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News and Notes.

The reports of the press and our own observation assure us that there will be a considerable quickening of business activity during the winter. This we have constantly told our readers would follow upon any settlement of the question pending in the presidential election. It is an unusual state of affairs when it is to the interest of capitalists to let their money lie idle, yet such has been the condition for three years past. We are accustomed to occasional seasons of depression in money matters. Since we were able to note public affairs there has not been a depression so long continued. It has had causes which were easy to understand. While money increases in value it is not wise to invest it. When the balance of values is struck and there is some promise that no immediate disturbance is to be feared the obstruction to business is removed. Give us a fixed basis on which to calculate, and the resources of the country will quickly restore prosperity. We have reached the conditions of financial confidence for the time being. Investors, money lenders, speculators, manufacturers, tradesmen know how to make their

calculations at least for a few years to come.

Arkansas Conference, Seventeenth Session, Fayetteville, Ark.

The Conference opened on the morning of the 24th at the Methodist church. The weather was rainy the attendance was not full. Bishop Duncan was in the chair, and the business proceeded promptly.

We reported in order the White River Conference that the readers of the METHODIST might understand the usual order of proceeding. From this Conference and the Little Rock Conference we shall only report important items.

James A. Anderson was elected secretary, W. H. Dyer, T. J. Reynolds, and J. M. Pound assistants. The usual committees were elected. Those admitted on trial were: Charles L. Griffin, from Clarksville district; M. N. Waldrup from Fayetteville district; E. A. Taff Jr., Fort Smith district; George McGlumphy from the M. E. Church in elders orders.

The class received into full connection are J. S. Williams, H. A. Matney, P. C. Fletcher, J. H. O'Bryant, J. S. Whitson, J. J. Holland and W. H. Nance.

There were received by transfer W. D. White, from Indian Mission Conference; Moses B. Hill, from the China Mission Conference; H. C. Jolly, from Northwest Texas Conference; J. B. Stevenson, White River Conference; J. A. Castell, Florida Conference; W. C. Sewell, from Memphis Conference; Henry Hanesworth, from St. Louis Conference.

The superannuated preachers are J. Loving, James Cox, A. Mathis, B. Williams, G. W. Evans, T. A. Graham, W. R. Gardner, T. A. Taff, J. H. Cummins, S. F. Dikes, W. H. Burns, B. Monk and J. L. Hays.

Supernumerary, W. B. Johnsey, C. H. Gregory and W. H. Corley.

The following traveling preachers were ordained deacons, John S. Whitson and William H. Nance.

Jessee M. Williams was ordained an elder.

The following local preachers

were ordained deacons: John T. Gossett, Joseph W. Snelly, George B. Mitchell, Joseph T. Turner and John H. Setzer.

Samson M. Jackson was ordained an elder.

J. H. Wade and J. E. Martin have died during the year. Their memorial was observed on Sunday evening.

To the Class for Admission into full Connection in the Arkansas Conference.

I trust, my brethren, you have duly weighed the vows which you are now to assume. Without cant we say to you no station on earth is so high as that into which you now enter. All the sacred record is full of admonition and solemn warning to the ministers of the most high God. You have here an institution of learning for the State. How carefully is every man weighed and examined who is employed there. There is not a druggist licensed to compound medicines, who has not received a diploma for that business. Shall the Church send forth men as representatives of the work and kingdom of Christ without carefully testing them by the gospel standard?

First, then, to have been soundly converted is a supreme matter. Your call must be a burning zeal for God. An impelling voice as the voice of God. But the Church is of God. In the Church you work, and the Church must test you and ordain you. God has put that duty, that authority on the Church.

You take vows of consecration and the oath of a soldier. You come here of your own accord. If you have not sense enough to see what fields of poverty and toil are before you, you are not needed here. If you have not the manliness to go unto any of these fields, standing to your vows, you are not needed. A man who takes these vows and then whines and whimpers about his work hasn't a particle of manliness in him. If you can't stand it quit.

We want an educated ministry; not educated away from the common people; not educated to preach

in cities and not upon the mountains; not educated to preach for \$2,500 a year but not for \$300 a year; not educated to say "I am a stationed man and not a circuit man." God save us from an education like this.

Be pious. I almost hesitate to use the word. Pious looks, pious tones, pious manners—the cant of hypocrites—we don't want them. We want men of high, pure, earnest lives, open in heart, a man among men.

Don't claim the leading of the Holy Ghost to humbug folks. A man just pulled out of the slums, from the vilest associations with men and women, in six weeks in charge of a Church, teaching folks what regeneration is and what sanctification is, and what Methodist doctrine is, (learned it all by his experience) is a humbug.

Paul, when called of God by a miracle, went three years into Arabia. Let the man of evil life go out as it were into the sea, and let the salt waves wash him for years, and let him read again and again God's book of revelation from end to end; let him commune with God in prayer, and then let him come to preach to decent sensible people, and I will consider whether my wife and daughter ought to go to hear him.

Attend to your home; attend to home duties. If you don't like crying babies take them in your arms and keep them still. Don't say to your wife "I must be alone, I must study." Read to your wife. Oh! I pity the preacher who is an orator, who in a little town has such a reputation to sustain that he must always be on the strain, and keep his head in the clouds, and keep his wife out of his room to prepare his grand sermons.

Go on to perfection, not in theory but practice. You feed people as Sister Vincenheller feeds me here at Conference. I don't care about her theory of making biscuit and coffee. She gives me good coffee and biscuit and I am satisfied. We quarrel about the theory of the food, but it is not the theory but the food people want. Some men will die for their theory of religion

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Contributed.

Chicago Letter.

By way of introduction I would say to my friends in Arkansas that I am in the University of Chicago pursuing post-graduate work. I trust that my choice of a university will not be considered in the light of disloyalty to Southern institutions. I simply wanted to see the North and live a short time in one of her largest cities. In fact it might be well for Southern graduate students to take post-graduate work in Northern universities and vice versa. We might expect them to have more genuine sympathy between North and South; and citizenship would become American rather than sectional.

At another time, if space is allowed, I shall say something of the university and other parts of the city. As Jackson park, the site of the World's Fair, is more interesting to many than any other part of the city, I shall write of it in this letter.

The scene of the "White City," which inspired so many thousands of us in '93 with a sense of the beautiful and of the grand, now touches those of us who re-visit it with a sense of pathos and of sadness. Instead of the colossal Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building lie heaps of charred timber; in place of the Administration building, whose dome at night appeared in the distance as a vast flame of fire are scattered debris on piles of loose sand; where the magnificent Electric building stood are weeds and grass; the Court of Honor is a court of dishonor; the lagoon, which was traversed by the gondolas of Venice and lighted by night with electric lights, giving it the air of fairy land, is now lined with waste timbers and staff.

Soon after the close of the Fair tramps, either by accident or design, set fire to some of the buildings and nearly all of the finest structures went up in smoke.

Of the Arkansas building, I could find no trace.

The Fine Arts, the old Convent, the German, and a few Japanese buildings are still standing. The last named are empty. The German building is used as a restaurant and the Convent as a hospital for sick children during the summer, and the Fine Arts building contains the remnants of the fair. Marshal Field, a merchant prince of Chicago, conceived the plan of perpetuating the Fair. He secured the Arts building with much of its contents, and from the other buildings he drew sufficient to fill that vast structure. In fact it is a miniature World's Fair and one may spend weeks in it with profit.

Anthropology and archaeology are emphasized in the present collection. The Indian exhibit is quite extensive. Every nationality has its exhibit here. Sculpture painting, and the liberal arts are represented. The animal and transportation exhibits are interesting. A free weekly lecture is given at the "Field Columbian museum" as the Arts building is now called by some specialist in archaeology or anthropology.



A queen is only a woman after all, and every woman is a queen if she be a perfect woman. The crown of womanhood is motherhood. There is no higher thing than this. There is no better thing than any woman can do than to be a mother of bright and happy children. That is the best and highest thing that anybody can do in this world. It cannot be achieved by a woman who isn't healthy, who suffers from any of the weaknesses or disorders peculiar to her sex. A false idea of modesty

which prevents the acquisition of knowledge, and the carelessness which prevents an application of knowledge are the most prolific causes of this kind of sickness. Thirty years ago, knowledge of the prevalence of such disorders induced Dr. R. V. Pierce, than as now, chief consulting physician of the Invalid's Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., to devote a great amount of time and study to the preparation of a remedy that would invigorate and strengthen the womanly organism—that would cure perfectly and positively all forms of female weakness—that would take the danger away from childbirth, and greatly lessen the pains of labor. This remedy is called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. That it accomplished the object for which it was intended is proven by its remarkable and continued success for 30 years. Women will gain much knowledge by reading Dr. Pierce's great thousand page "Common Sense Medical Adviser." A free copy will be sent on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mr. Field proposed to the city, that if it would reclaim from the lake a few acres of land bordering Lake Park, which is near the main park of the city, and construct a suitable building, he would move the exhibit to Lake Park, donate \$1,500,000 towards a permanent endowment fund, and give the exhibit to the city to be subject to the control of South Park commissioners. The city has accepted the proposition and in the course of time the exhibit will find permanent quarters in Lake Park, where it may be seen by all visitors free of charge. When this is done Jackson Park will resume its former state, but ever be renowned as the site of the wonderful Columbian Exposition.

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Rev. C. M. Keith, formerly of Little Rock Conference, but now of Texas, has located, and will labor as a "Wesleyan holiness evangelist." His postoffice will be Greenville, Tex.

An Echo From Oregon.

MR. EDITOR—A copy of your excellent paper came into my hands yesterday, the first I have seen for a long time; perhaps, the first I have seen at any time. I read it with pleasure, even looking over all the advertisements to see if I could find any familiar names. I saw only a few, and they mostly among the preachers. I have a right to feel an interest in the people and in the prosperity of the State along all its lines. I came to Arkansas in '57, a young man, just making my debut, and left there in December '74, after spending seventeen years of the very prime of life in her borders, laboring for her promotion and advancement. She was my pride while there, and her promotion was my highest ambition. She furnished me a companion in my joys and sorrows, in the person of one of her native daughters, and all my children claim Arkansas as the State of their nativity. I labored much of my time to promote her educational interests, and traveled over many of her hills and then lonely roads to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The perusal of your pages awakened in me a train of feelings and thoughts, and brought before me a vision of familiar faces and scenes and incidents that had slept undisturbed for many years. They rejuvenated me and refreshed in memory in my most impressive period of life, that I almost asked myself, Am I a young man, or an old man? Am I in Arkansas, or in Oregon? Often since I left that noble commonwealth have I visited it in my dreams, and "sighed for the friends who will meet me no more."

Many of my personal friends are still there. Not many of my ministerial brethren are now in the old Conference, but many of my old pupils are scattered through the State. Noble young men and young ladies they proved while under my charge. Hundreds of my companions in arms, with whom I marched through swamps and along highways for years, from North to South, from East to West, all over the State, to the sound of martial music. Upon all of them may the richest benediction of Heaven rest.

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There may be such schools; but if there are, we seem to be unable to recall the fact. The brother pertinently inquires, "Why do not our colleges advertise in the Advocate, and state whether or not there are saloons in the town?"—Western Christian Advocate.

We advise that they send their boys to Arkansas, as none of our college towns allow saloons.

Preachers' Aid Association.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 30, 1896. Assessment No. 10, balance on hand last report \$43, received since; nothing. Paid to Mrs. Peebles, Nov. 23, 1896, \$43.

Brethren:—It seems that by common consent the association is to give up its work and quit. No formal action has been taken and I am anxious to do whatever the brethren want done in this behalf. Now is the time to call for assessment No. 11, so as to resume advance payments; but I will not do so until directed by the president.

If the association closes its work now, the members may well congratulate themselves upon the great good they have accomplished in aiding the needy families of their deceased brethren.

Fraternally,
JOHN B. BOND,
Secretary.

Recently a foot ball game at Vanderbilt University ended in a general fight. The Nashville Banner says:

As a result of Saturday's disgraceful occurrence on Vanderbilt campus, Chancellor Kirkland severely censured the students this morning for the part they had taken in the affair. He said that he had postponed important affairs of the university in order to be with them and express his opinion and that of the faculty in regard to the unhappy occurrence. He briefly reviewed the past in which he pointed with pride to the fact that Vanderbilt students had always been known as true gentlemen, always ready to bear and forbear. He did not care who had been the aggressor, but he did know that Vanderbilt students had participated. He said that it would be his endeavor to hunt out all those who had taken an active part and punish them accordingly. Until this could be done no more games could be played on Vanderbilt campus.

He then read the resolutions of the faculty, which were of the same tenor as his speech.

This means that next Saturday's game will probably not come off as well as that one on Thanksgiving between Vanderbilt and Sewanee.

Further than this, football on Vanderbilt campus may forever be prohibited by the Board of Trust.

If the fight will cause the ugly game to be prohibited then we are glad it took place.

When any part of the body isn't doing the good work that nature intended it to do, it puts the whole system out of tune—out of harmony. Sickness in one part of the body is likely to run into all parts of the body. When children stand a row of bricks on end, they knock the whole row down by upsetting one brick. That is exactly what happens to the health when the bowels fail to perform their proper function. Constipation makes trouble along the line—puts the liver out of order, is bad for the kidneys—bad for the stomach. It holds in the body poisonous matter, and because it cannot go any place else, it gets into the blood. The blood carries it all over the system. That makes sluggishness, lassitude, bad breath and foul taste in the mouth, fills the stomach with gas and causes windy belching, stops digestion in the stomach, causes sour stomach, heartburn and headache. You can avoid all such trouble, for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and its attendant evils.

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The Thanksgiving Sermon

Preached by Bishop W. W. Duncan at the Arkansas Conference, Fayetteville, Ark., November 26, 1896.

After singing and prayer by Dr. David Morton, the Bishop read the 104th Psalm, with appropriate comments.

The choir and congregation sang hymn 729:

"God bless our native land,
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night."

The text was from the 100th Psalm:

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations."

I am afraid that we people who call ourselves Americans are the most ungrateful people in the world. I don't like to think that, and yet it seems true, and more to our reproach, plenty rather than poverty seems to be the ground of our ingratitude.

In comparison with other countries, we have abundance, surpassing any other land, whether it be the provision for body, mind or soul. As respects the appeal which the God of nature makes to us, I have not seen in Italy or amid the Alps sunset glories which surpass those that display their gorgeousness to our people from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There are blessings of God in the great mountains. There is a hardihood, a freedom of soul nurtured amid these that insure a nation's liberty. God has put us under such a heaven and upon such a land as are testimonies of His high purpose in our people. We thank God for the grand theater upon which he has ordained our national career.

Thank God for food and home and family; thank God for the supply of our daily need; but I thank God for this land, its grandeur and its beauty; and not only as a Christian, but as a patriot, I am glad to join in the thanksgiving of this day.

But we are an unthankful people. If we raise a half bale of cotton to the acre we complain because we don't raise a bale, and if we get 7 cents a pound for it we complain because we don't get 10 cents a pound; and when we spread our thanksgiving table if we have spare-ribs and back-bones we complain if we don't have turkey.

I have just been in Kansas. I never saw such plenty or heard such complaining. There are elegant homes and abundance of stock and grain and everything really needed. But the cry is money. What do they want with money? To buy more land, to go on excursions, to buy finer carriages. A man asked me why he could not get more than 16 cents a bushel for corn. I said because no body wants your corn. He said no it is the railroads. I told him the roads carried freight ten times further for the same price than we got it carried in wagons for

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But what do we do with the money we have? With all our complaining we have enough to waste a great deal.

We could support all our foreign missionaries in the foreign fields with the waste of our homes. The waste of food, the money that is wasted in personal luxury, would support all our missionaries.

I have not preached or written about smoking or chewing, nor will I write about them. I leave men to their will in this, but I do say that a man ought to give to God's cause more money than he spends for such things, and I say that a man who has money to spend for tobacco and who uses tobacco, has no right to complain. If he has money to spend this way he has no right to say that he has not money for necessary things.

We complain in the midst of plenty. Oh, we can't get as much money as we want; we can't make the capitalists spend their money just to please us; we can't make people vote to please us, and we abuse Cleveland and we abuse McKinley, and abuse Bryan, and abuse congress, and abuse our neighbors and abuse ourselves, while over us is this glorious heaven and about us this grand country.

I thank God this is not Cuba, nor Turkey, nor Armenia, nor China, nor Italy. Ever since the old campaign of "Tipacanoe and Tyler too," which I remember, when a boy, the fight has gone on, and the chief issue in all is that those who are in want to stay in, and those who are out want to get in. The country is going to ruin in every presidential campaign, according to these politicians. It's all humbug. If we would stop abusing the Republicans and the Democrats and the Populists and all the rest, and go to work to attend to our own business, and quit wasting our time trying to manage everything in creation but our own fields and orchards, we would get along.

Don't abuse your rulers. When you accuse your rulers and over-

throw the faith of our youth in the high officers of their own nation you have entailed upon the land an unspeakable evil.

I thank God for our land, and I thank God for our government. I thank God for the abundance of our orchards and fields. I thank God for our Christian homes, and for our beautiful and noble Christian women. I thank God for the hallowed graves of our dead, the little graves and the larger graves. I thank God for the revelation that the Father in heaven loves these more than we love them and has only called them to a better home to wait our coming.

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Memory is stirred, deeply stirred, this morning, November 23, 1896. Exactly at this hour, 9 a. m., on this identical spot in the old Presbyterian Church, forty-three years ago, the last session of the undivided Arkansas Conference assembled; Bishop J. O. Andrew presiding. Sixty-eight preachers were present, reinforced by a class of fifteen, of which the writer was one. Of this class only five survive, namely: Harleston R. Withers, John S. Mathis, John F. Carr, William J. Scott and myself. Carr and Mathis the only two that have been continuously effective. Of the eighty-three preachers receiving appointments at this Conference only thirteen are living that I know of. These preachers all came to this Conference by private conveyance, divers of these came from afar on horseback. They were received and most hospitably entertained by the citizens of this place, a community at that time, as noted for piety, intelligence, wealth and social refinement as any I have ever seen in all these years of travel over my native state.

Two incidents of this Conference made a very powerful impression upon my whole being.

Bishop Andrew's lecture to the class of deacons-elect. Since that day I have heard many of the best pulpit and platform speakers of our Church, but for genuine eloquence—rhetoric on fire—for real unctuous soul-melting power, I am sure I have never heard anything to equal it. The whole assembly was moved to deepest emotion.

The other was the Bishop's preface to announcing appointments. I remember distinctly he said, "Brethren, these appointments have been made with the best counsel at my command, made in the fear of God and as under His eye; if you think your appointment does not suit you, I entreat you to go to it and work until it does."

O, how my young heart beat as I listened to these words, and I felt only too glad for an opportunity to go anywhere for my Master. I don't think I have ever received an appointment since without recalling these words, and it is not a little comforting to me now that I always acted upon them.

Of the forty-three Conferences held since, by the good hand of my God upon me, I have been permitted to answer roll-call at all save two—1869-70.

"Glory and praise to Jesus give
For his redeeming grace."

Why the name of William P. Ratcliff does not appear in any of the published minutes, nor in the "History of Methodism in Arkansas," as secretary of our Conference is a study to me. My recollection is that he was secretary here, and I remember distinctly the remark he made when elected president of the Conference at Columbia Camp Ground 1864, "You have spoiled a good secretary to make a president." And Brother Hunter, in his tribute to the memory of Brother Ratcliff, says: "Brother Ratcliff was secretary, and continued to occupy that place as long as he lived, with few exceptions." Some of the old preachers would be glad to see this honored name where his'ory puts it.

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Literary Table.

Poe's Famous Poem.

One day when I was a child of 12 or 13 I stood tiptoeing in my uncle's office; my eye was caught by an engraving hung high over a lamp-bracket at one side of the chimney place. It was the portrait of a man's face, dark, sad, proud, irresistible almost in the attraction of its deep eyes and the suggestive curve of the weak though haughty mouth. Underneath the picture was written in a beautiful, firm, small, even hand: "To my friend, Cornelius Mathews, from his devoted friend, Edgar Allan Poe."

"Is that the man who wrote 'The Raven'?" I asked, breathless in my gaze at the weird, spiritual face, it seemed to me, flickering with suppressed life at that very moment, in the flare of the smoky little lamp below it.

My uncle nodded, laid down his pen, and wheeled his chair nearer to the fire.

"Do you want to know how 'The Raven' was written?" he asked me, as I drew a bit nearer to him and the blaze.

Of course I did; hungry for the eerie and the strange, I fairly shivered with delightful anticipation then over its first hearing, as I have many a time since when I have begged for its repetition at my uncle's lips. It is because I have heard it so often that I am able to put down so accurately the picturesque little history of at least one (if not the) inceptional phases of a poem that has run the gamut of the world and ensnared its every reader.

"It was in the winter of '44-'45," began my uncle, "a drizzling night full of chill and murk, and shifty with freaks of an east wind that shivered against the lamp posts and rattled the swinging signs all along Broadway. Broadway was not then what it is now, and on such a night years ago the warm flare of the gas at the entrance to the Park Theater, the old Park Theater down yonder on Park row, seemed very attractive to a young man still in his twenties and with a play of his own in his desk, into which he had put his best. I crossed over and went in. I found Edgar Poe in the seat beside mine; we shook hands; we had known each other for some years

by letter, and for some months face to face.

"He was one of the most courteous and attentive listeners I ever encountered, and, with a delicacy and interest unbounded, he inquired as to the play I was then so intent upon. It was 'Witchcraft,' and as briefly as I could I outlined the plot to him. As I came to the close of the fourth act, depicting the anguish and horror of my hero Gideon on being convinced that his mother is in truth a witch, beholding as he does the signs in the elements and in the sky, Poe, his gaze fixed before him, said in a low, melodious voice, 'Mr. Mathews, why do you not at this point have a raven—that bird of ill omen—flit across the stage over the witch's head? Do you know,' he went on, his eyes still immovably riveted on the glowing space before him, his voice so low that it could not disturb even his nearest neighbor, 'that that bird—that imp bird—pursues me mentally perpetually; I cannot rid myself of its presence; as I sit here I seem to hear the melancholy of its croak as I used to hear it in my boyish days at school in Stoke-Newington; I seem to hear the sodid flap of its wings in my ears. I wonder, Mr. Mathews,' he said, looking at me now squarely in the face, 'if Dickens has ever been haunted by the raven as I am; I wonder if his raven in Barnaby Rudge is his expression of the monotonous power the bird has had over his mind. What do you think?'"

"'Candidly,' I answered, 'from a long correspondence with Dickens I take him to be a man so little inclined to the introspective that his presentation of Barnaby's raven is likely to have been more for its effect than the result of a deep cause.'

"'I see,' Poe responded, 'that is precisely it. Some men sway trifles, foibles, or events to their own shaping, others—he shifted his gaze back to the space no doubt peopled by his fancies—are swayed and swung hither and fro by whispers heard only by themselves.'

"Half an hour later I came out, jumped into the omnibus, and away it went rattling over the wet cobblestones—oh, yes, nothing smoother in those old days—up through the mirth of Broadway. We had reached Bleecker street, when there, in the circle of a sickly yellow light, under the lamp post I beheld Edgar Poe standing, writing on the margin of a paper, apparently utterly oblivious of everything around him. I pulled the strap and dashed out, and yet even then something made me pause as I saw him—a something that shone, like the glitter of stars in a hot summer sky, in the depths of his gray eyes—a something that exuded from his white brows, where the dark curls, gemmed with the frozen rain-drops, sparkled in the meager light of the almost deserted thoroughfare; but for an instant, when common sense came to my aid, combined with common feeling for a man standing inviting disease in such weather as this.

"Poe! I cried, touching him

lightly on the shoulder, as I held the umbrella over his head.

"With a curious urbanity—a gentleness which yet spoke to me in other language and told me of his chagrin at being interrupted—he greeted me and thanked me, and said, answering my earnest queries as to why he had given me the slip and deprived me of the pleasure of his company at supper.

"'I thank you very much; I could not have eaten or drunk, or slept, or gone a step farther than this, or waited a moment longer than now.' (Poe then lived in Amity street, only a few blocks distant.) 'It is the Raven,' he went on, pushing his dark hair back from his forehead, and with his feet almost frozen in a puddle; with my umbrella beating now this way, now that, by the fierceness of the wind; with the rumble of a solitary cart emphasizing the solitude; with the creaking of a board sign at the corner—Poe said in a hushed, strained voice—a voice, where some pent-up, surging sorrow seemed slipping from his control:

"'Let me read you a stanza or two here, now, will you?'"

"He read on from the scrap of paper that he held as far as the words,

'Perched, and sat, and nothing more,'

when lack of mere physical strength, I believe, made him stop, and I came to a realizing sense of our surroundings and position.

"'It is cold,' he said, with a slight tremor, while he looked half inquiringly at me.

"The poem is superb, Mr. Poe,' I cried, 'but it is madness for us to stop out here in the street in the storm.' We walked along together, and all the while his lips were framing snatches of the poem destined to win him immortality; more often the fatal refrain coming to my ears of

"'Quoth the raven, 'Nevermore.'"

"We reached the steps of his residence, and then he turned and thanked me with the peculiar grace and charm of manner which, in my acquaintance with him, always distinguished Edgar Allan Poe. 'Be sure to finish this Raven poem,' I said.

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 6, 1896.

Solomon's Sin.

1 KINGS XI, 4-13. MEMORY VERSES, 9, 10.

Golden Text.—"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Cor. x. 12.)

Topical Outline.—I. Solomon's Sin and Fall. (Verses 4-8.) II. The Anger of the Lord. (Verses 9-13.)

Time.—About 992 B. C.

Place.—In and near Jerusalem.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Solomon's Sin, 1 Kings xi. 4-13.
God Angry with Solomon, xi. 9-14.
Abijah's Prophecy, xi. 29-39.
Ten Tribes Revolt, xii. 3-20.
Way of Transgressor, Prov. xiii. 13-15.
Danger Evil Company, Deut. vii. 1-11.
Misused Talents, Matt. xxv. 16-30.
Reference Word, "Sin."
Lesson Hymn, No. 368.

And now comes the record of the sad and shameful fall of king Solomon. God had set him on high, he had "trode the ways of glory and sounded all the depths and shoals of honor." No man that had ever lived had had a greater opportunity, few men ever made intrinsically less of a great opportunity. Who can say what the history of the world would have been if Solomon, with his far reaching connections, had used his place as he ought to have done?

Our lesson tells us that his heart was turned away through the influence of his wives. It was common for eastern monarchs to provide themselves a harem, with many wives. David had sixteen. Solomon seems to have determined to outshine them all in this respect also, so he had a thousand—three hundred wives and seven hundred concubines. His pride, his sensuality and his wealth were thus exhibited.

These wives were chosen from all sources, from Egypt, Arabia, Moab, Ammon, Tyre and Sidon—no telling from where. Wherever lust or policy dictated, a wife was taken. The honor of being Solomon's wife was enough to turn the heads of whole households of that day. The time came when these women wanted recognition for their ancestral religions—and then Solomon was into it sure enough, for what can a man do in a religious way if his one wife is against him? And if a man has a thousand! We speak seriously. One of the great problems of modern missions is how to deal with this question of polygamy and its consequent evils. A missionary in India may meet a man at the chapel and get him to think of Christ, but when he gets home that night and tells his six or seven wives what has happened, if they do not make it too warm for him, he will beat the average American man. Nor is there much hope of overturning these heathen systems till we reach these homes

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ARKANSAS METHODIST.

J. E. GODFREY, D. D., Editor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1896.

Arkansas Conference.

(Continued from 1st page.)

who have no religion at all, and we preach the theory of holiness, to people who are starving for spiritual food.

Don't be so busy writing sermons that you can't visit sick people. Be a pastor. Be faithful to your flock to minister to their souls rather than studying how you may win their praise and make them ministers to your vanity.

The above are the leading thoughts of Bishop Duncan's talk to the class expressed in such language as this scribe could command while the talk was made.

Education.

W. L. Moose read the report on education. Chancellor Kirkland had been before the committee. The commendation of Hendrix college and Galloway college was most earnest and hearty. We have already referred to both of these schools in our report from White River Conference. The report protested against the unfair methods of canvassing for colleges by agents sent to the State, representing schools abroad. Dr. Millar, president of Hendrix college, made an able presentation of the interest entrusted to his hands. G. W. Hill, the agent, followed with a presentation of the financial interests of the school. We surely will regard this call. A great interest, supreme in the development of our work in Arkansas trembles in the balance. Some of the preachers made generous pledges. The preachers have already given largely. If the members of the church throughout the State did as much, we should have a great institution at Conway.

Dr. Dye spoke of the Galloway Female college. This school has a fine patronage. The effort to bond the present indebtedness has made some progress. It is in the judgment of the trustees the wisest measure for relief. Dr. Dye set forth its need and its advantages. The report of the committee asked the assessment of \$500 in aid of Quitman college. It was adopted. It also endorsed the bond scheme for Galloway College.

A Faithful Preacher.

J. J. Douglass, sent last year to Rupert mission, had a year of peculiar trial. By the unfaithfulness of a local preacher who left our Church, leading off three or four of the charges much trouble was caused. Bro. Douglass stood to his work. He received \$42 estimated value in provisions; from the people he served, refused \$40 a month for other service, tried to sustain himself by cultivating five acres of cotton. On account of drought the five acres yielded only a little more than 500 pounds seed cotton. Bro. Douglass was absent, not able to attend the Conference. When the report was made the Bishop said "I have \$10 for that brother." A collection was taken from the Conference. Over \$50 was collected. Such commendation of the whole Arkansas Conference is of more value than money.

Personals.

Dr. Morton was present two days and spoke on Church Extension.

J. B. Stevenson was heartily welcomed in his return to his old Conference.

Moses Hill, returned missionary from China also spoke on missions on Friday evening.

Dr. Kirkland, chancellor of the Vanderbilt University, was at the Arkansas Conference one day.

Thursday evening. Miss. Campbell, returned missionary from China, spoke to the ladies on missions, at the Presbyterian church at 3, p. m., Saturday, and at the Methodist church Saturday evening.

Bishop Duncan is in fine health. The Conference was greatly pleased by his work in the chair, which gave due consideration to everything. His preaching and exhortation was highly appreciated; being strong and practical.

W. D. Matthews, former member of this Conference, now of the Southwest Missouri Conference paid us a visit at Fayetteville. J. P. Caldwell was among us. He was once a member of this Conference but transferred to the South-west Missouri. He is now superannuated.

Appointments of the Arkansas Conference.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—D. J. WEEMS, P. E.

Fort Smith, First Church—F. S. H. Johnson.
Fort Smith, Central—P. C. Fletcher.

Fort Smith circuit—J. H. O'Bryant, W. H. Corley, (Sup.)
Greenwood circuit—W. H. Dyer.
Hackett circuit—P. W. Campbell.
Mansfield circuit—B. W. Aston.
Huntington and Jenny Lind—P. Merrill.
Waldron circuit—J. B. Winsett.
Cauthron mission—R. F. Emerson.

Charleston circuit—J. M. McAnnally.
Booneville circuit—D. N. Weaver.
Paris and Roseville—J. S. Williams.
Sugar Grove mission—J. F. Etchison.
Park mission—C. A. Ferguson, (Sup.)
Caulksville circuit—W. H. Nance.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT—V. V. HARRIS, P. E.

Clarksville station—S. Anderson.
Clarksville circuit—J. N. Villines.
Lamar and Knoxville—W. P. Hamilton.
Ozone mission—C. L. Griffith.
Coal Hill circuit—D. D. Warlick.
Altus circuit—J. C. Weaver.
Ozark station—E. L. Massey.
Ozark circuit—J. S. Simmons.
Dyer circuit—M. N. Waldrup.
Alma circuit—J. W. Deshazo.
Van Buren circuit—J. B. Stevenson.
Van Buren City mission—S. L. C. Coward.
Chester mission—J. M. Clayton.
Hiram and Lydia College—I. L. Burrow president.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—S. S. KEY, P. E.

Dardanelle station—B. C. Matthews.
Russellville station—Wm. Sherman.
Atkins circuit—W. J. Stone.
Dover circuit—D. T. Tartar.
Dardanelle circuit—J. C. Shipp.
Prairie View circuit—W. H. Metheney.
Danville circuit—J. S. Whitson.
Rover circuit—J. W. Head.
Gravelley Hill—L. D. Ray.
Walnut Tree circuit—A. J. Culum.
London circuit—W. T. Thompson, (Sup.)
Student in Vanderbilt University—B. M. Burrow.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—P. B. SUMMERS, P. E.

Morrilton station—J. A. Anderson.
Plummerville circuit—J. N. Cantrell.
Conway station—R. M. Traylor, C. H. Gregory, sup.
Conway mission—To be supplied.
Mt. Vernon circuit—J. S. Hacker.
Quitman station—W. S. Bristow.
Quitman circuit—A. C. Ray.
Martinsville circuit—H. C. Jolly.
Morganton mission—J. E. Dunaway.
Clinton circuit—W. O. Davis.
Springfield circuit—Z. W. Lindley.

Cleveland mission—J. J. Douglass.
Perryville circuit—W. E. Sewell.
Aplin mission—Supplied by J. T. Gossett.
Ada circuit—Supplied by L. Revely.
Students to Hendrix College—C. H. Nelson, W. B. Hays and A. B. Halton.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Fayetteville station—H. Hanesworth.
Springdale station—T. A. Martin.
Rogers and Oakley's Chapel—Geo. McGlumphy, W. B. Johnsey, sup.
Bentonville station—S. F. Goddard.
Center Point—J. M. C. Hamilton.
Elm Springs circuit—Y. A. Gilmore.
Pea Ridge circuit—To be supplied.
Gravett mission—J. J. Holland.
Siloam Springs station—A. Marston.
Springtown circuit—J. H. Sturdy.
Cincinnati circuit—J. W. House.
Boonsboro circuit—W. H. Hatfield.
Prairie Grove circuit—I. F. Harris.
Farmington mission—J. H. Smith.
Winslow circuit—Supplied by J. E. Bryant.

EUREKA SPRINGS DISTRICT—P. B. HOPKINS, P. E.

Eureka Springs station—T. J. Reynolds.
Berryville circuit—W. D. White.
Green Forest circuit—D. C. Ross.
Carrolton circuit—H. A. Armstrong.
Hackler Grove—Supplied by J. H. Setzer.
Kings River mission—Supplied by T. E. Doran.
Kingston circuit—W. B. Hart.
Huntsville circuit—J. P. Humphreys.
Hindsville circuit—H. A. Matney.
Goshen circuit—J. R. Maxwell.
St. Paul mission—Supplied by W. P. Hammett.
War Eagle mission—Supplied by H. M. Conger.

HARRISON DISTRICT—O. H. TUCKER, P. E.

Harrison station—T. M. Jackson.
Yellville station—J. M. Williams.
Yellville circuit—G. B. Griffin.
Mountain Home station—J. A. Castel.
Mountain Home circuit—C. H. Culpepper.
Marshall mission—W. W. Noble.
Wiley's Cove circuit—D. H. Groover.
Lone Rock mission—Supplied by J. W. Wooten.
Lead Hill circuit—Supplied by J. H. Ruble.
Bellefonte circuit—W. K. Biggs.
Valley Springs—J. W. Griffin.
Omaha mission—Supplied by H. C. Morris.

Student in Quitman College—
L. A. Campbell.

Student in Hendrix College—F.
A. Taff.

J. T. Bagwell transferred to
North Carolina Conference.

Backsliding.

A brother reported a wholesale conversion of a community followed by a wholesale backsliding. A great tidal wave of emotion stirred up by a preacher, who studies the art of "srousement" as the chief gift of a successful ministry, is very far from a genuine revival. Folks who come into the Church because other people come in will go out because other people go out. Education and a high sense of duty are required to make the best type of Christian character. One needs to know what Christianity requires and to set himself to duty with high purpose and faith in God. We must teach and organize if our work is made permanent.

Debt.

There is nothing which destroys a man's reputation and influence like debt. The transactions which he has with his fellows, involving money obligations, are sure to be regarded as the best single test of his character. His failure to meet these obligations proves him a man not to be trusted, and one who, by false pledges, inflicts injury upon others, wronging and defrauding them. There is a silent boycott of such a man. Business turns away from him without his suspecting why. Money is not intrusted to him, and it is felt that the man who is unreliable in the matter of debt is not to be trusted anywhere. Yet many good-meaning men drift into this snare. Lack of self-control is the cause. Carelessness in calculating, carelessness in promising, carelessness in doing. It is the man of exact calculation and prompt action, and high regard for the rights of others, who succeeds in his affairs.

The general rules of our Church contain no caution more important than that against "taking up goods without a probability of paying for the same." The disregard of this rule is a far more serious matter than many things against which the pulpit levels its rebukes. If this rule were enforced in the Church a great flutter would certainly be made. But it is of the weightier matters of the law. It ought to have a prominent place in all our teaching of practical Christianity. Viewing the matter from a worldly standpoint, it is a funda-

mental principle in business success, and by careful regard of it many a man who is now poor and hopelessly bound in the fetters of debt would have been free and prosperous.

Rev. M. B. Hill Stricken With Paralysis.

RUSSELLVILLE, Nov. 20.—Rev. M. B. Hill, formerly missionary to China, was stricken with paralysis while delivering a sermon at the M. E. Church, South, yesterday morning at 11:30. The Church was crowded with anxious hearers and when the sermon was about half through, the minister reeled and fell backwards in the pulpit chair. Excitement ran high in the audience. Dr. C. H. Cragile, a particular friend, was present, and with others, attended to the afflicted minister, who is still alive. On Monday Brother Hill was better.

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Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

The annual convention of the District of Columbia Sunday School Union was held this week, at First Congregational Church, and the reports submitted show that progress has been made during the past year, the total number of schools represented in the convention being 150 with an enrollment of 32,467, a gain of three schools and 2,085 scholars over last year. The M. E. Church leads in membership, the Presbyterians second, the Baptists third and the Episcopalians a close fourth. Next comes the Lutherans, and following them in the order named are the Congregationalists, the Southern Methodists, the Christians, the Methodist Protestant, the Reformed Church, the Independent Methodists, the united Brethren, and 9 undenominational schools with 1,328 scholars. A comparison of the enrollment with the population of the District of Columbia shows that there is room for plenty of hard work on the part of those interested, as only 18 per cent. of the population is enrolled in the Sunday schools, including the 94 colored schools with an enrollment of 15,000 and the Roman Catholic schools with an enrollment of 4,250, which make the total Sunday-school enrollment of the District in round numbers 52,000. A police census taken last year gives the total population as 285,000. Among the out of town speakers at the convention were Mr. William Reynolds, international field superintendent, Rev. Dr. D. J. Burrell, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, of New York city, and Rev. Dr. A. F. Schauffer, superintendent of the New York city Missionary Society. Dr. Burrell was very emphatic in asserting his belief that no unconverted person should be allowed to teach

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a Sunday-school class.

The World's Temperance Sunday was observed in a number of Washington churches by appropriate services, and promises to become an event of importance each year in the fight against the liquor evil in which the churches are taking a large part each year. In view of the meeting of the American Anti-Saloon League in National convention in this city on the 8th of December, the following definition of what the league is, given by Mr. A. N. Canfield, vice-president of the loyal league, at the meeting held in the First Presbyterian Church, is timely, although to many of your readers it may not be new: "The Anti-Saloon League is not a temperance society, but is a society of delegates from associations that are active in temperance work. The Anti-Saloon League takes no pledge and gives none. In this city there are many organizations doing a grand work, and the Anti-Saloon League was created to utilize the united action of all these. The saloon must go. We mean by that, all licensed places, and to attain that end the eighty organizations and churches in the league will make a united effort." This definition applies also to the American Anti-Saloon League, which is merely an enlargement of the local organization for the purpose of increasing its strength and influence, and its members hope that the time is not distant when no village will be without an Anti-Saloon League, unless it be so fortunate as to have no saloon. Col. Vinal made a statement at one of these meetings which has astonished many of our people who do not realize the enormous nature of the beer traffic in this city, outside of the saloons. He said: "The amount of beer that is consumed in this city is astonishing, and may be imagined when statistics show that 80,000 barrels of beer were used last year in private homes, and yet 800

licensed saloons were maintained."

At another meeting Mr. Millen said: "The best temperance work is that of prevention and not that of cure. To combat the evils begin at home, at church, at social gatherings, and have no sympathy with the idea that 'it is not the use, but the abuse' of liquor that makes drunkards. The drink habit is an extensive one. In this country it cost last year \$1 per capita for education and \$9 per capita for rum. In dealing with this question remember the greatest enemy to the home is the saloon."

Washington temperance people will be very glad if President-elect McKinley shall banish wine from the White House during his term, as Miss Frances Willard told the recent W. C. T. U. convention that she had been reliably informed he would, but some of them fear that Miss Willard was misinformed as Mr. McKinley when a member of Congress, although known as a temperance man, was not, according to those who claim to know, a total abstainer. Of course he may have since become such. Let us hope so, anyway.

Miss Clara Barton's report of her work among the Armenians is complete and a synopsis of it has already been published. The report goes into details intended more for the members of the Red Cross Society and those who contributed the money to send the relief than for the general public, but is all highly interesting to humanitarians.

The secretary of the American Anti-Saloon League has been notified by 242 delegates of their intention to attend the coming National convention, and he thinks the number present will be considerable more. It is probable that the convention will recommend some Congressional legislation against the saloon, but just what its nature will be cannot be stated at this time.

Christian Life.

Through the Valley of the Shadow.

A child lay dying; but still her brow
was clear.
Sad faces drooped around; but on her
own
No shadow darkened. Was the end
unknown
To her young heart? And, struck with
sudden fear
Lest death should take her by surprise,
"My dear,"
Her mother whispered, "thou wilt
soon be gone;
But, oh! my lamb will not be left
alone;
Thou art in death's dark vale; but He
is near."

The child looked wondering in her
mother's face.
"I am in no dark vale," she said and
smiled.
"I see the light; it is not dark at all!"
Love, Thou didst light death's valley
for that child;
And to the childlike soul that trusts thy
grace
Thus wilt Thou come when death's dark
shadows fall.
—Chambers' Journal.

Rev. George Muller.

"Rev. George Muller, the distinguished head of the celebrated Bristol Orphanages, is now in his ninety-first year, 'with eye undimmed and natural force unabated.' He recently gave an address before a vast audience in Bristol, concerning which Dr. Pier-son says: 'I can deliberately say that, for simple, unpretending eloquence—the eloquence of experience extending through seventy years of daily walk with God—that address far surpassed any other I have ever heard, as also for awe-inspiring and faith-incentive power.' The sum of Mr. Muller's works is certainly very vast, in moral and spiritual result, probably greater than that of any other living man. He has received, 'in answer to prayer, without in a single case, directly or indirectly, asking any man for a single penny,' the enormous sum of \$6,974,000, all of which, except for the barest personal necessities, he has wisely expended in the various forms of his work. He has assisted more than 150 missionaries to enter the foreign field, sixty of whom have been sent from the Church that he has gathered, and to which he has long ministered. On his tours of inspection and preaching, he has visited forty-two different countries, having traveled in all over 200,000 miles. He has established schools in various countries that accommodate as many as 123,000 pupils, and through these schools many thousands have been converted to God. He has distributed 275,000 Bibles, 1,426,500 New Testaments, 218,000 portions of the Bible, and 21,000 copies of the Psalms. He has sent forth 106,800,000 books, pamphlets and tracts. For the orphan work there have been built, equipped and sustained five massive buildings, accommodating 1,050 orphans and

112 teachers and helpers. One hundred and thirty thousand dollars is expended yearly for the support of the orphans. 'This colossal work, the like of which no man in our generation has ever wrought, is all to be traced to believing prayer.' Let us be grateful that this valiant saint, 'erect, strong, child-like in manner, Saxon in simplicity, mighty in faith and humble in spirit,' still lives to witness to the faithfulness of the prayer-hearing God."

The above, from the Missionary Review, calls our attention to one of the most remarkable men of the Christian Church. George Muller is a German, and was educated for the Lutheran ministry, but obtaining an experience of real conversion, he first purposed to give himself to the work of a missionary among the Jews. For this purpose he went up to London and offered his services to a Missionary Society. The society first required him to prove his devotion by laboring among the poor of the city. Mr. Muller's success in this work was so great that he recalled his purpose of going abroad, and finding a Church in Bristol, unoccupied because it was too poor to pay a preacher, he took charge of it without any provision for support, and so began that life of trust which has had so wonderful a history.

It has been the privilege of the editor of this paper to entertain Mr. Muller, and to have him preach a series of sermons in his pulpit of First M. E. Church, South, St. Louis. We have studied his life with great profit. If you would have the very best instruction in regard to Christian life read "Muller's Life of Trust."

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Christian Old Age.

Old age ought to be the most beautiful period of a good life. Yet not always is it so. There are elements in the experience of old age which make it hard to keep the inner life in a state of renewal. The bodily powers are decaying. The senses are growing dull. It is lonely. There is in memory a record of empty cribs and vacant chairs, of sacred mounds in the cemetery. The work of life has dropped from the hands. It is not easy to keep the joy living in the heart in such experiences. Yet that is the problem of true Christian living. While the outward man decays, the inward man should be renewed day by day. This is possible, too, as many Christian old people have proved. Keeping near the heart of Christ is again, as always, the secret. Faith gives a new meaning to life. It is seen no more in its relation to earth and what is gone, but in its relation to immortality and what is to come. The Christian old man's best days are not behind him, but always before him. He is walking, not toward the end, but toward the beginning.—Northwestern.

Holiness is an Experience and a Life.

The great need of the Church today is that holiness should be preached as an experience. There has been too great a tendency in the preaching and writing of the present day to attempt a definition of theories and processes. It is no wonder that often these theories are pure assumptions, and that those who espouse them defend them by a false psychology and per-versions of Scripture. It is well that some of our clearest thinkers have undertaken to correct these errors; but there is a great danger that the discussions will degenerate into a war of words, and that the one part will only strive to expose the errors of those who preach entire sanctification as a distinct work of grace, while the other part will spend their time and energies denouncing as heretics those who cannot see as they do, and both parties will neglect the work to which they were called, "to spread scriptural holiness over these lands." The poor sheep will starve while the shepherds are quarrelling about the processes of nutrition.

Is there not a better way? We are sure there is. Here is a multitude of souls hungering for a fuller knowledge of God; they would be glad to know that the Lord has made provision for their needs. Yet when we come to them with dogmas which their honest convictions declare are not in harmony with reason or revelation; when we assert that holiness means just this or that which nine-tenths of those who profess it belie in their actions, is it any wonder they turn from us in disgust and despair? But if, instead, we tell them of the boundless love of God, the riches of his grace, the power of his salvation, and that God has prepared something just suited to their needs, and urge them to trust him with all their hearts, and believe his promise true, they will gladly open their

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The tobacco taste is hereditary, the children of tobacco-using parents nearly all use the weed.

The use of tobacco will make the user nervous; and when it is mentioned to them they get impatient, and claim the right of personal liberty.

A few days ago a young man, aged 17 years, employed as a clerk in the office of Justice of the Peace George F. Seymour, of Hoboken, N. J., died very suddenly of heart disease, believed to have been brought on by excessive cigarette smoking.

Alfred Scott died September 30, at Mount Clemens, Mich., in consequence of the excessive use of cigarettes. He knew what was the cause of his death, and solemnly warned all his brothers to leave coffin nails alone. He was 27 years old and smoked incessantly.—Christian Guardian.

Boys and Girls in Yorkshire.

In England technical schools have been established in many of the great manufacturing towns. Some of these are supported directly from the town treasury, and others are maintained by subscriptions and regular payments from wealthy merchants. The object of these schools is to train the eyes and hands of workmen, and to impart a higher value to their labor in local industries.

A visitor at one of these schools in the woolen district of Yorkshire asked the superintendent whether working girls ever applied for admission to the classes. "No," was the reply. "The classes are open to them—at least those in weaving, designing and art-work, but the girls never seem to have any ambition in their work. They learn the mechanical work of spinning and weaving at the mills, but it never seems to enter their heads that there are higher kinds of trained labor, for which they may easily fit themselves if they choose to do so. Season after season passes without an application from a woman for attendance upon the art classes, day or night."

There were about 1400 young men in the various departments of that technical school, and they were destined by virtue of their technical training to obtain higher wages, and to fill responsible positions in the factories of the district.

Many experts in the manufacturing town were emphatic in declaring that the recent improvement in trade was largely due to the superiority of the trained labor, which enabled the factories to compete successfully with German and French industries. But in this honorable strife for the control of the world's markets the men alone seemed to be concerned. Young women lacked both the energy and

the ambition required for raising the standard of their work. Another remark of the superintendent was significant:

"The rich manufacturers send their sons to the school to learn all the mechanical and artistic processes. The sons of operatives also attend the classes. Prizes are offered for the best work in designing and other departments. The rich men's sons never win them. The poor operatives always carry off the honors."

"How do you account for it?"

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The Influence of Ideals on Character.

Chapter III.

BY H. B. SMITH.

Two questions naturally arise in this topic, viz:

- I. What is the Ideal—Character?
- II. What is the ideal—Ideal?

Various opinions prevail as to the chief good of man. Some assert, as the stoics of old, that the maintenance of the stoical indifference toward all the weal and woe of humanity is the very height of perfection, and the nearer you approach that state, your character is relatively perfect. Others maintain that the indulgence of the appetites and passions is the greatest boon of humanity and their ideal is: "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die." Again some profess to believe, that the enjoyment and happiness of one's self is all that can be desired; hence they bestow abundant labors on themselves.

The Pharisee is still among us. Standing on the street corners making long prayers, enlarging the borders of their garments; "Verily they have their reward."

Doing good to others, without any reference to God is claimed by some to be all that man is capable of—an exhaustion of all his endowment.

Others have the hardihood to say that to love God with all the heart, and your neighbor as yourself, is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, taught this. Let us view these different standards of perfection, and we can easily discern the ideal character.

The key is this: "Every man bends his energies to be like his ideal, and he becomes like it." Thus we have a kind of a bigot.

The stoic, the Epicurean, the selfish man, the Pharisee, the moralist, all come short of fulfilling the divine law. But let God be the supreme object of love, and not only doth a righteous life issue but your love, compassion and sympathy doth all mankind embrace.

If we admit this to be the ideal character, our second question is

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already answered; the ideal ideal is Christ.

We see then, that a great deal depends on our ideal of perfection. As surely as the sun gives light, so sure will our character resemble our ideals. This brings to view prominently one characteristic of the human race—imitation. Nothing absolutely original in man, is but one truth teaching us the same idea. Christ declared the same fact in saying, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your heavenly Father."

One great barrier to rapid advancement of the human family is self-satisfaction. Our attainments are ever commensurate with our aspirations. To instance:—The musician of rural district sometimes imagines himself a genius. But could he but hear a few melodies by such masters of music as Handel or Beethoven, his delusions would be dispelled, and his insignificance brought to light.

So in the intellectual life. Contact with a ripe scholar makes meagre attainments fade away, if bigotry has not entirely warped the soul. This holds good in the religious world. Paul asked his Ephesian brethren once if they had received the Holy Ghost. The response was, that they had not even heard of Him. Christians live beneath their privilege oft-times, because they have no proper conception of the Christ. They need enlightenment.

If Christ be not our ideal, bigotry and fanaticism in their rankest form will be the consequence of our ideal, which is amply confirmed by the history of the races. Beginning with the persecution of the twelve despised Galileans down to the present suffering of the Armenians, embracing the fiery ordeals of Reformers, Huguenots, Puritans, etc., the venom of men has vented itself on innocency, because the ideal of the first mentioned was imperfect.

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Our Church at Home.

CLOVER BEND.

The Lord gave us a glorious revival at Clover Bend, beginning first Sunday in November and continuing every night until the third Sunday. Those who have lived there many years say that it was the best meeting for ten or fifteen years. I received twenty into the Church, baptized seventeen, and there were several conversions and reclamations after I closed. To God be all the glory. In Jesus' name I am claiming the greatest year of my life, beginning Sunday at Jacksonport. May the Lord abundantly bless you and the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Yours in Jesus,

L. C. CRAIG,

SULPHUR ROCK CIRCUIT.

We write a brief notice of this circuit (Sulphur Rock,) in the closing of the Conference year. Barring the affliction of my wife the year has been spent pleasantly; while there has been no general revival there has been improvement. Miss Minnie Mack, Mrs. Sarah Walden and Miss Maud Farish, deserve especial mention for their zeal and good works; the two former for their aid in raising the collections. Sister Walden collecting \$17.05, and Miss Mack, \$16.50, thus enabling the pastor to make a much better report than he could have done under the existing circumstances. And the assessment of preacher's salary being only a little over half paid Miss Maud Farish of Morefield voluntarily turned out and raised \$12.50, to defray her preacher's expenses to Conference; these with many others will be held in lasting remembrance by the preacher and his wife when transferred to another field our prayers will still abide with these people.

F. M. SMITH.

Sulphur Rock, Nov. 22.

As I haven't seen anything mentioned in the METHODIST concerning this charge (Watter creek) I am as much interested as anybody although I am only a woman. We have a great deal to be thankful for. This time last year we had no house to worship God in only as we could get a school house, now we have a new house that will be nice and comfortable when we get it furnished, we have gone as far towards completing as we can go and sorry we cannot go any farther. We intend to ask the Board of Church extension for help praying that we may get it, for unless we get the house ceiled and a stove in we can't worship in it in cold weather and we will lose so much time to be idle all winter, time is so precious we have no time to lose. Some poor soul may be gone by spring that we might help to bring home; we have 50 members at Watter Creek a great majority of them women and children; we only have five men that will pray in public; we haven't paid our assessments (that was 50 dollars) I believe we could and would have paid up if we had not had to build a house; we have not had an infant

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

baptised at—alter Creek in 8 or 9 years; now why is it this command is dying out at this place.

I ask every reader of the dear old ARKANSAS METHODIST to pray for us that we may have such a revival of religion at Watter Creek that it will not grow cold but just keep kindling and catching.

A MEMBER.

Guernsey, Ark., Nov. 21, 1896.

WASHINGTON CIRCUIT.

DEAR METHODIST:—The closing year elicits some reflections. The people of this work have ministered to us in unbroken kindness. This is my first work in the pastorate, and I have had the rare fortune to be supported by the vigorous and wholesome counsel and fatherly oversight of a veteran itinerant, Rev. J. H. Gold, supernumerary.

His name suggests his worth, and he is full carat.

Special services resulted in about twenty conversions, and twelve or fourteen accessions. Our work has been on the plan of intensive cultivation and we believe there is a visible widening of the gap between those who hold church membership as a charm to cheat the devil out of his dues, and those who are working out their salvation from honest conviction.

Our Epworth League is developing into an arm of power. A Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society was organized in April with seven members. They have raised and expended \$65 on local and connectional work. A Woman's Missionary Society composed of the same members has done good work. Both these societies are centers of spiritual power. The Juvenile Missionary Society has made a good record for its age and members. Sister C. E. Ratcliff, their lady manager, is an enthusiastic earnest worker for Jesus. We will go to Conference clothed with the special liberality of the ladies of the Ozan congregation; we are working and

praying for full reports.

C. J. GREENE.

Washington, Ark., Nov. 23, 1896.

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A Tennessee School Teacher Abroad.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 27.

To the Editor of The METHODIST:

Of late there has been a Tennessee school teacher visiting Arkansas. He is said by those who know him well, to be a very good teacher; certainly, he talks well and makes a favorable impression upon strangers. He is the victim, however, of a singular hallucination, and will bear watching on that point. He makes some pretension to being a cook, particularly a "chaffing dish" cook, whereof I would warn unsuspecting people to beware!

It occurred that the gentleman (his name is Kirkland) was being entertained by Hon. W. C. Ratcliffe, of this city, by whose invitation the undersigned, with two other gentlemen, met the tall Tennessean.

During the evening, about 11 o'clock, every current topic having been exhausted—except free coinage of silver, which no set of men can exhaust—the charming hostess invited the company to a "little lunch"! It was a noble lunch truly, and royally served by the host and hostess. Had we been satisfied with "what was before us," all would have been well. In an evil moment, however, the chaffing dish and its possibilities came up for the subject of table talk. It ended by the Tennessee teacher being induced (?) to cook a dish for our delectation and in our presence. He arose in his might and height, called for milk, eggs, cheese, mustard, vinegar, salt, pepper, perhaps sugar, et

al mixed, mashed and stirred. Finally he served each person a liberal quantity "on crackers," and we ate it! That is, this innocent victim did. Every one was filled with wonder at the grace and skill of the Tennessee school teacher, and the writer was sick for four days thereafter. The dish was labeled "Welch Rare-bit," but, barring the mustard, etc., it was wonderfully like the stewed cheese of my mother's art.

It is now believed that a chair devoted to the culinary art is to be established at Vanderbilt in the theological department, and this teacher was practising on the digestive apparatus of Arkansas Methodists.

Mr. Editor, again I say, beware! Faithfully yours,

JOHN B. BOND.

Dr. Jno. B. Bond, Little Rock, Ark. Dear sir and Brother—I am in receipt of your letter containing check for \$43, amount due me from Preachers Aid Association, for which please accept my sincere thanks. You will permit me here to offer you assurance of gratitude for your personal kindness in the interest which you have so unselfishly taken, in behalf of the families of the preachers who have finished their labors and gone to their reward. He who fails not to bless the cup of cold water given to a disciple in His name will abundantly bless you in your labors of love for ministers. In bonds of Christian friendship. Sincerely,

MARY S. PEEBLES.

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Missions.

Foreign Missions.

ISAIAH III. 7-15.

Miss Laura Haygood writes from Shanghai, China:

"It has been a great joy to me in returning to China, to find many evidences of growth during my two years of absence, in the schools, it is marked by the broader outlook upon life, a truer apprehension of duty, a better realization of service.

We have said good-by with very sad hearts to three families of our fellow workers. In July Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Goddard under the imperative advice of Mrs. Goddard's physician, left us for the home land; wherever God may lead them, we feel that they will still be fellow-workers for China. In August Rev. C. F. Reid left with his family to open the new mission of our Church in Korea, also August 15, sorrowful good-byes were spoken to Rev. M. B. Hill and wife [our own "Emma Keer"] who were leaving for America. A sore stroke of paralysis had fallen upon our brother. May God's healing hand rest upon him and his comforting grace upon both.—Missionary Advocate.

We are thankful to note the safe arrival of Bro. Hill, and that he has in a measure recovered from the serious paralytic stroke received in Shanghai. Let us remember him in our prayers.

"Li Hung Chang," China's great statesman is said to be the most distinguished general China has produced during this century. His attitude towards Christianity is a vital question; since the conclusion of the war, he has expunged from the Chinese code all restrictions on the propagation of the Christian religion. In response to a note of sympathy sent him by Japanese disciples after the attempt on his life at Tokio, he said:

"Say to the American nation from me, to send more missionaries for the schools and hospitals, and I hope to be in a position both to aid and protect them." "Earl Li" says he received his first clear knowledge of western affairs from Dr. Martin, formerly a missionary in China, and who was for forty years president of the Imperial University at Peking.

Bishop Thoburn recently provoked criticism by saying that there are probably 1,500,000 members in the M. E. Church that give nothing for the cause of Missions. It has been estimated that White River Conference paid 7 cents per member for this cause.

For 18 years the Woman's Board through its Conference and auxiliary societies has been trying to persuade the women of our Church to reach for and attain to the highest ideal of noble Christian womanhood obtainable only by those who lay their all upon the altar of Christ a living sacrifice. What success have we had? In the year 1895 our contributions amounted to less than one cent a week. We are approaching the end of another year. What shall its record be? Let us answer this question upon our knees, in the

presence of Him to whom our souls are laid bare and to whom we owe sovereign obedience.

Mr. Moody and the Chicago brethren issued a call for a day of fasting and prayer October 8th and God was implored to lead this nation safely through all the perils that threaten us, and establish among us righteousness and honor. Dear sisters of Southern Methodism this is the week set apart by the executive of our Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, for prayer and thanksgiving, and we women of this beautiful Southland have a wider and more comprehensive prayer to make than our Chicago brethren, while we with grateful hearts do praise our Father for mercies unnumbered here in our homeland, for the showers of blessings he has bestowed with unstinted hand, for the gracious influence of his Holy Spirit within and about us. We shall pray for the spread of the missionary spirit throughout our land, that every woman of the M. E. Church, South, become conscious of her neglected opportunities, may realize her privileges, awaken to her responsibilities.

In order to carry on the work we have undertaken in foreign lands, there must be a grand forward movement in all our Conference and auxiliary societies at home. Our work here is the fountain of the life giving current which flows through the channel of the Woman's Board in the arid desert of other lands, causing the light and joy of God's love to spring up and bloom in the hearts of women and children who might otherwise dwell in the darkness and desolation of heathenism forever.

Psalms ii. 8. "God has said to his son, ask of me, and I will give the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." And our dear Saviour, who died for all, is asking through his believing children, and shall we who owe so much to Jesus, fail to obey His commands to help Him save others for whom his heart is yearning? Ah no! we will pray, we must work, we shall give for our Saviour's sake.

The missionaries whom we help to support are our substitutes, and the Christian's most potent weapon is prayer, then let us hold them up close to the throne of grace by our earnest prayers.

The "Woman's Bible" not endorsed by the W. C. T. U., we women of the F. M., societies make obeisance to our sisters of W. C. T. U. The "divine word" of our Lord is enshrined within our hearts and we have no use for a "Woman's Bible." L. H.

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Our Last Quarter.

With December 1st the auxiliaries to the W. P. & H. M. Society enter upon the last quarter of our fiscal year, and this is a time for sober thought and extra exertion with our workers.

We have done well in the past nine months, and we have every reason to feel encouraged. But might not some of us have done a little better? Suppose we see how much we can accomplish in the three months left to us. Not just to have a fine report when our year ends with February but to try to redeem the time and opportunities we have lost, and to show our faith by our works.

Just here let me remind the corresponding secretaries and treasurers of our auxiliaries that the by-laws of the W. P. & H. M. Society require them to send quarterly reports to the treasurer and Cor. Secretary of the Conference society by the first day of March, June, September and December so that a full report can be sent to the Gen. Treasurer and Gen. Secretary, at the proper time.

I am sure that not one of us wishes to hinder another so let us get these dates firmly fixed in our minds.

The Conference Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary are the willing servants of the auxiliaries, but they are ambitious for the women of the Little Rock Conference to have full credit for all their work in every quarterly report sent from Nashville and read throughout Southern Methodism.

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It strengthens every one of us to know what is being done, and the world sees that our labor is not in vain.

Sisters, if we only do our work in the right spirit we need not fear all the critics in Christendom. At the last day we and also the critics shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body.

The convention of the W. P. & H. M. Society held here in November did us good. It was, indeed gratifying to see eleven of our nineteen home auxiliaries represented here, and we gained knowledge and inspiration from those consecrated women from afar.

We were not only impressed anew with the necessity for the work undertaken by this society, but we learned the value of each auxiliary in the great work already accomplished and in the great work to be done.

We much regretted that every auxiliary was not represented, and more of our pastors could not be here. Friends who came to look on were captured, and some of them promised to help build up the society in our Conference.

We were pleased too, to hear that pastors who could not attend and had no such organization tried to send representative women from their Churches.

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December: 12, 13, 1896; Mammoth Spring and Williford; Portia circuit at Portia, 19, 20; Imboden circuit at Imboden, 26, 27.

January: 2, 3, 1897; Walnut Ridge and Pocahontas at Walnut Ridge; Black Rock circuit at Powhatan, 9, 10; Alicia circuit at Alicia, 16, 17; Jacksonport mission at Jacksonport, 23, 24; Newport station, 24, 25; Tuckerman circuit at Centerville, 30, 31.

February: 6, 7; Corning circuit at Corning; Reyno circuit at Richwoods, 13, 14; Siloam circuit at Salem, 20, 21; Pocahontas circuit at Oak Grove, 27, 28.

March: 6, 7; Sedgwick mission at Sedgwick; Walnut Hill mission at Ravenden Springs, 13, 14. The district stewards meeting will be held at Walnut Ridge, Ark., on Friday January 1st 1897, at two o'clock p. m. A full attendance of the district stewards is very much desired.

SEARCY DISTRICT—First round, Henry T. Gregory, P. E.

December: 5-6; Argenta station; Augusta station, 12-13; Auvergne and Weldon, 16-20; Searcy station, 26-27.

January: 2-3; West Searcy Circuit; Union and Revell, 16-17; Jacksonville Circuit, 23-24; Ward mission at Ward, 26; Beebe circuit, 30-31.

February: 6-7; Stony Point circuit; El Paso, circuit 13-14; Mineral circuit, 20-21.

March: 6-7; Mt. Pisgah; Bald Knod, 13-14. District stewards meeting at Beebe, Thursday, Jan. 7th 1894, at 2 o'clock p. m.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—First Round, J. S. Brooke, P. E.

December: Ash Flat at Pleasant Hill, 5, 6; Calamine at Cross Roads, 10; Oil Trough at Aydlottes, 12, 13; Sulphur Rock at Sulphur Rock, 15; Cushman at Pleasant Valley, 19, 20; Central Avenue, 25, 27; Batesville Station, 27, 28.

January: Jamestown at Jamestown, 2, 3; Cedar Grove at Cedar Grove, 5; Richwoods Mission at Richwoods, 7; Mountain View at Mountain View, 9, 10; Melbourne at Melbourne, 12; Iuka at Hall's Chapel, 14; LaCrosse at Hill's Chapel, 16, 17; Indian Camp at Bethel, 23, 24; Salem at Pleasant Valley, 27; Viola at Viola, 30, 31.

February: Newburg at Pleasant Grove, 2; Evening Shade at Evening Shade, 6, 7.

Dear Brethren—Let neither Laymen nor ministers murmur about their meetings being in the week. It is a necessity. Those that are in the middle of the week this round will get Sunday next. The hours for preaching service in the week will be 11 o'clock, Conference afterwards. The district stewards will please meet me at Barren Fork, December 18, at 9:30 a. m.

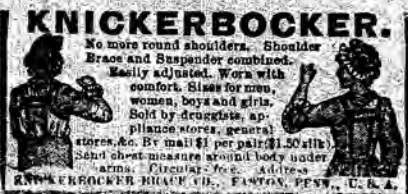
Married.

WILSON-PHELPS—At high noon in Walnut Ridge, Ark., November 11, 1896, Mr. J. Edgar Wilson to Miss Claudia Blanche Phelps. Rev. A. M. R. Branson, the officiating minister.

MITCHELL-SMITH—November 22, 1896, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. J. Mitchell and Miss Sally Smith. All of Congo, Ark., Geo. W. Logan officiating.

LESTER-GOLD—November 18, 1896, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. J. H. Gold, of Little Rock Conference, by Rev. C. J. Greene, Mr. Theo. Lester, of Red Rock, Ariz., and Miss Virginia Gold, of Washington, Ark.

McFARLAN-SHEARER—At the Methodist church at Sheridan, on October 25, in the presence of a large congregation, Mr. Oliver McFarlan and Miss Mattie Shearer were united in the holy bonds of



matrimony. Rev. R. A. Crosby officiating.

HARPER-REEVES—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. James Reeves, of Cherry Grove, Miss Mary Reeves and Mr. P. E. Harper were quietly married in the presence of many friends. Rev. R. A. Crosby officiating.

LOGAN-REESE—On November 25, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. James Reese, of Sheridan, Ark., Mr. James Logan and Miss Eva Reese were quietly married in the presence of several friends. Rev. R. A. Crosby officiating.

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F. R. OANFIELD.
Buena Vista, November 20, 1896.

ELLIS—Mina Susan, daughter of E. B. and S. E. Ellis, was born September 28, 1873, and died November 20, 1896. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, some years since, and has lived a consistent Christian life, especially during her last illness, which was consumption. During all her sufferings her confidence was in God, and she bore all her pains and aches without murmuring. She was ready for the Master's summons. She leaves one sister and four brothers to mourn her loss. Brothers and sisters, be faithful and you shall meet sister in the bright beyond, where partings will be no more.

F. R. OANFIELD.
Buena Vista, November 21, 1896.

WILSON—Lois Wilson, infant daughter of Robert J. and Mamie Wilson, aged 2 years and 10 months, departed this life accidentally on November 18, 1896, while on her way from Genoa to her grand-fathers' (Jno. Few's), to attend the marriage of her Aunt Lillian. Lois was sitting in her mama's lap, and the wagon struck a stump, throwing Sister Wilson and Lois out. Her mama escaped unhurt, while little Lois was killed almost instantly by a wheel running over her little neck. We laid her away in the Cedar Grove Cemetery today, amid a large concourse of sympathizing friends. This was a terrible shock, as she was a pet of the entire family. Father and mother, cheer up,

no doubt home has lost its greatest attraction, but God knows best. He only let this flower bloom in your home long enough to gather up your affections and convey them back to Heaven. You may leave Ruthie and go about your business, but you cannot leave Lois. She will follow wherever you go, and beckon you on, come, earth is no resting place for thee. HER PASTOR.

November 19, 1896.

RHOADS—Sister Rebekah J. Rhoads, daughter of James B. Rhoads, was born January 24, 1877, departed this life October 24, 1896. Sister Rebekah professed faith in Christ in 1893 and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was a kind and affectionate girl, and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a father and two brothers to mourn her loss. May God tender the hearts of her two brothers and help them to prepare to meet her in Heaven. God bless Brother Rhoads in his bereavement and keep him until his change comes.

A. M. DOSS.

Dalton, Ark.

COTHAM—R. H., was born September 22, 1829, professed faith in Christ during the late war, joined the M. E. Church, South, soon after his return home, where he lived a consistent member until the day of his death, August 18, 1896. Nothing that love could suggest was spared by the faithful wife. She is bowed down with grief now for one who was so thoughtful of her comfort and happiness. Uncle Dick, as he was commonly known, was a man of great energy, and under the blessings of a kind Providence he had provided a comfortable home. But the once happy home is so sad now, and the poor wife and her aged sister are heart-broken. His house was truly a preacher's home. At none did they receive a warmer welcome. The writer can never forget the many pleasant hours spent in his hospitable home and with that kind family. He was kind and thoughtful of the poor—their souls as well as bodies. His hospitality and generosity knew but one limit—the ability to do more. A little while and those who mourn for him will come to the upper and better home. The Lord bless and help you, Aunt Sallie. His pastor,

R. G. ROWLAND.

STEARLING—Sister Mary E. C. Stearling was born in Pulaski County, Ark., July 15, 1875. Her mother died and left her when she was only three months old. Her father gave her to Brother N. Berg, who cared for her like a father. She was loved by all who knew her. Was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, September, 1891, and lived a consistent member till death, October 5, 1896. She died of consumption. Was patient in her sufferings, and showed a Christian spirit to the last moment. She was married to James Kirkpatrick November 8, 1894, and moved to White County, Ark., and stayed there about one year and then came back to her home at Brother Berg's, and was there when she died. She leaves one little baby boy and a host of friends to mourn for her.

Her pastor,

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ASHBY—Martha A., nee Cameron, was born in Giles County, Tenn., July 3rd 1840. She came with her parents to Arkansas in the fall of 1850, professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life. Was married to James M. Ashby in 1859. Sister Ashby lived a consistent Christian until the day of her death which occurred Sept. 16th 1896, at the home of her only living child, Willie D. Ashby. Her husband died during the war leaving her to raise her two children Willie D. and Tinnie, without the aid of her husband and their father, which she did well, they both being Christians. Her only daughter was the wife of the Rev. L. M. Keith of the Little Rock Conference. Sister Ashby was a woman of good mind, devotedly religious. She lived right and died well. May her grief stricken son and her grand-daughter Miss Nora Keith follow in her footsteps! By her pastor,

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burgh, died Sunday, July 28, 1896. A short life of about ten years, but a life that fulfilled in it the purpose of our Lord in all life. The light and joy of her home, an angel of gladness to the sick or needy, a faithful attendant at the house of God. We can at once see how her death affected so large a circle. But "a little child shall lead them," and many will follow her leading.

T. D. SCOTT.

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PARKER—Andy Allen son of Rev. J. A. and S. E. Parker was born January 27, 1893, and was transplanted into glory Nov. 13, 1896, age 3 years 9 months and 16 days. Little Andy was indeed a sun-beam in the home of his parents, always full of cheer and sunshine. For thirty days, he suffered and struggled against the grim monster, but the ravage of slow fever was too much for him and he yielded his tenement of clay and took his flight to Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Safe in the everlasting arms and saved from all the storms and ills of life, he waits the reunion of loved ones. Parents and loved ones, sorrow not as those in darkness. You have contributed that that was dear unto you to cheer and brighten heaven. Andy is yours still, and you are richer. Yours in loving sympathy,

W. F. EVANS.

BERRY—Reba, daughter of T. W. and Kittie Berry, died Nov. 22, 1896. Aged, 4 months, 17 days. We know that little Reba has gone to live in glory, for Jesus said "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless father, mother, brothers and sisters, and may they also live, that when God calls they will be ready to go to meet Reba where death never comes.

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Japan Mission—First Decade.

MR. EDITOR—The first decade of work of our Japan mission closed with the annual conference at Hiroshima last week. Rev. B. W. Waters, of Osaka, was elected president of the Conference, and conducted the business of the session in a way eminently satisfactory to all.

The change of time from the midsummer season to that of October is a great improvement.

All regretted that Bishop Hendrix could not be present with us again this year; also that two of our brethren, Dr. Newton and Rev. Y. Yoshioka, were both prevented by sickness from attending the Conference.

Another matter of regret was the circumstance which made it necessary for Brother Utley to take leave of us immediately after Conference to return to the United States, probably not to return to the field again; that of the continued ill health of his wife which made it necessary for her to go home early in the year. On the other hand, however, it gives us all much pleasure to welcome back to us Rev. W. P. Turner with his bride. Mrs. Turner is a sister of Mrs. W. J. Callahan, at Nakatsu, and a lady well equipped for missionary work.

While it has been a year of disasters and distress in many parts of the country yet our work has gone forward and it has been perhaps the best year for the last three or four. The statistics of last year showed a falling off of sixteen in membership. This year, while there have been comparatively heavy losses by death and removals, yet the report shows a net increase of twenty-eight in membership. There has also been an advance in the amount contributed for the support of the native ministry. Two new houses of worship have been dedicated the past year, and a class of five, the graduates of this year of our theological school, were admitted on trial. This brings to our aid this many more well furnished men to take hold of as many places prepared, waiting for them. But it greatly increases the demand on the Conference Board of Missions, which has undertaken, and thus far succeeded, in providing for the support of all Japanese members of the annual Conference who are not fully provided for by the Churches which they serve, so that none of them are supported by foreign money, except what comes out of the foreign missionaries salaries through



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Kobe, Japan, Oct. 13, 1896.

Quarterly Meetings.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—First Round, in part, Frank Ritter, P. E.

December: Paragould station, 5, 6; Rector circuit, 12, 13; Boydsville circuit, 14; Paragould circuit, 16; Jonesboro station, 19, 20; St. Francis circuit, 26, 27; Big Bay mission, 30.

January: Harrisburg circuit, 2, 3; Nettleton circuit, 6; Vandale circuit, 9, 10.

The district stewards will please meet me at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Ark., December 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. We hope to have a full attendance. Please, brethren, attend to this which is your most important business. FRANK RITTER.

HELENA DISTRICT—First Round, M. M. Smith, P. E.

December: Cotton Plant and Howell, 5, 6; McCrory and Wynne, 12, 13; De View mission, 14, 15; L'Angeville mission, 17, 18; Taylors Creek circuit, 19, 20; Forrest City station, 26, 27; Haynes circuit, 29, 30.

January: Oak Forrest circuit, 1, 2; Marianna station, 3, 4; La Grange circuit, 6, 7; Helena station, 9, 10; Holly Grove circuit, 12, 13; Turner mission, 15, 16; Clarendon station, 17, 18; Cypress Ridge circuit, 19, 20; Brinkley mission, 21, 22; Wheatly circuit, 23, 24; Jericho mission, 27, 28.

District stewards please meet me at Brinkley December 8, at 9 a. m., to assess presiding elder's claim and apportion it and the assessments ordered by the annual Conference. Come brethren, one and all, pastors and any. This meeting is an important one. We must take final action about our district parsonage. Will we pay the debt on it or let it sell? Then I would like to have a class meeting with the pastors and remain until God gives us a special baptism of the spirit and endowment of power for the year's work. The Holy Spirit, the pastors, the membership, all co-operating, we can evangelize the old Helena district from one end to the other with a blaze of revival flame. Who will fail? Not the Spirit. Will the pastors or members? God forbid. My first round is a short, doubled up one. So will the last one be. The others will be as long as the month will allow. This is my plan. Your servant, M. M. SMITH.

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