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News and Notes.

Read everything in this paper. Its articles are first-class.

The best regime against premature age is good food, regular habits, abundant outdoor exercise, a kindly heart, and the confidance of getting to heaven. Prematur age is more often of the mind and temper than of any bodily decay. One should work if he would live—keep in syampathy with all that is good in the world and be a helper of all that is good to the extent of his power.

General Church Notes.

The North Texas Conference was so crowded that a number of young men, well qualified could not be admitted.

This Conference has 288 local preachers and 51,028 members. One hundred and fifty preachers receive appointments. The total receipts for the support of these last year was $82,503 or $550 each. Few Conferences can make so good a showing.

There was no room for transfers. Several brethren transferred to the Conference were transferred back again. J. B. Turrentree, A. P. Whitehurst, T. J. Milam, B. T. Hayes, to East Texas Conference, W. H. Horner, to Texas Conference, W. W. Graham, to East Texas Conference, J. A. Lowe to West Texas Conference. The Conference paid to Foreign missions $6,614.79, to Domestic missions $3,667.64. Infants baptised 1265, adults 3481. Number of Epworth Leagues 175 members 6117.

Statistics and Finances.

The Statistical report of the Arkansas Conference shows: Local preachers, 198; loss of 13 on last year; members, 24,724; gain of 400; infants baptised, 564; gain of 151; a lult baptisms, 1500; gain of 584; Epworth Leagues, 44; gain of 13; Epworth League members, 1311; gain of 310; Sunday schools, 221; gain of 10; scholars, 12423; gain of 1520: number of societies 411; gain of 13; churches, 338; gain of 3; value of churches, $190,180; gain of $4,615; parsonages, 87, gain of 5; value of parsonages, $46,531; gain of $9,429.

The above report indicates that considerable advancement has been made upon all lines of church work in this Conference. We had expected from the great number of conversions reported to this paper by the preachers during the past year, that the increase in membership would be larger than is shown by the above figures.

The financial showing reveals a verry depressed condition of money matters. Paid Foreign missions. $1,896.09; loss on last year of $650.90; to domestic missions, $1,799.75; loss, $18.25; church extension, $593.60; loss, $121.40; bishop's funds, $597.30; gain of $170.30; American Bible Society, $124.99; gain, $1.26; to presiding elders, $3,615.81; loss, $134.03; to pastors, $23,905.40; loss $329.83. Almost all the territory of this Conference has suffered greatly from drought and we really have no reason to censure the church or to be discouraged at the financial exhibit.

"While the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return."

Dr. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate announces an old bill for subscription to that paper, dated Nov. 22, 1859, for $4.05, paid. 37 years had this bill awaited payment.

But what shall we say of this delinquent? Certainly he deserves praise above many, but this bill at interest, compounded yearly, amounted to $80. Thus it is that editors suffer from delinquent subscribers.

Personal.

We had pleasant entertainment at Camden in the home of J. A. Proctor.

Thanks to Rev. H. S. Shangle for minutes of the Columbia Conference.

J. B. Stevensons appointment is Van Buren station, not Van Buren circuit as published last week.

Bishop Duncan, called on his way from Arkansas Conference. He is pleased with the preachers and people of Arkansas.

Dr. Andrew Hunter attended the session of the Little Rock Conference at Camden, and preached with fervor and force.

Govenor elect, Dan W. Jones, has selected Arthur Neill, of Batesville, son of Congressman Neill, for his private secretary.

Dr. P. O. Hooper of Little Rock has been elected Superintendent of the Arkansas Insane Asylum. The public will approve of the selection.

A gentleman and his wife, both competent teachers, desire a place in Arkansas where they can build up a private school. Report to ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Bro. W. F. Walker, of White River Conference, writes: "The Lord took our babe this morning (December 4th.) We bury him at Osceola." The brother has our sympathy.

Rev. Moses B. Hill seemed to recover from his paralysis at Bentonville, Nov. 29th in a few hours. He is re-transferred to the China Mission Conference and hopes to be able soon to return to that field.

We had the pleasure of a call from Dr. B. J. Vance of Harrison, Ark., last Tuesday. It is the first time we had seen his genial face since we meet him as a delegate to the General Conference at Memphis.

Rev. L. W. Crawford has been elected editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Capt. J. M. Lavesque of Vanndale, made us a call Monday last week.

Rev. P. C. Atkins, has changed his p. o. from Whitfield, I. T., to Cameron, I. T.

President Cleveland will reside in Princeton, N. J., when his term of office expires.

Dr. John H. Pinson, an old and honored citizen of Union county, died at Eldorado last week.

W. T. Bolling, D. D., has been transferred from the Kentuckey Conference and stationed at Columbus, North Mississippi.

Bishop Fitzgerald has been sick in Memphis, since he held the White River Conference. Bishop Galloway will hold the Florida Conference in his stead.

The "Hot Springs Life," Hot Springs, Ark., Miss Sue L. James, and Miss Grace James, publishers, is a new paper with a good moral tone. May it prosper.

It was not permitted us to hear Bishop Key's sermon on Sunday at the session of the Little Rock Conference, but those who heard it deemed it a feast of good things.

Junius Jordan, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Arkansas, calls upon the teachers of the State to observe Saturday, December 19th as Arbor day. A day for planting trees is observed by the schools in forty-three states.

A tellegram called the editor of this paper home before the Conference at Camden closed, hence some matters are not published here which we should have otherwise have written. My son had rallied a little when I got home. He yet lingers upon the verge of life. I shall not leave him for any engagements.

We receive the International Evangel, devoted to the international Sunday-school work, and published by our old friend R. M. Scruggs of St. Louis. Bro. Scruggs is a batchelor, but if all the parents had as high appreciation of the right training of children as he, a wonderful change for the better in public morals, would soon appear.

Contributed.

A Problem of the Church—I.

A. H. GODBEY.

The Saviour warned his disciples against covetousness. Paul pronounced it the root of all evil. It has uprooted nations and overthrown empires. It has been the leading motive in every great war or revolution. It desolated Europe two or three centuries since, masking itself with religious fanaticism. Feeble would have been the efforts at stamping out Protestantism, had not the savage rabble been egged on by promises of the wealth of the Huguenot nobles, Bohemian barons and Netherland princes. The hoary tale that Alexander wept that there were no more worlds for him to conquer may not be a fiction, but the reason assigned for his tears was a fiction. At his very door were powerful and warlike tribes that held as large a territory as that he seized, but they were not rich. Plunder, not glory, was his object. The prospect of untold plunder from Jews, Moors and Protestants led the Pope and the Spaniard to countenance the infamous inquisition. It is because the Armenians are today the progressive, industrious, intelligent and wealthy people of the province they inhabit, they are methodically murdered. Were they the poorest instead of the most thrifty, they would find in that fact tolerable security against religious fanaticism. So abominable and indefensible is this vice of covetousness that men continually disguise it, affirming some other motive as the reason for their action. From time to time, the world has seen revolutions that reduced nations from wealth and culture almost to primitive savagery. And in every case the act has been the same. The ignorant, the poor, the rabble have risen against the wealthy, the cultured, the learned.

Such is the inevitable result of outcries against wealth. It is nothing more than this damnable spirit of covetousness in operation. When the entire populace is leavened with it, let some conscienceless demagogue raise a howl against the rich, and the rabble join him in a mad rush against their more favored fellows.

No one declaims so loudly against the wealthy as he who is desirous of being wealthy himself. The covetous man is often foremost in the denunciation of covetousness. It is a convenient method of diverting attention from his own good.

A gang of alarmists have told us much of late years of the dangers of wealth. Had they been a little more successful in their own efforts to secure riches, perhaps, we should not have heard from them. But since the slogan is raised, we may as well give a counterblast.

There is no danger in the concentration of wealth, the alarmists to the contrary notwithstanding. The danger is in the man. I know of nothing that is more full of promise for good to humanity, to the Church, than vast wealth in the hands of an earnest and consecrated man. Wealth is a power, wisdom is a power, whether for good or for evil depends upon the possessor. I recall that not so very long since every man of unusual knowledge or inventive genius, or mechanical skill, was denounced as a wizard, or sorcerer, or as in league with the devil. It was with great difficulty that learning made its way. Certainly it is a terrible engine for evil in the hands of evil men, but is the world worse for the sudden and tremendous increase of knowledge?

The outcry against mere wealth belongs to the same age of superstition, ignorance and folly. It is the agency which has produced many a reversion to barbarism, but it never yet purified a nation or produced progress. All efforts to avert the supposed danger in wealth by political agitation have been, and will be, failures. We shall not do much to reform the world on that line. No law can prevent the accumulation of wealth, save one that will prevent a man from getting anything at all. So long as private property rights are respected some men will accumulate far more than others, and every law which would hinder the accumulation of wealth would cramp the poor more than the rich.

As said before, whatever danger there is to society in any distinction lies in the character of men, not in their attainments. We cannot frame legislation that will allow only good men to be educated, or to hold property. The problem is one for the Christian Church. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ, regenerating and exalting and sweetening the lives and aims and aspirations of men that offers the only solution of any social inequalities that exist. It is men who are dangerous. And the man who is dangerous when wealthy is sometimes still more dangerous when poor. The ignorant fool has done a myriad times more to keep the world back than the cultured rascal.

The gospel of Christ is our only hope, and it is sad to see at times ministers, teachers, or Christian editors swept from their feet in a popular stampede, dazzled with the idea that a slight modification of human laws can accomplish that for which the gospel was sent. Let them remember their calling, and continue to press individual regeneration as the only possible method of attaining social and economical salvation. Convert, purify and educate the man, and he is a blessing to the Church and the world, whether he be poor or rich. The Church must understand that upon her devolves the duty of adjusting the relations of the poor and the rich. Alarmist agitators, who have frequently brought society to anarchy, must be guarded against. The arrogant politicians who vaunt the glories of their particular hobbies, must be told that the world has heard them all before; and that whatever superiority our age can claim over others is due to the increasing influence of Christianity alone. Whatever progress political ideas may have made—if they have made any at all—has been the progress of an unruly cow tied to the tail of a wagon.

The Church has much yet to do along this line, but it has done much already. The world never before saw such vast accretions of wealth, nor was there ever a time when it had less to fear from them. Hospitals, asylums, reformatories, libraries, schools, colleges, universities, parks, etc.—all these attest the intelligent philanthropy of wealthy Christians. The Protestant Church is today the stronghold of the wealth of the country. Our danger lies in the restlessness of the dissolute, thriftless, ignorant, idle, covetous and unchristian that swarm in the lower strata of society. A score of wealthy men in New York, or a score in the "Far West" could, in twenty-four hours, close every bank, tie up every railroad, paralyze every line of business. That they do not do this, though having the power, is reassuring. Christianity, not legislation, prevents them.

Let the Church continue to put forth every effort for the regeneration of the man, and use her principles to allay, to crush out the distrust which the unscrupulous would produce. Christianity, in human relations, is mutual trust. Let the Church also press more earnestly upon the rich the duty and importance of wisely and liberally using their means for the glory of God and the good of man; then shall we have peace and progress and salvation. Perhaps a distinctively rich men's movement should be inaugurated in this our day of special movements.

A happy man is a healthy man, and a healthy man is generally happy. You never saw a happy man in your life who had indigestion. If a man gets up in the morning with a foul taste and fouler breath; if he feels listless and sluggish; if he is dizzy and blind the minute he steps out of bed; if his breakfast doesn't taste good; if he feels utterly incapable of work, it is a pretty sure sign that his digestion is out of order—that his principal trouble is constipation. If he lets this condition run on, there is no telling where it will stop. Nine-tenths of all human sickness comes from constipation. The first thing that every doctor asks when he is called to see a patient is whether the bowels are in good order. It is nonsense to call a doctor for such a simple thing. It is nonsense to let such a simple thing grow into such a serious thing, as it always does if neglected. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They not only afford immediate and pleasant relief from all the distressing symptoms, but they cure permanently and positively. There are 10,000 medicines that can be taken, to give temporary relief. The "Pleasant Pellets" are the only things that really *cure*.

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Letter From Tennessee.

Having spent four years at Duck River, I was taken up at our last Conference and raised to Pisgah's Heights. We had fine weather for moving and met many kind friends at the parsonage with baskets full of good wishes for our comfort and welfare. I like for people to tell me they love me and wish me well, but somehow I have a special liking for the sympathy which comes to the parsonage in baskets when we are just getting to a new work. Mr. Editor, did you ever move to a parsonage where the crib and barn-loft, smoke-house and larder were all empty, with no coal in the bin and about enough chips in the wood-yard to make a gnat smoke—all this, and you with a purse about empty. Didn't it do you good then to see the good sisters coming in buggies and carriages with well filled baskets, one man coming with a wagon load of corn, another with hay, etc.? Well we have enjoyed things like this many times, and especially recently. Well, we had a good, quiet session at our last Conference. Your readers are up on the doings of the Conference, but some may be misled by an utterance made by the Nashville correspondent to the St. Louis Christian Advocate. He says: "A terrific assault was made upon the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification." It may be my own fault that I am not able to tell just what the brother means, or just how the Conference made such an assault. But it has come to pass in these last days that he who ventures to state that the "second blessing theory" of sanctification is not scriptural, and is content to be known "by his fruits" rather than proclaim his own holiness upon the house-tops, is reconed by some to be a "violent opposer of entire sanctification." It might be well for us to ponder the words of Jesus in John vii, 18. "He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory." Here we might learn modesty. Jesus says, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and if we are not willing to live the life of a true, humble follower of Jesus Christ, our pretensions to holiness are vain. We might learn a good lesson from Christ's example when John sent two disciples to him to know if he were the Christ. He did not say, "Yes, go tell John I am the Christ, I know all things, and can do all things, I never committed a sin in my life," but what did he do? "In that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear; the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached," Luke vii, 21, 22. Here were his fruits and they proved beyond doubt that he was the Son of God. Here let us learn wisdom. "Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Let us be holy in heart and life, and we need not sound a trumpet.

JNO. H. NICHOLS.

Pisgah, Tenn.

Contributed.

Letter From North Alabama.

BY REV. M. H. WELLS.

Tuscaloosa entertained the twenty-seventh session of the North Alabama Annual Conference. It was elegantly done. The weather was delightful. More than the usual number of members were absent. Distance and "hard times" explains. It is a matter of serious regret that any traveling preacher should be hindered from meeting and communing with his brethren once a year. I wish it were the privilege of their families to attend. Suppose some influential brother move to divide the Conferences so as to make this possible. What is gained by these overgrown bodies? Multiply the Conferences and excuse our Bishops from all other work.

Bishop Granbery was president and Dr. J. W. Newman, secretary. The Bishop impressed the preachers and people as being a Christian gentleman and thoughtful president. The presiding elders were specially delighted with him. Perhaps he allowed them to fix the appointments. The average presiding elder thinks he knows just what ought to be done and who ought to do it. They talk as if he had faith in their wisdom and impartiality. Is this a noteworthy thing in our Zion? Suppose they don't know, and are open to the suspicion of prejudice and favoritism, what is the Bishop to do for exact information? It will be a sad day for us when the preachers and laymen lose faith in the wisdom and purity of our presiding elders. Their office seems to be essential to our system.

After all, somebody is being blamed for some things that happened. It is hardly possible, with the limitations about us, that 180 men and charges should realize perfect adjustment, and yet "they say" some things look awkward. It is unfortunate for our common Christianity that a movement boasting so much of divinity in origin, structure, experience and history should do anything where the hand divine is not visible to every eye. Perhaps we would all be bettered by a fresh baptism of the spirit of self-sacrifice. We need to be more unselfish. We must come to Paul's standard, "In honor preferring one another."

We are gaining in numbers steadily. In this particular we rank among the foremost Conferences in the connection. The collections are well up to the standard of other years. This is saying very much, for it means that a great number of people have made sacrifices for the kingdom of God. The missionary interest grows.

At the anniversary Dr. G. C. Kelley made the address. It was strong, persuasive and convincing.

A number located. A large class of young men were admitted on trial. We are crowded to suffocation. This seems the cry from all directions. Years ago we were exhorted to pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send laborers into His vineyard. The prayer is answered, and we are bothered to find room for the men. Another serious embarrassment with us is in the fact that we have more great men than great places. The men have outgrown the charges. But few appointments pay anything like an adequate salary. Some so-called big preachers are working for small monetary consideration. The times are curious. Men are being put to the test. It may be well. Worse things could happen.

Five of our number died during the year. The memorial services were held Sunday afternoon. Among the recent dead were men of large reputation for pulpit ability and general usefulness. We mourn their going.

Florence will have the pleasure of entertaining the next session. A number of cities asked the privilege, but that cultured city won by a large majority. Come and see us. But one of our connectional magnates honored us with a visit this time. Chancellor Kirkland spent one day with us, and represented well the educational work of our Church. What have we done to offend "headquarters?" Love to all Arkansas friends.

Birmingham, Ala.

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Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondant.)

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While there is the usual quantity of guessing as to what Congress will or will not do at this session, the most influental Senators and Representatives who have expressed opinions on the subject think the important legislation will be confined to the regular appropriation bills, unless circumstances should make legislation regarding Cuba necessary. It is very rarely that an important legislation is acted upon at a short session of Congress, because there is not time after the appropriation bills, which are necessary to keep the wheels of government in motion, are considered and passed, and sometimes some of them fail for lack of time. At this session the general opinion that there will be an extra session called early in the spring will also be a factor in preventing attempts to secure general legislation.

Mr. Charles N. Crittenton, who has spent $65,000 during the last year for the establishment and maintenance of the twenty-one Florence Crittenton Homes, for the rescue of fallen women, arrived in Washington this week on his private missionary car "Good News," and began a series of daily meetings which are to continue two weeks; for the purpose of interesting the public and especially the church people in the rescue work to which he devotes all his time and much of his money. He was tendered a public reception at the first Congregational Church, Rev. A. D. Bailey, of the Central Union Mission presiding. Rev. S. M. Newman, pastor of the church, read a letter from Bishop Hurst regretting that a necessary absence from the city prevented his taking part in welcoming Mr. Crittenton, and added, in behalf of all pastors and church people a sincere and cordial welcome to the evangelist. Rev. Dr. Johnston, pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, endorsed all that Mr. Newman said and declared that although that church had been honored by the attendance of many distinguished men it had never been more honored than it would be by the evangelistic mission services which Mr. Crittenton would conduct in it. Rev. Dr. McKin, who was Mr. Crittenton's pastor in New York city, when he began his rescue work, delivered the most feeling address made at the reception, in which he said: "When Mr. Crittenton's daughter, Florence left for heaven, the father began the great work he still pursues. We worked side by side in many a tenement house, trying to save a fallen soul." And the large audience was very palpably in full sympathy with the closing words: "The church ought to smite the injustice, which condemns the woman and not the man." A capable volunteer choir attends all of Mr. Crittenton's meetings and he is assisted by Mr. Charles S. Norton, of Chicago; Mr. Joseph Carpenter, of N. J., and Mr. H. T. Perry, the singing evangelist, of San Francisco. The meetings are well attended and the interest keeps up from start to finish. Mr. Crittenton speaks rapidly and with great earnestness. Two meetings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, are being held, and except Sunday's when only the afternoon meetings will be held, will be kept up until December 14th. It is a common expression that "corporations have no soul," but to their credit be it recorded that every railroad over which Mr. Crittenton's car has been hauled on its trip to and from the Pacific coast has refused to accept any compensation, and the Southern Pacific railroad refitted the interior of the car gratis. This car is the home of the corps of workers accompanying Mr. Crittenton, and is comfortable but in no sense luxurious.

Rev. Dr. Oliver O. Brown, pastor of the Foundry M. E. Church, evidently believes that the opening of the social season is a good time to impress upon his congregation the Christian idea of true womanhood and true manhood. Last Sunday he preached a strong sermon on the former and announced that next Sunday he would preach upon the latter.

It is stated upon apparently good authority that Mr. Henry Stohl, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has decided to present his valuable collection of Indian relics to the American University, to be placed in the Hall of History as soon as that building is completed. This collection is said to have cost much time and money and to be very valuable and growing more so all the time.

That reform is needed in many branches of the business and professional world is recognized by all thinking men. A higher standard both of morality and honor must be set up and maintained. It must not be possible for any professional or business man to resort to almost any sort of trickery that will bring him clients or customers and still retain a respectable position as long as he escapes the critical courts. In this connection it is gratifying to note that a number of the patent lawyers of Washington; who are as a rule honorable and high-minded men having a scrupulous regard for the standing of their professions, are talking of taking steps to publicly emphasize their disapproval of some very bad practices that certain unscrupulous parties have restored to in order to get money, by advance fees, from inventors. Among these bad practices are the encouragement of the gambling instinct by a prize lottery competition and the pretended ability to sell at a high price any sort of a patent upon which the inventor can be induced to pay the solicitor's fees and charges, some of the last being decided impositions. Just what action should be taken by the honorable patent lawyers to stop these practices which are degrading their profession and demoralizing the inventors of the country has not been determined upon, but there seems to be a general opinion that the case could best be reached by the formation of a Patent Bar, which would formulate stringent rules of of practice that would shut out those who resort to disreputable methods of obtaining clients, as well as those who obtain fees under false pretenses, even though they be implied and not explicitly made.

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Literary Table.

The Obstacle to Intervention in Turkey.

It is admitted that the Turkish problem could be solved through joint action by England and Russia. Austria would oppose any disturbance of existing conditions, and with equitable dealing with her but reasonable generosity to the smaller powers, there would be no armed resistance. No coalition would be formed against England and Russia, backed as they would be by France. With the English people strongly in favor of such action, and Russia interested with other powers in suppressing a sultan whose cruelties menace the general peace, what is it, then, that prevents them from jointly undertaking the work? Very largely the distrust of England on the part of Russia, the suspicion that sympathy for the Armenians covers some selfish purpose, and the belief that British statesmen regard the political and strategic interests of the two nations as permanently antagonistic. And this distrust is the direct result of the persistent suspicion with which England has regarded Russia almost ever since the Napoleonic wars. Russia, in fact, fell heir to the suspicion and hostility which had previously been directed toward France.

In 1839, when the Russian army, under Diebitsch, had advanced to Adrianople, and the liberation of the Christian peoples of European Turkey was made possible, England intervened to prevent it. The treaty of Unkiar Skelessi, four years after, would have made the czar the guardian of all Turkish Christians, had not English opposition nullified the convention. In 1852 the Emperor Nicholas proposed to take charge of Turkey by agreement with England, a proposal which, had it been accepted, would have solved the Turkish problem, and set the clock of civilization forward half a century. But England not only refused, but two years later, in the Crimean war, enforced that refusal at a vast expenditure of blood and treasure, and for sixteen years thereafter deprived Russia of a Black Sea fleet. During the forty years since then every advance of Russia in Asia has been resented in England as involving hostile designs upon India. Her conquest of the Central Asian khanates produced a veritable war panic in London, though the introduction of civilization into that barbarous region was a positive gain to India. No explanations by Russia of the excellence of her motives, no asseverations of good faith, were accepted as true, though looking back now, Englishmen themselves confess that the British empire was the gainer from all these movements.

The chief cause of Russian distrust, however, because the freshest in memory and involving in Russian eyes a flagrant breach of faith, was the action of England in 1878. Two years before the Bulgarian massacres had stirred the English people as they had never been stirred before. The nation was a unit in its determination to end the cruel orgies of the same sultan who is now slaughtering out his Christian subjects in defiance of all Europe. Never more was England to stand as the protector of Turkey; and when Russia undertook the task of liberation there were only plaudits for her humanity. That task was accomplished, but at such enormous cost that Russia was crippled for years afterward. Yet England whose work she had done, not only robbed her of the fruits of her victory, but undertook to protect Turkey against her in future, and accepted Cyprus as a reward for so doing. It is the memory of the Berlin and Anglo-Turkish conventions upon which Russia stands, and which largely makes her deaf to British advances for the relief of the Armenians. And remembering them and the attitude of England toward Russia for the last seventy years, it must be admitted that the present distrust of the northern power has some justification.

But there is another reason for Russian hesitation to join in coercing Turkey. Russia has entered upon a period of industrial development and internal improvement. Her undertakings are on a vast scale, and include railway construction, agrarian reform, redistribution of the peasant population, popular education, etc. They require a long period of peace for their completion, and a war would set back the whole movement and leave her treasury with diminished resources. Coercion of the sultan would be an act of war against an empire which can and, in the opinion of many, will fight, and in doing so might involve all Europe. Moreover, the agitation of the Armenian revolutionists in Anatolia has awakened the discontent of the Russian Armenians, a fact which tends to diminish Russian spmpathy for that suffering people as a whole. The Turkish question is thus to Russia not mainly philanthropic, as it is to England, but essentially political, and one that affects her material interests. And her present attitude of indifference is likely to continue until England has given some pledge that should she undertake the work of coercion, alone or in alliance, she will not at the end be deprived of the fruits of her triumph. Upon such a guarantee the fate of the Armenians must largely depend. Happily, the English people now favor a pledge being given by their statesmen. But it is a queer spectacle—that of the chief party to the Anglo-Turkish convention of 1878 urging Russia to coerce the Turk, and only fearful that she will not go far enough.—New York Observer.

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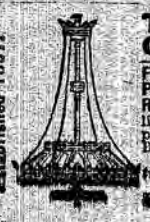
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What I Saw at Conference.

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It was my privilege to attend the recent session of the White River Annual Conference at Paragould, and I was so much impressed with the proceedings, and so delightfully entertained by the people, that I involuntarily cherished a desire to tell the Methodists—especially the lay members what a good thing it is to attend an Annual Conference. You doubtless perceive that this was my first Conference, and I may, therefore, evidence unusual enthusiasm. If so, I am only transmitting the influences that permeated this body of Christian men.

I wish to say at the outset that no lay members of the Methodist Church can properly conceive, or appreciate, the far reaching influence of the itinerancy; the axis upon which it revolves and the government which controls it, nor the self-abnegation of the men who compose it, until he or she has sat in the congregation of an Annual Conference. I, for one, have returned home a more loyal Methodist—a more spiritual Christian, and I trust that a greater number of the lay members will in the future find their way to the yearly Conferences.

Possibly no people have ever entertained a Conference with more good will and kind hospitality than did the people of Paragould the one just ended. Dr. Bennett admonished the Conference at the opening to be in no haste, assuring them that they were welcome to remain as long as they pleased. When I first heard the proposition I considered that the Doctor was assuming too much, but ere long realized that his position was well taken. I was told by one of the elders, who has been an itinerant preacher in this Conference for many years, that it was altogether the most harmonious and delightful Conference that he had ever attended. This same person told me, also, that "place seeking" and "preacher seeking" was conspicuously absent—that all seemed to impose full confidence in the wisdom of God and the Cabinet. Of course this did not exclude human anticipations as to individual appointments. I was careful to note the reception of the appointments, which, to all outward appearances, were received humbly. And therein lies the utter self-abnegation of these itinerant preachers, which I do not believe is understood and appreciated by one tenth of the lay members. Men were appointed to works who are competent to earn many times the amounts they will receive, should they engage in secular pursuits. It is a great pity that the Church does not realize this and come up to the help of the ministry by paying, at least, an amount equal to that which the same ministry could receive in secular vocation. If a man is worth five hundred dollars to the world, should he not be worth as much to the Church as a preacher? But it isn't a question of how much a preacher is worth, but how little he can subsist on. For shame!

The regular routine of the business was very much enlivened by the genial good humor of Bishop Fitzgerald, who possesses the happy faculty of saying the unexpected at the right time. Though he indulges in a deal of humor, the dear old Bishop, who is now bordering on the brink of life, is a deep spiritual man and full of sympathy for the brethren and all mankind. I shall never forget his question to the Deacon's, when he asked them if they were in debt so as to embarrass themselves—or any one else.

Among the many good things which we had, was a sermon on Wednesday night by Dr. Tigert, which to the mind of the writer, was most eloquent and logical. Some seem to think that Dr. Tigert will some day be a bishop. On Thursday night Dr. Barbee, of our Publishing House, preached a sermon of no less force than the preceding, and on Friday night we had a lecture by Dr. Palmore on his recent tour of Russia, which was sufficient to enthuse the missionary spirit of the congregation. Saturday night we listened to Dr. Kirkland on Education, and on Sunday night, Dr. Godbey put forth his soul in a memorial sermon to the deceased brethren of the year. We also had on one afternoon a sermon by Dr. Andrew Hunter, which ended with a shower of spiritual blessings upon every one present. The love feast on Sunday morning was a feast of rare proportions. Even before I was converted I always appreciated hearing the Christians giving in their experiences. They impressed me then, for I realized that they possessed an experience that I knew nothing of. There should be more love feasts in the Churches—they not only strengthen Christians but, also, influence sinners. A sinner could never forget the testimony of Brother J. H. Snyder as given that morning, when he stated that he left home without his breakfast in order to be present at that meeting. Bro. Snyder was happy and the blessing of that meeting more than compensated for the loss of his breakfast.

Shall I mention the free-will offering? Bro. Dannelly, in making his report, stated that he had doubted his ability to attend the Conference, because of lack of funds; and then, with tears in his eyes, and trembling frame, stated that he had not money sufficient to take him home. No sooner said than Bishop Fitzgerald put his hand into his pocket and brought forth a coin, depositing it with love and sympathy upon the secretary's desk for Bro. Dannelly. The movement that followed, was simultaneous and spontaneous. Amid songs of joy the brethren contributed to the relief of their venerable brother, and I thought then that surely it was, indeed, a privelege to give. An aggregate of one hundred dollars was given, which was afterwards divided between Brother's Dannelly and Foster as a free-will offering, and it will be so recorded on the minutes. I could not look upon these old men, whose lives have been spent in the service of their Master, without feeling better and stronger in the Christian's hope and faith.

Altogether the Conference was a continuous feast, and it was good to be there. Every Methodist should attend at least one Annual Conference. It will give you a better understanding of the comprehensiveness of the itinerancy, and make you more loyal to the preacher and the Church. Newport has extended an invitation for every one to come, so begin now to prepare for the next meeting. You will not regret it.

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Christ Present Still in the Sacrament.

LUKE XII. 17-20.

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Jesus is in the passover thus in bringing to our remembrance the ground of our salvation in his atonement. He is present and feeds and strengthens every heart which turns to him in faith, as we say in our beautiful ritual; "Feed on him by faith in your heart."

The Roman Catholic teach that the bread and wine are changed into the actual blood and body of Christ in the consecration, putting a severely literal interpretation on Jesus's words. That is a superstition, or worse a trick of priestcraft. The Lutherans teach that although the wine and bread are not changed in the sacrament, that the communicant does still by faith receive his body and blood. The Episcopalians hold that, Christ is received in saving efficacy to the soul through the sacrament as a condition of salvation.

But Protestants in general, excepting Lutherans and Episcopalians recognize no saving efficacy in sacraments, and only teach that those are symbols of great doctrines and that it is faith in Christ and not any efficacy in the sacrament itself that saves sinners. The sacrament is a symbol through which we look to Christ, and it benefits us personally as it aids us to look to him in faith.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1896.

Little Rock Conference Forty-third Session.

The Conference was held at Camden, December 3rd to7th. Camden is a fine old town in which our Church is strongly planted. The new church edifice in which Conference was held is a very commodious building with beautiful auditorium, class rooms and Sunday-school room, with elegant carpets and furniture. The Conference was well attended and well accomodated. The weather was fine.

Bishop Key was president of the Conference. He came to Camden on the 2nd and met the presiding elders, and much of the cabinet work was done, the effect of which was to shorten the session of the Conference one day.

The reports of the preachers showed large ingatherings of members into the Church, but exceeding small ingathering of sustenance for the laborers. In most cases the last summer's drought was pleaded as the cause. In some cases roving evangelists of whom the people knew nothing had come in, scooped up the little sustenance which the Church had for its support and the people had given for a ten days service to a stranger as much as they paid to their pastor for the year. Those pastors who have most experience have found that the evil influence of such things is greater than any good the so called evangelists do.

There was an educational anniversary Thursday evening. Dr. Kirkland, chancellor of the Vanderbilt University, spoke. He showed that Christanity must seek the highest enlightenment and devlopment of our race, that it must befriend and support whatever blesses mankind. He showed the duty of the Church to stand earnestly to foster and support the highest education. He said that the Church which does not educate must die. (Voices "It ought to die") Especially must we educate our preachers. The demand for educated preachers increase beyond the supply.

Bishop Key spoke after Dr. Kirkland. He said that the demand upon us to educte our people and preachers is especially pressed upon us by the activity of our Northern neighbors. Every principle of self-respect and self-preservation requires us to establish and sustain our own colleges. The meeting, will bear good fruit.

The interests of the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers called out a special meeting Friday afternoon. The very small amount collected for the support of these claimants seemed to demand that renewed effort be made to lay their claim on the heart of the Church. The brethren promised to give this collection increased attention.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Ratcliff of Little Rock, called a meeting of the ladies in the interest of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society. It was well attended and action was taken to extend the work of this organization in the Conference, Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Goddin, Miss Stinson, and others addressed the meeting, and many pledges were given from those present to organize this work in their respective charges.

Friday evening was given to the cause of Church Extension. Prof. J. D. Clary read the report of the Conference society.

Rev. A. O. Evans then addressed the meeting. He said that we have been building five churches a week during the last fourteen years and eight churches a week during the year past. The Parent Board expended only thirty-six per cent. of her funds east of the Mississippi river, and sixty-four per cent. west of it. As I make the figures this Conference receives back her contributions to Church Extension increased one hundred and fifty per cent. He spoke of the church building as a gospel in concrete, the testimony of Christian faith, the tribute of Christian love. He said that about seven tenths of the money expended for the aid of churches went to the country. After the address of Bro. Evans, Sister Ratcliff, president of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society spoke to the meeting of the work of the society in the Conference. She was followed by Mrs. Pemberton who read the report of the society and made some fitting remarks. Bishop Key followed with a speech full of important facts and suggestions. He said that the most pressing want of the church west of the Mississippi river is church buildings, as respects parsonage building the Woman's society had aided it greatly.

The preachers admitted on trial are: Jno. W. Harrell, Arthur M. Shaw, Jesse J. Millard, N. T. Thomasson, E. A. Alexander, and Geo. L. Logan.

Admitted into full connection J. T. Shaw, F. R. Canfield, T. O. Owens, J. H. McKelvy. J. D. Dunn, L. M. Daley, J. R. Dickerson, and O. E. Goddard.

These came before the Conference and the Bishop made the following address:

BISHOP KEY'S ADDRESS

To the Class for Admission Into Full Connection:

I will ask you the questions which all the Methodist preachers in our itineracy have answered, I shall ask you these questions in the spirit in which they were written, I have no right to propound them in any other sense or spirit. I am but an agent for the Church.

It seems that the rules which apply to the common professions of life fail in regard to the ministry. You seek the old and experienced physician, the lawyer of large experience, but in the ministry how many of our churches fear the aged preacher? How many of our preachers find the seals of their ministry decrease as the years go by? Why is this? I would wound the feelings of no pure Christian; but brethren may I not ask: Has spiritual zeal declined? Have routine, the business affairs of the church, the mere custom of preaching turned you from the source of power? Brethren, study. Don't let the mind flag; get fresh food. A celebrated musician was wont to practice every day. He said: "If I neglect practice one day I know it; if I neglect practice two days my wife knows it, and if I neglect practice three days the public knows it.

I don't mind a man preaching the same sermon more than once. It may need to be preached often. But don't stop making sermons.

Brethren, I ask the questions in order: "Are you in debt?" It is a severe ordeal, such a year as this; and so you make a good beginning. And this must be remembered, if we can't afford to receive men in debt we can't afford to keep them if they get in debt afterward. Debt is a disqualification for an acceptable or efficient ministry.

The Bishop proceeded to read the vows in regard to employing all their time in the work of the ministry, under the direction of the Church, and added: "All this you can do without religion, as a mere matter of business, as a matter of mere manliness; but as all this the Church requires to the end that souls should be saved, we must needs go forward, therefore, to inquire into your faith in God, and your experience of His love in your hearts, that you may bring the ardour of burning hearts, aglow with divine love, into contact with the worldliness of the people.

"Are you going on unto perfection? Have you read Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection? I ask the question from the Wesleyan standpoint. I hold you to the acceptance of Christian perfection as Wesley and your Church teaches it—to be perfect in love, to have your life taken up and swayed alone by love of God.

"There is one expression which Wesley used which I regret that he used. I think I understand it, but it has been made the endorsement of a false view. The term to which I refer is 'the second blessing.' I never use it. The theory so styled does not seem to me, to accord with the teachings of the New Testament. Mr. Wesley taught not, that sanctification is separated in time or kind from regeneration, but said that regeneration is sanctification began, but he did teach that the work thus begun should go on unto entire sanctification, and that such a state is to be attained in the present life. It is this the Church sets before you in the question: 'Are you going on unto perfection.'"

After the brethren had taken the vows the Bishop called upon the preachers to come forward and give the brethren the hand of fellowship and welcome.

FOR THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Saturday afternoon was given to the work of the Epworth League. The report showed 68 Leagues, 2,200 members, which is a gain of 22 Leagues and 791 members.

Rev. J. M. Hawley followed with a speech, which fell upon us like an inspiration. It was almost impromtu, but it had fitness and fervor and force of diction. Many spoke of it in high praise.

The State Conference held at Little Rock last June has borne fruit in quickening the league movement in all our Conferences in this state.

The preachers bore testimony to the value of the leagues in quickening the spiritual power of the Church.

The memorial service was held Sunday afternoon. Rev. John McLaughlin, John B. Thomas, F. J. Shaw, A. S. Scott and P. P. Burk had passed away during the year; also the following preachers' wives, Mrs. Andrew Hunter, Mrs. L. W. Powell and Mrs. Canfield. Memoirs of all these have been published in this paper. The memorial was a pathetic occasion. Still it is true, as in Wesley's time, that Methodists die well. The power to do good of a faithful preacher does not end in death. All the brethren named above and the Christian women, have left an abiding blessing upon the Church.

The preachers admitted on trial are John William Harrell, William Madison Shaw, N. T. Thomason, Estil A. Townsend, George L. Logan.

Re-admitted, John Wesley Cline, J. Z. Burlson, from the Methodist

Protestant Church, was received in elders' orders.

Appointments, Little Rock Conference.

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Tomberlin mission—F. E. Dodson.
Mabelvale—W. J. Hearon.
Oak Hill—J. F. Taylor.
Maumelle—Supplied by M. H. Brashear.
Austin—J. A. Henderson.
Hickory Plains—T. F. Scott.
Carlisle circuit—N. T. Thomasson.
Hazen circuit—W. N. Crowson.
Editor Arkansas Methodist—J. E. Godbey.
Superintendent American Bible Society—E. M. Pipkin.
Professors Hendrix College—J. M. Hawley, J. W. Cline, George Logan, Jr.
Students Hendrix College—E. R. Steele, L. C. Wozencraft, W. C. Watson.
Secretary Education—J. M. Hawley.

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Riverside—J. R. Sanders.
New Edinburg—L. M. Daly.
Stuttgart station—T. O. Owens.
Kingsland—J. R. Jones.
Humphrey circuit—T. A. Townsend.
Sherrill circuit—J. W. Harrell.
White River circuit—W. W. Mills.
Rowell—J. W. White.
Gillett circuit—J. J. Bond.
Sheridan circuit—O. H. Keadle.
Rison circuit—A. M. Robertson.
Little Prairie mission—Jno. T. Shaw.
English circuit—B. F. Wilson.
DeWitt—G. E. Cameron.
Redfield—W. W. Christie.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—T. D. SCOTT, P. E.

Monticello station—O. E. Goddard.
Star City mission—To be supplied.
Tillar circuit—J. J. Colson.
Hamburg and Portland—W. A. Steele.
Hamburg circuit—R. G. Rowland.
Palestine circuit—J. W. Vantrease.
Arkansas City circuit—R. L. Broach.
Mount Pleasant circuit—C. W. Drake.
Lacy circuit—J. D. Dunn.
Bartholomew circuit—R. A. McClintock.
Grady—L. M. Powell.
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Cariola—R. H. Poynter.
Berea—F. P. Doak.
Warren—A. Turrentine.

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Murfreesboro—J. M. Shaw.
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Alexander circuit—G. W. Logan.
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South Hot Springs—B. A. Few.
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Mena—J. Y. Christian.
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There is very little gratuity in the world, and no more in the sphere of spiritual commodities than in that of natural ones; the only difference is in the character of what we know as the medium of exchange. In the mercantile transactions of a more tangible kind, values are reduced to the standard of the dollar. The number of dollars we carry to the market with us will determine the quantity of commodity we can bring back with us in its stead. Spiritual wares, too, have their price. We learn what that price is by observing those who have paid it. Among all who have evidently known God as an intimate friend and drawn upon him as a coutinual source of supply, the one whom we shall all agree in ranking first is certainly Jesus of Nazareth. Whether you know God at first hand or not, you probably do not question that he knew him at first hand. He undoubtedly had the same definite and direct feeling of God as his Father as ever we, any of us, had filial feeling of and intimacy with our father. He not only talked to him, he communed with him; that is, there were personal interchanges between them. He always spoke as one who had just received a message from God. He always acted as one who had just received a fresh disbursement of wisdom and power from God. He did not "say his prayers," an expression which is no more suggestive of heavenly intimacy than a snowbank is suggestive of flowers; but his spirit lay up against the heart of his Father in heaven with the same immediacy and personal intimacy as that with which any little child here rests upon the bosom of its mother. All of that comes easily into view at whatever point of Christ's life you observe him. Then, close along-side of that fact in his life is this, that there was nothing on his part which stood in the way of this sort of intercourse between the two, and mutual confidence.

When you observe the quality of the life of Christ, no reason suggests itself to you why he and his Father should not intimately know each other. Knowledge means touch, and there was nothing on his part to prevent touch. You never can know anything you do not love, which means that everything which hinders contact must be gotten out of the way before knowing can begin. Between Christ and his Father everything was gotten out of the way. There was no cherished sin in Christ's heart which kept his heart and his Father's from meeting. If he had wanted one thing and his Father a different thing, then of course there would have been a discord in their harmony, and neither would have quite touched the other; but he was able to pray "Thy will be done," and that is in itself the very consummation of personal touch. His actions, also, never came in as a breach between the two, for, as he said, "I do always those things which please him." If we understood better the influence of spirit upon spirit, mind upon mind, perhaps we could tell better why it is that hearts reinforce each other, and easily come into the knowledge of what is secret in each other when the two beat with a sympathetic pulse; but even if two strings are strained to the same tension and one of them is set vibrating the other will feel that vibration and go to vibrating, too. David said almost the same thing, only spoken along the line of two equally strained spiritual cords, when he declared: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him, and he will show to them his covenant." And even our Lord met in the same way the question of the disciple who was querying about this matter of the way in which human spirits could have a divine visitation, and said: "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

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Some Intelligent Ants.

A gentleman who is very fond of every living thing, who watches animals carefully, that he may learn their ways, tells a very interesting story of some ants in Central Park. He saw a procession of ants going across the path. This gentleman watched, and knowing the way of ants, knew that they were emigrating to a new colony because the old city was overcrowded. He watched the ants closely, to decide which was the queen. At last he discovered her, attended by a guard of honor. Quickly and carefully he lifted the queen, and held her in his hand. She was missed at once, and there was the greatest excitement. The guard of honor were seized by the others and held under arrest. Ants started out in every direction to look for the queen. The ants from the old city were notified, and came to assist in the search. They looked everywhere, and returned again and again to learn if there was any news. At last the gentleman put the queen down on the path some distance away from the point at which he had captured her. She was discovered by one of the scouts, who hurried back to the point where the ants had assembled, and told of his discovery. A guard of honor hurried to the queen, and actually carried her back to her subjects, who received her with demonstrations of joy. The new colony had established the new home under a bench. A hole under one of the legs of the bench led to it. With the guard of honor carrying the queen, the procession re-formed and began its march, and soon disappeared from sight. The gentleman moistened some lumps of sugar and put them on the path. Soon two or three ants appeared, found the sugar, and immediately reported at the new colony. When they returned a number of helpers came with them, and the sugar was all carried, grain by grain, to the new home. Doubtless they thought they had found a most wonderful land to settle in when food was provided in such quantities near at hand.—The Outlook.

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"Now look here, old fellow," said a loud voice, "that won't do, you know. Too spoony for anything."

Said the traveling man, "The letter is from my best girl."

The admission was so unexpected that they said no more until they had eaten a good dinner, and were seated together in a chum's room. Then they began to badger him.

"It's no use; you've got to read it to us," said one of them. "We want to know all about your best girl."

"So you shall," said the one addressed, with great coolness. "I'll give you the letter, and you can read it for yourselves."

"I guess not," said one who had been loudest in demanding it; "we like to chaff a little, but we hope we are gentlemen."

"But I insist upon it," was the answer; "there is nothing to be ashamed of, except the spelling; that's a little shaky, I'll admit; but she won't care in the least. Read it, Hardy, and judge for yourself."

Thus urged, Hardy took the letter shamefacedly enough and read it. First he laughed, then swallowed suspiciously, and as he finished, threw it upon the table again and rubbed the back of his hand against his eyes, as if troubled with dimness of vision.

"Pshaw! If I had a love letter like that—" and then was silent.

"Fair play!" cried one of the others with an uneasy laugh.

"I'll read it to you, boys," said their friend, "and I think you will agree with me that it is a model love letter."

"'Mi oween dear papa,

"'I sa mi Prairs every nite, and when I kiss your Picshure I ask God to bless you, good bi Papa yure best gurl.'"—Canada Presbyterian.

A Great Man's Motto.

It is said of the great Swedish botanist and scientist, Linnaeus, that he had placed over his door the motto, "Live innocently, God is present."

Linnaeus was a busy man, and during his life classified and named all the known plants and animals of the earth, besides writing a great many books on plants, natural history and science; but he knew where to look for success, and believed that the only useful life was a Christian life. Beginning in poverty he was lifted above want by his marked success in his profession, and he often told his friends that he was grateful to God only for the great success he had attained, counting his own work nothing compared with the assistance God had given him.

If God helped Linnaeus for being a Christian in his profession, he will help us at home, in the office, and in whatever we undertake to succeed.

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Our Church at Home.

OAK FOREST CIRCUIT.

This is a good charge. The Lord has been good to these people, and they are good people. I have been well received here. Brother Pope, my predecessor, is truly a good man, and he left the circuit in good shape. We need a good revival all over the work now, and I believe we will have it. We believe we will get the revival, because we are in good shape for it. Brethren, pray for us. Fraternally,

J. W. HARPER,

Moro, Dec. 5.

GOLDEN LAKE.

DEAR DR. GODBEY—Our Conference has met, done its work and adjourned. Sickness in my family kept me away. The first Conference I have ever missed since I have been a pastor, and we feel our loss very keenly, for my family was going to attend with me. But God does all things right, and we are submissive. We shall always remember with grateful hearts those brethren who were so thoughtful and kind as to write us about the Conference immediately after adjournment.

In sending in my report from Golden Lake circuit, I could not do it full justice, for there were $420 subscribed that we could not report, but from that subscription they are now ordering material to build a new church at Bardstown. Add that, with some other amounts that have been handed in since the report was made, to the $930 reported, we will have $1,366.50 this circuit has raised from all sources during the year just closed.

We received only nineteen members and lost twenty-six by death, certificate and otherwise, several by death, a few by certificate, more by otherwise. The circuit now has but ninety-one members, all told, and still the vine needs a little more pruning, and then it will bear more fruit and better fruit. The working force of this charge is of the pure gold, and possesses the largest Christian liberality, as may be seen by a knowledge of their circumstances and the above figures. They have a nice, comfortable parsonage of four rooms, a hall and two porches, never soiled by an occupant, for their coming pastor, Brother E. H. Wallis. His people are getting anxious to see him. We hope to be able to move to our new charge next week.

Respectfully,

W. F. WALKER.

December 3, 1896.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Please announce in the METHODIST for me that I hold Mrs. J. J. Roberts' apportionment of the Conference funds, and do not know her whereabouts. I take the privilege to inquire through the ARKANSAS METHODIST where her postoffice address is. I say to Sister Roberts to address me at Huntington, Sebastian County, Ark. Oblige your brother in Christ,

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We had an encouraging beginning yesterday. A full house morn- and night. Seven joined the Church. One infant and one adult baptized since Conference. Brothers Summers and Key were here Sunday. Brother S. leaves with the good wishes and esteem of the people generally. Brother Key met a warm reception in Dardanelle. He is one of the men who can go back and command the respect of the people. Thirty years ago he first made his advent in Dardanelle. He showed me the little old house—now moved in the back yard—where he lived and paid the sum of $140 rent. Dr. and Sister Henderson fed me so well at Conference that I gained about one pound a day. I am getting on my feet good. A word of cheer for all the brethren. The latch-string is on the out-side for all the Arkansas Methodist tribe.

B. C. MATTHEWS.

NOTICE.

I want the address of Rev. A. B. Haltom, or he wants mine, and mine is Forrest City. We are here, and the present is comfortable and the unseen promising. May the good Lord give us a good, hard year's work. Yours,

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

NOTICE.

The District Stewards of the Clarksville District will please meet at the Methodist church in Ozark at 9 a. m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1897. A full attendance of the Board is urgently desired.

V. V. HARLAN.

We have received No. 1, Vol. 1, of Arkansas School Journal published in Little Rock. It is very creditable to the publishers and editors. Prof. Junius Jordan is editor-in-chief and Prof. T. L. Cox manager.

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Quarterly Report

Of Conference Treasurer, Arkansas Conference Woman's Missionary Society:

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODSST—Enclosed please find statement of amounts received and disbursed for the quarter ending September 20, 1896, for Woman's Missionary Society, Arkansas Conference, which please publish.

All auxiliaries will please remember that the next quarter will end December 20, and make a strong effort to collect from every member; also the importance of collecting the contingent fund. We all know the stringency of the times, but the good Lord will bless the cheerful giver. An active canvass on the part of all the auxiliaries will bring a full amount into the Lord's treasury.

By amount to Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, general fund, $19.26; special, $12.05; offering, 35 cents; Little Workers' fund, 60 cents; support for girl in China, $10; to Mrs. O. H. Tucker, traveling expenses, $4; office, $2; printing minutes, $15; amount to Mrs. V. V. Harlan, traveling expenses, $10; treasurer's book, 80 cents; amount to Scarrett Training School, Belle Bennett, chair., $6.85; amount to Mrs. V. V. Harlan, $48.65. Total, $129.56.

Amount received by Mrs. Frank Park for W. M. S., Arkansas Conference, M. E. Church, South, for the quarter ending September 20, 1896, Central Church, $14; Clarksville, $3.80; Clarksville Juvenile, $12.40; Conway, $3.85; Center Point, $3.65; Council Grove, $1.70; Harrison, $11.80; Harrison Juvenile, $3.19; Lavacca, $1.70; Mountain Home, $2.65; Ozark, $5; Paris Juvenile, $2.55; Prairie Grove; $4.70; Russellville, 55 cents; Springdale, $3.40; Springdale Juvenile, $1.29; Van Buren, $5; Van Buren Juvenile, $10.10; Viney Grove, $3.10; Quitman, $2.30; Yellville; $5.40; Yellville Juvenile, $3.58, Waldron, $1.70; Eureka Springs, $1.40; Eureka Springs Juvenile, $1.45; Bentonville, $8.30; advertisements in minutes, $5; Edgar Garvin memorial fund, $6. Total, $129.56.

MRS. FRANK PARK,
Conference Treasurer Arkansas Conference.

Missions.

To the Auxiliaries of W. M. S., Searcy District, White River Conference:

DEAR SISTERS—It is very near the close of the third quarter of the fiscal year of our W. M. S. The December reports will bear the record of our thank offerings during the week of prayer services. Many of us could not take part in the public gatherings, but we could all bear our part in the lifting up of hearts for the outpouring of His spirit, and add to the treasuries our mites, as well as our more precious and costly things in our alabaster boxes, many of which have long laid away unbroken, for the Master's use. Can it be said of any one of us, "She hath done what she could?" Were the Master to call for us today would we be ready to meet Him, trusting to receive the welcome, "Well done." You have noticed in a late number of the W. M. Advocate that there is a great falling off in the treasurer's report. Shall we, for the sake of any personal gratification or selfish indulgence, suffer the Lord's cause to languish on our hands? Oh! my sisters, let us open our hearts to the grace of gratitude. Especially should we be grateful that we are permitted to be co-workers with Him in the uplifting of our sisters in heathen, as well as in our own home lands. If we have not already done what we know we ought to have done, let us hasten wisely to retrieve our mistakes by casting each in her own auxiliary's treasury her offering of thanks, that our next reports may give us hope that our pledges will be redeemed and our laborers in far-off lands will be encouraged with prospect of more workers to assist in their toil. May the spirit of love breathe into each woman's heart power to be unselfish in her gifts. In Christian love, yours sincerely,

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Searcy, Ark., Nov. 28.

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Quarterly Meetings.

NEWPORT DISTRICT—First round, S. L. Cochran, P. E.

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 r und, 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, 26, 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.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—First Round, D. J. Weems, P. E.

December: Mansfield circuit at Center Bluff, 12, 13; Greenwood at Greenwood, 19, 20; Huntington and Jenny Lind at Jenny Lind, 26, 27.

January: Charleston at New Prospect, 2, 3; Fort Smith First Church 10, 11; Caulksville mission at Caulksville, 16, 17; Paris and Roseville at Paris, 17, 18; Sugar Grove at Golden City, 23, 24; Boonville at Boonville, 24, 25; Hackett at Mount Olive, 30, 31.

February: Fort Smith Central, 6, 7; Fort Smith circuit Oak Bower, 13, 14; Cauthron mission at Cauthron, 20, 21; Parks mission at Grahams, 23; Waldron circuit at Fairs, 27, 28.

Fort Smith district stewards will please meet in Huntington December 11, at 2 p.m. They are Frank Park, Dr. E. H. Steveson, B. L. Watson, W. W. Lundy, S. P. Florence, G. J. Murphy, J. P. Davis, J. S. Horne, J. A. Bell, J. M. Caton, J. W. Madox, A. L. Horne, James Cole, R. A. Bishop, N. R. Doyel.

D. J. WEEMS, P. E.

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; Vanndale 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'Anguille 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, 30, 31.

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 enduement 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.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—First round, A. H. Williams, P. E.

December: Prairie Grove, 12, 13; Elm Springs, 19, 20; Springdale 20, 7 p. m., and 21; Center Point, 26, 27; Bentonville, 27, 7 p. m., and 28.

January: Pea Ridge, 2, 3; Rogers, 9, 10; Farmington, 16, 17; Siloam Springs, 23, 24; Boonsborough, 30, 31.

February: Fayetteville, 6, 7; Cincinnati, 13, 14; Winslow, 20, 21; Gravett, 27, 28.

March: Springtown, 6, 7.

NOTICE.

The Harrison District stewards' meeting will be held at Yellville, Ark., at 3 p.m., December 10, 1896. The stewards are as follows: J. S. Pass, Jesse Marshall, R. L. Kerr, Wm. Ware, F. A. Robinson, John Bratton, J. D. Hoser, J. C. Floyd, R. G. Dozier, J. B. Simpson, E. D. Sorrells and B. J. Vance.

O. H. TUCKER, P. E.

Please state that Brother James G. Parker was read out for Jamestown circuit, not Brother T. W. Fisackerly; also, that Melbourne circuit is in Batesville district, with Brother T. W. Fisackerly, P. C. The correction of these errors in the appointments of Batesville District will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

J. S. BROOKE, P. E.

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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.

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S. G. SHAW.

Boerne, Texas, Nov. 28, '96.

SMITH—J. N., son of Rev. Daniel Smith, who lived, preached and died in Carrol County, Tenn., was born in Carrol County, Tenn., January 30, 1855, and died 10:40 a.m., May 27, 1896, aged 41 years. Was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1878. Was sanctified in 1882. He was always an active, conscietious and faithful Christian.

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W. B. SMITH,
Pastor M. E. Church South,
Coyville City, Ore., Nov. 23, 1896.

BROOKS—Sherod K., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brooks, departed this life November 25, 1896, aged near 2 years. Little Sherod is gone, but not forgotten. He was given to brighten the home for a short while, but God, who knoweth best, has taken him to Himself. Let us therefore be submissive to His will. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of the parents. L. F. TAYLOR.

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INSKEEP—Gail Leora, little daughter of Bro. H. E. and Sister M. E. Inskeep. Born July 1st 1895, died at Coal Hill, Ark., November 4th 1896. This mother has been called to go through the fire of affliction—having buried five children. Yet praise God she is unmoved—but fixed in her purpose to go to them in the better world. She feels her Saviour is preparing a place for her and that she will feel at home over there because of the little ones gone before. Many friends join in prayer and sympathy with the bereaved parents. Her pastor,

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Quarterly Meetings.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT—First round, V. V. Harlan, P. E.

December: Alma circuit, Alma, 12, 13; Clarksville station, 19, 20; Van Buren Station, 26, 27; Van Buren City Mission, 27, 28.

January: Chester Mission at Chester, 2, 3; Ozark station, 9, 10; Dyer, circuit at Dyer, 16, 17; Clarksville circuit at Breckenridge, 23, 24; Lamar and Knoxville, at Lamar, 30, 31.

February: Coal Hill circuit at Coal Hill, 6, 7; Ozone Mission at Ozone, 13, 14; Ozark circuit at Pleasant Grove, 20, 21; Altus circuit at Altus, 27, 28.

EUREKA SPRINGS DISTRICT—First Round, P. B. Hopkins, P. E.

December: Eureka Springs station, 20, 21; War Eagle at Oak Grove, 26, 27.

January: Berryville at Berryville, 2, 3; Kings River at Pleasant Ridge, 6, 7; Green Forest at Green Forest, 9, 10; Hindsville at Hindsville, 16, 17; Huntsville at Huntsville, 23, 24; Kingston at Kingston, 30, 31.

February: Hackler Grove at Campton, 3, 4; Carrollton at Carrollton, 6, 7; Goshen at Son's Chapel, 13, 14; St. Paul at Crosses, 20, 21.

The district stewards are called to meet in Huntsville, January 21, at 10 a.m., 1897. They are Jacob Levi, W. H. Bolinger, J. H. Dunaway, R. W. Goodelock, G. G. Jackson, F. D. Webb, Rube McCurry, D. D. Gallaher, J. F. Pace, F. M. Anderson, J. M. Brisco, A. W. Blackford. Let every member be present.

HARRISON DISTRICT—First Round, O. H. Tucker, P. E.

December: Yellville station, 12, 13; Bellefonte circuit at Bellefonte, 19, 20; Yellville circuit at Cedar Grove, 26, 27.

January: Marshall circuit at Marshall, 2, 3; Wiley's Cove circuit at Liberty, 9, 10; Lone Rock circuit at Cold Water, 16, 17; Mountain Home circuit at Fairview, 23, 24; Harrison station, 30, 31.

February: Omaha mission at Omaha, 6, 7; Valley Springs circuit at Valley Springs, 13, 14; Lead Hill circuit at Lead Hill, 20, 21; Mountain Home station, 27, 28.

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