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News and Notes.

Leading French statesmen are in favor of an arbitration between France and the United States similar to that which has been agreed upon between the United States and England.

The Charleston, Mo., Enterprise says of the twenty-nine governors of Missouri all except three were natives of Kentucky and that Lon V. Stephens is the only Missourian ever elevated to that office.

One of the last inventions reported is the scentograph for magnifying scents. It is represented that odors are intensified many hundred fold by it. It is the work of Lewis Kramer, a native of Missouri, now resident at Binghamton, N. Y.

It is reported that arrangement for the foreclosure of the mortgages of the Union Pacific railroad has been made which is satisfactory to the government, and by which the government will receive \$45,754,000.

The case of Arthur Deustrow, of St. Louis, who three years ago, murdered his wife and child, has at length exhausted all quibbles and delays of the law, and the Supreme Court confirms the decision of the court of Franklin county that the wretch must hang. It is some gratification to the people at large to know that a million dollars at the command of the accused did not avail to thwart the administration of justice.

Missouri has, for years, boasted of her public school system, but now, after test, the legislature is considering the expediency of abolishing the Normal schools. The manufacture of teachers in these schools and the precedence given them in employment by school Boards over other applicants is an evil in the school system of the State which we have long observed. It is detrimental to the real interests of education. The teachers who have most power to develop the minds of their students are not those who are trained in the machine methods of the normal school, and it is noteworthy that the principals even of the public

high schools as well as the generality of college professors have not come through the normals.

These schools in the State of Missouri have given young men and women tuition free upon a pledge to teach three years after their graduation. Such a system thrust into the position of teachers persons who have neither taste nor capacity for the work. Instead of elevating the standard of teachers it degrades the business of teaching.

The famine in India is beginning to excite an interest in the whole Christian world. England will raise millions of dollars for relief. But the bubonic plague which prevails in Bombay and vicinity is a matter of still deeper concern as it presents the possibility of a scourge to all Europe and even to the world. Quarantine measures have been adopted by the European nations for protection against the plague and they have sent their physicians to watch the progress and study the character of the fearful malady.

The report of the grand jury for Pulaski county as published in the Gazette, says: "Another fact to which we wish to call attention is licensing of disreputable saloons and resorts in Little Rock which are productive of nearly one-half of the crime committed in this city. It is an astounding fact that so many crimes, of different degrees, can be traced, either directly or indirectly to these injurious resorts which are allowed to run under cover of law."

This statement is an impeachment before the public of our city government. It simply means that the officers do not enforce the law.

Legislative News.

Both Houses are now fully organized and hard at work.

The bill of Senator Witt to exclude women from the clerkships passed the Senate but was unceremoniously killed in the House.

The bill to repeal the three mile liquor act at Batesville passed the Senate. There was no apparent opposition to its passage.

Similar bills to repeal the three

mile laws, at Jonesboro and Morrilton are pending in the Senate. They will be opposed strongly and we hope defeated.

The wine bill has been introduced into both houses. We doubt if some of the members realize the danger of this bill.

The House has passed a resolution to buy new desks, chairs and carpets.

The bill to repeal the 3-mile law at Batesville passed both houses.

The bill to repeal the 3-mile law at Dardanelle passed the Senate. It is doubtful if any other repeal bills will pass the House.

The Batesville bill passed the House by only seven majority and it was not fought by the temperance people. The other bills will be opposed vigorously.

Dr. Dye Resigns. Dr. C. C. Godden Elected.

There is a change of presidents at Galloway Female College. Dr. Dye, failing to meet the financial demands of the situation, chose to resign his lease of the institution. It is due Dr. Dye to say that for four years he has exerted himself with great energy to the work of building up and carrying forward this school and in improving the premises. His embarrassment seems to have come from his own too liberal outlay in planning for future work. Under his hand the school has been large and its work highly satisfactory. For his own sake, Dr. Dye's many friends regret the hard necessity which forces him to give up the work which he so enthusiastically pursued.

Rev. C. C. Godden did not seek the situation of president. The Board of Trustees have urged him to accept the place, in the confidence that he will be able to meet the financial demands and carry forward the school to even greater prosperity and usefulness. Bro. Godden and his wife are both well qualified for the school work. They will take charge at once. The school has already a splendid faculty and a fine patronage. It will go forward without interruption of the work. Bro. Godden has long maintained a high place among the

preachers of our Church in Arkansas and will enter upon his responsible work with the favor and confidence of all the people.

SEARCY, ARK., Jan. 25, 1897.
DEAR DR. GODBEY:

I have resigned the presidency of Galloway College, and my successor, Rev. C. C. Godden, has been elected and installed. There has been no break in the regular work of the school, not one recitation missed. President Godden's reception has been so cordial, both by our citizens and faculty, and the student body, that he already feels much at home. It was with much reluctance that he accepted the position, and only did so at the earnest solicitation of the Executive Committee and our citizens. He is too well and favorably known in Arkansas to need an introduction or endorsement at my hands, but I bespeak for him the prompt, prayerful and continuous co-operation of all the friends of the college. He and his most estimable wife are adjusting themselves to the situation gracefully. New pupils are coming in and only a few rooms are vacant. They ought to be open at once. I have been indisposed for one month, but am slowly recovering, thanks to the good Lord.

JNO. H. DYE.

Inquiry.

Will you please give me the literal translation of the following text: "And Jesus said unto him, verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke xxiii. 43. Our Adventist people say that it is not punctuated right, and the comma should be placed after "today" instead of after "thee." Enclosed find stamp for reply. Your brother,

W. F. BOURLAND.

Lonelm, Ark.

The reading in the King James translation represents more scholarship than is found in the whole Adventist sect, and more than is at the command of the editors of your Church papers. You can afford to stand by the accepted text, and not trouble yourself about those people who need to make new Scriptures to sustain their hobbies.—[ED.]

Helena District, Second round. M. M. Smith, P. E.

Feb. Cotton Plant and Howell, 6, 7; DeVew Mission, 13, 14; McCrory and Wynne, 20, 21; Taylor's Creek, 27, 28.

Contributed.

From East Texas.

MR. EDITOR—The East Texas Annual Conference closed its last session at this place—Marshall—December 20, 1896. The Conference year has been a trying one. The extreme hot weather, the fearful drouth, commercial depression, the undue excitement attendant upon the election, all combined, made it difficult for the word of the Lord to have free course. Still our reports were good in some directions. There was a splendid increase in membership. Quite a number of new Churches and parsonages built. The collections were fairly good, but hardly satisfactory, either to preachers or people. Yet out of the penury and poverty and distress many of our members were genuinely liberal. Thousands of our East Texas Methodists possess the grace of liberality. Bishop Hendrix was with us. He can preside—he does preside—and when his work is done it is a complete work. His addresses to the Conference classes, his missionary address and his sermon were instructive, clear, strong. His sermon showed that he is a master of assemblies. He preached on the advent of our Lord. In diction, in research, in grasp of thought, in perspicuity and in demonstration of the spirit, it is only a few times in our life have we heard anything like it. On Monday the Conference adjourned. And when the command "Go" and— was given, God's ministers arose and stood on their feet to a man, "unfurled their banners, drew their swords and went forth to do battle for their Lord." You will hear from these brave soldiers of the cross again.

Having served four years at Palestine, Tex., the Bishop appointed me to this place. It is one of the best Churches in our connection, and the preacher who comes to this appointment is indeed fortunate. It has much of the activity of what is called modern life, while it is kept well in hand by that noble solidity which belongs to the chivalrous past. The two are so well proportioned that the former could not be looked upon as the "New South" in a mild experiment, nor the latter regarded as the "Old South," refusing to move forward with this progressive and aggressive age.

Southern Methodism is growing rapidly in Texas. We number now close on to 190,000 members. At the opening of the twentieth century, at present rate of increase, we will be far beyond the 200,000 mark.

To meet the growing needs of our Church in Texas, there ought to be a branch department of the Publishing House located in Dallas, Tex., or a second house established there—equipped to do every line of work now done at Nashville. The facilities for furnishing Methodism in Texas, ought to keep pace with the growth of our Church. But we suppose that all these things will be attended to in due time. Our Church has always proven herself equal to the emer-

gency. The closing years of the nineteenth century grow brighter with the gospel of the Son of God, as it is held forth by our loved Church. Methodism, I believe, has the best method of interpretation of the Holy Scriptures, hence the truest interpretation of any Church in Christendom. Where her ministers study to show themselves approved, keeping pace with this age, both in information and intelligence, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, they are heard gladly by the people. With our method of reaching the masses, with our history of the past, as to our success, with God's word in our hand, and with the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us, I do not see how any Methodist preacher can feel otherwise than hopeful.

Dr. Anderson's article in your last issue is surely an able paper. I see, Mr. Editor, that sorrow has again come to your home. I sincerely pray that our Father in heaven will make you glad according to the days and the number of times wherein you have been bereaved.

When you want to rest, Doctor, come to Marshall, and you shall find welcome and freedom.

D. F. C. TIMMONS. Marshall, Tex.



A great many people look healthy and are not. There are many forms of sickness which leave an outward semblance of health. This fictitious health is like a bubble that bursts at a touch. It is like an empty egg shell that the slightest pressure will crush. The

outside of the body may look all right long after disease has begun its dreadful work inside. If a man looks well and doesn't feel well, he had better be governed by the feeling not by the looks. A great many apparently strong and vigorous men collapse suddenly. They have what is known as nervous prostration. They go along persistently, day after day, working hard and thinking hard, apparently healthy, and some day they go home and go to bed and don't get up again. The trouble didn't all come at once. It came on gradually. A strong man can live on his nerves and his health for a long time without apparent injury, but it isn't a safe thing to do. Whenever there is nervousness, or insomnia, or undue fatigue from ordinary work, when irritability takes the place of contentment, when a man "isn't sick but doesn't feel quite well"—then is the time he should begin to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the best tonic medicine and nerve food, or invigorator in the world. It assists digestion, increases the appetite, promotes thorough assimilation of the food, purifies the blood and adds to it the life-giving principles that are needed to feed the starved nerves. It puts the whole body into perfect tune, and stimulates each organ to do the work for which it was intended. Thousands of people have been brought back to happiness and vigorous health. Thousands of people have been cured of most serious sickness by this wonderful medicine. Druggists sell it.



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WARNING ORDER.

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Pure Native Wine.

Mr. Editor—I send you the following quotation from the Lamar Leader with comments: "If the members of the legislature believe that pure native wine is a curse, that it is as bad as whiskey, that a wine farm is as bad as a saloon, that the use of wine leads to drunkenness and crime, they will let the Supreme Court's interpretation of the present law remain in force, but if the members of the legislature believe that the use of pure wine is conducive to health, sobriety and temperance, and calculated to lessen the amount of poisonous whiskey consumed, the legislature will doubtless enact a liberal wine law to permit the farmers to dispose of their products."

I respectfully submit that the question is not what the members of the legislature believe about the effects of pure native wine so-called, but what they know about the effects of native wine shops as they were conducted before the Supreme Court rendered its just and righteous decision, classing these native wine shops with saloons. If the members of the legislature wish to inform themselves, as to whether pure native wine so-called, is as bad as whiskey and that a native wine farm is as bad as a saloon, let them inquire of Dr. Andrew Hunter, and others. If they desire to know whether the use of pure native wine is conducive to health, sobriety and temperance or not, let them consult the statistics of France bearing on this question. France is the largest wine producing country in the world, and the most of it is consumed at home. Yet it has neither conducted to their health or sobriety, nor has the cause of temperance been promoted. On the contrary her medical men have become alarmed at the increase in drunkenness, and are casting about for some remedy to check it. It is not a question as to what the members of the legislature believe, but is a question of fact; it is not a question of theory, but a condition that confronts us.

The testimony of many of the best citizens of the State, is that the native wine shops, as they were conducted, prior to the decision of the Supreme Court alluded to, were more demoralizing than the licensed saloon. And yet in the face of these facts these gentlemen who have set themselves for the advocacy of protection to grape culture and the consequent reopening of the native wine shops, have never deigned to offer a single fact in evidence in support of their contention, although repeatedly asked to do so. Give us the proof gentlemen, as to the wholesome effects of pure native wine, and then tell the legislature how to frame a law to keep it pure, and we will give it due consideration. These gentlemen once had the protection now asked for, but they abused their privilege and adulterated their wines, and debauched the youth of the communities where they existed, until

the better element, the lovers of temperance, sobriety and decency, were awakened to a sense of their danger, and besieged the legislature with petitions, praying for the enactment of the present law as interpreted by the Supreme Court, to protect them from the curse of the curse of these native wine shops. We entreat you, gentlemen of the legislature, not to alter or amend the present law regulating the sale of native wine, unless you can make it more restrictive. Most of you belong to that political school, that holds that the principle of protection is vicious. Then why apply it here? Why should grape culture be protected more than strawberry culture, peach or apple culture? A consensus of opinion on this question will show that, a large majority of the wealth and intelligence of this State is opposed to the reopening of the native wine shops. Eliminate from the license vote the ignorant, the vile, and the vicious, and they will be in a hopeless minority. Wealth and intelligence give character and dignity to the State, and support her institutions. Therefore they have a right to be heard. The wise legislator will heed their voice.

E. L. BEARD.

Holly Springs, Ark.

From McCrory, Ark.

DEAR METHODIST:—After the physical and mental strain of packing and unpacking, moving and removing, household goods and furniture, et al., we are again "fixed up stationary for a brief season, in the beautiful little city of McCrory, as the favored incumbent of the neat cozy parsonage of the McCrory and Wynne station.

A more hospitable people I have not found anywhere. Being intelligent, refined, social and charitable, they merit the confidence, and command the esteem and respect of all who know them.

They have given us a very generous and cordial reception. Again and again they have repeated their kind expressions of appreciation in various ways. That charming word "pounding" which in its practical significance has cheered and enlivened so many preachers' homes does not fully express the beneficence of the McCrory people toward their pastor and his family. We have been the subject not only of pounding, but of re-pounding and compounding. The truth is, their kind remembrance have come to us single handed, many handed, full-handed, free handed, and we believe cheerful handed, and still they come. May God bless these

kind hearts and liberal hands that have contributed so much to our comfort. May we not disappoint their expectations. But may we prove ourselves worthy of their confidence, and continued appreciation.

While our hearts are touched and moved with gratitude towards these our human benefactors, yet above all, and best of all is, God is with us, in the visitations of the Holy Spirit, and in his kind providence and we recognize the gracious hand of our heavenly Father in the dispensation of all good. By his grace and loving presence we have been sustained and comforted.

I am so profoundly thankful to be able to say, that nearly all our young converts were safely kept from the snares and seductions of the adversary during the Christmas holidays. Notwithstanding the usual traps, and snares, such as the dance and other bewitching devices that too often seduce and captivate the young and inexperienced and half hearted confessor, I am happy to be informed that only three or four of our young converts, out of a great number, yielded to the temptation to violate their Church vows, and thus bring a reproach upon their Christian fidelity. May the Lord pity and give repentance and pardon to the weak and vacillating ones, and establish them in the faith of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am glad to say that some of them have already repented and asked forgiveness.

We held a series of prayer meetings at the church, beginning on Wednesday night before Christmas and continuing ten nights. These services were well attended and good interest was manifested, and we are encouraged to believe much good was accomplished and much evil averted.

May God bless the METHODIST and its editor, and all the hearts and hands that contribute to its support.

J. M. TALKINGTON.

PARAGRAPHS.

No congregation ever goes beyond the effort of its pastor—a live pastor, a live congregation.

God has not made two laws for the moral conduct of pastor and parishioner. If it is right for the member to go to dances and worldly amusements, it is right for the minister.

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a membership?

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One rock, our simple, plain Methodism has hit in these latter days is the trying to be like other folks and yet holding on to the Methodist Church. A Methodist makes the poorest out of that.

We introduced instrumental music in our Church to be like other people. We quit our class meetings to be like other people. We quit kneeling at our seats when entering Church to be like somebody else. We quit shouting to be like somebody else. We quit our mourner's benches to be like somebody else. We quit being called to the ministry as was Aaron, if we don't mind, and just prepare a student by an A. B., or something else, to go out and say, "I am not ready to preach (?) on such short notice," to be like somebody else. And I stop here and ask, "Where are we at, and whither are we bound?"

Three thousand, one hundred and forty-seven Churches reported not an addition on profession of faith last year, 447 in the Southern Presbyterian Assembly, O. S., 1,747 in the Northern wing of the same Church, and 1,000 in the Congregational. Was this the work of an educated ministry? And are we trying to be like other folks? I get these figures from the METHODIST of December 16, front page.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

<p>Where is the woman who does not like to have her baby fat and chubby and cunning?</p>	<p>Where is the woman who does not like to have rosy cheeks and plump- ness herself?</p>
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Tribute to my Mother.

(Written On the Train, January 1, 1897.)

BY T. J. REYNOLDS.

The fast waning moon has just emerged from a mass of black clouds and smiles upon the new year.

Far away toward sunrise cloud peaks lift their majestic heads above the horizon; these peaks catch the first golden rays of the rising sun and are seemingly converted into mountains of flame. Whirling along the banks of the gentle flowing river, here and there, at irregular intervals, the mists are seen to rise in pale sheets and mounting up are changed into spiral columns which the soft winds sway in graceful curves and silently move away to the mountain side up which they slowly creep, filling the gorges and spreading a veil of gauze over the bold cliffs that rise from the water's edge. Through these whitish silken curtains the sun shines softly, his rays subdued, as the eyes of a maiden peering out from a half veiled face. From the telegraph wires, and lading every tree, and glistening on the moss lined rocks, jewels are pendant; so silently and without tremor do the mighty pulses of the lightning pass along the wires, bearing messages of varied kinds to distant, expectant watchers that the trembling dew drops are not detached from their grasp on the wire. The scene is not gorgeous, but refined and chaste, even as a bride adorns herself for her husband.

My sleep has been fitful and dreamful. My mind is on the mission before me and the invalid wife behind me. On yesterday that sometimes sad news bearer, the telegraph, brought this message to me: "Your Mother died this morning." In my half-conscious state I asked, by the same messenger, "Who died?" The answer came quickly, over a space of more than two hundred miles in one word, "MOTHER!"

So I go, as never before, to look into an earth vault which henceforth is to hold the mortal remains of one whom I, for near half a century, have known as Mother (Her dead face I shall not see; I prefer to retain her face in my memory as living.) This is both new and strange to me. There I shall meet my aged father who, we fear, is in his last illness. His heart is broken. For more than fifty years they have walked side by side, sharing each other's joys and sorrows—more sorrow than joy. Now the bonds that bound them on earth are dissolved, but stronger ties unite them. To find her now he must go to the grave where she sleeps. A well beaten path to a grave keeps the soul chastened and in touch with God. Over him she exerts a power more potent than the charm she flung over him in her young wifehood. "He taketh away the first that He may establish the second."

In all this, am I sad? The answer depends upon what is under-

stood by the question. As her first born I loved her first, and was the first to be loved by her. Her motherhood began, but did not end, with me. Pressing me to her heart she first experienced that emotion which eludes words, but which is the joy and crown of noble, pure womanhood, and for which she was designed. Of me and to me she first said, "MY CHILD!" and she was "MY MOTHER!"

I have been so long accustomed to look upon her beautiful face, (for to me it has never changed, though I saw the face when she was young) and to receive her maternal greeting on my annual visits to the old homestead—no longer such, now that she is gone—that I shall sadly miss her and vainly listen for her voice to call my name, and upon the old home I shall turn my back because she is not there to receive me. But I am only sad, as one might say, on the surface, as when fretting air currents, sweeping gently the face of the lake, sleeping securely in the bosom of the mountains, raising its surface waters to wrinkles, as the years have furrowed the face of our sleeping Mother. Deep in the soul are tranquil joys, a peace that passeth understanding. Why should I be sad in the lower depths of my nature where faith brings Christ to reign supreme as the unchallenged ruler of the storms of sorrow that sweep down over the soul as the winds that sweep down the mountain side and shriek over Gallilee. I hear him saying, "Peace, be still!" Ah, into those serene depths of the soul earth's sorrows may not intrude.

To me, as the years speed on, "things that are not seen" become more and more the real and eternal. I once dreamed of them afar off, but now they are brought nigh. And, too, since the ranks over there are augmenting and those here are depleting, I am constrained to become more strongly attached to the "Home over there." because "My Father and Saviour are over there;" ere long all that I now hold dear will be transferred "Over there." Nay, verily, there is no place for excessive grief now that our beautiful Mother has outstripped us and entered upon her eternal reward. The chariot and horses came—she said so herself—and she mounted and rode home to God. Her work was done. Fourteen children had she trained and sent out into the world. These are her monument. They praise her.

It is therefore fitting that the day should be as it is. In that translated state, amid the throngs that gather about her, angelic arms pressing her again to hearts long separated, the s verance of whose ties broke her own heart and left it under a shadow that never wholly removed, she, this day, is singing the new song the first notes of which were caught by the ear of banished John or Patmos lonely isle: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing; for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by the blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; and hast

made us kings and priests unto God."

She had long ceased to sing. Her voice lost its melody when death first invaded our happy rural home. I remember it well. Her lute-like voice awaked the far off echoes that hid in the forest that skirted the old plantation and set the whole wood a singing. But that voice hushed when the angel band came and claimed and bore away the household god, the youngest born. It was my good fortune, three months ago, to hear the broken notes rising and swelling in an old time melody, and the voice had all the charm it had for me in my childhood, and I seemed to hear an echo from out the distant past: and to me she sings as in the days long a gone. Was that old melody sung to cheer me on when about my task of preaching Christ to strangers far away from the "Old House at Home?" It would seem so. For whoever has been wanting in those deeper sympathies for me, for any cause, my Mother never was: she loved me, trusted me, prayed for me.

When on yesterday, the telegraph brought to me, in my far away mountain home, the news of her—departure, death is too harsh a word,—I said, "Oh, God how can it be that I shall see her face no more?" But checking the rising tide of grief I said, "God has His own way of translating His saints; there must, therefore, be no questionings nor murmurings." So we, her children, will gather about her casket and sing this song and lay her in her bed of earth:

In that sudden, strange translation,
By what new and finer sense
Shall she grasp the mighty vision,
And receive its influence?
Angels, guard the new immortal,
Through the wonder teeming space,
To the everlasting portal,
To the spirit's resting place.

Will she then with fond emotion,
Aught of human love retain?
Or, absorbed by pure devotion,
Will no earthly trace remain?
Can the grave those ties dissever,
With the very heart-strings twined?
Must she part and part forever,
With the friends she left behind?

Angels, let the ransomed stranger
In your tender care be blest;
Hoping, trusting, safe from danger,
Till the trumpet end her rest—
Till the trump which shakes creation,
Through the circling heavens roll,
Till the day of consummation,
Till the bridal of the soul.

Preachers' Meeting.

The Camden District Preachers' Meeting was held at Waldo Jan. 5-7. The opening sermon was preached by Bro. W. R. Harrison, Tuesday night.

Wednesday and Thursday were spent in discussing subjects pertaining to the preacher and his work.

The P. E. had made out a programme for the meeting. Several of the preachers were present with paper or speech prepared for the occasion.

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ably spent in conferring together as P. E. and preachers of the district.

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Literary Table.

The Two Angels.

BY D. L. DARR.

I sat and wrote the record of the year,
Marred with the stains of many an
idle day;
When a stern angel who was standing
near
Stretched forth his hand and took the
page away.

"Stay, thou dread angel, but an hour,"
I cried,
"For many things I have as yet to
write;"
But not a word in answer he replied,
But swiftly sped across the wintry
night.

Then as I bowed my head in silent woe
O'er many a blot upon the vanished
scroll,
Another angel whiter than the snow
Drew nigh and spoke a message to
my soul.

"Waste not thy time in grief for work
undone,
Nor let regrets thy passing days
engage;
Thou canst not bring again the year
that's gone,
But God hath given thee another
page."

—Herald and Presbyter.

A Stupendous Intellectual Achievement.

The completion of Mr. Herbert Spencer's Synthetic Philosophy, marked by the recent issue of the final volume of his principles of Sociology, registers the consummation of one of the most elaborate, ambitious and magnificent intellectual tasks ever undertaken by man. He is now seventy-six years old; at the age of forty, in broken health, and the victim of nervous and brain maladies which forbade prolonged mental application, and which occasioned serious breaks in his plans, he entered upon a scheme of intellectual exploration which was intended to cover, substantially nearly the entire range of human thought and activity. As he notes, after thirty-six years of toil, the completion of his enterprise,—which seemed at its beginning the dream of a visionary brain—he says with pathetic candor:

"In earlier days some exultation would have resulted; but, as age creeps on, feelings weaken, and now my chief pleasure is in my emancipation. Still there is satisfaction in the consciousness that losses, discouragements and shattered health have not prevented me from fulfilling the purpose of my life."

Concerning the whole scheme thus completed the London Methodist Times says:

"The world has seldom seen so colossal an intellectual enterprise. Its comprehensiveness and daring rank him with such giants as Lord Bacon and Aristotle."

The Times also makes the following remark, which illustrates the changed attitude taken by a considerable portion of the religious press toward Mr. Spencer in recent years:

"Such is the progress of human

thought that the 'first principles' which Mr. Herbert Spencer laid down thirty-six years ago have already been rejected by subsequent leaders of contemporary philosophy. Nevertheless, very much that Mr. Spencer has written is of imperishable value, and all is the product of a most honest, profound, and noble mind."

The flippant use of the name "Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall and Spencer," a few years ago, in the pulpit and in the religious journals, by men who had never read the works of the men they were striving to annihilate, is becoming obsolescent. The honesty and ability of these men have become recognized generally, as well as the virtues and beauties which adorned their private lives, and the unswerving devotion with which they sought after scientific truth. It is not to be doubted, although we may not elaborate the fact here, that, by giving exclusive attention to the phenomena of the natural sciences they ignored, and finally lost the power to discern, some of the higher forms of truth,—those which have to do with worship, prayer, religious trustfulness, devout aspirations and ideals, and many other phases of the inner life.

Indeed, Mr. Darwin lamented late in life that some of his faculties,—those through which he had apprehended and enjoyed poetry, and painting, had become by long disuse completely atrophied. In like manner, with his mind absorbed completely in materialistic studies, he lost the power of spiritual discernment; religious truths, which have a self-demonstrating power, which indeed become the most real and vital of all facts within the reach of the soul, he ignored almost entirely. Mr. Spencer, however, has recognized, throughout his investigations, the existence of an "Unknown and Unknowable Power," behind all the phenomena of the universe. He has not recognized the 'personality' of this Power; yet he bears his testimony in his final volume:

"But one truth must grow ever clearer—the truth that there is an Inscrutable Existence everywhere manifested, to which one can neither find nor conceive either beginning or end. Amid the mysteries which become the more mysterious the more they are thought about, there will remain the one absolute certainty, that one is ever in the presence of an Infinite and Eternal Energy, from which all things proceed."

Whether in the progress of time, the evolutionary theories of Mr. Spencer may gain or lose favor, one thing is true: he has collected with phenomenal industry and skill a vast array of facts connected with the history of man. His speculations concerning these facts may not prove to be true; but the facts themselves will be of inestimable service to students, and through them to our race, for generations to come.—Central Christian Advocate.

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THE ÆSTHETIC CLUB—It is to the discredit of Little Rock that it has no public library, no art gallery, and few literary societies of any kind. We were much gratified therefore when we received the "Æsthetic Club Book for 1896-1897." The book is in excellent taste and contains the programmes of meetings each alternate Tuesday, from October 6, 1896, to June 1, 1897.

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JANUARY 31.

The Boldness of Peter and John.

ACTS IV. 1-14. MEMORY VERSES, 10-12.

Golden Text—"There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Verse 12.)

Time—A. D. 30.

Place—Jerusalem.

Topic—Ward—"Boldness."

Lesson Hymn—No. 397.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

- Boldness of Peter, etc., Acts 1-14. Promised Help, Luke xxi. 8-19. Nothing Can Separate, Rom. viii. 35-39. Paul's Testimony, Acts xx. 18-27. Christ Our Pattern, 1 Pet. ii, 19-24. Foundation Stone, ii. 6-8. Faithful Servant, 2 Tim. ii. 1-16.

We are still dealing with the problem as to how the gospel unfolded itself in the lives of men under the guidance of the Holy Ghost. We have seen, in former lessons, how the coming of the spirit brought a revelation as to the meaning of the great facts of the gospel history; how this coming endowed with various gifts the apostles, how some of them became great preachers, some seemed to have a new accession of common sense and practical wisdom to govern the Church.

In the present lesson we are to see how it changed the spirit of cowardice to the boldness of lions. Antecedent to the Pentecost, the apostles, almost to a man were moral cowards. When their Lord was arrested they all forsook him and fled. Peter, in particular, notwithstanding his loud profession of loyalty, even to death and his sword-cuts in the Garden of Gethsemane, showed at last that he was lacking in the qualities of a true Christian courage—his conduct was most pusillanimous.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost changed all this. The man who cringed and hid in the presence of a weak woman on the night of the arrest of our Lord could stand and fling a quiet and unflinching defiance into the very teeth of the Sanhedrim a few weeks later. Surely here is a great change. Is it not the change that must always come to the man who has absolutely renounced the world, given himself wholly to God, and received the power from on high? What has such a man to fear? Are not all things, things present and to come, life or death—are not all things His?

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question as to the nature of his religious experience—a question which was never settled till he, under the guidance of a Moravian Bishop, came into the same conscious experience enjoyed by his Moravian fellow-voyagers. Henceforth he knew what it was to fear nothing but God, on land or on sea. Every inch of space on this earth belongs to God—He is Lord of all—and if you are where God put you and are doing what God wants you to do, there is no occasion to fear the face of man, beast or devil. All the resources of heaven are yours. If death comes to you, embrace death as God's own messenger in God's own time, and rejoice.

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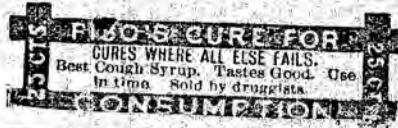
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The Temporal Blessings Which Follow Christianity.

ISAIAH LX. 17-22.

We have in this sixtieth chapter of Isaiah a picture of full and perfect prosperity and happiness. Zion stands forth rejoicing, clothed in the "glory of the Lord."

To note the points of this picture in detail will not profit so much as to stand before it and receive the impression of the complete view.

The picture is of all material wealth and magnificence, nobleness of character among the people, perfect fellowship in the absence of every element of corruption and sin—a boundless and unshadowed view of happiness and blessing—the sun that shall never go down and the days of mourning ended. According to the faith of the prophet righteousness carries with it every blessing, and this doctrine is certainly well founded. Man is greater than material things.

All other things of this world exist for his happiness. The extent of happiness attained is according to the development of his own nature. The savage does not enter into the high enjoyments of intelligence, nor the base into the pleasures of goodness. The stupid and ignorant man does not find pleasure in art or poetry or eloquence. The man who has gold may get him statues and pictures because it is the fashion of the rich, but the poor man who has a cultivated mind is far more the possessor of these things than he who is called the owner.

With the highest development of our nature comes the highest triumph over the material world. The splendid works of civilization are only index to the greatness of the civilized man as compared with the savage, and greater triumphs shall come according as man enlarges his knowledge. In the progress of knowledge man constantly

ascends a throne more regal and sways a scepter of greater power. All material things will yield to him at last.

With perfect character comes perfect social order and the highest pleasure of society. The conception of a great city in which all are righteous falls little short of heaven. The prophet has loved to dwell upon that picture of perfect security and perfect love. "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the sucking child shall play upon the hole of the asp, the weaned child shall put his hand upon the cockatrice den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain."

But above all, and over all, and fulfilling all, is the favor of God. Man, in right relations to his God, is an heir of God, a child of God, exalted to reign over the works of God, safe in the protection of God. He attains the true end of his being and becomes heir of every power and enjoyment which can be given to intelligent moral beings.

We reckon that the Epworth Leaguers are all agents to hasten that triumph of righteousness, the thought of which kindled to such fervor the fancy of the prophet. In the work which you do, dear friends, the whole world is blessed. And you must often times turn back to that thought and that truth for strength and the stay of your feet, when you see even the multitude going in a different way.

The weak and unprincipled drift with the current; they set before themselves no goal of attainment, and respond to no high purpose. They are that multitude which the great Teacher pictured, walking in the broad road. Against the influence of their example stand firm in this assurance, that the principles which you represent and the work which you do are for the highest good of all men, and that in the cause of God and truth you fulfill every duty to yourself, your companions, to society and the state, a cause alone worthy of moral beings, in which every reproach is an honor and every work must find its reward.

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We found, on our visit last week, good Leagues at Clarksville, Dardanelle and Russellville. What we mean by a good League, is one that is accomplishing the purposes for which the League was organized, viz. the development of intelligence and piety in its members, and of systematic co-operation with the pastor and all the agencies of the Church in bringing the unconverted to Christ.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1897.

The Plea for Repeal.

The election last summer gave nine or ten counties to the whisky men, which our temperance people had won in the election two years preceding. Those who made a careful study of the matter saw no evidence of real loss in the temperance sentiment of the State, but on the other hand again, which was evidenced in the fact that the aggregate vote of the State against license was about six thousand more than was ever given before. Some of the counties that changed sides, from prohibition to license, had given a stronger vote against license than was given when they won the cause of temperance two years before. The facts showed that the change had been effected by the better organization of the opposition, for while the aggregate temperance vote had increased, the opposition vote had increased still more.

In referring to the results at the time, this paper gave to its readers notice that the whisky element was fully aroused and that more systematic and determined opposition was to be expected. It was perfectly clear that the two leading secular papers of this city, the Gazette and the Democrat, were both aligned in the interest of license. Their utterances when the fight was on were unmistakably in advocacy of the whisky cause, and the suggestions which began to appear afterward in their columns, respecting the inconvenience and unwisdom of special legislation, were only preparatory, as we noticed at the time, for strengthening the attack to be made upon the special laws by which many of our Arkansas towns were guarded from the destructive effects of the saloon.

Now the contest is fully opened in the Legislature to repeal the present laws at Batesville, Jonesboro, Dardanelle and Morrilton. These are towns in which the vote of the counties in which they are located has gone against license. It is not surprising, therefore, that representatives from these counties have, beforehand, in order to secure the popular vote, allied themselves with the whisky advocates, by promising to do what they can for the repeal of these laws. Such is the trade of politics.

The man who surrenders principle for the paltry advantage of a county election, can have little influence with the people at large,

and must have very low aspirations as respects any future public career.

But the situation throws upon our General Assembly, in its corporate capacity, the responsibility of protecting the solid, substantial people of their towns in interests which are important to the peace, order, morality and prosperity of the places where they live. It now becomes a question whether the irresponsible, idle and floating class, white and black, who gather to these towns and who vote, shall control those who build the Churches and schools and pay the taxes and conduct all the important business of the place.

We write this from Dardanelle. A protest against the repeal of the five-mile law here has just been circulated and signed by 260 men and 450 women. There were 449 votes cast in the city at the last election. Because the county goes wet it turns out, as in other cases, that the representative stands with the majority in the county, though it seems not with the majority of the town.

Here we have before us a statement of facts, signed by forty-one leading citizens of Morrilton, which sets forth the real interests and issues involved there. It is as follows:

A PLAIN STATEMENT OF FACTS.

"1. Under the present law a healthy moral sentiment has made wonderful progress among our citizens as is shown by the increase of the anti-license vote in the last election, which is about 100 per cent.

"2. The liquor element is composed principally of foreigners, negroes and an immoral element largely floating; yet some good citizens favor the liquor traffic.

"3. A large number of rural voters confess that while they voted to fasten the curse upon us, they would strenuously oppose grogshops in their own communities. This, we think, is unjust to us.

"4. The leaders of the repeal faction, we believe, are moved by no other motive than a desire to profit by the sale of liquors, no matter what the cost to others; discard this motive and there would be no agitation for repeal.

"5. The moral constituency, almost to a man, are unalterably opposed to repeal, and they comprise the principal tax-payers of this community, and hence would be the greatest sufferers from repeal.

"6. Every interest of this community, educational, moral and religious, would be seriously injured by the repeal of this law.

"7. We assure you that this special law is now as well enforced as we could hope for any liquor law to be which the legislature could give us, and we believe it is better executed than a "local option" law would be.

"In view of the foregoing facts, we do most earnestly and respectfully beg you to vote and use your

influence against tearing down what is most surely the greatest safeguard to all our dearest and best interests."

This special legislation greatly complicates the political game. No wonder that men who look to offices which are in the gift of the voters desire that these obstructions be removed. So long as there is nothing to look to but the simple majority of votes, irrespective of the classes of people who cast them and the interests involved, the politician sees clear sailing. But this state of things calls for a great deal of skill and delicate handling. It is not surprising therefore if some who labor for the repeal of these special laws, rather than stand as open champions for whiskey present many special pleas.

It is best to cast away these laws. Ah! but the sober substantial people of these towns don't think so, and send in their protest.

The laws do not prohibit. The blind tiger serves the purpose of the liquor men better than the saloon. Ah! but the saloon men don't think so, and whiskey dealers and drinkers want the saloon. The apologies are too thin, an ordinary man can see through a hundred miles of such fog as that. The trouble is with the mental vision of the politician that he cannot see his way forward in the paths of politics without some plea which will catch the majority of votes.

The appeal of these towns is against their own representatives to the united sentiment, the honest judgment of the General Assembly.

Waiting for a Call.

The wisdom of our Methodist itinerant system, under the appointment of our bishops, is often forcibly illustrated by the inconvenience, embarrassment and loss of time incident to the system of calls from congregations. We take from the Christian Observer, a leading paper of the Southern Presbyterian Church, published at Louisville, Ky., the following:

It is painful to a sensitive minister to advertise for work in our Southern Presbyterian Church, but, my dear brother, I am starving and with a helpless family. There is something seriously wrong in our system of bringing men and vacancies together. It is slow, haphazard and degrading to the manhood of the ministry. The effect upon the young ministers cannot be happy. But it is of no use to complain. God reigns.

Thou this pathetic note the Observer comments as follows:

This comes from a minister of good experience and ability.

There is a defect in our Presbyterian government in its lack of machinery for putting some minis-

ter in charge of each church. If every church were under the care of a pastor, there would be no idle ministers. At present, the responsibility rests with the chairman of home missions in each presbytery. The beginning of the year is a good time for him to look up the vacancies in pulpits, and to introduce some good minister to each group of churches.

Depravity on Exhibition.

The following from the Michigan Christian Advocate points out one of the most corrupting influences which affect boys in our cities:

Of all the fruitful sources of criminal tendency in youth, we believe the theatrical bill-board to be the most prolific. Flaming as it does with pictorial representations of crime, posted as it is in the streets, and studied as it is chiefly by idle urchins, who receive no counteracting instruction, it serves as a perennial suggestion of the worst features in human life, an instructor in perfidy, a magnet towards hideous depravity. Several times we have spoken of it, hoping each time that this reprehensive method of advertising stage plays would run its course and quit, but it seems rather to be growing more vigorous and defiant. The two most wicked and disgusting features of this form of theatrical advertising are bloody tragedies and half-clothed women. The law should prohibit the whole business. If the stage cannot survive without debasing the whole outside creation, in the name of decency let it perish. And if the stage presents in reality one-half the base incidents which it pictures on the bill boards, in the name of decency it ought to perish.

To the pastors of the White River Conference. Dear brethren: From what we can learn through the press and otherwise the various Churches all over the United States seem this year to have taken a fresh and deeper hold upon the great question of the salvation of the world. They are calling for special prayer and consecration for the accomplishment of this work. There must be something significant in this special move.

On the day of Pentecost the disciples of Christ "were all of one accord," and spake "as the Spirit gave them utterance," and the result was mighty salvation.

Let us, pastors of the White River Conference, be of one accord and enlist fully with mind and soul in this, the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Let our watchword be—"full salvation for the world," and then bend our every energy to accomplish this, looking to the guidance of the Holy Ghost, and God will abundantly bless our labors to the salvation of souls in our charges, and in such a missionary movement as we have not heretofore seen.

W. B. RICKS,
Conf. Miss, Secy,
Jonesboro, Jan. 15.

Christian Life.

BEHOLD THE STAR.

BY W. A. CUNNINGHAM

As shepherds on the Eastern plain,
Kept watch till day should dawn again,
That naught their guarded flocks should mar,

While faithful watch at night they keep
To guard from every harm their sheep,
A light breaks forth; behold the star!

Above, the wondrous star so bright,
Sheds down a strange and heavenly light;

So bright, so fair, past human ken,
The shepherds drew their mantles round

And bowed with fear unto the ground,
The humble fear of godly men.

Until they heard the joyful sound,
A song from heaven wafted down,
And this the song the angels sung:
"Peace, peace on earth, good will to men;"

And so the chorus sounds again
With lyre and harp by angels sung

This night, to earth a child is born,
And all the earth shall bless the name,
Which gives to man his God and King,
Who comes to save the fallen race,
Redeem the sinner by His grace,
To Him for aye let praises ring.

The shepherds caught the joyful sound,
Which angel voices yet proclaim,
And filled with joy by what they found,
To Bethlehem they took their way,
To worship there the newborn King,
The prince of peace, the Lord of day.

Since then on many a Christmas morn,
That star has shined the shepherds' way,
And many a shepherd's flock has found
Hath since been cheered by heavenly light,

And songs of angels waked the night
Where many weary pilgrims stray.

Peace be on Earth. The Son of man
Removes from Adam's race the sin
Which sin on Adam's head had done,
He lived and died and lives again,
O'er earth and heaven for aye to reign;
His death our every debt hath paid.

Joy to the world! On Christmas morn
The Son of God to earth was born,
Now through the mists of ages far
We hear once more the joyful strain,
And through the darkness breaks again
A wondrous light. Behold the star!

Welcome to the Sinner.

Our Lord said: "Him that cometh unto me I will in nowise cast out." No matter what his name or character may be; his past life may have been altogether bad—a thief perhaps he may be or a murderer—nevertheless I will not cast him out. He may have wasted his substance, all his substance of health and talent and influence, "in the far country," living riotously; and may have nothing left to bring me but dust and ashes, a sickly body, an enfeebled mind, a guilty and remorseful soul; yet I will not cast him out. His repentance may be of an imperfect sort, his prayers mere wingless things, his faith no better than a cry, "Help mine unbelief!" his graces may be faint as the beginnings of dawn or of an infant's life; he may be ignorant of creeds and symbols,

may never have learned aught of controversy, or of the difference between sub and supra-lapsarianism; may never have heard the name of Augustine or John Calvin; may never have read the Bible, nor a word of it; but if he knocks at my door for shelter while the storm is beating, I will not cast him out. He may have been exiled from society by reason of some nameless crime, or driven out from the synagogue with a mark on his forehead, put there by priestly hands, but I will not cast him out. He may come to me like Nicodemus, under cover of the night, afraid, ashamed to be known as a seeker after truth; he may come like the Magdalen, blushing and shrinking before the world's pointed finger, motives criticised, penitence sneered at, seeking only to break upon my feet an alabaster box of love; he may come like the dying thief with nothing to offer but a "God have mercy!" trembling on his pale lips, but however he comes—only so that he come—I will in nowise, as I would, cast him out!—Rev. J. Burrell, in The Christian Intelligencer.

Obstructions to Good Character and Their Removal.

CHAPTER IV.

Everything very desirable in this world necessitates a severe struggle. You can find a common pebble on the surface of Mother Earth, but you have nothing very valuable to be found. You must penetrate the bowels of the earth to find the precious diamond, but you are amply repaid for your labors in the possession of the precious stone.

Any man may obtain the rudiments of an education, but it takes time, patience and research to make an erudite scholar.

So with our character, as a whole. Any person may drift along life, spontaneously following his inclinations (be they right or wrong), but it takes resoluteness of purpose to attain to greatness of character, fashioned after the Christ. This our Lord taught by declaring that if any man would be His disciple, he must deny himself.

What, then, are the great forces that are to be overcome? We answer in Scripture language: "The world, the flesh and the devil."

Hence we are taught if any love the world, the love of the Father is not in him, and the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and whosoever sinneth, is of the devil.

The world invites us to its vain pomp and glory, always promising to satisfy, and never so doing. The flesh would have us to give passion and all evil propensities full sway, but it never informs us of our fearful doom, when thus following its mandates. The devil, threatening us as he did our Saviour, promises us inestimable blessings innumerable, but as he is himself, so he always leaves his votaries, paupers in every sense.

What, then, can we do to resist successfully these forces?

First. As to the world. It is not to be left, but it must be made subservient to a higher world.

Set your affections upon things above."

Second. As to the flesh. If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye, through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Third. As to the devil. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Neither give place to the devil.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifest that he might destroy the works of the devil.

H. B. SMITH.

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WARNING ORDER.

In the Putaski Chancery Court. Mechanics Building & Loan Association, plaintiff vs. James Connolly, et al., defendants. The defendant James Connolly is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff. December 24, 1896. J. H. PARSONS, Clerk. BATCLIFFE & FLETCHER, solicitors for plaintiff.

For the Young People.

A Novel Discovery.

The discovery of a gunboat under a Minnesota farm is about as novel as would be the finding of a Minnesota farm under the Atlantic Ocean. Such a discovery was, however, made on the farm of Charles Brown, near Olivia, in Renville county, Minn., the farm being "bottom land." A laborer struck the vessel while digging a well, and completely uncovered it. Its armament comprised five cannon and two mortars. Cannon balls and bomb shells were found in large numbers. The boat is a very old one, and there is much speculation as to how long it has been in the ground. The impression is that the boat was run up into this region about 1600, when a large proportion of the State was under water. The gunboat was found directly on Cooleys creek, which at that time was no doubt a navigable river.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Ostrich Hunting.

An ostrich chase is very attractive sport, or rather the sale of booty is so great as to attract hunters. The Arabs give themselves to it with real passion. Mounted on their fine little horses, they try as much as possible to fatigue the ostrich, for as it is eight feet high and has very strong legs it possesses a quickness of movement which the best horse cannot attain. It has great endurance. Overtaken by the hunter, it seeks to defend itself with its feet and wings, but more often it still strives to escape by flight, uttering a plaintive cry. In fact the ostrich is deprived of the power of flight by reason of its great size. The muscular force with which nature has endowed it is not equal to lifting such a weight. Its peculiar organization has made it the courier of the desert, where it is able to quickly traverse the almost limitless expanse. The Arab knows very well that it is the habit of the ostrich to make great detours about its nest in a circle. He chases it then without ceasing until it is almost there, when, worn out, it succumbs concealing its head in the sand in order not to see its enemy, or instinctively hoping to escape a danger which it cannot see any more. This chase requires eight or ten hours, but it offers large rewards. The plumes are worth a considerable sum, the skin makes good leather and the Arabs are very fond of the flesh. Besides, in spite of the fact that it reproduces its species rapidly, the ostrich is all the time becoming rarer, and it is hunted for export and domestication in other countries. It is one of Africa's great resources, and may become a new source of prosperity to Algerians if they are willing to make the effort. The truth of the popular saying, "The stomach of an ostrich," has been confirmed recently by an autopsy on one, doubtless for a time captive, when the fol-

lowing was found in its stomach: A parasol handle, two keys, two great pieces of coal, a glove, a handkerchief, a pair of eyeglasses, a ring, a comb, three large rocks, the necks of two beer bottles, the sole of a shoe, a bell and a little harmonica.—Paris Univers Illustré.

How an Owl's Head Goes Round.

Boys who have tried to "put salt on a bird's tail" generally come to the conclusion that birds can "see behind them," and some may half believe that the heads of these quick little creatures are hung on pivots. How easily one could conceive such a notion is illustrated by an anecdote. A contributor to the American Naturalist, who had read a funny story about an owl wringing his own neck by looking at a man who was walking around him, tested the matter by experiment. He obtained a fine specimen and placed him on a post.

"It was not difficult," says the writer, "to secure his attention, for he never diverted his gaze from me while I was in his presence. I began to walk rapidly around the post a few feet from it, keeping my eyes fixed upon him all the while.

"His body remained motionless, but his head turned exactly with my movements. When I was half-way round, his head was directly behind. Three-quarters of a circle were completed, and still the same twist of the neck and the same stare followed me.

"One circle and no change. On I went, twice round, and still that watchful stare and steady turn of the head. On I went, three times around, and I began really to wonder why the head did not drop off, when all at once I discovered what I failed to notice before.

"When I reached half-way round from the front, which was as far as he could turn his head to follow my movements with comfort, he whisked it back through the whole circle so instantaneously and brought it facing me again with such precision that I failed to detect the movement, although I was looking intently all the time.

"I repeated the experiment many times afterwards on the same bird, and I had always to watch carefully to detect the movement of the readjustment of his gaze."

Helen Keller.

Helen Keller is a household name both in America and foreign lands. She is blind as well as deaf. That the walls of silence and darkness which shut her from the world have been broken down, that her soul has been set free, and the seal of silence taken from her lips, seems miraculous to those who know not how it was done. The limits of this article will permit only the briefest outline of her story.

Rendered both deaf and blind at nineteen months by severe illness, she passed the first seven years of her life in silence, darkness and ignorance. Who could have sus-

pected the exquisite soul imprisoned in that mute and darkened body? A bright, patient, loving woman came, and the miracle began.

There was only one possible avenue of approach to the beleaguered soul. The sense of touch remained, and to that the teacher Miss Annie M. Sullivan, addressed her efforts. Through finger-spelling the child at length obtained the idea of language, and with this key other doors could be unlocked. Having naturally a fine mind, she learned rapidly when once started, and developed a phenomenal memory.

While Helen received information only through manual spelling and in limited amount, she never forgot. To tell here something was like writing it in a book. When you wished the fact again, months or even years afterward, you had only to ask for it. But later, as she began to read books, to meet more people and to receive impressions through more channels and in large numbers, her memory ceased to be so absolutely reliable.

Until she was eleven years of age her only means of communication was by finger-spelling. Then at her own urgent request she was given lessons in speech by Miss Fuller, principal of the Horace Mann school. The rapidity with which she acquired the ability to speak was unprecedented. She soon abandoned finger-spelling as a means of expression, and has ever since used speech alone.

But others still had to communicate with her by their fingers. She then expressed a strong wish to learn to read the lips by touching them with her fingers. For the purpose of attempting this difficult task and to get special training in speech she came to the Wright-Humason school in New York city. During the two years that she remained there she succeeded in acquiring the power of understanding people when they spoke to her, and at the same time pursued regular courses of study in arithmetic, history, physical geography, French and German. She has read much of the best literature, and is very intelligent on the topics of the day. Her own speech is now excellent, and she has entered a girls' school in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she is taking a course preparatory for Radcliffe college.

When being spoken to she places her index finger lightly upon the lips, while the other fingers rest upon the cheek, the middle one touching the nose. Her thumb is upon the larynx. This position gives her the greatest possible information concerning the elements of which speech is composed.—"Speech and Speech-Reading for the Deaf," by John Dutton Wright, in the January Century.

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Our Church at Home.

SULPHUR ROCK CIRCUIT.

January 1st, 1897, the tenth new year of my ministerial life dawned upon us, snugly domiciled in the comfortable parsonage at Sulphur Rock, Ark. Thanks to the good Lord, Bishop and cabinet for the privilege of remaining another year among such kind and social people as we are blessed with in our healthy, enterprising city of springs and schools.

We have been the willing subjects of more than one pounding since our lot has been cast here. Donations have rather been continuous—punctuated here and there with a large gift that made our hearts thrill with gratitude and joy. The writer, through the generosity of Mrs. Dr. Sanders, wife of one of our oldest and most respected citizens, suddenly became the proud owner of a splendid, well trained saddle horse. As the calendar indicated the time for more comfortable provisions against the ravages of winter the Ladies' Aid presented us with quilts, one of which is the finest in make and material that I have seen. Wood provender and provision have not been scarce at the parsonage since we have been here.

On the evening of the 11th inst. the young people, mostly students of the Arkansas Normal, stormed us with donations. The party was headed by Brother and Sister Conn and Sister Hathcock. After a pleasant evening of song service, we sent them away with the blessing of God and our grateful hearts.

Our board of stewards made a generous assessment for our support during the present year and have begun as though they want to meet it.

Our local preachers are men of the right type. Bro. Wayman, broad, liberal and enthusiastic, is a team in revival work. Bro. Farish is a solid, sweet spirited efficient servant of God whom the people all love and honor. Bros. Best and Northern are good preachers—earnest, faithful and ready. Bro. Best is highly esteemed for his work's sake among our people. These all make the regular monthly rounds with myself doing equal work without a murmur. None feel restrained or cramped but are in full sympathy with their pastor working faithful. Our exhorters, Bro. Jernigan and Bro. Dameron and son, are faithfully engaged in holding a series of prayer meeting over the circuit. The Lord is blessing their work and as the result we expect to reap large results during the year.

Our Sunday-school at this place is prospering under the management of Pro. J. W. Decker, the president of The Arkansas Normal, situated at Sulphur Rock. Bro. Decker is not only an energetic and progressive school man—but a consecrated Christian gentleman and puts his heart in the work as well as his brains. We are not boasting but there are but few circuits that are blessed with as many efficient and earnest workers as this. We are praying for and expecting the baptism of the Holy

Ghost at all of our appointments and on all our people. We have several who profess sanctification and live up to their profession. They are true as steel and not a bit in our way. We would take a few more just like them. We have scores of others equally as good and true, who are as ripe in all the Christian graces. We love all our people alike and try to preserve harmony in the ranks.

F. C. STERLING.

GENOA CIRCUIT.

We are comfortably housed on our work for the second year, have been received joyfully by most everybody, and we are proud to see such an interest manifested in our young people. We received several young people in the Church last year (40 or 50), but few of them will visit the dance at all. Oh, how proud I am of them. I believe we are improving spiritually. Some of our people have erected family altars, and we are going to adopt the tithe system. This is a good indication. The good sisters of College Hill sent us a buggy load of good things yesterday, such as flour, meal, coffee, rolled oats, salt, yeast powders and a great big plate, heaped up and running over with cocoanut cake. Some people count conversions by the amount they pay or judge soundness of same. We have enough experience in ruralistic sections to know better than that. We have a great many warm-hearted Christians here who cannot pay much, but do what they can, and we are going to come up in full this year. Pray for us.

PASTOR.

MELBOURNE, ARK.

Brother J. S. Brooke held our first Quarterly Conference yesterday, January 12. All the interests of the Church were well attended. The following is a synopsis of our report: Received four members, had splendid services at each appointment, three good Sabbath-schools, two Missionary Societies. The stewards had collected about \$80. The P. E. said the Conference service was altogether satisfactory to him. Mrs. Fisackerly, Master Eugene and the P. C. are well and happy in the work. We shall look for you, Mr. Editor, at our District Conference. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is in every Methodist home in Melbourne.

Yours in the work,
T. W. FISACKERLY, P. C.

January 13.

YELLEVILLE CIRCUIT.

I have made one round and find lots of good people and plenty of work to do. We got moved one month ago today, and when we got to the parsonage we found Sisters Sumers, Norman Sims and Watts, with supper ready. And Sister Summers, the mother of Rev. P. B. Summers stayed all night with us. Thank God for the good woman.

My first Quarterly Meeting is past. It was held at Cedar Grove Saturday before the 4th Sunday in December, with our beloved P. C. in the chair. When he called question eight the stewards reported \$23.98. P. E. took collecti

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for Domestic Missions and got in cash and subscription \$4.25. Yellville circuit ought to be the best circuit in the district. The preacher and people have entered into a covenant at each appointment to do their whole duty. God will most assuredly give us the victory through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All who may read this pray for a revival all over the Yellville circuit. O for power from on high.

G. B. GRIFFIN, P. C.

Jan, 13,

OZONE MISSION.

Not long since we bade adieu to our parents, of a Northern lineage, to come to Arkansas to labor in the vineyard for the Master. We were somewhat surprised when we heard it had fallen away from us to go to Ozone Mission. However, whithersoever He would lead us, we soon found ourselves landed on the mountain top, amidst a friendly and sociable class of people, where we could breathe the unadulterated atmosphere of hope and faith in God for our success.

We have made one round on the work and are half way around again. We heard some one say Ozone was a hard place. 'Tis true the people are poor like their pastor, but nevertheless, they share cheerfully in the cause for which we stand. We have many earnest, devoted Christians here who labor for their neighbors, their country and their God. Yet looking out near future I see a battle being fought, with transgression on one side and righteousness on the other. God help us to win the victory for Christ.

May He clothe us in the spirit of ability, strengthen our faith, firm our hopes and break asunder the overshadowing clouds of darkness, letting the bright and glorious sunlight of heaven shine in upon us, and bathe us in those precious tears of His redeeming love.

CLAUDE L. GRIFFITH.

January 14, 1897.

VANNDALE CIRCUIT.

The people of Vanndale are sustaining their excellent reputation. Through the agency of the Ladies' Aid Society the parsonage has been extensively repaired. Two rooms re-ceiled, overhead and tile walls re-papered. The design of the paper is beautiful and artistic. One room has been nicely ceiled through-out. The roof also has had a thorough going over. We desire to express our thanks for a very considerable pounding on our arrival, it began early in the morning and lasted all day. We are comfortable in our new home.

H. B. Cox.

MINERAL CIRCUIT.

Am more than pleased with my work, the Mineral circuit; preached three times yesterday, twice in my own work and once for the hospitable people served by that logical successful minister, the Rev. E. M. Davis. Brother Davis and I were glad to see each other, since the writer started him in the ministry twenty years ago nearly, and knew our brother intimately for a longer time. I am under obligations to this man of God and his kind people whom he is serving most acceptably the second year. Say to my friends I am serving an exceeding kind and hospitable people and love all already. God bless you. Fraternaly,

J. F. ARMSTRONG.

Jacksonville, Ark., Jan. 1.

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Woman's Work.

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We have but little more than one month left in the fiscal year of the W. P. & H. M. Society, for our new year begins March 1, and there is much to be accomplished in this short time.

January 29 has been appointed a day of fasting and prayer, and all members of the Society are urged to observe it, asking God for a willingness to be more self-sacrificing that more time, thought and money may be given to this great work undertaken in His name.

Sometimes we think we are already giving all we can, but I wonder if there is one of us who does not spend a dime or a dollar now and then for something entirely unnecessary, or if some social pleasure could not be given up to attend the monthly meeting of the Society, or to visit some one shut up in a cheerless sick room.

If nothing more, I do believe that every one of us could spare a few moments each day to ask God's blessing upon the labors of the Society—and what a blessing that would bring! It would not be long before we should find time and money to aid greatly in this important work.

Our annual week of prayer is February 1 to 7 inclusive, and every auxiliary should carry out the programmes as far as possible.

These meetings will not only be interesting, but will prove very instructive as to the origin of this organization and the imperative need for its work in our home land.

More than this, we should gain a spiritual uplift that will prove a blessing through all the year. The self-denial collection will be taken, and it will be added to the decennial fund—the \$20,000 thank-offering to be raised by the W. P. & H. M. Society this year.

Several of our auxiliaries have already raised contributions for this fund, and we hope every auxiliary will send something for it.

At the regular February meeting the officers for the ensuing year are to be elected that they may learn their duties by March 1.

Some changes may be inevitable but I hope every auxiliary will "hold fast to that which is good" if possible. Personally, I am much attached to our society, and I am much indebted to our faithful correspondents, who have been staying during this year, and I should be sorry to give one of them up.

I dare say, Mrs. Thompson, our Conference Treasurer, would declare that our efficient treasurers deserve more credit than any one else. At any rate, we unite in heartfelt thanks to these and all the officers and friends of our auxiliaries. God knows the battles fought and victories won by these

faithful women, and their names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Before March 1 we hope to have full reports from every auxiliary—how the week of prayer was observed—the amount of self-denial collection, and what the outlook is for the new year.

Let us close the old year with prayer and praise and thank-offerings to God, and begin the new one with more love for humanity and more faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Dear Sisters in the P. & H. M. S.—The time for our "week of prayer" is close at hand. We hope that it will be observed in each auxiliary, and a spiritual blessing received, also that we have an offering ready, even if it be a small one, the Lord will know if we give all that we are able to, but let His claim be first not last.

What a lesson some of the poor colored people can teach us. Not long ago one of them who depends on her own exertions for support, was telling me how the Lord helped her. She said that one Sunday, after having given her two children each a nickel for Sunday-school, she had just one left. At Church services she felt she could not give that, for in the morning she would want it to buy soap for her washing, then she thought that the Lord had been so good to her, that she would trust Him, so gave what she supposed was her all.

The next morning she took her old pocket-book, and on opening it, found 10 cents had slipped under the lining. Now, she thought, I can buy the soap and have 5 cents for the "Bible Band," still thinking of the Lord. That day some extra work was given her, which brought in 50 cents.

I do not suppose we will always have it returned to us in quite so plain a way, and I know that times are unusually hard with every one, but if we make a sacrifice to give the blessings that we receive, we will have much greater.

There may be some place where there is one in a hundred who would like to contribute some-thing to our Decennial Fund, which work, succeeded for the general mission work in America (the dues are used for parsonages), if so, we hope that they will send it to our treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Thompson, Little Rock. We trust there may be many to help in that way, and that before long they may be able to induce others to join them and organize a Society.

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They generally know a good song when they hear it. This book takes the lead on solos, with "Beautiful, Beckoning Hands," "The Great Judgment Morning," "Good Mother's Influence," etc. Supplement of sixteen beautiful songs has just been added. These very much enhance the value of this excellent book. The price of the book remains the same, though the supplement is sold alone at 10 cents; 13 for \$1.00; or, \$6.00 per hundred.

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Quarterly Meetings.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—First Round
—J. A. Sage, P. E.
February: Amity circuit at County Line, 6, 7; New Liberty circuit at Morning Star, 13, 14; Cherry Hill circuit at Oden, 20, 21; Mount Ida circuit at Black Springs, 27, 28.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—First Round,
D. J. Weems, P. E.
February: Fort Smith Central, 6, 7; Fort Smith circuit Oak Bower, 13, 14; Cauthron mission at Cauthron, 20, 21; Parks mission at Grahams, 23; Waldron circuit at Fairs, 27, 28.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—First round,
A. H. Williams, P. E.
February: Fayetteville, 6, 7; Cincinnati, 13, 14; Winslow, 20, 21; Gravett, 27, 28.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—First Round—
P. B. Summers, P. E.
February: Aplin mission 4, 5, Ada at Opelo 6, 7, Morrilton station 7, Clinton at Scotland 13, 14, Cleavland at Centre Point 20, 21, Martinville at Batesville 27, 28.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—First Round
—S. S. Key, P. E.
February: Gravelly Hill circuit at Oak Ridge 6, 7, Russellville 13, 14, Dardanelle station 20, 21.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT—First round,
V. V. Harlan, P. E.
February: Coal Hill circuit at Coal Hill, 6, 7; Ozone Mission at Ozone, 13, 14; Ozark circuit at Pleasant Grove, 20, 21; Altus circuit at Altus, 27, 28.

EUREKA SPRINGS DISTRICT—First Round,
P. B. Hopkins, P. E.
February: Hackler Grove at Camp-ton, 3, 4; Carrollton, at Carrollton, 6, 7; Goshen at Son's Chapel, 13, 14; St. Paul at Crosses, 20, 21.

HARRISON DISTRICT—First Round, O.
H. Tucker, P. E.
February: Omaha mission at Omaha, 6, 7; Valley Springs circuit at Valley Springs, 13, 14; Lead Hill circuit at Lead Hill, 20, 21; Mountain Home station, 27, 28.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Second Round,
J. S. Brooke, P. E.
February: Ash Flat, 13, 14; Calamine, 20, 21; Oil Trough, 27, 28.

NEWPORT DISTRICT—First round, S.
L. Cochran, P. E.
February: Corning circuit at Corning, 6, 7; Reyno circuit at Richwoods, 13, 14; Siloam circuit at Salem, 20, 21; Peachontas circuit at Oak Grove, 27, 28.

SHARCY DISTRICT—First round, Henry
T. Gregory, P. E.
February: Stony Point circuit, 6, 7; Paso circuit, 13, 14; Mineral circuit, 20, 21.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—First Round, in
part, Frank Ritter, P. E.
February: Marion circuit, 6, 7; Osceola circuit, 13, 14; Osceola circuit, 15; Golden Lake circuit, 20, 21; Buffalo Island circuit, 27, 28.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—First Round
—Thos. H. Ware, P. E.
February: England and Liberty, 6, 7; Maumelle, 13, 14; Tomberlin, 20, 21; Oak Hill, 27, 28.

ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT—First round,
Horace Jewell, P. E.
February: Clark circuit 5 and 7, Social Hill circuit 13 and 14, Dalark circuit 20 and 21, Princeton circuit 27 and 28.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—First Round, R.
R. Moore, P. E.
February: Bearden circuit at Miller's Springs, 6, 7; Harmony Grove at Harmony Grove, 7, 8; Genoa circuit at College Hill, 13, 14; Hampton circuit at Hampton, 17, 18; Onachita circuit at Ohidester, 20, 21.

PRESBOTT DISTRICT—First Round—W.
P. Evans, P. E.
February: Carolina, 6, 7; Mineral Springs, 13, 14; Nashville, 20, 21; Richmond, 27, 28.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—First Round—
C. C. Godden, P. E.
February: New Edenburg, 6, 7; Kingsland, 9; Humphry, 13, 14; DeWitt, 20, 21; White River, 23; Sherrill, 27, 28.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—First Round
—T. D. Scott, P. E.
February: Hamburg and Portland at Hamburg, 6, 7; Tillar circuit at Selma, 13, 14; Lacy circuit at Bethel, 20, 21; Berea circuit at Bear Hous, 27, 28.

Our Church at Home.

SPRINGTOWN CIRCUIT.

DEAR BROTHER GODBEY—We are here for the third year. Have made one full round and half way on the second. Am very anxious that this may be the best year of the three. Lost two of my appointments yesterday on account of two very sick children. We were visited at the parsonage New Year's eve by a goodly number of friends and neighbors, who brought along with them a great variety of things, all of which we can use to advantage. We feel under many obligations to these generous donors and pray that the richest of heaven's blessings may rest upon them. The Lord bless the ARKANSAS METHODIST and its editor in his hour of sad bereavement. Cordially,

J. H. STURDY.

Springtown, Ark., Jan. 11.

DARDANELLE CIRCUIT.

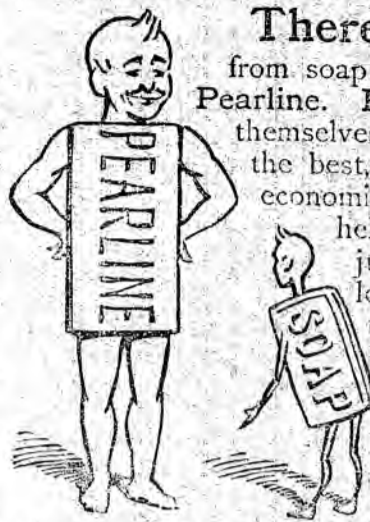
EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST—This is my second year on the Dardanelle circuit. On our return from Conference we were hailed by the good people of our charge with the song of glad welcome. We do not live in the district of storms, hence we have received no great pounding, but suffice it to say, that we have a full year's support of meat and bread now on hand, and are assured that other necessities for home comfort will come to hand in due time. We are moving off nicely and satisfactorily with our work. The indications for success on all the lines of Church work are good. Our prayer services are well attended. Our Sunday-school work is enlarging and becoming more interesting. The public services are well attended, and we are doing our best preaching and praying for the Spirit's presence and power, hence we are expecting great things from the presence of the Lord. Pray for us. Will do our best for the METHODIST. Your fellow-laborer.

JNO. C. SHIPP.

Dardanelle, Ark.

LAKE VILLAGE, ARK.

DEAR EDITOR—We are now very pleasantly situated at Lake Village, on the beautiful Lake Chicot. Our things got here about two weeks ago, in as hard a rain as I ever saw, and you can only imagine the condition of what little we had, which had been hauled over 100 miles. Over some of the worse roads I ever saw, and it had rained on them for two days. They came in about 9 o'clock at night; the girls were carried to Brother Kouse's, where Mr. Poynter and myself had been stopping, and the boys came on and made them up a good fire, and unloaded the wagons and stayed the rest of the night. The next



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morning the girls and I came over through the rain and got as many of our things dry as possible, and have been camping at home ever since.
A few days after we got home, there was quite a storm, which left us many things, such as meat, flour, sugar, coffee, rice, potatoes, turkeys, pickles, jellies, and many other good things, too numerous to mention, and no one but a Methodist preacher's wife knows how to appreciate such storms as these, and we can only ask God's blessings upon these dear people who have administered so graciously to our wants.
We were all sick for several days after we got here, and sorrow and sadness seemed to be hovering around, but thank the Lord the cloud seems to be passing away, and we are hoping for a little sunshine soon.
Pray for us that there may be a glorious revival all over Carriola circuit this year. God bless the METHODIST. We are going to do what we can for it this year.
Respectfully,
Mrs. LELA POYNTER.
Lake Village, Jan. 18.

preached two strong sermons. Especially his sermon at night on Rom. vi. 23, was strong, plain and instructive. His solemn warnings will linger long in the hearts of the people who heard him. The business part of the Conference was pleasant. We hope to do good work this year and be instrumental in bringing many souls to Christ.
Rev. W. E. Hall, P. C. of Mountain View circuit, was present and preached at Iuka Friday night to a good congregation. His presence did us much good.
May the Methodist wheel continue to roll, bringing gladness to the hearts of the people and advancing the cause of Christ.
May the blessings of God rest upon the itinerancy throughout our connection. Yours in the work.
C. F. Hively, P. C.

Keeps Her in Good Health.

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At Rest.

WASHBURN—Little Joe, the son of W. H. and N. E. Washburn, died at 12 o'clock p.m., on the 8th of January, 1896; was born December 10, 1884. Joe was a bright, sweet dispositioned child, loved by all. May the good Lord sustain the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters.

Bereaved ones, he is only gone to await your coming on the other shore. May you all be gathered with little Joe in the home of the blessed.

R. F. EMERSON.

January 12, 1897.

HINCHMAN—Mary Ann Hinchman (formerly Nye), wife of W. W. Hinchman, died at her home near Carlisle, Ark., on January 1, 1897. She was born in Berren County, Mich., March 18, 1838. At the age of 16 she was converted and joined the M. E. Church. For a number of years Sister Hinchman had been an invalid, yet she suffered with Christian fortitude, till God, in pitying love, gave sweet freedom to her captive soul on this happy New Year's morn.

NICK THOMASSON.

Carlisle, Ark.

JACKSON—Mrs. Florence, was born in Tennessee, May, 1851, and died at Jonesboro, Ark., December 30, 1896. Her father, Rev. S. A. Ellis, is a member of the North Mississippi Conference. She was married to J. J. Jackson in Tennessee, and lived there till about six years ago, when they moved to Arkansas. Sister Jackson was converted and joined the Methodist Church when quite young, and lived a pure, faithful Christian to her death. Confined to her bed for some time before her death, she showed patience and resignation. She was a noble, sweet spirited woman, loved by those who knew her. She leaves a husband and three children, all grown. May they meet her at the resurrection morn.

W. B. RICKS.

Jonesboro, Ark.

JOHNSON—Sam P. Johnson was born September 15, 1809, and died at his home in Pine Bluff, December 28, 1896. At an early age our lamented brother joined the Church at Tyro, in Drew County, and his connection with the Church was continued until his death. He was one of nature's noblemen, with a heart easily moved in sympathy for the needy and distressed. As a father, he was to his children kind, to his wife, true and confiding, to his friends, obliging and helpful, and to the Church, he was true in his devotion. In the duties of a Christian our brother, like many of us, was wanting in some respects, but for months before his death he made a successful effort to live right, and now we feel that he is safe.

JOHN F. CABR.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 16.

MORTON—Henry Hiram, son of Henry and M. J. Morton, was born in Queen City, Tex., November 15, 1877, and died at the home of his uncle, near Green's Chapel, in Sevier County, Ark., January 5, 1897. His last sickness was of short duration, and he passed away before his father or mother, who lived some 35 miles away, could reach his bed-side. He felt from the beginning of his illness that it would prove fatal. During the past few years he had at times manifested much concern about his personal salvation. The writer saw him at a meeting in 1895, when he seemed to be deeply penitent, but he had never made any profession of faith in Christ.

Henry was a kind-hearted, obedient boy, and was peculiarly devoted to his mother. During his last sickness he prayed earnestly for himself and also requested others to pray for him. Let us hope his prayers were heard by a compassionate Heavenly Father.

May his life and death remind us afresh of the Master's words: "Be ye also ready."

J. A. SAGE.

GREEN—O. F., was born in Nevada County, Ark., December 7, 1867; was married July 13, 1890, to Miss Katy L. Gustin; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, on the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1889, at Ebenezer Church, and lived a true, devoted Christian life.

In July, 1894, Brother Green, with his family, moved to Louann, Ouachita County. In 1896 he united with the Church, by letter, at Union, on the Camden circuit, and was a faithful member until death, which occurred at Louann, Ark., January 6, 1897. He could not speak for some time before he died, and therefore left no dying testimony. Brother Green leaves a devoted wife and a sweet little girl and boy, three brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss, but their loss is his eternal gain. His father and mother having died when he was small, he was raised by his brother, William, to whom he was very much devoted.

Brother Green was dearly loved by all who knew him. He was a true friend of the writer. He was a great lover of music and a great singer, and would go to singing far and near. To the sorrowing wife, children, brothers and sisters we can only say: Weep not, put your trust in Him, who doeth all things well, be faithful till death, and you will meet that sainted husband, father and brother in the sweet by-and-by, where partings will be no more.

EDWIN P. REYNOLDS.

PATTON—Died on January 11, 1897, Mary C. Patton, wife of James G. Patton, aged 70 years, 11 months and 10 days. She was born on the 27th day of January, 1826, in Franklin County, Tenn., married to James G. Patton on December 13, 1848, and moved from Tennessee to their present home-place in this county in autumn of 1858, where she lived continuously up till her death. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are now living, seven daughters and one son. There never lived a more happy and agreeable family, and the lives of these children is a living epistle of the nobility of character of this good woman. She professed religion at the age of 13 years, joined the M. E. Church, and when founded, the M. E. Church, South, to which she was ever a devoted member. For 57 years, 11 months and 14 days she lived a useful Christian life, and died a triumphant Christian death.

Although speechless, when asked "Is all well with you, if so, raise your hand?" Fully conscious of the situation, and of the question asked, she raised her hand, and a peaceful and intelligent look from her eyes, which had not been open for a day, and a nod of her head told that her soul was saved.

She was a loving and devoted wife and mother. A help-meet indeed to the husband, whom he loved devotedly, and a mother among mothers, whose children and numerous grandchildren loved her dearly, because of the purity of her life, and the overflowing goodness of her noble soul. Her friends were legion, not among the old alone, but the young as well. To the young she was not old, and the old, which includes many of the old settlers of this county, in her presence, lived over again their youngman and womanhood.

She visited the sick, sympathized with the bereaved and unfortunate, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, cared for the stranger and loved to help the poor. Sunshine followed in her wake, and thousands of times clouds of sorrow hath been removed by her noble Christian spirit. She lived, acted and breathed the religion she professed and fell asleep in the arms of her blessed Redeemer, who was her guide through life and her solace in death.

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On the Road.

One traveling in Arkansas sees many objects of which he would like to write, but finds not much time for such delightful employment.

Since the meeting of the White River Annual Conference, I have made two trips in the interest of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and must mention some of the things that impressed me most.

1. The progress of our Church. Everywhere I have gone most I have found the work of the Church moving on nicely. At Lonoke we found Dr. Ross and Brother Airheart planning for a new year's work, and also to pay a debt on their handsome new Church.

At Devall's Bluff we found a beautiful new Church being constructed; also one at Des Arc. Brother Manville, the new pastor, and his wife, went up on the boat with us to his new field of labor. We heard many kind and approving expressions concerning "the new preacher."

At Forrest City we found Bro. Jernigan with head, heart and hands full of labor. I never saw many men more fully employed. He was preaching, praying, singing, ministering to people, repairing parsonage, and last, but not least, nursing Paul Dye, his son and future minister. If Brother Jernigan does not do a fine year's work at Forrest City, we feel sure he will not be to blame.

We next ran down to Marianna and found Rev. Frank Barritt in the midst of a "pounding" for his presiding elder, Rev. M. M. Smith. He soon had the box off, and was out on the street with us, doing some work for the paper. Brother Barritt was starting off well.

Brother McDonald, the new pastor at Haynes, was at his post, doing well. He occupies the parsonage alone. Occasional smiles across his peaceful face seem to say, "This is only temporary." Soon he is to be in the realization of happiness, as Oliver Wendell Holmes defined it, "Four feet on the fender."

From here we ran in for the holidays, spending one day at Redfield, with Brother Christie, who is planning for a large year's work.

On our second trip we visited the pastoral charges of Brothers N. E. Gardner, J. M. Talkington, K. R. Durham, A. C. Graham, W. P. Talkington, M. B. Umsted, Geo. G. Davidson, J. I. Maynard, R. C. Morehead, W. M. Wilson, Geo. E. Cameron and T. O. Owen. I am indebted to all these brethren, except Brother Davidson, for kindness. He was not at home. All these pastors were planning and hoping for a prosperous year's service. A new house of worship is just being completed at Bald Knob, Brother Umsted, at New-

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2. Arkansas has some as rich soil as can be found anywhere. And, strange to say, where the soil is richest, times are hardest. I know but one explanation of this. This is, that in these fertile countries attention is given almost exclusively to the cultivation of cotton; and the necessaries of life, even corn and hay, are shipped in from other countries. Until farmers begin to raise a large per cent of what we all consume at home, we need not look for, nor expect better times. The "gold standard" nor "free silver" will change our condition materially. When our farmers commence to supply home consumers with products from their gardens and farms, and our nation learns to fear God and tell the truth, we may expect "better times." When will this be?

My next trip takes me into Southeast Arkansas. Respectfully,
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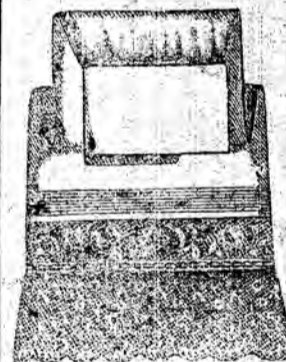
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