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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

The District Conferences of our Church in this State will be held at the places and begin on the dates named below:

DISTRICT	PLACE	DATE
Morrilton	Plumerville	April 27.
Eureka Springs	Goshen	May 11.
Fayetteville	Frederic Grove	" 15.
Clarksville	Mulberry	" 25.
Newport	Mammoth Springs	June 8.
Jonesboro	St. Francis	" 22.
Pine Bluff	Stuttgart	" 25.
Helena	Clarendon	July 19.
Searcy	Cato	" 26.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

"A man who honors his mother is a man who can always be trusted," used to be a maxim of one of the best men I ever knew, and it was recalled to my mind by the fact that the two men—President Cleveland and his private secretary, Mr. Thurber—who will, divine providence spring their lives, have the most to do with the executive business of this great nation for the next four years, both took the oath of office upon Bibles which each of them cherishes as his most precious possession because it was once the property of his mother. Mr. Cleveland's Bible has been twice used for the "swearing in" of a President of the United States. The example of these two officials ought to be brought to the attention of every young man in the land.

The last administration, but that was after jokingly referred to as a "Presbyterian administration," denominated was not then so strongly represented as it is in the present one. With one exception every member of President Cleveland's cabinet is a Presbyterian. The exception is Secretary Carlisle, who is not a Church member, but who is, like Mr. Cleveland, rather inclined to the Presbyterian Church. Surely it is a matter for congratulation that so many of the men who will direct the government for four years to come are God-fearing Church members.

A committee consisting of Bishops Hurst and Newman and Rev. Drs. Lanahan and Naylor will, in accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted by the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, endeavor to get President Cleveland to take some action to secure the release of Rev. J. H. Nelson a missionary, who was recently sentenced by a Brazilian court to four months imprisonment for having taken the ground in a book written and published by him that the worship of the Virgin Mary was idolatry. A similar request was a few weeks ago made of the last administration, but if any action was taken it was not made known to those interested.

Bishop Hurst stated at a public meeting held in this city that the new American University already has assets amounting to \$800,000. This is generally considered to be a remarkable showing for the short period in which active work has been going on in behalf of the project.

Another glaring case of the absence of needed laws in the District of Columbia was brought to light when a committee of local ministers waited upon the Commissioners for the purpose of securing an order from them to prohibit the advertised opening of the theaters of Washington last Sunday. The Commissioners informed the ministers that there was no law in this District under which the theaters could be made to close on Sunday; consequently a number of them were open on Sunday, and, according to the Commissioners, their proprietors can continue to have Sunday performances whenever they please, until such time as Congress may be persuaded to enact a law against it. Nevertheless there are a number of people, among them your correspondent, who believe that an order from the Commissioners would have been sufficient to have prevented the Sunday opening of the theaters.

Once more the rum sellers, by advice of their lawyers, have defied public opinion and the authorities, and kept their barrooms wide open on Sunday for the purpose of helping to demoralize the thousands of strangers who came to the inauguration and remained in the city over Sunday. The Commissioners have ordered that cases be made against all of those who sold liquor last Sunday, but their lawyers claim, and grange to say the prosecuting attorney of the District appears to admit it, that the new license law, which went into effect Saturday, repealed the old law under which these barrooms were licensed, and that they consequently cannot be prosecuted under the new law. If this good law, which I am loth to believe, every barroom licensed under the old law may continue to

keep open every Sunday until its license expires without making its proprietor liable to punishment.

The expected order was secured which prevented the giving of Sunday concerts by the U. S. Marine band in the U. S. Pension office last Sunday, but the same band gave a concert in a theatre on Sunday night, and the Sabbath was desecrated in the Pension office building by a continuation of the dancing at the inaugural ball well into Sunday morning, just as I stated weeks ago would be done.

The W. C. T. U. held a Praise or jubilee service Sunday in honor of the stand maintained by the last Congress against opening the World's Fair on Sunday and of the order preventing the use of the Pension office for Sunday concerts. Among the speakers was Col. Elliott F. Shepard, of New York, president of the National Sabbath Union.

At a meeting held by the other W. C. T. U.—the non-partisan—a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Senators and Representatives in Congress who defended the cause of temperance by preventing the striking out or changing of the Soldier's Home Mile limit clause of the new liquor license law. Washington, D. C. March 8.

OUT WITH THE BLACK-LEGS.

An anti-gambling wave is passing over the United States, and it is to be hoped that it will sweep every vestige of the evil away and leave behind it stable conditions of honesty and industry in the moral atmosphere of the country.

During the year 1892 that abominable octopus, the Louisiana Lottery, was defeated in its attempt to fasten itself for another period of shame upon Louisiana, and later when it undertook to establish itself in North Dakota it was again vanquished. It was able to corrupt the legislatures of both these States; but was not able to bribe or overawe the Governors with their veto power. It is preparing to move to Honduras where other tropical monsters and reptiles live and breed.

Upon the destruction of the lottery the country has witnessed great activity in other forms of the gambling evil, notable in those forms which come with the race-track and pool rooms. New Jersey is fairly ablaze with indignation against the legislature for the recent passage of three bills legalizing gambling and pool selling. These disgraceful measures were also vetoed by the Governor, but were passed over his veto. It is charged that while he did not dare sign them, he so timed his vetoes as to assist in the final adoption of the measures.

It is worthy of remark in this connection that every notable gambling measure passed by an American legislature in the last several years has been vetoed by the Executive, unless we except the Ives law of New York. Either the virtue of the men who are elected to governorships is superior to that of the men who are sent to the legislatures, or else public opinion is becoming so pronounced no man will dare make himself singly and publicly responsible for bills to legalize gambling. Some vetoes are to be explained doubtless on one hypothesis and some on the other.

In every case the gamblers have not hesitated to employ bribery to secure their nefarious ends. People talk sometimes of the honor of gamblers. It is bosh! They have a code to be sure; but all its principles look simply to the preservation of the gambling profession, which being unable to enforce its contracts by law could not survive a day without an imperious sentiment among gamblers compelling the payment of gambling debts. It is the same sort of honor formed among thieves—only such as is necessary for the maintenance of the craft.

The New York Independent shows what corruption prevailed in New Jersey. That paper says: There is no question that the passage of these bills was determined long before the election last fall; indeed, the proprietor of the disgraceful Gloucester race-track, who by virtue of the grace of his constituents has the right to use Hon. before his name, clearly intimated that some of those who voted against the bill had received money from the race-track men for their election expenses. It is said that a quarter of a million dollars was required to get the bills through. This shows the extent of the corruption wrought by this infamous business, and also how enormous is the sum of money lost at these gambling resorts. Similar methods prevailed in Louisiana, and the same devices are adopted by gamblers everywhere. They are all alike, and are just a step removed from being downright thieves. The gradation might be expressed thus:

positive, covetous, comparative gambler, and superlative thief.

The gambling operation of the country are constantly producing thieves. The pool room and the race track and the bucket shops are the recruiting camps for our Canadian colony of run-away rogues. The Louisiana lottery will find in Honduras and old friend in the person of a certain State official driven there as a fugitive from justice for crimes induced by it. In a recent issue the New York Tribune said: "The evil effects of the poolrooms are notorious and flagrant. They do infinitely more mischief than the faro-banks. The number of gamblers in the poolrooms is many times larger than the number of faro-players, and young men and boys who would not be admitted to faro-banks gamble freely in the poolrooms with money stolen from their employers. The poolrooms are increasing enormously the number of thieves every year. Henry Villard's butler confessed the other day that his losses in the poolrooms had tempted him to steal the silver of his employer. The faculty of Yale College declares that the poolrooms of New Haven are doing great harm among the students of Yale."

It behooves every business man, every parent, every teacher, every good citizen, every honest man to unite in the crusade now going on for the suppression of every form of gambling in our land. The evil is opposed to every interest of the country, material and moral. The words of Bishop Berkeley spoken over one hundred and fifty years ago are as true to-day as they were when first uttered: "Surely there is no man of sense and honesty but must see and own, whether he understands the game or not, that it is evident folly for any people, instead of prosecuting the old honest methods of industry and frugality, to sit down to a public gaming table and play off their money one to another. The more methods there are in a State for acquiring riches without industry or merit, the less there will be of either in that State; this is as evident as the ruin that attends it. Besides when money is shifted from hand to hand in such a blind, fortuitous manner that some men shall from nothing acquire in an instant vast estates without the least desert while others are as suddenly stripped of plentiful fortunes and left on the one hand but abandoned luxury and wantonness, or on the other but extreme madness and despair?" Let us have done with the gamblers whether of one sort or another. Those commonly called respectable are the most dangerous of all. Out with the black-legs of every sort. W. A. CANDLER.

Emory College, Oxford, Ga., March 10.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

I endorse Rev. E. L. Beard on Sabbath Observance; also the exhortation by Rev. J. R. Cason. But I am sorry to see a notice in the St. Louis Republic of the defeat of a bill which was introduced at the present session of the General Assembly of Arkansas; and that too by an almost unanimous vote. The bill provided that freight trains should not run on Sunday. True there may have been some objectionable features connected with the bill, which is sometimes the case, and serves to defeat a good measure.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST gives us the information, that a large majority of the members of the legislature are members of Church; and that many, who are not members "are reputable gentlemen, of very decided moral character." Just how a majority of such a body of men can vote to defeat a measure, which provides that corporations shall be brought under the same law that individuals are, especially a law to keep sacred the Sabbath, is an action which I am not prepared to reconcile. I think every minister throughout Arkansas, yes throughout the land, ought to speak out and give no uncertain sound on the Sunday question. It is a fact that legislators must be reformed before we can have just and wholesome laws enacted. We need legislators who are actuated by the principles, which underlie a pure Christianity. When this is the case, capitalist, lobbyist and others whom I might mention will learn that it is useless to hang around the State House, for the purpose of influencing legislators to vote for measures which are contrary to morals and to the best interest of the people at large. H. B. COX.

Rector, March 9.

We can sell you a large Family Bible for \$3. They used to sell for \$7 and \$8. BENNETT & THORNBURGH.

TO THE W. M. S. L. R. CONFERENCE.

DEAR SISTERS:—I have sent out the literature for our Easter service to all our District Secretaries and trust that all our Societies have been supplied by this time. If from any cause, it has failed to reach any Society, please notify me at once and I will supply you. It is greatly desired that the collections on Easter should be good from every Church in our Conference, as the money goes to endow a chair in our Bible and Training School, which will be named for that grand, noble woman, without whose efforts the school would not have had an existence (at least for years to come), and who has given her time to the work as an agent, without any remuneration from the beginning. I refer to Miss Belle Bennett—whom our whole Church would delight to honor. The collection cards should be judiciously distributed among the members of the Juvenile Societies. Will our good pastors assist us in this grand work by taking up the collection for us at the morning service and by reading or allowing to be read the circular letter from Bishop Hendrix prepared for the occasion? Let all determine to make the collection a grand success, by giving liberally themselves and collecting as much as possible from others; and let us as a Conference Society join with others, in a prayer league that God may pour out upon us at this Easter time such a blessing as that we shall not have room to contain it. May not this Easter day be a resurrection day to many that sit in darkness among us? We have a right to expect a spiritual outpouring; have we the desire? Did He not also say, the silver is mine and the gold is mine, and can he not give these too? Let us ask Him in humble faith. In the name of Him we both love and try to serve, Your sister,

MRS. J. R. HARVEY,
Conf. Cor. Sec.
Little Rock, March 13.
Send all moneys from the Easter collection to Miss Belle H. Bennett, Sec'y, and Treas., Richmond, Ky., Mrs. J. R. H.

"ABIDING AND HEROIC."

I am sorry my "criticisms on Bishop Key's lecture on China" should have provoked Bro. Hill to such wholesale decrying of the missionary spirit, faith and zeal of our preachers and people. I hope Bro. Hill's "dark dismal picture" of the destitution of "faith in Foreign Missions" among our preachers and people is as wide of the mark as he thinks my idea of the "indomitable and undying missionary spirit and zeal and abiding heroic faith," &c of our preachers and people, is wide of the mark. Now, it is a sad fact, that "all men have not faith"; but I do believe there are many among us whose "faith in Foreign Missions" and zeal for the spread of the Master's kingdom is possibly as 'abiding and heroic' as is Bro. Hill's. I should feel sad indeed to think, that the few who have gone out from among us to labor in foreign fields had taken with them all, or by any means the greater part of the "missionary spirit and zeal and faith" of our preachers and people, leaving us only a "miserable sickly sentiment and conformity to a fashion." I think Bro. Hill was a bit hasty and uncharitable in his wholesale denunciation of the faith and zeal of the Church at home, as he thinks I was unwise and cowering in my criticisms.

All cannot go to China as Bro. Hill did, else where would the laborers for the Lord's vineyard for the home field come from? Bro. Hill seems to forget or overlook the fact, that recruiting and foraging officers are as essential to the welfare of an army and the successful prosecution of the warfare, as are the soldiers in the field. Neither are these any the less soldiers because of the enlisting work in which they are engaged.

It seems to me that Bro. Hill evidently misunderstood, or misconstrued the import of my "criticisms." He takes it as a shrinking and cowering of faith in view of the difficulties in the way, when it was as if I had said "were it not for our 'abiding, heroic faith' in the face of all these formidable difficulties we would shrink, but with that to nerve us and encourage us we will go forward." But there is such a thing as piling up difficulties to the utter obscuring of hope and prospect for victory and the consequent staggering of the faith of at least the less sanguine, and those not well informed as to resources of success. Human nature is human nature, and most of it is at least capable of being discouraged, especially when no "silver lining" ap-

pears to the dark cloud—when the "dark, dismal picture" has no bright side appearing. Now, I believe as do very many of our "preachers and people," that there is hope for "poor China," because God lives, Christ reigns, and the Holy Ghost illuminates and sanctifies; and the "Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

I not only voiced my own, but the sentiment of every one whom I heard speak of that part of the good Bishop's lecture referring to China. He did indeed draw a very "dark and dismal picture of poor China," and turned not one ray of light upon it, not even so much as to call attention to the strength of the Captain of our salvation and matchless resources to be brought under tribute for the conquest of that difficult and dark field. I trust and believe our faith supplied the Bishop's lack. I am sure that the addresses of a missionary, from Africa, of another Church, hurt the missionary collections in a certain charge a year or two ago, because he failed to present any encouraging symptoms.

As to the charge that the papers will not publish the difficulties in the way of the evangelization of China, I do not know how that is—"see thou" and the editors "to that," but one thing I do know, that a publication of all these formidable difficulties, without a great deal of encouragement and inspiration would do China no good.

But there is encouragement. As stated above God lives, Christ reigns, the Holy Spirit illuminates and sanctifies, and the "Gospel of Christ is the power of God." The Church prays and pays, not as much as it ought to, to be sure, but there is encouraging development along here. But by no means the least of the encouragements is the fact that Chinamen are being converted and going to work zealously for the evangelization of their own people.

Let us work on and pray on and on, and "abound more and more" in all until the promised Kingdom of our blessed Redeemer comes and over all prevails. It will surely come! "Even so, Lord Jesus; come quickly." Cordially,

C. M. KEITH.
Bearden, March 8.

SUNDAY AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

I regard the action of Congress in closing the gates of the World's Fair on Sunday as one of the wisest actions ever taken by that great body of men. I rejoice that a majority at least of the representatives of the different States of this great nation, believe in God and in keeping the Sabbath. Our hopes are not in fleets and armies, in cannon and bayonets nor in the wisdom of statesmen; but it depends upon a test of our faith, which is belief in God's word, and acting in obedience to his will. The action of Congress in refusing to allow the gates of the World's Fair opened on the Sabbath, will do more to convince our neighbors that we are a Christian nation than all the Churches can do by meeting there to represent the religion we preach.

A people who disregard the Sabbath have no religion, or next to none. The man or nation who open their places of business on Sunday are but defying God, and invoking the curse of heaven upon them. We are a nation of Sabbath-breakers for our laws, which are born of God's word, deny any man the right to trespass on that, the best and brightest of all days. I am not blind to the alarming fact that thousands, yes, tens of thousands of our people are guilty of the sin of Sabbath-breaking. Many of them do this on the grandest scale. The Sabbath is literally abolished on railroads and along our rivers. I know of but one exception. All honor to the officers of the Arkansas Midland, who will not allow trains moved on that road during the Sabbath. All over this nation, they load trains and receive freight, clerks, agents, engineers, captains and conductors are forced to break the Sabbath. This sin on the part of men who are Americans by birth, is the result of covetousness, and not because our people do not believe it is wrong to violate God's law. Covetousness is as greedy as the grave (which never says enough), and is as cruel as death. It makes virtue deformed and vice attractive. Yes, it is a master whose chains are iron and whose bondage is death.

Who are they who are clamoring for the World's Fair to be opened on Sunday? They are men and corporations with covetous designs. Laboring men all over our land are striking for higher wages. God speed the day, when there will be one universal strike for the observance of the Sabbath. The most

ancient forms of government have tottered, and the foundation of society has felt the shock, when the Sabbath has been disregarded. Nor can we preserve even the semblance of liberty when we cease to observe it. The blotting out of the holy Sabbath was one of the sins that brought upon France the reign of terror. The only hope of our own and other nations, is in keeping the commandments of heaven. I believe that in our own government, glorious as it is, constitutions and laws and judges will become the veriest mockeries, when we fail to observe the Lord's day. Those who visit the World's Fair from other nations will be influenced by us and our laws. They will be stamped by our character as a people of good or evil.

Thank God, that in the Congress of the United States we have men, who in the face of the greatest influence and of money have the moral courage to stand up to their convictions of right, and say, God's law shall be observed, and the gates of the World's Fair shall be closed on the holy Sabbath.

F. A. JEFFREY.
Searcy, March 7.

BISHOP HAYGOOD'S RETURN TO GEORGIA.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—In the early part of 1891 we had correspondence which issued in my removal to this city. We reached Los Angeles the last week in June of that year, our hearts set on ending our days here, hoping to be useful on this coast.

As you know my wife was sick the fall after our coming. Carrying her in my arms to the carriage I took her to Georgia via the City of Mexico. Returning January 1892, with a number of noble young preachers to reinforce our work, she seemed to be well. But in February she was again taken sick and from that time till August she was not able to walk alone or stand upon her feet. This winter she has suffered again, and is helpless most of the time. Dr. Calhoun, who has had her case in hand from the beginning, says to me: "Your wife cannot get well here; she cannot live here. Take her back where she lived so long and had health. Make a thorough test. If she gets well do not bring her back."

This section, so salubrious for most people, is bad for her. She was born into the itinerancy and for nearly thirty-four years has cheered me in all my work—murmuring never. Her needs are now low. People of our age do not move for the fun of it. I take her to Oxford, Georgia, and for a time. She will be cared for in the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. W. W. Evans in the house where I first met her in 1857.

The going is a little disappointment to me, as my inability to do what my brethren here asked me to do is matter of sorrow. No plan made for my work on this Coast have I been able to carry out. But I have done what I could and am content. I am more than ever sure of the usefulness and absolute need of our Church on this Coast. What henceforth is possible to me in advancing our work here I will gladly do. What must be done in a case like ours were better done quickly. We start March 7 and should in four days reach Oxford, where my post-offices will be.

For the kindness of our people, who have furnished a delightful home for us and treated us as kindly as if we were their blood kin, we will ever feel grateful. I am disappointed in nothing except the break down of my wife's health. We leave a son and daughter—with her two little girls—here. Our children love our Church, which they joined before they were ten years old. May our Church be a blessing to them. Yours truly,

A. G. HAYGOOD.
Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.

BISHOP HAYGOOD'S REMOVAL.

MR. EDITOR:—The enclosed note from Bishop Haygood will give no surprise to those who have known of the terrible struggle for life which has been going on in his home here for two years past. Indeed, some of us saw it must come to this long before he did, so intent was he upon staying at his post.

I am glad to hear witness to the honesty of their effort—never quitting the field until to stay longer was to invite disaster. Under the circumstances, we would not have them remain longer, but send them back to Georgia in the hope that the conditions, which nourished that beautiful life so long, may be used of God to perpetuate it through many years to come.

Your Brother,
W. U. E.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1893.

MEMPHIS CONF. LETTER.

BRO. BENNETT:—Many of the pastors in the Memphis Conference are holding revival meetings. From reports already made, much success has attended the Winter campaign. The revival wave in Memphis, started by the preaching of Bro. Sam Jones, continues to increase in power. At this writing there are seven revivals in the different city Churches in progress, and more to follow. Many souls are now reached by the Word that otherwise would never have been reached. This is only proof that the Church cannot dispense with revival work. Some time ago I gave a large congregation of Christian men and women an opportunity to preach a sermon on this point. More than 300 were converted in revival, or by the direct influence of revival, while less than 12 were converted out from revival power. Memphis is destined to become a better city after this season.

Our own District, Dyersburg, under the leadership of Rev. A. R. Wilson, who is the St. John of this Conference, is progressing finely. The pastors are at their posts of duty and pushing all vital interests with much zeal. The missionary debt is now receiving special attention, and "our part" will soon be met. Covington station cleared the "decks" on all collections of a conventional nature ten days ago.

Our schools are preparing already for Commencements, and the outlook indicates the closing of a very prosperous year. We suffered great loss in the death of Dr. Jones of the M. C. F. Institute. We do not know who will take his place in that old and reliable institution of learning. Over him soon will be in place a suitable monument, but his greatest and most enduring monument has already, by his own deeds, been put in order—namely, the thousands of cultured young women educated and sent abroad by him while living.

I am keeping up with you and the pastors in your Conferences. Since my recent visit to your State on Church Extension matters, I feel a more lively interest in you. I rejoice with you in the encouragement before you people in Church matters. Specially should you feel happy over your educational advantages. I know of no Western State making such gains as Arkansas in education. I hope to visit your Conferences again and spend more time among your pastors and people. I send greeting in this short letter to them and wish for them much spiritual prosperity.

G. T. SULLIVAN.
Covington, Tenn., March 6.

A STUMBLING BLOCK.

It has been said to our credit, that the Methodist Church has always insisted upon temperance, and denounced the drink habit. And yet in the days of our grandfathers the well to do stewards, class-leaders, and other members of the Church, kept well furnished sideboards, and on the occasion of a visit from the P. C. it was common for him, together with the male members of the family to take a morning dram just after prayers. Some respectable members of the Church were keepers of the dramshop. The "not drinking spirituous liquors, except in cases of necessity" was simply a dead letter on the statute book, from the fact that public sentiment was not aroused to the ruinous tendency of "moderate drinking." It was not until the seed our grandfathers had sown brought forth an alarming harvest of drunkards, that even the Christian world began to realize what a poisonous viper had been nurtured in her very midst. But once awakened, all eyes are directed to the dark flood of intemperance, that was sweeping tens of thousands to a drunkard's grave, and filling the land with pauperism, crime and degradation. And today every soldier of Christ is expected to be in line of battle to drive this ally of Satan from our land. And in the Minutes of our last Conference (L. R.) we see the significant language—"We esteem it a disgrace for any of our members to be connected, directly or indirectly, with the liquor traffic." And while we rejoice, with thanksgiving, for this mighty revolution in public sentiment in the Church, as well as out of it, yet we cannot ignore the fact that, while the alarm has been sounded, and the Church of God is waging a war of extermination against this destroying dragon, she is nursing his twin brother in her very bosom. The tobacco habit has for years been striking her roots deeper and deeper in the soil, and spreading out her branches, loaded with deadly fruit in the very midst of the Christian Church. Though it has not been 400 years since this vile weed was first introduced among English speaking people, yet the estimated expenditure in the United States alone for this narcotic poison is \$600,000,000 annually, a large part of which comes out of the pockets of Christians and even of Christian ministers.

Our Legislators, alarmed at the effect of this habit upon the young,

trees their fathers planted. As well try to "stem the stream with sand." The remedy must be applied at the breach on the levee, or every effort will be vain to stop the mighty torrent. It is only a repetition of the old Hebrew adage, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

While the heathen world is groping in darkness, the Church, the children of light, are withholding the means, sufficient to send the Gospel to every dark corner of the earth, to pander to a vitiated appetite, that clamors for indulgence in a filthy as well as injurious habit. And all this in the so-called "Age of Missions." But this monster evil in the Church fails to impress us, only because "too familiar grown." Truly "this would seem strange, if it were not so common." "That 'tis so common makes it stranger still." The Gospel of God's dear Son, a gospel of self-denial and entire consecration, is often shorn of its power, falling from the lips of one who is himself a slave to the tobacco habit. While the demands of the case are so urgent, and there is so much indifference on the part of our leaders, the question arises, who is to lead the hosts to battle. With the majority of our Church officials, pastors and editors of the religious press in bondage to this vile habit, the prospect is indeed gloomy. Thank God many mothers of tender boys are striving to impress their young minds with the evils of this vile habit. But often her hopes are almost crushed by the pernicious example of the pastor himself, who should be an ensample to the flock, in all that is "pure and lovely and of good report." I knew a fond mother who had taken pains to impress upon the mind of her boy, that the use of tobacco was a filthy and sinful habit. One day, just after a visit from the pastor, the boy with apparent perplexity of mind said: "Ma, I thought it was wrong to chew tobacco, Mr. G. is a good man, and he chews tobacco. I have heard a number of mothers deploring the fact, that their pastor's example was the most serious obstacle in the way of fixing the principles of her boys on this subject. And now we appeal to you dear brethren in the ministry. In the name of our blessed Master, and for the sake of these tender lambs, let us not forget our high calling of God in Christ Jesus, but let us remove this stumbling block out of the way. Let us 'cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.' And, as faithful watchmen on the walls of Zion, let us go forward, with the earnest words of God's prophet sounding in our ears, 'Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.'"

Washington, March 3.

GO AMONG THE POOR.

DEAR EPWORTH:—While it is fresh in my mind, and while my own heart is bounding with joy, let me tell you a bit of experience I have had today. My wife sent me out to search for a very poor woman who had promised to do some washing for us. After a long search among the very poorest and failing to find the place, I met a boy who said, in answer to my question "do you know where Mrs. lives?" "Yes, Sir; I know good where she moved to." "I'll go and show you, if Ma'll let me." Ma let him. On, we treaded. This boy—what a boy he was. He was not a thick boy, that means, he was thin; and slender as thin, and his clothes would not keep out the wind. Of course we must talk; so I said, "Little man, do you go to Sunday-school?" "Yes, Sir," he said; "I goes sometimes when I has shoes and a coat." "To what Church, little man?" "Dunno, Sir; it's something like Christ.

Reflections: Imposing name. Is His Spirit there? Happen to know some of its members. They are able to furnish a coat and shoes every day. Christ's Church, Christ's lambs. But are you one of them? Too poor, too thin, skin too blue with cold. Mother's (Ma's) hands too rough and too hard with washing. Ah, me! Is my Church, with less imposing title, any better? Am I any better? What of my own membership? They, too, are rich. Many golden haired lambs are among them. One of these, not mine nor of my Church, died a few days ago; the house and yard were full of mourners, not room for any considerable part to stand inside. The poor died yesterday—only a sister to cry. The poor man said, in effect, "no, am not afraid; I'll be in heaven in a quarter of an hour." No hearse, nor long procession; only a delivery wagon and four attendants to let him down into his earthen bed. Service short and simple—my heart was in it, though. To Abraham's bosom the angels bore him, where he is comforted.

We are at the house and Tommy is dismissed with a nickel for which he said, "Thankee!" On one side of the fire, spread on the floor, was a soiled bed over which some worn quilts were thrown. Before the fire, made of a few sticks of stove wood, sat a man some fifty years of

quy he said: "Eleven years ago I was working in the lead mines at Granby, Missouri. Then I was making from fifty to seventy-five dollars a week, had plenty of money, drank much whiskey and was very wicked. By some means I bruised my ankle, which, by contact with the water, became mineral-poisoned. While fighting in Lee's army in Virginia, I was knocked down by a charge of Federal cavalry and a horse stepped on me crushing my right lung, to which the poison soon went. My tongue swelled out of my mouth, and for eleven months I lived on sweet milk drawn through a cloth out of a pitcher. When I was able I went to Hot Springs, where I hoped to get some relief. As long as I had money I had friends; when my money was gone I was removed a mile from town. There I lived until my last cent was spent. Being left alone, to die I suppose, I crawled about in the house, trying to find something to eat. I had no water, either. One day it rained and I crawled to the door and held out a little tin cup and caught it full of water, but it was soon gone. Night came; I expected to die before day and knew I was unprepared; but I resolved to die a-praying. 'I tell you, Sir,' he said, while the tears gushed forth, 'a man will light into praying in that fix, whether he believes in God or not.' Just let some of these big infidels come down to where I did and they're going to pray. That'll soon knock infidelity out of 'em." Continuing his story he said: "An old black woman, Aunt Ann, told me that something would overtake me to bring me to the Lord, that she was a-praying for it; I thought of what she said—her prayer was answered—it had come. I didn't know much about prayer, but prayed as best I could, telling the Lord to let me know I was pardoned before I died. Before long the old house was full of light, though it was night, like lightning had come in and stayed a long time; then I was a shouting, and told the Lord I was ready now. Then I lay down and instead of dying went to sleep, on waking up next morning I found a man had come to the house with a registered letter. I came back here and am alive and happy today." "Have you a Bible?" I said. "No my Bible is lost." What part of the Bible do you like best—what part would you read most frequently?" "I would read about Job and the poor beggar who was laid at the rich man's gate."

My feelings cannot be penned; I only said to myself: "The poor beggar is at the gate of the Church. Instinctively he turns to those passages of God's word, which speak to him personally. Ah, here is the adjustability of the Word of the Lord. To this poor man it is 'Sweeter also than honey and the honey comb.' In Job and the beggar he sees his own picture. My habit is to pray in families when I visit them; but I did not pray there for the reason (1) I had nothing to pray for; (2) I needed his prayers more than he needed mine. If there had been any prayer I would have said, perhaps, 'pray for me.' I was rebuked, humbled, chastened. I am a better man. Among these poor people I shall go again and search for another diamond. 'A gem of purest ray serene,' for surely I found one today in a hovel.

Come, my young friends, my Epworths, and go with me among these hedges and highways and listen to the simple story of faith and pardon, as told by these untutored children of the Most High God. It will do us good. Some of us will want their association in Abraham's bosom. Your fellow-worker, "LADDIE."

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Entered this 15th day of March, 1893.
John Brodie, Clerk.

WARNING ORDER.

In Pulaski Chancery Court.
S. A. Pelham, Plaintiff, vs. R. A. Pelham, Defendant.
The defendant, R. A. Pelham is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, S. A. Pelham.
J. J. RICKS, Clerk.

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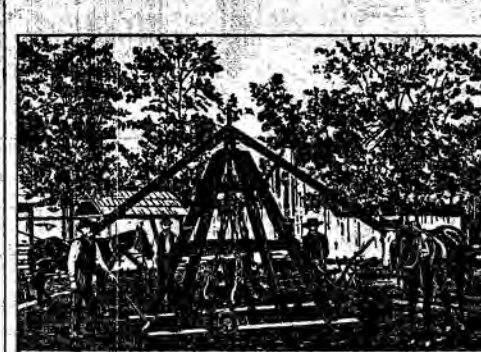
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Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decreal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court, made and entered on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1892, in a certain cause (No. 591), then pending therein between J. B. Sibley and T. W. Tillar complainants, and Z. H. Jones and wife defendants, the undersigned as commissioner of said court will offer for public outcry to the highest bidder, the east door or entrance of the Pulaski county court house, in which said court is held, in the city of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales on

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MODERN EVANGELISTS.

By modern evangelists we mean those preachers, who are engaged specially and exclusively in revival meetings, and who labor here and there independently of any ecclesiastical regulation. Of them and their work much has been written in late issues of our Church papers. Some writers have advocated, while others have as strongly opposed, definite legislation by our General Conference, specially recognizing the office of evangelist apart from that of the itinerant pastor in our Church.

The occasion for the discussion was furnished in part, if not chiefly, by the notable success of some widely known evangelists of exceptional ability and great usefulness. Their efficiency has been urged as a strong argument, based on expediency, in favor of special legislation recognizing and regulating the work of evangelists. And in addition to the expediency argument some have plead what they considered Scriptural authority in St. Paul's reference (Eph. 4:11) to "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers." But the mission of evangelists in St. Paul's time was so utterly different from that of modern evangelists, that it is almost a violent perversion of Scripture to quote the passage indicated above in support of the professional evangelists of our day.

It will not be denied, that among preachers of equal piety and ability some have superior adaptability to revival work, but it is often gained largely from continuous service in such revival work. Most pastors of long experience will remember they preached more effectively—with more freedom, confidence and power—as they advanced in their round of protracted meetings. With better management and more general co-operation, stronger faith and more intense concentration of thought and effort for immediate results, they preached with more fruitful effect upon their hearers. We would not think of comparing the usual visible results of a pastor's regular services with the results witnessed in his protracted meetings, when his hearers are in better state of mind and heart to be suitably impressed by his preaching. Then he should not be disparaged in the estimate of his congregation, when aided by the hearty co-operation of pastor and people the professional evangelist makes a great impression by his special sermons abounding with pathetic incidents and aimed at immediate results.

But occasionally and under apparently favorable conditions the professional evangelist makes a failure, which is soon forgotten, while his great success at other times and places is widely published and long remembered. He seldom does well twice in the same place, though many efficient pastors have several years consecutively held fruitful meetings at the same place. Coming with the prestige of great success evangelist's novel methods and unique utterances may be attractive and very impressive for a time, but not long with the same people, while the earnest preaching of some faithful pastors does not decrease but steadily increases in power upon their hearers.

In our age of specialists unusual and undue importance is accorded to the work of evangelists, as revival specialists. In public opinion they are greatly and even extravagantly magnified, while many true and efficient pastors are correspondingly and unjustly depreciated, as instruments in winning souls for Christ. This sentiment has grown to such extent in some places, that the people do not expect a gracious revival and the conversion of many sinners without the direction and labors of a professional evangelist, and hence they will not heartily cooperate in the revival efforts of their pastors, who may be recognized as consecrated and able preachers of the gospel at the regular services. Such people fail to consider the fact, that our Church is receiving the great majority of its accessions from the ministry of its pastors in rural districts, where professional evangelists seldom labor.

TO OUR PASTORS.

The Woman's Board at its last annual session took action towards having some day set apart as "Woman's Day," by appointing a committee to confer with a like committee from the General Board as to what day should be adopted. This joint committee met and agreed upon Easter Sunday as "Woman's Day." The only condition made was that the women co-operate on any similar occasion made by the several Boards. This they will most gladly do.

We write this that all may understand by what authority the Woman's Missionary Society asks for Easter Sunday in the interest of their work. The money raised this year goes to the Training School, but must be sent to Conf. Treasurer of Woman's Missionary Society and should be marked "Easter Offerings."

We hope the foregoing, published by request, will be accepted as a satisfactory explanation of the official action in reference to Easter service collections.

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

The convention of farmers and other citizens, held in this city last Friday p. m., elected Hon. F. W. Brodnax as Chairman and J. W. Howell as Secretary, and after adopting two sets of resolutions, with the purpose of securing like organizations in all the cotton growing counties the convention organized a State Cotton Growers and Merchants Association, with Hon. W. P. West, President, Messrs. H. T. Hawkins, R. G. Atkinson and H. A. Bennett, Vice-Presidents, Hon. H. N. Word, Secretary, and Hon. F. W. Brodnax, Treasurer. Thirty delegates were elected to attend the Interstate convention of cotton growers. From the first set of resolutions we copy as follows:

That we recommend a reduction in the acreage of cotton for the year 1893, to such an extent that by a corresponding increase of the acreage in grains, grasses and cereals, sufficient produce might be raised in the country to feed the men and animals necessary for the cultivation of cotton and the independence of the farmer and planter. That extraordinary effort be made to especially produce an abundance of corn, meat, hay, peas, oats and other necessities for the planters' use.

From the paper against the unjust system of selling cotton contracts on a "basis of middling," as in the Cotton Exchanges of New York and New Orleans, we copy these resolutions:

That we, the farmers and their representatives, in convention assembled, of the State of Arkansas, do earnestly protest against a continuance of such methods, for the reasons above stated, bringing, as we believe they have, misfortune upon the farmers of the South, in forcing them to sell their crops at prices which have been at an enormous loss to them, bringing poverty to their homes and depreciating values of lands;

That we, recognizing New Orleans as the greatest American cotton market, and one whose interests and sympathy should be with the South, and as the only contract market in the South, appeal to the New Orleans Cotton Exchange to change their rules and methods to conform with fair and equitable commercial rules governing the sales of grain and provisions in the Chicago, St. Louis and Minneapolis markets.

That we respectfully ask the aid of the cotton merchants of Little Rock, Memphis and St. Louis, and all the cotton dealers South, to help us in rectifying this great wrong upon our section and our people.

PASSING COMMENT.

Writing in the Wesleyan Advocate of the sermons of Rev. Dr. Young J. Allen, who is spending a time in this country after long and faithful service in China, Rev. R. W. Biggam said: "As God shall give him strength, the journeyings of Dr. Allen among the American Churches will be like daybreak to nature, starting many thrilling voices, quickening many sleeping forces, refreshing, strengthening the good to speed in missions of mercy, dissipating hurtful vapors, spreading light and warmth in city and country. Let us heed the apostle of the heathens."

Paul speaks of "testimony of the grace of God." The testimony of the individual Christian is a nail in a sure place. The "I know" of God's children is worth a thousand syllogisms in convincing the world of Jesus' power to save—Texas Advocate.

And when to such testimony of personal consciousness is added the wondrous power of a consistent life, not conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of the Holy Ghost, then men see a living argument with irresistible proof, that Jesus has power to save.

In an editorial against Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel's theory of evangelists as a separate function of our ministry, the Raleigh Advocate said:

"There may be a few in our Church who suppose that the business of a regular ministry is not to lead men to Christ, but to preach entertaining sermons to admiring audiences with a view to instruction merely. But that number we are persuaded is small. Our theory is all right, the defect is in our practice. Nineteen-twentieths of us are not in solid earnest about our work. We do not study the Bible as we might, and are, therefore, not equipped either with the Word or Spirit as we might be. We are not diligent in our pastoral work. We allow men to pass us for years and we go in and out of their homes for years without ever even approaching them about their salvation. We go into the pulpit too often when we would be surprised ourselves, if some one should be converted that hour under our preaching. We do not make sermons with that view, hold but few after meetings, never expect a conversion at prayer-meetings or in the Sunday-schools. What wonder if our ministry often seems barren?"

It has been a hard year in England, and according to those who think that poverty is the cause of drink, the consumption of liquor should have increased greatly. On the contrary, as Dr. Dawson Burns shows, the drink bill for 1892 was \$1,770,000 less than in 1891. The total bill last year was \$704,430,000. Of this it is estimated that 60 per cent., or \$422,658,000, is paid by the wage-earning class. Stop that leak! —N. Y. Voice.

In this country also the wage-earning men in towns and cities spend yearly an enormous amount of money for intoxicating liquors. Otherwise many of them living in rented houses or rooms of crowded tenements could and probably would have provided comfortable homes for their families. It is both true and lamentable, that thousands of saloons are supported chiefly by wage-earners, who keenly feel the pressure of hard times, and are ready to join in strikes for higher wages.

Occasionally secular papers display amazing ignorance of the theology, polity and enterprises of Christian Churches, but sometimes their independent utterances challenge serious reflection. The following criticism from the N. Y. Sun is at least worthy of consideration:

The truth is that the oratorical gift is as rare among preachers as among other men. But its place may be supplied by earnestness, depth and force of conviction, and genuine enthusiasm in both speaker and hearers. In times of religious revival the people do not complain of the length of sermons which are imbued with the same spirit that stirs their own hearts. It is the length of the merely perfunctory sermon delivered in the purely perfunctory manner that congregations find fault with; and such, alas! is the average product of the pulpit. Though a sermon of this sort occupy only fifteen minutes of time, it will seem too long. The shortening of the sermon, then, is not the important subject for consideration. It is how to infuse genuine enthusiasm into the pulpit and sympathetic fervor into the hearts of the people.

We have the authority of two leading periodicals, one a secular the other a religious journal, for saying that women gamble and that their gambling operations are not confined to progressive eucher, but that they enter into "manly sports" (?), buy pools and stake their money on favorite horses at the race track. We are sorry indeed to record the fact, and do so only to show the demoralizing tendency of our modern pastimes. Women of course are led into such evil ways. They would never think of devising and putting into execution schemes of a low, vulgar and ruinous nature. —Memphis Advocate.

On the first Sunday in May, 1891, we heard Rev. Dr. Alonzo Monk, pastor of Central Church, Memphis, say from his pulpit, that he was reliably informed women had gambled on the late races in that city; and worse if possible, that one of them had spent the amount she won in buying wines for the company she was in. And they belonged to respectable society!

In its last issue the Southern Christian Advocate (Columbia, S. C.) said: Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, has filed a decree sustaining the constitutionality of the Evans Dispensary Law. The action which brought about this decision was not taken by the Liquor Dealers' Association, but by two Charleston dealers, acting for themselves. This decision will likely put an end to all further litigation on the subject, and the law will probably go into operation without further resort to the courts. This does not mean, however, that the prohibitionists will accept the law, and co-operate with the authorities in its enforcement. There is much division of sentiment among them on this point. It now seems probable that the prohibitionists will do all they can to prevent the establishment of dispensaries, and

thus secure absolute prohibition as far as possible under the provisions of the dispensary law.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Since the Christian sentiment of this country has triumphed in securing the decree, that the gates of the World's Fair must be closed on Sunday, the Chicago Times declares such closing will be "a crime—the monumental crime of this, the latter part of the nineteenth century." And President Higginbotham of the Fair Directory said recently the financial effect of the Sunday closing law meant a difference of at least \$6,000,000 to the stockholders. But while they made no offer to admit the poor laboring people free or even at reduced rates on Sunday, they clamored much against denying the poor the Sunday privilege of getting the educational and uplifting advantages of the Fair, thus trying to make an ostensible plea for humanity cover the insatiable avarice of the stockholders.

On learning certain committees proposed to have in the Pension Building a concert on Sunday, as part of the inauguration ceremonies, Mr. Cleveland promptly wired his strong opposition to the use of the Pension Building for a Sunday concert, and his objection to regarding such a thing as a feature of the inauguration, and Secretary Noble responded saying "orders had been issued already forbidding the use of the Pension Building on Sunday." On this correspondence the Herald and Presbyter said: "By this position, both outgoing and incoming administrations have commended themselves. As it is announced that the families of nearly every member of the Cabinet, as well as those of the President and Vice-President, are Presbyterians, many of us will entertain the confidence that the sturdiness, Christian conviction and simple morality which have characterized the administration just closed, constituted as it was on so nearly the same Church lines throughout, will continue to manifest themselves in the same influential positions."

On the distribution of Cabinet honors the Charleston News and Courier made this statement: Since the establishment of the Federal government New York has had forty-four Cabinet appointments, Massachusetts thirty-eight, Pennsylvania thirty-six, and Virginia and West Virginia together forty-three. California, now one of the largest and most important States, has never had a place in the Cabinet. The only Cabinet office ever held by a man from either of the Pacific States was that of Attorney-General, held by George Williams under Grant. New York has had five Secretaries of State, six of the Treasury, six of War, four of the Navy, four Post-Masters-General, and three Attorneys-General, but it never has had a Secretary of the Interior Department.

Noting the enterprise of advertisers and their purpose to use even the clouds, the N. Y. Voice says: The fleecy clouds of heaven retain all the poetry they had when Eve sang the first cradle song and Hesiod sang his rhythmic tales. But look out. There is trouble brewing. Recent experiments, said to be successful, have been made in England in writing on the clouds. A powerful electric search light is used which throws its rays upon these floating chariots of the sky and makes them tell, in letters of light, whatever message the operator desires. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork," sang the Psalmist. But the advertiser is proposing to alter all that, and soon we may expect that the heavens as well as the mountains and the sea will be solemnly exhorting us to use porous plasters, liniments and corn cures.

Last Monday Secretary Carlisle issued regulations, part of them new and conforming to the laws on immigration passed by the last Congress, setting forth the precautions to be observed in admitting immigrants to the United States. One article requires, that the lists of immigrants to be delivered at the port of arrival to the Commissioner of Immigration shall state: "Whether the immigrant has paid his own passage, or whether it has been paid by other persons; whether he is a polygamist, or whether under contract, express or implied, to perform labor in the United States."

It is now claimed, that Dr. A. N. McAllister of New Albany, Miss., has invented a most wonderful weapon, which may probably revolutionize modern warfare, as it is declared that every time a lever can be raised and lowered from one to five hundred leaden messengers are sent on their work of destruction—a veritable sheet of lead, before which an army would be totally annihilated, even if there was line behind line to the number of one hundred. Twenty-five of these guns in a hollow square would be absolutely impregnable, and could hold at bay 10,000 men with the greatest of ease. They could check the charge of the forces until the dead were piled up, forming a barricade over which their comrades would be unable to clamber.

Nearly three years ago ex State Treasurer W. L. Hemingway of Mississippi was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, for failing to turn over to his successors \$375,-

612.19 due the State. In passing the sentence Judge Christian said there was no evidence in the case to show what became of the money, nor to show any part of it was expended by the accused for the purchase of property or for his individual use, and his friends have not believed he used the money for his own benefit. The mystery has not yet been solved, but Col. Hemingway's chief clerk in the State treasury has published a long document to show the safe must have been robbed by lock experts, who had been employed to clean the locks. Besides other plausible statements in support of his theory, to show the easy access to vaults by experts he cites the case where \$282,000,000 of United States treasury funds were in 1891 exposed to view within nine minutes by a lock expert, with his naked hands, and with no supposed previous knowledge of the combinations and bolt works. This exploit was published May 10, 1891, four prominent men being cited as witnesses. It is shown there are three men now living who can do this, and how many more is a mystery. He states he is informed that every safe lock manufacturing concern has its own school for practicing and experimenting upon methods of opening every class of locks made, that they have to compete with in business.

MOB LAW.

MR. EDITOR:—It seems as if mob law is in full bloom in this grand and noble country of ours, and since I think it is a blossom that should be left to shed its fragrance upon the desert air instead of being cultivated in the flower gardens of civilization, I offer to the country at large a few thoughts upon the subject—to the common-sense and good reason of every lever of good society and admirer of equity and justice.

Mob law is either right or wrong and I take the position that it is wrong. Anything we do in a heat of passion is almost certain to be wrong and mob law is no exception to the rule. We have instances on record where a certain person disappeared very mysteriously and circumstantial evidence went to show, that the person was murdered, and that a certain man committed the murder and the supposed murderer was arrested, arraigned before the court, tried and found guilty of murder in the first degree and hanged by the neck until the body was dead; and in course of time the person that was supposed to be murdered turned up alive in some other section of country, and the man that was hanged had never hurt a hair of his head and might have been a stranger passing through the country, and knew nothing of the man that was supposed to be murdered yet he suffered the penalty of the law. The jury found out their mistake but it was too late; for the man's soul had been hurled into eternity, whether prepared or unprepared, and their hands were stained with the blood of an innocent man. If these wrongs occur where there is time for deliberation is it not reasonable to suppose that they occur more frequently when men are hanged by a mob that is in a heat of passion? We should be very careful and deliberate well, when the life of a fellow-man is in our hands.

I will give an instance that occurred here a few years ago. A young lady was found dead and there was no doubt as to her being murdered, and on investigation all of the circumstances went to prove beyond the question of a doubt, that a white man that should have met her about the time and place where the murder was committed, was the guilty party; and if it had not been for the timely influence of some cool-headed citizens, that man would have been mobbed; but as it happened they waited for the law to take its course and before the man went to final trial the murder outed and a Negro confessed the crime and stated that the white man knew nothing of the fiendish crime until he was arrested.

You murder a man because he has committed a crime, the penalty of which is death, and you claim that he will escape punishment, if he is not mobbed. Very well; he is guilty of a crime the penalty of which is death, and one hundred men must take the law into their own hands and hang the man to prevent his escaping punishment. The mob is guilty of a crime whose penalty is death, and lest they should escape punishment one thousand men must hang them. But some one cries stop! hold! you have gone far enough. Yes the mob who has committed a crime equal, in the eyes of God and the law, to that committed by the person they murdered, say stop! hold! But they have no better right to call a halt than did the first criminal, and the principle they are advocating says for the one hundred men to murder the criminal without law or order, and for the one thousand men to murder the one hundred criminals that compose the mob, and so on until every human being is either dead or a murderer and the last mob must kill and suicide until there isn't an individual to be found upon the inhabitable globe. But says one you go to the extremes. I simply followed up your principle, and I have gone to the extreme merely, because your principle led me there. But if you are not will-

ing for me to carry out your principle and want agree for the mob to be punished I will show you the fallacy of your idea anyhow.

You have decided that it was not best for the criminal to go unpunished and be permitted to run at large in the country, and you raise a mob of a hundred men and they commit a crime whose penalty is just the same as the first criminal, and instead of there being just one man to escape punishment there are one hundred unpunished criminals in the country, and which do you prefer, one or one hundred outlaws? Do you see the point? Some will try to answer by appealing to passion and say, if such and such things should occur how would you feel? Would you not be willing to take the laws of the country into your own hands and mob a man? I say appealing to passion is poor argument. Are we to be governed by our passions or are we to be governed by good and wholesome laws? We have laws to punish crime and let the law take its course instead of fostering crime to suppress it. Two wrongs never have, never can and never will make one right. If our laws are not right, let's be governed by them until we can have them made right.

We should be very careful about taking the life of our fellow-man; for that is something we cannot give. If a man is mobbed and his soul is all blackened with sin and he is without God and hope in the world he goes down to hell to dwell throughout eternity, when on the other hand if the law had taken its course he might have turned from the error of his ways and been saved. "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. xii-19.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM E. BIGGS.

THE MISSION DEBT.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—I wish to say a few things through THE METHODIST to the members of the Little Rock Conference, about the "old debt." The time is near when we must make the settlement, and but few have sent in any part of the subscription taken at our Conference. My brethren, it is very important that we do what we can just now, send in what you can by the last of this month.

The following list will show who have paid. Rev. R. D. Smart \$100, Rev. H. H. Watson \$30.00, Rev. J. M. Robinson \$10.00, Rev. G. W. Mathews \$5.00, Rev. C. L. Adams \$5.00. Total \$170.00.

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ASSESSMENT FEES.

One Preachers' Reasons for Opposing the Amendment.

DEAR DR. BOND:—Referring to the proposed amendment to Constitution of Preachers' Aid Association, I cast a negative vote for the reason, that on every 100 clerical members there will be \$100 less benefit fund; and on every 100 lay members there will be \$100 less. That will make \$200. Now in that \$200 [loss?] I would only have to pay \$1.00, and the poor widow, it may be mine, loses \$200.

Yours fraternally,
D.

DEAR BRO. D.:—I have yours of 7th casting a negative vote on the amendment to Constitution. If the Association should be of a certain unvarying number of men, then your argument would be unanswerable. But alas! The contrary is the case! The membership changes at the option of the member. It was smaller on No. 2 than on No. 1, and greatly smaller on No. 3 than on No. 2. What No. 4 will sink to at present rate, is discouraging—now what is the manifest reason for this decadence? Is it not clearly because the fee is larger than most preachers feel able to pay? Our death rate has been exceptionally light, making the yearly cost very small, admit. But, how long will it be so with the younger men keeping out? 95 of the 275 preachers and 4 of the 75,000 lay members of the State have paid assessment No. 3! Which would be better for the beneficiaries, to have 80 or 90 clerical members at \$3.00 each, or 250 at \$2.00 each? Then, at \$1.00 each for lay members, do you not think we ought to get two or three hundred at least to swell the fund?

Yours fraternally,
JOHN B. BOND.

Notice to Pastors.

We are sending out a number of lists of subscribers at the requests of the various pastors. For the information of those who have not received these lists before, we will say that the dates opposite each is the date to which the subscriber is paid. If the date says Jan. 1, '93, the subscriber is paid to that date, and should pay again and so on. If a preacher asks for the lists, and we fail to send lists, to some of his offices, it means that we have no clubs at such offices.

Our Publishing House has not issued any Easter Programs; hence, we can not supply the numerous demands we have for them. The Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School has published a Program for Easter which will be sent free on application to Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky.

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

Last week Rev. S. S. Key, P. E. of Clarksville District, wrote: "I have just finished my first round, all the preachers at their post, and are in favor with their people. The prospects for a good year are very flattering. At one appointment they asked me how it happened, that the Conference had sent them the finest preacher in the Conference."

Last week Rev. G. W. Rice, P. C. of Sheridan C't, sent six new subscribers with the promise of others, as his canvass progressed. It ninety-nine other pastors had done as well last week, our paper would this week begin its mission in more than 600 additional homes.

Among others making cash remittances last week for subscribers, we mention Rev. Geo. M. Hill, P. E., Rev. C. D. McSwain, Rev. J. R. Rushing, each for three renewals, and Rev. G. W. Logan for two renewals and one new subscriber. We hope soon to have the pleasure of saying THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is receiving new subscribers from every well, from nearly every pastoral charge in the State.

Brother Pastor please speak a kind word to generous members of your charge in behalf of our Helping Fund. Read notice on page 6.

Rev. M. B. Corrigan, P. C. of Helena station, wrote March 12: "We had a good day yesterday; six accessions, large congregations and everything prospering."

This week Rev. Thomas Whitaker sent the cash for eight new subscribers in his charge, Cotton Plant and Howell, where we supposed this paper was already taken in nearly every Methodist home. If all our pastors would promptly do as well for THE ARKANSAS METHODIST their kind service would be gratefully and very highly appreciated by its Publishers, and we believe truly beneficial to the new readers.

In Argenta last Sunday morning we had the pleasure of hearing Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E., preach a strong and helpful sermon, which was greatly appreciated by the large congregation. As usual the singing was good, and the pastor, Rev. Jas. F. Jernigan, sang with fine effect the hymn, "Never Alone," recently published in this paper. Bro. Jernigan is protracting the services this week.

In the N. O. Advocate a few weeks ago a correspondent gave the figures for his opinion, that in Mississippi 13,000 of 20,000 Methodist homes, or 52,000 of the 80,000 members of our Church in that State were without any Church paper. While that is a far worse showing than could be justly made of Arkansas, we feel sure there is a large number of Methodist homes in this State without any paper published for our Church. To induce such families to take a Church paper our pastors can do more than all others combined. In that service they have a fruitful field for great usefulness.

Last Thursday Geo. M. Chapline, Esq., resigned as Commissioner of the Bureau of Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture, and Mr. W. G. Vincenbeller of Springfield, Washington county, was promptly appointed by Gov. Fishback to fill the vacancy. With his numerous friends we congratulate Bro. Vincenbeller and the State upon his appointment to an office he is well qualified to fill with credit and efficiency.

Our work in Japan has been re-enforced by the appointment of the following lay missionaries: C. W. Bradbury of Virginia, and W. P. Turner and W. J. Callahan of Georgia. We thank God and take courage. Nashville Advocate.

Rev. J. R. Farris, P. C. of Goodwine C't, called last Thursday and bought books, including the Holman Self-Proneouncing Teacher's Bible, which is very popular with preachers and other Bible students. Bro. Farris reported a cheerful outlook in his charge.

Last Thursday we had a cheerful call from Rev. R. C. Moorehead, P. C. of Searcy station. To his favorable

report of that charge he added that President S. H. Babcock is delighted over the bright prospects for Searcy College.

We express sympathy for little Mortimer, son of Rev. R. M. Traylor of Clarksville, in the misfortune of having his arm broken.

We have received the March (first) number of the Arkansas Eclectic Medical Journal, edited by W. L. Leister, M. D., at Heber, Cleburne county. It contains thirty pages of reading matter in neat magazine form and presents a very creditable appearance.

Rev. J. M. G. Douglass, P. C. of Atlanta C't, wrote March 7, that he would soon have in cash and subscription all of the assessments on his charge for Church Extension, Foreign and Domestic Missions.

Saturday p. m. we had a pleasant call from Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E. of Searcy District, in which he reported a very encouraging outlook. We regretted to learn from him, that Rev. W. A. Pendegross is confined to his bed and suffering much from inflammatory rheumatism.

Rev. J. B. McDonald, P. C. of Brinkley station, favored our office with a helpful call Monday p. m. He reports gratifying progress in his charge, and expects to have its new church open for services by April 15.

Bro. W. L. Garner of Craig's Mill called Tuesday.

Our highly esteemed friend, Bro. W. M. Clifton of Morrilton, spent last Sabbath in this city and gave us a call Monday. Under the shadow of a great sorrow from sore bereavement by the death of his wife, he finds gracious comfort in the Christian's faith and hope.

From Rev. John P. Lowry we learned the meeting at Walnut Ridge resulted in a gracious revival. Bro. Lowry is now assisting in a meeting at Russellville.

Rev. W. C. Hilliard, P. C. of Lacey C't, wrote March 7: "I have long realized the value of our paper and its use to a Methodist itinerant. I am doing my best to advance its influence and to see that every Methodist family takes it."

From The Enterprise we learn, that Rev. Dr. W. R. Lambuth is expected to preach in Fordyce, on Missions, Friday night, March 24. We suppose he will visit other towns in our State, and we hope large congregations may hear his instructive and impressive sermons on the duty of sending the gospel to the heathen world.

Writing from Carlisle, March 13, Rev. H. H. Watson, P. E., said: "I have been here with Bro. C. L. Adams since Friday, preaching twice daily, it being the time of my first Quarterly Meeting. The Lord is blessing his Word; one bright conversion last night, two joined the Church, great power rested upon the congregation. We will have service again today and tonight. I will remain with Bro. Adams until tomorrow. We look for Bro. W. F. Evans today who will help in the meeting. Bro. Adams is in great favor with this people."

To our readers visiting St. Louis we cheerfully commend the St. James Hotel, situated on the corner of Broadway and Walnut streets. Under the management of Mr. Thomas P. Miller, Proprietor, the St. James has become an excellent and popular hotel, rates \$2 to \$2.50 per day. With good rooms and excellent meals well served and the uniformly courteous attention of Mr. W. S. Riddell, Chief Clerk, guests of the St. James will be pleasantly entertained.

Hon. R. W. Peavy, a member of the House from St. Francis county, after seeing the Methodist Sewing Machine, concluded that one would be a nice present to his wife; so he sent her our Style 4. She now writes to him about it saying: "I am pleased with the sewing machine you sent me. It is very simple in construction, light running without noise, and makes a beautiful stitch."

We call attention to the advertisement of "Kings Improved Cotton. Mr. King is highly endorsed by public officials and business men of this State and we have good reasons to believe that he is perfectly reliable and honorable.

SEARCY COLLEGE.

The Book Reception March 6 was a great success. The people of Searcy, who do nothing by halves, showed their deep interest in the College, by honoring the occasion with their presence and a large contribution of choice books. Many volumes were received from different parts of the State. The beautiful volume sent by Bennett & Thornburgh, the first response to our invitations was followed by many others until the book case prepared to receive them was filled to overflowing; one hundred and fifty books beautifully bound, covering a wide range of Biography, History, Literature is quite an addition to our library.

Our boys are overjoyed and are reading with great relish and profit. If each friend who reads these lines will send us a book you and the College will be blessed in the deed.

SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.
Searcy College, March 13.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooks, in Collinsville, Texas, March 5, 1893, Mr. James Nichols and Miss Mattie Brooks, by Rev. Geo. H. Adams.

March 5, 1893, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. M. C. Gramling, near Pargould, Ark., Mr. Rob't. Cook and Miss Jennie Gramling, by Rev. A. C. Griffin officiating.

At the residence of Mr. J. B. Wofford, near Violet, Ark., Feb. 14, Mr. George Graves and Mrs. Bettie Cook, Rev. F. N. Brewer officiating.

At the residence of Mr. Wm. McKeelzie, near Violet, Ark., March 1, Mr. Walter Johnson and Miss Sue Wells, Rev. F. N. Brewer officiating.

THE IDES OF MARCH
Bring Bad Omens of Disease and Derangements to Many People.

Spring Diseases Foretold.

Almost every one has come to believe that March, April and May is a season that brings derangements of the body dependent on blood impurities. This belief is an old one, is nearly universal, and has arisen, not as the result of the teachings of the medical fraternity, but has been learned in the bitter school of experience. It is certain that the medical profession hasn't given the subject the attention that it deserves, and, as a consequence, a great many mistaken notions prevail as to the cause of these blood impurities. The truth is that there are at least three distinct sources of the blood impurities peculiar to spring.

First, catarrhal congestions of the organs of digestion, i. e., stomach, bowels, kidneys and liver. Catarrh of these organs may result from the inclement weather of winter or from chronic catarrh of the head or throat. In either case it results in disturbed digestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation or irregular movements of the bowels, which renders the blood impure.

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Second, depression of the nervous system at the approach of spring is another fertile source of blood impurities. General lassitude, dull, heavy sensations, continual tired feelings, with irregular appetite, and sometimes loss of sleep. Here again Pe-ru-na meets every indication and proves itself to be perfectly adapted to all their varied peculiarities. Pe-ru-na invigorates the system, rejuvenates the feelings, restores the normal appetite and procures regular sleep.

The third source of blood impurities arises from the accumulation of effete material in the blood during the winter. Thus it is that in the spring the blood becomes thick, impure, circulates sluggishly, producing pimples, eruptions and roughness of the skin, all of which quickly disappear by the use of Pe-ru-na. It quickens the flagging circulation, it expurgates from the blood the effete material and enriches the blood with the life-giving oxygen.

The Family Physician, No. 3, is a valuable treatise on spring diseases and their cure. It should be in the hands of every person who needs a spring medicine of any sort. It gives the cause, symptoms and cure of all diseases peculiar to spring. It also contains an article on catarrh and its cure. This book will be sent free to any address during March, April and May. Address

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THE Y. M. C. A. OF LITTLE ROCK.

We have received the annual financial statement of the Young Men's Christian Association of Little Rock for the year 1892. From subscription, memberships, lecture course, &c., and the Association received \$6,003.09 and paid out \$5,707.79 for salaries, improvements, lecture course, rents and other expenses.

"Its success in 1892" is indicated in this summary: "95 was the daily average attendance; 30,303 was the total attendance of the year; 4,590 attended the gymnasium and 1,268 the classes in physical culture; 3,953 was the attendance at the religious services; 1,350 attended the lectures and 995 the entertainments and receptions; 5,385 baths were taken; 2,558 books were drawn for home reading; 51 sought prayer and counsel in the religious services; 27 were directed to good boarding places; 9 were found employment; 26 needy were furnished relief; 121 visits were made to the sick and injured; 405 was the total membership at close of 1892."

We are pleased to hear this Association under the management of Bros. J. M. Workman and F. B. Sinnix was in more prosperous condition last year than for several years before, and we hope it may greatly increase in usefulness according to the noble and chief purpose in the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association nearly fifty years ago—"to save souls and to promote Christian living." Aside from the value of its benevolent and religious services, if the equipments of the Y. M. C. A. for harmless, social pleasure in the physical and mental culture afforded shall attract young men from the saloon and the theater, and then help in leading them to attendance upon the religious agencies of the Church, the Association will prove its right to exist and to expect the co-operation of benevolent and Christian people. In a temperance address Miss E. W. Greenwood made the following statement, which may be measurably true in other cities, and which calls for serious thought and prayer and work in behalf of young men: "In Washington, D. C., a company of gentlemen counted the young men in the ten largest prayer meetings in that city, on a week-day evening. They found 168. They then went to the ten largest saloons, and found that 365 young men entered them in the course of an hour

and a half. They then went to the ten largest theatres and counted 815 young men."

But we close by copying from the N. Y. Witness a few sentences of a recent article by Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler: "My observation of these associations has convinced me that the true secret of their power and their permanence lies in their keeping first and foremost the great business of leading souls to Jesus Christ. This is as truly their great province as it is the province of any Church or any Sunday-school. Where this purpose is made most prominent the Association has the greatest success and the most permanent growth. On the other hand, the greatest danger that assails this institution is that it may become too much secularized. There is a great temptation to make the gymnasium and the reading-room the great attraction, and because they draw in a large number of young men to set down the Association as accomplishing a satisfactory work. Physical and mental and social advantages are not to be despised by any means; but they are no more to be reckoned as the main thing than attractive music or eloquent pulpit delivery are to be reckoned the main things in a Church service. The conversion of souls and the growth in Christian living are the supreme object of pulpit discourse; and it will be a sad day for our Young Men's Christian Associations when they are satisfied with anything short of this."

ARKANSAS POULTRY FARM.

We recently had the pleasure of inspecting this pioneer and model farm established by Rev. R. S. Deener for raising the leading varieties of only the best thoroughbred poultry. In nearly thirty separate yards there were as many different varieties of chickens, many of them the finest and most beautiful we ever saw, not excepting those seen at the St. Louis Fair some years ago. We were especially pleased with the Light Brahmas, Black Langshans, Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, Silver Laced Wyandottes and Golden Wyandottes, all magnificent fowls as large, beautiful and apparently perfect in every respect as they are represented by the most attractive engravings in poultry journals. After seeing these and other varieties we understood why their eggs sell so readily at \$2 for 13, and the fowls—females at \$2 to \$5 each and males at \$3 to \$10 each. We advise any of our readers interested to write to Deener & Shields, Proprietors, Batesville, Ark., for their new illustrated catalogue and price list, showing varieties and prices of all the fowls raised on the Arkansas Poultry Farm, with prices of eggs and many valuable suggestions about raising poultry. They are shipping eggs to different parts of the United States, to Canada, Mexico and the "islands of the sea." The farm is under the personal supervision of Bro. J. J. Deener, one of the best men we ever knew, and all may rest assured he will use the utmost care in filling every order.

Once more, Brother, we ask you to read "Two Requests," this time on page 3. Read again and don't forget.

OUR BOOK BUSINESS.

We are much gratified to be reliably informed there has been in Arkansas a large increase in the sale of books from the Publishing House of our Church, during the time of our service as General Colporters for our three Conferences in this State. By advertising we have helped to create a demand for the books, which we have generally supplied in a prompt and satisfactory manner. Besides this we have on such favorable terms furnished books to our preachers for sale in their charges, as to induce many of them to sell themselves as well as for the great benefit to their members. But now we must say to all concerned, that as we have to pay cash for all the books we handle we are not able to furnish them on long credit, which is not necessary where preachers sell the books for cash. Further, we do not think it is either profitable or safe for preachers to sell books on a credit here and there in their charges. For these reasons preachers ordering books to sell should arrange to pay for them on delivery, or at least in the time we cheerfully give prompt-paying agents. We are fully satisfied this course will be as prudent for them, as it is necessary for their fellow-servants, BENNETT & THORNBURGH, General Colporters.

THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH.

By Rev. Jno. T. Sawyer.
A few weeks since I received a copy of this pamphlet. I have read it with close attention, and cheerfully recommend it. If any of our Churches are afflicted in that way, I advise the pastors of such Churches to introduce Dr. Sawyer's pamphlet as an antidote. The pastors will find it helpful in preparing sermons on the subject of worldliness in the Church. It has received the endorsement of our Church papers without a dissenting voice. Price 25 cents. Bennett & Thornburgh will supply the demand of the preachers in the three Conferences in Arkansas.

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Surplus 16,100,233 94
Income \$32,047,765 34
Interest, Rents, &c. 8,191,099 90
\$40,238,865 24
Disbursements \$19,890,582 46
For Expenses and Taxes 7,419,811 09
\$27,309,393 55
The Assets are Invested as follows:
United States Bonds and other Securities \$65,590,484 89
Loans on Bond and Mortgage 69,848,099 54
First Lien 10,394,597 50
Real Estate 16,588,884 26
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies 7,806,472 55
Accrued Interest, Deferred Premiums, &c. 6,075,474 87
\$175,084,156 61
Insurance Assumed and Renewed \$54,990,568 00
Insurance in Force 745,901,023 00
Annuities in Force 352,036 02
Increase in Annuities \$82,733 98
Increase in Payments to Policyholders 430,829 60
Increase in Receipts 2,004,180 71
Increase in Surplus 1,137,266 73
Increase in Assets 16,177,017 98
Increase in Insurance Assumed and Renewed 47,737,765 00
Increase in Insurance in Force 50,306,023 00
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I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct.
A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor.
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WARNING ORDER.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court, Arkansas. Kansas National Bank of Wichita, Kansas, Plaintiff, vs. E. H. Chamberlain and Sarah T. Chamberlain, Defendants.
The defendants, E. H. Chamberlain and Sarah T. Chamberlain, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, the Kansas National Bank of Wichita, Kansas. I. J. HICKS, Clerk.
February 25, 1893.
Martin & Murphy, Solicitors for plaintiff.

Notice of Confirmation of Tax Title.
All persons who can set up any right to the hereinafter described lands, which were purchased under sale for the non-payment of taxes, in consequence of any informality, irregularity or illegality connected with such sale, are notified to show cause on the first day of the October term of the Pulaski Chancery Court 1893, to be held in Pulaski county, Ark., why the sales so made should not be confirmed, which said lands, on authority under which said sales took place, the nature of the title by which said lands are held and the amount paid for the same, and each tract thereof, are as follows: Lot three in block twelve East Argenta sold to the State in default of a bidder for the taxes and penalty and cost amounting to \$5.82, on the eleventh day of April 1887, by the collector of taxes for Pulaski county, Ark., for the year 1876. Also lot eight in block twelve East Argenta, sold to the State in default of a bidder for the taxes and penalty and cost, amounting to \$5.67, on the eleventh day of April 1887, by the collector of taxes for Pulaski county, Ark., for the year 1876. Also lot two in block one East Argenta, sold to the State in default of a bidder for the taxes, penalty and cost, amounting to \$7.21, on the eleventh day of April 1887, by the collector of taxes for Pulaski county, Ark., for the year 1886. Also lot three in block one East Argenta, sold to the State in default of a bidder for the taxes, penalty and cost, amounting to \$7.21, on the eleventh day of April 1887, by the collector of taxes for Pulaski county, Ark., for the year 1886. Also lot three in block two hundred and twenty eight in the city of Little Rock, sold to the State in default of a bidder for the taxes, penalty and cost, amounting to \$18.67, by the collector of taxes for Pulaski county, Ark., for the year 1887. No part of the above described lands were redeemed within the time required by law, and was by the County Clerk of Pulaski county certified to the State, and was by the State placed on sale, and on the 24th day of April 1889, W. B. Worthen purchased all of said lots above described as in "East Argenta" by paying the taxes on each of said parcels, and obtaining a deed therefor, and on the 3rd day of July 1890, T. J. Oliphant purchased from the State lot three in block 228 in the city of Little Rock, by paying the taxes on said land and obtaining a deed therefor. Said lands are held under the deeds as above set forth, and title claimed by reason of said tax sales.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1893.

OBITUARIES.

KNOX.—Mrs. Mahala Ann Knox, the subject of this notice, was born in Fayette Co., Tenn., March 12, 1827; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the year 1852; was married to W. S. Knox, Esq., in Somerville, Tenn., March 18, 1866; moved with her husband to Searcy, Ark., in the year 1868, where she died February 22, 1893.

The writer of this brief sketch lived near the deceased the last 22 years of her life, and he takes pleasure in bearing testimony to the many Christian virtues of this noble woman. If she had an enemy among her numerous acquaintances, the writer knows not of it, and the firm hold she had upon the affections of the members of her immediate family was demonstrated by the grief of her husband, sister and adopted children for their irreparable loss. She was a devoted wife, an affectionate sister, a kind neighbor, a mother to the motherless, and in these several spheres her loss will be sorely felt. She bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude and died as only the Christians can die; and it is a consolation to her friends to know that after the conflicts of life are over her disembodied spirit has been waited by bright angels to that haven of rest, "in the sweet fields of Eden, where the tree of life is blooming."

BLAKELY.—Frank M. Blakely, only son of Rev. J. H. and B. M. Blakely, was born Nov. 10, 1868; was happily converted in 1879, and assumed the vows of the Church Oct. 1880, and died on Jan. 23, 1893, as he had lived, trusting in God, and in love with all that was good and true. His death occurred at the home of his father, our honored Bro. Blakely at Rock Springs, Ark. It was hard to give him up for he was the only stay and comfort of his aged and feeble parents; all the others had gone, he alone was left. He was a model of gentleness, love and obedience. No boy ever venerated his parents more, or loved or cared for them better than he. He was their delight and joy. He bent every energy of mind and body to make them happy and comfortable. His untiring devotion to them was admirable. He was without doubt true to the "old folks at home." They have no remembrance of an impatient or unkind word, or look from him, but a constant flow of genuine affection and high veneration for them characterized him. It is not surprising that the gospel his father preached and his mother lived should have living expression in his life, and that we should be afforded exemplification of the wise man's saying:—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"—when we remember that he was reared in a godly home and breathed an atmosphere of the most ardent and devoted piety. If space allowed we would like to hold him up to the boys and young men as an example worthy of imitation in all that is good, pure and lovely in this life. His ideal of Christian manhood was very high, his sense of honor and honesty strong, and his nature gentle, kind, loving and true. He steadily maintained his strong convictions of right and duty. Though strong and noble of nature he was as gentle, tender and timid as a woman. He was eminently social and enjoyed with keenest relish the legitimate pleasures of youthful associations, yet the irregularities, little misdemeanors, worldly dissolutions and diversions, so attractive to the young and into which they are so insidiously drawn, to the detriment of piety, were unknown to his life and experience. He was a young man of much prayer—it was the habit of his life—and a student of God's Word, and he loved it; never absenting himself from Church or Sunday-school. No boy gave better promise of usefulness in the Church and society than he. But he is dead, and many hearts are sad. He is missed from the home, the Sunday-school and the Church. Parents and friends, in this your night of weeping, look not upon the cold sod, where we laid the body of Frank Blakely, and feel that he is there; but look beyond to that unclouded land, where death holds no claim on the glad immortals. He is there with Edgar, Soule, Bascom and others, happy with God and the angels. You will meet them again on the other shore. May God's grace sustain you in this as it has in many other trials.

BEATY.—William T. Beaty died at Beebe Feb. 13, 1893, of paralysis, in the 70th year of his life. His death was a triumph. Since the death of his daughter Mamie he has been praying that he might speedily follow her. Many times before he died, he told us he wanted to go home. His last words were, "Glory! Glory!"

Bless the Lord Methodists still die well. For many years Bro. Beaty was a pillar in the Methodist Church at La Grange and was always found at his post. He had served in the capacity of steward, class-leader and superintendent. He was a lover of the old hymns and primitive ways, and contended for many years that Methodism was losing her old-time power in proportion as the class-meeting and old hymns were being laid aside. A good man has gone to his reward. May the spirit of his Master lead all his relatives safely home.

L. C. CRAIG.

Beebe, Ark.

DISHEROON.—Mrs. Erika Ann Disheroon (nee Burton) was born in Floyd Co., Ga., May 23, 1850, and died at their home, Snow Hotel, near Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 12, 1893. She early inclined to Methodism and accordingly joined the Southern branch of that Church in her young womanhood, Oct., 1868. Married to Bro. Seaborn Disheroon, whom she accompanied to Ark., she is the mother of seven children, one dead and six living. She was a good woman, impressing us as such from first acquaintance by her unadorned piety. The itinerant preacher has usually if not invariably in his charge more than spiritual members, whom more than others, as human instrumentalities, he relies on for spiritual counsel, their conversation being edifying and their company a means of grace. Sister Disheroon was a help to the preachers, who will be affected at the news of her death. I was with her shortly before her release. Though consumption had taken its hold on her several years ago, and her weak frame was now succumbing to its fatal grasp, her chastened soul was yet anchored firmly on Christ, her Savior. Her words are worthy of mention: "It is all right, and Jesus walks with me all the time." Realizing that the fellowship in suffering is a necessary preliminary to fellowship in glory (Rom. 8:17), she said, "I am willing to suffer to get to heaven." Speaking in a whisper and with some difficulty, she said, "If I do not get to tell you here all I want to tell you, I will tell you in heaven," and in her much used Testament, she said, "The 27th Ps. is one of my favorites." As natural, she left for the future of her children, and said when asked of them, "That is the greatest desire of my life," and she left them surely with the faith that the Savior of the Philippian jailer and Lydia's household is also the Savior of her house; and may the children follow mother as she followed Christ. Suffice it to say that the community was blessed in her, that the preacher had a spiritual help in her, the husband a wife in her, and their children their truest earthly friend, an affectionate mother in her, and now that death has claimed her body and God her spirit, may her mortality side by side with her son and behind Rockdale, her loved Church, rest undisturbed until the old earth which has opened its mouth to receive its millions of children, shall resound with the trumpet of God and she, with all of God's children, shall come forth to enter upon her full inheritance. Thank God for the resurrection. May the husband and children be faithful and in the glorious review of the Church triumphant in that day, may they be numbered on God's right hand with wife and mother.

JNO. F. TAYLOR.

BAILEY.—Rev. W. W. Bailey and family have been deeply afflicted in the death, after continued illness for months, of their daughter Janie. Sister Janie was at the tender age of 19 years taken from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. She was a sufferer for months and even years, but in the midst of them all she murmured not, but was perfectly submissive and resigned to the providence of Almighty God. The writer knew our departed sister from a little child, and can say a better girl did not belong to our Church in Ravenden Spring, than she. She was always good and kind to every one, one of the most obedient children to her parents. Our sister obeyed that commandment which says, children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. She conformed her life and shaped her character to the religion of the Bible generally and discipline of her Church. She was received into the Church by Bro. Troy. Her funeral services were conducted by Bro. Leake, and the large congregation in attendance gave attestation to her moral character and worth, demonstrating most conclusively their high esteem for and appreciation of our departed friend. The writer realizes the great loss, not only sustained by her family, but the loss of us all generally. I feel while writing this the Church here is poorer, but richer beyond the river. Bro. Bailey is in deep affliction in the heavy stroke that has fallen upon him; he and Sister Bailey are in sad mourning. God grant them grace for this and all dark hours of life, and may they meet their precious child in heaven with all the family. Is the prayer of the writer,

M'ELHENNY.—Mrs. Amaritta McElhenney (nee Stealy) was born in South Carolina, Oct. 3, 1818. She was happily married to T. J. McElhenney, March 22, 1837, with whom she came to Ark. in 1852. She joined the M. E. Church, South, the same year, and lived a faithful, consistent member of the same through all the days of mortal life. She died at her home in Cleveland Co., Ark., Dec. 27, 1892, full of faith and with the blessed hope of immortality and eternal life. She had been a great sufferer for 15 years before the summons came, but bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude, ready and waiting for the Master's call. She was the mother of children, some of whom preceded her to the better land, while others are on their way. Her husband is still living and for years past has been regarded as one of the pillars of the Church in the community where he lives. She has a son, J. C. McElhenney, who is a faithful and efficient local preacher in the bounds of Lehi circuit.

J. D. WHITESIDE.

Rison, Ark.

ASH.—Birdie Ash, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ash, was born April 14, 1888. She lived in this world 4 years, 6 months and 7 days, and on Jan. 11, 1893, she was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom. All that is mortal of the precious child lies in a little country burial ground in the big woods of Arkansas. That spot, baptized with tears and embalmed in love shall link our lives and fortunes together forever. Little Birdie prattled and sang sunshine and gladness into the home and hearts of the family. She entered into, wrought upon, and helped to make the thought, sentiment and action of each member of that kingdom, what they are, and when her mission was ended, she fell on sleep, and was gathered to her fathers. To serve our day and generation, and to finish the work apportioned to us alone, can meet the object of existence.

G. W. RICE.

Sheridan, Ark.

BROOKS.—Mrs. Mattie B. Brooks, widow of John Brooks, died Jan. 31, 1893. She was born in Fayette Co., Tenn., Dec. 6, 1844; moved to Cross Co., Ark., Dec. 1869, and was married to John Brooks in 1871. Sister Brooks was converted in 1886; joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived an acceptable member till her heavenly Father called her home. She has left one little son, Jimmie, brothers, sister and friends many at Cherry Valley, to mourn their loss, but their loss is her eternal gain. Weep not, loved ones; for you can soon go to her, but your tears can never bring her back.

She was not alarmed at death. Her last words, in answer to a friend who asked if she was ready, were these: "Jesus has promised to be with me and He is here to go with me through the valley of the shadow of death, God is love, praise His holy name!" Bless the Lord for the dying testimony of Christians. Let us all thank God and take fresh courage. Pray for her lonely son Jimmie, that now, after father and mother have gone, "The Lord will take him up."

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WARNING ORDER.

In Pulaski Chancery Court. Addis Lee, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Lee, Defendant.
The defendant Charles Lee is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Addis Lee.
February 27, 1893.
J. J. HICKS, Clerk.
W. F. Hill, Sol. for PIF.

WARNING ORDER.

In Pulaski Chancery Court. John J. Donahue et al., Plaintiffs, vs. Margaret Cuddy et al., Defendants.
The defendants, Mary Harley and Dora Reagan are warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff John J. Donahue et al.
By Chas. M. Connor, D. C.
Feb. 24, 1893.
Sam W. Williams Sol. for Plaintiffs.

WARNING ORDER.

In Pulaski Chancery Court. Dudley E. Jones Company, Plaintiff, vs. R. H. Fischer, C. E. Ferguson, et al., Defendants.
The defendant, C. E. Ferguson, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Dudley E. Jones Company.
By Chas. M. Connor, D. C.
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Pioneer Methodist Preachers in Arkansas.

Many of our readers may be interested in perusing a list of the appointments of the Methodist preachers in Arkansas nearly fifty years ago. Below we republish a list sent us by Mrs. R. M. Barrington, now living at Crystal Springs, Miss., and whose husband served Pine Bluff circuit in 1846 and '48, and then Pine Bluff station in 1849-'50. As the printed slip below says the Conference was held at Washington, we suppose it was in November, 1847—Bishop Capers presiding:

"Appointment of Preachers.

We have been requested to insert the following list of appointments by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, recently convened at Washington:

LITTLE ROCK DIST., ANDREW HUNTER, P. E.

Little Rock, Charles P. Turrentine, Searcy, J. G. Alexander, Little Red River Mission, Stephen Farish, Smithville, James Rice, Batesville, J. J. Roberts, Lewisburg, James M. Rogers, Perryville, J. A. Boyd, Benton, J. Cowie, Elizabeth, S. Carlisle, Saline, J. H. Blakely.

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Little River, T. G. T. Steele, Red River African miss, to be sup.

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PINE BLUFF DIST., J. ESTABROOK, P. E.

Pine Bluff, A. M. Barrington, Napoleon, W. J. Anderson.

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Princeton, W. O. W. Williams, El Dorado, C. M. Slover.

White Oak, to be supplied.

HELENA DIST., F. BROWN, P. E.

Helena, G. W. Cottingham, Old Town, to be supplied.

St. Vernon, J. Tinnen, Green miss, E. F. McNabb.

Marion, A. Avery, Osceola, T. E. Garrett.

Lawrenceville, J. D. Stockton, Mississippi, J. W. Floyd.

L. L. MARSHALL, Secretary.

PREACHERS' MEETING

For Newport District will convene at Walnut Ridge, Ark., on Thursday April 27, 1893.

PROGRAM.

Opening sermon Wednesday night 26th inst., by Rev. E. M. Davis.

Thursday morning, 9 a. m.: Question, "Possibility of Apostasy," by Revs. D. W. Reed and R. H. Grissett.

Afternoon, 2 p. m.: Question, "Scriptural Plan for Supporting the Church," by Revs. W. L. King and H. L. Bugg.

Friday, 9 a. m.: Question, "Is Regeneration a Prerequisite to Eternal Salvation for All Persons, irrespective of age?" by Revs. S. L. Cochran and J. F. Armstrong.

Afternoon, 2 p. m.: Ques., "What is the Attitude of the Scriptures towards Worldly Amusements?" by Revs. N. E. Skinner and S. D. Evans.

Saturday, 9 a. m.: Question, "What is our Duty with regard to Missions?" by Revs. F. Ritter and E. M. Davis.

Afternoon, 2 p. m.: Question, "Reveries and the best Method of Conducting them," by Revs. J. S. Watson and H. E. May.

All preachers in the District, both traveling and local, are members. Everybody invited to attend.

Rev. D. W. REED, J. S. WATSON, H. L. BUGG, Sec., Committee.

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Among communications from foreign lands received in the course of the month, were letters from Mr. George Braithwaite of Yokohama, accompanying the annual report of the Bible Societies' Committee for Japan; from Mr. Norwood, at Bluefields, Nicaragua, announcing the organization of an auxiliary Bible Society there, with an enrollment of about two hundred members; from Mr. Penzotti, with an account of his work in Central America; from Mr. H. J. Mancke of Puerto Plata, with suggestions for a comprehensive canvass of the island of San Domingo; from the Bible Society of France, with reports of its work for this Society during 1892; from Mr. George H. Prince, with reference to the work accomplished by the Russian Bible Society, through its colporteurs in the extreme east; from Mr. Clark of Prague, with gratifying reports of Bible colportage in Austria under his care; from Rev. H. C. Hazen, representing the good done by Bible distribution in connection with the Madura Mission of the American Board; from the Rev. Theodore S. Pond of Baranquilla, reporting a great deal of priestly interference in Colombia with the reading of the Bible by those who have obtained copies; from Rev. A. M. Milne, concerning a visit he has recently made to the principal cities in Chili, and from Mr. Whipple of Tabreez, in reference to the ever-existing difficulties in the way of securing a wide distribution of the Bible in Persia.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Distribution, grants of books were made to the value of about \$4,858, including consignments to the Society's Agents in Mexico, Central America and Brazil. Funds were also appropriated for the promotion of the Society's works in foreign lands, during the ensuing year, to the amount of \$19,396.70, including grants to the Bible Society of France, to the American Board for Bible work in Bohemia, and to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for its Italy Mission.

The issues from the Bible House during the month of February were 58,476 volumes; issues since April 1st, 1892, 835,444 volumes.

FROM PASTORAL CHARGES

ALTUS AND COAL HILL STATION.

I have been reading from week to week for some time about the many "poundings" that the preachers and their families have been enjoying; also where a P. E. had been pounded, and he said "that was something new under the sun." I believe I have never seen where a preacher without either personage or family had enjoyed a "pounding." So far as I know "that's something new under the sun." Yes, a few nights ago a crowd of young people came, and on entering my room began to pile upon my table and kept on until it was well-nigh loaded. I seated them the best I could. After a social conversation I offered prayer for us, and they dispersed. I then began to see what I had. I found several nice things, just what a fellow in my condition needs. They only missed the mark in one thing—the collars they brought were 17 and I wear 17-1/2. The Lord graciously bless the donors.

We are praying for a gracious revival here and at Coal Hill. We are making the third effort to build a church at Coal Hill, and I believe under God we will succeed. Success to the grand old METHODIST.

Y. A. GILMORE, P. C.

ALTUS, MARCH 8.

CALEDONIA CIRCUIT.

Our 1st Quarterly Conference for Caledonia C't was held at Caledonia Church March 4, 5. Rev. J. R. Cason, our P. E., presided. He delighted every one and his sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m. was good and instructive, his subject Our reasons for our faith in Infant Baptism. His sermon was Scriptural and delivered with much power. Bro. Cason is indeed a generous man, with broad, conservative views. His generous manner to the P. C. was truly encouraging. A little authority does not lessen his respect and esteem for his seniors in age. He loves men of broad views. All desire to have him among us much during the year. This is a new work on its trial year. In it is quite a large number of good, worthy men and devout Christian women. I am hoping and praying for a prosperous year. Sunday evening Bro. Cason preached at the mill of the South Arkansas Lumber Company. The evening was cold, but in the face of the cold and that we had to listen and the preacher to talk under an open shed, had a real good congregation, composed of the officers and workmen of that company and their wives and daughters. We were glad indeed to meet Sister Henderson, wife of the president, a gentleman of pleasing manners, affable and entertaining, with an eye to business, but recognizing the great blessing of the presence and influence of the Church, he with Bro. Cargle, the manager, a man of correct views and unyielding energy, and Mr. Garrett, who controls the mercantile interests of the company, are now arranging to build a house for school and Church purposes.

The outlook on this charge, though not all that we wish, is somewhat encouraging. Fraternally,

J. M. D. STURGIS.

MARTINVILLE CIRCUIT.

As I have not written anything about this work I want to say, I moved

here the 2nd day of March. I arrived with a sick wife, but we were met on the street by Bro. J. H. Littlejohn, who took us in, and his wife kindly cared for my sick wife until she was able to go to the house I had rented; and Bro. A. D. Malone proposed to take us to his house, but she was not able to go any further until the 5th. We have been kindly cared for ever since we came here. Last night at 8 o'clock we had a storm, the cloud composed of about thirty persons or more, and every one bearing something good for the preacher and his wife—things too numerous to undertake to mention, ranging all the way from natmegs up to hams and flour.

A. C. RAY, P. C.

PLUMMERVILLE, MARCH 10.

SMITHVILLE CIRCUIT.

Yesterday was a fine day with us at Flat Creek. Rev. Grant of Black Rock preached for us a short but good sermon. The brethren requested another visit from him. It was my fortune to hear Bro. Reid last night at Black Rock. The sermon was good, instructive, edifying. I am having a nice time visiting here with Bro. Reid, sharing kindness in the homes of Rev. C. L. Freeman, Rev. Grant and others. No wonder Bros. Freeman, Register and others would hardly consent to sever their connection with Smithville C't. Fortunate the man that serves it; the stewards and the people are determined that the preacher's wants shall be supplied. God bless them all and always. THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is not circulated as extensively in our bounds as it should be. I talked yesterday on Church literature and will do all I can for THE METHODIST.

Rev. J. A. Parker of Walnut Hill has been appointed by P. E. to take Bro. Leake's place, made vacant by his transfer to St. Louis Conference. Bro. Parker is a good man and well qualified for the place, being a man of literary attainments and experience as a preacher. Fraternally,

J. F. ARMSTRONG.

Kingsville, March 13.

WALNUT RIDGE.

The meeting at Walnut Ridge closed on March 6. The interest was good to the last. The preaching was done by Rev. John P. Lowry of Little Rock, and it was good from first to last. Sinners heard and were convicted and came to the altar and were converted in the old Methodist style.

We had no sensational methods, no holding up hands to be counted. We have received 30 additions to the Church from the meeting and some others have given their names and will be received in the near future. Six have joined the Presbyterian Church, and some will join the Baptist Church. Some 50 or more were converted at the meeting and the Church was greatly revived. Some family altars have been erected and quite a number of members promised to live better than they had done in the past. The Church will never suffer from evangelists, if they all preach and work like Bro. Lowry. I have received 46 members into the Church since Conference, and baptized six infants.

I have been well received in this charge and thus far the year has been a very pleasant one to me among this good people. Now, Mr. Editor, you may look for some new subscribers soon. Can't you or the Business Manager come up to the Preachers' Meeting? It will convene at Walnut Ridge April 27, and we would like to have you with us.

D. W. REID.

Walnut Ridge, March 13.



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OPIUM

Quarterly Meetings.

Harrison District, Second round, S. F. Dykes, P. E. Omaha at Omaha Feb. 11-12; Harrison at Fair View Feb. 23-24; Yellville at Yellville March 4-5; Yellville at Yellville March 11-12; Yellville at Kings Prairie 18-19; Valley Springs at Valley Springs 25-26; Mt. Home at Mt. Home April 1-2; Oakland at Rockledge 8-9; Walnut Grove at Walnut Grove 15-16; Big Flat 22-23; Archie 28-29; Wiley's Cove 29-30.

Washington Dist. 2nd round, Center P. E. Mo. 25, 26; Chapel Hill, Apr. 1, 2; Spring Hill, 9; Washington, 15, 16; Mineral Springs, 22, 23; Genoa, 29, 30; Fulton and C. H. May, 6, 7; Bright Star, 13, 14; Hope, 20, 21; Prescott, 21, 22; Emmons, 28, 29; Do Ann, 28, 29; Rocky Com. June, 3, 4; Richmond, 4, 5; Lockesburg, 8, 9; Nashville, 10, 12.

Clarksville Dist. 2nd round, S. S. Key, P. E. Altus at Coal Hill at Coal Hill, March 11, 12; Alma at Mulberry 18, 19; Clarksville at 25, 26; Ozona miss, at Ozona April 1, 2; Dyer at Shiloh 8, 9; Ozark at 15, 16; Lamar at Mt. Olive 22, 23; Altus at Fair View 29, 30; Clarksville at Spadra May 6, 7; Van Buren at 13, 14; Chester miss, 20, 21; Ozark at 27, 28.

Dardanelle Dist. 2nd round, P. B. Summers, P. E. Dover at March 18, 19; Springfield at Springfield 11, 12; Center at 19, 20; Morganon miss, at Wesley Chapel 25, 26; Quitman at 29, 30; Mt. Vernon at Union Valley April 1, 2; Ada at New Salem 8, 9; Perryville at Perryville 15, 16; Pleasant at Pleasant 22, 23; Martineville at Martineville May 6, 7; Cleveland miss, 13, 14; Clinton at Mountainhome 20, 21; Gold Creek miss, 27, 28.

Morrilton District, 2nd round, D. J. Weems, P. E. Morrilton at Oak Grove March 4, 5; Morrilton at 11, 12; Conway at 19, 20; Morganon miss, at Wesley Chapel 25, 26; Quitman at 29, 30; Mt. Vernon at Union Valley April 1, 2; Ada at New Salem 8, 9; Perryville at Perryville 15, 16; Pleasant at Pleasant 22, 23; Martineville at Martineville May 6, 7; Cleveland miss, 13, 14; Clinton at Mountainhome 20, 21; Gold Creek miss, 27, 28.

District Conference at Plummerville April 27-28. Conference will meet at 10:30 a. m. Opening sermon at 11 a. m. by Rev. Geo. W. Williams, a faithful local preacher.

Fayetteville District 2nd round, V. V. Harlan, P. E. Springdale sta Feb. 25, 26; Bentonville sta March 4, 5; Fayetteville sta 11, 12; Rogers sta 18, 19; Bentonville at Fort Oak 25, 26; Elm Springs at Robinson April 1, 2; Center Valley at Pleasant Hill 8, 9; Cincinnati at Cincinnati 15, 16; Sulphur Springs miss at Sulphur Springs 22, 23; Springfield at Black Oak, May 6, 7; Booneville at Evansville 13, 14; Prairie Grove at New Sulphur 20, 21.

Hot Springs Dist., 2nd round, A. D. Jenkins, P. E. South Hot Springs March 18, 19; Crystal Spr. at 25, 26; Central Ch. April 1, 2; Mt Ida at 8, 9; Malvern Hill 15, 16; New Hope miss, 22, 23; Emily at 29, 30; New Liberty at May 6, 7; Sine at 14; Silver Hill miss 20, 21; Mt Valley miss 27, 28; Dallas at June 3, 4; Mt Fork at 10, 11.

Batesville Dist., Henry T. Gregory, P. E. 2nd round, Evening Shade at Mar. 25, 26; North Batesville miss April 1, 2; North Batesville at 8, 9; Ash Grove at 15, 16; Cedar Grove at 22, 23; Salem at 29, 30; Viola miss May 6, 7; Newburg at 13, 14; Melbourne at 20, 21; Mountain View at 27, 28; Calmar at June 3, 4; Sulphur at 10, 11; Barren Fork at 17, 18; Jamestown at 24, 25.

Eureka Springs Dist. 2nd round, E. L. Massey P. E. Eureka Springs sta March 11, 12; Kings River at 18, 19; Berryville at 25, 26; Kingston at 29, 30; Berryville and Green Forest April 1, 2; Eureka city miss 6, 7; Eureka miss 13, 14; Carrollton at 15, 16; Jasper miss 19, 20; Cleveland miss 22, 23; St. Paul miss 27, 28; Hindsville miss 29, 30; War Eagle at May 6, 7; Goslin 13, 14.

Little Rock Dist., 2nd round, H. H. Watson P. E. Mabievale at Olive Hill March 25, 26; Winfield Memorial April 1, 2; England at Mulberry 8, 9; Maumelle at Shady Grove 15, 16; Lonoke at 22, 23; Austin at Austin 29, 30; First Church May 7, 8; Hickory Plain at Providence 13, 14; Liberty at Liberty 20, 21; Wattenass at Rogers Chapel 27, 28; Asbury June 3, 4; Des Arc and De V. at Bluff 10, 11; Hazen and Carlisle 17, 18.

Jonesboro Dist. 2nd round, J. C. Ritter P. E. Vandale and Cherry Valley March 18, 19; Harrisonburg at 25, 26; Jonesboro at April 1, 2; Jonesboro at 8, 9; Paris at 15, 16; Galveston at 22, 23; Marmaduke Miss. 29, 30; Paris at 29, 30; Lorado at May 6, 7; Boydsville at 13, 14; Jasper miss 19, 20; Cleveland miss 22, 23; St. Paul miss 27, 28; Hindsville miss 29, 30; War Eagle at May 6, 7; Goslin 13, 14.

The Jonesboro Dist. Conference will convene at St. Francis at 10 o'clock on Thursday April 22. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock on same day by Bro. A. E. Holloway. Bennett and Thornburgh are cordially invited.

JOHN C. RITTER.

Paragould, Ma ch 1.

Helena District, 2nd round, M. B. Umsted, P. E. Wheatley at April 1, 2; Howell and Cotton at 8, 9; Brinkley sta 15, 16; Goodwin at 22, 23; Marianna at 29, 30; Walnut Bend 24, 25; Grove and Turner 29, 30; Poplar Grove 30, May 6, 7; Helena at 13, 14; Grange and Spring, 12, 13; Hayes at 15, 16; Forest City 19, 20; Pine Creek 20, 21; Wynne and McRory 27, 28; De View 29, 30; Clarendon June 3, 4; Cypress Ridge 10, 11.

Dist. Conference at Clarendon, July 19.

Searcy Dist., 2nd round, F. A. Jeffett, P. E. Bradford at March 25, 26; West Searcy April 1, 2; Beebe at 8, 9; Mount Pisgah at 15, 16; West Point at 22, 23; Augusta at 29, 30; Searcy at May 6, 7; Argenta at 13, 14; Jackson Hill at 20, 21; Mineral at 27, 28; Beebe at June 3, 4; Union at 10, 11; El Paso at 17, 18; Auvergne at 24, 25.

Fine Bluff Dist., 2nd round, J. H. Riggin, P. E. Riverdale at April 1, 2; Toledo at Bethlehem 8, 9; Kingsland at Camp Springs 15, 16; Hebron 15, 16; Lehi at New Home 22, 23; Goldman at Crooked Creek 29, 30; Stuttgart at De View May 6, 7; Factoria at Corbin 13, 14; Sheridan at Prattville 13, 14; Old River 20, 21; Little Prairie 26, 27; Redfield at Mason June 3, 4; White River 10, 11; Lakeside 17, 18; First Church 24, 25.

Dist. Conference at Stuttgart June 28-July 3.

Newport Dist., 2nd round, W. L. King, P. E. Walnut Ridge and Black Rock April 28, 29; Newport at 13, 14; Tucker and Jacksonport 6, 7; Swifton 7, 8; Reyno at 13, 14; Corning at 20, 21; Clover Bend at Hoxie 18, 20; Fortia 21, 22; Pleasant 27, 28; Silvana June 3, 4; Warm Springs 6, 7; Walnut Hill 10, 11; Mammoth Springs 12, 13; Imboden 16, 17; Smithville 18, 19; Cache mission 24, 25.

Monticello District, 2nd round, A. O. Evans, P. E. Lake Village at Goliath March 25, 26; Dumas at 13, 14; Lacey at Bethel 8, 9; Hamburg sta April 1, 2; Star City at Dermott 22, 23; Arkansas City and Dermott at 29, 30; Warren May 6, 7; Hore at Magnolia 6, 7; Hamburg at Bethel 13, 14; Tillar at Selma 30, 31; Bartholomew at Mt. Gililand 27, 28; Palestine June 3, 4; Monticello 10, 11.

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