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A RADICAL MOVEMENT—SUGGESTED.

It is obvious to all the preachers that study of the "Course" by the undergraduates is wholly superficial, and unsatisfactory to themselves, the Conference and the Church. It is also equally true that their examination at the Conference is little more than a farce, largely on account of the limited time at the command of the committees. But not altogether. The committees are not always thoroughly conversant with the books.

The demand for capable preachers grows more emphatic each year. Incapable men, never desired by the people, can now scarcely be tolerated. It is obvious to the observant, that something different from the present method is needed; may I not say demanded?

Can some better way be devised? I beg to suggest this idea. It is the best I can think of. I will gladly accept a better or any improvement of this. At our approaching sessions let each of the three Conferences in Arkansas appoint a committee of two who shall meet in Little Rock the third Tuesday in Jan. 1894, and let that committee arrange for a summer school for our undergraduates. Let the school embrace (say) three weeks. Let competent instructors and lecturers be engaged. Let the school comprehend the study of the Course prescribed for undergraduates, lectures, expositions, sermons, song services, and an Epworth League department. As time advances we may add Sunday-school and music departments. Make it binding upon the undergraduates to attend. It will necessitate some cost, some effort, some sacrifice; but it will be invaluable to our young preachers and to the Church. The Conferences are near at hand. Speak out, brethren.

J. R. MOORE.

Pine Bluff, Oct. 6.

FROM VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Vanderbilt has had the most propitious opening in the history of the University. We had expected to suffer from the financial crisis, but the number of students is now greater than at this time last year, and is daily increasing. Every department of university work has moved off with vigor and enthusiasm. The students are more enthusiastic than I have ever known them to be; they seem more intent on study and on manhood. The old students came back in large numbers, feeling that a new era had begun in the institution, and the new ones soon caught their enthusiasm and spirit, so that at this time the college spirit is at a great height.

It is not hard to find the reason for the feeling that prevails here now. Chancellor Kirkland is loved by the students, and to his wisdom, his energy and his character, we are glad to commit our hopes for the future of the University. The students of this University will never cease to revere the name of Dr. Garland; his aged form is still amongst us, to remind us of all that is true and grand in human character. For several years, however, owing to his infirmity, the University had not made progress, had not advanced with sufficient energy; in fact, there was no head. Now we feel different. We had looked forward with the anxiety to the selection of a new chancellor, afraid that the proper man would not be chosen. Imagine our great enthusiasm and joy, when we found that all our fears had been in vain, all our fondest hopes realized. He was no stranger to us—our eyes had already turned towards him, as the one upon whose shoulders should fall the mantle of our honored Chancellor. We had seen him in all the relations of university life, not as a professor, but as a man, with a great soul as well as a great mind, a great heart as well as a great intellect. No chancellor or president ever started into his work with a more cordial and hearty sympathy of students and faculty.

The address of Chancellor Kirkland on Monday evening, Sept. 25, and the exercises attending it are pronounced by all to be the greatest event since the foundation of the University. The chapel was filled with a large audience of representative Nashville people, men prominent in Church and State occupying seats on the platform. Enthusiastic speeches were made by representatives of the faculty, the alumni and students, all pleading a hearty co-operation in the work of the new Chancellor. Chancellor Kirkland's address has already been widely circulated and read, but no written form can give a proper indication of the real effect that its delivery had on the audience. For an hour he held the audience spellbound, and time and again his utterances were applauded vigorously. It was a magnificent presentation of the past, present and future condition of the University. I don't think I ever heard such a thorough and at the same time such an interesting discussion of any subject. I advise every one who has not read it to read it by all means, published in full in the Christian Advocate and Tennessee Methodist. I have no doubt his hopes will be realized, and that his plans will meet with great success. As an executive officer, he bids fair to prove as effective, as he has in the work of a professor.

The opening sermon of Dr. Moses D. Hoge of Richmond, Va., was a memorable one, producing a marked effect on the students, and giving a religious tone to the work of the University, that will last for a long time. Rather old and feeble, at times he spoke with fire and vigor. His theme was "Christ," and it seemed that his past life, all his hopes and ideal were expressing themselves in the plea that he made for a personal Christ. He did not come from across the mountains to entertain us with rhetoric and feed us with intellectual food, but to bring a real message of revelation and life. The great Presbyterian was to us the great preacher and servant of God.

The Young Men's Christian Association has begun its work well. The Chancellor's talk at the first gospel meeting produced a wonderful effect. He plead as I have heard very few men plead, for Christian character in the University, saying that he had been thinkmuch of the future of the University in the last few months, planning new and more extensive work along many lines, but that his greatest desire was that the students of Vanderbilt should lead pure and noble lives. Since then our work has steadily increased, and everything points to a revival of religion at Vanderbilt.

His old Vanderbilt friends rejoice to hear of Hawley's great effort at Hendrix. We predict great things for him. We will miss him here.

EDWIN MIMS.

Nashville, Tenn, Oct. 6.

MISSOURI METHODISM.

Missouri Methodism is vigorous and healthy. The three Conferences report a net increase of about 4,000. The collections were well up, some of them in advance of last year. The cry of hard times has had but little effect. After all times and Church affairs are not so out of joint as many seem to think. God's cause goes forward and men are being saved at home and abroad. The transfer question is not hurting or troubling us. This year we get a few more giraffes and quite a number of smaller lights. Dr. Lee of North Ga. succeeds Dr. Mathews at St. Johns Church in St. Louis, and the old Dr. goes back to Centenary. Dr. Jarrall of South Ga. is at First Church and Dr. Caradine has located and taken the field as an evangelist. Whether Dr. Caradine has acted wisely and done for the best, is a question among his truest friends and sympathizers. He is now the champion of sanctification as taught by what are called "second blessing brethren." He has a wonderful experience and is very fond of telling it. He is happy all the time, and never preaches without presenting the doctrine of holiness. He has engagements ahead for eight or ten months to help our preachers in revival services. At this time he is in Bentonville, Ark; from there he goes to Meridian, Miss., then to Jackson and Knoxville, Tenn. and later on to Dr. Hannon's Church in Cal. He has many more calls than he can answer. The doctrine of holiness as taught by him is spreading all over the Church, and, if the revival continues to go forward and increase, in a few years a majority of our preachers will fall into line and we shall have a holiness Church. Who dare put a straw in the way of this movement! ! After all, may it not be a fact that our Church needs a general shaking up on the subject of entire sanctification?

A movement that will drive tobacco, cards, theaters, dancing, drinking, and Sabbath-breaking out of the Church, is not a bad movement. What if the theory is not exactly to our liking, if the work is done and the people are saved, is not that enough? If this work is not of God it will come to naught; if it is of God, who can stay it? For one I have not a word of criticism. May God's blessing attend Dr. Caradine and his work.

I was thinking of transfers, they are in good repute among us. The Missouri and the Southwest Missouri Conferences, put a transfer at the head of their delegations to the General Conference. Dr. Hammond leads the Missouri and Dr. Tigert leads the Southwest Missouri. The St. Louis Conference elected a solid transfer delegation. I trust we have heard the l st of this transfer question, and that our Bishops will continue to be General Superintendents of the work. Not all the transfers go to three thousand-dollar stations by a great deal. Many of them go to poor circuits and missions. The time has come to put green-eyed brethren in the rear and men of God at the front.

Our educational interests are hopeful. All our schools and colleges have opened well; the attendance will be equal to, if not greater than, last year. At last we have secured the $50,000 subscription for a new building at Central College. Drs. Hammond and Briggs have accomplished a great work and the College will take advanced ground now. Work will begin on the foundation right soon and the whole building will be complete in a year. Central Female College at Lexington is in a flourishing condition, more than 100 young ladies are boarding in the College now. We are very much in need of a new building there also and the next great move will be to secure it. Already we have about $25,000 promised, on condition that $50,000 be raised. Inside of two years we hope to get the money and make room for at least 250 young women in the boarding department. Prof. Jones has a splendid faculty and is doing first-class college work. If any Ark. girl wants a thorough education and wishes to leave Ark. to get it, tell her to come to Lexington, Mo.

My health is much improved and I have undertaken to help forward our Domestic Missionary work, by giving all my time to helping the weaker Churches, especially in our city work. We are trying to occupy the whole field in the Southwest Missouri Conference. Heretofore much ground has been unoccupied and many people left without the gospel according to Methodism. We propose to do more missionary work at home, that we may do more in the Foreign field. The closer we cultivate the ground at home and the more we do for the evangelization of our own people, the better able we will be to go abroad and the more the Lord will bless us in our efforts to help convert the world.

THOS. M. COBB.

Lexington, Mo., Oct. 5.

FOR GOD AND HOME AND EVERY LAND.

All lovers of humanity will rejoice at the successful efforts of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which Miss Frances E. Willard and Lady Henry Somerset are President and Vice-President who, with their splendid forces of "White Ribboners" and their millions of friends, are carrying on philanthropies which msut make all heaven glad. Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, Honorary President, was the first brave "Round-the-World" Missionary who, in seven years of loneliness and hardship planted our work in every land. Miss Jessie Ackerman, the bright California girl, Dr. Kate Bushnell, Elizabeth Wheeler Andrew and Alice Palmer have followed in her footsteps, and will have glow-reports in the second World's and Twentieth National W. C. T. U. Convention at Chicago, October 16-23.

Among the interesting exhibits at the World's Fair is that of the W.C. T. U., under the able supervision of Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols, Madam Demorest—whose husband has spent $60,000.00 on the Demorest Medal Contests for Temperance—and Mrs. F. M. Pearce, whose untiring efforts have brought our organization before the world. Under the charge of Miss Alice Briggs there is the immense petition to all the Governments of the world pleading for the prohibition of the traffic in liquor and opium, signed by over 4,000,000 people circulated eight years in more than fifty countries and estimated to be fifteen miles long. Miss Willard and Lady Henry Somerset will, it is hoped, lead a large delegation of W.C.T.U. women and present it to every ruler in the world, when it will take its place in the British Museum as the largest petition known in all history. Mrs Mary H. Hunt, World's W. C. T. U. Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction, in her fine exhibit shows the splendid achievement of the law in forty States requiring that children be taught in public schools the evil effects of liquor, opium and tobacco. This entire display will probably be taken to the California Mid-winter World's Fair and will be viewed by thousands more who seek that sunny clime where flowers are in perennial bloom.

The World's W. C. T. U. was well represented in the Columbian Congress under the supervision of Judge C. C. Bonney and Mr. Clarence Young, Mrs. Potter Palmer and Mrs. Charles Henrotin; such orators as Mary A. Woodbridge, Mrs. Clara Hoffman, Mary T. Lathrop, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, Miss Belle Kearney, Rev. Anna Shaw representing our cause. Social Purity was represented by Aaron Powell, Mrs. E. B. Grannis, Arch-Bishop Ireland, Mrs. Lydia A. Prescott and "Mother" Prindle of the Florence Crittenton Missions. Judge Bonney asks that all friends of Temperance write to their Congressmen requestiong them to have published by the United States Government the valuable papers presented at these World's Congresses, which will be an encyclopedia on all subjects. Among the many enterprises none has given the W. C. T. U. such a commercial standing as the magnificent Temple in Chicago founded by that Nocker of Finance, Mrs. Matilda B. Carse. The building cost $1,250,000.00. The rent roll, when all offices are occupied, will amount to $220,000.00 annually. The rentals are now $170,000.00, which gives a large surplus above expenses. When the building is filled the rentals alone will pay for it in a few years and then the society will have the splendid income to be used in pushing the forty lines of work against the liquor traffic. The financial plan has been approved by such thorough business men as George H. Pullman, P. D. Armour and Thomas B. Bryan—Vice President of the Columbian Exposition. The press, the pulpit, and our great leaders aid it in every way. All wishing to help this work, or any other, can send contributions to the World's Treasurer, Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, 26 Choundy. Montreal, Canada.

Among the many books published in the interest of temperance none are more helpful to the cause than Frances B. Willard's "Glimpse of Fifty Years"—her autobiography, C. W. Moulton's valuable work, "Women of the Century," containing biographical sketches of 1,400 women; "Campaign Echoes"—Mrs. Letitia Youmans, Honorary President Canadian W. C. T. U. "Junior partners"—A. M. Rawson; "Woman's Evangel"—Eva Griffith; "Seed, Number One Hard"—John G. Woolley and sold for the Rest Island Mission; and "Traffic in Girls and Florence Crittenton Missions"—Mr. Charles N. Crittenton, well known as the Millionaire Evangelist, who gives all his time freely to evangelistic work and his fortune to founding Florence Crittenton Missions in memory of his angel baby, has thirteen of these Missions for the reseue of erring girls, five under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., in whose behalf Mrs. Emily Pitt Stevens, the "Temperance Demosthenes," Mr. Crittenton has authorized as lecturer. His own charming booklet "Around the World With Jesus" and "Traffic in Girls" will both be sold for the benefit of the Missions. The latter is a thrilling picture of the life of these poor white slaves and their rescue through the Florence Crittenton Missions. In most of the large cities in the United States the W. C. T. U. aids largely in supporting a rescue home, thus proving the falsity of the old adage "Woman is Woman's worst enemy."

Reports on all the forty lines of work will be given and no doubt the Art Palace will be packed with the thousands who want to know "what the W. C. T. U. is doing anyway."

CHARLTON EDHOLM,
Supt. Press, World's W. C. T. U.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2.

The Church and the political world especially need a pure and lofty example of manly and Christian integrity, and they have the right to look to the ministry for that example. The world is needing lives that are on the altar and are ready to be spent in the simple discharge of duty. There is little room now for ambition; there was never such a broad, open field for self-denial and devotion to the one end of lifting the world back to its saved relations. There is no room for littleness or self-seeking; there is all room for nobility, love of country and a broad, unselfish love for a fallen race. We need talk, but we need the large, generous talk that will liberate us and lead us out from ourselves and into the life where we will find our glory in the cross of Christ. The world today is in sight of the old paradise, the country our Father intended for us. A few more years of integrity and honest toil would bring God's wandering children to the promised and which he has so gloriously typified. But there is some wavering in the leaders and the hosts, some signs of selfishness and disloyalty. The need now is—and every need is an earnest cry—for men who will lift up the standards and move to the front regardless of suffering or death. Methodist preachers have the Church, the Gospel, the commission, and they are the men to do this leading. Let us leave the small talk and small things behind, and let us grasp the larger and better things which will make us true leaders of the people, bringing them and the world every day to the true paradise.—Wesleyan Advocate.

THE WORK OF MISSIONS AND BUSINESS SENSE.

In a former article this writer has somewhat to say concerning the absolute necessity of developing an individual conscience concernig the duty of evangelizing the heathen, as a condition precedent to doing anything like our duty as a Church in this greatest of all work committed to the Church. Whatever a Church accomplishes in Christian lands, if it repudiate its obligation to the heathen world it is a failure.

But a great deal of the work of the Church is business, pure and simple. We may preach the full gospel and believe and receive it, we may pray for all divine baptisms of power and grace, but if we neglect or defy the simplest and most elemental business principles in carrying out our plans, we will inevitably fail of large success.

In pointing out some defects in our own ways of carrying out our plans I would not undertake to mention them all. Particularly I beg that my readers will not think of me as of one finding fault with his brethren. Some things that I mention I learned by my own neglect and failure in other years.

And first I begin where the former article left off: We do not teach the people what the gospel is concerning missions. Nothing can substitute the gospel when we seek to arouse the conscience to the performance of any duty to God or man. We do too little preliminary work; we depend too much on "the appeal" we make just before the collection. A preacher who never mentions missions till the day comes when he must "take up his collection" is naturally in position to fail in getting what he asks for. The most eloquent "appea'," whether by the pastor or a "distinguished visitor," cannot accomplish what faithful and repeated instruction would have made easy. It is much easier to make an "appeal" than to instruct the people. Declamation is not teaching. Calling on the people to sustain their "Conference honor" by "raising the assessment" is a very different thing from developing their consciences as to the duty they owe the Son of God.

It is easier for the preacher to depend on the appeal; teaching implies study both of the Word of God and of the history of Christian missions. But the study would richly pay the preacher in enlarging and enriching his own soul, if he had not on him the duty of collecting a dollar. And how much easier for him to do all his other work when once his people are thoroughly taught, from the Scriptures and from the history of missions, their duty as to the greatest work God has committed to the Church—the evangelization of the whole heathen world. A missionary Church will do its duty on all lines—even in the support of the pastor himself.

We are not systematic in our plans for raising money. There is abundant reason to doubt whether we reach one-third of our membership. Of the thirteen hundred thousand members in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it is doubtful whether nine hundred thousand contribute one dime.

In May, 1893, this writer witnessed the taking of a collection in a Church of about three hundred members. About two hundred dollars were secured in cash and subscriptions and eight people gave about one hundred and fifty dollars of the whole sum. The other fifty dollars was contributed by less than fifty persons. So there were about two hundred and fifty who gave nothing at all.

Many years ago, when this writer was a young Presiding Elder, the preacher in charge, having passed through nearly all the year without a word on the subject of missions, undertook to "raise his assessment" at the third Quarterly Conference. There were reported on his circuit six hundred members. The assessment was fifty dollars. The Presiding Elder gave five dollars; the preacher in charge five dollars; less than fifty others forty dollars. So it came to pass that more than five hundred and fifty of that big membership gave absolutely nothing in the year 1864 to the foreign mission work of Southern Methodism.

Somehow we must get at more people. If we could only find out how to use our resources, the raising of a million dollars a year would be an easy task. But the preacher cannot do everything. We need to learn how to get the members of the Church to help the pastor in his collections. There is in all our ecclesiastical machinery no wheel so much needing to be pulled out of a deep and muddy rut as the preach himself, charged to look after half a dozen collections and all the other work of a Methodist preacher. Till his people are educated to the point of helping him he must raise the collections, else the work of the Church comes to grief. But let him, early in each Conference year, give his best thoughts to finding out a plan for getting at all his people, and for getting some of his people, at least, to help him. If the whole number averaged half what the few give, our "calamities would be overpast." We would hear no more of a faith-paralyzing debt. The Church could go forward as God opens the way, and "the pleasure of the Lord would prosper in our hands."—Bishop A. G. Haygood in Methodist Review of Missions.

BROS. WITT AND SPENCE.

THE METHODIST of today brings the sad news of the death of two good men of Quitman, Ark. I knew these brethren to love them. Bro. Witt was a quiet unobtrusive man, harmless and a true friend. I feel deep sympathy for his family.

Bro. Spence was a leader in every public enterprise that looked to the good of the people. Near three years ago I mourned with him and his dear children over the death of his noble Christian wife. Now I join the good people of Quitman in weeping with the children in this new sorrow. Surely they are bereaved! I know the Church and entire community will sadly feel the loss of these good men. Bro. Spence's place in the Board of Stewards will be hard to fill. Quitman College also lost a dear, energetic, working friend. Bro. Bennett, I felt like expressing my sorrow at the death of these brethren, beloved, hence this note.

J. S. CLOWER.

Gurdon, Oct. 5.

P. S. Let the Arkansas Conference go to Quitman in 1894. Quitman ought to have it; she deserves it.

J. S. C.

DEATH NOTICE.

Little Laura, youngest child of Rev. J. A. and Sister Mary Henderson, died Sept. 17, 1893. Another little flower has bloomed, faded and died. The sweet little voice is hushed on earth; mother's arms are empty, baby's gone. Little Laura's stay on earth was short but sweet; she lived only 19 months to brighten our pastor's home. God has transplanted her in His beautiful garden above where the distressing cough, which seemed to wear her little life away, will no more give her pain. For several months she was a helpless little sufferer; but, happy thought, she will never suffer more. Shall we mourn for this dear little one? Nay; 'twould be cruel when we realize her happy lot. Though mamma will never hear the little voice on earth again, it may be the first to greet her at heaven's gate. Dear mother, when last you heard her voice she called "Mamma." Then she was suffering and looked faded and weary; but when you hear that call again she will be a bright angel. O how much dearer and nearer heaven is when we have these little ties to bind us there. And now, sorrowing ones, all is well; she lives in heaven.

A FRIEND.

For us this Parliament [of Religions] and its happy love-feast means much, but means no new departure of Christianity. The truth it sets flaming in the forehead of the time is the power of Christian love. "He loved me, and gave himself for me," cries Paul. The Christian Church has run somewhat too much to head, and has used its heart too little. We shall not err by loving men into the kingdom of Jesus—no truth suffers by the living, active self-renouncing affection which Christ manifested and inspires. At Chicago the Christian host loved his unsaved brother into a fellowship of feeling until he could say to him: "Thou art not far from the kingdom." It was good to draw the guest a little nearer to the Cross; and if we may trust the good brethren who were present, that is the result they believe they attained.—Cincinnati Advocate.

Brother Pastor, read carefully on page 4 our premium offers to pastors collecting money for this paper.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12, 1893.

THE WIND OF DEATH.

Death List Nearly Two Thousand.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5.—With information that reached the city today from Grand Isle, from Cheniere, Caminda, from the Bayou Cook country and the territory adjacent thereto and from the section lying upon this side of the river from the upper limits of the parish of Plaquemine to the quarantine station, from the lake coast and elsewhere, it is now possible to give a fair calculation of the loss of life and the extent of the damage done by the late storm. In Pointre Alapache country the death list today has been swollen to eighty, and searching parties are still out with a prospect of increasing the number to an even 100 at least. The destruction of property and crops in the same vicinity will go into the thousands. Around Shell Beach and St. Malo Island the list of dead is in the neighborhood of thirty. On Mississippi Sound and vicinity probably a score of people have been lost, with reports coming in. The Chandler Islands were swept away and great damage resulted, with an attendant loss of life. The loss of shipping will amount to many thousand dollars. It is pretty well determined now the loss of life in the Bayou Cook country will approximate 200. Scores of fishing smacks and luggers have been destroyed, and the country is swept clean of houses. Reliable news from Grand Isle, reaching here this morning, shows the loss of life there will not exceed twenty-five, and strangely enough all of those were negroes. The island had a miraculous escape, but that is due to the fact that the land upon it is higher than on Cheniere, and to the further fact that it was less exposed because of the fickleness of the wind and wave to the fury of the elements. Many houses were blown down, bricks scattered in every direction, massive oaks bent and even huge bars of iron picked up and scattered by the wind. The property damage will be in the neighborhood of a hundred thousand dollars.

On Grand Terre, part Fort Livingston, which was built of brick and had a massive foundation, caved off into the Gulf, while the Livingston light house was unscratched.

In Cheniere the population is 1,400 in round figures, and the loss of life there is somewhere between 900 and 1,000. Chinese camps on Bayou Senet and Bayou Andre, suffered severely, and many were drowned there. It is fair to estimate, therefore, that between 1,200 and 1,500 perished in the storm. The property loss will be several million dollars. There were three or four hundred crafts engaged in the oyster and fishing industry, and a half of these have been wrecked, turned bottom upward or sunk. The result is a severe blow to the oyster business, with a scarcity of oysters for part of the season at least in prospect. New Ooleans obtains a large proportion of oysters from Cook Bayou, Barataria and the lower end of Jefferson Parish. The official census of Cheniere Caminda in 1890 showed a population of 1,046, and the officials of Jefferson Parish say the number had been increased to 1,500 just before the storm. The census of Grand Isle in 1890 showed a total of 550 people. Just before the storm there were 700 people on that island.

From persons arriving on the Shell Beach train this morning it was learned definitely that the loss of life at Pointe-a-la-Pache has now reached eight. Fifty-seven bodies were found yesterday in the vicinity of Grand Prairie and old quarantine station, the larger part of whom were Austrian colonists, who were engaged in the oyster business on the bayous near Grand Prairie. Grand Isle, with a population of 700, lost twenty-four killed. Cheniere Caminda, out of a population of 1,800 lost 1,600. At Bayou Andre twelve deaths out of seventy-five people is the result of the storm. At Bayou Duffont ten were lost out of seventy-five, making a total of 1,750. The majority of the bodies were washed out to sea or far into the marshes. The unfortunates were found in every imaginable place. Some were lying high and dry on land where it is supposed they were washed by water after death relieved them from their sufferings. The dead were buried under the wreckage of a house, which evidently collapsed without warning. The bodies were mutilated and torn in a most horrible manner. The arms and legs had been pulled from the bodies and were seen either floating in pools in depressions in fields or lodged in elevations where the water cast them when the waves receded. Coffins were out of the question and the bodies not claimed by relatives or friends were interred in trenches, four or five bodies being blaced in one trench. The suffering survivors are being relieved as fast as possible and a second shipment of supplies and provisions was sent out this morning. The entire population in all the places named are now in absolute need of food and drink. Dead bodies are floating around on every side and the situation is unparalleled in the history of the South.

RAILWAYS IN THE UNITED STATES.

From the abstract of the fifth statistical report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has just been submitted, we copy the following paragraphs:

The total railway mileage of the country on June 30, 1892, was 171,563.52 miles, being an increase during the year of 3,160.78 miles. This is the smallest increase in railway mileage reported for a number of years. The only groups of railways which show an increase in railway mileage in 1892 greater than the increase in 1891 are Groups I and VI, that is to say, the railways lying in the New England States and in the territory east of the Missouri river and west of Michigan and Indiana; but this is due to the fact that the increase in 1891 was abnormally small. The State of North Carolina leads in railway construction, showing an increase of 212.92 miles. The only other States which show increase in excess of 150 miles are Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The total number of locomotives on June 30, 1892, was 33,136. Of these 8,848 were passenger locomotives, 17,559 locomotives were assigned to the freight service, 4,355 were switch locomotives, and 2,374 were unclassified and leased. The increase in passenger locomotives during the year has been 130, and of freight locomotives 680, The total number of cars reported by carriers as their property was 1,215,092. Of these 966,998 were in the freight service, 36,901 were assigned to the company's service, and 35,978 were assigned to the fast freight line service. In addition to the above cars owned, the companies report 146,339 cars leased. It should, however, be remembered that these figures are exclusive of cars owned by private companies and leased to shippers for the purpose of transportation. The average number of locomotives per 100 miles of line is 20; the average number of passenger cars per 100 miles of line is 18; the average number of cars used in the freight service per 100 miles of line is 708. These figures show a decided increase in density of rolling stock over the previous year. The number of passengers carried per passenger locomotive was 63,339, and passenger mileage per passenger locomotive was 1,510,273. The number of freight cars per 1,000,000 tons of freight was 1,627. This is a decrease of 39 as compared with the previous year. There has been an increase during the year in the number of locomotives and cars fitted with automatic couplers and train brakes. The report shows a total increase in equipment of 27,139, and an increase in equipment fitted with train brakes of 68,537, and an increase in equipment fitted with automatic couplers of 75,299.

The total number of employees in the service of railways on June 30, 1892, was 821,415, being an increase of 37,130 over the previous year. Assuming an increase in the total number of inhabitants during the year of 1,250,000, it appears that the ratio of increase in railway employees to the increase in population was 1 to 34. The ratio of total railway employees to total number of inhabitants was 1 to 79. The railway industry makes each year larger demands upon the labor of the people.

The capitalization of the 162,397.30 miles covered by the report was, on June 30, 1892, $10,226,748,134. Of this amount $4,633,109,763 were represented by stocks and 5,053,038,050 by funded debt. Mortgage bonds amounted to $4,302,570,993 as compared with $4,081,621,675 for the previous year. The above figures show an increase in capitalization during the year 1892 of $397,273,119. In view of the slight activity in railway construction, this increase in capitalization is worthy of especial notice. In large measure it is due to investments by large corporations in minor companies and to reorganization. In quite a number of cases, also, stock dividends or their equivalents have been issued. Of the total stocks and bonds outstanding, the railway corporations on June 30, 1892, held as their corporate property $1,391,457,053, being and increase of $108,531,337 over the previous year. Nearly one-fourth of the total railway stocks outstanding are the property of railway companies. The amount of stocks paying no dividends during the year was $2,807,403,326, or 60.60 per cent of the total amount of stock. The aggregate amount paid in dividends was $97,614,755, being an increase for the year covered by the report of $6,496,832. The amount of funded debt, exclusive of equipment trust obligations, paying no interest was $777,719,420. or 15.56 per cent of the total amount outstanding.

The gross earnings from operation of railways during the year ending June 30, 1992, were $1,171,407,343. The operating expenses were $780,997,966. From this it appears that the net earnings from the operation of railways were $390,409,347. The income of the railways from investments was $141,960,782, making with the net income from operation an aggregate of $532,370,129. The fixed charges during the year amounted to $415,404,938, leaving a net income available for dividends of $115,965,191. Of this amount $97,614,745 were paid in dividends and $4,314,390 in other payments from net income, leaving a surplus over operations during the year of $14,036,056. The full report contains an income account for each of the ten territorial groups into which the railways of the country are divided, and shows great diversity in the results of operation. Thus, the income account of six out of the ten territorial groups shows a deficit instead of a surplus. These groups cover the territory south of the Ohio and west of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. The passenger revenue for the railways of the country during the year was $286,805,708. The receipts from mail service were $26,861,143, and from the express companies were $22,148,988. The freight revenue during the year amounted to $799,316,042.

The number of railway employees killed during the year covered by the report was 3,554, being less than the number killed during the previous year. The number of employees injured, however, was in excess of the number injured during the previous year, being 28,267. The number of passengers killed was largely in excess of number killed during the previous year, being 376 in 1892 as against 293 in 1991; while the number of passengers injured was 3,227 in 1892, as rgainst 2,972 in 1991. An assignment of casualties to the opportunity offered for accidents shows 1 employee to have been killed for every 322 employees, and one employee to have been injured for each 29 men in the employ of the railways. A similar comparison shows 1 passenger killed for each 1,491,910 passengers carried or for each 35,542,282 passenger miles, and 1 passenger injured for each 173,833 passengers carried or each 4,140,960 passenger miles. The largest number of casualties to employees resulted from coupling and uncoupling cars, 378 employees having been killed and 10,319 injured while rendering this service. Of the total number killed in coupling an uncoupling cars 253, and of the total number injured 7,766 were trainmen. The accidents classed as "falling from cars" were in this year as in previous years responsible for the largest number of deaths among employees, the number killed in this manner being 611. Of this number 485 were trainmen. Collisions and derailments were responsible for the death of 431 employees. Of this number 336 were trainmen. This class of accidents is responsible also for the largest number of casualties to passengers. Thus 177 passengers were killed and 1,538 were injured by collisions and derailments during the year. Collisions alone were responsible for the death of 286 employes and 136 passengers.

OBSOLETE MATTER IN THE DISCIPLINE.

The Epworth Herald, some weeks ago, portrayed "the Methodism of tomorrow." Among other good things which it was prophesied that "the Methodism of tomorrow" would do was the leaving out of obsolete passages in the Book of Discipline.

As one of our legislative "tomorrows," in the Church, South, is not far off—no more remote than next May—we earnestly hope that our wing of American Methodism will then take the time to get these old decayed planks out of our Discipline. Surely in a session of four weeks a small special committee could make a clean sweep of every dead limb on our statutory tree.

How ancient, defunct and last-century-like does this sound: "(¶184, p. 113, Ed.1890.) It is the leader's duty (1) To see each person in his class once a week, at least, in order, etc., . . . to receive what they are willing to give toward *the relief of the preachers, Church and poor.*" (Added in *note*, This part refers to towns and cities where the poor are generally numerous and *Church expenses considerable!*")

If a man were to go back to *Kingswood School* and dig up some of its regulations for the government of Bedford City and Front Royal Academies, he would not unearth such a *fossil* as this.

The class-meeting itself has greatly gone out of use among us (we thank God not entirely!): class-leaders are few in number, especially those who *meet a class*; a few are so called, in town and country, *who were never in a class-meeting in their lives.* But it is well to have the thing itself where we can. Nothing but good can result from a class-meeting well-conducted by a pious and fervent man of good sense. But a class leader is not needed as a *collector of money in class-meeting.* All that is hopelessly dead and buried. The stewards raise money for the support of the ministry by a regular plan, including the action of the Church Conferences. The poor are relieved by the collection at the sacramental administration (once a month generally) or by special collections in an emergency. The "Church," in its "official body," has a regular system of raising money for "incidental expenses," which are now, in most churches in town, more "considerble" than Mr. Asbury's yearly salary on the pay of all his preachers in Vsrginia!

Of what use can the retention and quadrennial printing and circulation of this obsolete direction be?

And there is harm in it. It has the lingering odor of that old *regime* when a Methodist preacher was a poor pack-horse, to get "relief" by a charity instead of pay and support as one who was entitled to "live by the Gospel" while preaching it. "Toward *the relief* of the preachers!" Verily they *needed* "relief' in the days when that paragraph was first inserted! But now they that must be relieved in distress get it far better by the provision of ¶318 than if they depended on what a class-leader might pick up among his attending brethren. What a man would get *that way* now would not feed a flock of pigeons. We have progressed far beyond that day of small ideas and small things concerning the duty of temporal support and care of the ministry, in health and sickness, their families and their widowed wives and orphan children.

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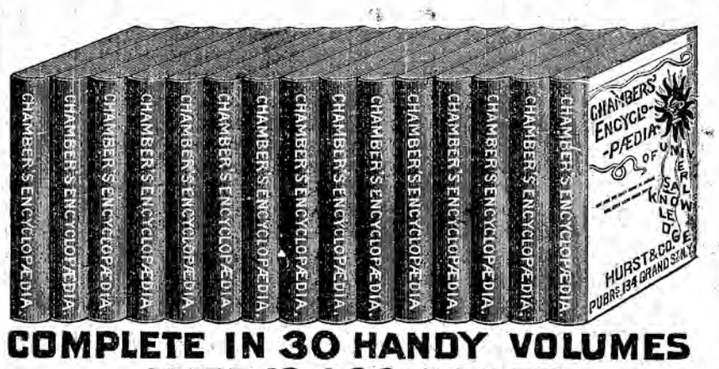

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The following were received by transfer: J. W. Lee, D. D.; A. J. Jarrell, North Ga. Conf.; D. M. Litaker, S. W. Mo. Conf.; J. L. M. Hoyle, S. H. Renfro, Mo. Conf.

The following were elected as clerical delegates to the General Conference: B M Messick, J T Kendall, John Matthews and O G Halliburton, and the following were elected alternates: T M Finney, H Hanesworth. Lay Delegates: J L Carlisle, D F Martin, R M Scruggs and D B Young. Alternate, J P Boogher and J M Hill.

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Persecution by Relatives.

We find in the Missionary Herald of the English Baptist Society a touching description of the trials of a young Hindoo who had received Christian baptism: "I fear I cannot convey to you any idea of what my mourning mother is doing. She scarcely eats at all. During these five or six days my sister has been reduced to almost a skeleton. Whenever I think of or look at her, my heart nearly breaks. When I think that they are suffering so much mental agony for me I pray to God, and find consolation in the thought that God and truth are the cause of this lamentation. Last evening I went to bed after prayer. In a little while my sister called me to have my supper. I was introduced to a scene which must remain indelibly impressed upon my memory as long as I live. My mother was lying prostrated on a bed, overwhelmed with grief. Now and then she was sighing. Beside me was my elder brother, weeping like a tender-hearted woman. He wept, and wept, and wept till I could no longer bear to remain there. When I was about to leave, my brother told me to remain for a little. Then he described the piteous condition of our family, . . . and he pleaded: 'My dear brother, I have done much to give you an education, scanty though it is. I will do more if you will remain caste. I am willing to sell the little patrimony (on which the subsistence of our family depends) to provide for your expenses required to prosecute your studies. Take now as much money as required, but grant me only this petition, preserve the life of mother, who will certainly pine away to death in your absence. Worship whom you will, but retain caste.' I could bear these things no longer, so, beseeching them to take food, I retired to pray. . . When I asked my Lord whether I should do what my friends tell me, a clear 'No,' accompanied by the tender command 'Follow Me,' came. I clearly see that dear and affectionate friends on earth must be forsaken, if necessary, in order that one may be 'rich toward God.' But this is a truth difficult to act out. I do not fear either kind of persecution. If the whole world stands against me, I am ready to be crushed for Him who died for us while we were sinners. Lord, I am thine for evermore." At the close of his letter he says: "I can do nothing for my mother but pray that she may be led to see the blessedness of the course I have taken. All of you constantly pray for me and my friends. I don't know how to express my gratitude." —Review of Missions.

Apropos of the matter of "disseminating missionary information," some queries may not be out of place. How many of our members read our papers, the W. M. A. and Little Worker? How many auxiliaries have special agents for these papers? How many of these agents keep a book with a list of subscribers and the date on which each subscription expires? Is the agent always at hand to ask for a renewal a month before the subscription runs out? Does she present the claims of the paper at every meeting? Does she make a personal appeal to each individual member? Does she read the paper herself to be always ready to point out special attractions in each number? These are your duties, agents.—Wesleyan Advocate.

Helping Hand tells of Rebecca Cox, of Galway, N. Y., who has left to the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society a legacy of $800, earned by weaving rag carpets! And reading, who is not reminded of Dorcas, and the widow's two mites, and the alabaster box of precious ointment? Therefore, is it not written in the Book of Life: By faith Rebecca Cox, etc.?—It is scarcely a figure of speech to say that 'woman is the corner-stone of heathenism.' Notwithstanding their degradation, heathen mothers have immense power over their sons. The fear of a mother's curse prevents many Chinamen from listening to the claims of the Gospel, and an intelligent Hindu exclaims: "It is the women who maintain the system of Hinduism."—How did women's missionary organizations come to be? "Experience proved that no nation can be elevated until its women are regenerated; also that no man, whether clerical missionary or even physician, could carry the Gospel to the jealously guarded women of Oriental households. When the degradation and sufferings of Asiatic women and the darkness of their future were revealed, the conscience of Christian women was aroused."—Review of Missions.

Two Meetings.

I wish to say through the paper that the Lord is still visiting the people with saving grace. We began a meeting in the Barrens beyond Big Creek the 1st Sunday in Sept.; had 10 conversions and 9 accessions to the Church. There were two men converted 45 years of age and others that were younger. We had a gracious meeting. This is a place that has been destitute of preaching for several years. Thanks to the good sisters for their help in the meeting. May God bless them and reward them for their work. We also began a meeting at Hall's Chapel the 4th Sunday in Sept. assisted by Revs. F. M. Smith and F. E. Hall, resulting in 13 conversions and 17 accessions to the Church. Among those that were converted was Thomas F. Clark, 13 years of age, and Jackson G. McClelen, 60 years, and his wife 50 years old, and three of their children were converted. This was a gracious meeting. So we look for better times. Yours in Christ,

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Iuka, Sept. 29.

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DEATH NOTICES.

DODSON.

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O. E. GODDARD.

Magnolia, Oct. 2.

CHRISMAN.

Christopher Columbus, infant son of James aad Alice Chrisman, was born Oct. 24, 1892 and departed this life Sept. 26, 1893, and his remains were laid to rest, after a funeral sermon was preached by the writer, in the South Fork cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by sympathizing and weeping friends. The hope of a resurrection to a blissful life so animated the congregation, that there was great shouting.

Dear parents, be faithful to the pledge given on that sad occasion and you will meet your little precious child on the golden shore.

J. S. CLOWER.

Gurdon, Oct. 5.

Why Is He So Irritable?

This question is often heard and nearly as often unanswered.

It is not always remembered, as it should be, that the occasion of ill-temper and irritability is often to be found in the physical condition of the persons affected. What is the use in trying to "harmonize" a man whose liver has gone back on him. If a man is tortured with rheumatism, how can he be expected to be affable and agreeable? Can a confirmed dyspeptic be expected to be cheerful and always ready to tell a funny story? The only way to remove the difficulty is to get at the cause. Dyspepsia, rheumatism, impure blood and liver troubles yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla; this is why it is an effective tranquilizer, a peaceful messenger, and a preventive of domestic quarrels.

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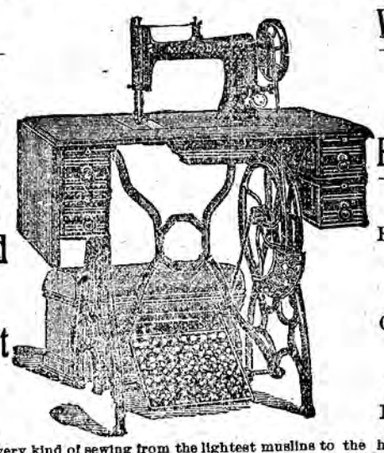

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"FINANCES BEHIND."

Up to July of this year many pastoral charges, embracing village and country Churches, had paid fully as much for ministerial support as they paid to the same date in 1892. This was very gratifying to pastors and all concerned, and rather beyond expectation too, considering the general scarcity of money after the short crop of cotton and its low price last year. In many of these charges the stewards in collecting quarterage, where they could not get cash, wisely asked and accepted such produce as their pastors could use or readily exchange for needed merchandise. This procedure imposed more work on willing stewards, and in some instances made it difficult for pastors to keep without waste or to barter without loss the produce accepted for quarterage; but under the circumstances this plan was better for the members paying and the pastors receiving—certainly far better for pastors than buying on a credit and then depending alone on cash collections late in the year to pay store accounts. In every case we hope the stewards adopted this method of collecting as a wise and seemingly necessary expedient to meet an emergency, without intending to make any impression whatever, that their pastor was not worthy of money in payment of the allowance assessed for his support; and we dare say they received their pastor's cheerful co-operation to the utmost reasonable extent. So much for the first half of this year.

During the protracted meeting season many pastors reported gracious and fruitful revivals—large numbers converted and added to the Church, which was greatly revived and then organized better for the spiritual growth and effective work of its members; but at the close of their cheering reports on the spiritual state of their charges many pastors have written the frequent but unpleasant words of our text, "Finances Behind." This statement often means that both the pastor and his stewards are in arrears with the collections respectively assigned to them. The scarcity of money led the pastor to defer the collections under the assessments made by the Annual Conference, and for the same reason his stewards made less effort to raise quarterage beyond his pressing need; and now both the pastor and his stewards in many a charge are confronted with the usual necessity of very diligent work in order to "clear the decks" by Conference.

While the pastor might have begun his collections earlier and probably the stewards could have done more before the rushing "wind-up," they could not ignore the prevalent monetary condition, which in most places inevitably follows the general credit system of our State. That system often hinders the operations of the Church in its aggress-work and frequently entails heavy losses on faithful pastors, whose members are willing but unable to pay according to the demands upon them. Let us hope the present financial stringency may lead the people away from such general use of the credit system.

Back to our text. "Finances are behind," much behind in some charges, and Conference is rapidly approaching. In the short time remaining nothing less than earnest and judicious work in presenting the urgent claims of the Church and hearty Christian liberality in meeting them can save pastors and Conference claimants from great disappointment and our Church from serious embarrassment in its departments of Church Extension, Foreign and Domestic Missions. The pastor, who waits till his last Sunday at Hopewell to call on its good people for their contributions in payment of the Conference assessments, may have a rainy day and few hearers on that Sunday. Then what? Some pastors know the rest. And stewards delaying their work till a few days before the "adjourned term" of the fourth Quarterly Conference will almost surely report deficits, which may be as unpleasant to themselves as they must be painful to their pastors. In order to avoid such consequences all opportunities in the passing days should be diligently improved in the loving spirit becoming the disciples of the great Aead of the Church. Liberality in His name and as unto Him in giving our substance, time and service will banish just cause for reproach and insure the blessing of our Lord's approval. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," and a good name for Christian liberality secures genuine respect for a pastoral charge and the members composing it.

It is often said, that "necessity is the mother of invention," but we believe sincere and ardent love is equally inventive; and that intense love for our Lord and His Church will invent methods or find expedients for using our substance, in whatever emergency, to honor God and serve His cause. In 1877 we knew a country Church of poor and comparatively few members, who up to a very short time before Conference had paid but little of their assessments for ministerial support and the Conference claims. They seemed anxious to pay out, but their only crop from which money could be raised was cotton, and that could not be ginned and marketed in time. One good brother, a steward, solved the problem by saying he would get money on short credit to buy enough unginned cotton for the members to pay out, and a friend whose wife was a member kindly offered to go round with his wagon and haul the cotton. In three days from that Sunday every claim was paid in full and all concerned rejoiced over the happy outcome. We relate this incident simply to impress our conviction on others, that where there is a genuine will to do an acceptable way can generally be devised to meet our obligations to the Lord and His Church.

"AID AND GUIDE."

Thousands have borne their joyful testimony to the blessed influence of family worship as a precious means of grace, but its observance has been sadly neglected by a larger number of Christian parents. In many cases this neglect has not been due alone to spiritual coldness or indifference, but in part to the feeling of inability to conduct the religious services of the home circle in an edifying manner. For this reason chiefly many good men have not attempted, or have abandoned, a Christian duty as fully approved by their consciences as it is plainly enjoined by our Church. In such cases we think Christian parents may wisely avail themselves of printed helps to aid them in the use of the Bible and hymns in family worship. To all who need such helps we heartily commend that excellent book, "Aid And Guide to Family Worship," consisting of Scripture lessons and songs and prayers, collected and arranged by L. D. Palmer, and issued from the Publishing House of our Church. This book contains 224 pages, printed in large, clear type on good paper, elegantly bound in cloth, sells at the low price of 50 cents by mail, and is kept in stock by the Publishers of this paper. Its great value is attested by the fact, that 27,000 or more copies of the book have been printed. The "Aid And Guide" contains four services for every morning and evening of a week, each service consisting of a Scripture lesson, a stanza or two of song, and a prayer. The same service—all of them short—need not be repeated oftener than once in four weeks. There are also services for special occasions—all helpful to study, even if they are not used orally. Many of the hundreds who have recently erected family altars, as reported in this paper, would be helped by using for a time, at least, the "Aid And Guide to Family Worship."

On page 2 we copy a press dispatch describing the appalling loss of life and property by the most destructive storm, which ever visited the South. It is now believed fully 2,000 and perhaps 2,500 lives were lost, and property worth millions of dollars destroyed. Heart-sickening reports are given of the condition, in which the dead were found and buried, and also of the pitiable destitution of survivors, who appeared doomed utterly to starvation, when relief parties went to their rescue. It is horrible to think of the great number killed and nearly as many more almost dying for food. Turning from the awful scene of death and destitution, how thankful our readers should feel in their merciful exemption from the wide-spread destruction wich fell on part of Louisiana! When tempted to murmur about "hard times," let us thank the Lord we are not suffering from famine or pestilence, but have bread enough and to spare. The praise of thanksgiving is due and acceptable to our Father in heaven, and would cause His children here to meet more gratefully the demands upon their service and love.

"POST OAK CIRCUIT."

This is not the name of any circuit in Arkansas but the name of a most interesting book, which describes quite fully some people living in many pastoral charges in this and other States. If they should read this book, without knowing when and by whom it was written, they might feel they were meant in some of the characters so well delineated by the author. His name does not appear in the book, which was first published in 1857, and which has been read with great interest in many thousand homes; but many of our readers may have the pleasure of seeing him preside at the next sessions of our three Conferences in this State. He is now the senior Bishop of our Church, deservedly honored for his royal worth and distinguished service in his long ministry; but long after he has gone to his reward in heaven, his unique book, "Post Oak Circuit," will be read with lively interest in the homes of Methodists, proving a blessing to many and to the Church. The book contains 350 pages, printed in clear type on good paper, well bound in cloth, and sold by Bennett and Thornburgh at 60 cents by mail. Send for a copy, read it carefully and lend it to others. If it well circulated in some charges, it will be worth more than its weight in gold.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The October number of the Quarterly Review of the M. E. Church, South, contains 220 large pages of current matter well deserving a place in the home of every preacher and cultured layman in our Church. Besides Rev. Dr. W. P. Harrison's articles in the "Editor's Table," always worth the full price of the Review, there are ten articles as follows: Sin and Temptation, by William E. Edwards; Short Poems of Sorrow and Trouble, by Paul Whitehead; Socrates and St. Paul, by Horace M. DuBose; The Chief Characteristic of Our Century, by Atticus G. Haygood; Modern Science, by A. C. M.; Does Death End All? by B. Margeson; What the Middle Sea Has Seen—A Study in History—by Hattie E. Galloway; Our Theology and Our Science, by Jno. R. Brooks; Reading Books, by James A. Anderson; and An Adventure in Venice, by A. C. M.

In another issue we may make extracts from several articles named above, but this note is written now to advise preachers and laymen not getting our Quarterly Review to send 50 cents for the October number, and later $2.00 for the four numbers of 1894. This superior periodical of our Church has been published at an actual loss, but our preachers and cultured laymen with great profit to themselves can easily make the Review self-sustaining and let it continue, as it is, a credit to Southern Methodism.

In his exposition of Mohammedanism before the Parliament of Religions, Mohammed Alexander Russell Webb, a recent American convert, denied poligamy was an approved article of Mohammedan belief, but attempted a defense of poligamy in general, as "a conceivable good under certain conditions." After declaring this defense "was in outrageous taste and in utter defiance of the courtesies of the Parliament," the Chicago Advocate said:

But what is the truth about Mohammedan teaching and polygamy? The Koran (Surah iv. 3) says: "Take in marriage of the women who please you two, three, or four; but if ye fear that ye cannot act equitably, one, or those whom your right hand has acquired," *i.e.*, slaves. Mohammed's interpretation of his own rule is in evidence, since it is well authenticated that at one period he had in his harem no fewer than nine wives and two slave girls. One of the prophet's companions, Abdal Rahman, was a pluralist to the extent of having sixteen wives, and Moghira ibn Shoba, another "companion," had in his harem eighty consorts. Then the testimony of modern travelers in Mohammedan countries is all against Mr. Webb's declaration. In Egypt, Lane tells us that he has heard of men whose habit was to marry a new wife every month; and Burkhardt refers to an Arab under fifty years of age who had had fifty wives, "so that he must have divorced two wives and married two fresh ones on the average every year." The late Princess of Bhopal, in Central India, herself a follower of the Prophet, says that in the sacred city of Mecca, under the loose marriage customs prevailing, "a marriage seldom lasts more than a year or two." This is not, of course, to say that every Mohammedan is a polygamist, for there are, in India, for example, Moslem races among whom monogamy, as a rule, prevails by custom, and individuals indulging in plural marriage are regarded with disfavor. But we contend, polygamy does exist among the followers of Mohammed, and with the express sanction both of the Prophet's precept and example.

A LAWYER TO THE MINISTRY.

In the Christian Observer (Presbyterian) we read with interest "an open letter from a lawyer to the ministry." After saying ministers "often over-shoot the average layman in preaching on Christian beneficence," the lawyer wrote, among other good things:

I do not mean to criticise, but to praise you; for there is no other class of men equal to you in intelligence, so devoted, so self-sacrificing, or so poorly paid in their calling. But spending your time largely in your closets studying your Bibles, from your fulness of spiritual knowledge you do not understand how little we grasp of the full force and meaning of the truth you preach, and you do not realize the spiritual space between you and one of us whose thoughts for six days in the week, and often a great part of the seventh, are consumed with perplexities of business, and the endless strife of making ends meet; and so my purpose is to call your attention to some notions often prevailing amongst us.

In the first place, many of us look on what is given to the gospel precisely as on gifts to mere charities, not regarding it as the worship of God, or considering it essential that it be done symstematically, or upon any certain proportion. This is not the Bible plane. God commands us to honor Him no less with our substance than with our tongues, or in our persons. Being divine worship, it should be done in the same spirit, and with the same regularity and system as other worship, and is never to be left to mere impulse or chance. It is not a mere gratuity thrown in along with the service or outside of the worship of God, but an essential part of it.

In the second place, many of us think that being a mere gratuity, Christian beneficence should be postponed for our debts and other demands, or that we must be just and pay what we owe or provide for ourselves and our families before we give away anything to the Lord. There cannot be a more unbiblical notion than this. Our Master and His worship are to come before ourselves, and all claims we may create or that may fall upon us. His is the first claim on our talents, our persons or our time, and no less on our substance, he does not claim all our time, but one-seventh; and he requires us to use our persons and our talents for his glory. If we do not devote them to preaching the gospel, but to making money in some pursuit to which we are adapted, his claim upon our increase for the portion that is his, is still the first, and is so everywhere recognized in his word. If we may postpone him for the debts we create ourselves or for the wants we indulge in, then we may by our acts curtail his worship; and he who is commanded to be first in all our thoughts will be last in receiving his due. In the Bible we are told that he is our King, yet no king or government under the sun allows its subjects to pay their taxes or public dues after meeting all their other debts or the wants of their families, or leaves them to pay only what chance or impulse may dictate, without any system or definiteness. We also read there that the earth is his and the fullness thereof, and that we are only his servants or stewards, yet what landlord or master allows his tenants or stewards to postpone him for all others, or pay him what their willing hands or loving hearts may give on the spur of the moment out of what is left from the demands of want, self indulgence or covetousness!

Now I know you believe all this and impress on us to be liberal, that God loves a cheerful giver; that all the silver and gold and cattle on a thousand hills are his, and that we and all we have belong to him. But what many of us do not properly realize is, that Christian beneficence is our Saviour's worship and should be done systematically, just as much as the reading of his word, singing hymns or offering prayers to him.

Perhaps you think this is not true of many, or only true of some who are thick headed and do not attend to your sermons. If so, observe and see if it is not quite prevalent. You may think it strange it should be so, but remember that we have to give the larger part of our time to earning our daily bread, and it is only by line upon line and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, that we are taught Bible truth.

You know covetousness is the strongest temptation many of us have to face. From covetousness Balaam was known as the troubler of Israel, Achan was stoned until he died, Saul lost his kingdom, and Gehazi was made a leper. By covetousness Judas betrayed his Master, Ananias and Sapphira died at the Apostles' feet and Demas deserted them and went back to the world. From covetousness came the first great schism that divided the Christian Church; by it the Roman Church lost the sceptre of the world, and with it all of us wage a constant contention. We are often drawn by it from our duty to our neighbor, and you cannot expect us to be exempt from it in determining what we shall pay the Master, unless we have some certain standard to guide us, for,

"If self the wavering balance shake
It's rarely right adjusted."

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Requests come to me from so many quarters for information concerning the League, most of them covering the same ground, and as it is impossible to spare the time necessary to write full information in each separate letter, I propose a series of short articles, having in mind those who are entirely unacquainted with the League, and who for that reason principally are deterred from attempting an organization. If those who desire this information will preserve the papers, it is hoped that when the series is finished, they will have the knowledge they desire, and at hand for easy reference.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE was organized by the General Sunday-school Committee of our Church at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18, 1890.

Its purpose is that our young people may be united together in "leagues having for their object the promotion of piety and loyalty to our Church, education in Church history, and their encouragement in works of grace and charity." "The membership of the League shall consist of persons over fifteen years of age, of good moral character, who are willing to obey the rules and regulations of the League, and to do any work assigned them."

The work of the League covers three separate fields. This work is divided into three departments; (1) The Department of Christian Effort; (2) The Department of Charity and Help; and (3) The Department of Literary Work. Each of these departments is managed by a committee of which one of the Vice-Presidents is chairman.

The officers of the League are: President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The first Vice-President is chairman of the Committee of Christian Effort. The second Vice-President is chairman of the Committee of Charity and Help. The third Vice-President is chairman of the Literary Committee. These committees have no fixed number of members. Each League decides the number to suit itself. If the membership of the League is small, the committee will be small. If the League has a large number of members, the committees may be larger. For all practical purposes three or five is ample. It is easier to get a full attendance of a small committee than a large one.

The devotional meeting is held weekly at such time and place as shall be selected. This may be determined by the League or by the committee. This meeting is presided over by the first Vice-President; but the committee may appoint any one whom it sees proper to *lead* the meeting.

No fixed time can be selected for the meeting of the Committee of Charity and Help. That must be regulated by the work undertaken and by its necessities. In small towns and country places where but few people receive aid, the work of this committee will be principally to aid the pastor in Church work of different kinds. In cities and large towns where the poor are numerous and where there is much suffering they can be of incalculable help.

There ought to be a weekly meet- of the League for work in the Literary Department wherever it is practicable.

J. R. MOORE.

The evils of intemperance are so common, that little impression is made upon the public mind when crimes or accidents are published as the direct result of drunkenness. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is now estimated as costing over seven hundred millions a year in this country, and the deaths from intemperance are placed at one hundred thousand annually. The increase of the death rate keeps pace with the increase of consumption, and when we take into account the deaths that are the indirect result, the figures are alarming. To illustrate, the Registrar General of Great Britain reports the deaths of three thousand infants in one year as over laid or killed by drunken mothers.—Herald and Presbyter.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Representative McCreary's bill, which is intended to be a substitute for the Geary Chinese registration and exclusion law, has been favorably reported to the House of Representatives and will probably be taken up after the bill for the repeal of the Federal election laws, now under consideration, is disposed of, unless Congress takes a recess, which it may do if the Senate succeeds in disposing of the Voorhees silver purchase repeal bill by the 15th or 20th of the month. This bill extends for a period of six months from date of its becoming a law the time within which the Chinese now in the United States may register; strikes out the word "white" wherever it is used in the Geary law, descriptive of the radical character of the witnesses to be produced by a Chinaman in support of his right to remain in the country, and more clearly defines the meaning of the term "Chinese laborer." The vote of the committee on Foreign Affairs was with one exception unanimous for the bill. The exception was representative Geary, of California, author of the present Chinese Exclusion law, who gave notice that he would oppose the bill with all the resources at his command. But the bill will probably become a law as there are numerous Representatives and Senators who voted for the Geary bill, who will be glad of the opportunity to modify that law.

A series of interesting public meetings are being held this week in two Washington Churches—one Congregational and one Methodist—to popularize the Auxiliary League of the Salvation Army, a branch of which was established here a few months ago. The meetings are conducted by female officers of the Salvation Army, assisted by members of that organization, and include afternoon meetings for ladies and children and evening meetings for the general public. The object of the Auxiliary League, as stated by the principal speaker at these meetings, is to be a link between the Churches and the Salvation Army, made up of those sympathizing with the objects of the Army though not necessarily approving its every method. The work of the Army in its various branches was explained in an entertaining manner by the several speakers and the result will be a considerable increase in the membership of the Auxiliary League, which already includes some of our ministers and prominent business men. Few who have studied the work of the Salvation Army in the slums of our large cities will deny that it accomplishes much good, however repugnant some of its methods may at first glance appear to persons of quiet and refined natures. It is the ignorant, depraved and unrefined that the Army seeks to save, leaving the organized Churches to look after the refined, and probably in accordance with the old-time injunction to "fight the devil with fire," it has adopted unrefined methods to do it. I was once very much prejudiced against the Salvation Army, but long ago learned to respect it and its members because of the good results I have seen of their work, and become convinced that they, too, are engaged in the Master's work. The Salvation Army may be said to represent the brass bands, or, if you please, the drum and fife corps of the great army of Christianity which is battling daily and hourly with the cohorts of Satan and his lieutenants, rum, crime and moral depravity, and there is little doubt that their noise adds to the fighting quality of many of the soldiers, just as I have heard military veterans say that the inspiring music of a brass band at times had turned an ignominious retreat into a brilliant charge leading to victory. Let no man despise the instrument that helps to make men and women better.

An eleven year old boy was picked up on the street one day this week in a helpless state of intoxication, and is now being treated in one of our hospitals for alcoholism; one of the brightest young stenographers employed at the Capitol became a victim of the drink habit and in spite of all that numerous good and kind friends could do to save him now he fills a drunkard's grave. These are only two of the week's many victims sacrificed, one utterly and the other partially, to the rum idol. They happened to be brought to the surface by the secular press, just as were several murders and numerous petty crimes, all chargeable to the drink habit, and they are given place here in the hope that they may serve to spur on some man or woman who is growing weary of fighting the powerful rum power. Suppose that eleven year old drunkard had been your son, or your brother? Suppose that bright young stenographer had been your brother, or your husband, or your son? They were both somebody's sons, and doubtless those two mothers had indulged in as bright hopes for the future of their boys as you do for yours or for those of your friends and relations. Beware of rum; it is no respecter of persons.

Oct. 4.

Do you want a first-class sewing machine at moderate price? If so, buy our METHODIST machine, and we believe you will be fully satisfied. Read the adv. in this issue.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12, 1893.

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

Bro. M. B. Lefler, merchant of Scotland, called Friday on his way from St. Louis, where he had been to buy goods.

Last Friday p. m. our office was favored with a short call from Rev. Sidney H. Babcock, who reported Searcy College prospering, and that Galloway College has over 130 boarding students—more than ever before at this date.

Wednesday p. m. of last week Rev. J. R. Moore, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, gave us a very pleasant call as he returned from a short visit to Hot Springs and Arkadelphia. In the former city he was celebrant at the marriage of Rev. W. P. Whaley and Miss Susie Crawford. He made a gratifying report of Arkadelphia Methodist College, having heard 150 pupils answer to their names at roll call.

Write to Miss Lucinda B. Helm, 1500 Third Ave., Louisville, Ky., for a sample copy of Our Homes, now a monthly at 50 cts.—one copy free to any pastor sending four subscribers and $2.00. In the November number an interesting story will begin, to be run through several numbers.

Rev. H. E. May, P. C. of of Pocahontas C't, wrote Oct. 6: "I am in the midst of a great revival; 31 conversions and 30 additions to the Church up to date, and several backsliders reclaimed."

Writing from Greenway, Oct. 7, Sister E. M. Campbell reported the sad news of the death of her brother John A. Granade, a brother of the late Rev. H. M. Granade of the Arkansas Conference. He died in the triumph of Christian faith, Sept. 18, at his home in Springfield, Mo., leaving a widow and four children. The Lord bless them in their bereavement.

Monday we had a brief call from Bro. A. S. Miller, a worthy young man of Cabot.

Sending three new subscribers and ordering several theological books, Rev. W. E. Webb at Lake City says: "The Lord is blessing us here. We have had 50 conversions and 36 additions. Finances behind."

The people at Van Buren may expect a treat next Sunday in the sermons and Epworth League address of Rev. J. R. Moore of Pine Bluff.

Brother Pastor, have you announced our special offer to *new* subscribers? If not, why not?

Rev. L. C. Wilson, P. C., writes: "We are getting along very well at Riverside [Pine Bluff]; have a splendid Epworth League."

Rev. W. A. Steel, P. C., will begin a two-weeks meeting at Stuttgart on 4th Sunday in this month.

Rev. Dr. R. D. Smart, pastor of First Church, is up after a week's illness. The writer preached last Sunday morning to his congregation, which attended Winfield Memorial Church at night to hear Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter, who is holding a meetiag and preaching with his old-time power.

Rev. D. J. Weems, P. E. of Morrilton District, excels in the circulation of good books. He recently ordered 20 copies of our popular Family Bible, which sells readily at $8.25.

Rev. J. H. Myers, P. C. of Alma and Mulberry, reports he has held five protracted meetings resulting in 115 conversions and 133 accessions, with more to follow.

The Editor of this paper expects to spend next Sunday in Helena.

Rev. H. R. Shinn, P. C., writes he has just closed his last pretracted meeting on Chickalah C't, with 15 conversions and 26 additions to the Church.

Rev. P. P. Burke, P. C. of Kingsland C't, writes: "We are getting along well on my work. The revival fire is burning all over the work; but my people are financially much discouraged. On that line we are walking by faith and not by sight."

Bro. J. F. Hancock of Jacksonville was a pleasant caller last Thursday.

Rev. J. K. Farris, P. C. of Goodwin C't, favored us with a brotherly call last Thursday and made a cheerful report of his charge—revival work having resulted in 166 conversions and 122 accessions to date. Bro. Farris has eleven appointments in his circuit.

Sending a new subscriber under our recent offer, Rev. John C. Shipp, P. C. of Danville C't, writes: "I will look after the interest of our much loved paper, and that constantly. Am getting along with my work splendidly. Hope to be able to make a good showing on all lines at Conference."

It gives us great sorrow to announce to our readers the very serious illness of Dr. P. A. Peterson of the Virginia Conference. It is uncertain whether he will recover. Few men would be more missed by the Church at large. For thirty years he has been elected without a break as a delegate to the General Conference, and has always taken a conspicuous part in legislation. Tall and handsome, with a voice of perfect music, and the most winning manners, he never failed to attract the attention of his fellow delegates. A true and noble man is he. We grieve at the thought of his possible demise.—Nashville Advocate.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Miller has been transferred and appointed to Broadway Church in Louisville, Ky. He was greatly beloved as pastor of First Church in this city four years, and during the four years since he has done a great work as pastor of First Church in Memphis. The hearty good will of a multitude will follow him.

Change of Place.

The 4th Quarterly Conference for Berea C't, Monticello District, will be held at Bearhouse Church, instead of Berea, as has been announced. Let all concerned take notice. Very truly yours, A. O. EVANS.

Monticello, Oct. 4.

HOME AND HENDRIX.

When we get old enough to go home but once a year the visit makes us feel a year younger instead of a year older as we really are. Life's cares are thrown off for the time and with the little brothers and sisters we become as little children again. It isn't with unmixed pleasure, that we can beat father jumping or joke mother about her gray hairs, and we must stop and wonder that little sister has grown tall enough to discuss books which are our companions. But time moves on and we with it. The minute in which the first word of this letter was written is gone.

It was especially pleasant to be at home this time, for we were all there—my brother Tom having joined me at Little Rock. How impressive was family prayer the last night we were all together and our father, whose life has been spent in the ministry, prayed the blessings of God upon us at the "home-coming"! As the children of a Methodist preacher we can hardly say that we know what home is. May we know some day!

The work at Arkansas City, where my father is stationed, is doing as well as could be expected. The Church has suffered much from floods and tornadoes in the last few years and has done remarkably well to maintain existence. The health of the pastor and family is quite good, especially for a country "where", one has wickedly said, "it takes two frogs and an alligator to live through a season."

It was a great pleasure to visit Hendrix College again. The good impressions made five years ago were strongly confirmed by this visit. I have never seen more unmistakable evidence of genuine culture and accurate scholarship than is shown by the students of Hendrix. The Faculty is aggressive and progressive. They use the best approved modern methods in their teaching and in all branches the professors keep abreast with the times. If any new discovery in science or new development in language finds its way into the journals it is seized upon by the professors in these departments and given to the students. It is gratifying to note the use of the most recent and ablest books in the mental and moral sciences and the sciences of government and economics. The Y. M. C. A. at Hendrix is the finest I have ever seen anywhere. The religious character of the student body is the best I have seen. I have never known a better, more high-toned college spirit.

With an endowment, which is fast becoming a necessity, Hendrix is going to be to Arkansas what Emory is to Georgia. Every one who lends a helping hand to this noble institution will be proud of it in years to come.

JAMES M. HAWLEY.

P. S. Do not let any one be so stupid as to think that what is said above about jumping and gray hairs, has the least reference to the parsonage at Arkansas City. J. M. H.

Batesville, Oct. 7.

Rev. W. B. Johnsey, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Springdale, Ark., says in regard to the Epworth Chapel organ he ordered for the Church at that place: "All are delighted with it."

When in St. Louis for several years past, we have stopped at the St. James Hotel opposite the New Southern, and we consider it one of the best $2-per-day hotels we ever patronized in any city. Its patronage is large and growing each year. Try the St. James, and you will not complain of the fare or service.

In this issue Messrs. M. M. Cohn & Co. have an advertisement of their large and carefully selected Fall stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats and Shoes, which they are offering at very moderate prices. They will send samples on application, and promise to give mail orders prompt and careful attention. Having dealt with them so much for many years, we cheerfully commend M. M. Cohn & Co. as worthy of patronage and altogether reliable.

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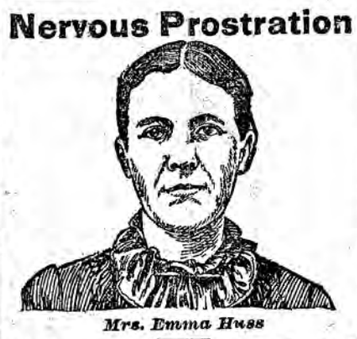
Having ordered Chambers Encyclopedia which we are offering our subscribers, Bro. John Davis of Eureka Springs wrote Oct. 3: "Brethren, the 30 volumes of books arrived yesterday. I don't see how you sell books so cheap. Thanks." Read the adv. in this issue.

Nervous Prostration



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Send to The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, O., for a free copy of their publication, entitled "Climatic Diseases," a complete treatise on catarrh and all chronic diseases of the lungs.

MARRIED.

Sept. 27, 1893, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. T. B. Williamson, Mr. John L. King and Miss Vesta E. Williams. This was one of the most pleasant social affairs that ever took place in our county. The large attendance but expressed the high appreciation of the worth of this happy couple. Another Galloway girl!

At the residence of the bride's sister—Mrs. T. K. Rogers, 14th and Battery, Little Rock—Oct. 4, 1893, Mr. Elmer Grant and Miss Lillie Kitto, Rev. W. A. Steel officiating.

Oct. 4, 1893, at the residence of Mrs. Dora Shinn, Dardanelle, Ark., by Rev. A. H. Williams, Mr. John O. Polk and Miss Nellie W. Shinn, both of Dardanelle, Ark.

Whaley--Crawford.

Central Methodist Church was almost filled with the leading citizens of Hot Springs Tuesday morning to witness the nuptials of Miss Susie Crawford and Rev. W. P. Whaley. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the pulpit and organ being almost hidden by means of palms and pot plants which produced a lovely effect.

To the first sweet strains of Mendelsohn's wedding march, produced by Mrs. Charles Carter, who presided at the organ, the bridal party entered the church. First came Capt. Jas. H. Crawford, with Miss Susie Crawford leaning on his arm, followed by Rev. Mr. Whaley and Mrs. Crawford. Rev. J. R. Moore, of Pine Bluff, stood outside of the chancel and by his side Rev. A. D. Jenkens who assisted him; in a solemn and impressive manner he officiated, using the beautiful rites of the Methodist Church. During the service the bride and groom knelt upon a silken cushion to receive the benediction of the ministers. * * * The bride is one of Hot Springs's most worthy young ladies, having been a teacher in the public schools of this city for several years, where she was highly respected by the teachers and pupils. She was also president of the Epworth League, which society she was largely instrumental in organizing. She is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Jas. H. Crawford, and stands high in the esteem of a large circle of friends. Mr. Whaley is the pastor of Glen Street Church and assistant pastor of Central Church. He has been in our city scarcely a year, yet in that time he has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he associated.—Condensed from Hot Springs Bulletin.

Fort Smith District.

About 975 conversions in this District up to present. More to follow.

Have dedicated two very neat country churches worth each about $1,000. Fraternally,

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Greenwood, Oct. 7.

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Are You Tired

of reading our advertisement that has been running in this paper for the last few months? We will make a change. Groceries have been on a standstill so to speak, hardly any change, except perhaps in hog products. From now on the indications are for high prices. Sugar has advanced nearly two cents, flour is sure to advance if the government report comes in as bad as expected regarding the wheat crop; we will know by the 10th of this month. If you are in the market for anything write us for prices. Every letter answered by return mail.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

TOPIC FOR OCT. 15.

David and Goliath. 1 Sam. 17: 38-49.

"No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation," and "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." Therefore in all the Old Testament Scriptures, whether biography, history or prophecy there is an important lesson for us.

In our present lesson we have the plain, honest, unassuming shepherd boy of Bethlehem representing the people of God; the proud, haughty, defiant, boasting Goliath representing the uncircumcised Philistines, enemies of the Israel of God. This is indeed a very interesting narative, but that which concerns us most is the practical lessons we may gain from it.

In every emergency effecting the cause of God there is a man prepared to meet it. David seems to have come upon the scene at the proper time to meet this giant enemy who was defying the armies of the living God. Elijah nerved with courage of a lion appeared before King Ahab and predicted a famine and afterwards met the prophets of Baal and made a test of the claims of the true God. Martin Luther in the 16th century, under God, was able to stand in the face of the bulls of popes and the edicts of kings and contend for the doctrines of the Bible and liberty of conscience in matters of religion. Mr. Wesley had the courage to contend for holiness of heart and life, when there was scarcely no spirituality in the Church, and set in motion a revival fire which has swept the continents and reached to the islands of the sea.

God often uses instrumentalities to accomplish his purposes, which, viewed from a human standpoint of observation seem to be inefficient. David did not seem equal to the task of meeting this giant, but the result showed him eminently so. Moses without a well equipped army appeared unequal to the work of delivering a nation of people from boudage, but God used him effectually for that purpose. If God were to act upon a human basis of operation at all times, man would conclude that He was nothing more than a man; hence his wisdom in using apparently inefficient agents. How often the people of God quake and tremble in the face of a strong enemy, with apparently every advantage, but when God comes to the rescue all opposition vanishes.

Every man has the native qualities which, if properly cultivated will prepare him for the greatest possible usefulness. David was a boy only, could not use Saul's armour; to have undertaken it would have insured defeat. "I cannot go with these." Let every Leaguer fight in his own God-given equipage, always studying to show himself approved of God.

4. Unsafe to reject God-honored instrumentalities for such as have not been proven. There must be adaptability of both person and weapon. "I have not proved them" said David, but he had proved his sling, and knew what to do with it. Observe his selection of amunition, "five smooth stones." Dr. Clarke's comment is worthy to have a place here, "Had they been rough or angular they would not have passed easily through the air, and their asperities would, in the course of their passage, have given them a false direction." Let these stones represent character, which, if we succeed in the work of the Lord, must be kept smooth.

If we would be active and effective workers for the Lord we must always be in practice. If David had not been skilled, and practice made him so, in the use of the sling he could have been of no service to his brethren. So if we are to be active workers for the Lord we must practice much, and be ready at all times. "Be ye also ready."

6. In all our work we must rely upon, and trust in the Lord. David, the "ruddy boy" with a fair countenance, met the enemy with the declaration, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." Gideon with his three hundred chosen men ran upon the enemy, and cried "the sword of the Lord, and of Gideon", placing God in the forefront of the battle. Trust in the Lord and do good, and the enemy will be defeated.

7. Conduct of the enemy of God and man. Defiant, boastful, he proposes to sweep everything before him. "Cursed David by his (Goliath's) god's," but they were dumb like the gods of the prophets of Baal. The enemy is not willing to stay on his own territory, if he have any, but is aggressive, challenges God's people, would deceive the elect, if possible; tempted the Lord of glory, and would like to have in his hands the reins of government in the kingdom of our God. But he miscalculates, "Who is this lad?" he asks disdainfully, never thinking of the power by which the boy was sustained, the colors under which he fought, nor the cause which he represented. When a man represents the cause of God, forgets his own personal interest and identity, and is lost in the cause he represents, he is as powerful as God. "We can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth us." M. M. SMITH.

Jonesboro, Oct. 7.

A LANSINGBURG MIRACLE.

A RAILWAY MAN TALKS.

Literally half Dead, his Case Pronounced Hopeless by Prominent Physicians, A Story of Surpassing Interest Verified under Oath.

(From Troy, N. Y., Times.)

I am the most conservative reporter on the staff. I despise the chimerical, I court the real. I burrow in facts. I am from Lansingburg. We don't often get a good thing from there, but here is one. F. C. Kimball last night gave me the following:

"I am a plain straightforward man. Originally from Lansinburg, where now reside my mother, brother and sister. Several years ago I moved to Rochester. There I was in the employ of the Erie Railroad as yard and freight superintendent. After a strain to my back, caused by heavy lifting, three years ago, I developed so-called rheumatism. It was an increasing thing for two years,—at times worse, again better. I worked intermittently. If I would shut my eyes I would fall down. My feet and legs soon lost feeling—were numb. This extended to my stomach and at times to my hands. Doctors Lee and Spencer of Rochester finally pronounced my case progressive locomotor ataxia, said it was incurable, and that they could only ease my sufferings, and so I lay. Up to this time I had been sick nearly two years. Before this and for several months I was confined to my bed. Pins stuck into my limbs the full length gave me no feeling whatever; my legs seemed wooden. To pound them gave off a noise like wood. So I say, as I lay there I was *absolutely half dead*—dead from the waist down. There was one word written in large characters all over that sick room—C-L-A-Y. Life departed from my limbs, that word best expressed what was left. You, of course, have read of John Marshall. The reporter in describing him, described me exactly. I sent for the remedy that cured him,—for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, to Schenectady, N. Y., and tried them. I took them irregularly for two months. They didn't seem to help. All of a sudden one morning one of my legs began to prickle—seemed as though rubbed with nettles. Then, perhaps, you think I did not investigate that medicine. I began to mend fast; got some circulation, got control of my bowels and after a few weeks got out of bed and tried to stand. At last I fetched it. Could walk—now can run. And Pink Pills cured me. The doctors said I couldn't be cured, but I am. What I am now telling you is merely a reiteration of what I long ago wrote to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company at Schenectady, and my affidavit to the same is now in their hands. Here also is a letter which my mother wrote to them and to which she has made affidavit as you see."

186 Second Ave., Lansingburg, N. Y.

DEAR SIRS:—My son Fred has just written you a letter concerning himself to which I desire to say a few words in entire corroboration of all he has said. He has told you of his agony and his cure. The remembrance of the whole thing makes me shudder as I think of it. It was all too wonderful for me. I was resigned to his fate. Now as I look at him walking about and feeling well, with his old health and ambition returned, it does seem that he has been born again and rescued from death for a fact. Could I, therefore, say too much to you of thanks in the fullness of my gratitude? Can I well cease blessing you? Yet the intensity of my feelings make my words of thanksgiving to you seem but empty indeed; for the lost is found, and he that was dead is alive again.

Yours,

HARRIET J. KIMBALL.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th day of April, 1893.

M. L. FANCHER,
Notary Public.

Mrs. Kimball said: "While I believe in answers to prayer and prayed earnestly for his recovery, for I am a Christian woman, and believe my prayers were answered, I do think Pink Pills were the means the Lord used to effect my son's cure. I want you to meet my daughter, Mrs. G. H. Morrison, with whom we are living here, and the Rev. George Fairlee, pastor of Westminister Church, who lives with us, and hear what they have to say." So Mrs. Kimball brought them in, and while the story as told was most complete and could be added to by nothing they might say, yet the reporter heard from the lips of the sister and their pastor, corroborative words of all that has been said. The reporter also ran across the son-in-law, Mr. G. H. Morrison, cashier of the National bank of Troy, and spoke to him of Mr. Kimball. He is a busy man, and though he could only be detained for a moment, said: "I know nothing of the case technically. He says he was cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I think that is about the size of it."

Mr. William H. Flandreau, the druggist at 814 River St., Troy, said: "It is the most wonderful cure for locomotor ataxia—a so-called incurable disease. Mr. Kimball tells me he owes his recovery to Pink Pills entirely and I have every reason to believe him."

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THE FAMILY.

HELP YOUR PASTOR.

It is but a short time now till Conference. Your pastor has a heavy heart because he is so far behind with his collections, and it will grow heavier and heavier as the time approaches, unless he succeeds in getting them in hand. The stewards are pressed, and are pressing others in trying to get up the salary of the preacher and Presiding Elder, which is their duty and special work. Indeed, the preacher and his Official Board have on their hands all they can do, and most of them a great deal more. While this is the case, let there be no drones in the hive, no idlers about the market-places. There is a work for every one. Let every man put his shoulder to the wheel and push. Pay what you can, what you are able to pay, and then try to induce some one else to do likewise. Make some sacrifice, some effort. The cause is worthy of it; and in the doing, God will pay you back ten thousand fold—not in kind, but in a richer coin.

In your church there may be a dozen, a score of young men and young women. Get together and draft some plan by which you can help the pastor get up his claims. Go to work in earnest. Get some life, some animation and enthusiasm into your plans and methods. Get everybody to work, and you will be surprised to know how much you will accomplish in a few days. Leave no stone unturned. A dozen Methodist girls, with the love of God in their hearts, can accomplish great things for the Church. In order to succeed this year, we must put forth unusual effort. Let it be done.—Ala. Advocate.

KINDLY ACTS THAT LEAVE THEIR IMPRESS.

"I had been standing on one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city some time" said a lady. "It seemed as if I never could get up courage enough to risk my life in trying to get to the other side, and yet it was necessary for me to do so. The attempt seemed the more appalling because I lived in a quiet town and was a stranger in the city. I must have had an appealing look in my face for a young man coming toward me looked up and said, 'Shall I assist you to the other side madam?' I walked over under his protection, and thanked him from my heart, telling him that I was a stranger and consequently timid. 'That is the way my mother feels when she comes from the country to visit me.' What a happy mother that young man's must be, I thought as he bade me good after noon, and hurriedly recrossed to join the crowd on the other side. He had such a pleasant face and a kindly manner. I shall never forget his act of courtesy, and probably shall never meet him in this world again."

A lady was standing in a horse-car not long since. She was not of sufficiently advanced age to be classed with "eldery women," but she was one of the weary middle-aged ones, whose life was full of wear and tear. She was trying to hang on to the strap with a lame arm, when a young girl got up and said, in a sweet tone of voice, "Take my seat, please." The lady replied, "No dear; I do not wish you to give up your seat." "But I am younger and stronger than you are, and I insist upon it," she replied. The lady was so grateful that she could not half express the love there was in her heart for this stranger. It is quite probable that these two will never meet again, but the face of that young girl is one of the sweetest pictures that hang on memory's wall in that weary woman's heart. And such little courtesies as these make life easier and brighter.

There are a great many "little things" in life that bring happiness or cause misery. The thoughtlessness that will cause some loved one away from home to neglect to write to the friend for an unusual length of time, is a cause of worry, and clouds the happiness of the family at home. A little matter which has been a grievance, and has passed, is often talked about and dwelt upon in the home, and thereby brings discomfort and irritation. A word of detriment spoken against some one of whom words of commendation have just been told, casts a shadow over the character of the subject and oftentimes a lifelong prejudice is formed in consequence.

Words with stings in them, thrown out to one and another, about this or that, coming in or going out of the home, destroy the peace and joy of that circle. Words of commendation unspoken when some one has done their best to please us are unjust, and rankle in the heart. Why is it that it so much more natural with some of us to find fault than to encourage?

We who are older and who stop to look back over our lives, find so many places where we might have made the situation much pleasanter. We made too much of the things that mar and too little of the things hat make. There is no danger of our being too kind and considerate of each other. "Love never faileth."

Professor Drummond says: "I wonder why it is that we are not all kinder than we are? How much of the world needs it! How easily it is done! How infallibly it is remembered! How superabundantly it pays itself back! For there is no debtor in the world so superbly honorable as love."—S. T. P., in N. Y. Evangelist.

AN EVIL SPIRIT FROM THE LORD.

It bewilders us to think how far-reaching this doctrine is. So long as God is in the universe every soul that is in the universe must feel His power. No space can be so wide, no time so long, as to exhaust his influence. He that obeys must feel the ever present God in joy. He that disobeys must feel Him in pain everywhere and forever. These are the terrible necessities of obedience and disobedience. We may state it, the Bible often does state it, judicially. We may speak of God's vengeance. It may seem to be the angry revenge of one who has been insulted and ignored. We may picture to ourselves His wrath. With realistic fancy we may imagine to ourselves the flames of His anger consuming the rebellious souls, which yet are so like Him who punishes them that they can never die. Such pictures have their power as the crudest, coarsest representations of the essential truth that to the disobedient God must come in suffering as He comes. The essential truth of heaven and hell is ineradicable in the universe. But greater and truer than any picture of angry vengeance, more solemn, more sublime, more impressive to the fear of a reasonable and thoughtful man, there is the mighty image of God standing in the center of things. And all things have to touch Him, according to their characters. He becomes to them blessing or cursing. He is the happiness of obedience and the misery of disobedience throughout His world. He looks with sympathetic joy, or with profoundest pity on the souls He judges, but the judgments both come from Him. The right hand and the left hand are both His. Burning there like the sun to all the world, He must be a comforting and guiding light, or a consuming fire—one or the other—to every soul.—The Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D.

MOTHER'S RESOLUTIONS.

A loving and pious mother framed for herself the following, which may serve as a hint to other mothers:

"That the first duty of the day performed by me shall be prayer to God, especially for strength and wisdom to properly instruct, guide and govern my child.

"That I will never permit my child to wilfully disobey me, or to treat me with disrespect.

"That I will earnestly strive never to act from an impulse of passion or resentment, but will endeavor to preserve my judgment cool and my feelings calm, that I may clearly see and truly perform my duty to my child.

"That I will devote a certain portion of my time each day to self-instruction, in order to be able to properly instruct my child.

"That I will watch over my own temper at all times, cultivate a habit of cheerfulness, and interest myself in the little matters of my child, that I may thereby gain his love.

"That I will devote my time especially to those pursuits which will increase the comfort and happiness of my home and forward the best interests of my child.

"That I will study the health of my child, reading on the subject and asking the advice of those who are more experienced than myself.

"That I will not yield to discouragements from failure, but will persevere, putting faith in the promise of God to all those who earnestly and faithfully strive to do their duty."—Christian Herald.

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Children's Corner.

Conducted by Mrs. Carrie Thornburgh. Letters from the children for their CORNER should be addressed thus: "AUNT CARRIE, care of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, Little Rock, Ark.

MY DEAR LITTLE FRIENDS:—Since our last letter I have been, (not to the World's Fair, but to me a more delightful trip) across the mountains to the Northwestern portion of our State. After providing ourselves, for my little daughter Eva accompanied me, with a valise, gosimer, umbrella and large lunch basket, which was by no means the least important, we left on the morning of Sept. 7 for Russellville, where about noon we were met by my brother with an open hack and a span of large strong horses, named Dick and Short. Dick is quick and impulsive, Short is steady and resolute, in the two are combined all the qualities necessary for a successful campaign. We drove out two miles from Russellville in a walnut grove close by a farm house, fed our horses in the back of the hack, spread our dinner under the trees and ate our first meal in Pope Co. Then to Dover where I mailed a card to the home folks. Then through Scottsville, a small village. We then began to try to stay all night; as we neared the foot of the mountain, houses were scarce. Each time we stopped we repeated the same story that all we asked was a shelter and a bed on which to rest our weary limbs. At last we met a man returning to his home, we hailed him, inquired about the distance to the next house, seeing him turning off the road, we asked if he lived near by and insisted that he take us in, he said he would for the reason there was nowhere else we could stay for many miles, and it was then dark; he dismounted, opened a large gate and we drove in, he told me to go in and he would assist my brother with the horses. On entering, the kind lady handed us chairs and said, "I am sorry we cannot give you supper." I told her we had lunched late and did not care for supper. The good man of the house came in and passed through to the next room and with a lamp made by inserting a wick through a flat cork, he ate his supper which was composed of corn bread; the table was without a spread. The lady told me that they did not try to keep coffee, that they had only had 4 gallons of coal oil in 4 years and could not afford flour at all. They had four bright smart, children who only have school through the summer months and never have Sunday-school. We arose early and started up the Illinois bayou, going up the north fork to Laurell O., where we started up the Boston Mountain, up, up, and up, on and on; we saw one orchard on top of the mountain containg 60 acres, and such beautiful red apples and delicious peaches; the next stop was at some mineral springs called Freeman Springs, there we took lunch and fed and rested our faithful "quick and steady" horses. Then on with nothing in view but the mountain peaks cloathed in a misty hue that told us that God's brush painted all the beautiful scenery we beheld. For miles and miles we could see nothing but one grand panorama of nature. We stayed 3 miles above the foot of the mountain. Our lodgment experience was like unto the night before, clever people as I ever met, we were welcome to the best they had, without money and without price; they are rich where so many are poor, they seem to possess that precious boon which we are told is great gain (contentment). We descended the mountain the morning of the 9th to Big Creek, down the same to its mouth, crossed Buffalo and traveled the old turnpike road north to Well's Creek, on to Flat Rock, from there to our destination, the Deering farm on Crooked Creek one and one fourth miles north of Elmwood, Boone Co., Ark. It was to me a delightful trip, I did not see, smell or taste coffee in those three days, and after the first morning I felt each morning just like I had had my cup of coffee. In such a journey as this we learn many valuable lessons. Lessons that tend to soften our nature and tender our sympathies. In the voyage of life we find that all that glitters is not gold and all that looks plain is not dross. We learen to sympathize with the poor of the world and feel that some of the brightest gems are hid away under rude moss covered boards and that God has provided grander scenery than any artist can paint. From all this we know that God loves beauty and has provided it for all. I may tell you later of my return.

AUNT CARRIE.

Wynne, Ark., July, 28.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I thought I would write to you again. I was glad to see my other letter in print and I hope I will see this one. I read the chapter you referred me to. I think it is a good chapter. I love to go to Sunday-school. I have three big cards and a little ticket, started on another big one. Mr. J. M. Simmons is our Supt. Inclosed you will find ten cents for the S. B. and T. School. I picked berries for it. I am your niece,

MATTIE R. BROWN.

Clio, Tex., Aug. 26.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little boy 12 years old. I have been attending a protracted meeting at Clio. I professed religion and joined the M. E. Church. Bro. Bloodworth is our pastor. We all love him and his kind wife very much. Pray for me that I may hold out faithful in doing all I can for the Lord. Your nephew,

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OBITUARIES.

HOOGUE.

Sallie M. Hoogue was born Dec. 11, 1889 and died at the family residence near Brookston, Texas Sept. 12, 1893. Our heavenly Father knows how to comfort the grief-stricken parents. He alone is able to understand the profoundest depths of sorrow, that are occasioned by such strokes of the Divine hand. Little Sallie has passed out from the home. Her devoted parents can no more attend upon and care for her. Her voice will no more be heard in the happy circle in the earthly home, but she awaits their coming at the beautiful gate, where parting will be no more forever.

T. J. MILAM.

PADDEPHAT.

Mrs. C. H. Paddephat (nee Mary B. Kavenaugh) was born in Camden, Ark., Jan. 1867; joined the M. E. Church in Little Rock in 1878; married to C. H. Paddephat August 1892; died July 4, 1893. Sister Paddephat was one of the purest and best girls I have ever met, a good daughter, a good sister, a true friend, and above all, a consistent, faithful Christian. I have known her nearly all her life and I believe it to be true, that no mother ever had a more lovely child. It is true death loves a shining mark. How often are we reminded of what the Master said, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." May, you have gone on before; kindred and friends will join you some of these sweet days in the bright home above.

C. C. GODDEN.

ROGERS.

Franklin Odell, infant son of Mr. F. J. and E. Rogers, was born Dec. 31, 1891, and on Sept. 7, 1893 this lovely flower closed its petals on earth to unfold them in sweeter fragrance beneath the dews of heaven, leaving a loving mother, four little brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss. Odell had been a patient little sufferer for six weeks. Weep not, dear ones, your sweet pet has gone to live with his papa and little brother who had gone on before him. Look up to the great white throne; there is your darling waiting and watching for you. He is gone where there is no more suffering. You can meet him on that other shore if you will live faithful.

Weep not for darling Odell,
He is gone with Jesus to dwell,
In that home free from sorrow and pain
You can meet Odell again.

LULA HOLLINGSWORTH.

Cato, Ark.

LAZENBY.

Emma Lazenby was born March 1, 1872 and died Sept. 11, 1893 of consumption. She was converted in May 1886, and joined the M. E. Church, South, Sept. 2, 1888, in which she was a faithful and earnest worker, always ready to do her duty. Hers was a lovely life, and a calm and peaceful death. Death loves a shining mark. Its cold and relenless hand has taken from our circle a fair and lovely flower. Emma, gentle, affectionate and kind, has gone.

Although her sufferings were great, she never murmured nor complained; she often talked of dying and always left the impression that all was well. Our hearts are sad, but while home has lost one of its brightest jewels, we know that angels have borne her pure spirit across the silent river to that beautiful city to dwell with Him who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." Oh! it were pang of deepest grief to view that gentle smile resting in wondrous beauty on the pallid brow and cheek, as though life was there; yet when those silent lips moved not, when the kindly eyes were closed and the gentle hands rested over a still and pulseless heart, we knew that Emma's earthly mission was ended. Be faithful and true, dear parents, sisters and brothers, and some sweet day when our feet shall have pressed the glittering strands, we will see dear Emma again where no sad farewell is given.

Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last.
Of all thy heart's desire
Triumphantly possessed,
Lodged by the ministerial choir
In thy Redeemer's breast.

Tenderly inscribed by her friend,

ALLIE L. REED.

Atkins, Ark.

DOAK.

Harvey Watson, son of Rev. F. P. and Mrs. M. J. Doak, was born Nov. 19, 1892, and died Aug. 29, 1893. He was 9 months and 10 days old. He, his mother and the other children were in Saline Co. visiting relatives and friends when he was taken sick. He was bad sick only about two days before his death. I was at Hickory Plains at the time carrying on a meeting; just received the news in time to get to his bedside just forty minutes before his death. Harvey was the best child that we ever saw. He was very healthy until a few weeks before his death. He never cried or fretted but little in his life, but was always cheerful and playful. All who knew him loved him. Often have the little held up white hands, bright face and happy smiles cheered this writer when he would come in home tired and a little melancholy from circuit work. Were it not for the confidence we have in God, the religion of Jesus Christ, and the hope of the resurrection, our home here would be lonely and dark, but we know that God doeth all things well. We would not have him back if we could. He is not here now in our earthly home to cheer us with his presence and smiles, but he is in the home of God bidding us come. I am glad that God's family in heaven and earth is one famiy; just divided by the "narrow stream of death." We do not think of little Harvey as being dead; but he is asleep in Jesus. He is still one of the family, he still lives, and we expect to see him again face to face in the sweet "by and by," "where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more."

PAPA AND MAMMA.

Hickory Plains, Ark.

HARRISON.

Elizabeth Harrison (nee Wells) was born in Ky. April 18, 1806; was converted and joined the Methodist Church 1818; was married to Dr. Thos. T. Harrison in Giles Co., Tenn. Jan. 17, 1821; lived several years in Hardiman Co., Tenn.; moved to Ark. 1859, where she lived revered and loved by a large family connection and all who knew her till Aug. 5, 1893. Another one of my dear old parishioners has reached her long sought home. The appellation "great woman" might with perfect propriety be applied to her. Seventy-five years of faithful living for Christ and the Church, amid all the varying scenes and vicissitudes of life; from early youth to hoary age she never wavered once, had a glorious experience of the deep things of God. Christ dwelt in her heart by faith, and O how she did love to talk of Jesus and of heaven. Her seat in the house of the Lord was never vacant until age and sore affliction confined her to her room, and for months she was helpless, blind and deaf; but her faith was strong, giving glory to God to the last. Is not that sublime? Blessed woman! We could say much in thy praise, but thy record is on high. We knew grandma long and well and cherish her memory tenderly. With hosts of relatives and friends we rejoice in the hope of seeing her again.

J. E. CALDWELL.

STARKS.

Learner B. Starks was born in Sumner Co., Tenn., July 21, 1814, was married to Martha J. Linzy Dec. 11, 1837; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church about 1841, moved to Dallas Co., Ark. 1855 where he lived till Sept. 15, 1893, when he died in great peace. The relative of the deceased, sending the above data, adds: Of his Christian life, you know more than I can tell you, you having been his pastor." Yes I was long and intimately acquainted with Bro. Starks, he was one of my warm personal friends; he had his faults and often presented the rough side of the Christian life, if there be such a side; he was considered by many close and exacting in his business transactions, was not as careful at times as he should have been of his words and temper; but he was ever firm in faith, struggled earnestly against his besetments, and I do not believe he ever compromitted the character of a Christian man. Since the death of his truly Christian wife, to whose great moral worth he was greatly indebted, he has been more devoted and diligent in the use of means of grace. He did love the cause of Christ and was a great lover of the preachers; and his seat at the house of God was seldom vacant. His work is done, having served his generation by the will of God, he has fallen peacefully asleep in Jesus, and now, with her to whom under God he owed so much, he is freed from evil and forever happy. Blessings on your memory, my dear old friend. J. E. CALDWELL.

Tulip, Ark.

ROACH.

Rev. John A. Roach was born Aug. 3, 1811; was converted at the age of 15. When 18 years of age was licensed to exhort. He was ordained Elder at Clarksville in 1846 or '48, and was appointed to Gland Glaze circuit. He located in 1860, and settled in Randolph Co., Ark., where he lived until 1873. In that year he moved to Washington Co., in which county he lived till he was called from labor to reward on Feb. 25, 1893. His death occurred near Wheeler, Ark., at the home of his son-in-law. His body was laid to rest in the old Ebenezer church-yard at Farmington. His long life was spent in labor for the Master. He was a preacher for nearly half a century. He lived for heaven, went home triumphant, and now "rests from his labors, and his works follow him." He leaves an aged widow, who will soon join him again on the other shore. May the grace of our God be sufficient for Sister Roach in her loneliness and grief, until the trial shall be over, the victory won, and heaven is reached. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18.

ARTHUR MARSTON.

CALDWELL.

James Caldwell was born in Washington Co., Ark., Nov. 21, 1838, and died in Washington Co., Ark., Sept. 15, 1893. He was converted in 1889 under the ministry of Bro. Wm. Sherman, and joined the Methodist Church in which he lived until his death. He was never married; he has been afflicted for years; during his last sickness he was visited by his pastor who would pray with him, very often he would shout and say that he would soon be where suffering would be over, that he would be with Jesus and loved ones who have gone before. He leaves one brother and relatives to mourn for him.

H. A. ARMSTRONG.

CALDWELL.

Sister Mary J. Caldwell (nee Howard) was born in Bedford Co., Tenn., March 16, 1854; moved to Washington Co., Ark. with her parents, and was married to Jasper N. Caldwell, March 16, 1882. Died at her home near Goshen, Ark., Sept. 12, 1893; this union was blessed with 5 children, two have preceded her to that better land. Sister Caldwell professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when twelve years of age. She was a liberal supporter of the Church. We have often heard her shout praises to God in the public sanctuary and even at home. Her doors were open to her preachers and family. Oh, how our Church will miss her, as well as her neighbors and family. She watched over the sick bed of her brother-in-law, Jimmie Caldwell, with unceasing devotion all Spring and Summer, then God called her home a few days before He did him. When her doctor told her she could not live, she said "Thank God I am ready; though it is hard to leave my little children and husband". She prayed God's blessings upon them and left this world shouting God's praises. God bless Bro. Caldwell and his three little motherless boys, is the prayer of his pastor, H. A. ARMSTRONG.

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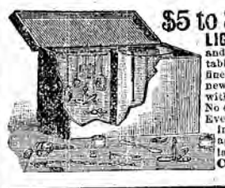

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FROM PASTORAL CHARGES

WHITE RIVER CIRCUIT.

We have had a really pleasant year. We left our former charge with aching hearts, thinking we would never find such friends again, but we have found them by the score. The consideration these people have for their pastor and his family commenced immediately after the arrival of the boat which brought us into their midst, and has continued week after week during the year of peculiarly "hard times." And instead of abating as Conference approaches, it seemed to us last night that it was unbounded, as the people of St. Charles poured in upon us and gave us a genuine pounding. There were quilts, dress patterns, wearing apparel for each member of the family, and eatables too numerous to mention. We thank God for such good people, and by divine help will be more consecrated in the future.

Yours for Christ,
MRS. F. N. BREWER.

St. Charles, Sept. 26.

HACKETT CIRCUIT.

I am nearing the end of my second year on this work. Our fifth and last protracted meeting is over. Results, some 15 or 20 professions of faith and 27 accessions to the Church. Our Church here is having a great loss in membership—members moving into the Indian Territory.

We have had some little experience here in the matter of discipline spoken of by Gilderoy and others. There was one man on the work who was known to get drunk at times. One preacher, who had been his pastor twenty years ago, said to me that he ought to have disciplined him then; another said he ought to have attended to his case ten years ago; but when I approached the man and asked him to give up his drinking and do the clean thing, he said he was a free man and would drink his whisky when he pleased; and said he, "I have been a member of the Church over 20 years, and you are the first pastor who ever came to me personally about this matter." So you see I had to "shoot a rusty gun," or in other words, I had to do what ought to have been done years ago. My opinion is that the man could have been saved to the Church, had he been handled at the right time, but as matters stood, being governed by the Bible and Discipline, I could see nothing to do but to proceed to bring him to trial and turn him out. In most cases the correction of a wayward member is neglected until it is too late to do the member any good.

If we, as pastors, will explain the Church vows as we ought to persons coming into the Church, much trouble would be avoided. Let our members know the full import of our vows and we will get fewer members but better ones. Let us read the General Rules so that when a member says "I will be subject to the Discipline of the Church," he may understand the nature of the obligation he has taken or is taking. Dear pastors, if you have a drunken or otherwise disorderly member, deal with that member at once and don't leave the matter for the next preacher.

Yours for the right,
J. M. MCANALLY.

Hackett, Oct. 2.

MARMADUKE MISSION.

Bro. W. C. Tombs, our pastor, is now holding a protracted meeting at this place, and Bro. Ellis of the Corning C't has done most of the preaching, which proved to be a mighty power in the hands of God. He also won the love and respect of every one and we thank him for his kind services in our midst, and pray God's blessings rest upon him wherever he goes. We have had 15 conversions and 10 accessions to our Church up to date and more to follow, I think. Bro. Jacob Dilzler preached for us Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m., and a grand and noble man he is. God bless him in his glorious work for the Master. Bro. J. M. Lawrance of the Missionary Baptist Church has just closed a meeting at this place with good results in the way of conversions and accessions to their Church. May God help them in bringing souls to Christ. A boy member,
GILES W. HARVEY.

Marmaduke, Oct. 3.

GRAVELLY HILL CIRCUIT.

I am now through with my protracted meetings, and up to date we have had about 80 conversions and 57 accessions to our Church on this circuit this year. There are still others that I think will join the Church yet before Conference. We have had good revivals at nearly every appointment on the circuit, and the Church seems to be in good condition spiritually now, but our people are depressed financially, and hence the finances are very low in this country, both on preachers' salary and the collections ordered by the Annual Conference. We are doing the best we can under the circumstances and trust that we will come out all right before Conference. Pray for us.

Your brother,
J. E. DUNAWAY.

Oct. 5.

EMMET CIRCUIT.

I commenced my protracted meeting at Emmet, Sept. 24, and closed last night Oct. 4, with the following results that were visible: 6 conversions, 5 accessions to the Church, and the Church greatly revived.

Looking over the record I find that my protracted meetings have resulted in 42 conversions and 44 accessions to the Church; 75 accessions during the year. Praise God.

GEO. W. LOGAN.

Emmet, Oct. 5.

HICKORY PLAINS CIRCUIT.

For near two months previous to the death of my father I was confined to his room waiting on him. He died the 17th day of July. The next day after the burial of my father three of our children were taken sick. We began our first protracted meeting the following Saturday at Bethelehem, six miles from home. We had no ministerial help except two sermons. We had service twice a day for five days and went back and forth home to wait on a sick family. We closed the meeting with 4 accessions to the Church. The loss of sleep and exposure threw me into a fever.

I was not able to meet my appointment at Johnson's Chapel the following Saturday, but our faithful L. D., H. C. Thompson, was on hand and preached twice a day until we were able to go. K. W. Dodson preached one good sermon for us at this place. Our congregations were large and attentive, we had a number of penitents at the altar but no conversions or accessions to the Church.

We began a meeting at Shady Grove the first Saturday in August, but on account of sickness in the neighborhood and some other causes we did not hold but a few days; closed with one addition to the Church.

Our next meeting was held at Hebron. J. A. Henderson of the Mabelvale C't was with us and did some good and profitable preaching at this place. He greatly endeared himself to the people. We closed with the Church revived and 3 additions to it.

We went from Hebron to Hickory Plains Church. We held our meeting at this place in connection with our third Q. C. Our P. E., H. H. Watson, was with us until Sunday afternoon. Bro. Branson of Beebe came over Monday afternoon and remained with us until Friday morning, preaching twice a day to the delight of all who heard him. Bro. H. C. Thompson did some good work in this meeting. The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians all worked, sang, prayed and rejoiced together. The meeting closed with the Church greatly revived, a number of conversions and 11 additions to the Church. We have a live prayer-meeting and Sunday-school here now.

Our next meeting was at Providence. T. D. Scott of Asbury was with us at this place from Monday until Friday. Bro. Scott is a good preacher. We all appreciated his preaching. He did good work. The songs, talks and prayers of Bros. Swain of Lonoke and Billy Glover of the Austin C't, were of great help to us in this meeting. There were 10 or 12 conversions and 9 accessions to the Church. We went from Providence to Cross Road. Bro. Tedford of the Presbyterian Church and I held our meeting together at this place. He was taken sick on Monday and had to go home. H. C. Thompson preached once during the meeting. This was a good meeting; old difficulties were settled, the Church revived, 8 or 10 conversions, 8 joined our Church and 3 joined the Presbyterian Church. This Conference year we have had about 35 or 40 conversions on this circuit and 42 accessions to the Church. We think the outlook good for still better times on this charge.

F. P. DOAK, P. C.

Hickory Plains, Oct. 3.

ARGENTA STATION.

Our meeting at Argenta was a success; five very satisfactory conversions and one accession, with others to follow. The deepest work of the meeting was the impression made upon the Church touching its duty in speedily and permanently turning loose the world and clinging close to Jesus and his matchless life of purity. Rev. W. G. Hefley struck many skillful blows, and the blade was of Pauline metal. He is a superior man, and is versatile as the notes of a nightingale. May his order of men and ministers be multiplied by the thousands. If the Memphis Conference wants to give him up, we will take him and glad to get him.

JERNIGAN AND SINEX.

Oct. 6.

LIBERTY CIRCUIT.

Prevented by a combination of circumstances from protracting the Quarterly meeting at Lanner's Church, I returned 4th Sunday in Sept. and continued the meeting until 1st Sunday in October. Bro. W. F. Evans came to my assistance Tuesday, returned home Wednesday afternoon and returned Thursday bringing his wife with him; and remained till Friday afternoon; his preaching was with power and in demonstration of the Spirit. There were many penitents at the altar from the first night he came, until Friday night after he went home; none of us can understand why more were not converted. Bro. Ross of Lonoke preached Saturday night, and I closed the services 1st Sunday in Oct. at 11 a. m. There were good congregations all the time at night; some two or three conversions, two restored in the Church, one received by baptism. The religious sentiment of the community was doubtless benefited much, as our Baptist brethren held a meeting before ours, and took into their Church souls who had been leaders in wickedness, many of them attended our meeting. I rejoice for what has been accomplished and trust for better things.

Yours in Christ,
G. W. MATTHEWS.

Scott, Oct. 6.

GURDON CIRCUIT.

Since my last report I have had some good meetings, resulting in the quickening of the spirituality of my members, and leading to the erection of some family altars. The meeting at Freeman's Chapel last week was an excellent one. Several backsliders were reclaimed. The meeting began with the third Quarterly Conference. Bro. McKinnon coupled Okolona with Gurdon C't; so he did not get to my work until Sunday night. The Conference business was carefully attended to.

Bro. McK. is kind in his administration and carefully inquires into all the interests of the Church. The Stewards' report showed rather meagre collections for the long (five months) quarter, but were somewhat ahead of the pastor's for the general collections. The stewards are over half up while the P. C. is less than half up. The next two months will show a decided rise in the receipts.

The P. E. reports the whole District away behind. Brethren of Arkadelphia District, let's stir up!

J. S. CLOWER.

Gurdon, Oct. 5.

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I have just completed an elegant and commodious church of modern and unique design (will seat 500) in which I commenced a revival meeting three weeks ago, which continued 16 days. We had a hard fight but a glorious victory; 30 professions and 28 accessions. Rev. John P. Lowry of your city conducted the meeting. He is taking Texas by storm, and unless you Arkansas folks put a block and chain on him, when he returns Texas will capture him. Love to all my friends and brethren.

Cordially,
J. A. BAKER.

Oct. 4.

CLINTON CIRCUIT.

We will soon have ended our second years' work in this charge. On examination, I find that 130 have been received into the Church—47 this year. Many of them I shall never, perhaps, meet again in this life. I trust that "we shall meet at Jesus's feet."

Our protracted meetings have all been held. We have had good meetings. I am under obligation to my local preachers, as most of my ministerial help came from them. The circuit is in a very good condition spiritually. Financially "we are weighed in the balances and found wanting." Judging from present indications the preacher's salary will not be paid in full. No one feels more keenly the monetary stringency, than the average circuit rider. It is comforting these times to read Ps. 37:25, and it might be profitable to some Church members to read prayerfully Hab. 3:10 and kindred passages. I have some as true members as can be found. My successor will find a people who believe that a preacher ought to have something to eat— even a more than "bread alone."

JESSE M. WILLIAMS.

Clinton, Oct. 6.

MARION CIRCUIT.

My Quarterly Conference gave me a month's vacation, which I appreciated very much. I availed myself of this opportunity to visit my aged father and mother. I found my dear father in very feeble health, but fully trusting in the precious Savior, and when I bade him farewell he laid his hand upon my head invoking the blessings of heaven upon his boy, and said, "My son, my race is nearly run, but when I reach the end I shall look for you to come on;" and I said, "by the grace of God I will go on and serve out my time, and go over the river and in the great reunion above we will meet again. Amen."

When I returned here to my work I found my faithful local preacher in a meeting at West Memphis. I entered at once in the great work and warfare against sin. The meeting continued ten days and resulted in a number of conversions and 6 accessions to the Church. Bro. King of Penn. Avenue Church, Memphis, was with me, and preached two good sermons for us, which we appreciated very much. Bro. Winchester is one of the best and most loyal preachers I ever had in my charge. He is reaping the fruit of his sowing here in the days gone by. He has had a long hard struggle for the right and morality; the night has been dark, but the day is dawning, bless the Lord. The good women deserve great credit in this noble work; they have agreed to have a weekly prayer meeting hereafter, and these women can and do pray. Thank God for a praying woman.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Western Conference during my vacation. This is a small body of big-hearted, broad-minded, self-denying, faithful, earnest, consecrated men. I met a goodly number of brethren of the Southwest Missouri Conference; it was a pleasure indeed to meet these dear brethren again.

T. B. WILLIAMSON.

Marion, Oct. 3.

CHARLESTON CIRCUIT.

We have had a glorious camp-meeting on the Charleston circuit, managed by Bro. J. M. C. Hamilton under his new tabernacle. It was one of the best meetings I ever attended, and I never before saw the power of the Lord so wonderfully demonstrated. It seemed that the very atmosphere was charged with love and praises to God. There were 60 conversions and penitents in the altar the last service. To listen to the prayers, shouts, hallelujahs and amens, it seemed that we were nearing "heaven's border land." We pray that the Holy Spirit may rest and abide with Bro. Hamilton as he goes from circuit to circuit begging and pleading with saints and sinners to do the work assigned by Jesus. We had a beautiful location for a camp-meeting with two good springs near by. There were about 15 families camped, and it seemed that Jesus was in the midst. The place seemed sweet and awful on account of the presence of the Lord. To God be all the praise and glory. Yours in Christ,

J. B. WINSETT.

Charleston, Oct. 2.

WALDO.

Our meeting at this place continued two weeks, closing last night with a grand shout of victory, and the whole town ablaze with revival fire. The results are partially summed up as follows: About 35 conversions, several reclamations, 23 accessions to the Methodist Church, 7 to the Baptist and 5 to the Cum. Pres.; a flourishing Epworth League organized with 25 members; all the Conference claims provided for, and the whole Church wonderfully revived. Praise the Lord.

J. A. SAGE.

Waldo, Oct. 9.

MINERAL SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

We are in the midst of a gracious revival at Mineral Springs. The Lord is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad. Had 9 conversions last night and have had about 25 in all. Will write again soon. Pray for us.

W. T. LOCKE, P. C.

Oct. 9.

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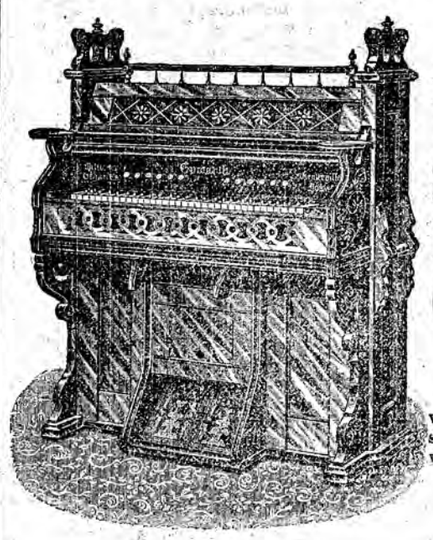

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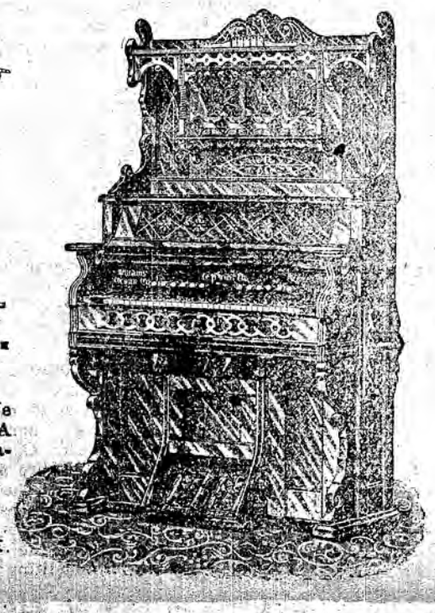

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