a thorough canvass made in every pastoral charge, and at the prices to agents and colporters the profits of such a canvass will compensate for the work done.

1. As we think the territory for such canvassing should be allotted by pastoral charges, we wish to hear as early as practicable from each P. C., who will in person and by sub-agents canvass his own charge for the sale of books and to solicit new and renewing subscriptions for THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, (Nashville) Christian Advocate and Quarterly Review.

2. In every charge where the P. C. will not personally or by sub-agents undertake the work offered, we want to employ an efficient agent, local preacher or other member (male or female) of our Church, upon the endorsement of the P. C. No agent will be employed without such endorsement.

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6. As we must send cash with all orders filled by our Publishing House, our agents must send cash with their orders; but in special cases we will give short-time credit to traveling preachers, who prove themselves energetic and efficient agents.

7. To all our pastors ordering books simply for their own use we will allow the usual discount given in such cases by our Publishing House.

Hoping all our preachers will give at least their friendly co-operation in making their Depository a great success, we are,

Fraternally,
BENNETT & THORNBURGH,
General Colporters.

From the Christian at Work we clip the following, of interest to our readers: A table is going the rounds of the press showing the number of retail liquor dealers in proportion to the population in each of the States of the Union. The table is said to be based on the recent census returns. According to this tabulation the South is far in advance of the North in the matter of temperance. In the six leading Southern States the proportion of liquor dealers to the population stands thus:

Alabama	1 to 1,188
Arkansas	1 to 1,170
South Carolina	1 to 1,153
Mississippi	1 to 1,017
North Carolina	1 to 1,003
Georgia	1 to 939

The three States standing lowest in the list are California, Nevada, and Montana, where the proportion is one liquor dealer to each 91, 71, and 60 of the population respectively. The proportion in New York State is one liquor dealer to every 157 of the population. The showing made for the South is a most noble one, and highly significant. Large areas of the States named have been entirely cleared of the saloons under local option laws. More than half of the States of Alabama and Georgia are now under practical Prohibition. This state of things in the South may be largely accounted for by the fact that this section of the Union is not cursed with the presence of a large foreign element, an element from which the great majority of the liquor dealers are drawn. At least ninety per cent. of the saloon-keepers of the country are either Irish or German. The South has comparatively few of this class to contend with. Whatever may be the cause, it is a significant fact, as we have said, that the South leads in the temperance movement. In one of his stirring temperance lectures, Col. Bain of Kentucky makes the prophecy that as the power arose in the North which freed the land from African slavery, so shall the power arise in the South that shall free the land from the slavery of the liquor traffic. God grant that it may be so!

THAT LANEBURG PREACHER

Information reaches me that at Laneburg, Ark., on Sunday, Oct. 25, a Missionary Baptist minister of some ability, regarded by his Church there a big preacher, said in a sermon there something to this effect: "There is not nor has there ever been a Pedobaptist author of any respectability, or noted in any degree for scholarship, who denies or has ever denied that immersion in water was the only mode of baptism known and practiced in the days of Christ and his apostles." The dear brother went on to speak of John Wesley as conceding the same thing. And a good brother there wants to know if all this is true. Well, no, it is not true. If the preacher be correctly reported, he is either stupidly ignorant or wickedly false. Here is what John Wesley did say:

In Wesley's Notes on the New Testament, on Matthew 3:6, he says: "Such prodigious numbers could hardly be baptized by immerging their whole bodies under water, nor can we think they were provided with change of raiment for it, which was scarcely practicable for such vast multitudes; and yet they could not be immerged naked with modesty, nor in their wearing apparel with safety. It seems, therefore, that they stood in ranks on the edge of the river, and that John passing along before them cast water upon their heads and faces." Commenting on Acts 8:38, he says concerning the baptism of the eunuch, "It does not follow that he was baptized by immersion." On Mark 7:3 he says, "The Greek word (baptism) means indifferently either washing or sprinkling."

Dr. Adam Clark had great reputation for scholarship. He says, comment on Matthew 3:6, "Can any man suppose that it was possible for John to dip all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judea and of all the country round about the Jordan? Were both men and women dipped, for certainly both came to his baptism? This could never have comported either with safety or with decency. Were they dipped in their clothes? This would have endangered their lives, if they had not with them change of raiment, and it is not at all likely that the people would come thus provided."

Richard Watson was no unknown scholar. In his Institutes, South. Meth. Edition, p. 725, he says: "That the mode therefore in which John baptized was by pouring water upon his disciples, may be concluded from his using the same word to express the pouring out, the descent of the Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus."

Dr. T. O. Summers was a ripe scholar. In his work on Baptism, p. 87, he says: "Who can believe that Lydia and her family were immersed? As soon as she was converted, she and her children were baptized; but not the slightest intimation was given that there was a moment's delay for a change of apparel, and certainly she could not have been immersed without this. The immersion of a female by a person of the other sex is revolting to us under any circumstances—it must be exceedingly repulsive to the delicate sensibilities of a woman. Yet Lydia was baptized by the apostle—surely not immersed."

Dr. Charles Hodge, the learned Presbyterian divine and author of "Systematic Theology," says: "So far, therefore, as the New Testament is concerned, there is not a single case where baptism necessarily implies immersion." "It is to the last degree improbable that the thousands mentioned in the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles were baptized by immersion. The same improbability exists as to the case of the centurian in Cesarea and the jailer at Philippi."

With well informed people few names stand higher than that of Bloomfield. Commenting on Acts 8:38, the baptism of the eunuch, he says: "He baptized him no doubt with the use of the proper form, but whether by immersion or sprinkling is not clear. Doddridge maintains the former but Lardner the latter view, and I conceive more rightly. On both having descended into the water, Philip seems to have taken up water with his hands and poured it copiously on the eunuch's head."

Moses Stuart says: "I do consider it quite plain that none of the circumstantial evidence thus far proves immersion to have been exclusively the mode of Christian baptism, or even that of John. Indeed I consider this point so far made out, that I can hardly suppress the conviction, that if any one maintains the contrary, it must be either because he is unable rightly to estimate the nature or power of the Greek language, or because he is influenced in some measure by party feeling."

Alford says (as quoted by Dr. Ditzler) on Acts 2:41: "Almost without doubt this first baptism must have been administered, as that of the first Gentile converts was, by affusion or sprinkling, not by immersion."

It would not be difficult to cite a hundred more, but let these suffice. I would like to know the name of that "big" preacher.

J. H. RIGGIN.

Pine Bluff, Oct. 29.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

MY IMPRESSIONS.

From the Eastern Section some of the most prominent men are Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, Rev. T. B. Stephenson, Rev. William Arthur, author of Tongue of Fire, Rev. David J. Waller, Rev. William J. Dawson, Rev. Peter Thompson, Henry J. Farmer-Atkinson, member of Parliament—pshaw! Mr. Hughes has attracted much attention. He created the West London mission, where he and Mrs. Hughes—with others—do much extraordinary work. He is said to be "preacher, lecturer, agitator, politician, reformer, newspaper editor." Evidently he believes in Jesus Christ and loves Him, and loves his fellow men, for whom he will spend and be spent. He keeps up with the rush of all parts of the world, lives in the present, toils for immediate results in everything he undertakes, believes in preaching and in the influence of God's Spirit through preaching; and is himself a bundle of restless energy. While reading and preaching he exhibits impatient desire for all Christians to "get up and do something." In pulpit or on platform he is plain, deals in no superfluous thoughts or words, and in debate he is rushing and seldom misses his mark.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of Christian Advocate, New York, has made a fine impression. In debate no man has yet proved his equal in using his five minutes allowed to each voluntary speech. He could hardly improve on any word, gesture or intonation of voice—the object being to carry conviction. Bishop Galloway made a characteristic speech—you know it was good. Bishop Wilson made a short speech, but he threw out most weighty thoughts with most beautiful, yet plain, expressive words—all to the point. He unswervingly, correctly and wisely presented as his own, the disposition of our Church as opposed to organic union, yet. Much has been said in favor of union, yet our men have expressed but little—they, delegates and visitors, think there are too many and great barriers for organic union. They do favor fraternity and co-operation in all interests where it may be practicable. I learn that Bishop Galloway will make a speech to-day favoring the appointment of a commission for this purpose. Plans are being inaugurated for the union of the Methodists in the "old country;" also for the colored Methodists of this country.

The Methodists of England, of Canada and of the M. E. Church have trouble in stationing preachers. I learn this in conversations. In Canada and the M. E. Church the proposed rule is as ours, but their practice largely nullifies the rule in adopting congregational rules of selections. If they deprive the appointing powers of the ultimate authority they ought to relieve them of responsibility and the nominal position. I am convinced that the M. E. Church, South, has in practice, in general, the best form of the itinerancy in the world. Let us maintain it.

To say nothing disrespectful of other sections, I glory in the modesty, refinement, manliness in character and ability and conduct, true appreciation and comprehension of the brotherhood of man, fidelity to our doctrines and church polity, as exhibited by all our preachers and laymen here—of the M. E. Church, South. All the Methodist bodies represented here agree in doctrines, in opposition to worldliness and spirit of aggressiveness. All emphasize repentance, new birth and witness of the Spirit. All recognize the need of a pure membership to present a pure religion, yet, in cities specially, they have trouble with worldliness. Much hope is expressed that the Epworth League will largely solve this problem.

Chaplain McCabe is quoted as saying that the Methodist Church in the United States is building every two years as many church houses as the Roman Catholics have in the entire country. In Canada one-third of the Protestants and twenty per cent of the inhabitants are Methodists. Bishop Fowler said, "We must fight for the centers of population." Bishop Galloway said, "We increase in the cities more rapidly than the population; yet, in the rural districts we have made our grandest achievements."

I discover that frequently the most gifted, successful and honored men display want of sagacity, deliver moderate sermons and pointless speeches, show no knowledge of elocution and as little concern for it, even to the reading of a hymn with a "sing song" tone. We ordinary preachers may take courage.

The English delegates—as a body I mean, of course there are are exceptions—are the most immodestly frequent speech-makers I ever saw. Am I unkind to write this of them? If so, I beg the reader to consider it not said. We can learn valuable lessons from the English in reaching the masses, and in enterprising work for the church members.

Since writing the preceding I have been to the Conference room, and heard the discussion on the resolutions giving instructions relative to Methodist Confederation for work in Foreign Mission fields. It was the greatest wrangle I ever witnessed. Bishop Galloway never spoke. I am in love with the South in general, and the M. E. Church, South, in particular. Truly,

G. W. WILSON,
Of the Memphis Conf.

THE COTTON CROP.

From the monthly crop report for October, by Messrs. Hill, Fontaine & Co., the leading Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants of Memphis, Tenn., we copy the following:

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 28.—We herewith submit our regular monthly crop report, showing the condition of the staple within the Memphis District, which embraces West Tennessee, North Mississippi, North Arkansas and North Alabama. The report is made from 372 letters of inquiry sent out October 19, the replies to which bear average date of October 23. The weather during the month has been of the most favorable character, and October, 1891, will pass into history as the ideal month for gathering cotton in the South. And that these favorable conditions were taken advantage of by the planter is shown from the fact that up to October 23, the date of these replies, 57½ per cent. of the cotton crop had been picked. Frosts have fallen at intervals throughout the district since September 27, but more generally since October 1, although October 12 is given as the date of the first killing frost. The injury done by these visitations has been very slight, due doubtless to the fact that the extreme heat which the plant was subjected to during the month of September caused such shedding that nearly the entire top crop was lost. The prospective yield of the district, which last month indicated 19 per cent. less than in 1890, under the favorable conditions which have attended the gathering of the crop, is now estimated at only 15 per cent. less. The average by States is as follows: Tennessee, 17 2-3 per cent. less; Mississippi, 17 per cent. less; Alabama, 14 per cent. less; Arkansas, 11 3-4 per cent. less. Picking is still progressing, and many of our correspondents report that it will be finished early in November, while the bulk name December 1 as the date when their labors in the field will have been ended. The quality of the staple this year is the best ever raised and its grade the highest.

THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

Of the many books on this subject two remarkable ones have just come to our table: "The Lost Tribes of Israel, or Europe and America in History and Prophecy," by Prof. C. L. McArtha, A. M., (J. B. Lippincott Co., Phila.); and "The Romance of History—Lost Israel Found," by Prof. C. A. L. Totten, M. A., (Our Race Pub. Co., New Haven, Conn.). As we have not yet had time to read these books we copy the latter part of an interesting review of them by Rev. Dr. J. M. Boland in the October number of our Quarterly Review:

There are some strange facts connected with the two books under review. They are written on the same subject, were being written at the same time, and were put to press the same week—the authors, at the time, knowing nothing of each other. They began their investigations at opposite points of view—the one at the cradle of the race, the other at the present day, but they reached substantially the same conclusions. Was this a mere accident or coincidence, or something more? Neither of these books supersedes the other—it would be difficult to combine them into one book—they suplement and strengthen each other; and, taken together, they present an array of facts and a chain of arguments that will be very difficult to answer. In our judgment, they will never be answered.

The one central thought in these two books—the *identity* of the "lost tribes" with the Anglo-Saxon race—is either "a mighty *truth*," armed and mailed for victory, or it is "a strong *delusion*." In either case it behooves all Anglo-Saxons to examine the facts and arguments upon which this identity is said to rest; for if this be not the solution of this difficult problem, then in the conflicts of the near future all Anglo-Saxon institutions are doomed to go down and a true Israel will occupy their hard-won places.

While the authors we are reviewing have done a great work and done it well, they have purposely left out a vast amount of material in order to bring the subject within the reach of the largest possible number of readers. This is well, for whoever reads either one of the books ought by all means to read both. Though it is of little import whether "any of the Pharisees have yet believed," the subject has already stirred up an interest that is deep-seated and far-reaching. An unprecedented feeling of unrest and expectancy has fallen upon all nations; and if the word of God is an abiding rock, then unto the Bible must Christians turn for knowledge of these latter days. I am free to confess that the classification of prophecies made by Profs. McCartha and Totten has given me more light and done more to intensify my faith in God than all the other expositions and explanations of the prophecies that I have read.

As little as we may have thought of it, the finding of these "lost tribes" is a vital question in the fulfillment of prophecy. For more than fifty years the idea of identity between the Saxon race and "lost Israel" has been growing stronger and stronger as investigation has progressed. But at first view the seeming difficulties were so many and so great that many have hastily pronounced it a phantom of a visionary mind. But on deeper research it is now discovered that philology, history, and prophecy all point to the Anglo-Saxons as the lineal descendants of Isaac, the long "lost tribes of Israel." While Prof. McCartha has found several hitherto missing links in the chain of the historical argument, Prof. Totten has been equally as successful in philology; and both have poured a flood of light upon the prophecies concerning Israel. Suppose these prophecies are as explicit in pointing out the Israel of to-day as were the prophecies concerning Judah in pointing out the signs of the promised Messiah in the days of Herod. Would our blindness and stupidity in discerning the signs of the times and the fulfillment of prophecy be any more wonderful than that which befell Judah in the day of their visitation? We think not. While all Christendom are amazed at the blindness and stupidity of the Jews, it is a lamentable fact that ninety-nine per cent. of our people in reading the prophecies make no distinction between Israel and Judah, so that when you speak to them about Israel they think you are referring to the Jews. This being true, shall we be surprised at the stupid blundering and erroneous views we so often find in the books and in our periodical literature? If Profs. McCartha and Totten do nothing more than their books are bound to accomplish in correcting popular errors in philology, history, and prophecy, they will have "served their generation by the will of God." We devoutly thank these learned professors for their able contributions to the cause of truth and American literature.

DR. BOND WELL PLEASED.

MR. EDITOR:—I do not wish to infringe upon the limit you have fixed for the discussion of woman's Bible-rights. In fact, I all along proposed to rest my case on my last paper, and am yet quite content to do so, being well pleased with the status in which it leaves me. I find it has been made necessary, however, by the comments or insinuations of other writers, for me to state in emphatic terms, that I do not favor the formal enfranchisement of woman, because I want their aid for the Prohibition party, or for any other party. In fact I would be happy indeed to "cork up" the Prohibition party, if I could. "Equality before the law" is my sole contention.

My position must have been a strong one, as Bro. Moore hastened to demolish (?) it before replying in due course to Bro. Keeton. For which high compliment I sincerely thank him! Respectfully,

JOHN B. BOND.

Little Rock, Oct. 30.

A TRIBUTE TO METHODISM.

In its editorial on the Ecumenical Methodist Conference that able Presbyterian journal, the N. Y. Observer, says:

Bishop Hurst in his welcoming address mentioned the fact that the Methodism of America, which began in 1766 with the visit of two men from England, had now become a membership of 5,000,000. Without attempting to estimate numerically the extent of the religious influence suggested by the membership, it is enough to say that it is an influence for evangelical truth, for practical righteousness, for civil liberty, for good government, second to no other in modern times. We were brought up in an atmosphere quite foreign to the methods of Methodism. But we have wrought for many years in the same field where Methodism has ploughed, planted and watered, and we know what the harvest has been for God and our native land. Besides all it has been in glorious work for souls by the Word of God and the power of the Spirit, it has been the chief bulwark against the aggressive power of Romanism, and also the chief antagonist of the destructive power of Rum. There is no temperance society in the United States that compares in the extent of its influence with the Methodist Church. These are only the most conspicuous of her actual achievements in the spiritual domain. All of them have been wrought with that kind of faith commemorated in the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, faith that lays hold on God in whatever he reveals himself to his people, in his promises, in his commandments, in his ordinances, in his Word, and above all, in that Word made flesh, living to instruct, dying to atone, living again to intercede and reign. At this time of religious agitation in various evangelical communions, does the fire of this faith burn with undiminished flame on the altars of Methodism? We know well that Methodism has become vast, rich and powerful in all that pertains to denominational influence and prosperity. Are these forces to remain pledged and consecrated to the one work of salvation through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ? This council was interesting to the religious world at large, chiefly as it gave indications of the continued power of this vital and vitalizing faith. We rejoice that there was no reason for disappointment in the general character and spirit of this great assembly. During successive days of the freest and most exhaustive discussion of a wide variety of subjects, there was scarcely a ripple of discord relating to those fundamental verities which have been at the root of all Methodist enthusiasm and victory. We know from experience that we cannot discern the power of undercurrents in observing the surface movements of a large assembly. But we cannot fail to be gratified by the outlook, as it is given us from this large and influential conference of active Christian men who showed no inclination to substitute evolution for regeneration, philosophy for faith, the wisdom of man for the power of God.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

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NOTES FROM ST. LOUIS.

My first thought was that I would not attempt any reply to the questions propounded by my beloved brother, the Rev. Dr. Ditzler. I reasoned thus: Now, Dr. Ditzler is thoroughly informed in reference to all these great matters. As a remarkably intelligent mind he has revolved them and meditated upon them; and as a sincere and devout Christian he has prayed for Divine light and guidance in his thought, and he has settled upon definite conclusions, and hence the folly of any effort on my part that could possibly impress him or change his view in one iota. But my second thought was this: I will answer my brother for the two reasons following: First, the spirit in which he wrote was excellent. It was not only manly and gentlemanly, but it was kind and courteous. It was brotherly. It was purely and distinctively Christian. As I read his letter the impression I received was sweet and hallowed. It remains an abiding benediction. Our fellowship now and here below is sweet, but O what heights of rapture shall we know in "that day," and on forever. The spirit of our religion is the vital part. Its formalities are as nothing compared with its spirit. The best people I have ever known were sanctified. Their spirit was always right—it was pure and peaceable and loving and faithful and beautiful. Some of the worst people I have ever known professed to be sanctified, but they were not. I do not judge them. I knew them. I could see them. Their spirit was dark and bitter and bad. They were full of self, but had no knowledge or control of self. And so when my brother wrote so gently and humbly and beautifully I felt it would be unkind and wrong not to reply to him.

And then my second reason for replying is this: Dr. Ditzler's questions are all so easy. I was always meager and shallow, and hence I always felt easy in my class, when struck by an easy question. It is because Dr. Ditzler's questions are so easy that he is puzzled over them. I once heard Bishop Marvin say, that on one occasion he attended the closing exercises of a school where there was a boy that was a prodigy as a mathematician. The quickness and ease with which he would solve the most complicated and obstruse propositions put to him were positively amazing. Finally a kind friend gave out to him a proposition, that was so simple that any little child could solve it as soon as it was announced, but this mental Hercules was utterly baffled and overwhelmed, because he was looking for something that was not there. Now then, after all this long preface, I am sure that there is still "an excellent spirit" in my brother, and so I will come at once to "the points."

1. Dr. Ditzler first tells us what great and good men have said about Mr. Wesley's teaching on the subject of sanctification. If he wished to refer to this point at all, why did he not candidly tell us what Mr. Wesley himself said in reference to it? Mr. Wesley refers to this very subject, and says what he taught at the last he taught at the first. He says he did not teach one thing at one time and something else at a subsequent period. He expressed himself in different words, and it may be in different terms, but he always and invariably meant to state, in substance, the same great doctrine. Dr. Summers, in his preface to Mr. Wesley's little book on Christian Perfection, confirms this statement. Dr. Ditzler tells us that Dr. Pope says that Mr. Wesley taught that sanctification was a gradual work in the soul always, and that McClintock and Strong confirm this view, in part. Then these great men had a very different view of Mr. Wesley's teaching from Dr. Ditzler, because they knew that he never taught that the new birth was a gradual work. Dr. Ditzler declares that with Mr. Wesley the new birth and sanctification were one and the same. Then it was very foolish in Mr. Wesley, as it has been in his followers ever since, to be continually talking about Christian perfection when they really meant sinful perfection, or the perfection of the sinner. My learned and dear brother questions me first thus: "Will Bro. Pulliam be so kind as to give us the place in Mr. Wesley's writings where he speaks distinctly of sanctification or holiness as an instantaneous blessing in addition to both justification or regeneration, where he means by regeneration the new birth? We ask this as a favor, in the most kindly spirit, and promise to carefully examine it?"

My brother, I will first answer your question by asking you another: Will Dr. Ditzler be so kind as to give us the place in Mr. Wesley's writings where he ever spoke of sanctification, or holiness, or perfect love, in any other way than as an instantaneous blessing from God, given to the soul by faith, and this faith such as was exercised by a believing soul who had previously and consciously passed from death unto life? If Dr. Ditzler will just do this, then the writing of his promised volume will be a work of supererogation, as the question in dispute will be once for all, and finally and forever settled.

2. Answering my brother in the order in which he writes I will make another brief quotation. He says: "Our good brother then tells us of the failure of some preachers and the success of evangelists." And then he goes on to give us some of the fullness of his mind and heart, but he entirely missed my point and my thought. I did not laud evangelists and speak against my brethren who toil day and night in the work of the regular ministry. Far from it. God forbid that I should do such a wicked and foolish thing. Nor did I think of saying that only men who are continually dwelling upon, and emphasizing, and pressing the one great theme of sanctification, that only these are truly successful in saving souls. No, my brother, I had no such thought; but what I did say was this: That the Methodist preachers and people who oppose all evangelists, and who oppose and speak against the great Bible doctrine of Christian perfection as believed and taught by Mr. Wesley, are sad and terrible failures. This is the truth that I meant to impress. And I will now go further to say, that I never knew any preacher, of any denomination, who opposed and spoke against what we mean by Christian perfection, who was a success in impressing souls so as to lead them to seek and to obtain salvation.

Dr. Ditzler refers to Bishop Marvin as a revivalist, but Bishop Marvin would as soon have spoken, in his preaching, against the regeneration of the sinner as against the perfection of the saint. He always preached a full gospel, and so do the holy men in the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches when the mighty power of God is upon them, and when his rich blessings crown their labors. They preach holiness, and stress it, yet they do not make, in some cases, a special profession of it, nor do they state the doctrine specifically and definitely as the Methodists from the beginning have always done. The doctrine of Christian perfection has always been the crowning glory of Methodism. And darkness is now upon the souls of those amongst us, who reject it and who speak against it.

4. I will now come to the last point in my brother's letter. Why is sanctification spoken of as the "second blessing" and not as the third? I answer, because it is the "second blessing" in the same sense that regeneration or the new birth is the first blessing. It is the second great and internal work of God's Spirit, which is clearly distinguished from any number of blessings which may have preceded it, or which may follow after it. The justification and regeneration of the penitent sinner occur at the same moment of time. They can not possibly be distinguished as to time, except in the order of thought. Justification is a great work which is done for us. It is external to us. Regeneration is a special and great work done for us and in us. The same is true of sanctification as is true of the new birth, and hence it was spoken of by Mr. Wesley, and has been spoken of by his followers ever since his day, as the "second blessing." In one of the finest discourses that ever fell from human lips, I heard Bishop Daggett say in substance, if not in these exact words: "However inexplicable it may be, it is nevertheless true, that roots of bitterness do remain in the hearts of the regenerate until they are entirely sanctified." This doctrine of the "second blessing," or entire sanctification is, I believe, clearly stated and taught in the Bible. It was in our hymn book more definitely and positively than it is now. Bishop McTyeire's History of Methodism is full of it. It was believed and enjoyed and taught by Mr. Wesley and by many since his day, even to the present time. It is the crowning experience which precedes the highest usefulness in this life. It is a mighty "induement of power" which I feel that I greatly need, and which is greatly needed by many of my Christian friends, both in the ministry and membership of our own denomination, and of all other denominations of Christians.

Dr. Ditzler has been standing in the forefront of a great conflict. He has been battling manfully and successfully against Campbellism. And this, I believe to-day, as I have always believed, is one of the most "damnable heresies" that ever came up upon the tides of time to blight and ruin the souls of men, and to hinder and destroy the "coming kingdom." Does he now seek another world to conquer? Will he now turn upon home and friends, upon light and truth that are pure and steady and divine, and seek to batter these down also? I can not believe it. My sincere and abiding love for my brother, whom I have always and unfailingly loved and esteemed so highly, will not allow me to believe it.

L. PULLIAM.

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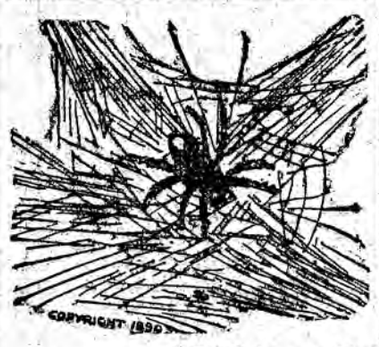
LOCAL PREACHERS.

Official report gives 6,366 local preachers in our connection. These can render valuable assistance to the intinerant preachers, and are, no doubt, ready to do so, whenever called upon. The Discipline says: "It shall be the duty of the local preachers to aid the preacher in charge of the circuit, station or mission, to which they belong, in supplying the people with the ministry of the Word. They shall, accordingly, *be applied* to by the preacher in charge, as soon as he enters on his work, to state what amount of service they are able and willing to perform. He may draw up a plan by which their labors shall be regulated, and they shall be authorized to form new congregations, to take a list of the names of all candidates for church membership, and if expedient, take them into the Church; provided that all such congregations, candidates and members be reported as soon as possible to the preacher in charge, in order that they may be immediately under his pastoral care, and they shall report in writing, the extent and result of their labors to fourth Quarterly Conference." The benefit of this arm of our service is too often lost to the Church by the neglect of preachers in charge in carrying out the Discipline as regards the local brethren. By neglect or forgetfulness, we venture the opinion, that there are many local preachers, ready to work, who have never had any plan proposed to them. By a well digested plan, Churches that have received only one Sabbath in the month, might have been blessed with two or three. Because, doubtless of no plan, we counted five local preachers a few Sundays ago in one congregation, listening to the pastor preach. How much good might have been accomplished by them in preaching the blessed gospel in five different places. Pastors and official members of the Church should, at the first Quarterly Conference in each charge, formulate a plan to be operated by our local brethren.—Wesleyan Advocate.

In his address before the Ecumenical Conference, on "The *status* of Methodism in the Western Section," Bishop C. B. Galloway said:

One fact is noticeable, if not ominous, among us—a growing relative decrease in the number of local preachers. In Southern Methodism we have 6,366 local preachers, and 5,050 itinerant preachers—an increase of only 498 local preachers in the decade, while the itinerant ministry increased 1,036. These unpaid lay preachers have made possible our miraculous history. Bishop Asbury said: "They are the body-guards of our cause." Another pronounced them "the right arm of the itinerancy." The foundations of American Methodism were laid by the local preachers. Whether the historic fact is ever settled as to who deserves the honor of preaching the first Methodist sermon in this New World, Philip Embury or Robert Strawbridge, in either case it was the voice of a local preacher. Estimating the number of churches of Southern Methodism at 13,000, and the number of effective traveling preachers at 5,000, we have 7,000 congregations without preaching every Sabbath. If every local preacher in the Connection filled an appointment (which we know is not the case), there would still be 1,000 or more congregations without a gospel sermon on each Lord's Day. If we are to dispense with this arm of our service—if it is to be discontinued as one of the chief factors in our system—I fear we will have to revise the whole polity of the Church, or, in other words, "unmethodize Methodism." It may be that wiser and special effort should be directed to the lay agencies and activities of Methodism. The vicarious principle cannot be transferred into Church-work without infinite peril. We cannot rely upon a regular, well-paid ministry to do all the preaching, praying, and Christian work, without paralyzing the vital energies of the Church and undermining her very foundations. Every member must be a worker, and every slumbering faculty awakened and mobilized for service. Reliance solely upon the pastors will reverse the history of a century. They can not conduct all the social meetings, visit all the sick, carry the gospel from house to house, and then plan new work—open new fields for the sower and reaper. Methodism has ever given prominence and emphasis to the work of the laity, and to them she is indebted for much of her apostolic history.



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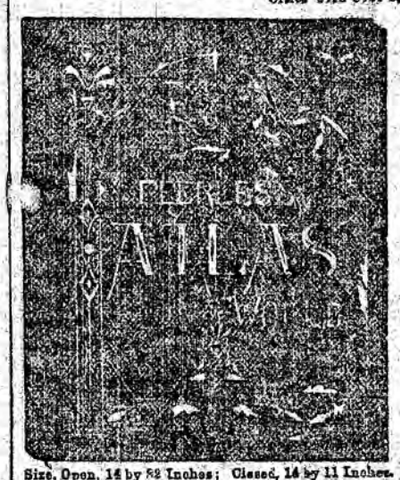

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FIELD NOTES.

SMITHVILLE C'T.—I closed my last protracted meeting at Shiloh on the first Sunday in October. We had 8 conversions at Shiloh, and the Church was greatly revived.

I held a second meeting at Rock Cove and we had 3 conversions. This is my second year on this work and I have had two pleasant years. At the last Annual Conference the work was divided and Inboden C't was made.

A man that will do his duty here will do well. I have received in the town of Smithville 68 members in the two years. Methodism has a strong hold here. We have a membership of 141 and a good Sunday-school and weekly prayer meeting, all well attended. The preacher that is sent here next year will have a kind, noble people. When I bid them adieu it will be with a sad heart. God bless the people of Smithville. May the Spirit of the Lord ever be with them is the prayer of their pastor. God bless THE ARKANSAS METHODIST and its Editor and Business Manager.

S. W. REGISTER.

WHITE RIVER C'T.—My work is certainly in a prosperous condition spiritually. While our collections ordered by Conference are behind at present, I am hopeful that they will come up yet. We have received up to date 153 members, have baptized about 120, have had over 200 conversions, baptized 20 infants, and am working to get ready for Conference. I am not satisfied with my year's work. I wanted 200 accessions. We have a generous people on White River C't. Last night wife and I were summoned to Shiloh to attend a donation party in which the preacher and family received about $70 worth of presents, which are too numerous to mention—eatables of every kind, wearing apparel in abundance. This makes three donations this preacher has had from the generous, open-hearted people of White River C't this year. The preacher who serves them next year may sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

GEO. E. PARSONS.

St. Charles, Oct. 22.

PARAGOULD STA.—When Bishop Galloway sent me here near four years ago, he told me I would have to hump myself, if I succeeded, Since then I have been studying, preaching, praying and visiting as best I could. The good Lord has blessed my labors. Every year we have had good revival meetings, sinners have been converted to God, and the Church owned and blessed with the presence and power of the Master. The membership of the Church has been more than doubled in numbers and financial ability. My love and friendship for the Church and town has grown from year to year as time rolled on. I have many warm, devoted friends here. God has a good people here. In addition to church members we have many friends among the sinners, who have ministered to our wants in sickness and in health. I feel sad when I think the time so near, when we must tell them good-bye. Thank God for the home of the soul, where there is no severing of ties of love and friendship. The preacher that may be read out to Paragould Station, may come with the assurance that the Master has many friends here, and he will find plenty of warm hearts and homes, and plenty of work to do the town is comparitively new and growing. New persons are in our congregation every Sunday, and the town needs a better preacher and pastor than your humble servant, and I hope at our Conference every man may be sent to the right place. THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is in many homes here, but many others ought to take and read it that do not. Success to you and our paper.

JOHN C. RITTER.

Paragould, Oct. 24.

CEDAR GROVE C'T.—We have closed up our round of revival meetings with the following results: 75 professions and 53 accessions. During these revivals about 20 heads of families agreed to erect their family altars. Pine Grove is going to build a new church—the bill of lumber is in and the work will begin as soon as crops are gathered.

Cedar Grove has a young men's prayer meeting, growing out of the revival at that place. May God bless those brave young men. There are some favorable signs of better times on Cedar Grove C't. The local brethren have rendered good service in the revival meetings. May their usefulness increase even more, and the stars in their crown be many.

Fraternally,

T. J. SETTLE.

CLIFTY MIS.—We have had a splendid revival all over the work; have had 80 conversions up to date, and 60 accessions to the Church. One point I wish to mention, Oak Grove; our Church was weak at that point, we held a nine-days' meeting at that place, and the Lord wonderfully and powerfully blessed the people; 24 conversions and 13 accessions to the Church and more to follow. I was assisted by the Rev. I. N. Shank a part of the time. I have had some assistance at other points on the work from Bros. Vanzandt, Burke, Rice and Langley, also my father, Moses Dutton. These brethren all rendered valuable service. Bro. B. Williams of Russellville station was at my fourth Quarterly meeting and preached an excellent sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Our noble P. E. was on hand and did excellent preaching and presided to the satisfaction of all the brethren. We think he is the right man in the right place. The spiritual interest on this work is increasing; our finances are low. I have been doing all I could for our paper. I will close by saying, success to THE METHODIST.

J. W. DUTTON, P. C.

Goshen, Oct. 22.

BAKING POWDER FACTS

BROUGHT OUT BY THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT TESTS.

Purity of Food Demanded by the People.—Which Baking Powder will Give it?

From Chicago Tribune.

The public is always responsive to suggestions about the food it eats. Great interest has been taken in the investigations made by the United States and Canadian governments and by the different boards of health to show the purity or impurity of milk, baking powders, spices and other articles of daily use in the culinary department of our households.

Just now the subject of baking powder is claiming public attention. We all desire pure and wholesome bread and this cannot be had with the use of impure or poisonous baking powder. There can be no longer any question that all the cheaper, lower grades of baking powders contain either alum, lime or phosphatic acid.

The official analyses by the United States and Canadian governments have therefore been studied with interest and have pretty clearly established the facts upon this subject.

The United States government report gives the names of eighteen well-known powders, some of them advertised as pure cream of tartar baking powders, that contain alum.

The report shows that the Royal baking powder was found the highest in leavening strength, evolving 160.6 cubic inches of gas per single ounce of powder. There were eight other brands of cream of tartar powders tested and their average strength was 111.5 cubic inches of gas per ounce of powder.

The Canadian government investigations were of a still larger number of powders. The Royal baking powder was here also shown the purest and highest in strength, containing 129.32 cubic inches of leavening gas per ounce of powder. Nine other cream of tartar powders were tested, their average strength being reported to be 89 cubic inches of gas per ounce.

These figures are very instructive to the practical housekeeper. They indicate that the Royal baking powder goes more than 33 per cent further in use than the others, or is one-third more economical. Still more important than this, however, they prove this popular article has been brought to the highest degree of purity—for to its superlative purity this superiority in strength is due—and consequently that by its use we may be insured the purest and most wholesome food.

The powders of lower strength are found to leave large amounts of inert matters in the food. This fact is emphasized by the report of the Ohio State Food Commissioner, who, while finding the Royal practically pure, found no other powder to contain less than 10 per cent of inert or foreign matters.

The public interest in this question has likewise caused to be made investigations by our local authorities. Prof. W. S. Haines, of Rush Medical College, consulting chemist of the Chicago Board of Health, has found results similar to those reported by the national and Canadian authorities. Dr. Haines says:

RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE,
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I have recently obtained samples of the chief baking powders in the market, and have subjected them to careful chemical examination to determine their purity, wholesomeness and leavening power. As the result of my tests I find the Royal baking powder superior to all the others in every respect. It is entirely free from all adulteration and unwholesome impurity, and in baking it gives off a greater volume of leavening gas than any other powder. It is, therefore, not only the purest, but also the strongest powder with which I am acquainted.

WALTER S. HAINES, M. D.,
Consulting Chemist, Chicago Board of health.

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EUREKA SPRINGS DISTRICT.

MR. EDITOR:—I have lately been to Cassville, on the top level of the Boston mountains, 55 miles toward Clarksville. En route took in Dry Fork and Buffalo. Returning met good congregations at these places. Eureka Springs looks hilly, but to a man "just out of the mountains" the modulations here are noticeable only as a spiral highway of two miles up differs from a graded street of one-eighth that distance. Cassville is not a city but a P. O., and the "storm center" of a church movement. The Methodists have a new house and the Baptists (Regular United) dedicated a structure for worship at the time of my Q. M., and finished all by a final wind-up on foot washing. During this service I was preaching to a good company on the text "What must I do to be saved?" Foot washing was not an essential, only as cleanliness is of kinship to godliness. The company in question, I learn, do not pay the preacher, but the brother went home conscious at least of clean feet. (Do they wash both feet?) This P. E. was not burdened with the "mamon of unrighteousness," but the Stewards had been at work and the movement there is quite pronounced in favor of "religion in earnest." A brother of the faith above had insisted that the Methodist work must surely "burn up," which question of course is unsettled. Was it non-fraternal to suggest, that not every Church has the combustibles out of which to produce a conflagration? If no Methodist gets singed the bigness of the blaze might afford a degree of consolation.

At Fairview Bro. Villines had lately closed a fine meeting, and Bro. Monk of Berryville reported 49 conversions. Bristow of the mountains had taken several into the Church, and Bro. Simmons of Jasper had just held a first-rate meeting; 37 had professed and several additions to the Church. "Best meeting in the history of the town." So said the Sentinel editor. I do not know the results at every point, but no charge of this District has been without conversions, and members are being added constantly. At St. Paul several new members were reported and some of them put in official relation. Bro. Dutton of Clifty has had good success; "50 professions and more meetings to hold" was the last account. Huntsville has led in many sorts of good work. The revival prevailed early; the pastor's sickness, from which he is now recovering, prevented several good meetings. The camp-meeting at Goshen was well attended, of results there were conversions; of a collection and else I am not advised. Kingston was well along and meetings yet to hold. King's River is famous for grain and stock, and the mission in a healthy condition. Some revival and additions.

Summer is ended at Eureka Springs. The "Summer Normal" was considered a great success, and visitors not a few were in attendance at this resort. The trains even now bring more or less daily. Col. Hugh Dinsmore made the great speech at the Normal opening; 4000 people were seated in the auditorium. Senator Berry and other distinguished persons were present. The final day was celebrated by the Sam Jones lectures. No man was ever better advertised, for weeks his "sayings" were repeated for miles out. Lawyers, business men and preachers alike took a turn at reproducing his quaint and striking expressions. The harvest of this and of much else done in the regular line of ministerial work may only be known in the sequel of all things earthly.

Later I have been to Hackler Grove of the Jasper mission; a great stir on Saturday night and 5 professions; a good meeting of days finished at that hour. On Sunday a funeral was to be preached; a great crowd collected at Bro. Secil's on the Buffalo; his sainted mother, long a Methodist, had gone to Paradise three years ago. Bro. Villines, grand-son of the deceased, had ridden 20 miles to be present. There were shouts and penitents at the close of the service, and we took up a collection for Foreign Missions to which there was a kindly response. Most of the company took dinner with Bro. Secil, and after some baptizing we left them still eating at 4 p. m., and repaired to Gather Cove where a meeting began with good prospects to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Simmons.

The Quarterly meeting last week at Eureka Springs was the beginning of a protracted service which is still in progress. There have been several professions and the interest is considerable. Bro. Walden is much enlisted and this station is in a healthy condition. Our pastor here complains daily of the "ups and downs" of the situation, threatens to purchase a bicycle for pastoral work; will wait developments, however, in view of Bishop Duncan and the coming Conference.

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vs.
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The non-resident defendants, M. T. Green and S. P. McConnell, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, S. V. Hafer. I. C. HICKS, Clerk.

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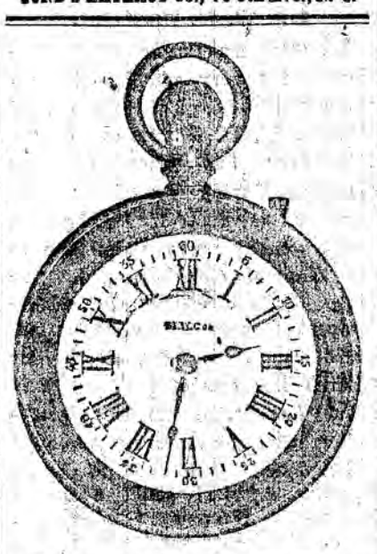

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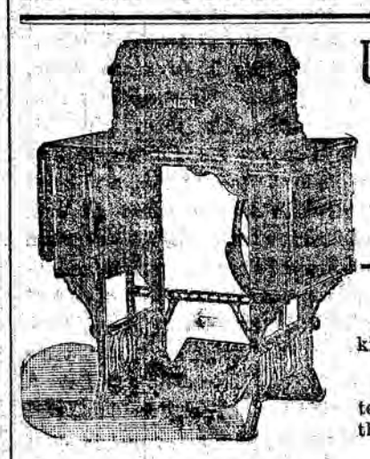

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IMPORTANT NOTICES.

The Frisco and Mo. Pacific R'ys give us a rate of one and one-third fare for round trip to the Arkansas Conference at Russelville. Full particulars in notice next week. Have applied to the Dardanelle and Eureka Springs R'ys for rates.

W. V. HARLAN.

Conway, Nov. 2.

All delegates who expect to attend the annual session of the Little Rock Conference, at Arkadelphia, December 2nd, will please notify me at once. Those who intend to bring their wives with them should not omit to state that fact. Presiding Elders are also requested to send in the names of the lay delegates who will come from their respective Districts.

H. M. WHALING.

Arkadelphia, Nov. 2.

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Though officially recognized during the past month in our dealings with the Publishing House, we desired and have been expecting the foregoing notice, which was delayed chiefly we suppose by reason of the absence of our Book Agents, who were attending Annual Conferences. Referring to what we said last week (published again on page 1), we here add, that our preachers and readers generally can help us very materially in maintaining their Depository by sending through us for the *periodicals* as well as the books from our Publishing House. With the facilities of stenographer and type-writer we will transmit at once all orders for new and renewing subscriptions to the Christian Advocate, Quarterly Review, Sunday School Magazine and *all* other Sunday-school periodicals. As stated in the notice above, we will sell all the books and periodicals of the M. E. Church, South, at the same prices charged and with the same discounts allowed by our Book Agents, Messrs. Barbee & Smith. Fraternally,

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Referring to a recent sermon by Rev. Dr. Alonzo Monk, showing in Memphis a state of public morals truly alarming, J. A. Jackson says in the Memphis Commercial, Oct. 28: "We are credibly informed that the gamblers of Memphis have paid into the city treasury since last January $27,000 of hush money, this amount being considered sufficient to silence and muzzle the officers of the law, and to so stifle and stultify the public conscience, as to virtually legalize the hellish traffic and render inert any effort that might be made for the enforcement of law. We are informed that $200 per month from each crap dive, $200 from each faro den, and $100 from each poker den, paid into the city treasury, so paralyzes the arm of the law as to insure its neutrality and purchase immunity from prosecution."

While we suppose there are more gambling establishments, even according to population, in Memphis than in Little Rock, we wish some friend would kindly ascertain and inform us how much "hush money" gamblers have paid into our city treasury since last January. "Hush money" may be an appropriate name for regular and nominal fines, which are not imposed according to the letter and spirit of the law—to suppress gambling and to break up gambling houses. From Mr. Jackson's article we quote with our hearty endorsement the following paragraph, as an appeal to the law-abiding citizens of Little Rock:

It therefore behooves us, as loyal citizens, to rise in the dignity and majesty of true manhood and say to our officials: You must manifest your worthiness of trust by enforcing the law, especially against those flagrant vampires who regard neither God nor man, and who have nothing but a purse, into which they have crept and are trying to pull the world in after them; who would, without emotion or a tear, swindle the last dime from the helpless idiot and pluck the bread from the mouths of famishing children; you must close up these illicit dens of infamy or forfeit all claims to our present respect and future suffrage; and if we must submit to other evils that are tolerated by law, you shall let them know that from henceforth they will be held strictly accountable for all violations of law, and especially the law regulating the observance of our holy Sabbath.

THE PREACHER'S PAY.

There are three reasons why the preacher should be paid: 1. He cannot live without it. Bread, clothes and books cost money. And these he must have. He has animal life, and it must be sustained. The farmer must have plows, the carpenter tools, the preacher books and papers. He must study. The preacher who does not study cannot preach. The lamented J. J. Jenkins, while P. E., preached a sermon on the support of the ministry. After the sermon a brother said to him: "Why, Bro. Jenkins, the preachers of the ——— Church work all the week and preach on Sunday." "Yes, and what sort of preaching is it?" retorted Jenkins. The man, who is anxious and troubled about where his living is to come from, cannot preach. He must be a man of one work. He must give his whole time to his ministry. The true policy is to give him a liberal support and then *demand* of him bread and not stones. A sensible level-headed drummer was introduced to a pastor in the store of one of the leading stewards. "M—," said the man of business, "pay your preacher enough that he can have a good sirloin steak for breakfast, and he will give you good, juicy preaching. Stint his body, and you starve his brain." The same diet that will nourish a laboring man will starve one whose labors are mental. Children at school will not thrive on the same diet they will in the field. The drain upon the system is greater in study than in manual labor. A stingy steward uttered a woful wail when Walter Lambuth went to China, because he carried a colored servant. He would have a man worth $10,000 a year as a medical missionary to drop his work and do chores around the house, that a negro could do just as well for $150. Spend $10,000 to save $150. That is just the policy pursued when the Church fails to furnish the preacher with a support.

2. Fealty to church vows demands that the ministry be supported. A candidate comes forward and the pastor propounds the question: "Will you be subject to the discipline of the Church, attend upon its ordinances, and support its institutions?" 'Yes, sir; I will support the preacher if I like him; if he is a sociable fellow and makes himself agreeable. But he must not fill the church with the smell of sulphur, and take much stock in hell fire. He must not abuse innocent amusements. He must preach Christ, and not be harping on saloons, theaters, circuses, dancing and dress. I will *give* him something, if he is a grand preacher, draws the crowd and overshadows other Churches. But I do not want an inspector of accounts nosing around into my private affairs. When I want to give anything, I will hand it to the preacher myself. The stewards need not bother themselves about me. My money is my own; I made it, and I will pay it out to suit myself.'

Common honesty of the commonest kind demands that the preacher be paid. His work is as necessary as the blacksmith's. His wages are as justly earned as the cotton-picker's. His claim is as just as the grocer's or doctor's. Until people learn honesty, it is idle to sing of 'The Home over There.' To accept a man's service, to use his time, brings people under obligation to pay.

3. God demands it. If God desired he could send the ravens with bread and flesh morning and evening to the parsonage. He could send the preacher down to a widow's house, and the barrel of meal would not waste nor the cruse of oil fail. He could gather up stones and command them to be made bread, and roll them into the preacher's pantry. He could rain manna from heaven. He could bake a cake upon the coals, and send the preacher to labor in the strength of that meat forty days and nights. But He did not. He commands the people to feed them. He says "the laborer is worthy of his hire," "the workman is worthy of his meat." "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." In Matt. 10, He sends them out to preach and commands them to "take neither gold nor silver nor brass in their purses, neither scrip for their journey," and tells them it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for those who refuse to hear them and take care of them. God's plan is for those to whom they minister to support them, and if they fail they receive His condemnation.

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DR. W. H. POTTER.

We could make only brief mention of the very sad intelligence, when we first heard of the death of Rev Dr. W. H. Potter, one of the Missionary Secretaries of our Church. Having been editor of the Wesleyan Advocate for eight years, and for many years a delegate to the General Conference, he was both highly esteemed and widely known before entering upon his last great work. In his death our Church lost one of her wise and great leaders. From the Wesleyan's editorial on his death we copy:

Dr. Potter was born in South Carolina, April 11, 1828, and died in Austell, Georgia, October 11, 1891. He joined the Georgia Conference about thirty-eight years ago, and has been an active, zealous, wise worker in all classes of work. His last illness was about two weeks, though his death was not anticipated for more than a few days. He was buried in Augusta, Georgia, Tuesday morning.

For many years Dr. Potter has been a leader in our midst. He was a man of cool, deliberate, clear judgment; weighing questions from a broad survey of the grounds and summing up with impartial decision. He has had the confidence of his conference and of the people at large. As a pastor he was looked to and confided in by the people in a remarkable degree. As presiding elder he was a master. His quarterly conference offices and pulpit ministrations were not only loyal to Church and God, but full of the most helpful guidance and instruction. He was one to whom a preacher, layman, or any one could go with perfect confidence, knowing that he would not only have a courteous, cordial greeting, but would receive information and light.

Dr. Potter had few superiors as a clear, forcible expounder of the Word of God. There was an incisiveness in his manner of thought that would bring out true and fresh meaning rarely seen by others. This he would use and elaborate in practical application, often in such a way as to be irresistible. We have seen sinners bend and bow under his appeals; we have seen the conscience and life of believers quickened and enlarged by his logical presentation of duty, and we have seen heaven open above him as he climbed the royal ways of divine thought. Oh, he was a preacher to hear, and to do you good.

Our readers will appreciate the fraternal deliverance thus described by Zion's Herald: The finest utterance that we heard at Washington during the Ecumenical Conference, and the one that lingers in memory most tenaciously, fell from the lips of Rev. Dr. W. U. Markland, of Baltimore, of the Presbyterian Church, in making his address as one of the fraternal delegates of that denomination. He had been speaking of the marked change from the *odium theologicum* of the olden days. He proceeded to illustrate it by a picture of the felicitous fellowship of the heavenly life when once the fleshly vail was removed. He imagined a meeting of the "three Johns," Calvin, Wesley, and the John who gave to the Church his enraptured visions at Patmos. In the ecstacy of such fellowship Toplady, approaching from one direction, and Charles Wesley from another, gather about that trinity now in such gracious unity. Charles, like himself breaks out impulsively, and says to his once earthly antagonist, "Let us sing 'Rock of Ages,'" to which Toplady hastens to answer, "No, Charles, 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul,' is better," and he proceeded to lead the company in singing that Methodist hymn. This is only a bare outline of Dr. Markland's eloquent utterance, but it may suggest to our readers something of the impressiveness of the illustration.

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Dr. Black has done his work well, admirably well, and deserves the thanks of the Church. We hope the book will be read by every man and woman in the Church.—Florida Advocate.

The recent discussions of the Woman question, the controversy in this paper on Woman's Sphere, and especially the great prominence and efficiency of Christian women in the religious and benevolent enterprises of this age, should create a demand among our readers for Dr. Black's charming book, Christian Womanhood. It is truly worthy a place in every home, and its careful perusal will be instructive and edifying to all thoughtful readers. The book is well printed and bound, and cheap at $1.00, by mail postpaid. Send orders with the cash to Bennett & Thornburgh, General Colporters, Little Rock, Ark.

OUR NASHVILLE LETTER.

Religious circles have been considerably agitated for the past two weeks. Two notable religious gatherings have met here within that time. On the 22nd the American Interseminary Missionary Alliance, composed of delegates from most of the prominent theological seminaries in the United States, assembled in McKendree Church, guests of the Biblical Dept. of Vanderbilt. This was one of the greatest organizations for young men ever holding its session in the South. The common interest which brought together these young men of every evangelical denomination in the Union was the foreign mission work. A great many of its delegates have volunteered their services for foreign work and in a few years will be laboring among the heathen. Besides the discussion of subjects by the delegates, several prominent men were on the program. Dr. Tillett of Vanderbilt delivered the welcome address and in his clear, discriminating way made perhaps the best all-round address of the occasion. The Doctor is a very clear thinker, and when he pressed upon the Alliance his distinction between "missionary impulse" and "missionary conviction," there was perhaps not a hearer who did not feel strongly the force of his words. Dr. S. A. Ort of Wittenberg Seminary, Springfield, I., delivered a learned address, calling attention to the degree in which materialism ruled the masses and rationalism dominated the thought of the upper classes, and insisting that the only antidote for these was a clear apprehension and experimental knowledge of the truth, the just shall live by faith. Dr. S. A. Steel told them some plain truth in reference to the evangelization of the Negro in the South. One of the delegates left the room while the Doctor was speaking and was heard to say afterwards, that Dr. Steel said some things that did not agree with the sentiments of some of the delegates. Those who had better sense and used it were much pleased with the plain and candid presentation of the Southern view as embodied in the address. Bishop Wilson outlined in his address the principles of the Gospel upon which missionary effort was founded. His speech was characteristic and strong and was highly appreciated by our visitors. By special arrangement the Bishop has delivered three lectures to the students of the Biblical Dept. of Vanderbilt. All the Bishop's talks are just alike—not that he says the same thing every time, but he says it in the same way. It is common observation among those who have heard him often, that you can never remember much that he says, but you feel as if you had come into contact with a great spirit. It would take a professional sermon-skeleton catcher to get an outline of many of his sermons and addresses. He pays very little attention apparently to the framework of his addresses.

The most notable personage who has come to Nashville recently is Rev. Hugh Price Hughes of London, the most intense man I have seen. He lives every minute of his life, seems to know just what to do next, how to do it, and to be resolved to do it or die. It is an inspiration to see such a man. He is a human cyclone, with so many and so great energies pent up in him that he can't keep still. Dr. John Hall of New York says of him, that he stands next to Spurgeon in the London pulpit. The Daily American says of him, that he is "a Wesleyan by birth, and has the reputation of being the greatest of English preachers. He is a born orator, an aggressive and combative man, and has a full share of Celtic fire and impetuosity. He is looked upon as the recognized exponent among Methodists of the non-conformist conscience, which opposed Dilke and Parnell in public life, and before whose censure the Prince of Wales himself has bowed. He is a man of marvelous versatility, and is described as possessed of the same demon of restless energy that forces the pace of the German Emperor." The large auditorium was jammed long before time for the speaker to begin. His subject was "Social Christianity," and he discussed it by giving an outline of the plans and purposes of the West London Mission, of which he is in charge. The movement which he heads is called the "Forward Movement," though he says he protested that it ought to be called the "Backward Movement," for he was simply going back to the methods adopted by John Wesley. For further light upon his work he referred his audience to John Wesley's Journal. He said some striking things—in fact all he says is striking. "The preacher's business is to succeed, and if he cannot succeed by the old methods he ought to adopt new ones." He is ready to utilize anything that will help him be more effective in his work. He magnified the work and influence of Wesley. England has a better public sentiment than America, and he attributes it to the fact that John Wesley preached to the masses. He was warmly applauded when he said they had learned over there that "what is morally wrong can never be politically right." He deprecates the division of Churches, and says that it will evidently take all of eternity to settle their theological differences; it would be better to defer the settlement of them until they reach the other shore. He speaks with the whole body, never uses a superfluous word, goes right for the mark and when he reaches it stops. He has a way of putting things very much like Bishop Galloway in some respects, though he is less ornate. He gives a simple utterance of plain truth and frequently throws off brilliant witticisms. His definition of entire sanctification, which he humorously claimed to be new, original and orthodox, is that it is "an intense desire not to have your own way." Mr. Hughes has no title except A. M. The English laugh at our numerous D.D.s and LL.D.s. There are few of them in England, probably because none but the State schools can confer honorary degrees. Mr. Hughes staid just 24 hours in Nashville, but monopolized the interest and attention of most of the substantial citizens while here.

The Tennessee Annual Conference is now in session at West End Church. The session has been harmonious so far and the danger line seems to be passed. There was a little breeze when the resolution to adopt The Tennessee Methodist as the Conference organ was discussed this morning, but it soon blew over and the paper was adopted by a large vote. There is enough to be seen and heard to show that the line drawn by the discussions last year has not been obliterated yet. Dr. W. M. Leftwich declined the nomination for re-election to the secretaryship and Rev. B. F. Haynes was nominated and elected. The Conference presented Dr. L. with a handsome gold watch in token of their appreciation of his services. There are several visitors to the Conference. The most prominent perhaps are two gentlemen from New Zealand, who were delegates to the Ecumenical. There was a large class received on trial, and a class of eight into full connection this morning. Bishop Wilson made a sensible talk to them before asking the questions required by the Discipline. The Bishop is a good presiding officer. He has a clear head and is of too lymphatic a temperament to get disconcerted.

Rev. Mr. Morely of New Zealand, Supt. of the Australasian Methodist Church, made a very interesting address to the Conference this morning. Among other things he said that this newest branch of Methodism, established in 1812, had come to have 500 traveling preahers, 50,000 members, and 350,000 adherents. Their circuits are now sometimes 150 or 200 miles in extent. They have 1,700 local preachers, whom they use much more than we do in America. They have weekly and monthly class-meetings, and by act of their General Conference members are required to attend at least the latter. Their superannuates are well cared for. If a preacher's health fails after he has traveled five years, he has an annuity of $250 after that for life; if he spends forty years in the service and then breaks down, he has an annual allowance of $1,000. He spoke of the work on the Fiji Islands, that in a population of 130,000 there is not a heathen and that there was not one family in twenty where family prayer was not observed. In all lines of Christian work these new disciples are almost without a parallel. In closing he spoke of his interest in the development of Methodism in the Southern States. Some of the most heroic deeds recorded in Methodism were those of its pioneers in the Southern States. He said Bishop McTyeire was one of the greatest men ever given to Methodism, and that Dr. J. B. McFerrin impressed him as ing a typical old-fashioned Methodist preacher. He regretted very much that he had never met them in the flesh. His address was greatly enjoyed by the Conference.

J. M. HAWLEY.

Oct. 31.

In Europe three million armed men are sullenly facing each other, waiting only for the word to spring at each other's throats. War has long been thought of as imminent, and this state of things has come to be regarded as normal. This anomalous condition, without a parallel in history, is vividly portrayed in the November *Forum* by William R. Thayer, one of our most acute students of European politics. He has striven to put before his readers a picture of the status of each of the great powers,—their strength, their feelings toward one another, and their probable course in case of war. He concludes that Russia is to-day the centre of the warlike storm area, and that her course endangers all western Europe.

In a recent letter in the Central Methodist the venerable Rev. Dr. R. H. Rivers said: "I am in the sixty-first year of my ministry, and the sixty-second of my connection with the Methodist Church, and I do most religiously declare that in all these years Methodism has been moving forward, except, possibly, in the four years of our terrible war. We are still moving forward. In all the elements of a living Church Methodism is now in advance of what she ever was before. In advanced learning, in a pure literature, in aggressive missionary operations, in enlarged benevolence, in sterling piety, in home religion, in deep consecration to the good and the true, our beloved Methodism never occupied a position so high, so glorious and so successful as the one she now maintains near the cross. After an active ministry of so many years it is to me bright in life's eventide. The star of Bethlehem still shines. The sun of righteousness still sheds his radiance; hope still gilds the dark clouds, and the future grows brighter and brighter."

We wish all the pastors in the three Conferences to send us the names of all the postoffices at which their people get mail, so we can send lists of subscribers that the Fall collections may begin at once. These lists will tell how much they owe. Pastors, please send at once.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4, 1891.

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

Just before closing our forms we received a letter from Rev. J. S. Clower, who has been kept by the bedside of his oldest son, Aubrey, suffering with the slow fever for 28 days. Bro. C. makes urgent call upon *all* the members of Quitman C't to pay in full *all* the claims assessed upon them and to pray for the recovery of his son.

Last Thursday we had a very cheerful visit from Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter. Though during his long and pleasant sojourn in Pa. he preached every Sunday but two and held a meeting besides, he is looking unusually well. From the old family Bible owned by his sister he found he is one year older than he thought—will be 77 on Dec. 26 next.

Rev. R. S. Kirkman gave us a friendly call last Thursday p. m., and reported 26 conversions and 26 accessions on the Red River C't, and "the Church looking up."

Last Thursday afternoon we had an unexpected and very pleasant visit from Bro. B. F. Grammer, whom we have esteemed highly for 21 years. He is one of the worthy and substantial laymen on the Searcy C't. Bro. Grammer bought one of the valuable Reversible Maps offered to our new and renewing subscribers at $1—just one-fifth of the publisher's price for the Map.

Rev. Z. T. McCann wrote Oct. 23: "I am now at home in Dexter, Mo. I find this a nice little town of 1,000 to 1,500 inhabitants. Our Church is in good working order. I will have plenty of work to do."

On Sunday Oct. 25, Rev. Dr. J. S. Morris, Assistant Sec'y of our Board of Church Extension, preached to highly appreciative congregations at First and Winfield Memorial Churches in this city. As he came without previous notice, and we were absent from the city at the time, we did not learn of his visit before our last issue was made up.

Bishop C. B. Galloway has been appointed Fraternal Delegate from our Church to the British Wesleyan Conference. Rev. W. A. Candler, D.D., President of Emory College, will represent us before the approaching session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both of these appointments were eminently fit to be made. The brethren named will do us honor, and will greatly please the Christian people to whom they are sent.—Nashville Advocate.

Rev. J. A. Baker, Uvalde, West Conference, paid the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. He was returning from Arkansas, whither he had gone on a delightful mission. We welcome his bride to Texas; hope that she will always have a good parsonage, thoroughly furnished, and that God's richest blessings will be upon the happy pair.—Texas Advocate.

A Japanese student by the name of Adachi arrived Thursday direct from Japan and entered the Hendrix College. We understand he will take a complete course.—Conway Log Cabin.

Rev. Dr. John H. Dye, Superintendent of the Arkansas State School for the Blind, has been elected President of the Galloway Female College, Searcy, Ark., for a term of 12 years. President Babcock, who has conducted the school so successfully during the past three years, returns to the pastorate. We congratulate the Board of Trustees and the Methodists of Arkansas in securing the services of Dr. Dye, and we predict that he will make Galloway College one of the most successful schools in the South.—St. Louis Advocate.

Rev. V. V. Harlan, P. C. of Conway station, writes, Nov. 2: "Bro. Harris is still with us and doing fine work. A number of conversions, altar full of penitents and interest increasing."

Miss Lizzie Thornburgh, eldest daughter of our Business Manager, left Monday p. m., to enter Galloway College, from which we hope she will graduate with honors next June.

Bishop Atticus G. Haygood says of Rev. Dr. R. G. Porter's new book: Gilderoy's "Odd Hours" delights me. The young people, older ones also, who read it will find it good for them. It is sound, pure, good, funny, entertaining, instructive. I wish every boy would read it, it would help him to be a man.

This (Tuesday) morning we had a cheerful call from Rev. E. N. Watson, who we are glad to know is enjoying good health.

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Rev. N. Futrell, P. C. of Dardanelle station, writes: "We have torn down our old church house, and are now putting down a stone foundation and putting the material on the ground for a fine brick building, which we hope to bring to completion at the earliest possible moment. It is well with us."

Rev. J. H. Bradford, P. C. of El Dorado C't, accompanied by his little daughter, Girtie, gave us a pleasant visit last week. Bro. B. was going to Lonoke to assist Rev. Dr. John McLauchlan in a meeting

Last week we had a cheerful visit from Rev. John P. Lowry, who is now preaching for Bro. J. R. Harvey in Malvern station. Bro. Godden writes in this issue of Bro. L's preaching in Hot Springs.

Bro. J. H. Shoppach of Arkadelphia gave us a friendly call Tuesday and reported progress in completing the Methodist College building in his town.

Rev. O. H. Keadle, P. C. of Tulip C't, gave us a brotherly visit Tuesday. He reported good meetings in his charge, with about 40 conversions and 30 accessions.

Rev. E. C. Castlebery, P. C. of Beebe station, reports 20 conversions and 10 accessions as part of the results his his mesting just closed.

Rev. C. A. Bayless, P. C. of Bryant C't, writes Nov. 1: As we are "rounding up" for Conference, I have to report 185 conversions with 81 accessions to date—about 20 infants baptized. Finances are not "up" but coming. God has abundantly blessed us this my second year on this work.

We enjoyed greatly the pleasure of spending last Sunday in Newport, the flourishing capital of Jackson county. As chilling rain was falling most of the day and there was preaching at four churches, we did not have a large congregation at either service, but the hearers gave cheering assurance of appreciating the messages delivered. In the notably hospitable Christian home of Bro. and Sister L. B. McDonald, two of our most highly esteemed friends, we received delightful entertainment. As the weather was so inclement we visited only one other home, that of Capt. J. E. Wilmans, where we feasted upon an excellent dinner and spent several hours most pleasantly.

Week before last Rev. Dr. R. Abbey died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Magruder in Yazoo City, Miss., at the age of nearly 86 years. In the death of this grand and lovable minister of Christ we feel a personal bereavement. Further notice next week.

President and Mrs. S. H. Babcock of Galloway College visited Morrilton last Friday, honoring our office with their presence while in this city.

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NOTICE.

The officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Arkansas Conference have found it necessary to change the time of the annual meeting to June, instead of having it at the same time and place of the Annual Conference. Many of the best workers are teachers and can not leave their positions in November, and by the last of June are at leisure. This change will not interfere with any auxiliary in sending their quarterly reports promptly to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. The time and place will be duly announced.

MRS. O. H. TUCKER, Pres.
MRS. V. V. HARLAN, Cor. Sec.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. C. Crockett, Malden, Mo., Oct. 28, 1891, by Rev. Z. T. McCann, Mr. C. S. Wells of Jonesboeo, Ark., to Miss Annie L. Crockett of Malden, Mo.

At 8 o'clock p. m., Oct. 28, 1891 at the Presbyterian Church in Dardanelle by Rev. N. Futrell, Mr. Edward S. Urmston to Miss May Clark.

Oct. 28, 1891, at the residedce of the bride's father, Nevada county, Ark., Mr. John Carnelius and Miss Lillian Brooks, Rev. S. A. Hill officiating.

Oct. 29, 1891, at Bethesda Church, by Rev. Y. A. Gilmore, Mr. Rowen C. Crowley and Miss. Girtie S. Langston —all of Johnson county, Ark.

At the M. E. Church, South, in Washington, Ark., Oct. 28, by Rev. Thos. H. Ware (assisted by the Revs. J. C. Rhodes and H. W. Brooks), Mr. Walter J. Terry of Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Kate C. Ware, daughter of Thos. H. Ware of the Little Rock Conference.

TWO JOYOUS EVENTS.

Two delightful and notable events in Little Rock society were celebrated last Wednesday evening. On that day in the Methodist Church in the historic town of Washington, Mr. Walter J. Terry, a popular young lawyer of this city, and Miss Kate Colburn Ware, the beautiful and lovely daughter of Rev. T. H. Ware, were happily married in the presence of relatives and many admiring friends. Immediately after their arrival at 7:10 p. m. in this city they were given an elegant reception at the home of Mrs. Colburn, grandmother of the bride.

At 9:30 in our First Church in the presence of an overflowing congregation, Mr. James Keatts, son of the late James Keatts, Esq., a wealthy planter, and Miss May Hughes, the accomplished daughter of Col. John L. Hughes, merchant and planter, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock in a very impressive ceremony by Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter. The many and richly dressed attendants, the beautiful and profuse decorations of the church, the sweet strains of music, the numerous and costly presents, and superb reception given at the residence of the bride's parents made this one of the most notable marriage occasions witnessed in Little Rock.

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J. F. RIVES, Sr.
Searcy, Ark.

Woodruff Trial

is now progressing and is being fought inch by inch with eminent counsel on both sides; what the outcome will be no one can tell yet, although an acquittal is expected by a great many friends of the Major's who talk as though they know what they are talking about; but we are not practicing law—we are selling groceries, loading country wagons all day long, shipping nice lots every day, our five delivery wagons in the city are running steady, but we are not satisfied. You may think we are hoggish, but now say are you satisfied? We don't bet, but our kook-keeper does, he will bet you ain't. If you live out of the city going to have a sociable, party, supper or wedding we can fit you out. Don't forget us.

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We glorify God for the prosperity which He has given to our Churches. By His blessing they have grown until they number some 25,000,000 of adherents. This is full of encouragement. An organization which has grown so rapidly in the free competition of systems, and even crippled in some of its branches by many artificial disabilities, must be in vital harmony with its environments. By the most inexorable test, Methodism is proved to be singularly adapted to the needs of men. Although many adjustments and developments must, undoubtedly, be made to accomplish fully our mission, let us beware of thinking that any vital changes are necessary. Faithfully using our present means, under the blessing of God, our prosperity will grow.

We rejoice to recognize the substantial unity which exists among the various Methodist Churches. Its firm basis is a common creed. We are all faithful to the simple Scriptural and generous theology which God, through the clear intellect and loving heart of John Wesley, restored to His Church. The intellectual movement and the social changes of our time may have led to some change in the form of expression, or some shifting of the emphasis of our teaching, but they have not led us even to reconsider that living theology which has abundantly proved itself upon our pulses. Indeed it would be strange if, while other Churches are drawing toward it, we should have departed from it. And there are other grounds of unity. We are proud of the same spiritual ancestry; we sing the same holy hymns; our modes of worship are very similar; and, what is most important of all, the type of religious experience is fundamentally the same throughout the Methodist world. Our ecclesiastical principles are not so various as the forms in which they are accidentally embodied. Rejoicing in these things, we think that the time has come for a closer co-operation of the Methodist Churches, both at home and abroad, which shall prevent waste of power and unhallowed rivalry. While before the eyes of many of us has passed the delightful vision of time, when, in each land where it is planted, Methodism shall become, for every useful purpose, one, and the Methodism of the world shall be a close and powerful federation of Churches for the spread of the kingdom of Christ.

We need to combine our energies, for that the work we have to do is vast and urgent. The skepticism and indifference which are so natural to the human heart have been reinforced by an abuse of science and philosophy. The hard lot of millions makes it very difficult for them to believe in God our Father. There is so much that the Churches have not done to redress the wrong and heal the sufferings of mankind, that it is hard for many to believe in their divine mission. The standing evils of society are aggravated by the close pressure in our great cities, and are discovered to the eyes of all in our daily newspapers. Let us preach and live the gospel of Christ in its integrity, dismissing all narrow conception of our duty, let us trace the moral evil of men to its true sources in their surroundings, their physical nature, their ignorance, their passions and their will, and set ourselves to deal comprehensively with it. To the specific ailments of mankind let us apply specific remedies. To do this it will be necessary for the members of our Churches to make a full use of their political rights. To allow the great powers of law and government, and their still greater influence, to fall into the hands of ungodly men would be incredible folly and sin. God forbid that any of our Churches should become the instrument of political parties. It is doubtless necessary that individuals should have political attachments, and Methodists are found in all the great historic parties. But when a member of our Church has taken his place in the political connection which is most in harmony with his ideas and convictions, let him never forget that there are great moral interests superior to all party exigencies, in which he must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

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Of a few of the great evils which admit, in some degree, of public treatment we cannot be silent. Intemperance, the fruitful mother of a brood of evils, is largely created by legalized temptation. Snares are planted in almost every street for the unwary and unsteady. Is it too much to ask that our people will combine to use all legal instruments to abate this wanton solicitation of men to vice and crime? Let us discourage in every way betting and gambling, which spring from the love of excitement and the lust of gain, two of the besetting evils of the modern world. And let us abstain from all reckless speculation in business which cannot be distinguished from gambling. Excessive and unfair competition, which is secreting so much bitterness in the breasts of men, and depositing so many of the materials of convulsion in society, should be steadily avoided and discountenanced.

And shall we not do all we can in quiet times to mold political opinion, and establish courts of arbitration, so that the complicated crime of aggressive war may be averted?

It is necessary to employ with the utmost economy all our resources. One secret of the strength of Methodism has been the free play which it allows to the gifts and energies of its laity. The pastoral work of our class leaders has been of the highest value. Local preachers, both in England and America, were of great service in the early history of our Churches. It is to be hoped that the multiplication of ministers may not tempt us to think that lay preaching is unnecessary. We thank God for the young men and women in our mission bands, who are carrying the gospel to remote villages and into the alleys and courts of our crowded cities.

Among the wasted treasures of the Church are the delicate sensibilities, the tact, the tenderness, and the persuasive power of holy women. We are all agreed that the needs of the world require, and that the conditions of the age allow, that such women should take a more prominent place in the work of the Church. The social means of grace, in which Methodism is so rich, are a cogenial sphere for their best talents. In the benevolent work, which is springing up on every hand, and is one of the most hopeful features of the time, their gifts are indispensable and valuable. We distinctly approve of associations in which, unfettered by any vow, devoted women may be organized for ministry to human need and sorrow. But we hope that with their enlarging opportunities women may not be tempted to undervalue the sphere in which they are not only supreme, but alone, as the sun in his path through the heavens—the sphere of the mother in the home.

The children of our Church have occupied the attention of the Conference. In the formation and wonderful progress of the great societies on the American continent, such as the Epworth League, we greatly rejoice. We should be glad if similar societies, adapted to other conditions, could be established in other parts of the Methodist world. To bring young people together under its hallowing influence, to watch over their reading and recitation, in which so many perils lie, to combine and direct their ardor and energy to suitable forms of benevolent work, is surely one of the highest duties of the Church. We feel that our Sunday-schools have not as yet realized their vast possibilities. But the home is the great nursery of religious faith and life. There are one-sided theories of conversion which prevent our looking for signs of the religious life with the dawn of intelligence and the first development of will. False tests, in which the nature of a child is quite forgotten, prevent us from finding them. We would that parents should feel that they can hardly look too early for the faint beginnings of the spiritual life in the hearts of their children, nor too carefully foster them. At the same time we must insist, as we have always done, that the mature religious life should be definite and conscious. It may arise as gradually and gently as a summer morning breaks; it ought to become as clear and self-attesting as a summer noon.

The education of our young people is of great concern to us. We shall never cease to oppose every system of national education which unduly favors any particular Church. In these days, when out of science is perversely forged a weapon to attack our faith, one of the foremost duties of every Church is to guard her sons against the danger, and enable them to do something to vindicate for true science its high place as a handmaid of pure religion. To this end we rejoice in the establishment of higher schools and in every step which tends to give us our right place in the university system of the various lands in which our people dwell.

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While loving all them that love God, and desiring closer co-operation with them in His service, we renew our protest against every ecclesiastical system which invades the rights of conscience, which claims to be the only channel of the infinite grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and which sets up the human priests as an indispensable mediator between the soul and God.

Let us beware of taking a narrow view of our mission and our resources. Let us carry on our work with equal earnestness in sequestered villages and in crowded cities. Let us appeal alike to the rich and to the poor; to the cultured and to the illiterate. Let us consecrate our wealth by building churches, which shall be constant witnesses in our busy streets to the repose and dignity of our religion, and let us preach in the open air. Let us use every means, the pulpit and the press, the school and the university, science and art, social influence and the ballot box. Let the clear intellect and the loving heart and the strong will have their rightful place. Let order be harmonized with the free play of individuality, and let us impose no limits on reverent inquiry.

The increase of our people in number and wealth and power has laid us under a great responsibility. It seems probable that before long Methodists will constitute nearly a fourth of the people who use the English tongue. We are a factor of growing importance in that great race which, by a restless impulse, is spreading its dominion, its trade, and its civilization over vast regions of every continent. Let us rise to the height of our calling. We ought to go wherever our race goes, to multiply our churches, to increase our communications, and so become a bond of union among the widespread peoples of English blood. And we should strive to check that dangerous temper into which adventurous and governing races so easily fall. So shall we do our duty to our fellow men, and play our part in the great plan of God.

Before another Ecumenical Conference we shall have passed into another century. Ten critical years of the swiftly-moving modern world will have rolled away. Opportunities will have offered themselves which will never come again. We pray that our Churches may clearly and rightly interpret the signs of the times, and, discerning the will of God, may yield themselves entirely to it.

Brethren, we need not remind you of the deep springs of the spiritual life. Thoughtful reading of the Word of God, regular seasons of prayer in secret, in the family, and in the Church, the class-meeting, public worship, and the Holy Sacrament, where we remember that the Lord gave Himself for us, and gives Himself to us—from these are drawn the grace of life. In them we learn to do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with our God, and we gather that wisdom and strength without which our vast enterprises are but folly and vanity.

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OBITUARIES.

ARMSTRONG.—Miss Mary B. Armstrong was born to Wm. and W. Armstrong in Bedford Co., Tenn., Nov. 1835; professed religion in 1850, when in her fifteenth year. Of her Christian life we can speak with a great deal of freedom, having known her for twenty years. When on my first circuit I had the privilege of being her pastor. A more devoted Christian life in which the graces of the gospel of Christ met, and from which the light of the same was reflected we have not known in a ministry of eighteen years. Her ready hands were always free to administer to the afflicted.

She came to Waldron, Scott Co., in 1867, where she engaged in teaching for a number of years. As a teacher she was esteemed very highly for her work's sake. She was an exemplary member of the M. E. Church, South, having been a member over forty years. She had been terribly afflicted for about eight years, but she bore her afflictions with Christian patience and fortitude. She left the shores of time for her everlasting home exclaiming "My Savior is with me." She died at the parsonage in Paris, Ark., in the home of Rev. J. L. Hayes, her brother-in-law, Oct. 2, 1891, aged 56 years. She was buried from the Methodist church after a funeral discourse by the writer. We laid her to rest in the Paris cemetery to await the trump of God in the resurrection morn. Farewell, dear sister, until we meet on the golden shores of eternal life. Her mother still lives in age and feebleness extreme. Soon mother and daughter will meet in the sweet bye and bye. To her only remaining sister, Sister Hayes, we would say weep not as those who have no hope; for Mary is not dead, but sleep'th.

I. B. HICKMAN.

BURNS.—Died, in Smithville, Ark. at the residence of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bettie Burns, on Sept. 25, 1891, James R. Burns. Bro. Burns was born in Cape Gerárdeau Co., Mo. Oct 26, 1817; was married to Miss Emma Peebles in Nov., 1847, and came to Ark. in 1850. He made a profession of religion and united with the M. E. Church, South, in August, 1885. He lived a consistent member of the Church from the time of his union with it until his death. He was regular in his attendance. On Sunday morning, just two weeks before his death, in relating his religious experience in our love-feast, he stated that all was well with him. "Uncle Jim," as he was familiarly called, was a good man, and a liberal supporter of the Church. On the day that Sister Burns was buried, she having preceded him to heaven about three months, he said to me that just before she died she spoke of regretting having to leave him, and he told her it would not be long until he would follow on. We laid his body to rest in the Smithville cemetery by the side of his beloved Emma. They had traveled the pathway of life together for forty-four years, and we trust they are resting together to-day in heaven. Bro. Burns was buried with Masonic honors, after which the writer used our Ritual for the burial of the dead. To the surviving relatives we would say, live religious and after awhile you will meet your loved ones in the sweet bye and bye.

S. W. REGISTER.

SEARS.—Mrs. Elizabeth E. Sears (*nee* Love) departed this life in great peace at the home of her son John near Pleasant Valley, Fulton Co., Ark., Aug. 8, 1891. She was born in Bunkum Co., N. C., May 15, 1819. When a child she went with her parents to Habersham Co., Ga. On June 3, 1839 she was happily married to Joseph P. Sears, who preceded her to the better world. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church at Moss Creek Camp-ground, Ga. in 1841; moved with her family to Izard Co., Ark. in 1870 and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Shaver Camp-ground, and attended all the camp meetings held there since then till last year. After the death of her husband she lived with her son Wm., and transferred her church membership to Pleasant Valley, Salem circuit. She was the mother of ten children, nine of whom survive her; all but one of these attended her during her last illness. She has been failing in health for more than a year. Rev. G. M. Hill preached the last sermon she ever heard. Her life was that of a devoted, self-sacrificing Christian mother and wife. Many of her former pastors can speak knowingly of her gentle, unassuming, Christian life. Her patience in her last illness fully attested her strength of grace and faith in Christ. Her cheerful Christian disposition was exhibited to the last moment. While her sufferings were intense she would say, "The Lord's will be done." How tranqail her countenance after death! Nothing but the dawn of eternal life in the light of God's presence and the songs of the redeemed could produce such tranquility in the presence of death. What joy! what peace! what undying happiness! Her broken-hearted children have the blessed example of the Christian mother as heaven's great bequest. May they emulate her example. "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

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Ellenor E., daughter of the same parents, was born July 16, 1888 and died of flux June 30, 1891.

Thus death came and claimed as his own the two youngest children of these happy parents, and they are left in double sorrow. The children have gone to rest with Jesus, and God supplies the sorrowing ones with grace.

Salem, Ark. F. R. NOE.

ROLAND.—Bro. J. J. Roland was born Jan. 8, 1861 and died Sept. 26, 1891. He was a native of this State and spent the most of his life in Faulkner Co. In 1881 he was married to Miss Elvira Gash, but she died praising God. On Dec. 24, 1884 he was married to Miss Harriet Barger. She with three children still survives him. In Sept. 1890 he was gloriously converted to God in the woods by himself. He only spent one year in the service of God, but a more devout Christian it has never been my lot to know. During his sickness he told his wife to never cease praying for her brother, who is yet in his sins and lives in Boone Co. After he was converted he joined the Baptist Church but he has a brother who is a local preacher in the M. E. Church, South. Sister Harriet, remember the Lord loveth whom he chasteneth. Rear your children so you and they can have a happy reunion with Bro. Jim in heaven. His four brothers I would admonish to live to the vow they took around his grave. Bro. Roland has gone to heaven; by the grace of God may we all get there.

J. H. GIST.

ELLIS.—Maud Elizabeth Ellis, daughter of Bro. and Sister Jas. W. Ellis, was born June 8, 1875 and died Oct. 3, 1891, near Ozan, Hempstead Co., Ark., where she had spent all of her short but happy life. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, about seven years ago under the ministry of the Rev. John R. Sanders. She was a most amiable girl, modest and pious, and generally beloved by relatives and friends, of whom she had many.

Maud was sick only a few days. Though quite sick she sang "Let us walk in the light," doubtless realizing that as "we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." When approaching the valley of the shadow of death she sung as best she could, "Alas, and did my Savior bleed," with the chorus, "At the cross, at the cross." Her funeral was preached by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Rhodes, to a large and weeping congregation of relatives and friends at St. Paul, and the burial services conducted by the same assisted by Rev. W. T. Thurman of the C. P. Church. God grant that her loved ones left behind, when tempted to walk in the path of sin, may hear her voice from heaven crying, "Not that way; there is danger there!" "Let us walk in the light with our Savior whose blood cleanseth from all sin."

M. S. HAMILTON.

Ozan, Ark.

SIMS.—Mrs. Nannie Sims was born Feb. 15, 1867 and died Sept. 25, 1891.

WHEREAS, God in his inscrutable wisdom has removed from us by death our dear sister, Nannie Sims, to a home beyond the skies; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Methodist Sunday-school of Nashville, Ark., give public though feeble expression of our feelings of love and admiration.

2. That our deceased sister was a living example of a noble unwavering Christian life, whom to know was to love.

3. By her unpretentious devotion to the Church and Sunday-school, and to every other Christian duty her deep piety was apparent to all observers of character.

4. That her amiable disposition and her strong faith promised much to the Church in the faithful discharge of every duty and in the winning of souls to Christ.

5. That we sadly miss her in the Sunday-school, but we rejoice to know that the influence of such a noble character is still with us and undying.

6. That as we believe our dear sister heard the summons, come up higher we more cheerfully accept what seems to us a great affliction and loss and we know He doeth all things well.

7. That we feel deep sympathy for the bereaved family, especially the devoted husband and affectionate sister and brother.

8. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE ARKANSAS METHODIST and a copy be spread upon our Sunday-scool records.

MRS. T. J. COULTER,
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PEARSON.—Sarah Eliza Pearson was born deaf Jan. 28, 1879. Died at the Mute Institute in Little Rock Apr. 17, 1891. Little Sackey as we all called her, though a deaf mute was one of the brightest and most loving and friendly little girls that the writer ever had the pleasure of meeting. Very fond of other children and always pleasant and agreeable. She was home once during vacation and was ever trying to tell how well she loved the school and teachers and children. It was at this school that she learned to talk with her little hand and to read and to love the Lord and to say her little prayers. When the Lord saw fit to call her from earth to a home above, where there is no deaf, no dumb, kind hands dressed her neatly, put her in a neat coffin and placed upon her breast a wreath of the sweetest flowers that the city could afford, and sent her little body home to her weeping mother. Bless God for such schools as the Deaf Mute Institute in Little Rock. Little Sackey was the only source of comfort to her widowed mother, but the Lord knows best and will do right. We all weep that she is no more with us, but we hope to meet her in the sweet bye and bye. A FRIEND.

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LAURA L. LEE.

MATTHEWS.—Tennessee Matthews (*nee* Tuttle) was born Aug. 9, 1856, in Clark Co., Ark., and died Sept. 8, 1891, age 35 years and 29 days. Sister Matthews professed religion and joined the Baptist Church when but a child. Eight years ago she with her husband united with the Methodist Church, at Pleasant Grove, six miles South of Little Rock, while Dr. A. Hunter was pastor of that Church. She was first married in 1872 to William Cook; was left a widow in 1877, with three children. She was again married in 1883, to Bro. Matthews, with whom she lived a happy life until her death. She has left a husband and five children, with a host of frends to mourn her departure. Her death was probably caused by worrying too much with her son Charley, who was sick for 42 days previous to her illness. Sister Matthews suffered very much for 9 days. When she was dying, she asked, is this death? She said it is so pleasant, I have not a pain, and thus she passed from labor to reward.

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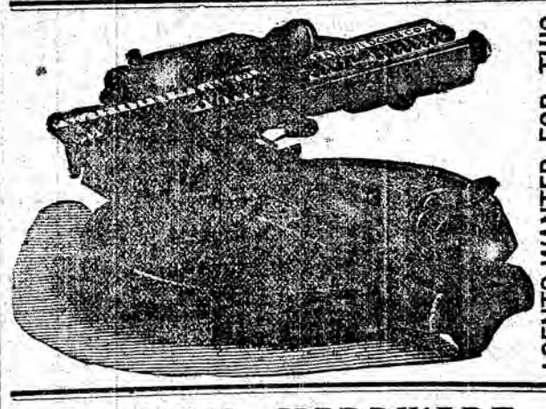
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FIELD NOTES.

BEEBE C'T.—After ten weeks of earnest effort in protracted meetings on the Beebe circuit, you will allow us to make a short report through THE METHODIST. These meetings were all attended with a revival spirit that was very encouraging. Conversions and additions at all the places except one; 54 additions to the Church, 20 adult baptisms and 13 infant baptisms. Backsliders were reclaimed, and the Church greatly blessed. Our local brethren, Pruitt, Reaves, Ross and Harrison, did faithful work. Bro. Pruitt stood by us through the entire seige and they all have our heart-felt thanks for helping us in our work. These brethren are a great blessing to the work. But to God be all the glory.

Oct. 26. W. L. KING, P. C.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.—God has heard the prayer of his children at Central Church, Hot Springs, and poured out his Spirit upon us, and we were made to rejoice. Praise his name, somewhere between 30 and 40 were converted during the meeting, most of whom have joined the Southern Methodist Churches, fourteen of them joined the Central (some to join yet). The greatest good was done in the Church among those who were members; some were converted, some were quickened, resolved upon a higher and sweeter life, and the whole Church built up in the faith. This glorious result was accomplished in the Divinely appointed way—the members of the Church talked with each other and with sinners, exercised faith ni the appointed means of grace and God blessed them in their work. And we have some of the best men and women here I have ever met. God bless them. The meeting continued two weeks before Bro. Lowry came to our help. Most of the preaching was done during those two weeks by Rev. W. R. Harrison and Rev. James Thomas. Nobly did these brethren do their work, and their preaching contributed largely to the final results. Bro. John P. Lowry was with us during the last week, and God was with him in power. No one need to fear Lowry—no slang, no abuse, but a noble Christian worker, who will do you good and no harm.

Oct. 29. C. C. GODDEN.

LAPILE C'T.—Our 4th Quarterly Conference was held at Rhodes Chapel Oct. 24. Rev. H. H. Watson was on hand in due time, accompanied by his brother, Rev. E. N. Watson, who preached for us two excellent sermons that were listened to with rapt attention. Bro. E. N. Watson is held in high esteem by our people, having formerly served them as Presiding Elder. The Church was well represented, and all the interests of the Church carefully looked after by the P. E. Finances considerably behind, but our Board of Stewards, who are a noble set of men, say they are going to do their best to get every dollar of the assessment, and we hope to be able to bring up the general claims in full by Conference. We have had some precious good meetings on the Lapile charge this year, sinners converted and backsliders reclaimed, and God glorified. The interest of our paper is being looked after. God bless its Editor and Manager.

J. J. MENEFEE.

Hillsboro, Oct. 28.

MAMMOTH SPRING STA.—Situated at this place is the largest spring in the world, discharging 65,000 cubic feet of water per minute. The Roller Mills located here are turning out a grade of flour second to none, the cotton factory is silent, and the fish farm is worth coming to see. The four large dry goods houses are doing a driving business, the two groceries are busy dispensing the necessaries and luxuries of life and the three fine drug stores are giving out their healing lotions, but not in sufficient quantities to justify three of them. The well equipped bank is doing a good business, the depot is crowded every Sunday evening, and there is plenty of room in all three of the Churches for more at each service. The cause for this state of things in regard to the Churches, or the one which I have the honor to represent is first, a poor preacher; second, indifference in a great many of the members, and third, the ungodliness of others. We have some as good people here as can be found anywhere. Some who rupport the Church liberally. This has been a hard year financially and we fear very little done spiritually. The manufacturing interests here were closed down early in the year and have not all resumed operation yet; a great many people left and our Church was a loser. We think the pastor's salary will be paid in full and we will get a good part of the other claims. We must have an appropriation of $100 or $200 from the Missionary Board next year. We must hold the fort. The M. E. Church is here and trying hard to get a firm foot-hold, and from those who a few years ago strode through our sunny Southland scattering death and desolation upon every hand, are coming big boxes of clothing and money to enable a few starveling, proselyting preachers to preach the "pure gospel" and teach "good morals" to the "poor natives" of ungodly Arkansas. O consistency, thou art a jewel! But enough, Mr. Editor; if this escapes the waste basket I promise you not to bother you any more this year, unless something pow'full good" turns up. God bless you.

Respectfully,

Oct. 29. W. E. BISHOP.

QUITMAN C'T.—My fourth Quarterly meeting was held at Mt. Pleasant, embracing the third Sunday, with a tolerbly full attendance. The reports only tolerable; 62 have been received this year. The connectional collections almost secured in cash and subscriptions. Mt. Pleasant deserves special mention as being the only appointment that has up to date paid its entire assessment for the support of the ministry. It has gone a few dollars over and a steward told me that he thought they would pay 25 per cent over.

Revs. Jesse Williams and Jesse McIver were unanimously recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Both are safe cases.

Referring again to the finances. A good deal will yet be collected. Sickness has very greatly hindered some of my stewards. A good deal of earnest solicitude is manifested for the welfare of the ministry and the honor of the circuit. One of my Jesses mentioned above has paid $10 quarterage, $10 to the Mosely fund besides his and his good wife's dues in the W. M. Society, &c. I hope before Conference I can report other appointments up to Mt. Pleasant. Bro. Ray, P. C. of Springfield and Hill Creek, well known in these parts, highly respected and warmly loved, was with us at the Quarterly meeting. On Sunday at 11 a. m. he preached Sister Mollie Hammock's funeral sermon. He had known her all her life. Yesterday he preached the funeral sermon of Uncle "Andy" Blessing and his son Sam, and immersed a subject that he had left for me.

J. S. CLOWER, P. C.

VAN BUREN C'T.—Our 4th Quarterly Conference convened last Saturday. Our P. E. preached to the delight of a small but appreciative congregation. On account of the sickness of my wife I could not attend on Sunday. I have heard that the sermon on Saturday night, preached by Rev. G. W. Boyles, and also Sunday at 11 o'clock by the P. E., were rich feasts for the people that attended the services. We have held 5 protracted meetings, resulting in 17 conversions and several reclamations, and 13 accessions to the Church and more will join when they have an opportunity. The members at most of the places are revived and growing more spiritual. We have three weekly prayer meetings on Van Buren C't, very well attended, with a growing interest. The Van Buren C't needs houses of their own to worship in and a place for their preachers to live. There is not a Methodist church on the circuit. We worship entirely in school houses. The people have the greenbacks, but lack the grit. May God give them grit and grace in the future to get up and move out on the line of duty. May THE METHODIST and Editor live long and visit many homes they never yet visited.

W. M. TAYLOR, P. C.

Van Buren, Oct. 28.

MAGNOLIA STA.—Last Sunday night we closed a meeting here of about ten days. While we are sorry to say there were no conversions, yet the services have done much good for all who attended. Bro. Logan, in passing to Atlanta on his circuit, preached one night for us a good sermon. This is all the help we could get. Bros. Carr and Cason would have come, but for such serious illness in their charges. We will spend the rest of the time rounding up for Conference. So far we have a net increase of two in our Church for this year.

We have been intending all the year to write a few lines in compliment of the comfortable, convenient and handsome parsonage we have had the pleasure of living in this year. The good people here certainly deserve praise for the good part they have done in this respect to take care of their preachers. Your readers can have some idea of how comfortable, convenient and handsome the preacher's home is here, when we say that it was built under the leadership of Rev. H. H. Watson when he was the P. C. four years ago. Dr. J. R. Harvey, who succeeded Bro. Watson, added other improvements in the way of a beautiful front fence, with necessary cross fences, receiving some help from the Ladies Aid Society. We want to get more religion now, and a new house of worship, and Magnolia M. E. Church, South, will be in the front rank.

J. R. SANDERS.

Oct. 27.

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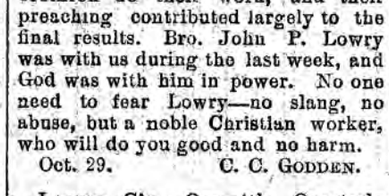

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