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News and Notes.

General Weyler has lately arrested about 100 leading citizens of Havana, under charge of aiding the Cubans.

There is report of gold mines of unsurpassed richness on the upper Yukon river in British and United States territory. It is said 10,000 miners are in the field.

Turkey shows purpose not only to hold Thessaly but disposition to be aggressive against her weaker neighbors. She keeps in fighting trim and pays no attention to the powers.

An effort has recently been made by some influential citizens of Missouri to secure the release of the Younger brothers, who have been imprisoned in the penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn., for the last twenty-one years for robbing the bank at Northfield, Rice county, Minn., and killing the cashier, Mr. Haywood. The robbers were the old Jesse James gang, and three of the Younger brothers were captured and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Since their imprisonment one of the brothers has died. The movement for the release of the other two has failed. The people of Rice county and the bankers of the state opposed it.

It is reported that an alliance offensive and defensive has been formed between Japan and Spain for the mutual protection of their claims in Cuba and Hawaii. The alliance provides that in the case of any aggressive movement of the United States by interference in Cuban affairs or to annex Hawaii both Spain and Japan shall declare war against the United States. War with Japan and Spain would cost more than this country could gain either in Cuba or Hawaii, and such a war would furnish Spain a pretext for surrendering Cuba. It would save the humiliation of being whipped by Cuba single-handed, a thing which now appears inevitable.

A great sensation has swept over the country during the past week, caused by the report of the discovery of gold mines of unequalled richness upon the upper Yukon river, Alaska. The field lies about equally in United States and British territory. It is said that 10,000 miners are upon the ground, and many have become rich in a month. Wages are $15 a day, flour $2 a pound. The center of the gold region is 1,500 miles inland, and reached by such a route as it would be from St. Louis to San Francisco if all the country were wilderness, and the trip were to be made on foot or with dog sleighs in winter.

The great coal miners' strike, though not as extensive as its managers had hoped to make it, has assumed very formidable proportions. Efforts for arbitration have been made, but as yet no adjustment is in sight. The operators will attempt to secure an injunction against intemperance with the working of the mines which, if obtained, will put the leaders under arrest if they are found using influence to prevent men from returning to work. In the famous A. R. U. strike, at Cincinnati, some years ago, an injunction was secured in which it was held that strike leaders were in contempt of court for issuing an order to strikers counselling them not to return to work.

Some Recent Temperance Legislation.

The National Women's Christian Temperance Union officers have issued a report regarding the work of the various state legislatures in session this year, and from it this is taken: "Legislation in reform measures this winter has been quite gratifying. Illinois passed a police matron bill to apply to cities of over 1,600 inhabitants; also a stringent temperance educational bill prohibiting the admission of any under 21 years to dance houses, concert saloons, or any place where intoxicating liquors are sold or given away. The Iowa legislature made liquor bills uncollectable. Tennessee, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Connecticut and Indiana passed strong anti-cigarette laws. In Washington an anti-vivisection bill was passed, the legal age of consent raised from 12 to 18 years, and a suffrage amendment is to be submitted to the voters at the November, 1898, election. The supreme court of Missouri has decided that women may hold an office from which they are not debarred by the state constitution."—American Outlook.

Prescott District Conference.

The thirty-first session of the district conference of the Prescott District, formerly the Washington District, (the name having been changed from the latter to the former at the Annual Conference of 1896) convened in the Methodist Church at Nashville, Ark., at 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, July 7, 1897, W. F. Evans, P. E., present and presiding. The writer was elected secretary. All the pastors were present and there was a fair attendance of local preachers and lay delegates. Bro. Evans, our P. E., was in ill health and not able to occupy the chair at all times, and during his absence Dr. J. H. Riggin presided. The reports from the various charges were encouraging and in the main disclosed progress along all lines of church work. A. C. Millar, G. C. Jones, and Dr. C. C. Godden were in attendance and presented the claims and advantages of the respective institutions of learning which they represented. E. O. Goddard preached a very instructive and an appreciated sermon on Missions. James Thomas was present and spoke in the interest of the Epworth League movement. C. J. Green represented the Fordyce Training School and Dr. Riggin presented the claims of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. B. G. Johnson and A. B. Winfield, superannuates, were in attendance and their presence was an inspiration. A communication of greeting from W. A. Steel, a former member of the district and pastor of Nashville circuit, was read and in response "Salvation's Rolling On" was sung with enthusiasm.

Sisters Hotchkiss and Hays were present in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society T. O. Rorie spoke for the American Bible Society.

The licenses of the following named local preachers were renewed: J. L. Tyson, W. H. Head, J. J. Bearden, E. S. Patterson, C. G. Hughes, J. W. Dickinson, Jno. F. Biggs, F. F. Harrell, Geo. N. Cannon, Fletcher C. Cannon, Jas. M. Cannon, J. L. Cannon, H. B. Thompson, J. A. Baird, J. D. Sorrels, Forney Hutchinson, W. M. Avery, M. P. Timberlake, T. E. Clinghan, P. M. Palmer, and Wm. M. Mitchell. H. M. Bruce and J. P. Steel were granted license to preach. J. L. Cannon, F. F. Harrell, J. D. Sorrels, J. J. Bearden, J. W. Dickinson, Jas. M. Cannon and Geo. N. Cannon were recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders. F. F. Harrell and P. M. Palmer were recommended for admission on trial. Thomas M. Beck was received and recommended to the Annual Conference for recognition of his orders as elder.

Hope was selected as the place for the next district conference.

J. L. Deloney, W. D. Lee, H. M. Bruce and W. W. Johnson were elected delegates, and J. H. McCollum and W. R. White as alternate delegates to the annual conference. C. J. Green and F. N. Brewer were appointed members of the District Board of Education in lieu of W. A. Steel and J. H. Bradford, who had removed from the district. Miss Katie Ward, of Mineral Springs, was elected by the Board as the beneficiary of the half scholarship so generously given by Prof. Jones in the Arkadelphia Methodist College. A sufficient sum was raised to purchase a tombstone for the grave of J. S. Clower, an itinerant who fell at his post a few years since while pastor of the Nashville circuit, and whose body reposes in the cemetery at Nashville. A resolution of thanks was passed to the good people of Nashville for their hospitable entertainment of the conference, and the railroad company for courtesies.

W. D. LEE.

First Street Loafer—It's a shame, Bill, to think that any one would swindle a poor, hard working man in that way.

Second Street Loafer—Why, what's your trouble?

First Street Loafer—Here I worked hard for half a day painting up a sparrow into a red-headed Belgian canary, and I am blowed if the fellow I sold it to didn't give me a bad half-crown for it.—London Spare Moments.

Contributed.

In the Blue Grass Country.

M. B. CHAPMAN, D. D.

Sidney Smith said that he believed God might have made a better berry than the strawberry, but that he had not done so. So I believe that God might have made a more beautiful country than the Blue Grass region of Kentucky, but I am satisfied He has not done so—at least not on this globe. One of the orators of this favored section said that when God was making the world and pronounced it very good, He smiled, and His smile crystallized into the gentle slopes, and broad, beautiful acres of the Blue Grass country. Geologists say that this section "rests on the blue limestone of the Lower Siluvian formation, and the disintegration and decay of this rock keeps the soil perennially rich. There are fields in this region which have been cultivated 100 years without losing their fertility."

An engagement to deliver an address before the Woman's Missionary Society of the Kentucky Conference took me last week to Versailles, in Woodford county, which is in the very heart of this beautiful section. When some one once reminded Henry Clay that the Blue Grass region was the garden spot of the world, he said:

"Yes, and Woodford county is the asparagus bed of the garden."

As this was my first visit to this portion of the state it was a great pleasure to take a ride with my host, Mr. D. L. Thornton, along the beautiful pike and through the splendid farms and charming woodland to the celebrated Harper and Alexander stock farms. The pleasure of the drive was also enhanced by having in the party our senior missionary secretary, Dr. H. C. Morrison. I have seen many beautiful landscapes, but I think I never saw meadows of waving grass, harvest fields heavy with golden grain and low, rolling undulations of woodland which made quite so charming a picture as that through which we drove for seven miles. The play of light and shade on the distant hills and in the groves of walnut, beech and maple was exquisite, while the air was fragrant with the odor of growing hemp and new-mown hay.

Our objective point was "The Nantura Stock Farm," owned by Mr. N. B. Harper, one of the most celebrated stock farms in the United States. From it have gone forth racers and blooded horses to all portions of the country, and two of the most noted horses in the annals of the turf were raised on this farm and are buried there. At Sans Souci I saw marble slabs over eleven of Frederick's dogs, and at Abbottsford I also saw the monuments which Sir Walter Scott had erected over his hounds, whom he so loved, but at Nantura I saw for the first time monuments erected in memory of horses. In a little graveyard close to the stables Ten Broeck and Longfellow are buried. On one monument is this inscription:

Ten Broeck.
Bay Horse.
Foaled on Nantura Stock Farm, Woodford county, Ky., June 29, 1872. Died June 28, 1887.
Performances.
One Mile, 1:39 3-4.
One and five-eighths miles, 2:49 1-4.
Two miles, 3:27 1-2.
Two and five-eighths miles, 4:58 1-2.
Three miles, 5:26 1-2.
Four miles, 7:15 3-4.

At the time of his death these records had never been broken, and while some of them have since been surpassed no one horse has ever equalled them all.

This inscription is on the other monument:

Longfellow,
The King of the Turf.
Brown Horse.
Foaled May 10, 1867. Died November 5, 1893.
Seventeen Starts, Fourteen Times First.
King of Racers and King of Stallions.

The supposition would naturally be that this "King of the Turf" was named after the poet. but those who know Mr. Harper declare that he never heard of our great American bard, and that he gave that name to his favorite horse, because he was a scrawny. long fellow.

While in common with all Methodist preachers I love beautiful horses, I am not sufficiently versed in horse lore to describe to you the handsome thoroughbreds which we saw both here and at the Alexander farm. Some of them were as beautiful as pictures, and I did not wonder at the pride with which the grooms exhibited them, while the horses themselves stepped as though the ground was not fit for them to put their feet upon.

As we rode home in the golden light at even tide, past the meadows and harvest fields that seemed to breathe a great peace, we thought that if these big-hearted Kentuckians only valued their souls and their immortal interests as highly as they do their horses and their blue grass farms what a revolution there would be in this great state! If horse racing, whiskey drinking and Sabbath breaking, the trinity of evils in this state, were banished from our borders, our great commonwealth would soon rank morally, where she already does materially, and Kentuckians might then well be proud of their native land.

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Letter from Bro. Beard.

DEAR BRO. GODBEY—I am grateful to the legislature for some things they did not do as well as for some they did.

The defeat of the Blackburn wine bill should commend them to temperance people.

I regret that the Wofford bill did not meet the same fate, but it gives us a fighting chance, and I am in favor of contesting every inch of the ground.

Will you be so kind as to publish this bill in the METHODIST for information?

Permit me to urge every presiding elder to appoint a committee on temperance at their district conference and let ringing resolutions be adopted. Let the fight begin now against the sale of native wine as well as the saloon. Let our people be forewarned as well as forearmed. It has been said that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty;" it is just as true that sleepless, tireless vigilance is the price of exemption from the bane of the open saloon and the native wine shop. These vampires that prey upon the body politic, debasing the morals and sapping the energies of the people are twin sisters conceived in inordinate greed and born of lust. They should be classed together and receive the same heroic treatment. Let them be held up to the scorn of Christian men and women. No man sells native wine for the love of his neighbors or his God, but for the love of money. His neighbors don't need it. Every man can make all the native wine he needs without any outside help. Last year I was told that in a certain district conference, when it was sought to introduce a temperance resolution, a preacher arose and said in substance: "Our position on the temperance question is understood and we need make no further declaration." I would remind all such that the position of our church is well and widely known on the subject of Christian education, but our conferences do not keep silence for that reason, but they keep on iterating and reiterating, by way of emphasis, our position on that important question. And I would call attention to this fact, which points a moral. The county in which that district conference was held was then in the "dry" column and had been for several years, but at the last election it was changed to the "wet" column.

We must not only pass resolutions, but we must live up to them. It will be remembered that one of the arguments used in favor of the repeal bills was that the temperance people had become careless and indifferent and blind tigers had sprung up. May it never be said again. E. L BEARD.

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Vanderbilt University.

I never was more impressed with the wideness of the mission of Vanderbilt University than on this visit. Twenty-five hundred graduates have gone out from its halls, blessing all the avocations and professions of our Southland. One hundred and ten received diplomas this year. The sixty who received diplomas on commencement day, representing the academic, law and theological departments, were fine specimens of physical and intellectual manhood. The address of Hon. Samuel Hunt, of Ohio, was a finished production, pure in language, wide in its range of thought, philosophic, patriotic, classic. It was well calculated to broaden the vision and quicken the consciences of the young men of Vanderbilt University. The alumni orator, Mr. Walter Stokes, on the previous evening delivered a very fine speech, seriously marred, however, by a very unkind and unjust reference to Dr. Hoss, editor of the Christian Advocate. The speaker alleged, in substance, that the motive inspiring the criticisms by Dr. Hoss against the Vanderbilt University was his desire to be made bishop. It is almost unthinkable that such a sentence could have fallen from a graduate of Vanderbilt University, standing on the Vanderbilt platform in the presence of Dr. Hoss. Another sentence fell from another alumnus which shocked me to the very core of my being. Bishop Keener, good and great, the senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had prepared a paper, clear and strong, touching a great interest of the university, having such men as Bishop Wilson, Judge Livingston, Andrew Hunter and others in agreement with him on the question in issue, and yet this beardless young man with oracular intonation pronounced the paper an outrage. In all earnestness, I ask what is education worth to young men if it has destroyed within them the respect for the men whose piety and wisdom have elevated them to the highest offices in the gift of the church? I trust these two young men stand all alone among the alumni of the university as larger in their own eyes than the chief men of our Israel.

The board appointed a committee of five to take up the whole question of intercollegiate athletics and to report at the next meeting. This is an evil which needs heroic treatment, and the sooner action, definite and strong, is taken the better for the university. It would seem that the loss of time, the absence from the university, the diversion of the mind from study, the gambling, drunkenness, Sabbath breaking, brutality, violence, limb breaking, life losing accompanying such sports are sufficient reasons to justify the authorities of all our universities and colleges in uttering an edict of prohibition against them under the heaviest penalties. The history of these sports during the past year and the disgraceful exhibitions on the Vanderbilt campus ought to be sufficient evidence that they cultivate the muscular, and not the intellectual, the carnal and not the spiritual, the brutal and not the manly instincts. The church, however, may feel assured, as this whole question has been referred to an excellent committee, that wise and vigorous action will be taken.

It is a matter of regret that the university has so many professors and adjunct professors who belong to other communions. I would not be considered unduly sectarian, but the greatest difference between denominational and state universities is found in the fact that the men who fill the chairs in the denominational institutions are supposed to be men committed to Christian teaching from a denominational standpoint and are in hearty accord with the great interests of the denomination to which they belong. I may overestimate the work of Vanderbilt University, but it seems to me that the time is about here when men ought to be found among the alumni of the university capable of filling its important chairs. A fourth of a century of Vanderbilt history ought to be sufficient time to produce a Greek scholar worthy to take the chair of Greek. The Methodist Church is indeed barren of scholars when an Episcopal clergyman of the school of higher critics is preferred to any Methodist and is considered of such pre-eminent fitness for the place as to be recommended as its permanent occupant. It is the purpose of the board of trustees to see to it that men of the best thought, culture and character in the Methodist Church are represented in the Vanderbilt faculty.

Destroy the denominational character of the faculty of Vanderbilt University, and it will be found, when it is too late, that the denominational obligation to sustain it has been destroyed also.

A committee has been appointed to draft a paper to be ratified by the board and submitted to the general conference looking to such changes in the charter as will make the university thoroughly connectional in the composition of its board of trust and in the sweep of its influence. We have no greater plant than the Vanderbilt University and no greater responsibility than to increase its endowment to at least $2,000,000. It is to be hoped that college influence in the next general conference will not require the surrender of the academic department of the university as the price of the general conference endorsement and control. The university, however, would be glad to do only post-graduate work if the colleges could furnish a sufficient number of students and the church a $5,000,000 endowment.

Dr. W. F. Tillet, dean of the Biblical department, is just the man to type the thought and the faith of the theologues of the university.

Vanderbilt has a bright future. Chancellor Kirkland, cultured, progressive and aggressive, is bringing to the institution a vigorous life and a far-seeing wisdom. The bishops, too, are grappling with the delicacies of the situation with a pains-taking and courage which indicates that the university is to be laid on the hearts and the purses of the people. Vanderbilt is to be the great camping ground of the young men of the church, where they will receive their last and best training as soldiers of the cross.

As I stood by the tomb which marks the resting place of McKendree, Souly, McTyeire, Summers and Garland, and thought of their lives of devotion and heroism and how they had fought for Methodism and looked at the magnificent university buildings, monumental of their toil and shading their resting place, I could but pray that the university might send out through the coming years hundreds and thousands of such men to bless the church and to bring the world to its millenial day.

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To Texas and Return.

DEAR DR. GODBEY—By your permission I will give the brethren of the Little Rock Conference a sketch of my trip to Texas. On the account of my health and the health of my wife I asked for, and was granted a superanuuated relation at our last conference, and as my wife's health was so very bad and as I have had a spell of slow fever for the last two years I thought it would be beneficial to both of us to take a trip through Texas. So we went and spent five months with relatives and friends. We stayed the most of the time in Taylor county, near Abilene. It is the most beautiful country my eyes ever looked upon, and I don't suppose there is a healthier country on earth than in the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference, though, like all other new countries, there is a great deal of hard work to be done by the preachers in the way of building churches and gathering in the people as fast as they go west. There are a great many Arkansas people out there, and many of them are getting along nicely. On my return I spent several days with Bro. W. W. Dickinson and family, near Wolf City. They moved from Saline county in the fall of 1894. I found them doing well, both religiously and financially. We had such a nice time with them in their sweet, happy home, and we also stopped a few days with Rev. G. E. Fisher, Jake Fisher, the McKey brothers and Bro. Miller and their kind families. It afforded us so much pleasure to be with them all once more. I baptized and received into the church Sister Emma Fisher, the wife of Rev. G. E. Fisher, in 1882 and their two oldest daughters, Misses Eta and Cora, in 1892 and Bro. Miller in 1882. Bro. Miller is the son of Rev. Mc. Miller, of Friendship, Ark. These brethren, with their families, are living near the beautiful town of Cooper, Delta county, Texas. They are getting along very well, both religiously and financially. I think these brethren, with many others, who have gone from Arkansas to Texas made a mistake by stopping too soon. I think they should have gone further west. The land is good, much cheaper, and it is a great deal healthier.

My wife's health has improved very much. I believe if we could have stayed in West Texas for a year or two that she would have gotten entirely well. I hope I shall be able to help some of the boys in holding their protracted meetings.

E. GARRET.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is by imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Men-

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I. J. Pearcy, et al., Defendants,

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Our Mountain School.

In the last issue of the METHODIST Dr. Riggin writes of our opportunity to establish a training school under the control of the Methodist Church at Janssen, Polk county, Ark. As presiding elder of the district in which the proposed school is located I wish to make some additional statements with reference to this important enterprise. For some years our more thoughtful men and women have recognized the need of a school of this kind at some eligible point in our mountain territory. At the last session of the Little Rock Conference a special committee was appointed from the board of missions to confer with Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society with reference to the establishment of such school. The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, in their annual convention at Arkadelphia last April, endorsed the movement and appointed a special committee to act as their representatives in the matter. However, before either of the above mentioned committees had taken definite steps the representatives of the K. C., P. & G. R. R. approached us with the very liberal offer outlined by Dr. Riggin, in the communication referred to above. I am confident that the location will be satisfactory to these committees, and that the proposed institution will receive the hearty endorsement and cordial sympathy, both of the conference and the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. The land donated to the school by the townsite company has been platted into residence lots 50x140 feet, and about $3,000 worth of these lots has been sold. It is necessary to dispose of lots to the value of $6,000 before the erection of the building is begun. The company guarantees the erection of a building, which, with the furniture, will cost $6,000, or the return of every dollar paid out in the purchase of lots. Here is a fine opportunity for the friends of education to help the cause, and at the same time make a good investment for themselves, as the lots are sure to increase in value after the school is fully established. Any information as to prices, terms, etc, can be obtained by addressing Rev. J. J Mellard or Mr. E. O. Husted, Janssen, Ark.

We shall depend altogether on the sale of these lots for the erection of the building, and shall not ask the conference to assume any financial responsibility for us. I will take pleasure in furnishing information to parties who contemplate purchasing lots or moving to that section of country for the benefit of the school.

J. A. SAGE.

Hot Springs, Ark., July 9.

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A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

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Paul Preaching in Athens.

ACTS xvii 22-34.

Golden Text:—"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John iv. 24.)

Topical Outline.—I. Paul on Mars Hill. (Verses 22, 23.) II. His Sermon. (Verses 24-31.) III. His Audience. (Vs. 32-34.)

Time.—A. D. 52.

Place.—Mars Hill, at Athens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Preaching at Athens, Acts xvii. 22-34.
The New Doctrine, xvii. 16-21.
The Mighty God, Isa. xl. 9-17.
Incomparable, xl. 18-26.
The True God, Jer. x. 1-12.
God is a Spirit John iv. 19-26.
Judgment by Christ, 2 Cor. v. 1-10.
Reference Word, "Spirit."
Lesson Hymn, No. 768.

From Berea Paul went to Athens, the mother of Art and of Philosophy. It was not the Athens of Pericles, but it was still the intellectual throne of the world. It was still crowded with grand temples, glittering in their splendor, decorated with the world's first great paintings, and most glorious statuary and commemorating the glories of an illustrious past. It was still the home of philosophers —Stoics and Epicureans, Academicians and Peripatetics. Statues of gods and of men abounded everywhere. The religious instinct of the people had expressed itself by filling the whole city with idols and altars. The tokens of religious devotion abounded on a scale seen nowhere else in any age or place. The common fears and superstitions of men, the native yearnings of the human heart and the baser passions of human nature, had joined with the highest reach of human genius to create a scene of idolatry there whose splendors have no parallel in human history.

As Paul walked amid these scenes his spirit was mightily stirred. He was not unconscious of the grand achievements that the heroes of Athens had made, and the evidence of a resplendent civilization was there before his eyes. The intellectual glories of this great people were not unknown to him, he had doubtless read their brilliant literature. But to see such genius prostrate in the mire of a heathen idolatry! that was the sad fact about this city of Athens. There was no uplifting, regenerating power in her Art or in her Philosophy, and her very gods were in open alliance with sensuality The Stoics who encountered the apostle were pantheists, believing not in the one true and living God, nor even in any god in particular, but in a great world-god rather, who had no existence apart from the universe itself; the Epicureans who met him in the market-place were practically atheists, fathers of the modern materialists who believe in no creator and no moral governor. A proud, impassive self-sufficiency was the aim of stoicism; a tranquil and indifferent life of pleasure was the aim of the Epicurean. The masses of the people that Paul met were a quick-witted set of idlers, eager-minded and enthusiastic—about mere nothings—versatile and profligate, wily and supple, able to discern the good, hopelessly following the bad. Such were these Greeks that thronged the streets of Athens at this time.

Paul met them from day to day in the market-place, and told his earnest story to such as would listen—not a few, we dare say. His story gradually attracted attention, till finally some among them concluded to give him a more formal hearing; and so they get away from the noise and confusion of the market-place, taking him to the Areopagus, on the hill just above the market, called Mars' Hill.

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We have given all these details to enable the reader to understand the address which Paul delivered on this great occasion. It is a pity our translation of it is so deficient. The first sentence, as it reads in our English Bibles is even worse than deficient—it is misleading, and could never have been uttered by Paul in that form. Connybeare and Howson bring out the true meaning in this true translation: "Ye men of Athens, all things which I behold bear witness to your carefulness in religion;"—a graceful compliment, not a fling, as our authorized version puts it. Read the address in the light of all the surroundings.

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Paul the Prisoner of Jesus Christ.

Eph. iii. 1; Acts xvi. 23; xxiv. 25-27; xxviii. 16.

"I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles."

This epistle to the Ephesians was written by Paul from his prison in Rome. It was a persecution raised against him at Jerusalem that had resulted in his being sent to Rome as a prisoner. The cause of that persecution was Paul's preaching to the Gentiles and not enjoining upon them circumcision and other observances of the Mosaic law. This brought upon him the wrath of the Jews and resulted in his imprisonment. Hence the language which Paul used in his letter to the Ephesians: "The prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles." Paul's ministry was chiefly to the Gentiles and most of his persecutions were instigated by the Jews who despised him for preaching the gospel to people who, according to their view had no part in the covenant and promises of God.

The reference to Acts xvi. shows us how Paul endured persecution. He and Silas, beaten with many stripes and thrust into a dungeon where their feet were fastened in the stocks, were still joyful. Their hearts were full of divine love and they prayed and sang praises to God. The result of this faith was their miraculous deliverance and the conversion of the jailer. Not upon stated occasions in the Church or the appointed place of worship alone should Christians show themselves the servants of God. The conversion of those about us depends upon the consistency of our lives in every place and condition. It is worth while also to notice that Paul maintained his rights as a Roman citizen and his dignity as a man upon this occasion of his imprisonment at Philippi. When the magistrates found that he was a Roman citizen, they were afraid that they would be called to account for unlawful treatment of him, and so sought to send him out of prison secretly; but Paul refused to be thus disposed of. He said, "They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and now do they thrust us out privately? Nay, but let them come themselves and fetch us out."

As to the substance of Paul's preaching it is shown us in many passages. Christ as the Saviour of the world was his theme, but in preaching Christ he preached every virtue of moral character: Before Felix he "reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come," and with such power that the king was deeply moved. Yet Felix was corrupt enough to hold Paul a prisoner hoping to be bribed to release him. Paul was brave enough and honest enough to refuse thus to buy his liberty.

Last of all we see Paul at Rome a prisoner, still a preacher as he had been in every place, whether lying in the stocks or answering his cause before his judges. Now treated with some leniency he is permitted to live under guard in his own hired house where he preached daily to those who came to hear.

Always a preacher by deed and word Paul's ministry could not be arrested but by his death. Though he was in bonds the word of God was not bound. When we see Paul as a prisoner he is not the less still an ambassador for Christ.

The first day of July witnessed a forward movement of League interest on the Mineral Springs circuit. A League rally at Bethany church attested the efficiency of pastor, R. J. Raiford, and the increasing interest of his two chapters, in the work. They have made the work so helpful and attractive that other points are calling for orginazation. Bro. Raiford is a good heart, he is sending pure, fresh blood through his charge, and it is responding with growing activity.

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DEAR METHODIST—As we never see anything in our paper from these parts will give you a short history of our League and league work. We are moving off slowly but having success on some lines of Church work. Our League has done a grand work since it has been organized. Several have been converted and some joined our Church. We are only a young League yet, and we hope as it grows older we may be able to do better work for the Church than we have already done. The League has raised money to have a great deal of repair work done on our little mission Church known as Forest Home Church on East Grand Avenue. We are now having our new seats made and in a short time we will have our church seated with nice comfortable seats. The young people of this community are to be thanked a thousand times for the work they are doing for us. We ask the prayers of all that we may be successful in this work. On Tuesday night, July 13, we had our election of officers. Their names are as follows: President, C. R. Harris; 1st V. P. Robert Cartney; 2nd V. P. Miss Dora Cartney; 3rd V. P. Miss Grace Murry; 4th V. P. Miss Mattie Bain; Treasurer, Miss Crecy Harris; Secretary, Miss Alice Bain. May God bless the METHODIST. Will do all we can for it. Yours all for Christ and the Church,

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1897.

Love of God is only tested by love to men.

Nothing destroys faith in the divine power of Christianity more than sham revivals.

The Church for Earthly Use.

The great Teacher pictured the state of an apostate Church in the parable of the unfaithful husbandmen. There was a vineyard planted upon a fruitful hill, walled and furnished with tower and winepress and let out to husbandmen. It was thus he set forth the Church upon the divine and the human side—as respects God's provision of grace and truth lacking nothing—depending only upon the faithfulness of the husbandmen—God's professed servants and representatives for the fulfilling of the divine plan.

But the husbandmen were unfaithful. No fruit did they return to the Master. The demand for fruit was despised. The claims of God upon his Church, urged by his prophets and his own Son are ignored by the husbandmen. They beat the servants and send them away empty; they reject and kill the Son himself. "Come and let us kill him and the inheritance shall be ours."

Those who heard this parable from the lips of Jesus saw the picture of the Jewish Church under the leadership of the Scribes and Pharisees. Unfaithful to the teachings of the prophets and rejecting their own Messiah.

But it would be blindness upon our part not to see in the picture the presentation of those influences of corruption which threaten the Church at all times.

Faith in God and obedience to him are lost while the Church still flourishes. The cause is found in those who preside over the affairs of the Church, the husbandmen. To them the Church is very dear. In it they have their honors and their livings. They cultivate the vineyard for themselves. They cast out the heir that they may gather for themselves the fruit.

If faith in Christ should die the Church would still live. As an institution it is cherished by many, supported by many who are not only without spiritual life but without faith as well. A social club may be so organized and fostered as to abide through the centuries. An æsthetic society may live for ages. Turned to earthly uses the Church has its earthly supports. To be known as the most fashionable Church, the richest Church, the most aristocratic Church, this is what many congregations most desire. It wins more than to be known as spiritual. There may be earnest striving upon the part of a preacher to build up a Church, which has no motive different from that which prompts the building up of a factory or a store. It means fatter living. There may be a zeal of the members for the Church which is only the mutual flattering of their own worldly pride. How often is the suggestion caught from the words of the preacher, even in the sacred desk, that his people are especially a refined people, a worldly influential people, a respectable people. How often the term "leading member" means only rich member.

What we most need in these times is to guard against adapting the Church to worldly uses—that is to say, carnal uses. The effect of the Church should be seen in true culture, in refined sentiment, in genuine sociability and friendship, in the high moral tone which makes men reliable in business, in the adherence to principle which alligns them with every true interest of those among whom they live. But all this is reached only by loyalty to God. When religion is reduced to the one idea of obedience to God's will, and when faith in God is its basis, love to God its inspiring motive, then will it be found fruitful enough in all temporal good, "profitable for all things having the promise of the life that is and that which is to come."

We cannot too strenuously insist that Christianity be made practical and that its fruits be exhibited in business life, in social life, in domestic life. We fully accept the view that religion is for us, for our good alone, and that it does not profit God. It is not something we give to God but something we receive from Him. It is for our happiness and yet it must be genuine. It must be love to God and faith in Him. When we forget these the tap-root of the tree is cut. Only when true to God can religion bring down upon our lives and incorporate in our lives the blessings God designs to give.

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Arkadelphia District Conference

The Arkadelphia District Conference met at Murfreesboro July 7, 1897. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Hilliard.

The business session was opened Thursday, July 8, 1897, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., with Rev. Horace Jewell, P. E., in the chair. Bro J. C Hughes was elected secretary and Rev. S. C. Dean, assistant secretary.

The session closed at 5:30 o'clock p. m. Saturday July 10, 1897.

There were present besides the presiding elders, eleven pastors, four local preachers, one superannuated preacher, Bro. A. B. Winfield, and twenty-one lay delegates.

The session was pleasant, instructive and harmonious.

The reports on the "spiritual condition of the Church" show in most instances increased congregations, sacraments administered family altars erected and spiritual condition good.

The reports on "Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues" show 51 Sunday-schools, nearly all of them use our own literature, most of them doing a good work with marked increase of attendance. Besides these there are several union Sunday-schools. They show 10 organized Epworth Leagues, most of them in excellent condition all of them doing a good work.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that we condemn the use of David Cook's literature in our Church.

The reports on "Missions" show that there are about 15 Woman's and Juvenile missionary societies, that special sermons have been preached on this subject on nearly all the charges, that missionary literature is circulated and read on most of the charges, but many of the pastors have not yet taken up their collections.

Rev. O. E. Goddard, our Conference missionary secretary, was present and delivered an interesting address on the subject of missions to the Conference. On Thursday night he gave a rambling talk to the congregation on the subject of "China, habits, customs, home-life and possibilities of the Chinese."

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That we as pastors of the Arkadelphia district will make an honest, faithful effort to organize our Sunday-schools into missionary societies.

Sister Frank Rudolph, secretary of the Arkadelphia district, was introduced to the Conference. She spoke of the importance of organizing a Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society and a Juvenile Missionary Society at every Church.

Brothers Harlin R. Head, C. R. Shelton, and J. F. Lawless were licensed to preach.

The licenses of the following named local preachers were renewed: T. H. Crowder, Holly Russel, James A. Henry, W. H. Tarver, J. W. Covington, C. A. Kizzia, J. A. Foster, O. H. Belcher, Keener Burnett, and W. C. Parham.

Dalark was selected as the place for the next District Conference.

Reports show that the greater number of our church houses are in good condition with proper deeds, most of the parsonages need some repairs, most boards of stewards use the assessment plan, for general claims most pastors take public and private collections.

Several interesting talks were made on the subjects of Sunday-schools, missions and Church finances.

Dr. A. C. Millar, representing Hendrix College and Rev. G. C. Jones, representing Arkadelphia Methodist College, were both present and delivered excellent addresses on the subject of "Christian Education."

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that we rejoice to have had Bro. A. C. Millar of Hendrix College, and Bro. G. C. Jones of the Arkadelphia Methodist College with us, and we bid them godspeed in the noble work of Christian education in which they are engaged and to which they are so unselfishly devoting their lives and energies; and we pledge them and the schools which they represent our hearty sympathy and co-operation.

2nd. It is with unfeigned pleasure that we have learned that the difficulties under which Galloway College has been laboring have been adjusted and we will do all we can to put it on the highway to success.

3rd. We would also express our unqualified confidence in Bro. J. D. Clary and promise him our cordial sympathy and support, and heartily commend our Training School to the support of our people.

The following resolution was adopted: That we thoroughly enter into the work of establishing a fund for the superannuated preachers; that we will gladly welcome Rev. J. R. Harvey, the representative of the fund, to our charges, and that we shall keep in mind the fund and do what we can to increase it, so desirable for the relief of our honored preachers or their widows and children.

The following named brethren were elected delegates and alternates to the Annual Conference: T. F. Head. A. W. Littlejohn, W. W. Heard, and J. C. Hughes, delegates, and J. W. Dean, and R. B. F. Key, alternate.

Rev. T. H. Crowder was recommended for Deacon's Orders.

The committee on Missions and Boundaries reported: We recommend that the Little Missouri River be the boundary line of the Murfreesboro circuit on the south and west, and that the said circuit embrace the following appointments, to-wit: Murfreesboro, Brocktown, Oak Hill, Japany, Pleasant Hill, and Mt. Pisgah. And we further recommend that Antoine mission be raised to a circuit; and that a mission be formed west of the Little Missouri to embrace the following appointments, to-wit: Spring Hill, Biggs Chapel, Holly Springs, and Star of the West.

A resolution of thanks was offered by the Conference to the

people of Murfreesboro and surrounding country for their hospitality. J. C. HUGHES, Sec.

(The committee on temperance made a splendid report which at the request of the Conference we will publish in full. It will appear in a future issue—EDITOR.)

Newport District Conference.

The thirteenth annual session of the Newport District Conference was held at Walnut Ridge July 14-18, with Rev. S. L. Cochran, the indefatigable presiding elder in the chair. F. M. Daniel was elected secretary and the writer assistant. Although the delegates were slow in coming in, yet the interest was good from the beginning. The majority of the pastors' reports showed a low state spiritually in their charges. Some good revivals in some of the charges and all seem hopeful of an awakening in their coming revivals. The interest in prayer meetings, Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools and attendance at preaching show signs of advancement. One of the saddest features was the small number of family altars reported. One of the surest signs of lack of spiritual life is the absence of family prayer. The family is a miniature church, and where family religion is low the church life will be low.

Among some of the charges the ARKANSAS METHODIST has a good circulation. Newport station reported 112 Methodist periodicals taken. As shown by the various facts, drawn out by the conference, this station is in as good condition as any station in Arkansas. The missionary interest of the district is increasing. The collections are in advance of any previous year.

Bro. W. B. Ricks, of Jonesboro, preached us a stirring sermon on missions Friday. Much of this increased missionary zeal is due to the efforts of the presiding elder, whose excellent hobby is missions. He has done his utmost to stimulate the entire district. The Epworth League day proved the most interesting day of the conference. The programme was followed. From the excellent experience meeting of the beginning, which run to high tide, to the query box, which closed the day, the interest was remarkable.

The three Epworth Leagues of the district, Newport, Tuckerman and Black Rock, are in a prosperous condition. Several pastors confessed their sins and promised to organize leagues at their earliest convenience. While all the addresses and talks were good, the paper read by Miss Ada Remmell, of Newport, on "The Junior League" was so interesting that she was asked by unanimous standing vote to have it published in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Dr. C. C. Godden, president of Galloway College, represented his college and the educational interests of the church in an admirable speech, and preached once for us, to the edification of all that heard. Galloway College is safe under such a man. Come again, Doctor.

The Lord honored the preaching at the stated hours.

Rev. S. F. Brown, of Nettleton circuit, was among us. The many prayers that went up for a revival at Walnut Ridge will certainly result in the outpouring of the spirit upon the town.

Knobel was selected as the place for the next District Conference. The following delegates were elected to the annual conference: Rev. J. A. Spence, J. W. Coffman, H. F. Brown and F. M. Daniel. Alternates, R. F. Drummond and E. M. Poteet.

It has never been my privilege to attend a District Conference where brotherly love seemed to flow so freely and unite all hearts.

The usual resolutions of thanks to the railroads, Walnut Ridge and Bro. Branson were unanimously tendered, and resolutions touching the ARKANSAS METHODIST, Galloway and Hendrix Colleges and temperance were passed. We were sorry that none of the ARKANSAS METHODIST force could attend. All the interests of the church were carefully looked after and properly presented before the conference. Many thanks are due our presiding elder for the efficient manner in which he conducted the business of the conference. May the Holy Spirit be poured out mightily upon us all.

Very truly yours,

L. C. CRAIG.

Walnut Ridge, July 17.

Dardanelle Dist Conference.

The Dardanelle Methodist District Conference met last Thursday at Gravelly, with Presiding Elder Key in the chair, and Mr. J. W. Pound secretary.

There were about fifty preachers and delegates present. The visiting ministers were: Revs. Geo. W. Hill, Conway; J. B. Stevenson, Van Buren; F. S. H. Johnston, Ft. Smith, and J. B. Winsett, Waldron.

Delegates elected to the annual conference, which meets November 17th, at Ozark, are the following: Messrs. J. F. Munday, Russellville; R. T. Compton, Wing; G. W. Denton, Shark, and J. W. Pound, Dardenelle. Alternates—Messrs. J. H. McCargo and R. T. Rye.

The next district conference will meet at Danville. The committees reports on Temperance and the Spiritual State of the Church have been sent The Methodist for publication. They will appear later.—EDITOR.

As It Should Be.

We call attention to the report of the Jonesboro District Conference: Seventeen professions during the conference sessions. Why not?

Diamond Palace.

A good many of our newspaper brethren are short on the Diamond Palace Adv., Chicago. We rejected this Adv., and saved our space. There are two more going the rounds which we expect to hear lamentations on later.

In Double Sorrow.

Our youngest son, Henry, in his fourteenth year, passed over the dark river this morning at 3 o'clock We had just brought our heart-broken daughter home, wife of Rev. B. F. Wilson, and now our precious Henry is gone so soon. Our home seems so dark and lonely to day. O, brethren, pray for us in this our double sorrow.

O. H. KEADLE.

Sheridan, July 16.

The Board of Education for the Arkadelphia district is requested to meet in the Methodist church at Arkadelphia, Ark., July 29, 10 a. m. All candidates for the scholarship given by the Arkadelphia Methodist College must be represented at this meeting.

C. B. MURRY, Pres.
GEORGE W. LOGAN, Sec.

Dear Dr. Godbey:—There will be a camp meeting, at Parnell Springs, ten miles northwest of Warren and thirteen miles south of Kingsland, beginning August 6, and continuing ten days. There will be ample hotel accommodations with special rates to families, also a number of cottages, large enough for two or three families, furnished with cooking stoves and vessels, for rent at low rates. Persons furnishing their own tents will be allowed free use of grounds and water. There will be also ample pasturage, feed and water for stock.

We earnestly hope the preachers will come and bring their members. Parnell Springs may be reached in one day, from almost any place in South Arkansas.

Come praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For further information write to Mr. R. T. Wells, Parnell Springs, Ark., via Orlando. Your brother in Christ,

JOHN R. JONES.

RESOLUTIONS OF DARDANELLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That this District Conference regrets the inability of the Editor or the Business Manager of the ARKANSAS METHODIST to be present at its session, and that we hereby renew our allegiance to that journal and commend the good work of its Editor to all of our people. We recognize its worth as a great adjunct in our various fields of labor in carrying forward the interests of our Church and maintaining the cause of right in all respects. We recommend it to the consideration of our people and urge upon them a large patronage and hope to see it in every home in Arkansas Methodism.

We also recognize the Nashville Advocate as a journal of untold worth. Its strong editorials, Young People's, Sunday-school and Epworth League Departments together with other good features, ought to commend it to our people, and we would rejoice to see a disposition aroused in the minds of our people that would guarantee its introduction into all of our homes.

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J. D. SIBERT, Pastor.

Let our other colleges also remember that the Advocate has to struggle for existence as well as the smaller colleges. We depend on our church schools to occupy and pay for advertising space, but we have given so much gratuitous advertising—column after column—to all of these schools that some few of them are not only very slow about giving us paid advertisements, but some seem to think we ought to give them hundreds of dollars more of space for printing all the long, eulogistic letters written about their schools.

The above from the St. Louis Advocate does not apply exclusively to that paper and Missouri.

The Ram's Horn says: "The devil does a good day's work when he persuades the father of a family that he can save money by not taking a religious paper."

Personal.

We were pleased to have Dr. Dye call Friday. He was just getting out from his recent hurt.

Bro. J. M. Workman is in the city on a visit and will look after the METHODIST office a week or so while Dr. Godbey is in the Northwest and Bro. Thornhurgh is at Nashville.

Bro. E. Garrett just home from Texas was a pleasant caller Saturday. He had two Texas jack-rabbits with him.

Yale University has conferred the degree of D. D. on Rev. John Watson (Ian McLaren.)

Rev. J. B. McDonald, wife and child, of Haynes, came over from Madison by rail Tuesday, where the reverend gentleman had held services, the previous Sunday and performed the marriage ceremony between Mr. P. W. McFall and Miss Lucy Epps Sunday night. He had the misfortune to lose his horse by death during his visit to Madison, thus necessitating their return home by rail.—Forrest City Times.

Christian Life.

Hallowed Hours.

There are hours our hearts remember
When we knelt in peace alone,
And the blessing of the Lord, our God,
Came to us from the throne.
Oh! sweet it was to feel it.
The peace our Lord bestows.
As the dew upon the waiting fields
The fragrance in the rose.

There are hours when life was bitter
With the anguish of defeat,
When strange it seemed that anything
Had ever tasted sweet.
And we scarce knew how to bear it,
But One came o'er the wave,
And the peace he gave us with a word
Then made us strong and brave.

There are hours when work is pressing,
Just little homely work,
That must be done, that we must do,
That it were shame to shirk,
And in those hours full often
To crown the petty cares:
Has fallen upon the house a gleam
Of God's heaven unawares.

So, for our hallowed hours
We find them, where our Lord
Has called us unto service meet
For blessing and reward.
They are some times in the closet,
They are often in the mart.
And the Lord can make them anywhere
His "desert place apart."
—Margaret E. Sangster, in Interior.

The tendency of Christianity in our day is to worldly uses. Men are not so much occupied with the thoughts of getting to Heaven as of making a Heaven on earth. Meantime while religion becomes in a certain sense more practical it concerns itself less about God and the future, and faith in spiritual things grows weak.

"Touched With the Feeling of Our Infirmities."

This expression, taken from Hebrews iv, 15, is a vivid characterization of our Lord's compassionate sympathies. It indicates with great tenderness the truth that he, although "a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens," is not, either by nature or office, removed from the circle of human brotherhood.

One qualification for this deep sympathy which he feels for our race lies in the experiences of tribulation and temptation he passed through while on earth. He was tempted. In that fact we are brought face to face with one of the insoluble mysteries of the incarnation. The record of the gospel is full of the accounts of the different forms and phases of thi- life of temptation through which he passed, but no man has ever been able to clearly explain them. The adventure with satan in the wilderness was only one incident out of a multitude, illustrating the efforts made by the Prince of Darkness to overthrow and destroy the Son of God. Our Lord's whole life was a conflict with sin and the Evil One. He was tempted as we are. The Christian, struggling with want, privation, pain, the assaults of the devil, or the approach of death, may encourage his soul by the reflection, "My Master passed by this way before me; he tasted this bitter cup long before it was pressed to my lip; he experienced these mortal pangs long ago himself: He knows by experience how I feel—what is the weakness of the flesh and what is the power of the tempter."

Moreover, he was tempted, as we are, in all points. He did not claim exemption from the common or uncommon temptations to which man is subject, on the ground of his divinity. He went the whole round and canvassed the entire field. He endured hunger and thirst and fatigue. He knew the troubles of poverty. He endured scoffs and sneers and misrepresentations from the multitude. He suffered from the sharp tooth of ingratitude. He knew what it was to be persistently maligned and persecuted. He endured patiently the i firmities and ignorance and blindness of his disciples. He went through that fiercest of all trials—betrayal and desertion by his friends. He tested and triumphed over the horrors that come to the soul when it seems to be abandoned by heaven and given up of God. And at last he went through the most terrible physical pain—that of crucifixion. He seems to have taken upon himself all the possibilities of mortal suffering and temptation during his brief ministry and life upon the earth.

Yet it must be remembered that this experience was unlike that of the race generally in one respect. He passed through it all without sin. There was not even the smell of flame upon him when he was delivered from this fiery furnace in which he lived thirty-three years. There is no spot or blemish or flaw to be found in all his career. Even his enemies acknowledge this. Pilate, Herod, Judas, the Centurion at the cross, and even demons, cast out by his word from the soul they tormented, all combine in bearing testimony to his righteousness. And in the latter days among all those who have set themselves up as critics of his work, and have avowed themselves skeptics as to many of his claims, few indeed have been so blind as not to recognize the peerless beauty of his moral character. Now and then some madman has attempted to impeach it, but the verdict of the world generally, friend and foe, has been —"This was a righteous man."

We see then the foundation that exists for his deep sympathy for other struggling and tempted mortals.

"He knows what sore temptations mean
For he hath felt the same."
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For the Young People

The Way of the Rain.

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The rainfall follows the plough.

"As fast as they break it up, you see,
And turn the heart to the sun,
As they opened the furrows deep and free,
And the tillage is begun,

"The earth grows mellow, and more and more
It holds and sends to the sky,
A moisture it never had before,
When the face was hard and dry.

"And so wherever the ploughshare run,
The clouds run overhead;
And the soil that works and lets in the sun,
With water is always fed."

I wonder if the old farmer knew
The half of his simple word,
Or guessed the messenger that heavenly true
Within it was hidden and heard.

It fell on my ear by chance that day,
But the gladness lingers now,
To think it is always God's dear way,
That the rainfall follows the plough.

—Onward.

An African Parrot.

Many years ago, when our navy had a station on the African coast, the natives were in the habit of bringing off parrots for sale. They were very pretty birds, of a soft, gray color, enlivened by touches of red, and their price was a bit of tobacco, a piece of soap, or half a dozen brass rings—any trifle in fact. The sailors bought a lot of them and taught them nautical terms.

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Before he could fairly deliver it the parrots would call out:

"Ahem! Starboard, fire! Port, fire!"

And so it went on with other orders; the birds took them up instantly, to the great amusement of the captain, officers and men.

I was one day performing some duty on deck when one of the parrots lighted on my hand. Intent on my affairs I threw it off more roughly than I was aware, and it fell rather heavily on the deck. The owner picked it up and caressed it, saying, "The Master doesn't like parrots, does he?' Af er that the bird always called me Master whenever he saw me.

We brought the ship into Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on our return home. Not long after I was walking down Trenton street, Boston, at an hour when it was filled with people, and heard a cry, "Master! Master!" and turning in the direction of the voice I found myself opposite a bird-shop, in the doorway of which hung an African parrot. I went over and asked the proprietor where he found it. He told me he had bought it about three months before of a sailor just returned from the coast of Africa. By this I recognized my old acquaintance and stopped some time, going over the "talkee-talkee" it had been familiar with on board the ship, and apparently making it very happy.

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HENRY M. CONGER.

La Rue, July 1.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

My second round ended the last Sunday in June. Finances ahead of last year. All the preachers in good spirits and planning for advancement. Steel has had a great revival at Hamburg—55 professions; a class of 13 was received at one time into the Church, several more to join.

The drouth is assuming serious proportions in this section. Unless we get rain very soon, the distress will be great, as last year's crop was almost a total failure. But we are not relaxing our efforts as preachers of righteousness, and the Church is advancing. Poynter has secured a parsonage for Carriola circuit. There is only one charge in the district without a parsonage, and there is not a church house or a parsonage encumbered with debt. The whole district seems to be alive and progressive on most all phases of work.

T. D. SCOTT.

METHODIST JAYHAWKERY.

Dear Bro. Godbey: The following is an article which appeared in the Christian Advocate sometime in the past. I do not remember the author:

"In their address to the last General Conference our bishops—all of them—said: 'Local preachers are required to aid the preacher in charge of the circuit, station or mission to which they belong, in supplying the people with the ministry of the Word. The responsibility of appointing and directing religious services belongs to the preacher in charge. To hold meetings in his circuit, station or mission without his consent and against his remonstrance would be an unwarranted obtrusion and tend to confusion and strife.'

"They also said: 'The efficiency of the regular army is more important than any guerrilla warfare, however brilliant.'

"I take it that most of our local preachers are loyal to our form of Methodism, but some are not. There are those carrying on a guerrilla warfare, who, by their incursions into pastoral charges to which they do not belong, are doing an incalculable amount of harm in many ways, besides undermining our itinerant system, which is the chief stronghold of our Methodism. Observing that the Discipline gives the preacher in charge control (in the absence of the presiding elder or bishop) in the appointment of all services to be held in the churches in his charge, they 'whip the devil around the stump' by holding meetings in houses not deeded to our Church within the bounds of pastoral charges, or in portable tabernacles of their own, however objectionable such unwarranted obtrusions may be to the pastors of those charges. If measures are not speedily employed to put a stop to this jayhawking business, the regular army of itinerants had as well disband; for how can they meet the obligations that are upon them as preachers in charge when guerrilla warfare is carried on in their charges, to the hindering and undoing of the work that they have in hand."

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REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Prescott district, Little Rock Conference, met at Nashville, Ark., July 8, in connection with the district conference, Sister E. A. Hays, district secretary, in the chair. All the pastoral charges, in which there are missionary societies, were represented except three. Our societies have held monthly meetings through the year, most of which have been attended by the entire membership. Our hearts have been saddened by the loss of our dear president, Sister Ratcliff, who so faithfully discharged every duty of her office, in the death of whom we have lost very heavily. On the 9th inst. our beloved president, Sister Hotchkiss, talked to us about keeping in touch with the society. If at any place we cannot organize a society we can become members by sending Sister Hotchkiss $1, which will go to the support of a native Bible woman in the missionary field. It is very important that we give with system, and the littles will amount to a large sum. The society was addressed by Sister Hotchkiss, encouraging us to have more faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, permeated with unselfish love and charity and to assume our responsibility in doing what we can for the advancement of God's kingdom, unitedly and individually and be thankful for the blessings we enjoy of having the gospel light, which we should send to others who have it not. Sixty dollars will pay a Bible woman, who will read the Bible to those women who are not allowed to see a man except their husbands, who buy them. Our dear and faithful Sister Hays read a communication from Sister Smith, president of Chapel Hill Society, who was unable to be present, in which Sister Smith deplores the fact that her auxiliary was not doing even better work and accomplishing more good in the service of the Lord. She expressed such zeal in the Master's work that it elicited our sympathy and urged us to take hold with more energy and consecration of our part of the work in the Lord's vineyard. Sister Hotchkiss moved that we direct the secretary to write a special letter to Sister Smith, thanking her for the encouragement and inspiration we received through her fidelity. Each society was called and the reports made were encouraging; but, my dear sisters, there is no room for idlers. God gives us time and talents, which with ourselves belong to him; let us then consecrate all to him and leave footprints to encourage those of the future.

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Helena District Conference.

The Helena District Conference met in Cotton Plant, Ark., on Thursday morning, July 8.

The attendance of laymen and ministers was better than for several years. Only three of our preachers were absent, each having good reasons for his absence. From the first service to the last there was manifest a spirit of brotherly love and sympathy and of submission to the Holy Spirit. Dr. Godden, president of Galloway College, preached on Wednesday night to the delight and benefit of all. We were glad to have Dr. Godden with us, and were sorry that he could not stay longer. The conference began its work Thursday morning with about thirty-five members present. The work had been well planned by our presiding elder, and all of the interests of the church were carefully considered. The reports of the different pastors showed that most of them were awake and busily engaged in the work entrusted to them. The general financial depression has had its effect on the work of the church and nearly every charge was reported behind, but nearly all of the pastors are hopeful that all claims will yet be paid. It was found that the spiritual condition of the church was far from satisfactory. The committee to which this matter was referred made a close and careful report and discussed in a way that was highly beneficial the causes and remedy for the existing condition.

The work of the Sunday school was noticed closely in the reports of the various charges and ably presented by J. B. McDonald in an address on the "Sunday School the Nursery of the Church."

Dr. J. C. Brown, in a very forcible and impressive address, presented the subject of Christian Education and Our Colleges. No one who heard him will forget soon his presentation of this important subject. If his conception of Christian education was the conception of our ministry and our church Hendrix and Galloway Colleges would soon be in a flourishing condition. The report on missions recommended several changes in the charges of the district. Bro. C. F. Wilson, of Deview mission, was licensed to preach. W. M. Wilson was recommended for local deacon's orders, and J. B. McDonald for local elder's orders. Dr. R. R. James, W. M. Hill, J. M. Kerr and R. B. Macon were elected delegates to the annual conference. R. M. Henderson and L. O. McDaniel were elected alternates Forrest City was selected as the place for holding the next conference. A strong resolution of his appreciation of the faithful service of our dearly beloved presiding elder and the reluctance with which we yield to the necessity of giving him up at the close of this year was passed by a hearty and unanimous vote.

The members of the conference enjoyed the presence of Bro. D. H. Colquette, who represented the Arkansas Methodist, and Bro. E. A. Tabor, who represented Hendrix College. These men and the interests of our church, which they represent, are highly appreciated by our conference. Bro. Tabor preached a very strong sermon for us on Sunday morning. The preaching during the conference was strong. Every sermon was good and the standard was held high.

We all return to our respective fields with renewed zeal and brighter hopes, and are praying for the revival fires to be kindled and to burn throughout our district until conversions may be reported from every charge by the score.

W. M. Wilson, Sec.

Jonesboro District Conference.

The thirty-first session of the Jonesboro District Conference was held July 7-11 at the hospitable town of Piggott, a place of 600 to 800 people, on the Cotton Belt railroad, five miles this side of the Missouri line.

W. B. Ricks was elected secretary and S. E. Ebbert assistant secretary. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. John Eidson.

The conference meetings were held in the beautiful new church, just completed about a week before. This church is one of the best and neatest I have yet seen in a town of this size. It is, indeed, a great compliment to the town. Doubtless, it was built by much hard work and sacrifice on the part of the Methodist people.

Although the weather was extremely hot, the attendance was good, and nearly all the preachers remained through the entire session.

It seemed to be the verdict of all that Bro. Frank Ritter, the presiding elder, who is an excellent presiding officer, never presided with more ease and satisfaction. Harmony, good feeling and spiritual power reigned from the opening to the closing session. Penitents were at the altar at nearly every preaching service and seventeen made profession in Christ. Two or three of the preachers remained after the conference to help Bro. Griffin, the pastor, carry on the meeting.

From the reports of the preachers the district showed marked development since our last district conference. This is Bro. Ritter's fourth year on this district, and he is commended by the brethren for the splendid work which he has accomplished.

We had some good, strong preaching. The league day was a decided success. The papers read and talks made were printed and had the proper ring. We believe this meeting will give a fresh impetus to the league work in this district.

Time was given for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to represent their work. Mrs. A. L. Malone and Mrs. J. C. Hawthorne made stirring talks on the subject of missions and plead with the pastors to co-operate with them and to lay this, the greatest question that confronts the church of Christ, on the minds and hearts of their people and organize the women of their charges for this work.

Bro. D. H. Colquette was at the conference and spoke in behalf of the Arkansas Methodist.

Messrs. M. F. Collier, T. J. Ellis, W. D. Brooks and Rev. L. J. Birchett were elected delegates and Messrs. A. L. Malone and S. E. Ebbert alternates to the annual conference.

Luxora, in Mississippi county, was chosen as the place for holding the next district conference.

Everyone was splendidly entertained. Bro. A. C. Griffin and the people of Piggott spared nothing for the comfort and enjoyment of all present. They have the deepest thanks of the conference.

W. B. Ricks, Sec.

Jonesboro, Ark., July 14.

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Warning Order.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court,

Mary Krause, Plaintiff, vs. Frederika Suess, et al., Defendant.

The defendant, Frederika Suess, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff.

June 22, 1897. J. H. Paschal, Clerk.

Morris M. Cohn, Sol. for plaintiff.

Warning Order.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

Mrs. Kate Hickey, Plaintiff
vs. (5751)
I. J. Pearcy, et al., Defendants.

The defendants, unknown heirs of Mrs. Lee Pearcy, deceased, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff. J. H. Paschal, Clerk,

June 11th, 1897. By James Paschal, D. C.

Dodge, Johnson, Carroll & Pemberton, Solicitors for plaintiff.

Warning Order.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

John D. Shackleford, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. Phillip Deitzgen, et al., Defendants.

The defendants, Phillip Deitzgen and Sophia Deitzgen, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs. J. H. Paschal, Clerk.

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McCLURE—Willie Franklin, son of Bessie and Jno. A. McClure, was born in Ardmore, I. T., September 18, 1896, and died in Searcy, Ark., June 25, 1897, aged nine months and one week. This span of life was short, but short as it seems, from it there were precious lessons learned by some of us, and the babe has not lived in vain. Our hearts are sorely wounded, but we know the good shepherd has taken the tender lamb to his bosom, shielded forever from the storms and ills of a sinful earth. "For of such," he has said, "is the kingdom of heaven." So we bow our heads and say, "Not my will, but thine be done."

GRANDMOTHER.

LEWIS—Maggie D. Lewis, nee Martin, was born January 31, 1874, was converted in her eleventh year; was married to Jas. R. Lewis October 21. 1891, and departed this life in Barren Fork, June 26, 1897. Her chief characteristic was that of a meek and quiet spirit. As the circle of her acquaintance enlarged, the number of her friends increased. She leaves a disconsolate husband, with two little infants, who will never know in this world a mother's kiss, or the tender touch of a mother's hand, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

F. M. SMITH.

TEMPLE—Sadie Lena, infant daughter of J. I. and H. M. Temple, born June 2, 1897. departed this life July 2, 1897. Our bady is at rest, yet it was so hard to give her up, but the Lord knows best in all things. He has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, of such is the kingdom of heaven." Look up, dear parents, your little one is at rest.

When the last roll is called we will be there. She was only a flower budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

Dearest darling, thou has left us,
And our loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He will all our sorrows heal.

Lovingly,
AUNT LENA.

England, July 10.

GIBSON—On June 24, 1897, it pleased God to remove by death our beloved brother, Dr. J. H. Gibson.

Resolved, That the M. E. Sunday-school of LaGrange, Ark., recognize this loss as irreparable yet, we bow in humble submission to the will of our all-wise Creator, who doeth all things for the best, believing that our loss is our brother's everlasting gain.

Resolved, That in Brother Gibson's death the church has lost a devoted member, the Sunday-school an able teacher, and the community a wise counsellor, and that his family has lost a devoted husband and father. As a school, we tender our sympathies to the bereaved family, and pray God to give them the presence of his consoling spirit to comfort them in their sore bereavement.

Respectfully submitted,
J S. BAKER,
MRS. HORTENSE NEELY,
R. L. HUGHEY,
Committee.

RIEVES—Mrs. Eula Rieves, wife of Richard Rieves and sister of Mrs. R. R. James, died Saturday morning, May 15. She had wonderful peace during her last days, and would often say: "I am only waiting for the call, waiting to go up higher." She was known as a teacher of righteousness, and her nearness to and power with God was manifest in the results of her labors. She was a lovely wife and companion, and loved her home.

The suffering and sorrowful always found in her a friend. While she had a keen appreciation for all virtue and gifts, she had a broad mantle of charity for the faults and failings of those around her. For several days before her going away she spoke freely of the next life, and her spiritual condition will be an inspiration to many who were daily witnesses of the trust and confidence she had in being in the care of the heavenly Father.

Now she is gone, we mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep, for they are sadly bereft. Although they were expecting it it was so hard to feel that it was really so, so hard to submit and believe God was in it.

The Methodist Church, of which she was a member, was crowded at the funeral. It was a great sorrow that had come to the Church and community, yet, mingled with all this sadness was a feeling of triumph over the beautiful life closed to earth, but leaving a memory dear to all. The service was very impressive and solemn, affecting many to tears.

The hearts that have been called to bow in submission when it seemed so hard and trying to look up through blinding tears, have heard the words of Jesus: "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Let us who tarry a little longer be brave and true, loyal to Christ's service, and some glad day we will greet our friend as we "walk through the streets of the city," whose builder and maker is God.

"How can our anguish be bitter.
We follow that way."

A FRIEND.

Cotton Plant, Ark., June 2.

WILSON.—Rev. B. F. Wilson was born in Cass county, Indiana, June 21, 1864, near Royal Center. In the fall of 1868 he moved with his parents to Paris, Mo. and from there to Saline county, Mo. in 1883. Here he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Revs. Phillips and Schilling in November 1885. November, 1886, he came to Arkansas and settled near Grace St in Jefferson county. He was licensed to preach under the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Herron by Rev. J. H. Riggin, P. E, in 1891, and the following year traveled Lehi circuit as a supply. He was admitted into the Little Rock Conference on trial in the fall of 1893; in 1895 he was admitted into full connection and appointed to English circuit, Pine Bluff District. Last fall he was returned to the same work, and died July 4, 1897.

He was united in marriage to Miss Zanoah Keadle, daughter of Rev. O. H. Keadle, by the writer, Nov. 29, 1896.

Brother Wilson was a young man of more than ordinary promise. A good student, he was also apt to impart He was clear, earnest and forceful in his sermons, impressing his audience with the fact that he understood his subject, felt its importance himself, and hence his earnest exhortation to them to embrace his message. This was Brother Wilson's second year on English circuit and I think I hazard nothing in asserting that no one ever possessed the love and confidence of that people more than he.

In the death of Brother Wilson we have not only lost one of our most promising preachers, the church a model Christian man, his wife an affectionate companion, his relatives a stay in every department of life, but the world is poorer for the loss of a Christian gentleman and patriot.

W. H. BROWNING.

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REV. BENJAMIN F. WILSON.

A memorial service by the English Auxiliary to the W. P. and H. M. S. July 11, 1897.

After reading a portion of scripture and offering prayer, the services were as follows:

Mrs. W. F. Lindsay, President of the Society, said:

"Dear friends, we have met for the purpose of reading resolutions, and holding a song service in memory of our dear, departed pastor, Benjamin F. Wilson, whom God, in his all-wise providence, has taken from us. Our little society has lost a true and tried friend, a co-laborer, whose kind, encouraging words will ever live in our memories, to cheer us in our work for the Master. Our hearts are sad, and we feel an aching void the world can never fill, but when we think of him as our glorified pastor, hope lights up the way, and on wings of faith we mount the bright celestial pathway, and behold him clothed in a beautiful white robe, striking hands with that innumerable company in pure white garments, around the throne of God. May this sad affliction be a means of grace to help us live nearer the cross, and more consecrated lives. To those who are yet wandering in sin, I would say, remember his earnest pleadings to turn from such and give yourselves to God."

Resolved, That we, the members of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, do bow with a spirit of Christian submission in this, our great loss, to the will of Him who doeth all things for good, who created man for his own glory, and gave him rules of government for this life, and to the faithful the promi e of a crown of glory in the life to come.

That we offer a full measure of sympathy to his beloved wife and our sister in Christ in this, her greatest sorrow, and would urge her to cultivate the spirit of resignation due from the Christian heart to our merciful God, whose we are and from whom all our joys come.

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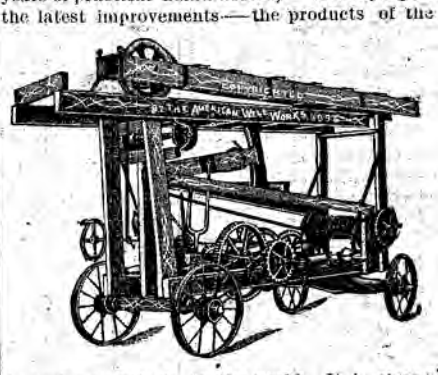

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