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News and Notes.

New Hope Female Academy of the Chactaw Nation was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 3rd ult. no persons injured; $8.000 valuation, partially insured.

Editor Joseph B. McCullagh of the Globe Democrat, St. Louis, was found dead upon the pavement last Thursday, his skull broken from a fall from his window during the night.

We notice in Friday's Gazette, the sudden death, from heart disease of Mrs. Samantha Reynolds, wife of Wm. Reynolds, Esq., of Atkins. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

James F. Kennedy, at Cracker-Neck, a few miles from Kansas City, has been arrested and identified as one of the train robers of the Blue Cut robery. He is supposed to be the leader of the gang.

The leading maritime nations have agreed upon some new rules to prevent collissions at sea. The President has issued a proclamation fixing July 1st next as the date upon which these rules shall go into effect.

The United States consul at Erzaroum reports to the state department that there are 50,000 children under twelve years of age made orphans by the butchery of the Armenians, yet thousands upon thousands of children were murdered by the fiendish Turks.

A plan of autonomy and home rule for Cuba has been agreed upon by the Spanish government. It is to be immediately put in operation in the province of Porto Rico, and in the provinces in rebellion when the rebels lay down their arms—but the rebels say that they fight for independence and will accept nothing less.

Li Hung Chang has appointed two Christian Chinese women as delegates to the woman's congress to meet in London in 1898. The appointees are Margarite Whang and Dr. Hu King Eng. Dr. Eng graduated from an American medical college, and Miss Whang was educated at Delaware, O. Both were educated by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

One of the latest devices in the bicycle line is the Eiffel tandem. It consists of a very strong bicycle, upon which is built a frame of hollow iron rods, about twenty feet high. On top of this frame is a saddle with handle bars and treadles, the motion of which is transmitted by chains to the corresponding lower parts of the bicycle. It also carries a rider on the lower part.

The strong feeling in favor of the recognition of the independence of Cuba which exhibited itself upon the opening of congress by the endorsement by the committee on Foreign Affairs of the cameron resolution has somewhat subsided The fact that Cuba has not even a provisional government to recognize; the known opposition of Mr. Cleveland to such a measure, the position of Secretary Olney that congress has no power to coerce the president in such a case, or to act without him—an opinion sustained by some able constitutional lawyers, all have contributed to a more conservative view. Yet the syampathy of our people with the Cubans is not abated.

The resolution will be taken up in the Senate promply.

For two or three weeks past the leading journals of the country have assured us that Great Britain had made the necessary concessions to Russia to secure her co-operation, and that those two powers, in conjunction with France, had agreed upon measures which would certainly set the Armenian question at rest, temporarily. The Sultan was to give security for promised reforms in his government, by dismantling the defenses of the Dardanelles and opening both the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus to the ships of all nations. The powers were to guarantee the supremacy of the Sultan and the security of Constantinople. Now we learn that the Sultan suddenly exhibits pluck and refuses to accept any such protectorate of the powers over his empire, tells the representatives of these great nations that he may be the last of the Caliphs, but that he will never become a Kedive. It is said, further, that this unexpected exhibition of back-bone in Abdul Hamid is inspired by the Keiser of Germany, who instructs the Sultan to give no pledge for any reforms, except such as he has already given—his word, which all the world knows to be no pledge at all, as lying is the least of the Sultan's vices.

Preachers' Conference—Pine Bluff District.

The preachers of the Pine Bluff District will meet in a two days' conference January 28 and 29, at Stuttgart,

The opening sermon will be preached by G. E. Cameron, on Wednesday evening, Januaro 27, at 7 o'clock, subject, "The Great Commission."

THURSDAY MORNING.

8:45—Opening service.

9 o'clock—Subject: "The Necessity of Enduement of Power by the Holy Ghost." Opening speech of 20 minutes by A. M. Robertson, to be followed by others, 10 minute speeches.

11 o'clock—Sermon by A. O. Evans, on "Fidelity to Jesus Christ."

AFTERNOON.

2:45—Opening exercises, subject: "Fidelity to the Church." Opening address by L. O. Owens, 20 minutes, to be followed by others.

3:45—Subject: "The Preacher, Should by an Example, to the Flock." Opening speech by John N. Jones.

Preaching at 7 o'clock by J. R. Sanders.

FRIDAY MORNING.

8:45—Opening exercises, subject: "The Importance of Revivals, and How to Promote Them." Opening address by I. H. Carr, to be followed by others.

10:00—"The Necessity of Painstaking Persistant Effort on the Part of the Preacher in Raising the Collections."

Preaching at 11 o'clock by B. F. Wilson.

AFTERNOON.

2:45—Opening services, subject: "The Necessity of Building up the Social Meetings of the Church." Opening address by J. J. Bond, 20 minutes.

3:45—Subject: "The Preacher is to be a Man of One Work and One Book." Opening address by L. M. Daly, 20 minutes.

Preaching at 7 o'clock by J. F. Carr.

Brethren of the Pine Bluff District, let us come together and look into each other's faces, pray and plan for a forward movement along all lines of Church work.

C. C. GODDEN, P. E.

The District Stewards

Of Morrilton district will please meet in the Methodist Church at Plummerville January 14, 1897, at 1 p.m. Each pastor will please see the district steward on his charge and urge him to attend. I will write each district steward whose address I can obtain.

P. B. SUMMERS, P. E.
Conway, Ark., Dec. 30, 1896.

Preachers Meeting.

The preachers of Clarksville district will meet at Coal Hill, Jan. 13–15. Opening sermon Wednesday night by Rev. W. P. Hamilton. Let there be a full attendance. We meet for the prayer for the Spirit's anointing and to confer together and to plan for the new year's work. Your fellow laborer,

V. V. Harlan.

Clarksville, Dec. 21.

PREACHERS' MEETING.

Eureka Springs District, to be held at Huntsville, January 20-22, 1897:

Wednesday, 7 p.m.—Sermon by J. R. Maxwell.

Thursday, 8:45—Opening service. 9, The Imperative Need of a Sunday School in Every Church and Reasons for Denominational Schools, J. P. Humphreys. 10, the Epworth League—How to Succeed in the Country, W. D. White, H. M. Conger. 11, Preaching. 2:30, The Pastor in the Homes of the People, W. B. Hart. 3, What is Meant by Pastoral Instruction of Children, D. C. Ross. 7, Preaching.

Friday, 9—Revival Work, L. E. Doran. 10, The Missionary Obligation, T. J. Reynolds. 11, Preaching. 2:30, Missionary Collections, How to Secure Them, H. A. Matney. 3, Public Collections, Objections to Them, H. A. Armstrong. 3:30, Church Conferences, Where to Hold Them, J. R. Maxwell. 7, Preaching.

Let each pastor be present. All of the local preachers are expected to be with us and to take part in the discussions.

Brethren, be with us for the opening sermon and sacrament.

P. B. HOPKINS, P. E.

Elm Springs, Dec. 25.

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A Problem of the Church—III.

A. H. GODBEY.

Referring to the statement that the gospel is sufficient for social and economic salvation, as well as individual salvation, it may be well to point out the error in proposed political remedies for social unrest.

Just now the most restless factor in our society is the farmer. For a score of years he has been striving to better himself with various schemes. I recall the Grange Greenback agitation, Alliance, Wheel; nowadays he is baited with tariff and free silver. There is no promise in any of these. The real difficulties are beyond their reach.

One of the most important factors lies in the very nature of civilization. The needed food supply for a given number of temperate people is practically a fixed quantity. The increase of civilization means a greater variety of food products, and more wholesome food, but it means also a reduction in actual quantity needed for each individual. Hence, given a fixed population increasing in skill, inventive genius, culture, etc., the mere agricultural products will form necessarily each year a smaller percentage of the whole product of the people. In a nation barely out of the lowest savagery, their agricultural produce is almost the whole. But among us to-day it forms 30 per cent. of the whole, while the class producing it forms 46 per cent, of the population. The productive capacity of the farmer is then, to that of the manufacturing and mining populace, nearly as 1 to 2. The ratio of agricultural products to others must grow smaller, because of the physical limit to food consumption, while in all else that is implied in civilization and culture, the only real limit to consumption is that imposed by a man's tastes and his pocket-book. Given a definite number of mouths, then, to be fed, with mechanical appliances steadily improving, it will take yearly a smaller per cent of the populace to produce the needed food supply, if the farmer is to have relatively as large a share of the wealth of the nation as the mechanic.

But during twenty years the mechanic's share in the total product has increased more rapidly than the farmers. One reason lies in the fact that many—most, perhaps—do not have tools to buy, laboring with the machinery furnished by the employer, while the farmer must have his own tools and work stock, and must feed the latter. Some other points, however, are in the farmer's favor. The main difference lies in the fact that our farmer depends largely upon a foreign market, while our mechanic does not. The great progress of Christian civilization has brought all the productive world, through rapid transportation, into close competition, which we cannot escape, nor can we escape the effects. One set of politicians has endeavored to find relief from competitive "pauper labor" abroad in tariff legislation. Result: Put trriff too high and importations are stopped, and you have lost your revenue. Put it a little lower, not quite prohibitive, and you force your foreign pauper to work for still lower wages, to be able to send his product inside your tariff walls; you cripple his ability to purchase our farm products, and you compel our farmers, with a somewhat shortened market for themselves, to pay more for their manufactures. Take it how you will, it produces or augments, somewhat, the very evil it aimed to guard against. It is not in the plans of God that any purely selfish policy shall succeed, it will defeat itself. But the tariff men have already recognized this, hence their talk of a home market for farm products. The error there is shown above. To have a largely increased home market we need more mouths to eat the produce. Our farmers produce enough to feed 20,000,000 more people than we have. No sort of legislative hocus-pocus will enable our present populace to devour that extra produce, and pay more for it, besides, and the politician has again failed at this point, as regards foreign labor, the continental pauper, overburdened at last by the extra load our tariff places on him, has crept inside our borders, gaunt, stunted, haggard, disease-laden, ignorant superstitious, and with low-browed cunning, leers into our faces, as if to say, "What are you going to do about it?"

There is no escaping the fact that, willy-nilly, we are forced to

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A big factory was brought to a standstill the other day for want of a common shingle-nail. The trouble was a mystery at first. Even the boss mechanic could'nt tell what was the matter. They sent for a high-priced expert who charged ten dollars an hour. All he said was: "Gimme a nail." He drove it in the right place and in two minutes the whole factory was going again.

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Problem of the Church.

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compete with the lowest and porest in foreign lands. Commerce binds us to them with bands of steel. If you sell wheat in Europe, you must sell it as cheap as the Hindoo does. Is the Hindoo short on his crop? If you send wheat to him, it must be at a price within the reach of his scanty wages. We export yearly large quantities of wheat, cotton, hogs and cattle and meat and various provisions. No sort of financial jugglery will make the price we get for it to be one cent more than the foreign buyer can get it elsewhere for.

Again, in the recent campaign, efforts were made to show how the prices in gold standard countries differed from those in silver standard ones. The argument is worthless, for either side. Take the records of ancient empires, of mediaeval Europe, of the modern unchristian world, and there is a practical identity in the wage scale, about as low as will support existence. The only factor which has enormously increased the wages of the laborer is the diffusion of Christian principles and Christian civilization. An examination of the wage-scales of the world will show them to be in direct proportion to the influence of practical Christianity and education in the respective lands. The workingman must have it impressed upon him that in the Christian Church he has his most powerful friend, that in the means placed within his reach by the education, science and skill begotten of Christian education, he finds his superior intelligence and comfort.

But this same rapid development of the wonders of Christian civilization and enterprise has produced the very competitive problem I have set forth. Christianity, I say, has produced it; bringing us into close contact with all nations of the earth. Christianity must solve it. It can solve it only by diffusing abroad the same intelligence and humane principles that we find growing at home. We are forced to trade with the Hindoo, the African, Chinaman or European on such terms as he is able to meet. Increase his intelligence and sobriety and industry and that of the ignorant, drunken and neglected one at home, you increase purchasing capacity. Either do this, or your prices must go lower, to meet his miserable pittance. You are bound to him, and cannot escape. You must lift him to your standard, or he will drag you to his. The Almighty is weary of waiting for the world to properly answer the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He now has placed it before His people in international, world-like form, and they will be compelled to answer aright, or perish.

The missionary, if you please, is the greatest commercial agent in the world. All the drummers cannot equal him. The trader meekly follows in his track. He goes among the savages, he Christianizes, he civilizes. But this means to increase the productive capacity of the people, and at the same time to increase or create wants. As Christianity is unerringly performing this task, it is working out the economic problems that perplex us. The gospel is the power of God unto economic salvation, as well as unto the salvation of souls. Let our people everywhere be made to comprehend the enormous value of foreign missions as a business investment. Let us spend our energies in the diffusion of gospel light, rather than political remedies, which are at best but temporary palliatives. Zechariah tells us the last age shall not be clear in some places and dark in others. Universal light, Christian light, power and civilization, by these come contentment and peace and safety. The politician may find a temporary expedient for local troubles, those arising from conditions wholly within our borders, but he is powerless to deal with the problems outside of our borders. Commerce is merely exchange of products, the feeblest producer fixes the amount of the exchange. Overproduction, of which we hear at times means really inequality in productive ability, one set of men can produce faster than another set can produce the means to purchase. Equalize ability as far as practicable, spread the light, spread the gospel, spread education, mental, moral and physical; increase the energy, humanity and crpacity of every man and nation, as rapidly as possible. Then shall we have a great leveling in society, but a leveling up, instead of a leveling down, till the humble pots in the Lord's house shall be as the bowls before the altar, and the unbelieving will suddenly find, in the day of universal harmony, that our puzzling economic problems no longer exist.

A Word About Your Preacher's Salary.

BY REV. JAS. A. ANDERSON.

Several years ago we had occasion to look over our Church to see how the salaries paid the preachers in our Arkansas Conferences averaged with salaries paid in other fields. We found that we were very near the foot of the list, that the Arkansas Conference lacked only one of being at the very foot. The other two Conferences were a little better, and only a little. We acknowledge to a feeling of humiliation just then.

It is our deliberate conviction, after years' of observation from almost all standpoints, that a Methodist preacher can occupy, that next to the ever-present need of more power from on high, both on the preachers and the people, the great and crying need of our Churches in Arkansas is better salaries for their preachers. A preacher who does his work for his salary is a hireling, a shame to his sacred calling, and ought either to repent on quit the ministry and go to some business at which a man has a right to work for the money that is in it. And a preacher who does not give his best service to the work of the ministry, the best possible to him under his circumstances, not for filthy lucre, but because the love of Christ constrains him, this man, if he be a Methodist preacher, has forgotten his vows, and ought to surrender his commission to his Conference. We make no appeal here in behalf of his salary.

But now mark you, dear brethren of the laity, after allowing the truth of every word we have said, there will still be a difference in in the capacity of the men who may be sent to preach to you, and there will be a difference in their efficiency, and no human power can long compel—and no divine power will do it—a man who is truly efficient to work under circumstances that continually hamper him and on a salary that means nothing for the rearing and developing of that man's children, when at the same time he knows that he can go where he can do God's service, get as many souls saved, be free from these anxieties, and meet his solemn responsibilities to his family. And, believe me, that accounts for the fact that we have lost enough of our most valued men out of Arkansas to make a Conference. I can count by name a score of men who have left us since I have been in Arkansas who were among our best. More, I can count now a number of the best that are left whose future fields of operation are depending upon this very same condition. We must stop this continual drain; no business on earth can stand it. We are getting but few by transfer. As a Presiding Elder, I have labored to bring in men; I know that the Bishops of our church have sought to do it, but there is nothing to induce a man to transfer, unless he is seeking to be hampered in all his work as a preacher, except in rare instances. The result is that we have, on the whole, a poorly equipped ministry with which to carry forward the immortal interests of our people. Our preachers themselves would be the first to say that this is true. They are not wholly to blame for being poorly equipped; they are doing, in the main, the best they can, and even they are hampered continually for want of adequate support.

Now, an inefficient ministry, however good the men may be, are just like inefficient clerks, inefficient drummers, doctors, lawyers, field hands, three-legged horses and half-gallon milch cows. That is to say, they are an expensive arrangement after all. You can't make anything else out of it.

There is a point of simple justice to which I desire to call attention. Can any reason be given why an earnest, laborious, efficient and Godly man, who has a wife and children, who has devoted years of toil to preparation for his work, who is every way capable. Can any reason be given why this man should be compelled to receive less for his services than the same man would have received if he had gone to the practice of law or to the practice of medicine? Does he need less to eat or to wear because he is a preacher? The Church that desires his services for less than those services would be worth if given to the world, desires something for nothing—in the name of religion—and the board of stewards that is willing to have it so, is worse off than the Church, for it is their mission not only to collect money, but also to develop the liberality of their people.

There is likewise a point of honor to be noticed: A Methodist preacher, after having surrendered his opportunities in a worldly point of view, has made the further surrender of his liberty to select his field of labor—his opportunity to make a contract with his people to serve them for such and such salary. After he has been assigned to a work, he cannot honorably say, "I will not preach for you

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Now, I am sure that the great ma ority of our stewards would be glad to see all this changed. I have known hundreds of them, and know that they love both the Church and the preachers. How to institute a reform is the question with them. But the reform can be instituted. Begin with yourselves, brethren, and divide up with God's cause at a better ratio. Adopt the rule that the most of your preachers follow, giving a tenth of your gross income to God, face your people humbly and earnestly with the same proposition, talk it and pray it, and you will see wonders in less than two years. You think you cannot do this. You can do it. The proof is in the fact that the preachers do it—and move every year or two at heavy expense besides. I know a single Church in which a tithe of the salaries of six or seven people alone would, if turned into the Lord's treasury, pay the preacher a salary 33 1-3 per cent. better than that Church has ever paid, and then there would be left nearly 300 people from whom the other funds of the Church could be collected. There are plenty other Churches like it, if not in ability, like it in liberality. Blow the trumpet for an advance, my dear brethren, an advance all over Arkansas; blow with no uncertain sound. Do not be afraid to do it, for—I speak deliberately—when a preacher and a board of stewards both do their duty faithfully, standing right together and keeping close to God, they are all but omnipotent in their community. They can do anything that ought to be done; your people will follow your plans; your Lord will smile upon your work.

I hear a hundred voices say: "That is all very nice, but I do not believe in promising more than we can pay. I do not want to mislead the preacher." I have heard that voice a hundred times before. It usually comes from a good, honest and conservative man, but it comes from a man who is misled by a fallacy—it makes what your people have done to be a standard for what they ought to do; it is a surrender at once of the leadership that belong to the board into the hands of the very element in the Church whose business it has been to set back on the breeching. It is the business of the board to lead, and when a whole board of stewards set the example of liberality, and then kindly and earnestly and religiously call upon their people to follow them, that board is not going to be disappointed; their promise to a preacher who has done his duty will be about as good as a government bond.

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I had somebody back of me, makes me feel like putting my heart and life into my work—but I love Arkansas, and pray and toil and plead for the prosperty of our beloved Methodism in all her bounds, in every circuit, station or mission in this State. O ye men of God, prize up this mired wheel of salaries, prize it out of the old ruts and let the chariot of salvation roll!

Some Texas Notes.

DEAR METHODIST—The old and well-trained wheel—the Methodist itineracy—has rolled once more about and over the broad bosom of the Lone Star State. The tread was steady, but encountered a few obstructions, as afore time, and as it ever will, while men are mortal and God's ways past finding out, now. But upon the whole there seems less damage to the crew than usual.

Is it not sadly curious how fades the membership of an Annual Conference? Sometimes it is like a morning cloud as it vanishes before the sun. The older we get, I suppose, the fact is more impressive and discernable. It is so with me I know. Our Conference (the Northwest Texas) had three deaths the past year and one already since Conference, all special friends of mine. Six located at our last session and several others lost place on our roll, and still we are densely crowded. A larger number of new charges were created than usual, to provide for the men. They come up from somewhere.

We increased in membership in the Church about 5,000 in our Conference alone, and a liberal growth appears in all the seven Conferences in the State. On our Southern border there is gathering a larger German population and other foreigners, which command our study and labor.

We have much home mission work to do. Our Conference assessment is $10,500 for our own field. And we pay the same for the foreign work.

Texas Methodism is building many fine Church edifices. Methodism is strong and aggressive everywhere. The Baptists are close on us.

There are 212 pastorates in our Conference. Texas continues to attract preachers from Arkansas. Arkansas preachers are abundant all over Texas. They make good hands.

The past year was extraordinarily dry over a large majority of the State, and many privations were experienced by many of the itinerants, but not a word of complaint. What a courageous class of men and women Methodist pastors and their wives are, and much more is due to the wives than anybody, but the Lord ever considers. There is a time of revelation and reward coming for them when the Lord comes to make up his jewels, these unswerving martyrs and heroines will be found.

I am glad our Zion prospers within your territory. Of course I read the reports of meetings and keep track of my dear old comrades and their people. Am interested in everything occurring in the old home land. I think of the friends over there daily, and love them all dearly.

The wheel moved me this time but only twelve miles. Wife and I are; as ever, serving the Lord gladly. Have a pleasant appointment. This will be enough for this time. Love to everybody.

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Literary Table.

Jephthah's Daughter.

Hark, hearken ye heavens, how awful the vow
That Jephthah the captain is giving thee now!
Despised and forsaken he fled him away
From the house of his father to slander a prey,
And long had he wandered the deserts among,
And braved their drear blasts when the slanderous tongue
Of Gilead was heard in Tob's land wild,
Heard calling back homeward the strange womans child.

"The fierce hoards of Ammon are aiming the blow
To strike thy proud Israel imploringly low;
They pass o'er the Jordan, they crowd on the plain,
And Judah stands helpless to bleed in their train.
Where the horse and the rider lie low in the dust
The vain and proud daughters must fall in their lust.
A leaderless people at Mizpeh below
Looks fearfully out o'er the ranks of the foe,
Where the war-horse treads over the grave of the Gaal
And the camp-fires flame round o'er the altars of Baal;
And woe to the spoiler, oh treacherous men!
The bramble hath blasted the cedar again;
Then wake to the voice that calls thee to go
And bury the steel in the breast of the foe!"

The wrongs of his youth he remembers no more
And Jephthah comes boldly his people before,
O'er Mizpeh of Gilead, through Jordan's dark ford
He mightily leads in the strength of the Lord,
And dark desperation stands firm on his brow
As he calls to his God to honor his vow.
"'Gainst the fierce kings of Edom, implacable foe,
The trumpets of silver are ready to blow;
From Moabs dark wilds, from the cave and the den,
Thy people oh God, are now rallied again!
Oh strengthen the arm of thy servant to-day,
And scatter the foe all bleeding away;
And thine be the glory, oh Excellent Name,
The victor returned will kindle the flame,
And high on thy altar most surely will burn.
The first that comes greeting his honored return."

From Aroer to Minnith o'er mountain and plain
The beasts of the desert howl over the slain,
And the daughters of Zion renew their glad song
Where Jordan rolls proudly their borders along;
For the foe and the stranger no longer demand
Them captives to sing in a desolate land;
And lightly the willow floats out on the breeze
As the harpers are hailing her fairest of trees;
But the pines of the mountains in sorrow may bow,
For the house of proud Jephthah is desolate now.
'Tis thus that thy daughter—oh Chorazin's woe!—
'Tis thus thy fair daughter is bringing thee low!
Oh precious the blood that's destined to pay
The vow that befell thy unfortunate day,
When no beast from the field on the altar was laid
But the flesh of thy flesh with ambition was weighed!

For away on the mountains in darkness and dread
Soon her limiting days were fearfully sped;
Then maiden and mistress look out to behold
The father comes down like a wolf on the fold,
For the stones of the altar heaped horribly high
Were ever demanding a virgin to die;
But long may they stand their sad vigil to keep
Where the daughters of Zion come yearly to weep,
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Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondant.)

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The diplomatic news of the week has been especially satisfactory to the friends of peace. While no official announcement of the fact has been made, it is known that the British-American arbitration treaty has been completed and accepted by both governments, only needing the ratification of the Senate to become binding. It is expected that President Cleveland will send the treaty to the Senate soon after Congress re-assembles, and no opposition to its prompt ratification is looked for. The other pleasing diplomatic news is not so accurate, and its truthfulness is not vouched for, but it finds many believers in Washington. It is in effect that the Spanish government has indirectly, but not officially, intimated to our own its desire to bring about peace in Cuba, and its willingness to accept the proffered good offices of the President towards that end. State department officials decline to discuss this matter at all, further than to say that no official communication on the subject has come from Spain.

A delegation more than 100 strong, representing the Anti-Saloon League, appeared before the Commissioners of the District of Columbia this week, to ask that the Commissioners endorse the bill amending the liquor license laws, which has been passed by the House, and is now in the hands of a Senate committee. The commissioners did not commit themselves either for or against the bill as a whole, although they objected to some of its clauses.

At a preachers' meeting of the Methodist ministers of the Baltimore Conference, held this week in Metropolitan Church, attended by about thirty clergymen, Rev. Dr. Crafts, of the Reform League Bureau, told of the work accomplished towards moral reform legislation, and asked the co-operation of those present towards getting the measures now pending in one or the other branches of Congress enacted into laws. Rev. Dr. Hartsock spoke on the "Forward Movement in New York City;" Chaplain Milburn, of the Senate, on "Health," and Rev. Dr. Stitt, on Dr. Watson's ("Ian Maclaren") "The Mind of the Master."

Two Washingtonians left this week with Rev. Ira H. Le Fetra, who has charge of the Methodist mission and educational work at Santiago, one of the most important stations of South American Methodist Church, having been selected with six others as teachers for the college over which Mr. Le Fetra presides. The mission board appropriated $20,000 for the work at Santiago during 1897.

Rev. S. M. Hartsock, pastor of Ryland M. E. Church, preached a strong sermon against dancing last Sunday, making it especially applicable to the coming inaugural ball. As may be seen from the following, he did not mince matters or take a halfway stand:

"We do not believe," he said, "that it is right for members of our Church, or of any Church, either to practice dancing or to tolerate it in their houses, and there are many weighty reasons to support this stand. Dancing, with its late hours, confined atmosphere, the usual style of dress, and the sudden transition from a heated room to the cool night air, as is usually the case, is not safe, as many early deaths testify. While bodily health is damaged, there is no promise of moral or mental improvement. The moral influences are certainly not of a very high order. Nominal Christians may be seen at such places dancing, but they are persons who have no weight of Christian character and exert no influence for God or religion."

No sermon preached in Washington for a long time has been more talked about than one delivered Sunday by Rev. Dr. T. S. Hamlin, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, on the American type of Christianity. That it was a striking sermon may be gathered from the extracts following:

"We have an American type of Christianity. Wesley is still the patron saint of Methodism, but American Methodism Wesley would have difficulty in recognizing. Our Presbyterianism is a heritage from Switzerland and Holland and Scotland, but it is neither Swiss nor Dutch nor Scotch. Our Protestant Episcopal Church is separated from the Anglican by more than the Atlantic. Even the Roman Catholic Church, whose boast is its unchangeableness, has yielded to the spirit of free, Democratic, simple American life. * * * Our American Christianity has alone solved the problem of complete separation between Church and State. This has been attempted elsewhere, it has been realized here. Our constitution and laws protect every religion, but favor none. The purely voluntary support of Christianity is successful in many places; only with us it a national policy. And its results are splendid, beyond the fears of its opponents or the hopes of its advocates. Our people give money lavishly for religious uses, though they would not endure for the same purpose the smallest tax. Our last census shows $670,000,000 invested in strictly Church property, furnishing 43,000,000 sittings in Church edifices alone, where 20,000,000 services are held annually, not to mention Sunday-schools, missions and similar gatherings. This affords some idea of our estimate of that religion which we spend $12,000,000 a year to send to those who have it not."

Dr. Hamlin strongly urged his hearers not to help the foreigners in Washington to un-Americanize our Sunday, by adopting their custom of entertaining on that day.

WHAT TO EAT—Is the title of a magazine for the house-keeper, published at Mineapolis, Minn. We can heartily recommend it, as we feel assured that attention to its instructions will promote domestic happiness and good digestion.

Book Notices.

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The Sunday School.

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Christ's Ascension.

ACTS I. 1-14. MEMORY VERSES, 7-9.

Golden Text: "While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." (Luke xxiv. 51.)

Topical Outline: I. Forty Days After. (Verses 1–8.) II. The Lord Ascends. (Verses 9–12.) III. The Disciples Wait. (Verses 13, 14.)

Time: A. D. 30, forty days after the resurrection.

Place: Mount Olivet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Christ's Ascension, Acts i. 1–14.
Luke's Account, Luke xxiv. 36–53.
Ascended on High, Ps. ixviii. 11–19.
Completed Atonement, Heb. x. 11–22.
Into Heaven Itself, ix. 24–28.
Head over All, Eph. i. 15–23.
Alive for Evermore, Rev. i. 9–18.
Reference Word, "Ascend."
Lesson Hymn, No. 118.

We are about to enter on the study of the Acts of the Apostles. This book has been not inaptly called "The Gospel of the Holy Ghost." We ask every reader of these notes to give diligent attention to the lessons of this quarter and to what we shall have to say. We promise such as will do this that you shall know why the Holy Spirit came into the world, and what He is to do among us.

The book of Acts is a history of how the teachings of Christ were translated by the Holy Ghost into the terms of a human experience. It is one thing to be told that such and such things are true; it is another thing to come to realize for your very self that they are true. Now Christ had told his disciples many things. It was the business of the Spirit to transform these things into an experience for all who would receive that experience. He brought no new revelation—the Holy Ghost never does that—He dealt with the facts that Christ had already revealed. Our Lord himself had distinctly said that the Spirit would not speak of himself, but he should take "of the things of mine and show them unto you." So it is that no new fact is revealed in the Acts or in the Epistles. The facts on which our Gospel must forever rest are all given us in the four Gospels. The germ of every Christian doctrine, without a single exception, is also found there. These germs were given by the Son of God himself, and this foundation is laid in granite facts which no sophistry nor logic can ever shake—facts which transpired in the region of the senses, under the eyes and ears and touch of men who were competent witnesses.

This lesson deals with the fact of the ascension. The ascension is the last act of our Lord done on the earth. It finishes up the body of facts that the Holy Ghost was to interpret and illumine. All that Christ said and did while on earth constitutes that body of facts. He himself had carried on his work on the basis of a body of facts laid for him in a former dispensation, from Adam to Malachi; and he was himself the interpretation of that body of facts. So now he lays the basis for the operation of the Holy Ghost. In both cases the basis must be complete before the operations conducted upon it could begin. Hence the ascension must precede the descent of the Spirit.

We marvel at the blindness of these men who were all the while with our Lord. He had told them many things as plainly as words could express them, and yet they did not understand. He had told them of his death, had told them many things about the nature of his kingdom on earth, had told them about his resurrection, had told them, indeed, all the essential featu re of his Gospel; but to this good hour they knew almost nothing aright: only one thing had been made sure—they had the facts about what he had said and done. Even as they went out to the place of his ascension they brougth up the old question as to when he is going to set up that earthly kingdom, for which they had been constantly looking ever since they had known him, and ask, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He declined to enter into a discussion of that question, told them in effect to go back to Jerusalem and wait for their answer. It was no use then to undertake to explain things which they had often been told but could not understand. They needed illumination, and when this should come to them it would bring the answer to all their questions of this kind—they would understand what the kingdom is, what the crucifiction, the resurrection and the ascension meant for them and for the world, would know their relation to all these great things. I say we marvel at their stupidity. But why should we? Had we not better accept all this as a demonstration that no mere words can convey a knowledge of these things; no, not even though the words be spoken by the Master himself! Nothing but the Holy Ghost can do that.

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The note closes by saying: "We hope and pray for a more prosperous year spiritually the coming year.

MR. G. L. MORRIS,
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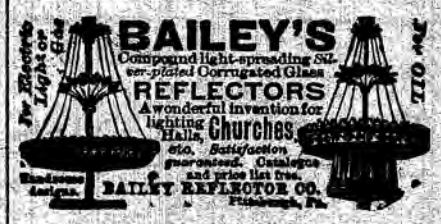

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TOPIC FOR

JANUARY 3, 1897.

A Gracious Invitation.

ISAIAH lv. 1-7.

Our studies for the first quarter of the year 1897 are in Isaiah. This prophet began to prophecy as he tels us—chapter vi. 1—"in the year that Uziah died.' About 760 before Christ, and his prophecy ran through the reign of the succeeding kings Jotham. Ahaz and Hezikiah, about sixty years. Of Isaiah's lineage we know nothing. The son of Amoz, his line is not indicated further. He seems to have been familiar with the court at Jerusalem. As the book of Psalms was not all composed by David, so it is held by many Bible critics that Isaiah was not the author of all the book which bears his name. By consulting the note upon the book of Isaiah in the Oxford Bible the student of this lesson will find about all that can be said, in condensed form on this subject.

Our studies in this book will not follow its prophetic predictions but attend to the high spiritual, as we may say evangelical tone of its teachings. As set over against the earlier ages of Hebrew history in which so much stress was laid upon ritualism, the book of Isaiah marks a great advance into spiritual conceptions. Offerings and feasts, and, temple treading, are all but mockery in God's sight unless the heart be engaged.

The second division of the book of Isaiah and which many attribute to a later author—some one who wrote during the captivity—runs from chapter xi. to lxvi. and is a continuous prophecy of the return from Balylon, and the restoration of the divine favor. It is from this part of the book that our lesson is taken.

Whether the author of our lesson looked forward in prophetic vision to the state of his people in captivity, yet immersed in worldly business and care and striving to satisfy the soul with earthly goods, or some contemporary whose devout soul was daily grieved with their groveling aims and earthly greed it matters not. The call is to spiritual life and aim. "Ho every one that thirsteth." The appeal is broad. It knows no rank or station or race. "Every one that thirsteth." The restless the unsatisfied, these are called.

Men seek with wasting toil and care what heaven offers ceaselessly as a gift. The water which quenches soul thirst is given without money and without price. Man's nature calls for God. He was not made to find happiness in merely carnal things. He must have aims worthy of his immortality he must be assured of the blessing of his Maker. Only in the sure mercies of David can he find rest.

Observe here how the prophet has in his thought not David's goodness but that mercy in which David trusted. An everlasting covenant with God, into which we enter alone by faith is the soul's refuge. There follows a picture of that greatness and happiness that shall come to Israel if faithful to the covenant. Instead of being captive and despised they shall be the admired and honored of the nations.

The utterance which follows is a true putting of the conditions of obtaining the divine favor in evangelical repentance. The opportunity of salvation soon passes, whether it be the end of life or the hardening of the heart that makes the hopeless separation from God that separation comes soon. The day which brings to us God's call and in which we may obey that call is unspeakably precious, and if we would come to him for pardon of sin it must be by renouncing our sins. God can only forgive that from which we have turned away. He must separate the creature whom he loves from the sin which destroyes.

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J. E GODBEY, D. D., Editor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1897.

He does not love God truly who does not desire to love Him better.

The smallest thing done for Christ with humility is better than the most costly gifts with pride.

The Christmas edition of The Texas Christian Advocate was very fine—sixteen pages, elegantly illustrated.

The measure of the Spirit which one has received is best known by the measure of love and humility which he exhibits.

They that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled; but they are never so filled that their hungering and thirsting ceases.

Perfect love is the attainment to which every Christian is called; but the perfect manifestation of love is the only evidence that the attainment has been reached.

Fear refrains from open transgression of the law, yet is held by the law's requirements like a wild beast in a cage; love delights in the law, and in it meditates day and night.

If men who are suffering from extreme poverty will seek deliverance by temprance, industry and economy it will be found to work far better than politics or labor organizations.

One may do nothing wrong and yet do very little good. He may keep all the "thou shalt not" of the law, and yet be a drone in the Church. The Christian is known by what he does, rather than what he does not.

One who has made high attainments in spiritual life may still be eagerly pressing forward for that which is better, while one whose spiritual life is week and feeble may rest contented, deeming that he has attained perfection.

If the philanthropic people who are so much concerned for improving the conditions of the poor, will begin with their own gardners, drivers, butlers and cooks there will be a wide reform without any fuss made about it—droping like the gentle rain from heaven.

Now that the preachers have all settled down to the work of the new Conference year, shall we not have a campaign of winter revivals? Could there be finer weather for the work of protracted meetings on the stations than is the average Arkansas winter, and such as we have had for weeks past?

It is understood that the terms of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain have been arranged, whereby, for the next five years all differences between the two nations are to be settled by a committee of arbitration, but for reasons not given to the public, the signatures will not be affixed and the treaty published until the latter part of next month.

A False Statement Corrected.

A few weeks ago we coppied in the ARKANSAS METHODIST the following from the Canada Presbyterian. "The public have nothing to do with the business arrangements made between Dr. John Watson and Major Pond, by which Dr. Watson is prevented from preaching while on the lecturing tour. All the same, one cannot help feeling that it is a pity Dr. Watson should go across the continent muzzled on Sabbath, even if the muzzle is golden. The arrangement may be a good one financially, or it may not; but it is hard on the ministry, and we doubt very much if Dr. Watson will gain anything by it in the end. The number of people who say that ministers are as fond of money as other men will be greatly increased by Dr. Watson's tour."

Dr. Buckley editor of the Christian Advocate, New York finds the same in the Epworth Herald, and exhibits his characteristic zeal for truth and justice by searching out the facts in the case and we gladly give them here. He says: The quotation from the Canada Presbyterian is a libel.

The program issued by Major Pond shows the following appointments for Dr. John Watson: Sunday, Oct. 4, preaching, Yale College Chapel; Sunday, Oct. 25, Appleton, Wis., preaching in the First Congregational Church; Sunday, Nov. 1, preaching for President William R. Harper in the University of Chicago; Sunday, Nov. 15, preaching for the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood in the First Presbyterian Church. Germantown, Philadelphia; Sunday, Nov. 29, preaching in the Old South Church, Boston, for the Rev. George A. Gordon, D. D.; Sunday, Dec. 6, preaching under the auspices of the Stndents' Club in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York; Sunday, Dec. 13, preaching for the Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn, Dr. Lyman Abbott, pastor. For none of these services did he received one penny of compensation.

The contract with Major Pond was not made to swell receipts, but is exactly the contract made by him with the clerical lectures whom he has conducted at home and abroad, that they shall rest on Sunday when they are lecturing nearly every night in the week, and to protect them against applications which would certainly offend or weaken them. But it is not an ironclad agreement. It simply requires that the lecturer and the lecture agent, who takes so great financial responsibility, should agree upon the times and places for the extra services on Sunday. Dr. Watson is so desirous to return to his church that he has refused an offer from Major Pond to make an additional contract for twelve weeks, for which he (Dr. Watson) should receive twenty-five thousand dollars.

The First M. E. Church, South, Little Rock.

The Gazette of last Sunday presented its readers with a picture of our First Church in this city as it will appear when completed. We would reproduce the picture, but our columns are too much crowded.

The plan is for a building both large and beautiful. The auditorium is to be 71x77 feet and seated for 900 people. It will have galleries and a central dome thirty feet in diameter and sixty feet high from the floor. Besides this there is a chapel and Sunday school department, which is now finished. It has basement with floor a little below the surface of the ground, but the rooms are perfectly lighted. There is here a Sunday school room, dining room, Epworth League room and kitchen, with broad hall, way and closets and cupboards. On the second or main floor is the chapel, which will accommodate about 500 persons. There is also a large library room. There is also a gallery circling the room on three sides and divided into twelve rooms for the use of Sunday school classes.

The chapel is finished with a central dome above with lantern lights. The cost of this part of the building was $11,000, all of which has been paid except $300, which will be in hand in a week or two.

The chapel is elegantly carpeted and seated with chairs. The first service was held in this chapel last Sunday. The accoustics were found to be perfect. The good people of First Church were rejoiced after a year of tabernacling here and there to feel once more at home. Under great disadvantages pastor and people have carried forward the work of the church. They have done well, and the future is bright.

The foundations of the main edifice are already laid in granite, and after taking breath the congregation will complete their noble task. They wisely purpose to pay as they go.

A Sad Accident.

DEAR BRO. GODBEY:—A very sad accident has happened in the neighborhood of Smith's Chapel on my work. Clarance Fallas, a very bright and good boy of about 14 years was accidently shot and killed while he and some other boys were out hunting. I have not learned the particulars but will know tomorrow. Bro. Fallas is absent from home having gone to his old home on a visit. What sad sad news will reach him today and call him home in deep sorrow. May the Lord God sustain the family in their extremely sad bereavement. Your brother,

W. W. ANDERSON.

Colt, Ark., Dec. 22.

Correction.

MR. EDITOR—I notice one error in the obituary of Rev. H. M. Cryer. He did not preach the night after he was received into the church in the morning, but on Wednesday. I had him to assist me in revival meeting until conference. The quarterly conference that licensed him to preach had twenty-three members present. There was not a dissenting vote. At the same quarterly conference he was recommended to the White River Conference by a unanimous vote. Bro. Cryer was a noble man and a faithful preacher. He used to write me occasionally, always thanking me for leading him to Christ. I received him and his wife and daughter (now deceased) into the church. Yours,

J. F. PIKE.

Married.

PEAY-GRISARD:—At the residence of Mr. S. G. Smith in Conway, Ark., by Rev. Geo. W. Hill, Mr. Reyburn Peay of Little Rock and Miss Nora Grisard of Conway.

WATTERS-PHILIPS:—At the residence of the bride's father, Judge Charles Philips, Salem, Ark., Mr. Frank Watters to Miss Laura Philips. Rev. F. R. Noe officiating.

FALL-SMITH:—At the home of the bride's father in Howard county Ark., on the 25th day of November 1896, by A. D. Jenkins, pastor. Mr. William Fall of Center Point to Miss Janie Smith.

THOMAS-GIBSON:—At the bride's home in Cleveland county Ark., Dec. 2, '96. Mr. E. G. Thomas to Miss Annie Gibson, Rev. J. W. White officiating.

WILLSON-BRYAN:—Rev. W. M. Willson and Miss Florence Bell Bryan were married in the Methodist Church, in Brinkley, Dec. 7th. Rev. M. M. Smith, officiating.

MCANDREWS-JACKSON:—At the parsonage in Bentonville, Nov. 17, '96. Mr. J. G. McAndrews and Mrs. L. O. Jackson. Both members of the M. E. Church, South, S. F. Goddard officiating.

CLIFFORD-LONGACRE:—At the parsonage in Bentonville, Dec. 3, 1896, Mr. Henry Clifford to Miss Anna Longacre, S. F. Goddard officiating.

Personal.

The postoffice of Rev. D. H. Groover is Leslie, Ark.

Rev. Horace Jewell is a candidate for Chaplain of the Senate.

William Ewert Gladstone was eighty-seven years old on the 29th ult.

J. A. Sage, Hot Springs District, writes: "We are starting off well. I am hopeful of a good year."

Dr. Andrew Hunter has been laid up for two weeks with rheumatism, at the house of Mr. Fields, this city.

Rev. John Lowry and his father and mother from Hope, Ark , made our office a visit the day after Christmas.

Allen D. Carden Superintendent Public Schools, Camden, Ark., was a pleasant caller Wednesday of Christmas week.

Hon. George Thornburgh, our Business Manager, has been elected Secretary of the Arkansas State Board of Charities.

Rev. R. A. Holloway, brother of Mrs. J. E. Godbey, stationed at Madison, Fla., made his relatives in Arkansas a visit just before the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Stone called Monday on their way to Rison to visit their children. We were glad to note their improved healthful appearance.

Bishop Fitzgerald has had quite a siege of la grippe, but is reported improving. During his sickness he has been at the home of his daughter in Memphis.

Our genial friend Frederick Woodcock called during the holidays on his way to Moody's Bible School, Chicago, where he will take a course in voice culture and Bible study.

Washington Duke, of Durham, N, C. has just given $100,000 for the endowment of Trinity College. Is there not one Methodist in Arkansas who will give $10,000 to Hendrix College?

Bro. Broke, Presiding Elder of Batesville District, writes: "We have got a nice start on the District. Every quarterly meeting, so far, spiritually refreshing." His postoffice is Portia, Ark.

Dr. Josephus Anderson has entered on the tenth year of his service as editor of the Florida Christian Advocate. Dr. Anderson has done valuable work for the Florida Conference. We wish he could find time to make a visit to Arkansas, where he has so many friends.

Rev. J. T. Bagwell was in our office yesterday. He took a transfer to the North Carolina Conference, but has been detained by typhoid fever in his family, three of his children having been sick. He expects to be off for his new field in a week. Dr. Bagwell is a fine preacher and the good wishes of all his brethren follow him.

Mrs. J. C. Hawthorne, of Jonesboro, who ordered of us eight of the splendid Holman Self-Pronouncing Teachers' Bibles as Christmas presents to her Sundey-school class, writes: "The Bibles came promptly. I am delighted with them. I never before saw such beautiful and altogether satisfactory books at such low figures."

The Izard County Register says Uncle Henry Hays, an old cane breaker among the Methodist preachers of Arkansas, will be eighty-three years old the 23rd. This editor is personally acquainted with Uncle Henry and wishes him an enjoyable birthday, Christmas and happy New Year, and that he may live to see many more birthdays.

Bro. Hays is a superannuate of White River Conference. A true man and a useful preacher in his day.

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Notices.

Change.

Please change my quarterly meetings for January as follows:

January: Coal Hill circuit at Coal Hill, 13; Lamar and Knoxville at Lamar, 23-24; Clarksville circuit at Breckenridge, 30-31.

February: Altus circuit at Altus, 6, 7.

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DEAR DR. GODBEY:—I have changed the time of the preacher's meeting of the Harrison district from January 28-29 to Feb. 2-4, at Harrison.

O. H. TUCKER, P. E.

Oversight.

EDITOR METHODIST:—On account of an oversight of mine, the minutes of the late session of the Arkansas Conference do not show the amount collected and disbursed on account of the assessment for educational purposes. For the information of those interested, please publish the following statement: Amount collected on educational assessment, $191.56; amount of Children's Day collection, $15; amount collected for Payne Institute, $23.55. Total: $230.11.

Disbursed as follows: Paid A. C. Millar, for Hendrix College, $83.59; paid F. A. Malone, for Quitman College, $83.59; paid R. J. Bigham, Gen. Board, $28.58; paid C. G. Goodrich, for Payne Institute, $23.55; paid F. S. H. Johnston, publishing minutes, $7.50; paie J. A. Anderson, expenses, $3.40. Total: $230.21. And oblige,

W. L. MOOSE.
Sec. Board Ed. Ark., Conf.

PROGRAMME

Of Preachers' Meeting, Monticello District, to be Held at Portland, January 19-21:

TUESDAY.

7. p.m.—Preaching by A. Turrentine.

WEDNESDAY.

8:45 a.m.—Opening religious services.

9 a.m.—"Survey of the Field," by T. D. Scott.

9:30 a.m.—"The Preacher and His Board of Stewards, Their Relation and the Advantages Growing Out of This Relation," J. J. Colson.

10 a.m.—"What is the Distinctive Idea in Our Sunday-school Work, as Set Forth in Our Disciplin?" W. A. Steel.

10:30 a.m.—"How May We Promote Piety and Loyalty to Our Church Among the Young People Through the League?" F. P. Doak.

11 a.m.—Preaching by C. W. Drake.

2 p.m.—"Pastoral Visitation, Its Opportunities and Advantages," by J. W. Vantrease.

2:30 p.m.—"How Pastoral Visiting is Often Misapplied," G. W. Duncan.

3 p.m.—"What is Meant by Pastoral Instruction of Children, How and When Are We to Instruct Them?" A. Turrentine.

3:30 p.m.—"What Should We Expect From the Prayer Meeting?" R. H. Poynter.

4 p.m.—"Can We Use the Class Meeting, If So, How?" R. G. Roland.

7 p.m.—Preaching by O. E. Goddard.

THURSDAY.

9 a.m.—"How I Take My Collections." Three minutes' talk by each preacher.

10 a.m.—"How Can We Best Inform Our People on Missions?" by O. E. Goddard.

11 a.m.—Preaching by J. D. Dunn.

2 p.m.—"Our Duty Towards the Women's Societies," by R. L. Broach.

2:30 p.m.—"What Can We do for Our Colleges?" O. E. Goddard.

3 p.m.—"The Preacher as Book Agent, Importance of the Work and How," D. M. Powell.

3:30 p.m.—"The Revival, What it is, and How Attained," R. A. McClintock.

7 p.m.—Preaching by G. W. Duncan.

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Sent to comfort, soothe and ease us.
Sent in answer to our prayers.

And we know that God will hear us,
Every prayer that we do make,
Let us ask Him to be near us,
For the blessed Jesus' sake.

Always He hath said He'll love us;
Always many blessings send,
Ever watch in care above us,
And be with us to the end.

Ought we not to truly love Him,
Who to us so much has given?
Let us then strive so to serve Him,
That we'll have sweet peace in Heaven.

—Lucile Daniel, in The Messenger.

Andrew Soule Scott.

"He lives most who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Judged by this standard, who can measure the life of our friend, Rev Andrew Soule Scott, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Scott. He was born January 12, 1858. How early the home life can mould the character may be learned from this useful life. His father is an earnest, faithful preacher. His mother was a consecrated, Christian woman, whose daily walk and conversation impressed their little ones with the beauty of holiness. She soon went to her reward, but the influence of that Christian home remained.

Often I heard Brother Scott speak of his mother, and the impression her Christian life had made on his heart, and the influence it had on his life. He honored his father and mother. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1879; was married November, 1879, to Miss Mollie Jones, who only lived ten months. He was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in 1883. His first work was the Mount Ida circuit, then Malvern circuit, 1885. The next year he was appointed junior preacher, under Dr. Withers, in Hot Springs. There his health failed. He located and went to California, where he remained three years. His health being restored, he returned to Arkansas, was married to Miss Lou Sinquefield, October 7, 1889. Served as a supply on Selma circuit; was readmitted into Little Rock Conference in 1890, and was on Fountain Hill circuit. Attended school in Nashville, Tenn., in 1891. 1892-93 he was on Holly Springs circuit; 1894, Benton station; 1895, Carlisle and Hazen; 1896, Junction City.

I was intimately associated with him most of his itinerant life. A nobler, truer, more unselfish man I have never known. A strong, brave man, yet gentle and loving as a child. He had a high idea of the duties and obligations of the ministry, and did well the work assigned him.

As a preacher he was far above the average, in strong persuasive eloquence his sermons were seldom excelled. He had a true idea of life, scorned a pretense or a sham, and was ever true to the right. As a pastor he was much beloved. He feared no man, yet loved all men. He was a loyal friend, one to be loved and trusted. As a husband he was tender and considerate. His desire to shield his wife from the hardships of life was balanced by her brave, cheerful spirit. Together they labored in the Lord. In studies, earnest; in labors, abundant, all pervaded by a spirit of consecration. He was a happy father, thankful for the young lives intrusted to his care. We feel that the little ones have lost much, yet the heritage he has left them will be a blessing to them forever.

He suffered patiently, and was ready when our Father said: "It is enough, come up higher," on September 2, 1896.

The funeral sermon was preached by the writer on the fourth Sunday in October to a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Through the darkness of our sorrow shone the ray of love divine, with the blessed assurance that "we will meet again."

Memorial services were held at the session of our Conference, December 6, 1896. We thank God that Brother Scott was of our number, and believe the memory of his life will be a perpetual blessing to our Church.

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BY REV. H. C. MORRISON, D. D.

An aged man on entering my office one day said, "God answers prayer. I wish to tell you how I know it, that you may tell it when I am gone." He was a man of sterling integrity, pure Christian character, and a physician of long experience and great usefulness. I will give you his story, as nearly as possible, in his own words:

"In the early part of this century I was a child of about 7 years, one of six children of a widowed mother, living in what was then the frontier of the State of Ohio. My mother was struggling to keep us children (all small) clothed and fed. It was in the fall of the year. We lived in a small house which was enclosed with a low rail fence. One morning while my mother was getting our breakfast ready I noticed an unusual shadow upon her face, as if she was in trouble. She moved about silently, and once I thought I saw her brush a tear from her face.

"When the scanty meal was placed on the table she bade us 'come and eat,' and putting on her bonnet she left the house. My child-heart was too much taken up with mother's trouble to enjoy the meal. I could not eat. So I quietly withdrew from the table and followed to see where mother had gone. Crossing over the little yard fence, she went down into a small field near by, and under a tree which stood near she kneeled down and began to talk to God. I crept near and listened. She talked to God as she would have talked to a friend, and told Him in outright simplicity what was her trouble. She told Him she had just cooked the last of her provisions, and her children would soon be hungry; that she had neither meat nor meal; that the winter was nigh and her children were without shoes. She told Him all right out of her heart. Having done this she returned to the house, and seemed a bit more cheerful, as if a burden had been lifted from her heart.

"My childish curiosity was excited. I was anxious to see what God would do. I believed He would help my mother, but I wondered how? I lingered about and did not go out with the other children to play. The morning wore on, and toward noon a neighbor drove up in a wagon (the nearest neighbor was four miles away), and coming in he inquired after the family, and then said, 'Sister L——, I have just been to mill (a distance of twenty miles), and felt afraid you were not supplied with meal, and so I have brought you a sack,' and bringing it in on his shoulder, he untied the great sack and poured its contents into the empty meal-barrel. I thought, well, there is the meal, but what about the meat and shoes? The kind neighbor went his way and the day passed until the middle of the afternoon; meantime I was thinking and wondering if the meat and shoes would come.

"About this time another neighbor came. He had not been long seated before he said to my mother, 'Sister L——, I have just killed my hogs, and I have brought you some meat.' And with this he went out and brought in a half a hog. And as he laid it down I said to myself, 'There is the meal and there is the meat, but what of the shoes!'

"He sat and chatted for a time, but before leaving he said, 'Sister L——, how are the children off for winter shoes?' Of course she had to tell him the truth. 'Then, said he, 'I am glad I asked, for I have a nice lot of hide in tan which will soon be finished. I will take the measures and have them some shoes made. Whereupon each of us was made to stand and place a foot out in front, and press it firmly on the puncheon floor, while he marked at heel and toe to get the precise length of the foot. These measures were taken on as many little slips of paper and when all were measured, placing the slips in his pocket, he said, 'I will have their shoes ready before the severe cold weather comes on.'

"Here I saw the meal, the meat and the shoes, all that mother had asked of God that morning, all provided and arranged for, and still the sun was not yet gone down.

"Then," said the old man, as the glad tears brightened and moistened his eyes, "I have gone for seventy years in the strength of that meal and that meat, and those shoes have not waxed old on the feet of my faith, during all the long journey of my life. Brother, tell it when I am gone, God answers prayer.—Southern Christian Advocate.

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Giants of the Ancient World.

It may be said that the rocks of this world of ours are the leaves of a great stone book. They lie one upon another in layers of clay, chalk, slate, coal, and limestone, just like flat stone leaves, and to those who can read their language they have a really wonderful story to tell.

Only a few leaves have as yet been turned, but they are full of instruction, interest, and beauty. Moreover, these leaves contain pictures of endless variety, engraved or painted thereon, sometimes tiny and delicate, as the wing of a dragon fly or the frond of a fern, sometimes the gigantic bones of a scaly lizard, seventy feet in length. Here mighty forest trees, there mosses and lichens, fishes of the strangest form, shells, and lace-like corals—these are the pictures of the great stone book.

Now, the great Author of this book reveals, in the story he has written, not only his power and his skill, but his order. There is no confusion, no chance, no caprice; all reveals a mighty plan. Countless ages before the days of which historians tell us, there were morning and evening, summer and winter, clouds, sunshine, dew, and hoar-frost; and the wings of butterflies and beetles in amber show these primeval forests to have been full of happy life. But all is arranged in a beautiful chain, or scale of existence, nothing disorderly or unworthily done. In the picture we have grouped only a few of the greatest and most striking of these early inhabitants of our planet. It would take volumes to tell of their numbers and their species; of their habits, food, size, teeth, hornes, or scales.

It must not be supposed that they were all living at the same time, or that the wisest of men could tell us how long these monsters lived, or when they ceased to be. The great stone book only gives the order in which they came.

Thus in the red cliffs of Devon, England, we find wonderful fishes, plated with armour like crocodiles, and with odd bony helmets; for companions, spiral-shelled ammonites, some being as big as a cart-wheel. After these came the vast coal forests, invaluable to us in the winter time. So beautiful are the coal pictures that the tenderest network of leaves, the buds and the fruits are all seen hardened into slate. The footprints of small and great reptiles on the soft mud, and even the spots of rain are found changed forever into the hardest stone.

Then we have a tribe of the fish lizards of the Lias, the next vast period. Some of these creatures are like the shark, with a crocodile's jaws and rows of saw-like teeth. These had wonderful eyes with lenses like a telescope's. The swan-necked lizard with a serpent's head lived in shallow water and chased the shoals of fish. Another was a true sea-serpent rom 80 to 100 feet long.

A GIRL THAT MAKES MONEY.

Dear Editor:—I am tired of answering letters from people who heard of my success selling $5 Vapor Bath Cabinets to families and physicians. I make money the year around. Last month $109 right around home. Buy of K. World Mfg. Co., Columbus, O. They are reliable and have been very good to me. Cabinets furnish Turkish and Medicated Vapor Baths at home. Are cleanly and healthful. Beautify the skin and absolutely cure Colds, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Malaria, Bright's Disease and all Blood, Nerve, Skin and Kidney troubles. Saves Dr. and medicine bills. Anyone can make money at this business. DAISY R——

On the bottom of these warm shallow seas there grew groves of brilliant corals, so many and so tangled that they became in time beds of limestone, many hundreds of feet thick. When these and similiar rocks are cut smooth and polished, the fossils that compose them are found to be exquisite in beauty.

On land at this time were huge reptiles, some of which could stand erect like a kangaroo, they being fifty or sixty feet long. Some were vegetable feeders, but others we see by their great fangs were flesh-eaters, and teribly must they have been feared in their day. One enormous creature, had a row of great bony plates down its back, of great use to it no doubt, but who to day can tell in what way? Another species of lizard actually flew through the air; they had leathern, bat-like wings, some with long tails, all with sharp saw teeth. Some were larger than a pelican, others as small as a gull. Long after these came the birds; very different from those alive to-day, but real birds with feathers. Last of all came the mammals—at first small, rat-like animals, then tapirs, pigs, hyenas, bears, and horses.

We would notice also the enormous mastodon, an elephant with four tusks, defending its young from the great sabre-toothed tiger. In another part is the still greater mammoth, with enormous curved tusks, and covered with long, shaggy hair. This mighty beast lived in cold climates. It was so numerous in Northern Siberia that merchants to-day dig in the gravel and find hundreds of tons of ivory tusks, out of which to make knife-handles, piano-keys, and chessmen. Notice also a round-shelled monsters, half tortoise, half armadillo. Against what enemy his thick, bony armour protected him, none can guess. Then there were animals of the deer kind, with fantastic horns; others with trunks like elephants; others with tusks above and below, and a great many more that have never yet been discovered; for the pages of the great stone book have not been a quarter turned yet.—Progress.

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A Sketch of the Life of David.

AUGUSTA, ARK., Nov. 26, '96.

DEAR BRO. GODBEY:—In your last ARKANSAS METHODITT, you asked for a short history of David's life, by some boy or girl under the age of sixteen. I know more about the character of David than any other in the Bible, but may fail to connect my sentences as they should be.

David, the son of Jessee, and son-in-law of Saul, and supposed to be the great grand-son of Ruth, was anointed King in Hebron by Sameul and began to reign at the age of thirty, and reigned forty years. At this time the Israelites and the Philistines were constantly at war with each other. Goliath, a Philistine soldier, dared all Israel to fight him, but none would venture on account of his great stature and armor, except David, a mere youth, who resolved to fight him, trusting in God. And with nothing but a sling for a weapon, he buried with one throw a stone in Goliath's forehead bringing him to the ground on his face. Then David ran, and with Goliath's sword, cut his head off and brought it to Jerusalem. So goes the song of the Hebrew woman, "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his ten thousands."

Saul is jealous of David and cast a spear at him the third time, but failed to kill him. Saul put David in many battles to get him killed. David spares Saul's life twice, once when he found him asleep at the mouth of a cave, and cut the skirt of his robe off, and at another time when he found him asleep in his camp near the place called Hachilah, he took his spear and cruse of water that lay beside him to let Saul know that he had again spared his life. Saul finally committed suicide in his last battle with the Philistines, by falling from his horse and running his sword through himself.

David captures Jerusalem and names it the City of David. David does not forget his league with Jonathan and makes Mephibosheth a member of his family. Nathen, the prophet, tells David of his sin when he put Uriah in front of the battle to get him killed.

David's son, Absalom, tries to take his father's kingdom from him and gives him trouble. Absalom is killed by getting the beautiful hair of his head caught in the bough of an oak tree, and Joab thrusts three darts through him while hanging there which killed him. This grieved David and he said:

"O! my son, Absalom! my son, my son, Absalom! would to God I had died for thee, O! Absalom, my son, my son!"

David's last charge was to Solomon, feeling that his time was near an end. He charged Solomon to keep the laws of Moses and to walk uprightly before the Lord. He died and was buried in the City of David, (Jerusalem).

I am 9 years old and a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. J. A. Campbell is my Sunday-school teacher.

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Our Church at Home.

DYER CIRCUIT.

Bishop Duncan read us out for Dyer and we were so happy to know that we had a little "patch" of ground to work for the Master. And it produces well to. God help us to shake off lethargy, sloth and drowsiness and work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Just completed our 1st round. The God of salvation was with us. The people received us with open arms, and pocket-books. We are installed in the parsonage. No storm yet but a gentle downfall of butter, meat, sugar, coffee, chickens and etc., so long as such local showers are falling I'm content. But seated to-night on the signal station of the itineracy of Methodism I see a cloud rolling, seething and tossing composed of good things lighted here there by flashes of love and a thunder of loving voices, it seems like it is headed for the parsonage I say to wife, "Think it's going to storm," she says "do you reckon," and we retire. I'll let you know if my prophecy is true. God bless you.

M. N. WALDRIP, P. C.

Dec. 29th '96.

WARREN ARK.

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST:—At our last annual Conference at Camden I was returned to Warren for another year. The people have received us very kindly. Last year they stormed us several times during the year, but there has not been any decided storms so far, but something of a steady rain of good things, continually pouring in from day to day, with some increase in quantity. The most valuable present up to date is a nice suit of clothes for the preacher, apples by the barrel, and fowls, from a turkey down. Space would fail me to undertake an itemized statement of all the articles sent us since Conference. The stewards have met and made a good liberal assessment for the support of their pastor with a resolve to collect every dollar. Congregations are large and increasing over last year. The Sunday-school is increasing in interest and attendance. Our prayer meeting is better attended. The general state of the Church is much better than during the past year. Upon the whole we feel like taking a new start far a general forward move along all lines of Church work. We had a good day last Sunday, quite a number pledged themselves to a better life. We felt the presence of the Master, who has said lo I am with you even unto the end of the world. I hope to hear the shout of victory from every battle field in the Conference. Yours truly,

A. TURRENTINE.

Warren, Ark. Dec. 29, '96.

BERRYVILLE CIRCUIT.

DEAR METHODIST:—We are here. Have made one round on our work. Have found some good folks and lots of work. Have had a nice, comfortable "pounding."

W. DEAN WHITE.

TUCKERMAN CIRCUIT.

EDITOR METHODIST:—I am glad to be able to say that the revival interest still continues on Tuckerman circuit. Out of near 500 conversions so far as I have been able to find out less than a dozen have failed to keep themselves unspotted from the world. I am told that the revival at Centerville has saved that community of not less than $1500 whiskey bill. Glory to God! The mission of the Church is to save men, and our people are getting wide awake to the fact that the mission of the saloon is to damn men. Let me ask just here how can a thoroughly awakened Christian do otherwise than use his utmost influence to annihilate the saloon the greatest enemy to man, and the greatest obstacle to the work which the Church is divinely called to do. We have organized an Epworth League at Tuckerman with 40 members and the following officers: For President, Judge L. D. Smith; First V. P., Kenneth Kimberland; Second V. P., Mrs. Eva Harris; Third V. P., Prof. Hodges; Prof. Robert Ray, secretary. Respectfully,

J. D. SIBERT, P. C.

Dec. 30, '96.

WAR EAGLE CIRCUIT.

DEAR METHODIST:—After some weeks, I write again. I have not neglected writing because I had been crippled or had settled, but it was because I have been moving and arranging for another years work. On Sunday Dec. 6th I preached my first on the War Eagle circuit, at Pace's chapel, to a large congregation of attentive hearers. The work truly starts well. Rev. H. A. Matney, left it in a good shape and the prospects are that it will continue to grow. I loved the people whom I served last year as all others to whom I had preached in other years. I recognize it as just changing from one good work to another good work. I have traveled from a $200 circuit to a $47 mission and yet I am of the opinion that I was, when uncle Moses Dutton, at Rogers, shook his head and said "take courage my boy take courage," I looked him in the eye asked; 'Is it not about as much in the man as the work?' After four years of "weeping with them that wept, and rejoicing with those that did rejoice' I am still asking the same question. I rejoice this morning, that religion is a reality, and that the loving Lord permits me to have a place, in which to work. Our first quarterly meeting is a thing of the past. Our beloved P. E., was with us in his usual pleasant, happy mood. I have been on the work two weeks, and in answer to the 8th question, there was reported $23.95. We have in cash and subscriptions, for domestic missions $5.30. We are expecting some real rejoicing times this year. I notice this is called a mission in the minutes. There is no appropriation to the work, therefore it is a circuit. We are trying to circulate the ARKANTAS METHODIST. I would love to see it in every home on the charge. Yours,

HENRY M. CONGER.

La Rue, Dec. 28.

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ST. FRANCIS CIRCUIT.

Our quarterly meeting at Piggot, 26 and 27, was very well attended. The Presiding Elder was present and preached, to the delight of all. Everything is starting off reasonably well. A. C. GRIFFIN.

PARIS, ARK.

MR. EDITOR—We were pleased with our appointment to Paris and Roseville, and after nearly a month among these kind people we are still pleased. They have received us very kindly. They gave us a nice donation of articles of a select line. Quite a number have promised to help us work for a good year; spiritually. That we may have such a year we expect to work and pray. We hear many kind things said of the pastors who have been here before us. God bless all these brethren.

J. S. WILLIAMS.

EDNA, TEX.

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST—We find ourselves at Edna, Tex., for another year. This is a nice town, with good people in it. We have here a good church and parsonage. This is a rich country, the land is rich and cheap. Land can be bought here from $8 to $12 per acre, land that will make a bale of cotton per acre, and the people are flocking here from the North and East, and the country is being settled up very fast. The town is growing. This is a fine business point, and a good business man, with capital, could do well. If there is a good Methodist man in Arkansas that wants to come to Texas, let him write me at Edna, Tex. J. A. BIGGS.

VIOLA, MO.

DEAR METHODIST—I went to Garkin Switch, on the Eureka Springs Railroad, to hold a series of meetings. We have some grand people over there. Brother Chase, of the M. E., went with me, and we remained fourteen days, and we experienced the power of the Holy Ghost in reviving and converting power. We had two conversions and the Church wonderfully uplifted. Spiritually, I think the preacher in charge, Brother Doran, will find a few faithful ones in that class. We had two to give their hands to join the class at that place.

As this is my first attempt to write, I will desist for this time. Probably I will send you another note from this field in the future. We have lots of Baptists and Campbelites around us. God bless the METHODIST.

J. R. ROUGHTON.

PORTLAND, ARK.

DEAR BROTHER GODBEY—We arrived at Portland Tuesday evening last week, and received a most cordial welcome from our people there. Portland is a new town, but is filling up with good. substantial, Christian people, who know how to make a preacher feel comfortable and happy. We reached Hamburg the next day (where we will make our home) and with these good people we are delighted. The continuous flow of good things to the parsonage makes us feel grateful that we live among such kind people.

Yesterday was a precious day. We held our first services. The Holy Spirit was present, and many joined heartily with their pastor in a covenant to make 1897 the best year's service of their lives. We expect gracious times this year with Hamburg and Portland. O, that our Lord may annoint us with the Holy Spirit for the work.

Gratefully yours,

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To the Childfen.

Among all the pleasant customs of other nations, not one is more beautiful than that of feeding the birds during the winter, particularly at Christmas all through Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany sheaves of grain are fastened up to give the birds a Christmas feast. The children of Arkansas are asked—all colors and classes are appealed to—not only to feed the birds on Christmas, but through the winter, especially when our brief falls of snow cause many a little feathered friend to go hungry. They are also asked to pledge themselves not to frighten or hurt the birds when they trust to their kindness by coming when invited. Think what you would expect from friends who had asked you to visit them, and treat these guests in the same way. No words can tell the pleasure you will take in this care for the birds.

Almost a hundred years ago, a gentle mother taught her children to throw out crumbs for the birds, and shreds and bits of string to build their nests. Her decendents are still doing it, of whom I am one, and I thank my humane ancestress with all my heart for the heritage of a love for animals which she bequeathed to us.

My dear young friends, will you not commence "the glad New Year" by resolving never to let a day pass without making some poor dumb creature happy by an act of of kindness. You will be repaid a thousand times by Him who said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

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Letter From the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

DEAR DR. GODBEY—The ARRANSAS METHODIST makes its appearance weekly on our reading table and brings much pleasure to one of the occupants of the Lambuth room.

I want to tell its readers more of the training school.

The senior class is larger than that of any previous year.

The young ladies spend one hour in household duties each morning. This serves the double purpose of instruction and making the school more like home. And home-like it is, indeed; its inmates are united in one large happy family. Recitations begin at 9 o'clock, and the first two hours are given to the junior and senior Bible clases. Besides the Bible, Church history, study of mission fields and Christian evidences form a part of the work of the senior year. Book-keeping, methods, nurse training and medical lectures come in the junior year We do not sit in the chapel, but study in our rooms and are called to recitations by the class bell. Each student is expected to spend one hour each day in out-door exercise. This hour we enjoy very much, as on this high bluff there is plenty of fresh air and the scenery very beautiful.

Though gathered here from widely separated homes, and though so different in many respects, all realize that they are here for one purpose, that of preparing for work in the Master's vineyard and hence there is that unity of spirit which makes this home such a happy one.

For half an hour after supper, before the study bell rings, the drawing room often presents a beautiful family picture. Students and teachers gather there with cheerful faces for a little social time, which is truly a delightful little recreation, after the busy day's work is done.

We can never forget the pleasant evenings we had during Miss Belle Bennett's recent visit to us. We were highly entertained with her description of the mountain work of the W. P. and H. M. Society. Her presence was a benediction to the entire school.

The young ladies of the junior class conduct an industrial school once a week, on Saturday morning, where sewing and the Bible are taught to the children. Last year there was an average attendance of fifty-four pupils in the sewing school. Many of the children learned rapidly and many mothers testified to the benefit of this part of our work. Each young lady has a Sunday-school class, which means a great deal of study, as the lesson must be carefully prepared and recited by the teacher before she presents it to her class.

But one of the most helpful and enjoyable features of the work is the house to house visiting. Every Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock the students meet with the principal and after a short season of prayer, each one goes to her given district, where she visits from house to house, cheering, comforting, ministering to physical and spiritual wants, as she has opportunity. Bright cards and papers are distributed among the children, religious literature among the elder people, and Bibles supplied to those who are too poor to buy them. Many a home has been made glad by these visits, and many hearts helped and uplifted and made to feel as never before the love and tender care of the Heavenly Father. Usually we receive a hearty welcome in these homes, but occasionally we are not allowed to enter. When we think best, we read the Bible and pray with these people. This we find not only helpful to them but to us, who are preparing for mission work.

Besides this practical mission work we are brought into close touch with the foreign mission fields in several ways. In the first place, by those who have been students here, and are now in the field. The foreign missionaries from this school are as follows: In China, Misses Coffey, Steger, Leveritt, Sanders and Martin; in Japan, Miss Worth; in India, Mrs. J. B. Irwin, formerly Miss McIntosh; in Brazil, Misses Glenn, Bowman, Perkinson, Umberger and Shoffer, in Mexico, Miss Blackburn and Mrs. Julia Barcus Cox.

A second way is by the addresses and personal acquaintance of returned missionaries. Last year we enjoyed addresses from three returned missionaries from India, four from China, one from Alaska, one from Greece, two natives from Syria, and one from the South Sea Island. Besides these there were talks from our beloved Miss Holding and her sister, Mrs. Jeffery, both of whom taught for four years in Bishop Taylor's mission school in Chili.

Bishop Hendrix on his return from China, Corea, and Japan brought with him many things of interest and presented a number of them to the school. He also favored us with several helpful and highly interesting lectures on the fields which he visited. His visits to those places enables him to speak very forcibly of the need of more workers, and our hearts responded, "Lord here am I send me."

I must not fail to mention, the delightful Bible lectures given every Thursday at 11 a. m. They are given by eminent men not only from Kansas City, but from other places too. Bishop Duncan talked to us on "What it means to be called to Christian work from a practical stand point." Dr. Hawkins gave two lectures on "Personal work in winning souls." Dr. Jenkins favored us with two. One on the "City of the great king." The other on "The Temple," illustrating each with maps and drawings which added much to the interest. I must not take too much of your valuable space, but I can not close without expressing the wish of my heart, that many young women from our dear state, may some day have the blessed privilege of attending this institution. Ever sincerely, ELLA BURKHEAD.

Kansas City, Mo.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—First round, Horace Jewell, P. E.

January: Bryant circuit 2 and 3, Benton station 9 and 10, Lono circuit 16 and 17, Gmaon circuit 23 and 24, Okalona circuit 30 and 31.

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

January: Harrisburg circuit, 2, 3; Nettleton circuit, 6; Vanndale circuit, 9, 10; Shiloh circuit 16, 17; Lorado circuit, 17, 18; Gainesville circuit, 23, 24; Cotton Belt mission, 30, 31; Blytheville circuit, 30, 31.

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

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.

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

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

CAMDEN DISTRICT, FIRST ROUND.

Cargile circuit at Parker's Chapel, Jan. 2, 3.
Junction City station, Jan. 3, 4.
Lapile circuit at Hillsboro, Jan. 9, 10.
ElDorado station, Jan. 10, 11.
Stamps and Buckner, Jan. 16, 17.
New Lewisville at New Lewisville, Jan. 17, 18.
Atlanta at Christies Chapel, Jan. 23, 24.
Magnolia station, Jan. 24, 25.
Lisbon at Norphlet, Jan. 30, 31.
Camden station, Jan. 31, Feby. 1.

R. R. MOORE, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—First Round—P. B. Summers, P. E.

January: Mt. Vernon at Oakland 2, 3, Morganton mission at Goodletts chapel 9, 10, Quitman station 10, 11, Quitman circuit at Pleasant Hill 16, 17, Conway mission at Graham's chapel 22, 23, Conway station 23, 24, Perryville circuit at Perryville 30, 31.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—First Round—S. S. Key, P. E.

January: Walnut Tree circuit at Moss Creek 2, 3, Atkins circuit at New Hope 9, 10, Danville circuit at Bellville 16, 17, London circuit at London 23, 24, Rover circuit at Forest Chapel 30, 31.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—First Round—W. F. Evans, P. E.

January; Centre Point 2, 3, Chapel Hill 9, 10, Lockesburg 16, 17, Fulton 23, 24, Bright Star 30, 31.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—First Round—Thos. H. Ware, P. E.

January: Hazen 2, 3, Mablevale 9, 10, Austin 16, 17, Hickory Plains 23, 24, Des Arc and Devall's Bluff 30, 31.

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

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.

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

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

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—First Round—C. C. Godden, P. E.

January: Riverside Pine Bluff 2, 3, Gillett 9, 10, Little Prairie 16, 17, Pine Bluff First Church 23, 24, Lakeside 30 31.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—First Round—T. D. Scott, P. E.

January: Warren 2, 3, Bartholomew circuit at Parkdale 9, 10, Arkansas City circuit at Arkansas City 16, 17, Mount Pleasant at Andrew's Chapple 23, 24, Carriola circuit at Carriola 30, 31.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—First Round—J. A. Sage, P. E.

January: Hatton circuit at Hatton, 7, 10; Mena station 13, 14; Cove and Dallas circuit at Foster's Chapel, 16, 17; Malvern Hill, 23, 24; Saline circuit at Galena, 30, 31.

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SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.

DORSEY—Nancy, was born April 28, 1809. Her maiden name was Pitchford. She was converted in 1812, at the early age of 12 years, and immediately identified herself with the Methodist Church, in which she lived a consistant member till Oct. 10, 1896, when the death angel came and transferred her to the general assembly and Church of the first born in heaven. From the above dates it will be seen that nearly her entire life was given to God and the Church. For seventy-five years she labored in the Master's vineyard. She is now gone to receive her reward. She was a loyal Methodist, and a devout Christian. A woman of strong faith, fervent in spirit, and exemplary in her life. The high esteem in which she was held in the community where she had lived for many years previous to her death, was evidenced by the large concourse of people, both old, and young, that attended her burial. She has just crossed over the river to join her husband, and other members of her family who had gone before, and they together will await the coming of those she left behind her. May they all meet her on the golden shore.

B. W. ASTON.

WASSON—Franklin Abner, infant son of J. F. and Ida Wasson, died at about 3, o'clock p. m. on the 20th of Dec. 1896. Little Franklin was not quite two weeks old when he died, but he lived long enough to gain a warm place in the hearts of his parents and also his two sisters and brother. The blessed Saviour took him to himself that he might make heaven, if possible, a more attractive place for the loved ones left behind. We held religious services in the home, and then we tenderly laid little Franklin's body to rest in the cemetery at Springtown. May the good Lord sustain the bereaved parents and loved ones and at last bring them all to meet their little one in heaven.

J. H. STURDY,
Springtown, Ark., Dec. 24.

LESLEY—Mrs. Martha was born in Illinoise, Jan, 8th 1817. She was converted in childhood and joined the Methodist Church. Sister Lesley loved her Church and was a devout Christian. When 15 years of age she was married to John Lesley at Cormi, Ill., and came to Arkansas in an early day. There were ten children born unto this union seven of whom are living. Bro. Lesley died March 12th 1863. Sister Lesley was left to care for a large family yet she provided well for her children and taught them to love God. Sister Lesley was a sufferer for some years before death came. She died Dec. 16th 1896, at her home near Mt. Tabor Church of which she was one of the oldest members. She was 79 years, 11 months and 8 days old. Sister Lesley had lived at her home 49 years. She leaves 7 children, 51 grand children, 34 great grand children and a host of friends to mourn her loss but our loss is her gain. Dear children weep not only follow Jesus.

J. A. HENDERSON.

THOMPSON—John. The subject of this sketch was born in South Carolina, May 10th 1825. He moved to Talediga county Ala., when quite small. Dec. 2, 1847, he was married to Virginia C. Rungan. In 1854 he moved to Columbia county Ark., where he professed religion and joined the Church in 1857. He was the chief instrument in organizing and building Greer's Chapel. In 1867, he moved to Clark county and settled at Amity. Here he lived till Nov. 1896, when he moved to a city with foundations, whose maker and builder is God. He was a man of unusual strength, and energy and enterprise. The Methodist Church, of which he was so long a member in high and official standing, received the benefit of these great qualities. He raised a large family of religious children who, with his grand children, crowned him with honor in his old age. For nearly two years before his death he was confined to his bed or room. I never saw anyone else suffer so intensley or endure suffering with so much fortitude. As one said of Abraham, "He was not a hero, but a saint."

W. P. WHALEY.

BERRY—James H., was born in Washington county Va., April 26th 1824, and left his home on earth at Yellville, Ark., for his home in heaven, Dec. 8th 1896 Brother Berry was one of the most honored and respected citizens of this town and county. He had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years an official member most of the time He loved the Church and the preachers. The preachers were always welcome in his commodious and comfortable home. Here many an itinerant has rested and been cheered on his way. To every call for help he responded liberally and cheerfully. His was a quiet nature and even temperament always the same, a man of few words and yet well informed. He understood men and measures. The "ARKANSAS METHODIST," "Christian Advocate," and the "St. Louis Christian Advocate," could always be found in his home. He was a Christian citizen of the noblest type. He had an excellent memory, men depended upon him for reliable information concerning men, dates and events. He was the oldest merchant in town and yet never had any trouble with dealers or customers. He was an honest man. A few days before his death, he made his will. Nothing was left undone, he knew all about his business. He then called his children about him and told them goodby, urging them all to be religious and to meet him in heaven. They promised to do so. They will ever cherish his memory kindly and remember that he always had a kind word for every one of them. Sister Berry weeps over her loss but not as those who have no hope. She will be lonely now but Jesus has promised to be "all and in all." Trust in Jesus. The writer, Rev. J. M. Williams, Rev. B. Monk and Rev. T. L. Wilson assisted in the burial services. We await the resurection morn.

O. H. TUCKER

HOLLYFIELD—James N., was born Oct. 6th 1861, in Conway county Ark., was married Nov. 11th 1883 to Miss Lelia Sams, professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the fall of 1884, in which he lived a consistent member until his death Nov. 21st 1896. He died in the triumph of a living faith. He was a devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father. He leaves a sorrowing wife, and four precious little boys, a sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss, but our loss is his eternal gain. Brother Hollyfield was well beloved by all who knew him. He was one of those men whom every body misses from the community. He was a favorite with the young people, being a leader in Sunday-school and Church music. But alas! when we assemble at the house of God and look around his seat is vacant but we have every reason to believe that there is one more added to the choir of God. Then to the sorrowing wife and little boys we can only say weep not, look up and put your trust in Him who doth all things well. Be faithful till death and you will meet that sainted husband and father in the "sweet by and by" where parting will be no more.

ELBERT E. DAVIS.
Martinville, Ark.

BROWN—Dr. J. was born in Belton, Anderson county S. C., May 3rd 1866, and departed this life near Potter in Polk county Ark., Nov. 11th 1896. He had been an invalid for nearly two years past and came to Polk county from his home in Texarkana, Ark., hoping to be benefited by a change of altitude, but that insidious destroyer consumption had fastened upon the vitals of his physicial being and his hopes were vain. The writer visited him a short time before his death and found him patient and cheerful, with his faith resting securely in the all sufficient Saviour of men. He professed faith in Christ and was received into the M. E. Church, South, by Rev. J. W. Johnson, in Texarkana, in July 1895. Soon after this time I received a letter from him in which he spoke of the great joy which he had known since he had given his heart to Christ and united with the Church. In the practice of his profession he was one of the most conscientious physicians I have ever known. As an Oculist and Aurist he was emiently successful, and his practice was confined to these and kindred departments. The joy of his life seemed to be found in relieving the sufferings of others, and the poorest patient who applied to him for treatment received the full benefit of his best skill. Even after he had retired to the mountains to die the afflicted still crowded to him, and he seemed to forget his own suffering in his efforts to relieve that of others. He worked to the last. Only two hours before his death he wrote a prescription, and even later than this he gave instructions for the treatment of a patient. When the final summons came he was perfectly conscious, and felt that all was well. He said to his sorrowing wife, "I regret to leave you and Robert, Hettie, and I am sure I could do a great deal of good in the world, but if it is God's will I am ready to go, and I feel that my sufferings will be over as soon as I draw my last breath here." His bereaved widow writes me, "There was never a more conscientious man. A better husband and father never lived, and while his life of usefulness seemed short he had accomplished more than many do who live to be fifty years of age." How strange to us that a life so full of usefulness, and giving such large promise for the future, should be so soon cut off; but we rejoice in the hope of life eternal, and expect to meet our ascended friend and brother in that home where there shall be no more sorrow or death.

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