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One Day.

Will not all the preachers of the three patronizing Conferences in Arkansas give one day before New Year to canvassing for new subscribers to the ARKANSAS METHODIST? We do not doubt that in one day a thousand new names of paid up subscribers can be secured An average of three from each preacher will do it. Give one day to your church paper.

News and Notes.

The Joint Committee on federation of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, will meet in Washington City, January 11. Dr. J. H. Dye is one of the committee from our church.

The report of the Indian Industrial school at Carlisle, Pa., for the past year, shows an attendance of 762 pupils, representing sixty-six different tribes. Of these pupils 425 were males, 337 females. These Indians, with a savage ancestry running back through the ages, are found to be as competent in the shop, and as proficient in their studies as the children of our most enlightened citizens. We note also that in Australia the children of the aborigines—than whom there is not a race more degraded—have borne off the prizes in competition with the English settlers in the public schools. These are facts which do not comport with certain evolution theories popular in our day.

Secretary Gage reports the treasury deficit of the past fiscal year at $18,052,454. He estimates that for the current year the deficit will be 28,000,000, and for 1899, $21,647,885. This estimate calculates upon considerably increased income but also increased expenditure during this and next year. With the immense debt which the government is carrying, an increase of the debt will be regarded by the people as a serious matter, and they will not feel that the financial management of the government is wise in such a case. The more our national debt is increased the more power is given to great capitalist to control the government affairs, and the greater will be the discontent of the common people. Of the treasnry deficit $11,411,779 comes from the post office department, and this, it is said, is largely due to the abuse of the law respecting the carriage of second-class mail matter—a rate of 1 cent a pound, intended to apply to newspapers, magazines, and quarterlies but which has been made to serve the purpose of many book publishers, who send out serriel libraries in paper bindings as second-class mail matter.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Long, calls attention to our need of more, and more commodious docks. We have now eleven dry docks, only three of which—those at Puget Sound, Brooklyn and Port Royal—are large enough to receive a large-sized battle-ship. The board of naval officers, appointed last August to investigate our dock facilities, reported in favor of adding ten new docks, at a cost of $11,075,000, but if all these can not be built promptly, it is urged, especially, that the existing docks be enlarged and new ones built at Portsmouth, Boston and Mare Island. A steel floating dock at Algiers, opposite New Orleans, and possibly two on the Atlantic coast. The secretary of the Navy commends this report.

Germany's claim for indemnity from China for the murder of missionaries and the destruction of mission property in the recent Shawtung riots being disregarded, that government took summary measures to enforce her claims by taking possession of Kiao-Chu bay. Later the German soldiers marched 15 miles inland and captured the city of Kiao-Chu. Now the Chinese are ready to grant, unconditionally, all that Germany claims. She will execute the murderers of the German missionaries, degrade the implicated officials, rebuild the mission houses, and pay a million taels indemnity, including cost of the occupation of Kiao-Chu bay, and will assign the bay to the use of the Germans. The question now is whether England and Russia will remain quiet should Germany undertake to hold permanent possession on the coast of China. Late advices state that Russia will make the action of Germany an excuse for occupying Port Arthur. It is not improbable that the two powers are in agreement, each to furnish the other ground for permanent occupancy of the ports now respectively in their possession.

Dr. Hirsch says: "The Jews did not crucify Jesus." Truly, the Jews had no power, at that time, to put any one to death, as they testified to Pilot. Jesus was crucified by order of the Roman governor. But the same authority upon which this fact is accepted declares that his death was brought about by the malice and machinations of the Jewish rulers. All believers in Christ and the New Testament have seen in the long dispersion of the Jews the fulfillment of Jesus words.

"O Jerusalem, Jersualem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that were sent unto thee; how oft would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but you would not. Behold now is your house left unto you desolate, and verily I say unto you that you shall not see me from hence forth until you shall say; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

On Black Mountain, near Mojave, California, ruins have been discovered of an ancient city of sun-worshipers, similiar to those found near Florence, Arizona. The ruins are on two plateaus, one higher than the other, and an area of about sixty-five acres. The houses are of stone, circular in shape, the doors all facing east; they are roofless. Near the centre of the area is a bowlder with a flat top and a circle carved upon it. There are massive stone walls, laid with mathematical precision, dividing the surface into parallelograms. Hieroglyphics similiar to those found in Arizona are carved on the sides of Black Mountain. Our antiquarian societies will find here new material for study.—Zion's Herald.

Taking Charge.

On taking charge of a church the pastor should assume that the members are fully in sympathy with every true interest of the church and as desirous to promote those interests as he. With this feeling he will not assume charge of his work in a dictatorial or self-confident manner. He will claim only to be a brother among breth ren, ready, alike. to hear or to give counsel, and always to recognize that every one who is truly the Lord's servant may teach him somewhat in spiritual things.

The preacher will feel called upon—as his whole time is to be given to that work—to be far in advance of his congregation in general knowledge of God's word and its teachings and the practical applications of divine truth is daily life. He is without excuse if he is not superior to the laity in this regard. The people have the same right to demand this superiority in the prercher, that they have to demand that the physician be superior to themselves in the knowledge or medicine. A preacher, therefore, who is not studeous is unfaithful to duty, and unfit for his work, and must answer before God for having dealt ligthly with the high calling which God has laid upon him.

But a physician does not succeed simply by gathering knowledge from the books. He may thus become a good physician theoretically, and may write admirable theses on diseases and their cure, but he cures no one. The preacher must not be a student just for his own enjoyment in gathering knowledge. He must study the divine truth in sight of the world's sin and woe. He must lead his flock, not simply in the knowledge of divine truth, but in the exemplification of it, and he must be to others a constant minister of good. The preacher should be the most honored and the most loved man in the community. not for the sake of his calling, but for what he is in character and life and helpfulness to his fellowmen.

Contributed.

China Moves.

Much has been written about China, its population, its resources, its possibilities and the difficulties of the work. But seldom has the situation in that great empire been more clearly presented than by the secretary of the World's Christian Student Federation, who says it "has not only the greatest, but the most vigorous unreached masses of people in the world. Notwithstanding all that has been said of China, no people have impressed us as having such strength. The more we reflect on the strong traits of this people, the more we are impressed with what Napoleon said, "When China is moved it will change the face of the globe."

China is moving! Let us do our part to make the change what it should be.

Rev. W. B. Nance, who is associated with Brother Hearn, formerly of Arkansas, gives an insight into the work at Soochow.

"I suppose others have written you reports from the Conference, but I have been wanting to tell you that to me it was a time of refreshing. The sermons were harmonious, and the discussions relative to the Jubilee aroused an interest almost amounting to enthusiasm. I have just tonight had an intimation of what some of the natives propose to do towards celebrating the great event next year. Tsa Seh Tz, our native pastor, has asked that he be allowed to depend entirely on what the native members will pay, and that what the foreign members contribute be devoted to some other object, not connected with the Tien Sz Tsong Church. In other words, he insists on making this church entirely self-supporting, and the stewards support him in this. He says he is willing to suffer, if need be, for the good of the Church, and this spirit is already bearing fruit.

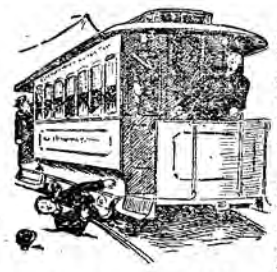
As you know, Sz Ts Kia was sent to Nanzing. We hope and pray that this may be the beginning of a new era. He is a man of such experience, and seems so to appreciate the opportunity opened before him that there should be quite a step forward there this year. Bro. Hearn will do fine work as presiding elder, but he has about two men's work—entirely too much. Yet we hope it will be good for his health to go round the district as much as possible while the good weather lasts. I shall help as much as I can in the work here at the school and church.

Bro. Anderson's work at Kong Hong grows in promise all the time. He feels there is need of a young man with tact, education and consecration, who can come into close touch with these Chinese students. They are picked young men—not from the highest official nor from the lowest class, but belonging to the well-to-do-class of independent families. He has a Sunday-school in English for them, which is attended by about thirty, I believe. The best part of it is, that not only are they learning the gospel story and Christian songs in English, but these very young men, who, two years ago, would never have been seen near a Christian Church or chapel, now stay through the preaching service, paying respectful attention, and even come back in the afternoon to the Chinese Sunday-school. Surely we may hope for a harvest there ere long.

Pray for me in this, my first charge, that I may be enabled at all times to glorify the name of Him who alone can save these people. God has been very good to me since I have been in China. He has blessed me with especial fullness during the past few months. Beginning with the visit to Japan, in July and August, I have been steadily getting on higher ground. Now that I am really beginning to get my hands into the work for which there have been so many years of toilsome preparation, there comes to me at times an unutterable joy, that can only overflow in praise.

At Conference Cline, Collyer, Pilley and I had a little covenant prayer together, that God would especially lead us in these years when we are laying the foundations for the years to come. We were drawn very close together, and feel we are receiving the answer already. It has been a great source of strength to me from time to time to hear of people praying for me, who, I thought had forgotten me. How I long to know all the depths of the prayer-life."

W. R. LAMBUTH.



The other day a New Yorker started across Broadway. He was in the heyday of ambitious, vigorous youth. A puff of wind blew an insignificant, almost invisible atom of dust in one of his eyes. It blinded him. He clasped his hands over his eyes and staggered on, only to be run down and killed by a cable car. That man's death was due to an insignificant trifle, an atom of dust that was barely visible under the microscope. It is thus with health. Men find that they are suffering from a trifling disorder of the digestion. It doesn't amount to anything, they think, and time is precious. They don't stop to correct it, but stagger blindly on and are run down in the heyday of ambitious youth by death.

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Twenty Years Ago.

Twenty years ago, last week, the Little Rock conference convened in Monticello, Arkansas. I rode on horse back from Bright Star, Miller County, by way of Sulphur river and Dooley's ferry on Red river to the meeting of conference, distance over one hundred and fifty miles. The river and creek bottoms were covered with water, and as it was cold the bottoms were full of ice. Where it had not been broke ahead of me my horse had to break it before he could advance. A very unpleasant trip, but a very pleasant session of conference in the main. Chas. T. Evans. Cadesman Pope, G. W. Mathews, the laughing preacher, and the writer occupied the same room at the elegant and hospitable home of Walter Jeter. Bishop Kavanaugh presided and Samuel G. Colburn was secretary. The writer was on trial then, and was examined with J. R. Carson, J. J. Jenkins, T. P. Minor and others, by John H. Riggin. I remember some of the preaching. Bro. Pope preached from Psalm x. c. 17. James Atkins preached from 1 Pet. 1: x 1. L. B. Hawley from: "But the time of this ignorance God winked at etc." Charles T. Evans preached from Luke 18-17. Bishop Marvin died at St. Louis during the session (Nov. 26) and Bishop Kavanaugh preached a memorial sermon from the words: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Did you ever witness a stampede at conference? I did at Monticello. On Sunday, just after the bishop had begun to preach, the fire was heating the church stove pretty well, when the pipe began to rattle gently where it entered the flue, and an old lady looking up through her spectacles, asked in an undertone: "Is the ceiling on fire?" Then some one else repeated: "The church is on fire," and the false report spread like fire. The church was crowded and in a moment it seemed that every one was up, and in somebody's way. In rushing for the doors they pushed each other down, and some of the weaker were trampled under foot. Some made their exit by the back door near the pulpit, while others battered their heads against the windows like birds in a cage, and smashed the sash and lights and fell promiscuously on the ground outside. During all this confusion, Cadesman Pope, tall as he is, sprang upon a bench and roared out: "There is nothing wrong. The church is not on fire!" Had Bro. Pope been in the pulpit preaching when all was quiet, I have no doubt, he would have had a respeciful hearing, but his speech in this excitement did not have the weight of a feather. All this time the bishop stood with his arms akimbo, and when order was restored, and the auditors had returned to their seats, he said: "I never was scared in my life without seeing something to be scared at."

I was re-appointed to Bright Star, and traveled in all twelve consecutive years in the Little Rock conference. Am just finishing up now ten years in this (La.) conference. Twenty-two years in all, spent in moving, praying and preaching. For what? To obey an unseen power, which said, "go," and to alleviate that woe which is crying, and "burning like fire in my heart, shut up in my bones." Any results? Any fruit? So far as I can see there has been but little fruit compared with the labors of many others. A few hundred bright professions of faith at the "mourner's bench," and about an equal number of accessions to the church. Just how much good has been accomplished the Lord only knows. The Lord seeth and knoweth all things, and He knows that His servant has been in earnest. My soul is happy beyond expression, and there is a little heaven in my study day by day. God bless you! H. ARMSTRONG.

Opelousus, La.

Fort Smith Items.

BY REV. P. C. FLETCHER.

Rev. D. J. Weems, who retired from the Fort Smith district, after serving it efficiently for three years, had enshrined himself in the hearts of my who will even follow him with their love and prayers. It is refreshing to come in contact with a man of so charitable a spirit.

Rev. Stonewall Anderson, the newly appointed presiding elder of the Fort Smith district, has entered vigorously upon the discharge of his responsibe duties. He is warmly welcomed by his many friends here who learned to love him when he was pastor of the Central church.

Ren. O. E. Goddard, the new pastor of the First Church, has arrived and is busy looking after the various interests of his change. Southern Methodism in Ft. Smith gives him a hearty welcome, and bids him God-speeed in his labor of love.

The members of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the Fort Smith circuit are rejoicing over the return of Rev. J. H. O. Bryant for the third year. He has rendered that charge excellent service and has buried himself deep in the hearts of his people.

This writer was very kindly received upon his return to the pastorate of the Central Church for the third term. He could never wish to serve a more pleasant and appreciative people.

The footprints of Rev. F. S. H. Johnson will long linger upon Ft. Smith soil. He did a faithful four year's work.

Rev. M. N. Waldrip, of the Huntington and Jenny Lind charge, spent the night with this writer not long since. He is well pleased with his new field and says the good people of Huntington gave him and his a cordial reception.

During the long and seious ilness of this writers' wife, occasioned by an almost fatal accident caused by a runaway horse, the members of Central Church and hundreds of others in this city lavished upon us many and great kindnesses, for which our hearts are full to overflowing with gratitude and thankfulness. My wife has only partially recoved the use of her paralyzed members.

Many in this city who knew, loved and honored the late Rev. V. V. Harlan, wept tears of profound sorrow when they learned of his sad death. To this writer he was as dear, almost, as a father. It was through him that I came to Arkansas.

Rev. J. B. Stevenson, of Van Buren, occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist a few Sundays ago, in the absence of Bro. Goddard, who was detained at the Little Rock conference. He is snrrounded by a host of friends when in Fort Smith.

Methodism in Fort Smith may be said to be decidedly on the upgrade. The new conference year begins with favorable prospects. Many of God's "elect" dwell here, upon whose hearts the interests of His kingdom rest.

Kentucky Letter.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Allow me to say to our friends that we are now settled again in a Kentucky parsonage. We have been on the go so long we are thankful to be at home again.

When I left Van Buren, Ark., September 20th, I had no idea it would be November 15 before we would get settled down.

My wife spent a few days with her sister in Nashville, then came on to her uncle at Dawson Springs, and drank that wonderful water a few weeks and has greatly improved. The change has been a great help to me, as I have gained about fifteen pounds.

We shall remember the kindness shown us by some of the preachers and people. At Atkins, Van Buren and Dardanelle, where we preached we think of and pray for many, and here we ask you to pray for us.

We will never forget the Arkansas preachers, Hill, George W., Stevenson, Matthews, Sherman, Summers, Johnston, Few, Craig, Umsted, Weems, Campbell, Goddard, Martin, Villines, and a host of others not mentioned here.

Rev. V. V. Harlan has gone to the conference in the skies. Our little 4-year-old was at mother's knee praying, and in his prayer he prayed for Bro. Harlan, and mother said, "Son, Bro. Harlan is dead." The little fellow said, "Mother, Bro. Harlan has wings now, hasn't he?" God bless and comfort Sister Harlan.

As I think about my two years in the Arkansas Conference, I feel like saying I never had two truer men for presiding elders than P. B. Summers and V. V. Harlan. Brother Summers was peculiarly tested, but like a true hero he stood by the new "transfer" without wavering.

Never will I forget the kindness shown me by Wm. Sherman and B. C. Matthews. They were not afraid of a "new comer" or Wesleyan sanctification.

My brethren gave me a hearty welcome to my old conference, and it did me good to hear them say, "Sam, we missed you." One presiding elder said, "Coward, it looks like old times to see you 'wobbling' around here.

Here are some figures of the Louisville Conference: Increase on foreign missions, $268.05; domestic missions, decrease, $618.63; increase, church extension, $185.72; education, decrease, $127.63; presiding elders salary, largest, $2,185.13, smallest, $400, increase, $77; preachers in charge, largest salary, $2,604.17, smallest, $50, decrease $1,214.04, average salary, P. C., $438; collected for conference claimants, $1,867.29; collected for foreign missions, $4,210.29; collected for domestic mission, $1,280.58; collected for church extension, $1,448.65.

We are not at perfection on collection, as all will see from above.

The question of "entire sanctification" that has agitated the people for some years, is still with us, but the brethren understand each other better, and brotherly love prevails. Two "second blessing" men were sent to Louisville. My presiding elder is "an old fashion-John - Wesley - sanctificationist." God bless our beloved Methodism and give us pure love for God and men.

Bye bye, and love to our friends in the west.

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Board of Education—Little Rock Conference.

REPORT NO. 1.—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

This institution of learning is supposed to be owned and controlled by the Little Rock Conference jointly with seven other conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. But no communication of any sort has been received from any representative of the faculty or the Board of Trust. This has happened several times in the past.

At the last session of this conference on recommendation of this Board the following action was taken. "We recommend to the Board of Trust that they inquire into the feasibility of placing the University under the direct care of the general conference, thereby making it connectional."

We understand that such a step is in contemplation, and we think this is an opportune time to make some review of the relation sustained by the University to the Little Rock Conference.

At our session in Little Rock in November, 1871, Dr. R. A. Young, of the Tennessee Conference, came before the committee on education with a proposition that this conference unite with the Tennessee and other conferences in endeavoring to found an institution for the higher education. After a full inquiry and discussion, the committee recommended, and the conference voted to accept the proposal made, and elected four representatives to meet with a like number from the other conferences entering into the compact, and organize themselves into a Board of Trust. These representatives from the Little Rock Conference met in convention with these from other Conferences in the following year, organized, obtained a charter and immediately adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That since the charter leaves the perpetuity of the Board in its own power, we request the several annual conferences cooperating to nominate at least four representatives from each. So soon as this shall be done the present Board will reorganize in such a manner as to secure the election of trustees so nominated, and hereafter when vacancies shall occur they shall be filled by nominations by the several annual conferences and confirmed by the Board."

Subsequently the Board of Trust decided to diminish their numbers so as to include but two members from each of the patronizing conferences, accomplishing this by declining to fill vacancies occurring until the desired reduction should be effected. And they decided at the same time—so it seems—to usurp the privilege of electing the men themselves. And when by the death of Dr. Winfield and Dr. Cole, the trustees of the Little Rock Conference had been reduced to one, the Board of Trust notified the conference that they had elected J. W. Brown to fill the vacancy. This was in 1888, and this action was taken by the Conference:

"Resolved, That we indorse the election of J. W. Brown to represent this conference on its Board of Trust.

That we approve the action of the Board of Trust at its last annual meeting in reference to its perpetuity, provided the charter of the university be so amended that before a party nominated by the Board of Trust shall be authorized to act, his nomination shall be confirmed by the conference within whose limits he lives,"

At the last session of this conference held in Camden, December, 1896, there was this action.

"Whereas, Dr. Kirkland, chancellor, represents that the Board of Trust of the university desires to make it entirely connectional, and to do that they advise that the representation on the Board of Trust of the original eight patronizing conferences be reduced from two to one, and the vacancies thus created be distributed throughout the connection. Resolved, that this conference agree to the reduction from two to one as their terms expire."

Now, after this brief historical review, be it

Resolved 1, That the ownership and control of Vanderbilt University ought to be in the general conference, and to this end we declare our willingness to transfer to that body all rights, title and interest we have in said univereity, if the other patronizing conferences agree to do the same.

2. That until this is accomplished we adhere to our status in the original contract and insist upon our right to nominate to the Board of Trust any man who shall be elected by them to fill the place of any man representing us on the board.

3. That if this right is denied us, we warn our people, that the Board of Trust, by its own action, has deprived the M. E. Church, South, of its control of the University.

J. H. RIGGIN, Chmn,
R R. MOORE, Sec'y.

A PREACHER'S REPORT

Interesting Statement by Elder Joel H. Austin of Goshen, Ind.

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Literary Table.

As the Years Go By.

Some are dreaming, only dreaming
Of a future fair to view,
Planning for the golden morrow
Something great and good to do,
Soldiers they of doubtful valor,
Longing for a phantom fight,
Builders in a realm of fancy,
Airy castles of delight.

Some are doing, bravely doing
Little deeds that come to hand,
Counting nothing small, ignoble.
Kindly looks and thoughts are grand,
And may form some splendid purpose.
Daily tasks with patience done
May win more in the forever,
Than deeds which have earth's glory won.

Some are waiting, only waiting
Till the first faint blush of dawn,
Sheds its beauty o'er the landscape,
Brightens faces loved and gone,
Faces faded out in sadness
Turning all life's joy to pain,
Shall return to them in gladness,
Never to be lost again.

Some are drifting, idly drifting
Down life's rolling stream of time,
Some are sailing brave and steadfast,
With a courage true, sublime,
But though we are dreaming ever
Or are working ceaselessly,
Soon Times ever rolling river
Brings us to the eternal sea.

M. C. ALLIN.

Helena, Ark., Dec. 18, 1897.

Washington Letter.

In these days of more or less great educational projects it may be difficult to arouse public interest in one that originated with George Washington, but nothing is impossible of accomplishment that has the earnest support of such energetic and influential women as those who have banded themselves together under the name of the George Washington Memorial Committee, which organized in this city last April for the purpose of carrying out the idea of George Washington for the establishment of a great National University in Washington, and which is now holding a series of meetings here to agree upon the best method of raising $250,000, to inaugurate the project by the erection of an "Administration Building," to be used by the University of the United States. For many years the Senate has had a select committee on the University of the United States, and a bill for the establishment of the University was this week introduced by Senator Wellington, chairman of the committee, just as a similar bill has been introduced in many preceding congresses. This time the George Washington Memorial Committee intend to see if they cannot push the project further than the introduction of a bill. Owing to the condition of the government finances, it will be difficult to get favorable action from congress upon any bill carrying a new appropriation, but, as I said, nothing is impossible which has the support that this bill has.

More beautiful words are seldom heard or read than those used by Dr. Hamlin over the remaids of the late Gardner Greene Hubbard, who was this week laid to rest in beautiful Rock Creek cemetery. The following is from Dr. Hamlin's opening sentences: "Our Capital city has lost its first citizen in civil life; the world at large and the people have lost a benefactor. Science, philanthrophy, art, discovery, invention, have all been impoverished. Fraternal friendship and brotherly love have lost a noble exemplar. Family life has lost a model example from its midst. We have all suffered a personal loss in the man whose name we gather here today to pay a last sad tribute. His closing words were: "Who of us are not the poorer for his going, but the richer for his having liued with us? Good-night, and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

The average individual who is familiar with official life in Washington would probably say it was not calculated to bring out philanthropic instincts. Yet many officials have opportunities to be true philanthropists, in the broadest sense of the word, and some of them accept those opportunities. Among the latter is Hon. A. P. Greeley, Acting Commissioner of Patents, who personally conducted the investigation that resulted in breaking up the business of unprincipled men who robbed the inventors of the country while acting as their attorneys. That was true philanthrophy. Mr. Greeley is now investigating complaints which have been sent to the Patent Office of swindlers, who call themselves patent attorneys, who obtain money from those whose inventions have been patented in the U. S., under the pretense of obtaining foreign patents and selling them for the inventor, knowing that valid foreign patents cannot be obtained for them and that they cannot sell them. Mr. Greeley's desire is to protect the inventors by driving dishonest men out of the ousiness of soliciting patents, and that desire proves him to be actuated by the spirit of true philanthropy—a desire to benefit his fellows.

The Woman's Baptist Missionary Association, of the District of Columbia, held its quarterly meeting this week at the First Baptist Church. In accordance with the rule alternating meetings between foreign and home missions, this was devoted to the former, including work among foreigners in the United States and Canada. There are fourteen churches represented in the association. Among the interesting addresses was that by Miss M. Bulbaimer, of Baltimore, who has labored among the Germans of that city for four years, and who has recently devoted one day in each week to working among the Germans in Washington; and the illustrated lecture by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, on "Religious Efforts in Alaska." His pictures told how the Alaskans and their surroundings look, and his words told of their condition, mentally and physically, and of the sort of missionary work necessary to attract them.

The Washington Presbyterian Alliance, an organization for the promotion of church fellowship and extention, celebrated its eleventh anniversary by holding a meeting this week at the Western Presbyterian Church. Hon. John W. Foster, president of the alliance, presided, and Dr. Fisks, of Gunton Temple Memorial Church, delivered an able address. The musical programme was especially fine, consisting of the rendering by a large, selected choir of Bucks "Festival Te Deum," Gournods "King of Love," and Buck's "Fear Not Ye, O Israel."

The Keller Memorial Lutheran Church was dedicated last Sunday. Three services were held, all crowded, and the collections to be applied to the church debt were in the neighborhood of $4,000. Among the out-of-town ministers who participated were Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, of Lancaster, Pa., a grandson of Dr. Benjamin Keller, after whom the church is named; Rev. H. H. Weber, of York, Pa., General Secretary of the Board of the Church Extention, and Rev. E. E. Baker, of Dayton, Ohio. The new church, which is quite handsome, is located in the eastern section of the city,

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A Christmas Lesson.

God's Love in the Gift of His Son.

1 JOHN iv. 9-16.

Golden Text: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John iii. 16)

Topical Outline: I. God's gracious gift. (Verses 9-11. II. God in us. (Verses 12-16.)
Time; A. D. 68.
Place: Written from Ephesus.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

God's Love in His Son, 1 John iv. 9-16.
The Prophecy, Isa. ix. 1-7.
Visit of the Magi, Matt. ii. 1-10.
Herod Foiled, Matt. ii. 11-23.
The Word, John i. 1-14.
Message to Shepherds, Luke ii. 8-20.
Simeon's Prophecy, Luke ii. 25-35.
Reference Word, "Saviour."
Lesson Hymn, No. 59.

This is our Christmas lesson. It is certainly very appropriate that we should consider at such a time the great fact of the gift of Christ to our dying world "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." And this is the highest manifestation of love that the universe has ever seen. We may safely assert as much, since, in the nature of the case, it cannot be surpassed. Till Christ came into the world, angels and men had proof of God's power, of his wisdom and his justice; but, while they had evidence of the love he bore them, they had no means of knowing how tender and deep that love is. Christ is the highest testimony ever given on that great subject.

"If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," because this love of God embraces all of our fellow-men, and to decline to love one another is to decline to love those whom he loves that loves us most. We owe it to God to love those who are dear to him. Besides, we can confer no benefit upon God by loving him, or by doing anything for him; the only real way in which it is possible for us to serve him is to love and help our fellowman. It follows, therefore, that you love God just as much as you love your fellowman —so much and no more. "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Now, all who thus love God, shall have an add tional testimony that they dwell in God; namely, the gift of his Spirit—v. 13. We shall have a two-fold testimony that we are the Lord's; a consciousness that we love the brethren; the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. If we were left to rest upon the first alone, we should fall short of certainty. Our conclusion would be as certain as any that we form about any other matter, but this is a matter affecting eternity, and we must have a basis of certainty, and God designed that we should have it when he arranged to combine the direct testimony of the Holy Ghost with the testimony of our own spirit that we are the children of God. Nothing in human experience is so certain.

We have a note of the death of Little Clara Layne, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Layne, Blytheville, a member of the Blytheville Sunday-school. She died November 29. The committee appointed by the school adopted the following resolutions:

1st. That the Blytheville Sunday-school has lost a member highly respected by all who knew her.

2d. That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

3d. That these resolutions be entered on the secretary's book of the Sunday-school, and a copy be furnished the ARANSAS METHODIST for publication.

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Eph. vi. 14-18.

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It is manifest that one, in such a case, has his powers paralyzed. He cannot muster his full strength in the cause or work which he has undertaken.

One must not only have truth around him, on every side as a girdle, but he must have the truth in him. He must love the truth and deem himself successful only as he maintains the truth.

"The breast-plate of righteousness." Right thought, and right conduct, rightness in the sight of God must guard the heart of the God man—as the breast plate protects the very seat of life. The righteousness of the Christian is both imputed and real. As a helpless man, unable to direct his own course, goes to the wise and prudent, saying, "Protect me. Guide me." So does the sinner, renouncing himself, come to Christ. And as any helpless man, though not to be trusted in himself is yet trusted for the sake of the good and true man whom he has covenanted to obey—the goodness and truth of his guide being now available for his protection—so the sinner finds acceptance before God, not for his own sake, but for the righteousness of Christ, whom he has accepted as a Saviour.

But the covenant relation thus established will impart to the one who has formed it the very character of him in whom he trusts, and to that character he will be assimilated more and more. But God does not leave the sinner trusting in Christ to this slow process of assimilation, but by his grace, gives him a new heart, even the heart of a child of God.

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In your Christmas gifts let your first thoughts be toward the poor and sick.

The Christmas tide should be a time of holy joy to all Christian people. See that it is not made an occasion of frivolity and carnal mirth.

Every great sermon has its strength in some fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith. It must be either to strengthen faith or to call forth the fruits of faith by appeal to divine authority.

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When our Baptist brethren have settled the momentous controversy now raiging among them as to whether Dr. Whitsitt shall be allowed to hold and express an opinion about a historical fact, it will be time to begin to operate on Methodist eyes. Till then, their allusions to the "iron wheel" strikes us as a little previous.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

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A Beautiful Incident

The largest single subscription secured by Dr. Morrison for the payment of our missionary debt was $10,000, and this was from a preacher of the M. E. Church, Rev. A. M. Bailey. Brother Bailey was once a member of our Kentucky Conference, transferred to the Pacific Conference many years ago, and afterward joined the M. E. Church. His wife held her membership in the Church South till her death. Bro. Bailey said he gave the subscription as a tribute to her memory, and her love of her church. That was very beautiful.

What Shall We Do?

Upon the authority of our Methodist exchanges, we announced last week, that the Richmond and Baltimore Advocates would be consolidated, and that Rev. H. M. Hope had been appointed assistant editor. Now, that's not so at all. It proves a mistake, "an incorrect personal," What shall we do? We wish our exchanges didn't make mistakes, then we wouldn't—at least so often.

The Baltimore Christian Advocate is kind toward us. It arrays our informants and lets us go free. Thanks. This is what it says:

"The Richmond Advocate and the Baltimore Advocate are soon to be consolidated. Rev. H. M. Hope has been elected assistant editor,"—New Orleans Advocate.

"By the action of the Virginia Conference, the Richmond and Baltimore Advocates were consolidated and made the organ of the Conference, and requested the appointment of Rev. H M. Hope as assistant editor. This strikes us as a wise move, tending to strengthen the paper and enlarge its sphere of usefulness. A paper that will combine the brightness of the 'Richmond' and 'Baltimore' ought to be popular and powerful. May it prosper abundantly!"—Alabama Advocate.

In reply the Baltimore Advocate says:

All this is news to the Baltimore Christian Advocate. Dr. Lafferty has been the publisher of both papers for several years. He and others have formed a joint stock company called "the Advocate Publishing Company," for the purpose of publishing the two papers Rev. H. M. Hope has been elected Associate Editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate. It is possible that the Baltimore Conference may vote to request the publishers to consolidate the two papers and give one good, strong organ for both Conferences, but that action has not yet been taken.

Christmas.

Last week the New York Christian Advocate contained an editorial in reference to Christmas from which we take the following:

It is well to make presents, to sing songs, to feast, to indulge in kind remembrances; and it is necessary to remember the poor according to the means which God has given. But nothing should be done that can make it possible for the day to pass without a deep realization of all that the birth of Christ means. It was a birth to a life of greater sorrow than mortal ever felt. It was the initial step in a path of which, at almost every stage, it might have been said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Step by step, He who bore the sorrows of men advanced to Gethsemane, and with an exceeding sorrowfulness of spirit which preceded death; He was not even allowed to remain there and die under His grief, but, suspended between thieves, was compelled to hear the tauntings of the multitude, until He exclaimed, "It is finished." All this did He for those who make such mirth on Christmas Day. Surely it is vain, unless in the deepest recesses of the celebrating heart there is a spirit of consecration, and a ceaseless flow of thanks to God for the "unspeakable gift."

When St. Patrick went to Ireland he was both a singer and a preacher, and on the lofty hill of Tara, amid those royal halls, according to tradition, on a certain Christmas Day he sang his memorable hymn:

"To Tara to-day may the strength of God pilot me.
May the power of God preserve me;
May the wisdom of God instruct me;
May the eye of God view me;
May the ear of God hear me;
May the word of God make me eloquent;
May the hand of God protect me;
May the way of God direct me;
May the shield of God defend me.

"Christ be with me!
Christ in my right hand;
Christ in my left hand;
Christ in the heart of all to whom I speak;
Christ in the mouth of all who speak to me;
Christ in the eye of all who see me;
Christ in the ear of all who hear me."

What wonder that churches sprang up like magic, and the whole land in thirty years was transformed from heathenism to Christianity! It was that famous hill and those royal halls of which Thomas Moore sang:

"The harp that once through Tara's halls
The soul of music shed,
Now hangs as mute on Tara's walls
As if that soul were fled."

And it is possible for harps to sound, and organs to send forth volumes of music, and choristers to sing so as to rival the very angels, but unless under all the noise and pomp there is a "still Christmass" of reverence and love, the noisy Christmas will be but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

Episcopal Policy.

The Bishops of the M. E. church, in their late council, drew up and published the following deliverance of their views concerning two important questions:

The Bishops unanimously agreed that nominal appointments, being of doubtful legality and also inexpedient for other reasons, should not hereafter be made.

They also agreed, in view of the liability to a misapprehension of the facts and the intentions leading to a contrary course, that it is expedient to seek information concerning persons proper to be appointed presiding elders by private consultations only, and not in the open conference.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Sec.

New York, Nov. 4, 1897.

The inexpediency of nominal appointments ought to be manifest. Any evasion of the law on the part of the appointing power can only serve to weaken respect, both for the Episcopacy and the law. As respects, the taking of a secret ballot of the conference as a suggestion to the appointment of presiding elders, as Bishops McCabe and Merrill did, we can easily see that no Bishop could afford to always appoint the persons nominated. We also see that if the Conference so nominated, the preachers would likely be no better satisfied, unless each district could chose its own P. E., a thing wholly impracticable.

Yet, we give it as our conviction, that, unless the Bishops adopt the policy of putting the strongest men in the church on districts, we shall witness a growing discontent in regard to this point in our itenerant system. The great demand of our station work for our ablest men is sadly injuring our work in the country. If the step taken by Bishops McCabe and Merrill shall awaken the Bishops generally to put strange men on the districts, it will result in good. It is certain if the preachers had their presiding elders to elect, they would rob the stations of many of their ablest men.

Will the brethren give us one day before New Year canvassing for new subscribers for this paper?

Church Notes.

Our churches in Little Rock open the work of the new conference year in good spirits and with vigor.

Brother Heron is well received at Asbury.

Bro. Patillo hopes to build the auditorium of his new church this year.

Rev. James Thomas begins with a stirring circular letter to his church to signalize the year by paying off the church debt.

Bro. Workman will have the Hunter Memorial Chapel all ready for winter services, complete and snug and beautiful by Christmas.

Methodism seems to have a hard struggle on the Pacific coast. The two M. E. Conferences in California lost, the past year, 289 members, the M. E. Church, South, gained 60.

The M. E. Church has ninety-nine churches in Chicago.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate says that 700 Chinamen in San Fransisco, have professed conversion and joined the Salvation Army.

Rev. A. T. Huber, Fort Gibson, I. T., writing to the Herald and Presbyter, represents that Mormonism is getting a hold in almost every part of Oklahoma and Indian Territories.

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Forward.

According to the provision of the discipline, page 151, we hope that every preacher in the Arkansas Conference will plan early for one or more missionary mass meetings. It will be my purpose to attend as many of these as I can. When I cannot come I'll try to send some one.

I would suggest that pastors take up a missionary collection for literature from $1 to $5, and invest that amount in the "World for Christ." This would give from ten to fifty copies in the hands of the pastor for distribution, placing a copy in each family that he might select. In many cases this will not only secure your missionary collections, but everything else in full. If any need leaflets or literature samples for judicious distribution, write me for them.

We want a "circulating library" for each presiding elder's district, and a missionary mass meeting at each District Conference.

Our faithful home missionaries must have food and clothing for the long winter months. Let us help them at once.

Now is a good time for our Leaguers to plan how best to help their pastors to secure all of his collections and for a great revival in every charge.

I hope to render some service to the Woman's missionary work, and the children, God bless every one of them. I'll soon have some good work for all of them to do.

"A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

O. H. TUCKER,
Missionary Secretary Ark. Conf.

The Scientific Catarrh Inhaler, which treats local catarrh with medicated air, is an invention which should be welcomed by all sufferers from this disease. It is of course equally efficacious for pains in the head resulting from catarrh, or deafness, or buzzing or roaring in the head, bronchitis, sore throat' asthma and hay fever. These local diseases are best reached and most quickly and effectively cured by local application. The medicated air penetrates all the minute cells of the part affected, and spreads itself out over every membrance and is absorbed by every tissue. Hence the disease is reached in all the hiding places. It is superior to any similar remedy offered to the public for cold in the head. It is also so simple that any child can use it. It is cheap. Read Dr. E. J. Worst's advertisement on page 16.

Personal.

Prof. Stone, editor of the Rison Bazoo, called Wednesday.

Bro. Castling, of Cato, always welcome, was in Thursday.

The postoffice address of Rev. J. S. Brooke is now Batesville, Ark.

Bishop Galloway has been offered a residence in Memphis if he will make that city his home.

Dr. R. N. Ross, who is in charge of our church at Lonoke, made us a pleasant visit Wednesday.

A. G. McAndrews, sheriff of Benton county, a citizen of Bentonville, made us a call on Thursday.

Bishop Keener was not able to hold the Alabama Conference, which met last week. Bishop Galloway took his place.

Rev. John O. Wilson has been reelected editor of the Southern Christian Advocate by the South Carolina Conference.

John W. Boswell, D.D., so well known in Arkansas, was elected a delegate to general conference from the North Mississippi Conference.

Rev. George M. Hill made us a visit Tuesday. He has entered upon his new work, the Bryan circuit, but his family will remain in Malvern.

Mr. R. McPhail Smith, one of the professors in the law department of Vanderbilt, died Friday, December 17.

Rev. Christian Keener, son of Bishop Keener, and pastor of Carrolton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, died on Wednesday, 15th.

Bro. Nelson, the efficient clerk of Stone county, was a pleasant caller Thursday, accompanied by Bro. Edmonson, the sheriff of Stone county.

Rev. Horace Jewell stopped at our office Monday on his way to Pine Bluff. The good people of Arkadelphia greeted his return to the district by a hearty pounding.

Bro. J. A. Garrett, one of the prominent citizens of Clarendon, called Wednesday. He has been a subscriber to the METHODIST from its establishment and keeps paid ahead. May his tribe increase.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate says that "the progress of crime in Chicago is so frightful that it is almost more healthful and safe to be in jail than on the streets in the evening." That is no doubt true. The jail is generally considered a safe place.

Rev. Mr. Rorie, who formerly filled the pastorate of Malvern Hill Church, has been stationed at Monticello. He was the faithful pastor of Hope Methodist Church last year. The best wishes of the "Life" follow him in whatever field he labors.—Hot Springs Life.

Quarterly Meetings.

N. B.—Henceforth the Quartely Conference notices will be published but one time. Please clip for future reference.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT:—First Round, A. Vurrentine, P. E.

December, 1897—Pine Bluff, Riverside, 18, 19; Kingsland, 25, 26.

January—New Edinburg, 1, 2; Rison, 8, 9; Rowell, 15, 16; Pine Bluff, Lakeside, 22, 23; First Church, 29, 30.

February—Redfield, 5, 6; Sheridan, 12, 13; Sherrill, 19, 20; Humphrey, 26, 27.

March—Stuttgart, 5, 6; Gillett, 12, 13; Little Prairie, 19, 20; English, 26, 27.

April—DeWitt, 2, 3; Roe, 9, 10.

District stewards will please meet in chapel of First Church, Pine Bluff, January 10, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

A. TURRENTINE, P. E.

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

December—Arkansas City, 18, 19; Monticello, 25, 26.

January—Tillar, 1, 2; Bartholomew at Parkdale, 8, 9; Warren, 15, 16; Mt. Pleasant at Andrew's Chapel, 22, 23; Carriola at Grand Lake, 29, 30.

February—Lacy at Green Hill, 5, 6; Berea at Berea, 12, 13; Palestine at Parson's Chapel, 19, 20; Hamburg and Portland at Harrisburg 26, 27.

March—Dumas at Dumas, 5, 6; Star City at Star City, 12, 13; Hamburg circuit at Bethel, 19, 20; Grady at Grady, 26, 27.

Consumption Cured.

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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Christian Life.

To find some sure interpreter
My spirit vainly tries;
I only know that God is love,
And know that love is wise.
Alice Cary.

Christmas.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace to the earth, good-will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on heavenly wings,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And men, at war with men, hear not
The love-song which they bring:
Oh! hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low;
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,—
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh! rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.
—Edmund H. Sears.

Heart-Balm.

Tell me about the Master;
I am weary and worn to-night.
The day lies behind me in shadow,
And only the evening is light!
Light with a radiant glory
That lingers about the west.
My poor heart is aweary, aweary,
And longs, like a child, for rest.

Tell me about the Master!
Of the hills he in lonliness trod,
When the tears and the blood of his anguish
Dropped down on Judea's sod.
For to me life's seventy mile-stones
But a sorrowful journey mark;
Rough lies the hill-country before me,
The mountains behind me are dark.

Tell me about the Master!
Of the wrongs he freely forgave:
Of his love, and tender compassion,
Of his love that was mighty to save;
For my heart is aweary, aweary,
Of the woes and temptations of life,
Of the error that stalks in the noonday,
Of falsehood and malice and strife.

Yet I know that, whatever of sorrow
Or pain or temptation befall,
The infinite Master has suffered,
And knoweth and pitieth all.
So tell me the sweet, old story,
That falls on each wound like a balm,
And my heart that was bruised and broken
Shall grow patient and strong and calm.
—Selected.

We must accept God's service before we claim God's promises.

The great difficulty which many Christians have about faith results from the fact that they have no right to trust in God—not having accepted the will of God. We can trust him only to help us in what he would have us do.

There is a false teaching prevalent, which leads some to seek rest as the evidence of God's favor. Hence they say to all their fears, begone, and think when fear is no more they are perfect in love. But it is a delusion of Satan, an opiate to the conscience. Sheer and persistent presumption is taken for the witness of the Holy Spirit. Faith in God is for work, not rest; duty, not enjoyment.

"The best thing to give your enmy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."—Selected.

What is Heaven?

There is an old legend of a traveler who was seeking the true answer to the question, "What is heaven?" He met a little child and propounded his inquiry, and the onswer came prompt and clear, "Heaven is joy," He met an old man, and his answer was "Rest." The maiden said "Love;" the a tist said, "Beauty;" and the poet, "Glory;" and others gave other answers.

In the same line the Religious Telescope gives this:

"It is said that when Thomas a Kempis was a student, his teacher asked a class, of which he was a member, 'What passage of scripture conveys the sweatest description of heaven?' One answered, 'There shall be no sorrow there;' another, 'There shall be no more death;' another, 'They shall see his face.' But Thomas a Kempis, who was the youngest of all, said, 'And his servants shall serve him.' Oh, the blessedness of service!'

Were you to put your idea of heaven in a word or expression, what would it be? There is something of heaven in each and all of the above expressions. And no doubt heaven will be realized in different ways by different individuals. There is something exhilarating to the true servant in a Kempis' idea of serving God. To our mind the sweetest, the most satisfactory and comprehensive idea of heaven, here and hereafter, is that heaven is God, or being "filled with all the fullness of God." Wherever a man may be, in this world or in that to come, if he has God, is filled with the fulness of God, he is in heaven and has heaven in him.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Preparation to Hear.

A praying man usually hears good sermons, while he who does not pray is never satisfied. A true preacher aims, by his pulpit deliverances, to minister to the soul-needs of men. The people have discussed business affairs, read political tirades, and heard of social reforms during the entire week, and they need something more than literature, socialism, or political economy. The praying man knows what he wants. He tested his soul before he left home and he knows the weak places. He is hungry. He is thirsty. The soil of his heart is prepared for the seed. Get ready, young people, for the sermon, and you will see the sermon was prepared for you.—St. Louis Advocate.

It has been held that consumption is hereditary, and the fact that one person of a family had died with consumption was considered a sure sign that others of that family could not escape it. This is partly true and partly untrue. A man with weak lungs is likely to transmit that weakness to his children. But there is no reason in the world why the weakness should be allowed to develop. Keep the lungs full of rich, red, wholesome blood, and the weakness will disappear. Decaying tissues will be thrown off, and new material will be added until the lungs are well and perfectly strong again. This is the thing that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does. This is what makes it cure 98 per cent of all cases of consumption where it is taken according to directions. It searches out disease germs wherever they may be in the body and forces them out of the system. It supplies the blood with rich, life-giving properties. It makes the appetite good, digestion perfect. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008 page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illustrated.

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For the Young People.

Santa's Visit.

BY W. A. CUNNINGHAM.

The day had been cloudy, the ground was all white,
And snowflakes kept falling, as on came the night.
So deep were the snow-drifts, and cold was the gale,
I thought, 'twas a Christmas, old Santa would fail
To make the connection in going his round
To visit the children so far from the town;
Though reindeer are nimble and sleighs may run light,
He'll surely get lost in the snow-drifts tonight.

I kissed all the children, and tucked them in bed,
And sadly I listened to prayers that they said;
For each little heart on some plaything was set.
I feared that to-morrow their cheeks would be wet
With tears, when awaking, my darlings all found
That Santa with reindeer had not made his round,
For children don't think of the snow-drifts and storms
Through which Santa rides, while in bed they are warm.

Sir Ray asked the Lord "to send Santa to-night
With sled and a ball, and a pair of skates bright.
And Alice was wanting a stove and tea set,
And dolly, the nicest that Santa could get.
For baby a rattle and big picture books,
That baby can't tear when within it he looks.
For papa and mamma some nice things, and then
Lord, keep us and make us good children. Amen."

The hour had grown late and the fire had burned low,
While their faces I traced in the embers bright glow.
I knew not how long I in dreamland did dwell,
Until, with a whirring the clock had struck twelve.
I heard a faint tinkle, a cough and a sneeze,
A voice up the chimney cried out, "If you please
Just cover the fire and be off to repose,
You've no business up, and the smoke hurts my nose."

I covered the fire just as quick as could be,
Then cried out to Santa, "It's only just me,
The children are sleeping as snug as you please.
I'm sorry the smoke caused your honor to sneeze,
But then I was thinking you'd not leave the town,
With snow-drifts so deep, and no roads to be found;
See now, I am anxious my folly to mend,
I too, love the children and hence am your friend."

I heard a low chuckle of half repressed mirth,
And then, in a twinkle, there stood on the hearth
A little fat man with a beard long and white,
In long furry robe and with pants short and tight,
A rosy fat face that was covered with smiles,
Two grey eyes that twinkled with fun all the while;
A strap on his shoulder, secured at his back,
What children most cherish—his wonderful pack.

He paused but a moment, said he, "I can't wait,
So many to visit, the hour is now late,
And if one wee cottage I miss on the trip
The children would blame me for letting it slip."
Then out of his pack he took ball, skates and sled,
Stove, tea set and dolly all tucked in her bed.
A rattle for baby; then kissed them all round.
On each, where he kissed them, a dimple was found.

Then lifting his cap with a comical bow,
He passed up the chimney, I hardly know how.
ran to the window, and there looking out,
I saw him pass by with a laugh and a shout,
His reindeer so white, and they galloped so fast,
They looked like the snow by the wind driven past,
But Sunta's glad shout and the tinkle of bell,
Told which way he went, so I bade him farewell.

Pocahontas, Ark.

Keep a Kickin'.

Booker T. Washington in his great speech at Prairie View last June, illustrated the result of persistent effort by a smooth tale of two frogs that fell into a churn of milk. Both of the frogs, said the speaker, tried their best to jump out; but after making many efforts in vain, one of them said 'twas no use trying any more, so he gave up and sank to the bottom and died. The other frog kept on kicking, and towards morning he had kicked so regularly and effectively that he churned the milk into butter, and getting on the butter he hopped out. The following lines are based on Booker T. Washington's frog story:

KEEP A KICKIN'

If your crop is pretty short,
Keep a kickin'
'Taint no use to rip and snort,
Keep a kickin',
Five cents cotton makes one blue,
'Specially when your bales are few,
But don't give up, that won't do,
Keep a kickin'.

If you're to your neck in debt,
Keep a kickin'
Honest toil will free you yet,
Keep a kickin',
Lots of folks were just like you,
But by pluck they busted through
And they "got there." Why can't you?
Keep a kickin'.

If your people's way behind you,
Keep a kickin'
Some of them will some day mind you
Keep a kickin',
Nary man was wise made
Nor a soul put on up grade
'Cept he made a start and stayed,
Keep a kickin'.

Can't start e'er a wheel a turnin,?
Keep a kickin',
Chunks all scattered—nothin' burnin'?
Keep a kickin'
By and by 'twil come all right—
Shadows gone, the day all bright.
And your darkness turned to light,
Keep a kickin'.

—Helping Hand.

My old German Friend and How he Became a Methodist.

BY R. H. POYNTER.

Mr. K. chanced to be thrown among a community of good Methodist people, among whom was a bright, beautiful young lady, who was the daughte r of a staunch Methodist. Regular as the Sundays rolled around the family attended the village church. Mr. K. became enamored with this daughter of a Christian family, and notwithstanding he was a Roman Catholic—never having known any thing else but Romanism—the attraction was so great that he, too, had to go to the church of the herities. He soon became wonderfully interested with the new but simple services of the Protestant Christians, and loved to go and hear the simple story of the Cross. One of his neighbors had, with his consent, hired all of his negroes to clear land on Sunday. He rode over one day to instruct his neighbor to see to it that none of his servants were injured, and found him in a state of intoxication, and he took it upon himself to give him a little lecture and suggested to him that as all of his family were great Christian people, he should not be the black sheep of the flock, and that he ought to join the church. At this reproof his drunken neighbor, in tears, said: "George, will you join the church if I will?" And under the impulse of the moment, to satisfy his friend, he answered: "Oh, yes," but supposed the matter would soon be forgotten, and went his way.

Not long after they were all at church attending a revival of religion, and when the meeting got to a great heat and the old preacher opened the doors of the church, at the close of a hearty exhortation, and to the surprise of our friend K., who was sitting on the end of the bench next to the isle, some one took him by the arm and said: Come on, George, you know you promised me," and before he was couscious of what was transpiring, he was on his feet and on his way, an unconverted Catholic, to join the church, and thus dumbfounded and not in command of very great English, he answered to the questions and was received into the church, and was warmly congratulated by all of his admiring friends. For a few days and nights life was miserable, and he didn't know what to do with himself, until one day he met with the dear old preacher who seemed to understand his embarrassment and talked kindly to him about it, and encouraged him to go on and do his religious duty and, perhaps, he would become reconciled to his new-found experience in the world. So he took him at his word and went on, attended all the meetings, and acquired all the knowledge of the church he could, and sought all the information he could, and found himself soon in a whirl-pool of religious enthusiasm and interest.

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Uncle Sam as Santa Claus.

The United States government is considering the matter of undertaking the mission of Santa Claus to the miners of the upper Yukon. At Dawson City. 5,000 Americans are gathered, having made their way there to be ready for gold-digging in the spring. They find themselves shut in, with an arctic winter before them, and insufficient food to last until spring, which will not come in that latitude before the first of June. Early in October flouer was worth $2.25 a pound at Dawson City, dried fish for dogs, $1.00; coal oil, $15 a gallon; wood, sawed and split, $50 a cord. The price of labor was $15 a day.

Secretary Alger recommends the purchase of 500 reindeer in Lapland and the employment of expert drivers to take provisions to Dawson City. It is said that such an expedition, if fitted out properly, cannot reach the mines before March. We still have roses bloom-in Arkansas as we write this, Dec. 16, but at Dawson City it is said the cold is 72 below zero.

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DR. GODBEY:—Allow me to say that we are comfortably situated in a rented parsonage, and had the usual "pounding" which was one of the best that it had been our lot to bear. I have preached twice, outlining the years' work by preaching a sermon on "Pure Religion," which consists of active benevolence, and of personal purity.

F. W. FISACKERLY.

BENTONVILLE, ARK.

Dear METHODIST:—After a long move, we are in our new home at Bentonville. I find a wide-a-wake church and people. We were cordially received, well "pounded" and start off hoping for a prosperous year. Our P. E., Rev. G. W. Hill, was with us last Saturday and Sunday, and held the first quarterly conference. He preached five times to the delight of all, and the profit of many who heard him.

R. M. TRAYLOR.

PRAIRIE GROVE CIRCUIT.

Dear METHODIST:—Our reception among the good people here has been most gratifying. A few evenings after our arrival we were duly "stormed" and multi "pounded;" and the stream of good things which supplieth the parsonage larder and maketh glad the "waist-places" ceaseth not until now—neither doth it yet appear when it shall cease. But we are wondrous patient. We are encouraged to look for a good and prosperous year.

W. DEAN WHITE.

MAGAZINE, ARK.

After a move of forty-one miles in wagons, we have reached our new field of labor and are once more settled down to good hard work. This is a new circuit, being sliced out from other territory by our last annual conference. Magazine, although, young in the cause, knows how to receive a Methodist preacher. She is also backed by some country points which are in every way equal to the same good office. Accordingly we were early treated to a royal "pounding," comprising about everything needed to start our kitchen going, and a prompt meeting of the stewards and members for business gave us assurance that our worldly needs will not be forgotten. A good congregation at our first appointment, also gave a happy welcome to our coming.

We have preached at every point except one, and feel very much encouraged as we find many faithful ones who are hopeful of a prosperous year. For our part, we are just resolving, by God's help, to use the means necessary to make it a prosperous year. We hope to be able to preach more, visit more and pray more than ever in one year before.

Our move here was long, hard, rough and cold but while wife shivered and baby cried with cold we knew we were going in Jesus' name, and God blessed us through every step of the journey. We fear not but He will be with us through all the journey of life; and just as now we find ourselves comfortably nestling in the midst of a community of kind and faithful friends, so if faithfully and patiently trod the long rough journey through, we will not fail of a happy resting place at last.

P. W. CAMPBELL.

Dec. 13, 1897.

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 Alabama.
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 GRANBERRY.

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 o. Mexico.
Oct. 21. Central Mexico Mission Conference, City of Mexico.
Out. 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. Trenton, 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.

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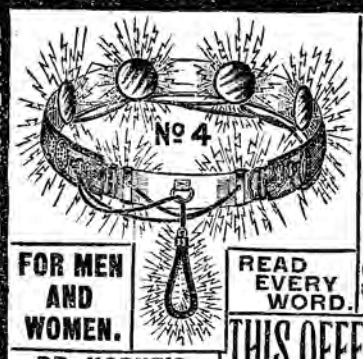

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All auxiliaries of the M. E. Church, South, who have not yet observed the Week of Prayer appointed by the W. P. and H. M. Society, are requested to do so in January or February.

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BRO. GODBEY: After wishing you and your dear wife, your faithful publisher, and all attaches of the METHODIST a most happy Christmas, I would ask the privilege of a word of explanation. Last week you published for me a few additional names to our Conference Auxiliary, but which by leaving off the heading, it appears that I appeal to the W. F. M. Society, as "an enterprise." This is so far from my purpose, and puts so meaningless a face upon the appeal, that I can but ask to correct it. It could never be in my mind or heart to write of our beloved society as an enterprise. Rather would I dip my pen in flowing love and gladness and ask a doxology of deepest praise, that the Father hath established this our work, and set His seal thereon. "Conference Auxiliary" needed to be at the head to properly understand the plea for a Bible woman to be supported by the dear women of the conference, who cannot engage actively with our societies. This is my first request for correction. Your printer boys must accept my hearty Christmas greetings and still be friends. I love those boys of the type. From them come great and good men—notably, our Bishop Fitzgerald, the chivalrous Christian scholar and beloved apostle of our Lord. His light brightens and his life sweetens as the years go by. In the name of our Christmas King. LOU A. HOTCHKISS.

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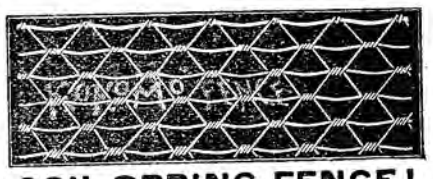

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LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF.—Dear Bro. Godbey: The good people of Lakeside Church have not only overpaid our salary for last year, but since conference, have presented us with $40.00, with which to move to Hope. The Ladies' Aid Society gave my wife $10,00 and the church also complimented our daughter, Fannie, with a handsome gold watch and chain, by Capt. Roberts, for her services as organist. We never served a better people and we never will forget their many kindnesses to us. We certainly congratulate Bro. Cason and family in succeeding us, not only at Lakeside, but in the blessing of living with so many good people in Pine Bluff generally. We go to Hope this week, having already received messages of cordial welcome there. J. R. SANDERS.

SPTINGTOWN, ARK.—Dear Bro. Godbey: At the last session of the Arkansas Conference I was appointed to Springtown circuit, and on the 8th of December myself and family arrived at the parsonage, finding it nicely furnished. We had nothing to do but to unbox our goods and begin keeping house. On the night of the same day we received one of the most delightful poundings that this preacher and family ever experienced. May the good Lord reward these good people according to their works. So far we are delighted with our new work. We are in the midst of the finest fruit country in the State. Orchard is a beautiful little town on the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf R. R. This is where our Hendrix College training school is to be built. We are glad to say that we find in this country an enterprising and progressive people. May the Lord abundantly smile upon and bless the people of this charge, this year, and so bless us that we may be instrumental in the salvation of many precious souls. Pray for us. Z. W. LINDSEY.

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Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1897, in a certain cause (No. 5-351), then pending therein between L. W. Cherry, et al., complainants, and A. G. Rogers, et al, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said court, will offer for sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east door or entrance of the Pulaski county court house, in which said court is held, in the city of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Wednesday, the 5th day of January, A. D 1898, the following described real estate, to-wit: Southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-four (24) and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five (25) all in township two (2), north of range twelve [12] west, in Pulaski county, Arkansas.

Terms of sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

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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.

McGAUGHEY: Little Mable, the bright, beautiful child of Bro. Dall and Sister Mattie McGaughey was born April 8, 1896, dedicated to God in baptism October31, 1897, and died December 9, 1897, at the bome of her grandparents in Fort Smith, Ark. A lovely jewell, a bright sum-beam has gone from the home and bleeding hearts are left behind. But God has not robbed the fond parents of their "little treasure." Mable is still theirs. He has only transferred her to that land of exquisite brightness and beauty, where she basks in the sunshine of His own presence. Brother and sister McGaughey, who are loved and honored by all who know them for their genuine piety and Christian devotion, have the profound sympathies of their many friends in this their greatest sorrow.

P. C. FLETCHER.

COMBS: Edna Eudora, was born Oct. 15, 1879, in Pontotoc county, Mississippi, died Nov. 4, 1897, at her fathes's home, near Cauthron, Arkansas. She professed religion at Cauthron, July 4, 1893, joined the M. E. Church, South. I was not permitted to visit her during her sickness, being away, holding a meeting. The family and friends have a hope that she died in the faith. The last word she said was, "I am going to heaven." Edna was a sweet spirited girl, always so pleasant, loved by all who knew her. We will miss her in the Sunday-school and League. We can't understand why she was called so soon, in the very bloom of life. "In the midst of life we are in death." Let us bow in humble submission to the will of Him that doeth all things well. To the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters I would say let us live consecrated and faithful lives. Then when the Master calls for us we can join the loved ones on the other shore.

R. F. EMERSON.

HINSON: A. F. Hinson was born September 8, 1837, and died November 16, 1897.

The data furnished is meager, but from a personal acquaintance of more than a quarter of a century, I make the following statements.

He was twice married, leaving one daughter by his first wife and several children by his second. He joined the Church, (Cumberland Presbyterian, I think) early in life and later the M. E. Church, South, in which communion he died. He filled the office of county and probate judge of Arkansas county for one or two terms, and a more conscientious officer never administered the affairs of any county.

As a husband and father he was tenderly affectionate, as a citizen and neighbor he was thoughtfully considerate, as a member of the Church and Christian he was loyally devoted. He was intelligent, companionable, courteous. His sympathies were deep, charity broad. Kindness spontaneous and genuine. He was modest and shrinking in his nature, but when aroused as courageous as a lion. His loyalty to principle was simply heroic. His last illness was protracted and full of suffering, but he bore it with Christian fortitude and when death came he was ready, God honored him with a joyous and happy exit. Death had no terrors, he answered the last summons and entered upon his reward.

THOS. H. WARE.

DRAKE: John P. Drake was born in Missouri, in 1858. He came from that state to Arkansas, where he spent the remainder of his life. The last few years of his life were spent near Oppello, in Conway county. He was converted while Bro. P. P. Burk was P. C. of Oppello mission, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which Church he remained until his death. Soon after hi-conversion, he was married to Mrs. Hinkle, a widowed daughter of sister Wolf. Bro. Drake had many friends. His generous heart and gentlemanly ways seemed to be a heavenly gift. He loved the Church, he loved his wife, his darling little boy Acquilla, his step daughter Nettie, but the best of all he loved his Saviour. His last words were

"Is my name written there;
On the page white and fair?"

His life was taken suddenly while working as engineer at a gin owned by his mother-in-law. The writer was conducting a meeting at Oppello at the time his death occured. He was deeply interested in the salvation of the unsaved, and just the night before his death, which was the 9th, of September, 1897, he was praying and pleading with penitents in the altar, and after the congregation was leaving he said to his wife Emma, "I feel like I could not leave these boys" (refering to his neighbor boys that were in the altar.) Thank God many of them were converted. Among the converts was his step daughter Nettie. Bro. Drake leaves behind a wife, one child and a step daughter, two brothers, one sister and many friends to mourn their loss. The family has lost a good husband and father, the community a good citizen and the Church a good member. Thank God we can say that we weep not as those who have no hope.

J. J. LIPSCOMB.

LOTT: Vestal Andrew, was born at White Church, Scott county, Ark., Nov. 6, 1871. Died at his father's home in Cauthron, Oct. 2. 1897. I had the privilege of talking with him on his death bed, I found him perfectly reconciled to the Lord's will. He had just sent out for the young people to come in and hold prayer meeting with him, as he felt, possibly it was the last time they would ever be together in this life. Being very weak he yet tried to join in the singing. I read the 23 Psalm, and asked him, did he fully realize, like David being in the valey and shadow of death, that all was light. He said, "There is no darkness I am just waiting patiently for the Lord to relieve me from my suffering. "Nothing in the way." I was with him nearly every day for two weeks, I never witnessed such submission in any young person. He suffered intensely for three weeks, without a murmer. Just before he passed away he called his brother Hurvy to the bed, and took him by the hand, asking him to stay at home, and take his place in careing for the family, also, made him promise to quit sin and meet him in heaven. Vestal was a model young man, loved by all. He professed religion September 1896, joined the M. E. Church, South, lived a consistent member until death. To the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters and many friends I would say we know where to find Vestal. Let us live as he did, then when the summons comes, be like Vestal only waiting to join the loved ones gone before. May the Lord bless and sustain his aged and afflicted parents and save the unsaved members of the family.

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