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News and Notes.

The Dawes Commission has concluded a treaty with the Creek Indians for the allotment of their lands.

It is reported that the Emperor of Germany is suffering from a cancerous affection at the base of the brain which is affecting his mind.

The yellow fever has been held in check by the strictness of the quarantine during the past week. The cases have been of a mild type. But few deaths have been recorded. Up to date, 28th, there have been 160 cases at New Orleans, with 19 deaths; 114 at Biloxi, with 5 deaths; 168 at Edwards. Many other places report cases. The disease spreads slowly and will continue till frost. The quarantine maintained by so many cities of the South in order to guard against yellow fever has caused considerable check in business in that section.

Reports have been sent us during past week on our 25 cents proposition from Ricks, Whitson, Shipp, Logan, Mellard, Bryant, Durham, Seaton, Bradford, McKennon, McGlumphey, Christie, Green, Hatfield and Scott. Some of these sending more than one list during the week. Also full year subscribers—new—have been sent us this week by Green, Cason, A. F. Skinner, Hively, O'Bryant, Walker and Hamilton.

The Real Status of the Morrison Case.

Bishop Wilson ruled that the conduct of H. C. Morrison had cut him off from the right of appeal to the Annual Conference. Charges of mal-administration were preferred against Bro. Reeves, the presiding elder who presided in the trial before the Quarterly Conference at Lexington. The Minutes of said trial were found so defective as to vitiate the proceeding, and the case was therefore remanded for a new hearing. Meantime, Rev. H. C. Morrison was told by friends that if he would sign a statement to be laid before the Quarterly Conference such as they presented to him, the demands of law would be satisfied and the case settled without further trial, and for such settlement they procured his signature to the following:

"I did not believe I was violating law when I held the Dublin meeting. I did not intend contumacious conduct by continuing to preach after my suspension. I have never intended defiance to church law. If restored to its membership and ministry I will remain loyal to the church and obedient to its discipline while I continue in its connection. I am willing to make this statement before the investigating committee."

The case thus falls back to the Quarterly Conference at Lexington, restoring Rev. H. C. Morrison his credentials, but leaving still suspended under charges. It is reported that the statement of Brother Morrison will be accepted by the Quarterly Conference and the charges withdrawn. If so, then the case will be ended.

We venture to say that if the case is so terminated it will not be a satisfactory ending of it to the church at large. To one at this distance it appears that every effort has been made by Bro. Morrison's friends to give the case the aspect of a personal persecution, which it has not been in the least respect, but an attempt to settle judicially the construction of the law of our church as respects the rights of pastors and their authority over local preachers.

If the charges are withdrawn upon the statement which Bro. Morrison has signed, it will leave the

construction of law in the premises unsettled, and further difficulty of a similar character is sure to arise, unless indeed the next General Conference shall make the law too clear and specific to admit of any misunderstanding.

In a recent speech in Chicago, Debs declared that strikes are a failure. We have been declaring that for the last fifteen years. If Debs will now pronounce himself a failure and his Social Democracy the vision of a dreamer, we will conclude that Debs has come to a knowledge of the truth.

The Gospel of Grapes.

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Behind the Procession.

With John L. Sullivan as a hopeful candidate for mayor of Boston, and Tom Dixon preaching on the coming election in greater New York, the dangers from municipal government is greatly emphasized. The uncultured and impecunious West has presented no such humiliating spectacles as the East is affording.—Central Baptist.

Loyalty.

No man who is not loyal and faithful to his local Church can be loyal to the general Church. The whole is made up of its parts, and is only what the parts make it. To claim, therefore, to be a loyal Southern Methodist, and yet fail to support the only part of the Church within reach, is self-contradictory. Those who do not see it in that light need to have the eyes of their understanding opened.—Central Methodist.

Only a Picture.

A poor old widow, living in the Scottish Highlands, was called upon one day by a gentleman who had heard that she was in need. The old lady complained of her condition, and remarked that her son was in Australia, and doing well. "But does he do nothing to help you?" inquired the visitor. "No, nothing," was the reply. "He writes me regularly once a month, but only sends me a little picture with his letter." The gentleman asked to see one of the pictures that she had received, and found each of them to be a draft for £10. That is the condition of many of God's children. He has given us many "exceeding great and precious promises," which we either are ignorant of or fail to appreciate. Many of them seem to be pretty pictures of an ideal peace and rest, but are not appropriated as practical helps in daily life. And not one of these promises is more neglected than the assurance of salvation. An open Bible places them within reach of all, and we may appropriate the blessing which such a knowledge brings.—D. L. Moody.

Contributed.

Miss Steel's Address

TO THE YOUNG LADIES OF GALLO-
WAY COLLEGE (AT THE OPENING,
SEPT. 15).

YOUNG LADIES:—I am glad Dr. Godden has given me the opportunity to say a few words to you. In the first place, I wish to say to those of you who were pupils last year, both among the boarding pupils and those from the town, that we are glad to have you with us again. To those of you who come to us this year for the first time, I wish to say that it shall be our effort to make you feel at home in Galloway as early as possible. I voice the sentiments of Dr. and Mrs. Godden and of each member of the faculty, when I extend to you a warm, personal greeting and welcome. It shall be our purpose to adjust you to our course of study as early as possible, and thus relieve you of any homesickness you may feel and make you love Galloway as a new home. To aid you in your work, young ladies, Dr. Godden has spared time nor means in securing what we believe to be a faculty of specialists. I think I cannot tell you anything that will give you more pleasure than to dwell upon the excellencies of the teachers of last year who remain with us, and then endeavor to acquaint you with the new members of the faculty.

First, in the Primary department we find Miss Manie Mills. Everybody who knows Miss Mills honors her for her womanly virtues. Miss Mills, as you know, has a laudable ambition to teach both boys and girls and, she confidently expects more than one Governor, while Lady Principals innumerable will come from the ranks of those who have been her pupils.

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Mrs. Annie Sinclair will assist in the Preparatory work, and by the thoroughness of her work and her painstaking detail with each pupil, we expect her soon to occupy as warm a place in the affections of her pupils in Galloway as she now holds in the hearts of many of the Searcy people.

Mr. Virgil Ryder, a member of the faculty in the Collegiate department, is a graduate of Wooster and of Harvard Universities, with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. from the former and of A. B. from the latter. The amount of work done by Mr. Ryder in Ancient and Modern Languages and Mathematics exceeds considerably the highest University requirements for graduation, and his six years of teaching in a young ladies' college have proven him eminently fitted for the position for which he has been selected.]



Some doctors are like owls. They look wise and talk wise but they don't think. In diagnosing disease they don't go back to the starting point. When a man gets sick, nine times out of ten his evident sickness is only a

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Miss Steel's Address.

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Miss Margaret B. Robertson, a B. S. of Vanderbilt University, has been chosen to fill the department of Natural Science and of Mental and Moral Science. From Prof. Hollinshed and Dr. McGill, instructors in Chemistry in Vanderbilt, and from the Professor of Physics, I have private letters and public testimonials that show her by the record she made in the University, for industry and zeal, to be well qualified for the position. Dr. Collins Denny says that under him she studied Deductive and Inductive Logic and Ethics, and that her grades, although in recitation with the young men, were among the very best in the classes; while Dr. Baskerville and Chancellor Kirkland say that her brightness, scholarship, and strength of character, admirably fit her for the work of a teacher. Miss Roberson has done four years of successful teaching.

Now, girls, as wise as you thought Mrs. Somervell last year, she will be even wiser next session, for she has spent the larger part of the summer at that light-house of understanding, the great Chicago University. Mrs. Somervell, as you know, has that rare faculty and art of stimulating pupils to active and independent thought rather than of filling their recipient heads with her own great thoughts. She returns to us with enthusiasm, and with love for you and her work.

We believe that the conduct of the Business and of the Domestic department under Miss Hensley and Mrs. Winfrey and Mrs. Summrow will meet and merit entire satisfaction from pupils and patrons.

The Art display at our recent Commencement made by Mrs. D. C. Smith and her pupils, speaks more in praise of this department than anything that I could say of it. The work of the class working from life deserved special mention. The work from casts and still life would bear comparison with that of pupils of many years tuition. The decorative work displayed taste and combined both beauty and utility, while the arrangement and classification of the work in the studio gave evidence of the artistic genius of the director, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith and her assistant, Miss Lightle, will themselves tell you of the fine advantages they have had and of the marked improvement they have made by a summer course at Chautauqua.

Miss Stone is a graduate of the Emerson College with the degree of Bachelor of Oratory. She has had a year of P. G. work in Columbia College of Oratory and has done three years of public reading, thus entitling her to the reader's certificate. She has taught successfully in both public and private schools with marked success. Her connection with Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss., was eminently satisfactory. It has been said by Mr. Louthwick, of the Emerson School, that Miss Stone brought to her work keen perception, an artistic temperament, a mind trained to

study, and a capacity for hard work that resulted in her graduation from the school with highest honors.

Mr. Charles Wesley Emerson says that her work in the Normal department proved her marked ability to teach what she had learned, and that in her public readings she is so true to the author's thought that every reader of literature is delighted with having his highest perception of a writer's thought voiced and made to appear in living form. We feel, young ladies, that in Miss Stone we have a teacher who will give you the best instruction in the beautiful art of reading, and that in Physical Culture she will do the best teaching that can be done in Galloway until some generous Methodist donates the money for a handsome gymnasium, equipped with the most approved apparatus.

In the Music faculty, Miss Cline of Cinn. will have charge of the department of Voice Culture. She has given eight years of study to her art and for two years has been a successful teacher. Mr. Foley, her teacher in voice, ranks with Adams of Boston as a voice trainer. His method is said to combine the good points of all schools, having the sure foundation and tone building of the German, together with the finish and polish of the French and Italian schools. Miss Cline's voice is soprano, and her public appearances have always been received with favor.

Miss Newbrandt received her musical education at the College of Music in Cincinnati, having made for eight years a special study of violin music and having successful teaching experience of five years. One of her credentials says of her that her correct use of the bow and the skill with which she executes the most difficult passages on that sweetest of all instruments, the violin, will captivate any audience. She will instruct pupils on the violin, guitar, mandolin, piano, and will conduct the college orchestra.

Miss Gill, whose attainments are of a high order, will assist in the department of piano. We expect to find Miss Gill efficient as an assistant and conscientious in the discharge of the various duties which her work involves.

Now, girls, I am sure that I have the assent, especially of those of you who have been her pupils, to the statement that no more lovable woman, no better worker, no more faithful teacher, no finer performer, has ever graced Galloway faculty than Mrs. Emma Ward-Hoffmann, the first assistant in the Music faculty. In the responsible and honorable position of Music

Director, Dr. Godden has placed Prof. Albert G. Viedenburg, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Prof. V.'s musical education was conducted first under private teachers in New York City, and then in Syracuse, N. Y., Univ., having graduated from the College of Music with the degree of Bachelor of Music. Since his graduation he has for six years held positions as Music Director in the South and West, teaching piano, organ, violin, Theory and Harmony.

I think you will find in Prof. Vredenburg one who understands that part of his work is the enrollment and classification of music pupils and the keeping of the record of their work in the department; the giving of pupils' recitals as often as practicable, and of an occasional teachers' recital; the organization of a musical club or society for the extension of the range of the pupils' musical knowledge and their introduction to the literature of music. In short, you will find that he will adopt all available means for attracting pupils into the department, and of sustaining their interest while there and giving them access to that which makes the study of music worthy of our attention and labors.

Now, girls, from what I have said to you of the physical, aesthetic and intellectual development that these teachers are capable of advancing, you see that the benefits of a broad education are within your reach. Without a trained and competent faculty, satisfactory results could never be reached; but with the finest faculty that could be secured, it still remains for you to decide what benefit you will receive from the teaching of and the association with this faculty. Let us have only words of commendation for you, girls, for the fidelity and competency with which you will meet the duties of the year. But, one other thing, girls, if your physical development shall be all that we desire, and if your intellectual training shall embrace the sharpening of the perceptive faculties, the broadening of the scope of your intellectual vision, the development and training of the powers of reason, the strengthening of the memory, the cultivation of the taste of the imagination, and the laying up of vast stores of knowledge, your education will still be incomplete. No woman is properly educated until, in addition to the above attainments, her spiritual nature has been developed. The administration of Galloway College believes in a religious education and they believe in it "from the ground up." They believe it should begin at the mother's knee,

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go on in the primary school, then to the academy, then to the college, and then to the university. As for me, girls, I should almost as soon place a child in a house where there was no light and no air, as to place him in a school where the religion of Jesus Christ was not believed in, respected, practiced and inculcated.

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Missouri Letter.

Prof. O. C. Lester, of Hendrix College, was married at Fayette, Mo., September 8th, to Miss Pynk Johnson, daughter of the late B. F. Johnson, long an honored member of the Missouri Conference. Mrs. Lester is a sister of the wife of President Craighead of Central College.

Missouri Methodism has no less than fourteen schools not including the Scarritt Bible and Training School, which belongs to the entire connection. But one of these—Central—is recognized by the Missouri College Union, as a College, although several of the other schools confer literary degrees and two of them have occasionally conferred the honorary degree of D.D. President Craighead, at the recent session of the Missouri Conference made a very strong plea for a better adjustment of our school work and the Conference by a practically unanimous vote sustained him. The preachers of that Conference see the unwisdom of having unendowed schools any longer pass as colleges and insist upon undertaking work which Central College alone is prepared to do.

An object lesson was before the Conference, for it held its session in the chapel of one of these colleges. Five years ago that institution was planned as a District High School. I was present at the District Conference which accepted certain propositions from an ambitious Missouri town which wanted a Methodist school. The offer was accepted with the distinct understanding that the school was to be run in harmony with our Missouri Educational policy which committed the Church to the support of only one college of the highest grade. Yet when the institution was opened it was run as a college—a rival and not a feeder to Central College. It is a fine piece of property but is in debt \$13,000 and has no endowment. Bishop Hendrix, who was present at Albany, where the Missouri Conference met, pledged the last \$5,000 of the debt if the friends of the school in Northwest Missouri would raise \$8,000 and articulate the school with Central College. It is too early to forecast the result of his proposition. But the signs are manifest that a wiser policy will in the near future dominate our school work and that we will content ourselves with supporting one college with other schools of lesser rank as they may be needed. The project sprung by Dr. A. K. Hinde, and strongly endorsed by Dr. Palmore, in the St. Louis Advocate of consolidating Howard Payne Female College with Central College, did not materialize.

The Missouri Conference sends a strong delegation to Baltimore—three presiding elders—Pritchett, Anderson and Cooper, and one pastor, Packard, who is at Francis Street, St. Joseph. The laymen are Dr. Vincil, Grand Sec. Masons of Missouri. Casteel, a St. Joseph lawyer; Miller, a Palmyra miller,

and President Craighead of Central College.

C. H. BRIGGS.
Fayette, Mo., Sept. 10, 1897.

A Plea for Brotherliness.

Its appearance in the METHODIST of September 1st, over an article signed by brother H. V. Philpott, called forth a hearty amen. Imagine my surprise in finding myself charged as the "accuser of my brethren—especially Dr. J. D. Barbee." When the basis was considered I stood with amazement in the presence of the thought that the sweet, loving, brotherly spirit that inspired brother Philpott to write, "A Plea for Brotherliness" would bring such a charge against "poor me" on such little provocation! There was no intention of reflecting upon Dr. Barbee in any personal sense. It is an unnatural and strained interpretation that finds such a charge. I respectfully suggest that this raising of personal questions is a cheap method of dealing with an argument. If Bro. Philpott's protest had its birth in a genuine spirit of brotherliness toward all Methodist preachers, why did he not speak when Dr. Caridine was so seriously charged through the columns of the METHODIST? Will he answer under "Plea for Brotherliness."

J. R. CASON.

The Editor does not think further replies on this subject are called for.

Note From Bro. Scott.

The ARKANSAS METHODIST from now till January 1, 1898. This offer should introduce the METHODIST into every home of our people. Every preacher should take advantage of it. All the young converts ought to take their Church paper. Let us push the offer brethren and by Oct. 1st have the field thoroughly worked. In this connection allow me to call attention to the Methodist Church member's manual by Dr. Godby. Place it in the hands of all the new members. Many of the older ones would see things in a new light should they read it. Get the Sunday-school scholars to read it. Get every one, old and young to read it and if any preacher has not seen it send for it at once. Any Church would do well to raise a fund and buy a few copies to be circulated among the members to be read and returned. Every preacher should keep a few copies on hand to be placed in homes here and there to be read and returned if they do not want to pay for it and keep it after reading. The cost is 25 cents paper, 50 cents cloth. This book is the product of a pastor's thought containing the pastoral instruction our people need.

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We the undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully state that we are adult inhabitants (males 21 and females 18 years of age) residing within three miles of—(here give the name of the schoolhouse or church house) located on—(give the number of the lot and block, if located in a town; or the 40 acres subdivision, section, township and range of land if in the country) in the County of—, State of Arkansas; and we desire to prohibit the sale or giving away of any vinous, spirituous, or intoxicating liquors of any kind, or alcohol or any compound or preparation thereof commonly called tonics or bitters, within three miles of said—(school house or church house). We therefore pray that the sale or giving away of the intoxicating liquors and alcohol enumerated above be prohibited by you within three miles of the (school house or church house) above named. Respectfully,

Names

Names.

Note.—The petition should be carried by persons of good reputation, who will go into the County Court and testify that the names are genuine and that the signers live in the territory to be covered.

It is well also for those who carry the petitions to make a list, as they go, of those who will not sign, so as to know if a majority has been obtained.

The last legislature made a law to the effect that if it is desired to prohibit the sale of wine only, that the petition should specify wine only. If it is desired not to prohibit the sale of wine, the petition should not include vinous liquors.

Married.

SMITH-MCKINLEY: On the night of September 15th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. James Smith, of DeQueen, and Miss Alice McKinley, of Chapel Hill, were joined together in the holy estate of matrimony. J. A. Parker officiating.

GALLOWAY-BURKHEAD: At the Methodist Church, at Sallisaw, I. T., on the night of the 7th of September, Miss Ella Burkhead, and Rev. J. J. Galloway. Rev. S. L. Pope officiating.

NANCE-LANDES: At the home of the bride's near Buckner, Ark. Mr. Bascomb Nance and Miss Annie Landes were married, the writer officiating. They

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CAGLE-SMITH: August 22, 1897, at the Methodist Church in Mansfield, by the Rev. B. W. Aston, Mr. B. H. Cagle and Miss Frances Smith. All of Sebastian county, Ark.

RINGWALD-GUSMANI: In hotel at Marion, Ark., September 3, 1897, Mr. J. M. Ringwald to Miss Adelida Gusmani. Both of Memphis, Tenn. W. C. Watson officiating.

BRADLEY-STEPHENSON: At the residence of Bro. W. H. Isom, August 25th, Mr. W. P. Bradley to Miss Kate I. Stephenson. J. J. Colson officiating.

WILSON-CUSTER: At the residence of the bride, August 25, 1897, Rev. W. A. Wilson, of Norwoodville, Ark., and Mrs. N. E. Custer, of Center Point, Ark. Rev. W. T. Locke officiating.

McKEAN-OGDEN: At the residence of the bride's father in DeQueen, on September 7, 1897, Mr. Joseph O. McKean, of Oklahoma City, O. T., and Miss Willie Ogden, of DeQueen. Rev. John G. McKean, officiating.

TAYLOR-PEARSE: At the residence of F. E. Newton, in DeQueen, on Sept. 18, 1897, Mr. J. O. Taylor and Miss Daisy Pearse. All of DeQueen. Rev. John G. McKean officiating.

DAVIS-MOORE: At the residence of the bride's father in Washington, Ark., by Rev. C. J. Greene, Mr. Wm. Davis and Miss Annie E. Moore, Sept. 11, 1897.

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Literary Table.

Thomas Carlyle's Creed.

BY JAS. A. ANDERSON.

(Continued from last week.)

Page 366.—He speaks of Gen. Bouille as a "son of Adam" in a very natural way. This form of expression is very common throughout the work.

Page 365.—In speaking of "force" he assumes the freedom of man, but in what sense he held the doctrine of human freedom does not appear.

Page 388.—He says of the strange and debauched Philippe d'Orleans that his function in the Revolutionary Epos was to create preternatural suspicion—with "what specialities of treason, strategem, aimed or aimless endeavors toward mischief, no party living (if it be not the presiding Genius of it, Prince of the Power of the Air) has now any chance to know." This seems to imply a belief in a devil a belief rather incidentally expressed.

So much for the first volume; we pass now to the second.

Page 55. He opens with an eloquent discourse on the follies of man—how little man knows himself. "A purple Nebuchadnezzar rejoices to feel himself now verily Emperor of this great Babylon which he has builded; and is a nondescript biped-quadrupel, on the eve of seven years of grazing."

Page 179.—Describes the terror under which Paris rose at the news of the fall of Verdun before the invading Prussian army—the sound of the steeple bells, the roar of the alarm cannon, the pellmell rushing hither and thither, the reverberating voice of titanic Danton in the Assembly.—"How it was and went, what part might be premediated, what was improvised and accidental, man will never know, till the great Day of Judgment make it known." Another incidental mention, indicating a belief in a coming judgment.

Page 179 again.—The necessity for the restraining power of God to keep the purest of us from plunging into the abyss of wickedness is distinctly affirmed.

Page 196.—In speaking of the terrible butchery of prisoners in the "September Massacre," he

holds this language, "For though it is not Satan's world, this that we live in, Satan always has his place in it (underground properly); and from time to time bursts up."

Page 334.—Tells how the Lyons arsenal, which had taken fire from the bombardment, sprang into the air, at night, carrying one hundred and seventeen houses with it, "with a light, one fancies, as of the noon sun; with a roar second only to the Last Trumpet."

Page 344.—Carlyle cannot indorse the way in which the brave "Twenty-two" Girondins met their death, though his sympathies are, of course, entirely with them. They were the victims of Jacobin madness, "the eloquent, the young, the beautiful and the brave," they go down in that wild-weltering storm of death. When convicted at that atrocious tribunal of Tinville's, convicted of a lack of madness, Valaze stabs himself. A wild clamor of desperation rises among the other twenty-one; they uplift the Hymn of the Marseillaise the battle Te Duem of the French Revolution, as they roll back to their dungeons. They spend their last evenings in sallies of gaiety, outbursts of wit, in rhymed scenes of tragedy in which they represent the infamous Barrere and that pontiff of revolutionary excess, Robespierre, as discoursing with Satan. On the morrow, at the Guillotine, they again raise the Marseillaise chorus, which grows weaker as head after head tumbles under the axe till the silence of death extinguishes it.

Page 348.—He declares that from Hugh Capet downward the French rulers had misgoverned—had been "sowing the wind. And yet, as God lives, they shall reap the whirlwind; no other thing, we say, is possible, since God is a truth, and His world is a truth."

Page 249.—Carlyle enters a vigorous protest against the apotheosis of the French revolution by M. Roux, as being a dead-lift effort to realize the Christian religion. His language here seems to indicate that he fully understood and completely indorsed the plan of salvation as true. Here it is: "Alas, no, M. Roux! A Gospel of brotherhood, not according to, any of the Four old Evangelists, that calling on men to repent, and amend each his own wicked existence, that they might be saved; but a gospel rather, as we often hint, according to a new Fifth Evangelist Jean-Jacques, calling on men to amend each the world's wicked existence, and be saved by making the constitution. A thing different and distant toto celo, as they say the whold breadth of the sky, and father, if possible."

But whatever Carlyle was, he was, it seems, not much in sympathy with Methodist parsons. He evidently had his prejudices, and with all his learning, his ignorance. In speaking of Robespierre, page 396, he says "he was not a man, with the heart of a man, but a poor spasmodic incorruptible pedant, with logic-formula instead of a heart; of Jesuit or Methodist-parson nature; full of sincere-can't, incorruptibility, of virulence, pol-

roonery; barren as the east wind." All of which, I suppose, Methodist parsons will have to stand, gracefully or otherwise.

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This magazine has long been a favorite with American readers. Among the articles of especial interest and value in the October number is the Wreck of Greece, by Henry Norman. The author was at Athens observing with deepest care and interest the developments which led to the unfortunate struggle of the Greeks with the Turks. The present situation of the country is clearly set forth. The Business of A Great Newspaper, by J. Lincoln Steffens is also an article full of instruction. \$3.00 a year.

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Paul's Last Journey to Jerusalem.

ACTS XXI. 1-5.

Golden Text: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Verse 13.)

Topical Outline.—I. Paul Proceeds. (Verses 1-3.) II. Finds Fellowship. (Verses 4-9) III. Sublime Courage. (Verses 10-15.) Time.—The spring of A. D. 58. Place.—From Miletus to Jerusalem.

REACINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Last Journey, Acts xxi. 1-15.
Arrival at Jerusalem, xxi. 16-26.
Fury of the Jews, xxi. 27-39.
Bearing the Cross, Mark viii. 31-38.
Christ's Reproof, Luke xiii. 31-35.
Choosing Affliction, Heb. xi. 20-27.
In Nothing Ashamed, Phil. i. 18-30.
Reference Word, "Bonds."
Lesson Hymn, No. 566.

We saw in our last regular lesson that Paul, just before leaving Corinth, wrote the Epistle to the Romans. Having never been at Rome, he advised them of the fact that he had often purposed to visit them, but had been hindered hitherto; that he was then about to set out on a journey to Jerusalem to carry the contribution which the Macedonian and the Greek Christians had been pleased to make for the poor saints at Jerusalem; that after this had been accomplished he intended to make a journey into Spain, and would endeavor to see them on his way and impart to them some spiritual grace. Toward the close of the letter he asked them very earnestly to pray for him that he might be permitted to make in safety the journey: "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed." There is an undertone of foreboding in this request, as of a man weary with the labors of the present and the past and wholly uncertain of the future. He felt clear, however, that this journey to Jerusalem ought to be made. Just why it was so important for Paul himself to take up this money to Jerusalem does not appear from anything in the record. The deep foreboding he had was certainly not alleviated by the discovery of a plot of the Jews to take his life just before he left Corinth, and it had settled into a fixed conviction by the time he got to Miletus; where he told the Ephesian elders

that in every city through which he passed he received some testimony of the Spirit that bonds and afflictions were awaiting him.

His ship made a stop of seven days at Tyre, where they had another sweet sad meeting with brethren, much like the one they had had at Miletus. Here again he was solemnly warned by the brethren not to go to Jerusalem. When they got to Caesarea, the daughters of Philip, the Evangelist, prophesied as to what would befall him, and a certain prophet named Agabus, a resident of Judea, assured him with a "thus saith the Holy Ghost that the Jews would put him in bonds and deliver him over to the Gentiles." At this all the company fall to beseeching him to abandon his purpose of going to Jerusalem at all. "What mean ye to weep and to break my heart," said he; I am ready not only to be bound at Jerusalem, but to die if need be; I am on the only path of duty known to me, I can do no otherwise than follow it, lead through whatever it may. This heroic attitude commanded their profound respect, and they bowed to the will of God.

RESOLUTIONS of sympathy and respect were adopted for Mrs. M. E. Brinton, Gurdon, Ark., by the Sunday-school teachers. She was a teacher faithful and loved. Also resolutions are sent us in tender memory of the beloved Collins Richmond, a member of the Sunday-school at Central Church, Ft. Smith. We have also, without mention of the place where he lived, resolutions in memory of Mark Vaner, a Sunday-school scholar. We have only space to note these. We have fixed at the head of our obituary department the statement that we cannot publish resolutions like these. We give far more space to obituaries than do most of our Church papers, and that free of cost. We cannot possibly enlarge our space for this department. [Ed.]

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Paul's Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

CONVICTION FOR SIN.

Rom. xviii. 26-27; ix. 1-2; 1 Cor. ii. 10-12.

Our lesson suggests, first of all the indwelling of the Holy Ghost inspiring a constant desire toward God—a cry going up to Him and interpreted by Him as the true desire of the soul.

We may err in our prayers as conceived in our minds and voiced from our lips. But beyond all the imperfections of our judgments God sees sincerity, submission, love and a desire only to please Him. A spirit dwells in us sending up voiceless prayers, and longings which words are not adequate to express—"groanings which cannot be uttered." And He who knows the mind of the spirit, knows what the soul most desires, and answers that desire.

Ignorant and erring we may be and moved by impulses and swayed by false judgments, yet if the Holy Ghost dwell in us the blessing of the pure in heart shall be ours, though we offer many foolish prayers and seek many vain things. The hand of a loving Father shall be on us, and we shall know his sweet fellowship.

In the second place, Paul speaks in Romans ix. 1-2 of the burden which the sin and unbelief of his own people laid constantly on his own heart. This deep sorrow because of the sins of others, and this yearning for their salvation are not the feelings of depraved hearts.

Such sympathy is divine, and it proceeds from the very spirit which moved Christ himself to suffer for our sins. In such grief for others we know the fellowship of his sufferings.

Again our lesson sets before us the heaven into which the Holy Ghost leads our souls even here. A glory which eye has never seen and ear has never heard and which has never been revealed to sense is still suggested to the soul by the spirit of God. Faith takes hold on such a reward, and the spirit already tastes a prelibation of its realities.

"They scorn to seek our golden toys
But spend the day and share the night
In numbering o'er the richer joys
Which heaven prepares for their delight."

The saddest event which has transpired in the history of our Epworth League in this State is misfortune which has fallen upon our beloved brother G. N. Hart, vice-President of the Epworth Leagues of the Little Rock Conference. For sometime his health has been declining and last week he was committed to the insane asylum in this city.

Our leaguers throughout the State remember his genial spirit, his clear and cultured mind, his zeal for the league work. We will remember him, his wife and little children in our prayers. [Ed.]

Arkansas Leaguers: As you doubtless know a sad affliction has befallen us in the loss from our ranks of one of our most beloved and efficient workers, Bro. G. N. Hart, of Pine Bluff. His health has not been good for more than a year; bravely did he grapple with the disease, determined to rally but without success, until finally his mind gave way. He was placed by loving friends in the State Lunatic Asylum under the treatment of Dr. Hooper, and his helpers on last Tuesday. His consecrated loving wife, and little children should be remembered by us when we go to God in prayer. Bro. Hart was vice-President of the State Epworth League for the Little Rock Conference. How we loved Hart! May God bless the physician who ministers to him and comfort his wife in this dark hour!

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1897.

Crime and its Causes.

Never in the history of this country, did we have so much religion and so little honesty. Paradoxical as this statement may seem it is justified by the facts.

Let the Churches on the one hand, bring forward their statistics. In 1800 we had one Church member in the United States for every 15 inhabitants, in 1890 we had one Church member to every three of the population. The increase in Christian schools, churches, news papers etc., has been in even greater proportion.

What now for the statistics of crime? We have not the exhibit in figures of the increase of crime from the opening of the century, but that crimes of every sort have greatly increased even in proportion to population is constantly reiterated by the public press. Some of the papers furnish statistics. The Chicago Tribune recently stated: There were in 1890, 4,290 murders in the United States, in 1896, 10,650. If these figures be correct a veritable epidemic of murder is sweeping over the land. Bishop Galloway, of the M. E. Church, South, states in a public address: 'Out of every 10,000 deaths in England, seven are murders, out of every 10,000 deaths in the United States, twenty-one are murders.' It is declared from many sources, by men who are informed, that as respects the crime of murder there is no country on the face of the earth, Christian or pagan that makes so terrible and reproachful a showing as ours.

If we refer to suicide, theft, adultery, embezzlement, unfaithfulness in office, there are proofs that these are all upon the increase at a rapid rate. And if we turn to the home, the fountain and source of influences pure and impure, salutary or deathful, we shall find that domestic infelicity and divorce leads the whole list of growing evils.

What explanation shall we give for such a state of things? There are answers enough from men who are impatient of study and swift to speak—answers of June impatience from men who think they must needs have an answer for him who inquires. There are answers from men who have but one idea, theorists or hobbyists.

The editor of the Outlook thinks the neglect upon the part of the ministers to preach future punish-

ment is the cause of most of the crimes of the land. He says in his issue of Sept. 9: "We propose an answer which we believe very nearly if not entirely covers the case. We charge it to the decreased emphasis given the doctrine of future punishment in our pulpits. This we regard as practically an all inclusive answer." The editor of the Outlook has a special controversy with the brethren in the ministry which we think colors all his views. We heard the other day from a leading pulpit that the extravagance of women and their love of fashion drove more men into crime than anything else. The preacher was trying to impress the fashionable sisters.

The editor of the New York Christian Advocate, who is always broad and capable of holding many things in mind at the same time gives some of the causes of crime as follows:

"Among the causes are the maudlin sentimentality with which crimes are treated, the ease with which an expert can be procured to swear a criminal insane, or the crank expert who believes everyone insane, the influence of detailed discussions of crimes and murders in the newspapers, the law's delays, the increasing depravity and recklessness of youth, the great decline in the conduct and order of judicial proceedings, the want of reverence for religion, the flippancy of juries, the frequency of pardons, the denial of a place to retributive justice and the unnatural and debilitating doctrine that the sole purpose of punishment is reformation."

That which we note as peculiar in this broad view is that there is no mention made of the saloon. The Argonaut of San Francisco says:

"The daily papers of San Francisco in one week devoted 238 1-2 columns of letter press and illustration to murders, suicides, scandals and various crimes and adds that 'the daily newspaper has become the most efficient school of crime and criminal methods in the world. The vicious is made to appear as a hero instead of a being to be despised and shunned.'"

These are general views. As respects facts no statistics can be drawn from them. Coming to figures we find such exhibits as the following:

Not long since the Voice sent out indiscriminately over the country letters addressed to police justices of various cities, asking their views upon these two propositions: What proportion of the business which comes to your court arises from the use of intoxicating liquor? What do you think would be the effect, so far as the work of the police magistrates is concerned if all the saloons of New York were closed, and liquor selling and drinking should stop? Exactly one

hundred and thirty-six responses were received. Of these one hundred and thirty-six responses, twenty-five estimated the proportion of crime which come to their court through the use of liquor to be ninety per cent or more; forty-seven estimated it eighty per cent or more; eighty-two estimated it at seventy per cent or more, while out of the entire lot, only twelve estimated the proportion at less than one-half. The grand average of all the replies received was seventy-two per cent to the first proposition and seventy-four per cent to the second. Such facts, says the N. Y. Observer, from competent authorities are worth collecting and collating. We are not surprised at the testimony secured because we have long believed from observation and from statistics carefully gathered by others that strong drink is a great feeder of our criminal courts and jails. But the testimony to such unhappy facts should be published again and again till the sober sense of the people is aroused to action.

Church News.

The net increase of members the past year in the West Virginia Conference was 175. The number received 1,757.

The Missouri Conference, by a vote 124 against 22 memorialized the next General Conference to remove from our Church name the suffix, South.

The transfers from the Southwest Missouri Conference just closed are: J. D. Wood, to Denver Conference; A. G. McCullough, to West Texas; W. P. Owens to the Western.

Bishop Hurst addressed the Lay Association of Central Illinois favoring equal lay representation in the General Conference, and also lay representation in the Annual Conferences.

The editor of the Hoston Methodist thinks it would be well to require of Bishops that they give transfers certificates of good standing. We need some protection from the transfer of mere drift-wood.

The delegates to the General Conference from the Southwest Missouri Conference are: Clerical, Rev. W. B. Palmore, C. C. Woods, J. J. Tigert, W. T. McClure. Lay, John A. Rich, H. S. Shelton, J. W. Casselton, Judge Appleby.

Bishop McCabe asked the members of the South Kansas Conference to indicate by ballot the men whom they desired for presiding elders, and appointed the men indicated. May not our bishops hold firmly the appointing power and yet have some regard to the will of the Conference in such a matter?

Bishop Louis Fink, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Leavenworth, Kansas, learning that the Irish Catholics of his diocese had arranged for a picnic to be held on Sunday issued an episcopal letter which was read in the Churches forbidding the holding of the picnic on Sunday. The Irish are indignant and determined to hold the picnic. We shall watch with interest this effort of the Bishop to control his flock.

A Preacher Needed.

I received a dispatch from Searcy, stating that Rev. W. H. Batten was dead. I desire a good man to take his place until conference. He was preacher in charge of Mt. Pisgah circuit.

HENRY T. GREGORY, P. E.
Augusta, Ark., Sept. 26, 1897.

To our Friends.

Since the death of our darling boy, we have received many tokens of kindness from friends and we take this method of thanking them. May the good Lord bless them all. We know our child is in Heaven, free from all the troubles of this world. We can only say "the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away." Blessed be the name of the Lord." J. W. H. Sherrill, Ark.

Episcopal Visitations, 1897-98.

- FIRST DISTRICT—BISHOP KEENER.
Oct. 20. Tennessee Conference, Shelbyville, Tenn.
Nov. 17. North Alabama Conf., Florence, Ala.
Dec. 1. Alabama Conference, Union Springs, Ala.
Dec. 9. Florida Conference, Tampa, Fla.
- SECOND DISTRICT—BISHOP WILSON.
Nov. 10. Indian Mission Conference, Muscogee, I. T.
Nov. 24. North Mississippi Conference, Oxford, Miss.
Dec. 2. Mississippi Conference, Jackson, Miss.
Mar. 24, '98. Baltimore Conference, Hinton, W. Va.
- THIRD DISTRICT—BISHOP GRANBERY.
Nov. 3. West Texas Conference, Cuero, Tex.
Nov. 17. Northwest Texas Conference, Weatherford, Tex.
Nov. 24. North Texas Conference, Dallas, Tex.
Dec. 8. Texas Conference, Bryan, Tex.
Dec. 15. East Texas Conference, Palestine, Tex.
- FOURTH DISTRICT—BISHOP HARGROVE.
Dec. 1. North Carolina Conference, Raleigh, N. C.
- FIFTH DISTRICT—BISHOP DUNCAN.
Oct. 7. Northwest Mex. Miss. Conf., City of Mexico.
Oct. 21. Central Mexico Mission Conference, City of Mexico.
Oct. 28. Mexican Border Mission Conference, Saltillo, Mexico.
Nov. 4. German Mission Conference, Bartlett, Texas.
Dec. 8. South Carolina Conf., Florence, S. C.
- SIXTH DISTRICT—BISHOP GALLOWAY.
Nov. 10. Memphis Conference, Treason, Tenn.
Nov. 24. North Georgia Conference, Athens, Ga.
- SEVENTH DISTRICT—BISHOP HENDRIX.
Nov. 17. Arkansas Conference, Ozark, Ark.
Nov. 24. White River Conference, Newport, Ark.
Dec. 1. Little Rock Conference, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Dec. 16. Louisiana Conference, Crowley, La.
- EIGHTH DISTRICT—BISHOP KEY.
Oct. 6. Holston Conference, Bristol, Tenn.
Nov. 17. Western North Carolina Conference, Asheville, N. C.
Dec. 1. South Georgia Conference, Savannah, Ga.
- NINTH DISTRICT—BISHOP FITZGERALD.
Nov. 17. Virginia Conference, Danville, Va. Mo.

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Berryville Methodism.

Dear Doctor: Berryville Methodism is at last to have a home of her own, after living for a score or more years in borrowed houses. Work began this week on what is to be, when finished, a neat frame structure, 30x50 feet, and contract calls for it to be pushed rapidly to completion. Our Church has already taken on new life in consequence of this movement; and indeed she must needs have done so or else have died. Her long residence in borrowed homes had almost "finished" her. Fraternally,
W. DEAN WHITE.

Sept. 16.

A Third Thousand Dollar Letter.

Slowly, but surely I hope, our Church is measuring up to the completion of a suitable building at Paine Institute. The Board of Education has received within the last three weeks much encouragement. Especially have the three \$1,000.00 subscriptions given us hope that others will follow, and that smaller amounts from individuals, and the collections to be taken at the Annual Conferences, will, together, suffice to carry the Haygood Memorial Hall on to completion without interruption.

The following letter is from a man who has constantly exhibited love for his Church and for our Lord Jesus Christ. He deserves, and will receive, the grateful appreciation of his brethren, and will doubtless have added thereto the comfort of a good conscience. I hope his example will lead others to contribute according to their means:

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1, 1897.

Dear Brother Bigham: Yours of 27th of Aug., together with its inclosures, is just read. I will join brother Geo. T. Hoagland on same conditions and amount, viz., \$1,000.00 when the full amount is secured. Yours truly,

SAM'L CUPPLES.

Bishop Holsey raised at the Missouri Annual Conference, in cash and subscriptions, \$211, which added (together with brother Cupple's \$1,000) to \$7372.43 (amount previously reported) makes \$8588 40 received to date on the \$24,000 which must be raised in order to secure the \$1,000 of Bro. Hoagland.

The terms of the subscription (cash, or payable at pleasure between now and May 1, 1898) will give an opportunity to many to contribute. Contributions may be handed or sent to any of our editors, or pastors, who will cheerfully act as agents for me.

If there are parties who are unable to give anything themselves, but who desire to help this enterprise, I will let them know how they may do so if they will send me their names.

Let us all pull together and we will soon have this work done.

R. J. BIGHAM.

This paper to January 1, 1898, for 25 cents cash.

Personal.

The brethren reported 656 conversions through these columns last week.

L. B. Griffing, of Conway was in town office Tuesday. He reports an excellent opening at Hendrix College.

Rev. R. R. Moore, pastor of our Central Church at Hot Springs, called at the METHODIST office Saturday.

Rev. A. H. Williams, P. E. of Fayetteville district writes that his preachers are pressing revival work.

Eugene Shaver, of Harrisonville, made us a visit last Tuesday and gave his subscription for the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

George F. Campbell, of the Louisville Conference M. E. Church, South, was found guilty of immorality by the Conference at Henderson and expelled.

Rev. A. O. Griffith, St. Francis, Ark., writes: "I have just closed a good meeting at Walnut Grove. The Church was greatly revived. N. M. Watson was with me and did some fine preaching to the delight of all who heard him."

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews has withdrawn his resignation of the presidency of Brown University. The board of curators having conceded to him the liberty which he desired, and which he felt to be necessary for the maintenance of his personal independence and integrity.

Rev. B. Fay Mills, the noted evangelist has published a card expressing his acceptance of certain so-called advanced views in theology. His creed will in future ally him with the Unitarians and the society of Ethical Culture. Education rather than the atonement of Christ is the hope of the world according to this higher gospel.

We have just received the sad news of the death of Rev. W. H. Batten, a member of the White River Conference and preacher in charge of Mt. Pisgah circuit, Searcy District. Brother Batten came to us from Missouri, three years ago. He was a good and faithful man. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

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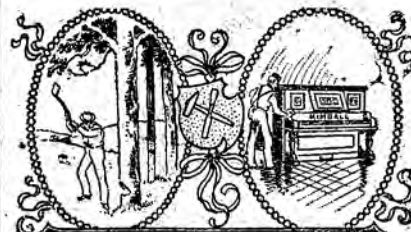
October: Eldorado, 16, 17; Magnolia 23, 24; Lapile 30, 31.

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Reports will be required from local preachers and trustees.

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An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.



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Wavering and in doubt,
For without a moments notice,
Death may puff it out.

Keep the vital spark still burning,
Clear and pure as day,
Let it light as large a circle
Show to all the way.
May it cheer with light and gladness
Hearts bowed down with care,
Shine your best the present moment
Reward is God's affair.

For life's spark that here is lighted
Through ages shall glow on,
In a heaven's life eternal
A Kingdom to be won,
Night brings out the golden splendor
Of a million spheres,
These may fade but we forever
Shine through endless years.

—M. C. Allen.

Helena, Ark.

Former Days Not Better.

The idea that revivals were more sweeping in John Wesley's day than in our own is considered by the London Methodist Times as without warrant. It says: "We shall never forget the revelation which burst upon us some years ago when we read a statement from the pen of John Wesley, to the effect that a revival in a certain place was the most extensive and amazing that mighty evangelist had ever known. He could scarcely express his astonishment and delight that in the course of six weeks of continuous revival services there had been—three hundred cases of decision! But in our own time some of our own evangelists have witnessed a thousand decisions in one week, and have not regarded that as anything very astonishing. This single incident is enough to prove that evangelistic work is now done on a vaster scale than in the days of John Wesley." Also the notion that individual conversions were more pronounced and reliable in the olden days, is called in question, as follows: "A distinguished Methodist writer stated a few weeks ago, in another journal, that in the present day we have very few such sudden and miraculous conversions as gladdened the hearts of our forefathers. But Mr. Price Hughes has often said on public platforms that never once, for more than nine years, has he preached in St. James' hall on Sunday evening without visible results and instantaneous conversions. Nor are these constant results superficial and evanescent, as unbelieving Christians are apt to assume. Take one typical case. Seven years ago a sailor was converted at St. James' hall. Immediately afterwards he went to sea, and for that long period has been exposed to all the perils and temptations of a seafaring life. On the first Sunday of this year he turned up at the covenant service. He landed at Liverpool on the previous day, and

hurried to London at once to renew his covenant on the very spot where he had trusted in Christ seven years before." The Times affirms that in London, where even Wesley himself never greatly succeeded, and where forty years ago the Methodist Church was almost extinct, our people have made of late years unparalleled progress. A committee appointed by the last Conference to consider the spiritual destitution of London has discovered that the erection of about twenty additional large chapels will so far cover the vast metropolis with a network of Wesleyan Methodism that there will be no large area unreached by it. Of course, this will not adequately meet even the Methodist needs of the millions on the banks of the Thames, but it will give large centers of great work.—Michigan Advocate.

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MRS. J. T. HUCKABA.
Tecumseh, Ok., Jan. 8, '96.

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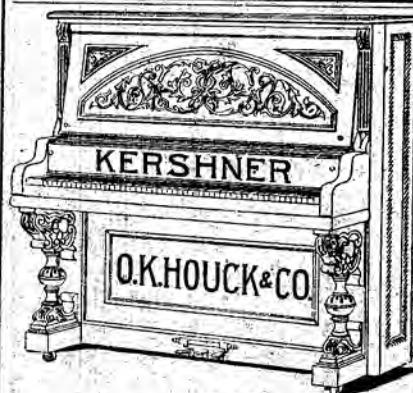
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For the Young People.

Baby Gone To School.

The baby has gone to school; ah, me!
What will mother do,
With never a button or pin,
Or tie of a little shoe?
How can she keep herself busy all day,
With the little "hindering thing" away?
Another basket to fill with lunch,
Another "good-bye" to say,
And the mother stands at the door to see
Her baby march away,
And turns with a sigh that is half relief
And half a something akin to grief.
She thinks of a possible future morn
When the children, one by one,
Will go from their home out into the
world,
To battle with life alone,
And not even the baby be left to cheer
The desolate home of that future year.

She picks up garments here and there,
Thrown hither in careless haste,
And tries to think how it would seem
If nothing were displaced,
If the house were always still as this,
How could she bear the loneliness?

—Author Unknown.

A Chinese Legend About Tea.

There is a strange Chinese legend concerning the tea-plant. According to the story, there once lived a very pious hermit who passed the greater part of his time in prayer and vigils. He was, however, unable to keep awake as long as he wished, and often found his eyes closing while he was in the very midst of his devotions. This naturally annoyed him, and one day in a fit of wrath against the weakness of the flesh, which he seemed unable to overcome, he cut off the offending eyelids, and cast them upon the ground. But this action had been observed by a god, who immediately caused a tea-shrub to spring up from the spot where the eyelids had fallen. It is in reference to this, according to the legend, that the leaves of the tea-plant are shaped like eyelids fringed with lashes, and possess the power of warding off sleep.—Southern Christian Advocate.

Alaska.

What is it? A great territory in the extreme northwest of North America, purchased by the United States in 1867 from Russia, paying between seven and eight million dollars for it. When we studied geography in the days long gone by, it was known as Russian America.

It runs far up into the northwest Arctic country and reaches within forty miles of Asia, Behring's strait dividing the latter from North America. Its area? Well, you can put the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama inside Alaska, and still have room for a dozen States like Delaware.

Population? Well, not more,

perhaps, than that of New Castle country, and that mostly of half-civilized or semi-barbarous Indians with a sprinkling of adventurous whites along the fisheries and at a few coast towns. At most the whole population would make an average, if equally distributed, of one person to every forty square miles. Climate? One would think only of everlasting winter, but strange to say the winters are mild, and midsummer puts the mercury up to 55. Cereals do not grow there, nor fruits, but meats and fish are in great abundance in some parts. The country's greatest wealth is thought to be, not in its gold, but in its virgin forests, its fish, fur, coal, iron and other commercial minerals. It will be a source of great revenue to the country through all time.—Peninsular Methodist.

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Our Church at Home.

DYER CIRCUIT.

Our revivals commenced at Oak Bower, the second Sunday in August; had a good meeting there—4 professions and 2 accessions. Bros. F. A. and A. H. Lark and Hammonds, my local preachers, did some excellent preaching and altar work.

Next we went to Shiloh, fourth Sunday in August and held ten days; had a glorious time, a holy time, a Pentecost—4 professions and 2 additions; large concourses of people, young and old, greeted us every night. Bros. Hammond and Thrasher did me good service in day meetings.

Next we went to Mountain View and held two weeks; closed last Sunday night one of the best meetings ever held at that place. Deep spirituality prevailed with a large degree of consecration. The church was revived from the very bottom rail to the top, stake and rider thrown in. That man of God, Geo. W. Hill, was with us from Wednesday till Saturday and preached us six soul-stirring sermons, such as George alone can preach. The P. C. was helped by this visit of this gospel hero. After he left we took hold of the preaching, and the church held up our hands by good singing and earnest prayer; 5 conversions; three fathers and a mother were saved by this wonderful salvation.

All of the converts in our meetings got religion in the good old way. "The old time religion is good enough for them." I've got no patience with this new-fangled way of holding up hands, signing cards, etc., and the preacher trying to prove to a penitent that he is saved. Don't misunderstand me, brother, some of them need instruction; but when a man emerges from the Plutonian darkness of sin into the marvelous light and liberty of God's children, that is, when he receives the spirit of adoption and is born of God, he knows it and doesn't have to be told.

We have had a tussle with the Campbellite element, but I know how to handle those fellows. Oh! we had a Holy Ghost time. The whole community is awakened—a revival that will last; no loud shouting and crying, but consecration sealed with silent tears. We need such a revival at all our churches. A lasting, impressive revival of this glorious religion of our blessed Lord.

Bros. Lark and Hammond did good service in this meeting. With such "locals" as I have, and the Lord's power upon us, we don't need any evangelist. Next Sunday we commence at Dyer. Three more meetings to hold.

M. N. WALDRIP, P. C.

Sept. 17.

VANNDALE.

Our meeting at Pleasant Hill resulted in much good. 12 conversions and 9 accessions, with many reclaimed. I think every Christian attending the services was blessed; it was a precious outpouring of the holy spirit.

We come next to Marvin where

we engaged for 12 days and had about 35 conversions and a host renewed. 38 joined the church. Bro. A. H. Woodard, L. E. and Bro. A. W. Grant, L. P. assisted me; they did good preaching and labored efficiently otherwise. I thank God for co-operation in these meetings, it always brings success. Bless the Lord.

H. B. Cox.

OAK GROVE AND HILL SIDE.

Brother Taylor, preaching at Dye's Chapel, has held two very successful revivals—one at Oak Grove, and one at Hill Side. At these two meetings there were 130 conversions and 77 accessions to the church. Four of the converts were from the Catholic Church. There were twelve or more family altars erected as a result of the meetings. We mention this with unusual satisfaction. We never feel that religion is securely planted in any home until daily family prayer is regarded not only as a sacred duty but as one of the highest privileges of life.

BIG BAY MISSION.

Dear Dr. Godbey—Praise the Lord for the privilege of working in the vineyard of the Lord. This writer, in answer to an earnest call for help by Bro. J. M. Williams, P. C. of this mission went to Mosher on the 8th of this month, time and place for the third Quarterly meeting, where there was no organized church, where we found Bro. Williams at work and in great favor with his people. Our beloved P. E. was sick and did not come. We preached, prayed, sang and visited the people for 8 days, which resulted in the conversion of 12 souls, 5 adults, and 10 children baptized in the house, and organized a church with 21 good members, and a goodly number reclaimed. This place is about 40 or 50 miles out from Memphis on the K. C. R. R., the principal business of which is a heading factory, with no whiskey. I never labored with a more kind hospitable people. We closed with "God be with you till we meet again," went 7 miles to Maumell Prairie, with no organization there we preached four nights. Had 2 conversions and organized with 6 good solid members. Bro. Williams is an excellent old time style preacher. He was cut off from his work for more than 2 months by sickness in his family and the overflow. He is a noble young preacher serving a part of his charge the second year, which is his second year in the conference. May the Lord wonderfully bless Bro. Williams and his people, is the prayer of his helper,

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"My former strong constitution was wrecked, and I was a dwindling mass of skin and bones. My blood was thin and I had grown pale and sallow. My lungs were so affected that I thought I was going into consumption. During my illness I had lost thirty pounds in weight. I tried to regain my strength and former good health by trying different medicines and physicians, but nothing seemed to help me. My appetite was gone, and when I ate the food it would not stay on my stomach."

"The only thing my physician said for me to do was to take a change of climate, and on his advice I came here. At first I seemed benefited, but to my sorrow it proved to be only temporary, and in a few months I was in my former condition. The color had left my cheeks, I had no energy, and life was a misery. I had become a burden to myself and family. Finally I happened to read in a newspaper of how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had effected a miraculous cure with the

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Notes of Our Work.

It has been nearly four months since the annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Arkansas Conference at Van Buren, Ark.

It was the 16th session, and bore the usual characteristics of an annual survey of the whole work; but the stimulus, intellectual and spiritual, that came to each worker through interchange of thought, was the life essence of the occasion, and, unlike all previous meetings, it was blessed with a spirit peculiarly its own.

The weather was charming during our session, Van Buren hospitality unexcelled, and the delegate attendance good.

Our President, Mrs. O. H. Tucker, was in the chair and presided with her usual tact, and every suggestion of broadening plans or purposes for future work that she thought profitable, found a hearty response in the representatives from the different Auxiliaries.

Various papers were read on various topics, but the growing conviction in the hearts of the women to do more for the cause than ever before was truly comforting. And, later, when the nineteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Board met at Birmingham, Ala., the same spirit was manifested, but expressed in the Minutes is a grand inspiration for the whole Church—the determination to raise \$20,000 for our twentieth anniversary.

As sisters of the Arkansas Conference we are pledged to do our part. Our forty Auxiliaries must be as so many tributaries to swell the grand current that will empty in this "tide of a mighty purpose." Let our part of a constituency of more than 70,000 women work as if the collection or successful issue of the \$20,000 depended on our yearly services and willing sacrifices, and see the result!

Notwithstanding the extreme heat in July, Harrison District held her District Conference at Valley Springs. Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, from Ft. Smith, was in attendance and was given a glad welcome. He preached also at Harrison on his return and his key-note of earnestness in mission work "awoke answering chords" in the hearts of those who heard him.

While on the line of missionary

talks from pastors, I will give for "Editor's column" an extract from a letter received from Mrs. Gertrude Miller, of Ft. Smith, Ark. She writes from Central:

"Bro. Fletcher is helping and encouraging us a great deal. Every third Wednesday in the month, instead of the regular prayer meeting service, Bro. Fletcher gives a talk on missions, especially woman's work."

"Much good has already been accomplished, as some who have hitherto been indifferent seem to think they have obligations resting on them, and I know my own zeal has been quickened."

If more of our pastors would follow Bro. Fletcher's example, it would insure to their respective pews "a breadth of outlook upon the world as a field" and be ennobling to their conceptions of Christianity.

Mrs. O. H. Tucker organized a Juvenile Society at Valley Springs during the District Conference. Since that time the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mag Kerr, writes: "We have organized at Valley Springs, and have eight members enrolled. Besides our dues we have one dollar on collection. We hope to succeed in doing good!"

Mrs. S. M. Wilson, of Yellville, writes briefly of the Woman's Auxiliary, but says: "The Juvenile Society numbers twenty-five and is a very zealous, earnest working band. The children have their assessment fund paid already."

God bless the children. What potent agencies they are and will be in winning the world for Christ. "Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

With Harrison Auxiliary there is an increase of zeal, manifested in a steady forward movement all year.

At our last meeting we had three new members, and the extra demand for the Woman's Advocate is evidence of a growing desire for missionary information.

As an instructive feature of our monthly meetings, Mrs. Rosson, our President, requires the committee on program to give short sketches of the lives and works of our missionaries (writers' selection) in foreign fields.

This is a timely requirement and other Auxiliaries will find it a direct medium for information, besides exciting interest within and without the Societies.

Of Harrison's Juveniles I will write later, when I hope to tell they are outrunning their elders. Yours for the cause of missions,

JOSEPHINE B. CRUMP.

Harrison, Sept. 22.

Our Convention at Knoxville.

The fifth annual convention of W. P. and H. M. S. of the M. E. Church, South, will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, 1897. Reduced rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan have been granted by the Southeastern Passenger Association, and by other Associations beyond the Mississippi (including Texas), provided there are in attendance one hundred or more

delegates and visitors holding certificates. That the influence of this convention may be as far-reaching as possible and that the delegation be large enough to secure the reduction of rates, it is hoped that every conference will be represented.

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MRS. J. C. MANESS,
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Pray With Us.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society will hold a Week of Prayer from Oct. 14 to 18, for the evangelization of our own land—that the Spirit may, in high places and in the lowest, move upon the hearts of the people to recognize the majesty and power of Almighty God and acknowledge the Prince of Peace as the Ruler of this land—that the power of the saloon and gambling den may be broken and that social purity may become the rule in all classes.

We appeal to those only who believe in the power of united prayer but those we earnestly entreat to unite with us in this service. No one can fail to see how corruption, disbelief and manifold evils of all kinds prevail in this Christian (?) land of ours. The most careless reader must know that the foul flood of evil flowing from the land into all nations vastly excels the small, pearly stream that, through our missionary efforts, carries the pure, saving truth of Christ to heathen lands. The power of God is with the pure stream and will magnify the blessings it carries. Its precious waters shall cause the desert to blossom as the rose; but O God, forgive us for the great rush of evil going from our land to bear into eternal ruin millions who might have received from us only good if we, Christ's followers here, had not been careless of the increase of sin on every side of us and in our own homes.

I have small sympathy with the boasted optimist that would ignore these facts, still less with the pessimist who is overpowered by them and his spiritual energy and faith are so paralyzed that he forgets our God is mighty to save. No, let us look the facts squarely in the face, and, with hopeful confidence in the power of our God, put forth in prayer the simple faith that moves mountains, and give unreservedly our full force to God to be used as His agency to accomplish our prayer; for the last is what is needed.

The great heart of God is grieved

for the evil of the land, and more for the failure of his people to put themselves at his service to reach those who have shut their hearts to the approaches of the Holy Spirit. Unite with us in this prayer service, we ask in Christ's name. To those who are pastors we appeal especially for united effort in prayer. We beg that they will call together the women of their congregations at the appointed time and lead them in this service where they are not already preparing for it. If it should be so that you can not hold the week of prayer at the time appointed, set another time; but let your prayers ascend in earnest, sincere faith to the throne of the Almighty Father for our own country.

Those who have not the programs and subjects arranged for the week of prayer can find them in the October number of Our Homes, which we shall be glad to send to all who will write in time for it.

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Our Church at Home.

CLARK CIRCUIT.

When the appointments were read out at our last conference, I was assigned to this circuit and we got here about the time the coldest weather put in its appearance; we found the Church in about the same condition as the weather, and in addition to the drawbacks incident to cold weather, the measles put in an appearance and kept a great many from attending church. This epidemic began about the first of January and lasted until July, and I, being a stranger among this people, was sometime getting acquainted. Since I began my protracted meetings we are better acquainted.

I have held five protracted meetings and one camp-meeting, and everything has moved on very nicely, and with fairly good results. Up to date we have had about twenty conversions and twenty-eight accessions to the church, and the spiritual interest of the church is much improved. We have one more protracted meeting to hold.

Up to the first of July the crops looked very promising, but hot south winds set in and so damaged the crops that there will not be much over a half crop harvested, and as a result the finances will be very short. Two short crops in succession work a hardship on all financial interests of the church and everybody. We have had but little rain since March.

The most of our people are loyal to the church and I find some of the best people here that it has ever been my good fortune to serve.

We wish to express our thanks to all the dear brethren who so kindly aided us in all our meetings: Bros. Jewell, H. H. Watson, Davis, Hill, Winfield, Foster, Tarver Hawley and Pennington—may heaven's richest blessings rest on each of them and their loved ones.

J. R. SHERWOOD.

Hollywood, Sept. 8.

ADA, ARK.

Our revival season is over. Our meeting at Oppola resulted in 10 or 12 conversions and reclamations and 8 accessions, 2 by letter.

From here we went to Mulberry for a week; had no conversions. Thence to Cave—a week's hard work, and 3 or 4 conversions, 2 accessions, one from the Campbellite Church. Thence to Liberty for a week; the church revived, 8 or 10 conversions, 6 accessions, two by letter from the Old School Presbyterians. Thence to Ada, making a long, strong pull for fifteen days with the M. E. Church people and Baptist people and their pastors, and had the most sweeping revival that I was ever in. The meeting began with the M. E. Quarterly Conference. Their presiding elder preached us two sermons with power, after which we 2x4 preachers hitched up with the laity and pulled like true yokefellows. The results of this meeting were 71 conversions, 30 accessions to our Church, 10 to the Presbyterian, 4 to the Baptist, 3 to the M. E.; 56 joined the four churches, and others to follow. Town and community

were thoroughly revived. I hope to get the METHODIST into some of these homes.

We are now at Center Ridge with the tent. Other meetings wanted, but cannot reach them this year. Must return to our own work and get ready for our Annual Conference.

I have now the good news that Bro. J. J. Lipscomb, a local brother, has held a meeting at Oppola, with 24 conversions and the meeting still going.

HUGH REVELY, P. C.

ASH FLAT.

My round of protracted meetings on this circuit resulted in 55 conversions and reclamations and 25 new family altars erected.

We commenced on the fourth Sunday in July, at Pleasant Hill, and had 5 conversions. Then to Liberty Hill—6 conversions.

Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held at Ash Flat, embracing first Sunday in September. Our beloved presiding elder was with us until Thursday afternoon, preaching to the delight of all and working in the altar in his earnest way. He is in great favor with my people. Also, we had Bro. Smith, of the Free Will Baptist Church, with us a few days, and Bro. W. E. Bishop of LaCrosse circuit, with whose preaching my people were delighted; he also helped me several days at Liberty Hill, and Bros. George Rogers, D. D. Spurlock and J. D. Kelley, local preachers, did good work in my meetings. Had 28 conversions at Ash Flat. I have never seen so deep a work of grace as on this circuit this year. The whole Church has gotten upon a higher plane of divine life and they have promised to do more for the cause of Christ than ever before. We had 36 accessions to the church and others will unite.

When I came to the work religion was at a low ebb; there were only two men in Ash Flat who would pray in public, and now there are at least a dozen men and women who will lead in prayer, and the whole circuit is in better shape than when I came. I hope my successor will have an easier time than I have had. I have never preached to a more liberal people and I trust they may get a better preacher than they have ever had. God bless them. They are poor people generally, but they are good and would divide their last morsel with their preacher. They have given us plenty to eat, and it matters not where our lot may be cast another year, they have a warm place in our hearts and we expect to meet many of them in the sweet bye-and-bye.

S. W. REGISTER.

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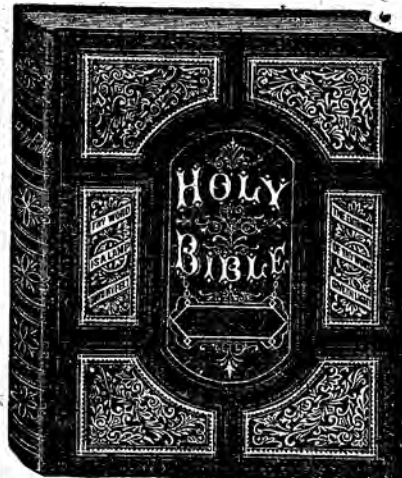
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At Rest.

We publish in this department obituaries of our Church members sent us by the preachers. We cannot publish resolutions of Sunday-schools, or Epworth Leagues or Missionary Societies in honor of deceased members. We also require all obituaries to be short.

WEEKS:—Cordelia A. Weeks, (nee Teaseric) was born September 13, 1875, and died August 30, 1897, being 21 years, 11 months, 17 days old. Was married to E. T. Weeks, September 1892. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, August 15, 1888, being converted when only a child of 13 years. She gave her short life to the service of the Lord. I was with her a few hours before her death. I never have witnessed such submission, such faith. She was perfectly rational to the last. Said she was just waiting for the good Lord to take her to heaven. She hated to leave her mother and young husband and precious babe. She called all her relatives to the bed-side, asked them to meet her in heaven. In her last illness she was very patient in her affliction ever being mindful of the comfort of her friends and relatives. The last 48 hours of her life was spent talking of heaven that blissful home above to which she was shortly going telling friends and relatives to live right and meet her there. She had no fear of death and met it in the faith and humility that characterizes all true followers of Christ. To the sorrowing mother, husband, brothers and many friends look through your blinding tears of affliction into the promises of God. I am the resurrection and the life he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Sister Cordie is not dead but gone to live with the angels and as she exhorted you live as she did and then you can meet her in that beautiful home of the soul. "Oh how sweet it will be in that beautiful land so free from all sorrow and pain with songs on our lips and harps in our hands to meet one another again."

R. F. EMERSON.

GRAY:—Mary E. wife of J. P. Gray was born in Shelby county, Tennessee, June 24, 1849, and departed this life August 29, 1897. Sister Gray embraced Christ at an early age and soon after joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a faithful member and exemplary Christian until death. February 5, 1868 she was married to J. P. Gray, to whom she was a devoted wife and loving companion. She was a mother of seven children, two of whom preceded her to their heavenly home and five remain to cheer and comfort their father in the earthly home. Sister Gray suffered long but she bore it patiently, ever mindful of the fact that these "light afflictions, which are but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." She loved her Church and its members and was ever ready to welcome the preachers in her home. Glory be to her precious Savior's name, she died "in the faith" and in triumphs of glory. Some of her last words were "I am going home." To the lonely husband and sorrowful children we would say, your precious wife and darling mother is not gone forever.

W. P. TALKINGTON.

KEY:—Dorsie, only daughter of R. A. and Sallie (Owens) Key, born at Holly Springs, Ark., October 13, 1886, departed this life August 26, 1897.

Whereas, it pleased God to remove by death—after a short illness our little friend and Sabbath-school pupil.

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to this very sad dispensation of our Father, and know "He is just."

Resolved, That our Sabbath-school and Church have lost an earnest member—the parents a dutiful daughter, the brothers a loving sister. Each have the heartfelt sympathy of this community in their irreparable loss. May they find solace for their grief in the sweet and comforting thought that "Earth hath

no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." Resolved, That a copy of this tribute be furnished the family, also furnished the ARKANSAS METHODIST and the Princetonian for publication and spread upon the minutes of our Sunday-school record,

S. S. Com. { MRS. W. H. FOLDEN,
MRS. S. A. DRAKE,
MISS BESSIE WILLIAMS.
Holly Springs, Ark., Sept. 3.

JONES:—Mrs. Sarah Jones, wife of J. C. Jones and daughter of Ezra Casteel, was born in St. Francis county, Ark., and died in the triumphs of the Christian faith, near Summer's Mill in Texas, on the 16th of July A. D. 1897.

W. R. KNOWLTON.

GRANT:—Gertrude Grant, daughter of J. T. and Mary Grant was born June 5, 1890, died August 18, 1895. Age four years, two months and eighteen days.

Johnnie Herman Grant, son of J. T. and Mary Grant was born July 23, 1895, died September 4, 1897. Age two years two months and fourteen days. From a worldly stand point it is sad, O so sad to see these tender buds of human life "nipped by the frosts untimely blast." But when we look around and consider the manifold sorrows, and the bitter disappointments and remember that they have only been transplanted by the loving hand of God from these low grounds of sorrow, sin, pain and death to the far off fields of everlasting life. We say weep not mother tears of sorrow but let your tears, be tears of joy.

A. H. WOODARD.

Vanndale, Ark., Sept. 9.

CLAYTON:—Mrs. M. P. Clayton was born near Camden, Ark., in 1844, and was the daughter of J. H. and Elizabeth Pearce. In 1870 she was married to J. H. Abbott, and went to live in Sevier county, Arkansas, where she resided until 1877 when her husband died. On the 26th of Feb. 1882. She was married to J. W. Clayton, who lived about one year. Since his death she has resided in and near Texarkana. She was the mother of three children by her first husband, Adella, Samuel, and Jonnie, and of two by her last husband Walter and Mattie. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, South, for many years previous to her death, which occurred June 20, 1897, after a long and painful illness.

JOHN A. BEAGLE.

BRADLEY:—Elax Bradley, one of the leading Christians in the Church of "God" met with a fatal accident on last Monday at the Winingham saw mill near Culppeper. The saw was running and Bro. Bradley was standing near by when the saw caught a scantling and sending it in the temple of Bro. Bradley's head it instantly killing him. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn the loss of father, and also a host of friends and brothers and sisters. May the Lord comfort his companion and dear children.

J. R. MERRYMAN.

Culppeper, Ark., Sept. 6.

HEAD:—Ila, daughter of E. T. and Sue Head was born October 30, 1894, and died August 15, 1897. She was a sweet loving little girl always wishing to help mamma, ever ready to meet papa at the door with a kiss and so kind to little sister. But God has taken her away. While we miss her so much we are enabled to say: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." She is a sweet little angel now. Let us all live so we can meet her in heaven in the sincere prayer of her grandmama.

MRS. N. T. HEAD.

Holly Springs, Ark., Sept. 1.

CLIFTON:—Miss Carrie Clifton, daughter of M. A. and M. J. Clifton, was born Sept. 13, 1874, died in Pope county, Ark., June 21, 1897. Carrie gave her heart to God, and her life to his service in the M. E. Church, South, when but a child, and lived a consistent active member to the day of her death. O what a consolation it is to have an unworried minded Christian child. Death came to Carrie rather sudden and unexpected. She was able to walk about in the house two days before she died, no one thinking of her dying. Although she left no verbal testimony touching her future happiness, yet her consistent

Christian life is a sufficient guarantee that she was ready, and has gone to her reward. Carrie was a recognized leader in the community when it came to singing, Sunday-school work, or any charitable or benevolent enterprise that might be set on foot for the interest of the Church, and the betterment of society. She was loving and dutiful to her parents, affectionate and unselfish to her brother, sister and associates. Bereaved ones, you have an additional incentive to live for God and heaven. Carry will be waiting and watching for your coming. May we all meet her there.

S. S. KEY.

GIBSON:—Little Ida, daughter of Rev. and Sister W. W. Gibson was born March 27, 1891, and fell asleep in Jesus July 16, 1897. Little Ida was sick only a few hours dying very unexpectedly with a congestive chill. Her father as pastor of Indian Camp circuit, White River Conference was attending the Batesville District Conference, when the sad news came that his first born child was dead. What a sad going home. But thank God, "It is not all of death to die." "It is well with the child." Little Ida was a sweet, kind and gentle child, very obedient and a great help to her mama, the writer dedicated her to the Lord, by baptizing her when but a little babe. The last time we saw her alive was at her papa's second Quarterly Conference, where her sweet open countenance was all aglow as the Christians rejoiced. At the third Quarterly Conference it was my sad duty to preach her funeral.

JOSEPH S. BROOKE.

DOUTHET:—Again our community has been called to mourn the death of another sweet little child. Little Alice was only five and a half years old, but was the idol of the home. She was the only child and was so loving and tender and obedient that she gained the affection of those who knew her. The circle at home is broken, the vacant place here will remain vacant on earth but she fills her place in heaven. Parents, your loved one is there. She waits for you. Let the broken heart strings here be united up there. Bro. Moore preached her funeral and laid her away to wait till we all arise to meet the Lord in the air. Farewell sweet little child we will meet you again.

R. W. MCKAY.

Stephens, Ark. Sept. 20.

HONEYCUTT:—Charles Wesley Honeycutt was born April 17, 1847, in Chickasaw county, Miss., united in holy wedlock Dec. 31, 1868, to Miss Mary Wilhite, to whom God gave ten children of which eight are living, two the Saviour has taken away. Bro. Honeycutt was converted September 1874 at Townsville campmeeting Louisiana. Moved with his family over two years ago to Milam county, Texas, where he lived until Sept 3, 1897, when God said come up higher. He bore his suffering as a noble Christian never complaining. A while before he passed away when asked how he was his reply would be I am just waiting for Jesus. Loved ones weep not as those who have no hope. Just remember if you are faithful to God you will soon meet husband and father again where parting is no more. We preached his funeral Sept. 4, to a large congregation at Lebanon Church, afterward laid his body away in Lebanon cemetery to await the resurrection. A friend,

GEORGE C. CRAVY.

KEY:—Dorsie, only daughter of R. A. and Sallie Key was born Oct. 13, 1886, and departed this life August 26, 1897. Dorsie was only sick a few days and her sudden death was quite a shock to her parents and brothers, but they have the consolation that she was prepared when the summons came to go out and meet the bride-groom with her lamp trimmed and burning, and enter with him into the marriage feast. She is safely housed in the city of God. She professed religion about a year before her death, and was received into the M. E. Church, South, by the writer. She attended preaching two or three nights before her death, singing as she went cheerily, and with a glad joyous heart the songs of Zion. No doubt she

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E. L. BEARD.

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