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News and Notes.

The President has appointed
Hon. Chas. G. Dawes, comptroller
of the currency.

The Medical Record of New York
relates that Doctor Schlatter, of
Zurich, Switzerland, in the early
part of last September, removed
the entire stomach of a woman fifty-six
years old, and that the woman
is not only living but gaining
health and strength. If this be
true, what next?

Secretary Sherman, by order of
the President, makes a call for
money, provisions and medicines,
for the relief of the Cubans. The
articles are to be sent to General
Fitz Hugh Lee, United States Consul-
General at Havana. The Spanish
government has not only agreed
to allow these articles to be sent to
the Cubans, but will exempt them
from duty, as also salt, soap and
other articles, of prime necessity.
This looks like the beginning of the
end, so far as respects Spain's effort
to subdue the rebellion.

The Fall River cotton factors
have resolved to reduce wages 11
and 1-2 per cent. below that which
they have paid during the last three
years. They state that reduction
of hours of labor by the legislature
of the state and the increase of
cotton factories in the South, where
cheaper labor is obtained, and longer
hours allowed, has brought
upon them the pressure of a competition
which must prove ruinous
at present prices of goods and labor.
It is reported that the employees
are preparing to resist the
reduction by a general strike.

The reports of the commercial
agencies at the opening of the year
are very encouraging. There has
been less loss by failures and bank
ruptcies during the year just closed,
than in any year since 1892. The
financial basis of business is settled
and the improvement has been
steady for nearly a year past. Half
a million men are engaged
now at living wages who were idle
a year ago. Prices are low, but
expenses are corresponding. The
people are hopeful. We are sure
of better times.

The treaties which China has
with the Christian powers guarantee
especial rights to none. It is
directly stipulated that a privilege
granted to one is a privilege granted
to all. Upon this ground
England claims to occupy Chinese
ports with Russia. "If Russian
ships winter in Port Arthur so will
ours" says England. If Germany
obtains a naval station at Kiaochau
Great Britain will claim the same,
and she will support every other
power making the same demand.

It is quite sure China will resist
none of them. She is helpless.
The powers must determine among
themselves the course to pursue.

The jealousy of the powers toward
one another, which protected the
Turk, is now the hope of China.
The Turks slaughtered a hundred
thousand Christians and suffered no
harm. The Chinese murdered two
Jesuits which Germany had driven
from her own borders, and now
Germany is moved, for her beloved
subjects to claim large indemnity
from China. China will give what
Germany asks. But if China is
going to give away any of her ports
or her territory, other nations will
claim an equal share. The Chinaman
will submit. If he could fight
like the Turk no nation of Europe
would trouble him. We believe
there are some Christian people in
the world, but no Christian nation
as yet.

In this hour of peril the Chinese
emperor has again called Li Hung
Chang to take the helm of state.

The discovery has been made
that there are counterfeits on the
\$100 silver certificates which it is

said are exceedingly difficult to detect.
It is said that Secretary Gage
will stop the issue and call in the
outstanding certificates.

Twenty-six persons were killed,
and over one hundred injured by
the giving way of a portion of the
floor of the city hall at London,
Ont., on the 3d inst. An after
election meeting had crowded the
hall. About 2000 persons were in
attendance. The floor at the platform
gave way, 200 persons fell
through, an iron safe and heavy
timbers fell after them. The
weight crushed through the floor
below and most of the men that
were killed were taken from the
cellar.

It appears that Senator Marcus
A. Hanna has little chance for
reelection by the Ohio legislature.
Hanna has been a faithful party
servant, and, for party service,
and not for any qualification, otherwise,
he obtained his place in the
United States senate to fill an
unexpired term. If the manipulator
of machine politics is not regarded
by his own party as a fit man
to elect to the United States
senate, they should refuse to elect
him. Men who make politics a
trade will think him badly treated,
but men who are truly patriotic,
and love their country, will think
otherwise.

SWEET SIXTEEN.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is
sixteen years old to-day, Wednesday,
January 5, 1898.

We would be glad to furnish a
sketch of her history to her many
friends, but there is neither space
nor time.

To those who love her she sends
a greeting of Christian love. For
those who have loved and cherished
her in other years and are gone to
their reward her pages have recorded
the testimony of their fidelity
and faith.

Full of hope, she looks to the
future trusting in God and a great
Church, and praying that she may
serve both more wisely as she has
experience.

Rough Hewing.

The average reformer intends
well, but he is deplorably lacking
in tact. What is worse, he does
not believe in tact. Nothing accounts
for so many failures in reform
as the idea prevalent among
reformers that if a man is moving
in a good cause he need not stand
on the order of his going. There
is manifest in every reform movement
an insane fondness for recklessness.
"Hew to the line, let the chips
fall where they may!" shouts the
frenzied leader. But too often
he is not concerned about the hewing
to the line at all, he only wants
to hew so the chips will fly. If the
chips will fly high enough and fast
enough his soul is satisfied. We
had hoped that the social purity
reformers would prove an exception
to the rule, but we have been
doomed to disappointment. If
there is a matter which calls for
caution and delicacy, it is this matter
of social purity, but in no other
movement have we witnessed so
much recklessness on the part of
well-meaning people. There is a
pamphlet on our table written by a
titled lady of Europe. Its aim is
above criticism, but its method of
treatment is abominable. A family
physician would hesitate to use in
the privacy of a sick room the language
which she prints for the eyes
of hot-blooded youth. We do not
hesitate to say that it will suggest
more impurity than purity, and we
are not sure that it will not do more
harm than most pamphlets written
with ignoble intentions. And this
may be said of a great deal of social
purity literature. There are
many things which our young people
need to know, but we would
advise parents to be very chary of
the books that propose to give the
needed light. And we would give
the same caution to young men
concerning a certain class of lectures
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Notes From Florida.

Dear Bro. Editor: The Florida Conference has just closed a very pleasant session in the city of Tampa, which now claims 22,000 inhabitants and ranks next to Jacksonville in point of importance. Within the last few years there has been quite an addition to Tampa, called Ybor City, composed mostly of Cubans. Here is located the Wolff Cuban Mission, now under the wise management of Miss Mary Bruce. I did not see the school in session, but was much pleased with the location, the building, and the teachers, one of whom is Miss Marcia Marvin, the daughter of our sainted Bishop Marvin, so highly esteemed in Missouri and Arkansas. The school has now about 100 pupils and the outlook is hopeful. In West Tampa there is a mission school for boys only. This is not so large, but is doing a good work for the Master.

Bishop Keener was to have presided at our Conference, but in consequence of the change of time, he was unable to be with us, and Bishop Duncan came in his stead. The session was unusually short, beginning at 9 a. m. Friday and closing at 10 p. m. Monday. The attendance was good, both of clerical and lay. We were favored with the presence and ministry of several distinguished visitors, viz.: Dr. Morton, Dr. H. C. Morrison, and Dr. J. J. Tigert. Bro. Smith, Agent of the Publishing House, was also present.

At the close of the Bishop's sermon, Sunday morning, Drs. Morton and Morrison raised a collection of \$2,500 to liquidate the debt which has rested as an incubus on our beautiful church in Tampa.

At the close of Dr. Morton's sermon at 3 p. m., J. H. Owen and E. Diaz were ordained deacons. After the evening sermon by Dr. Tigert, F. M. Dukes, R. J. Wells, and C. J. Greer were ordained elders.

Three were received by transfer: S. J. Sprinkle, from Western North Carolina Conference; — Patillo, from North Georgia Conference; and H. W. Partridge, after an absence of five years, returns from the North Mississippi Conference. He is an excellent man, and will receive a cordial welcome.

There were a number of revivals during the year, and many accessions to the church, but the increase is small. We now have in the conference 132 local preachers and 20 855 members.

Notwithstanding the "hard times," the collections for some objects were in advance of last year. Paid to the Preachers in Charge, \$42,057.44, against \$38,536.44 last year. We have 100 Epworth Leagues, with a membership of 2,846 and 289 Sunday Schools with 12,784 scholars.

The delegates to the General Conference are C. A. Fulwood, J. C. Sale and C. A. Sanders, clerical, and C. W. White, C. T. Carroll and J. W. Spears, lay. The next conference will be held at Gainesville. Your correspondent is re-

turned to Madison for another year.

R. A. HOLLOWAY.



When a young couple runs away to get married half the world says: "How Romantic!" the other half says: "How silly!" But you can't tell either way until the "honey-moon" is over. When this young couple get settled down to the regular hum-drum of life, they'll manage all right and find solid happiness in any case, if they have good hearts and sound health. All depends on that.

It's wonderful how much health has to do with married happiness. Sickness affects the temper. You can't be happy nor make others happy if you're ailing. When you find yourself irritable, easily worried, beginning to "run-down" it's because your blood is getting poor. You need richer blood and more of it. Your blood-making organs need to be vitalized by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It imparts new power to produce an abundance of the healthy, red corpuscles, and gives you a fresh supply of pure, rich blood. It's a blood-creator; it is for everyone whose blood is impure or in a poor, "run-down" condition. It prevents the germs of disease from getting a hold on your system. Even after disease is settled on you, it is driven out by the blood-creating properties of the "Discovery." It is a perfect cure for general and nervous debility, catarrh, malaria, eczema, erysipelas, scrofula and every form of blood-disease. It isn't called a consumption-cure but even consumption, which has its roots in the blood—is driven out by the "Golden Medical Discovery" if taken in time. The "Discovery" is the prescription of one of the most eminent physicians and medical writers in this country.

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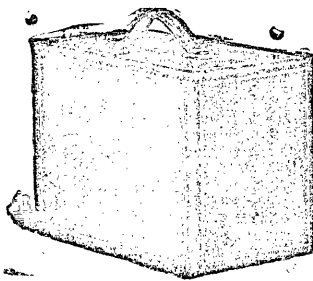
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What Then Is Life Eternal.

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In a word it is a "right about face,"—change of heart, and change of life. Let me give you some points so that you may prove whether you have life eternal.

1. The first mark of life eternal is conviction of sin.

"And he, when he comes, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." (R. V. John 16:8.)

"For behold, this selfsame thing, that ye were made sorry after a godly sort, what earnest care it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what longing, yea, what zeal, yea, what avenging! In everything ye approved yourselves to be pure in the matter." (R. V. 2 Cor. 7:11.)

First the Holy Ghost comes into your heart and shows you what you are. He causes you to see the photograph of your own heart; and in that you are able to see all that you are. Have you ever had this experience in your life? O! when the Spirit is a candle in your conscience you will be able to see just what you are. I know the spirit of God brought his own light into my conscience nineteen years ago. I had never believed in these things. I was laughing at the idea of Christmas, and wrote against the preachers, and mocked them. Not a bit of feeling did I have upon this kind of life. But the Lord just brought the light into my heart, and I had no power to stand against him. If you have not had this experience of conviction of sin, or, in other words, if you have not seen yourself, that you are wrong in the sight of God, I tell you, according to the word of God, you are not converted.

2. The second step is acknowledging your sins. In Psalm 51:4, you will find David acknowledging his sins; he says, "I have sinned,"—not "we;" but he puts it "I," "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned." (Psa. 51:4.) Some people want to hide themselves in the plural number,—"we;" but when you get a real conviction of sin you always change the "we" into "I." If you are an honest man, you will never try to hide your sins from God. All those who have convictions by the power of the spirit are shure to acknowledge themselves sinners in the sight of God.

Examine your life. Where are you standing in the sight of God? What about your business life?—Your social life?—Your family life? Just ask God to show you. Your pride, selfishness, grudges, worldliness, love of money, love of pleasure,—oh! ask God to show you all. If you are living in any known sin, you are not a Christian. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." (1 John 3:8.) So, humble yourselves before God. Do not try to hide anything from him, for he knows every nook and cor-

ner of you heart; everything is before him plump and plain. O, dear friends, find out your true state in his presence. If you do not acknowledge your sins, you will never come to the possession of life eternal.

3. Then confession of sin. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9.) Have you confessed your sins to God? Yes, many have done it. They confess and stop there. Many know how to confess their sins, but they stop there; and some don't like at all to confess.

4. The next all important step is forsaking sin. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Proverbs 28:13.) This is the deep lack in many church memberships. Many are convinced of their sins,—they acknowledged their sins,—they confess their sins, but they do not forsake their sins. This is called repentance. Repentance does not mean feeling sorry for sins; that is a part of it, but not all. God says that before you get eternal life you must forsake your sins entirely. All those who do not forsake their sins will never be saved.

In India I visited many churches having from 10,000 to 14,000 professed converts. Many of them were living just about as they used to do. I asked a number of these, "How do you know you are converted?"

They said to me,—“We acknowledged and confessed our sins, and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

“And was that all you did?”

“Yes.”

“And how are you now? Are you converted now? How are you living?”

“Oh, we have gradually gone back since then, and are living much as we used to.”

Now they took the first step, they acknowledged their sins; they took the second step, they confessed their sins; they took the third step, they believed on Christ to be their Saviour; but there was another step they did not take, and these three were not enough.

To be sorry for your sins and ask for forgiveness is nothing, unless you forsake your sins.

The Lord called John to preach in the wilderness. Many went to him and were baptised. When the Pharisees and Sadducees heard this they thought they would also come to be baptized by John. When John saw them coming and asking for baptism, he just turned to them and said, "O, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from

the wrath to come? Do you think I am going to baptise you? Ah! I baptise publicans and harlots because they repent; I am not going to baptise you, because you call yourselves 'children of Abraham.' You want to flee from the wrath to come, but don't want to repent. You want to escape hell, but don't want to repent. O, generations of vipers, bring forth fruits unto repentance; let me see that first, before I baptize you. I must see the fruit of your repentance before I do anything with you."

("But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 3: 7, 8.)

There are many church people who never do like to forsake their sins. They hang upon their sins, and go to Christ to ask for pardon; but Christ will not forgive them until they repent. Repentance must take place first. Are you, friends, really repentant of your sins? Do you let go your sins? Well! you can let go your hold of sin. For instance, see! I have a book in my hand. Perhaps I have no strength to throw this book away, but I can make up my mind to let go my hold of it, and it falls from my hand.

Now, that is called repentance—forsaking sins. If you do not like to forsake your sins, it is mockery—it is simply dishonoring God. Never call yourself a Christian until come to this point of forsaking sins.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" (Matt. 7: 20, 16). The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh nor whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit." (John 3: 8).

5. BELIEVING AND RECEIVING.

What do believing and receiving mean? Taking God at his word. Having forsaken your sins, you will have an empty hand to take God at his word. The Lord hath done everything for you. Your sins were all laid upon Jesus Christ. Listen to what God says: "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53: 6).

"What did the Lord lay?" Our iniquity.

"Whose iniquity?" The iniquity of us all.

"Are you one of the 'us all'?" You say, "Yes."

"If you are one of the 'all', where are your sins now?" On Christ.

"Who put them there?" "God

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"If God has laid your iniquities on Christ, can they eb on you at the same time?"

"No, they cannot be; they cannot be in two places at the same time."

"Will you believe it?"

"Oh!" but you say, "I can not feel it."

"Who told you to feel it? God says believe it. Believing is not feeling, feeling is not believing. If a belief is a feeling, then believing can not be believing; if a feeling is believing, feeling can not be feeling. First you must believe, and the outcome of believing is feeling. Four and three are seven; your not feeling it will not make it eight; it will be seven all the days of your life. Will you take him at his word now? Say, 'God says it, I believe it. I have it.' What does God say?"

"The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

"If you believe that, do not look into your heart for feeling. Believe it because God says it."

Suppose a criminal is standing before a judge. The judge says, "John, you are free."

But John says, "I hear what you say, but I can not feel it."

What would the judge say? "I have released you, get out."

But John says, "Yes, dear Judge, I hear what you say, but I do not feel released."

Hear the judge: "You block-head, get out, you are released."

His not feeling it does not alter the fact of what the judge has said to him. And, all of a sudden, the judge says, "Put him out—he is

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stupid." And John says, "O I see, Judge, I am released." And now he goes out, and he feels, now that he is outside, and not inside, the court house. When did he feel? He felt after believing the fact which the judge told concerning him. And this is called faith.

Oh! dear friend, take God at his word. Do not make him a liar. You believe all that your tailor, tinker and milkman say; why don't you believe God? When they tell you anything, you believe them. O friend, take God at his word just now, and the Lord will bless you. This is called "life eternal." Let me remind you of what I have said. Morality is not life, reformation is not life, being religious is not life, conviction of sin is not life; then what is life? Right about face, change of heart, change of life; acknowledge your sins, forsake your sins, take God at his word, O do take him.

NOW, WHAT IS THE LIFE MORE ABUNDANT?

It is not "it," it is himself,—the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Life means "peace." "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ," (Rom. 5:1.) The life more abundant means "peace that passeth all understanding." "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7.) Life means "joy," the life more abundant means "joy unspeakable and full of glory." "In whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." (1 Peter 1:8.) See the difference? All these things can be had in his own person,—Jesus Christ himself.

In his fulness he is like a Japanese box. At the first sight of the box you see a round ball, but there are many balls within. You open the first box and you see another inside, you open this and you will see another within. You will find so many boxes inside. But, after all, the Japanese box must come to an end; but the Lord Jesus Christ is a wonderful heavenly box, "in whom all fulness dwelleth." "For it pleased the Father, that in him should all fulness dwell." (Col. 1:19.) "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Col. 2:9.)

He is life,—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25.) He is strength, he is song, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song;" (Isa. 12:2.) He is peace. If I were to mention all the things one by one, the whole is in Christ. Many have not found the secret of the abundant life. They go to meetings and frequent churches, but they do not go for this one person, Jesus Christ. They go for blessings, but do not go for the blesser; they go for nuggets of gold, but do not go for the gold mine; they go for fruits and flowers, but do not go for the tree;

they go for money, but do not go for the banker.

But how can I express this life more abundant, the Lord Jesus? All fulness dwelleth in him. Since all fulness is there, outside of Christ all is emptiness; you cannot find the same fulness in two places. Not only is he full, but he "fillet all in all." (Eph. 1:23.)

Eight years ago I found this life more abundant. For eleven years previously I was wandering in the wilderness, having possessed only the life in Christ. The abundant life means glorious life. "But the God of all grace, who hath called us here unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus." (1 Peter 5:10.)—victorious life, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." (II Cor. 2:13.)—fruitful life, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." (John 15:16.)—strong life, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13.)—praising life, "In whom though now you see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." (1 Peter, 1:8.) Many more things I could say of this wonderful life, but I am not going to give full details of the life more abundant now; but I want to tell you—all fulness is in him. Those who have him have all; for everything is in Christ. "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all and in all." (Col. 3:11.)

A Cheering Outlook.

The Arkansas Conferences all over. Bishop Hendrix has come and gone and conquered.

His appointments are considered wise, his preaching instructive and inspiring and his administration all that love and a knowledge of our needs could make it. He put a number of young men into the presiding-eldership. Anderson, (Stonewall,) Merrill, Sherman, Maynard, Davidson and Turrentine, will no doubt prove the fitness of their choices by throwing consecrated hearts and faithful labors into their high calling.

Our good Bishop came to his office so thoroughly equipped and has been brought into such vital touch with all our great educational movements at home and our mission work abroad that he is just the man to voice our needs and lead our Israel to more heroic endeavor. As I listened to his two sermons, his address to the class to be received into full connection and to his missionary address, all delivered at the White River Conference, I could not help musing upon the indebtedness of the Southern Methodist Church to her episcopacy so cultured, so wise, so pious, so aggressive and yet so conservative, evermore blessing the church with such like helpful ministries. From John C. Keener, the senior, who reminds of Plato in his power of penetration and of Pericles in his gift of expression, to Charles B. Galloway, the junior, who is our very Appollos, the entire pannel of

mien are worthy and distinguished representatives of a great and growing church. Hargrove Duncan, Granberry and Key are men of God and masters of assemblies. Each possesses some individual excellence and a completeness of character in Christ Jesus which makes him a wholesome example to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made him ever seen. Wilson in the sweep of his thought and the massive build of his argument is akin to those great preachers of England, Howe, Hall, Watson and Fitzgerald, though a stranger to the use of the gavel, is the mightiest among the mighty in the all conquering power of love, and the preachers know that he would rather die than do them a wrong. These successors of the apostolic men who have gone up to give account to the Shepherd and Bishop of souls will, as far as in them lies, hold Methodism to her ancient landmarks and lead her forth into the open fields of her great opportunities.

Dr. C. C. Godden, during the few months of his economical and painstaking administration has proven that if the patronage of Galloway College continues to be as good as it has been, that the debt can be gradually discharged and our great educational ship launched again on the high seas.

The new agents of Hendrix College, Rev. F. S. H. Johnston and Rev. E. A. Tabor are planning for the early liquidation of the debt in Hendrix College. Already some \$5,000 has been promised on condition that the whole debt be provided for before any note is due. If these brethren realize their expectations a delighted church will soon welcome the glad news that Hendrix College is safe. So mote it be. Why may it not be? May the voice of Arkansas Methodism answer it must be.

All the annual conferences, except the Baltimore, have now been held. So far as can be gleaned from the papers; the conferences all chronicle the words harmony and progress. Even in California there has been a small gain in numbers to Southern Methodism and a small loss to Northern Methodism. Can Dr. Steele believe it?

The delegates to the general conference represent many of the strongest and safest men of the church. But when such men as Godbey, Godden, Bennett and Millar, and many others who might be mentioned, have been left out of our Arkansas delegations, it is proof positive that the ratio of representation was not reduced because of scarcity of material. It is certain, however, that no radical and hurtful legislation can proceed from the body to assemble in Baltimore next May.

Dr. H. C. Morrison crowns his quadrennium of secretarial service and reaches the high water mark of our missionary movement by providing for our missionary debt. He has demonstrated a great problem upon the blackboard of the church and has written it in figures so clear and accurate that all may see and believe. This is the lesson. When we take the flurry and the worry out of our plans,

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

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Dr. R. W. Bigham has proven his eminent fitness for the position of secretary of education by putting at least into partial operation the plans devised by the last General Conference and making certain the erection of Haygood Memorial Hall, a beautiful but tardy expression of our deep interest in the colored M. E. Church in America.

The Epworth League movement under the leadership of Dr. S. A. Steel, has taken its place among the organized forces of Methodism and will no doubt, through the coming years, prove its providential mission by enriching the church with a multitude of trained and pious workers.

The Woman's parsonage and Home Mission Society has done and is doing a great work. Its possibilities of blessing to our entire home field cannot be over estimated and to it our leaders are looking and the heart of the church is warming. It gives promise and prophecy of reform and progress in utilizing the women and money of the church in behalf of the neglected places and populations of our Zion. "Our Homes," the organ of this society should find its way to the families of all our people. It is desired to raise at once the subscription list to 10,000 as an act, monumental of its editor, Miss Lucinda B. Helm, whose great motto and devotion to the society, of which she may be considered the founder and promoter, will give her rank in our history as among the most noble and useful of our women.

The organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1878, the Church Extension Society in 1882, and the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society in 1886, were advance movements and the ideas represented by these organizations within the church are fast finding permanent lodgment in the hearts of our people and expressions in their gifts and activities. Would it not be wise, at no distant day, to simplify our operations by putting the work of our movement under one

management and also the mission and Church Extension work under one management.

The above facts, and many others which might be mentioned, indicate that Southern Methodism is getting ready for enlargement and aggression. Who can repress a thrill of joy, and, a shout, when his heart is stirred with the consciousness that the Church is moving on. I pray to God that prejudice, pride, ambition, selfishness and ignorance may be consumed out of our hearts by a general effusion of the Holy Spirit. When that glad day comes and I am looking for it, discord will become concord; controversy, advocacy; darkness, light; division, unity; meekness, strength; hatred, love; evangelists, pastors; pastors, evangelists, and first blessings, second blessing, third blessing, all the blessings will have the same quality of love, and the soldiers of the cross will all be called "the mighty men of God." My own opinion is we need grace more than legislation. Chains are for slaves, not free men. Prisons are for culprits, not sons of God.

SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.
Batesville, Ark.

Literary Table.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.)

The personal interest displayed by President McKinley in securing donations of money, food, medicine, or clothing for the Cuban sufferers from the more fortunate citizens of the United States is creditable to him as an official, as a Christian and as a man of humane feelings. Although the president's appeal for aid for the poor Cubans asked that contributions be sent direct to U. S. Consul Gen. Lee, Havana, Cuba, many contributions have been sent to the department of state in this city, including \$5000 in money, which has been cabled to Gen. Lee to be used to relieve the most pressing cases. The railroads and one line of steamships have agreed to carry, free, all donations, and the U. S. consular service in Cuba will look after their proper distribution there. Consul Gen. Lee this week informed the department of state that the following articles were most needed by the Cubans: Summer clothing,

in any condition, principally for women and children; medicines for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine; hard bread, corn meal, bacon, rice, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally codfish; any canned goods, and especially condensed milk for the starving children. It is believed by many persons in Washington that the formal acceptance by Spain of this assistance for starving Cubans, which was only obtained after it became evident that Spain could not relieve the suffering, is the first step in a movement toward peace on that distracted island.

Another movement to aid suffering humanity is being personally superintended by Secretary Alger, who is making arrangements to spend as much of the \$200,000 appropriated by congress for the aid of the Americans in the Klondike gold regions, who are believed to be in great danger because of the scarcity of food and the difficulty of getting more to them as may be needed. The co-operation of the Canadian government was asked by Secretary Alger, as the relief must necessarily go through Canadian territory. The response was prompt and highly creditable. Two agents of the Interior department of Canada were at once sent to Washington to confer with Secretary Alger and give him the benefit of their knowledge of the Klondike region, as well as the assurance of the Canadian government that every possible aid would be given to the relief expeditions. This is the sort of thing that increases brotherly love among men.

As far back as the memory of its oldest employe goes, the insidious form of gambling known as raffle has been, from time to time, openly carried on in the Pension Bureau, the number of raffles usually being most numerous just previous to holidays. This year there was no raffle in the Pension Bureau, although I am told there were raffles in some of the other government buildings, and there will be no more as long as Hon. H. Clay Evans remains Commissioner of Pensions. As soon as Mr. Evans learned of the practice he issued an order forbidding the raffle of any article in the building or the soliciting of clerks or other employes to take chances in any raffle held elsewhere. The example of Mr. Evans was good enough to be followed by every official in charge of a government building.

An indication of the educational progress of the negro was the first annual meeting of the "Negro American Academy," held here this week. The object of this organization is thus given in its programme: "This academy is an organization of authors, scholars, artists, and those distinguished in other walks of life, of African descent, for the promotion of letters, science and art; for the creation, as far as possible, of a form of literary taste; for the encouragement and assistance of youthful, but hesitant scholarship; for the stimulation of inventive and artistic powers, and for the promotion of the publication of works of merit."

President McKinley sets a good

example to church goers everywhere by not allowing bad weather to keep him away. He and the rest of the goodly sized congregation who braved the disagreeable weather of Sunday morning to attend the Metropolitan church were amply repaid by the able sermon preached by Bishop Cranston, from the text "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good." It was a sermon calculated to make its hearers think, just as the bishop told them it would be when he said: "It is not considered proper nowadays for the pastor to say anything that will make his congregation think. One should speak only of the light and trivial things. But away with your lazy preachers and your lazy congregations. I shall endeavor to suggest some thoughts for you that may result in good." The object of the sermon is to show that when God created the world he builded into it everything that was needful, and consequently nothing that is done is a surprise to him. Space forbids an extended review of the sermon, but the following quotation is given: "God does not require any function of his creations that was not provided for in the plans. The law of the duties and the requirements of man were builded into him. He was constructed to love, to grow, to aspire, to worship, and to have dominion. He was thrust upon the stage of life to work out his destiny fully equipped to reach his highest ambition. Some one has said, 'Oh fatal gift,' to which I answer in return, 'Oh glorious gift.' Man is no surprise to God. The advent of sin was the possibility of the free man."

Book Notices.

SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE — By Frederick Wright, D. D., L. L. D., F. G. S. A., Professor of the Harmony of Science and Revelation, Oberlin College, New York. D. Appleton & Co.

Our evenings, during the past week, have been chiefly employed in reading this work which has just been issued from the press. It is a work well fitted to the need of these times, when the progress of science, and increased facilities for investigation raise so many questions in regard to the divine origin of the Bible and its authority as a revelation of God to men.

The author opens his discussion by setting forth, in two chapters, severally, the limits of scientific thought, and the paradoxes of science, showing that mystery and hypothesis belong as much to accepted conclusions in science as to religious faith. The work is of especial value for the increased light obtained from recent discoveries, which it turns to answer questions regarding the authenticity and integrity of the gospel record.

As a contribution to Christian evidences we have not read, of late, anything better than this work by Mr. Wright.

THE TREASURY MAGAZINE for January, 1898, contains an inter-

esting history of one of the oldest churches in Pennsylvania, the "Little Redstone Church," at Kenneth, with pictures showing the historic edifice as it was fifty years ago and as it is now, and a picture of its comfortable parsonage, while the portrait of its pastor, the Rev. Theodore S. Negley, is the frontispiece of the number, and the leading sermon is his. Other sermons are by Rev. D. M. Pratt and Dr. David Gregg, the latter with pictures of two new memorial windows. The leading article is a profusely illustrated account of the remarkable work for the Negroes which Pres. Booker T. Washington has so rapidly built up at Tuskegee, Ala. The Rev. Jesse S. Gilbert, of Spring Valley, N. Y., furnishes a bright article on "The New Homiletics;" Prof. Charles Noble, of Iowa College, writes on that "College," writes on that "Colonial Worthy," Captian John Smith; the editor gives his own report of an interesting address by Prof. Geo. Adam Smith, of the Free College, Glasgow, on The Homiletical Use of the Old Testament. A new and valuable feature begins in this number in Prof. Charles H. Small's monthly on Movements among the Churches. Prof. Small's authorship of "The Corner-Stone of the Faith" has brought him into communication with denominational centres of activity and gives him rare qualifications for this work. Dr. G. B. F. Hallock, of Rochester, furnishes the Prayer-Meeting Topics as usual; and sketches of sermons, selections under various heads, and articles on the work of the pastor, the Church, and the Sunday-school, fill up the number with an admirable variety of attractive and useful reading for pastor or people. Its new year opens most auspiciously.

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Jesus Tempted.

MATTHEW IV. 1-11.

Golden Text: "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." (Heb. ii. 18.)

Topical Outline: I. The First Temptation. (Verses 1-4.) II. The Second Temptation. (Verses 5-7.) III. The Third Temptation (Vs. 8-11.)

Time: A. D. 27.

Place: The exact locality of the temptation is not known, but it was somewhere in the wilderness region surrounding the lower reaches of the river Jordan.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Jesus Tempted, Matt. iv. 1-11.

Luke's Version, Luke iv. 1-13.

First Parents Tempted, Gen. iii. 1-19.

Job Tempted, Job i. 6-22.

Peter Tempted, Matt. xxvi. 69-75.

The Uses of Temptation, Jas. i. 12-15.

The Armor of God, Eph. vi. 10-18.

Reference Word, "Tempted."
Lesson Hymn, No. 526.

The wilderness temptation of Jesus presents one of the most interesting studies in all the gospel history. A thousand questions might be asked about it: Could Jesus have sinned, and if so what becomes of his divinity? If he could not have sinned, what becomes of his relation to us as an example? We have no space to enter into these questions here; nor would it be specially useful to do so. It is better to grasp, if we can, the main design of this experience of our Lord, and to get out of it the lessons that it has for us in our temptations.

As to the design of the temptation, the time had come in the life of our Lord when he must enter upon his great life-work. The definite plan of that work must be made, its policy fully settled. At his baptism the Holy Spirit had in his fulness been given, and by that descent of the Spirit Jesus had been introduced to John, and through John, to Israel, as the Messiah. This fairly opened up to him his mission, and he now stood face to face with it. In settling finally its great problems, he most naturally sought retirement from the world, and so "he was led of the Spirit into the wilderness." There, for forty days, he was alone with God and his own deep and earnest thoughts. So engrossed was he with these matters that he gave no special thought to food even; he was not even conscious of any special hunger, for it was when he had fasted forty days and forty nights that he was afterwards ab hungered. That the devil was on hand all during the laying

of his plans, we may be sure; he always is at such times in all lives; but such was our Lord's preoccupation, and such his deep communion with the Father, during the forty days, that the devil could find no place to put in. Now that the work which had carried him into the wilderness was concluded and the strain over, the fearful reaction of his human nature came. Hunger awakened into a clear consciousness; exhaustion, human weakness consequent upon the awful tension through which he had passed; all these considerations laid him open to a most fearful onslaught of the great enemy. It was his hour. The wily and the terrible foe brought on the attack. He varied it in every possible way. He appealed to the flesh, as in the first temptation; he appealed to the love of the world, as in the second temptation; he appealed through the seductive power of his own satanic nature, as in the third temptation—an attack that combined in rapid succession the power of world, flesh and devil. And at such a moment!

Notice also that all of these temptations lay against the plan of life just adopted by our Lord, a plan that had in it sorrow, suffering, death, in that the temptations all suggested a short cut; they said assert your power, demonstrate it, assume it, and you come at once to the rulership of the world, without any such suffering as you propose to undergo.

Note further: Having determined already the only right way about these great matters, Jesus did not for an instant listen to any suggestion to the contrary; it was a prompt, "Get thee behind me." No other rule could have delivered him; none other will deliver us. There is but one way to deal with temptation—put it instantly under foot the moment you are clear as to the right.

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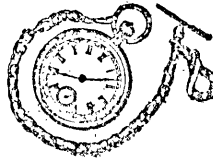
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LUKE xiv:23: PSA. cx:3. 2 TIM. iv:1, 2.

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However careful we may be in presenting the truth we must not forget the direct agency of God's spirit in preparing the way for it. The seeker after truth must also seek a willing and docile spirit. "Willing in the day of his power"—when the greatest displays of his grace make us realize especially the urgency of his claims.

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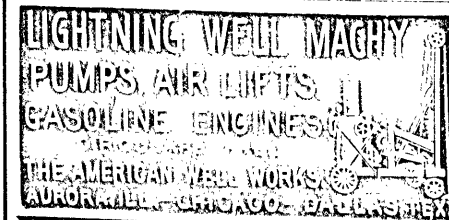
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Notice is hereby given that I, as guardian of the estate of Thos. and Charles Castello, minors, will ON JANUARY 10, 1898, apply to the Probate Court of Pulaski County for permission to make final settlement and distribution of the funds of said estate.

E. S. MALONEY,
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See adv. "Harp of Life." Agents wanted.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5, 1898.

The fear of debt is a godly fear.

One good deed is worth a dozen good resolutions.

The man who spits against the wind spits in his own face.—Franklin.

If it is the duty of the people to go to church it is the duty of the preacher to give them something worth going for.

Learning and gifts of talent may attract an audience, but to reach the consciences of men, the preacher must put his own conscience into his sermon.

It is not true that all the evils of life will disappear at our denial of their existence, but it is true that many evils, which we suffer, are but creations of the mind.

The most unnecessary thing to give any man is good advice; anybody that wants it can find plenty of it lying round loose, that no body is using at all.—Josh Billings.

The sale of Bibles, from the Arkansas Methodist house, during the last two months, has been the largest in the history of its business in any year, for the same time. The same is true of our orders for Sunday School literature.

The Hand grenade, the Axe, Bar and Saw.

There they are, in a case, with glass front, so as to be always in sight. And there are the instructions. In case of wreck or fire I must seize them; waste no time; dash in the glass.

These are provisions for safety which I see in every car. The railroad companies are required to have them at hand, for instant use, in time of need. I never saw them used. I have been traveling in railroad cars since 1861. As I reckon up now, not less than one hundred and twenty thousand miles have I thus traveled, without a hurtful accident. Thirty-six years of experience in railroad travel has made me feel as secure in the sleeping car, at night, as in my bed at home. No use for hand grenade to extinguish fire. No use for the axe, to beat my way out of a wrecked car in all this time.

Yet there is comfort in having these things always in sight. It is a measure of prudence to provide them, and the railroad company,

which should refuse to provide them would be justly condemned. So sacred is human life.

Would that we knew the needs of the soul as we do those of the body. For his soul, which may be, at any hour, launched into eternity, a prudent man will make some provision. What interest is like this? What folly is there like neglecting this?

But the provision for one's soul is not made, in a spasm of repentance at the last, nor can the last anointing of the church, or the absolution of the priest avail. The provision for safety must be a daily provision, ready always, like the hand grenade, the axe and saw. It must be a part of one's furnishing, as he travels the journey of life, at hand night and day.

Provision for soul-safety must be soul-purity—a character, indwelling and constant. The sentence of doom and the assurance of bliss are pronounced upon the evil and the good in the same words. "He that is filthy let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous let him be righteous still."

It is in moral character we live. It is from moral character our hopes and fears are born. Constant abiding in the truth of God, constant walking in the fear of God, these are the conditions of our constant claim upon the grace of God, always in sight, always ready, "a present help in time of trouble"

A Good Text.

GODBEY & THORNBURGH,
Little Rock,

Dear Brethren:—See what a ten minutes talk did for the METHODIST. Send the paper for one year to J. A. Putman, J. E. Click, W. A. Click, Mineral Springs; P. A. Green, I. N. Runnels, Picayune. Two of the subscribers are subscribers on the 25 cent proposition. All pay \$1.50 for the incoming year. God bless our paper. Yours as ever,

R. J. RAIFORD.

Ye editor feels a good deal like preaching on a text like that.

Several Conferences fix a day for the especial presentation of the claims of their Church organs. It were better that every preacher speak of this interest publicly, from time to time, as occasion serves. The above note shows what can be done in hundreds of congregations in this state. Of the names reported by Bro. Raiford three are new subscribers, and two on the 25 cent proposition continue.

Our Conferences in Arkansas would be in sad plight without their Church organ, and every congregation in which it is not taken and read will be found in

sad plight by the preachers sent to serve them. It is the pastor's helper—not as good as it ought to be, doubtless, yet as good as the company it has to keep, and as good as any agency which our Church has in the State for advancing the cause of Christ, and like a good Methodist, "Going on unto perfection, and groaning after it." The paper promises to help every pastor as much as he helps it, and in harmony with our good brother Raiford's "God bless our paper," the paper, certainly, in spirit, every week, suggests the prayer which is ever in the editor's heart "God bless our pastors."

A Strong Pull for Winfield Memorial.

As it is the last year for Brother Thomas at Winfield Memorial Church, where he has enjoyed such constant blessing of God upon his labors, he feels that it is time, now, to wipe out the incubus of debt which has burdened that church during all its former history.

The Winfield Church has, for two years, paid its pastor as large a salary as any church of our denomination in the state. This has been paid promptly, by the month. Winfield allowed no deficiency on any church claims, and has expended a large amount of money in repairs—And, now, the debt—It will not do for Brother Thomas to leave that debt. We are all looking at him and at the debt, and saying, "Who knoweth but thou has come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" His people cannot afford to let him go without paying the debt. Another man will hardly get such a grasp on the situation. And what a year of rejoicing it will be, if, in the very beginning of 1898, this debt be fully provided for.

In suggesting these things we are glad to know that we only voice the feeling which is entertained both by the pastor and people at Winfield. Now is the time for action, and action has been begun. A debt of \$6000 must be raised. The movement is being made to pay it. \$1500 of subscriptions are in the hands of the pastor, secured by a former canvass. At the opening of this year the Epworth League hitched on to this load and promised \$1000 in ninety days. The Woman's Missionary Society joined in the pull and promised \$500 in ninety days, for which the notes are now, already, in the hands of the pastor. This is the way to move. Everybody move at once, and everybody will be astonished to find the load so light. Every church member and friend of the church should desire to aid

in this work. Everyone ought to be ambitious to do his or her part. Consider what that is, and do it is a privilege. This paper will go to almost every member of Winfield Church, and it ventures these suggestions out of interest in an important matter, and with confidence, as well, because of the work which this brave congregation has already done. We wish, only, in this important movement, already begun, to serve the pastor as lieutenant to pass the word down the line, "Every one to his duty and all together."

Church Notes.

There are 23,480 Methodists in Chicago. The Methodists have 99 churches in that city.

OZARK—Christmas very quiet with us, Bro. Goddard doing good work and our people highly pleased.—S. S. Waters.

First Church, in this city, begins the year with the best financial balance sheet she has been able to show in many years.

We hear that at the opening of this year the salaries of the preachers have been increased in several churches in the Arkansas conferences.

The good people of Winfield Memorial Church made a Christmas present of \$100 to Dr. Hunter, and the First Church people, at Pine Bluff, made a present of a like amount to our dear Sister Hart. We are sure that the prayers of many Christian people are offered for Bro. Hart and his family.

The Editor spent Sunday at Pine Bluff, preaching at First Church morning and evening, and entertained in the home of Bro. Rufus Mills. All our churches in Pine Bluff are in good condition, and all are more than satisfied by the appointments for the opening year. The ARKANSAS METHODIST has a fine list of subscribers here, and Bro. A. O. Evans aided us to increase the list at First Church.

The opening of the Hunter Memorial Church last Sunday was a very pleasant and profitable occasion. The day was bright, the house was crowded. Brother A. O. Evans preached a good sermon and took a good collection.

Brother Workman begins his work with spirit. Doubtless he will meet the requirement and prove himself "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

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Fort Smith District Preachers' Meeting.

January 25, 27, at Greenwood, Ark.

1. Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock—Sermon, "The Preacher's Inner Life," I. Tim. iv:16—J. M. McAnally.

Wednesday, Morning Service.

1. Opening, 8 o'clock.
2. Paper—"What do we purpose to accomplish by our house to house pastoral work?"—J. C. Shipp.

3. Paper—"What preparations shall we make and what methods shall we use in our house to house pastoral work?"—P. C. Fletcher.

4. Papers discussed by W. H. Dyer, J. H. O'Bryant and others.
5. Sermon—11 o'clock.

Wednesday, Afternoon Service.

1. Opening, 2 o'clock.
2. Paper—"Our obligations to the young people and children."—J. H. O'Bryant.

3. Paper—"What shall be our preparation and methods in discharging these obligations?"—M. N. Waldrip.

4. Papers discussed by Eugene Woodruff, B. W. Aston and others.

Evening Service.

Sermon, "The preacher as an example for the people." I Tim. iv:12.—P. C. Fletcher.

Thursday, Morning Service.

1. Opening, 8 o'clock.
2. Paper—"How shall we best get our connectional interests into the affections and convictions of our people?"—O. E. Goddard.

3. Paper—"What methods shall we use in raising the assessments for these interests?"—P. W. Campbell.

4. Discussion of papers by W. H. Nance, C. A. Ferguson and others.

5. Sermon, 11 o'clock.

Thursday, Afternoon Service.

1. Opening, 2 o'clock.
2. Paper—"Preparation for the sermon."—W. H. Dyer.

3. Paper—"Delivering the sermon."—W. B. Aston.

4. Papers discussed by O. E. Goddard, P. C. Fletcher, D. N. Weaver, R. F. Emerson and others.

Evening Service.

1. Sermon—"The preacher as a teacher of the people."—II Tim. ii:15.

Please, brethren, let us all be on hand at this first preachers' meeting of the year; and let each see to it that he is prepared to both give and receive as much as possible.

Fraternally,

S. ANDERSON.

Greenwood, Ark., Jan. 1, 1898.

We keep the full course of reading for the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

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Personal.

Bro. J. W. Powers, of Beebe, called Friday.

Holly Robbins, Esq., of Knoxville, dropped in on us Saturday for a few minutes.

Rev. S. C. Vinson, of the Arkansas Conference, came down to the city with his wife to put their youngest child in the institute for the blind. They were at this office Monday. Bro. Vinson has an arduous work assigned it and it lies heavily on his heart.

Rev. J. R. Cason has met with a very cordial reception at the Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. That church over paid the salary of its former pastor, Bro. Sanders, and has increased the allowance for support of the preacher this year. That looks well.

Rev. W. H. Dyer, of the Arkansas Conference, sold nearly a hundred dollars worth of books from the ARKANSAS METHODIST book house in 1897, and says he expects to sell more in 1898. Why not all our preachers do good to their people and for themselves by selling good books?

Rev. A. P. Sage, of the North Mississippi Conference spent the holidays with his nephew, Rev. J. A. Sage, of Hot Springs. He is just entering his forty-sixth year of active service in the itineracy, and looks and preaches as if he would be good for several years more of efficient work.

Dr. Hoss, editor of the Nashville Advocate, passed through Little Rock on Friday last, and stopped at our office. We were at Pine Bluff and so missed the pleasure of meeting our dear brother. The Dr. was on his way to Conway to attend the trial of the man who killed his brother. All our Methodist people have sympathized with Dr. Hoss in the grief which this sad affair has brought upon him. We hope the perpetrator of the murder may be justly punished.

Galloway College.

The spring term of Galloway College, at Searcy, will open January 20, 1898.

The current term has been one of the most successful in all the history of the school. The day patronage has been good, the boarding department excellent and the faculty unsurpassed. The pupils and many of the teachers are enjoying the holiday season at their homes.

The rapid growth and wonderful development of Galloway are attracting the attention of educators within and without the state, and are winning the admiration and the patronage of the advocates of higher education beyond the confines of Arkansas. Its pupils are limited no longer to one state but adjoining states are availing themselves of its advantages. Among the registrations for the spring term are eight boarders from our sister state of Tennessee.

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Commissioner's Sale.

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 26th day of October, A. D. 1897, in a certain cause (No. 5073), then pending therein between Home Mutual Building Association, complainants, and F. A. Bland, 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 Monday, the 31st day of January, A. D. 1898, the following described real estate, to-wit: Thirty-two (32) feet off of the East side of lot ten (10), and eighteen (18) feet off of the west side of lot nine (9) in block four hundred and four (404) in Lincoln & Zimmerman's addition to the city of Little Rock, in Pulaski county, Arkansas.

Terms of sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute note with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 10 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.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of January, 1898.

J. H. PASCHAL,
Commissioner in Chancery.
Ratliffe & Fletcher, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

Commissioner's Sale.

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 1st day of November, A. D. 1897, in a certain cause (No. 5734), then pending therein between Home Mutual Building Association, complainant, and Joseph Stalcup, 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 Monday, the 31st day of January, A. D. 1898, the following described real estate, to-wit: Fractional lot one (1) in block two (2) in the Centennial addition to the City of Little Rock, in Pulaski county, Arkansas.

Terms of Sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute note with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 10 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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J. H. PASCHAL,
Commissioner in Chancery.
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Christian Life.

Forgiveness.

The English Illustrated Magazine

I sat in the evening cool
Of the heat-baked city street.
Musing, and watching a little pair
Who played on the walk at my feet;
A boy, the elder, of strong, rough
mould;
His sister, a blossom sweet,
When just in the midst of their play,
Came an angry cry and a blow
That bruised the cheek of the little
maid
And caused bright tears to flow,
And brought from my lips quick, sharp
reproof
Of the lad who had acted so.
And he stood by, sullen and hard
While the maid soon dried her tears;
He looked at her with an angry eye;
She timidly drew near:
"Don't be cross, Johnny" (a little sob);
"Let me forgive 'oo dear?"
And the cloud is passed and gone,
And again in their play they meet.
And the strong, rough boy wears a
kinder mien,
And brighter the maiden sweet;
While a whisper has come from the
heart of God
To a man, a man on the street.

In His Shadow.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the
Most High shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty."—King David.

I am walking where the shadow
Of Jehovah falls around,
And the way I follow homeward
By his grace is holy ground,
I can see afar the brightness
Where his glories kiss the lea,
And his wings above the valley
Temper everything to me.
O, the glory of abiding
Underneath the living Word!
O the blessedness of hiding
In the shadow of the Lord!

I am dwelling in the shadow
Of the Lord with great delight,
Where the fountains of his favor
Flow in fullness day and night,
Where the mountains of his mercy
Safely shelter me from sin,
And the bulwark of Omnipotence
Protect and wall me in.
O, the safety of abiding
Underneath the living Word!
O, the blessedness of hiding
In the shadow of the Lord!

I am resting in his shadow,
Though the burdens press me down;
Peace in tumult, joy in sorrow,
Are my aftermath and crown.
He my refuge is and fortress,
And whatso to me doth come
Is an angel of redemption
To allure and lead me home.
O, the sweetness of abiding
Underneath the living Word!
O, the blessedness of hiding
In the shadow of the Lord!

From the shadow, in the portal
Where I walk with him by faith,
I shall some day pass, immortal,
Up the ransom'd way of death.
He is mine, my God forever;
I am his, my fears remove;
And for me he falleth never
In the secret place of love.
O, the gladness of abiding
Underneath the living Word!
O, the blessedness of hiding
In the shadow of the Lord!

—Llewellyn A. Morrison, in New York Advocate.

Women are more cunning than

Sympathy.

Sympathy is a form of christian service. It is not a favor granted by one and received by another; it is that action by which one life enters into another's life, takes up a portion of the burden, shares the joy or success, becomes for the time being a part of that life, and contributes to it some of its own strength. It does not weaken the individuality of the life it helps, it rather strengthens it. It does not lessen its responsibilities, it helps to bear them; by relieving the tension it gives opportunity for development, by companionship gives new courage and fresh ability for advance when the assisting presence is withdrawn.

Probably no form is so much desired, for no form is there more need; and yet it is in its best sense very rare. Assistance is easily obtained. Helpers are to be found on every hand. Organizations for lifting men out of distress and difficulty and starting them on the road to success are numerous and well supported. There are many who are willing enough to take other people's burdens or duties, and carry them themselves if the original owners will trudge along behind yielding them due precedence. Advice is plenty as the air we breathe, and comparatively few need to suffer for lack of such pecuniary help as may be necessary to supply the immediate need. When we come, however, to the sympathy that takes off the heaviest part of the burden without intruding its strength, that meddles not with the sorrow, but simply casts the ray of light which keeps the foot from stumbling in the dark, which doubles the pleasure of success by its appreciation of its value, that is too often lacking.

There are many reasons for this. One is the ignorance of most of us with regard to the conditions of life about us. Classes make their own environment, and with it their own customs. Families who can afford a certain style of life gradually draw together and make a little world by themselves, into which others do not enter, because they do not feel at home. As the circle enlarges it becomes also more exclusive, and soon a class is formed. The class has no hostility to another class, it simply knows nothing about it. How can it enter into those cordial relations with it which are essential to sympathy? Much of the same is true of the individuals within each class. Difference of education, of circumstances of temperament, all combine to close the door to any who might wish to enter. In general, what community of interest can there be between the millionaire's family and that of the small merchant, or the artisan? Each lives in the world by itself, as unknown to the other as are the planets. Even where there is the inclination to help there is ignorance of how to do more than help from the outside, and that too often reveals rather than

sparing, and we feel that the times are harsh and hard.

The fundamental reason, however, for the lack of sympathy, and often the occasion for the ignorance of the conditions of life, is selfishness; not the grasping greed so often called by that name, but the more refined feeling which, relying upon superior knowledge or ability, claims the right to direct instead of being willing to assist. True sympathy is self-effacing, seeks not to help in its own way even though it be the better way in some respects. It realizes that its province is not to remove burdens, but to give the strength to bear them by relieving the pressure already in danger of becoming too severe. This is not easy. It requires patience, sometimes with ignorance and incompetence, more often with willfulness and pride. It requires faith that sees in the begrimed human form the possible likeness to the Son of God; firmness that suffers no failure to turn it from its course. Above all, it requires love, love such as the Master felt for his disciples, nay, such love as he felt for those who rejected him and for those for whose forgiveness he prayed. By such sympathy we do what he did for us. We approach unto his High Priesthood, and touch with the feeling of each other's temptations and infirmities contribute our share to the building up of the kingdom of God by helping others to take their proper place in it.—Independent.

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For the Young People.

The Reason Why.

I know a little maiden who is always in a hurry,
She races through her breakfast to be in time for school;
She scribbles at her desk in a hasty sort of flurry,
And comes home in a breathless whirl that fills the vestibule.
She hurries through her studying, she hurries through her sewing.
Like an engine at high pressure, as if leisure were a crime;
She's always in a scramble, no matter where she's going.
And yet—would you believe it?—she never is in time!

It seems a contradiction, until you know the reason;
But I'm sure you think it simple, as I do, when I state
That she never has been known to begin a thing in season,
And she's always in a hurry, because she starts too late.

—Priscilla Leonard.

How My Boy Went Down.

It was not on the field of battle,
It was not with a ship at sea.
But a fate far worse than either
That stole him away from me.
'Twas the death in the ruby wine cup,
That the reason and senses drown;
He drank the alluring poison,
And thus my boy went down;
Down from the heights of manhood,
To the depths of disgrace and sin;
Down to the worthless being,
From the hopes of what might have been,
The brand of a beast besotted
He bartered his manhood's crown;
Through the gate of a sinful pleasure
My poor, weak boy went down.

'Tis only the same old story
That mothers so often tell,
With accents of infinite sadness,
Like the tones of a funeral bell.
But I never thought when I heard it
I should learn all its meaning myself;
I thought he'd be true to his mother,
I thought he'd be true to himself.

But alas for my hopes, all delusion!
Alas for his youthful pride!
Alas! who are safe when danger
Is open on every side?
Oh can nothing destroy this great evil?
No bar in their pathway thrown
To save from the terrible maelstrom
The thousands of boys going down?
—Selected.

Two Boys in Church.

"May Wallace go to church with me tonight?"

It was George Curtis who inquired at the door of Mr. Gordon, the father of his playmate.

"Yes," answered Mr. Gordon, "I should be glad to have him to do so. I am prevented from attending church myself, and I think it will be a very good plan for you boys to keep each other company. I am sure we can depend upon you to behave well."

Mr. Gordon was thus confident, because he had always seen George and Wallace conduct themselves

properly in church. Wallace usually went with him, and George with his own parents, and their behavior was all that could be desired. To-night they were to go alone for the first time.

"Don't let's sit in either of our pews," said George to his companion, after starting. "I think it will be a great deal nicer to sit back, don't you?"

"Yes," Wallace replied, although with some hesitation.

"I think it would be nice away back under the gallery."

"Very well; I will go where you say."

So the boys put themselves in the way of temptation. It was very easy to whisper in that dark corner where they had placed themselves. It seemed as if nobody could either see or hear them. So they amused themselves by looking around over the congregation, making remarks on this one and that, and misbehaving generally.

"Don't let us stand up when they sing," whispered George.

"Very well," answered Wallace.

During the hymn George unfolded a plan for skating the next afternoon down the river, which ran through the town, and for calling upon an aged relative of his who would be sure to treat them to nuts and apples.

"Won't it be jolly!" exclaimed Wallace, as he almost laughed aloud in anticipation of the coming sport. Daring prayer the boys bowed their heads, but George nudged Wallace on his elbow and showed him a knife which had been presented to him the day before.

"How many blades has it?" asked Wallace.

"Four. Open it and see."

Wallace obeyed directions, and succeeded in cutting one of his fingers.

"Whew!" he exclaimed, in so loud a whisper that an old gentleman seated near turned to hear what the noise was about. Binding up the wounded fingers with a handkerchief occupied the rest of time of prayer.

After a while came the sermon. The minister announced his text: "There is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether."

The words attracted the attention of Wallace. He listened to what followed, and it seemed really as though Mr. Turner, the minister, was preaching directly to him.

"I guess he must have heard us," he thought. "I'm going to stay after church and apologize."

Wallace whispered no more during the service, but when it was ended he said to George:

"I want to stop a moment and apologize to Mr. Turner. I think he must have heard us talk."

"Well, if you want to be such a goose, you may, I'm going straight home."

So George started on, but Wallace remained for a short interview with the minister. When that gentleman came down the aisle, Wallace was standing at the end of the pew where had left him.

"Good-evening, my young man. I'm glad to see you in church to-

night. I hope your mother is recovering from her illness."

"Yes, thank you, she is. But I stopped to say, Mr. Turner, that I'm sorry I behaved so in the first part of the service."

"Behaved how?" asked Mr. Turner.

"Oh, don't you know? I thought you must be preaching to me."

"So I was, since you were in the congregation, but I must confess that I don't know how you had been acting."

"I had not been doing right," said Wallace "but I shall try to behave well in church after this. You have made me think about it, Mr. Turner."

"Then my sermon was preached to some purpose," the minister replied—Intelligencer.

An Intelligent Dog.

A Canadian dog story in the London Spectator tells of a little cocker-spaniel dog which was accidentally left by its mistress at a house she visited about a mile from her home. He could not be made to go away till he was taken to the telephone and the trumpet was applied to his ear. Then his mistress called from her house: "Come home at once, Paddy." Immediately he wriggled out of the boy's arms, rushed at the door, barking to get out, and shortly afterwards arrived panting at the rectory.

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Our Church at Home.

HACKETT CIRCUIT.

We were admitted on trial into the Arkansas Conference at Ozark, November 16. The Bishop appointed us to Hackett circuit. This is a new work for me, but a pleasant one. We have found many loyal Christians here. The second night after our arrival we were treated to a royal pounding. May God's blessing be upon this work this year. Yesterday and today were the occasion of our first quarterly meeting. Brother Stonewall Anderson was with us in P. E. style. Indeed, he was ready for all of the demands of the occasion.

EUGENE WOODRUFF.

Dec. 27, 1897.

WYNNE AND VANNDALE.

This is a new charge formed by the last Conference and given to the Helena district. The possibilities of one of the best pastoral charges in Arkansas are here. What the outcome will be I know not. It all depends upon the manner in which we all adjust ourselves to the new and changed relations. Owing to peculiar circumstances we are not in the parsonage at Vanndale, but in Wynne. The people are very cordial and have given us a warm reception and a splendid donation to assist us in the struggle to live, for all of which we are thankful and take courage for the future and propose to give our very best efforts to the development of all the interests of the charge. Doctor Dye the new presiding elder has been received with open arms as the honored successor of our greatly beloved, M. M. Smith, now of Searey station. So far as I can see the prospects are very flattering for a happy and prosperous new year. I wish you the same.

J. B. McDONALD.

NEW EDINBURG, ARK.

Last summer the Methodist Church at this place was left without a pastor, by the removal of Rev. L. M. Daly. But we kept up our Sabbath-school, which has grown more and more useful and interesting as it has grown older. Conference bestowed a blessing upon this people by sending us Rev. D. D. Warlick to be our pastor during the coming conference year. Bro. Warlick comes to us a new man, a transfer from the White River Conference. He has made a good impression upon all the people of the charge—especially upon the younger part of the congregation, by his genial manners and cheerful heart. He has taken an especial interest in the Sabbath-school work. As he arrived only a few days before Christmas, his first work was to get up a Christmas tree for the members of the Sabbath-school. On Christmas eve there was gathered a happy, merry band of children at the Methodist Church, to witness a Christmas tree, which the ladies had prepared with the co-operation of the pastor and a few young men. The program under the supervision of Prof. Thompson, consisted of songs and appropriate recitations

by the children, closing with remarks by the pastor, in his own inimitable style. It was the purpose of the management to give a present to every one, especially every child present, and there was not one slighted.

The pastor received a handsome pair of shoes and a watch. After about two hours spent pleasantly and profitably, the benediction was pronounced and as happy assemblage as ever gathered at the old Methodist Church, dispersed to their several homes, with thankful hearts, cheerful and contented minds. Wishing you a happy New Year, I am, yours very truly,

ALICE TATUM.

DOVER, ARK.

At the Ozark Conference Bishop Hendrix dropped me down on the Dover circuit. I put in an appearance as soon as possible, and on my arrival they pounded and punkined (pumpkin) me liberally etc. I find my people kind, generously and all in a hurry religious i. e. in the past tense. I have been all around my work and I find that I have all, if not more than I can do. But I will do by it as the frog did by the brick wall, if I can't jump over or dig under I will jump against it with all my might. Pray for me. God bless you and the METHODIST. Fraternally,

S. C. VINSON.

ARKANSAS CITY, ARK.

Though only a short time has passed since Conference, our first quarterly conference has come and gone. The year, which has just closed, was a good year in many ways, and the present year promises to be even better. Last year we had "much water," and "mighty dry weather," too; but the people of Arkansas City, with undaunted courage pressed on, and at the close of the year the preacher went to Conference with a happy heart, and a good report. The year's work resulted in a net increase of one member, increased interest in all the meetings of the Church, and a very large increase in the public congregations. This is "a peculiar people zealous of good works."

Last year they more than paid every thing in full, and expended \$200 on the church and parsonage, and "pounded" the preacher to the amount of about two hundred dollars worth. And above all gave us a large place in their hearts. A more generous, kind hearted people never lived. With it all we have many evils to fight. Our Church is small but brave. We have only thirty-five members of our Church in the town, but their influence is felt in every home. We are hoping and praying for a gracious year. The Church and town have given us a most cordial welcome as "the new preacher" for another year. The stewards met promptly and reported at the first quarterly conference an increase of \$200 over the assessment for the P. C.'s salary last year. The board of stewards have also determined to reduce their operations to a strict business basis. As yet there are but few subscribers of the METHODIST, but we expect an increase

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Report of the Anglo-Chinese College,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1897.

The year just ended has been a prosperous one for the college. Two hundred and forty-four students were enrolled, including some fifteen night pupils and about twenty-five Christian boys who were admitted on reduced terms. Quite a large number of applicants had to be turned away in the beginning of both the fall and spring terms, because we did not have room enough to accommodate them or teaching force to teach them.

On the whole very satisfactory progress has been made by the pupils in their studies. For the first time in the history of the institution, we have been able to get the whole school to take up the study of mathematics in Chinese. I determined to make this obligatory upon all the pupils at the beginning of the spring term this year, and I was agreeably surprised to find how readily they all fell into line. This is a very important step in advance toward the point to which I am steadily pressing, namely, to get the whole school to take the full course of study in Chinese and English,—learning mathematics, science, Christian books, etc., in Chinese, and taking English as one of the branches of the course, instead of making it, as heretofore, the chief subject of study, in addition to the Chinese classics.

Besides having the whole school study mathematics, we have a considerable number, about 45, who are taking the full course of study in English and Chinese. Since the opening of the present fall term this number has increased to about 65. These 65 are studying mathematics, physics, chemistry, geography, physiology, and Christian books, all in Chinese, in addition to the English language and Christian classics. Thus, we may hope to get them to receive some real knowledge and mental training while they are acquiring a knowledge of the English language for which they are so eager.

I am glad to believe that although a large majority of the boys are from heathen families, yet the Christian element in the college is strong, and the Christian influence is predominant. There are over 30 Christian boys and some 20 probationers in the college, who with the Christian teachers (of the 14 teachers all but two are professing Christians), make a strong force for righteousness, which is certain to very greatly influence for good, the most of the pupils.

Religious services of various kinds have been kept up regularly during the year,—preaching, Sunday school, Epworth League, Young Men's Christian Association, prayer-meetings, meetings for probationers, meetings for the women, missionary society, etc. By these and other means we have sought to build up believers in

their faith and to lead pupils and others to a knowledge of the truth as it is Jesus. We have felt that God's blessing has been upon us and believe that he owns the work done in his name.

As intimated above, we have a teaching force of fourteen, three foreigners and eleven natives. Brother Lochr, Mrs. Parker, and myself constitute the regular foreign force. We also had the help of Mrs. C. T. Collyer for a while in the spring during her stay with us while she was waiting for a suitable time to go on to Korea. After that Mrs. Anderson gave us some most valuable assistance in teaching the English classes for about two months. A Mr. Robinson, an independent missionary, assisted in teaching for about four months, at a salary of \$50 a month. Brother Pilley also gave us valuable aid during the last month of the spring term. Of the Chinese professors, four teach the Chinese classics exclusively; two teach English exclusively; one assists at irregular times, and the others, all of whom are graduates of Burlington College, teach mathematics, geography, science, Christian books, Chinese classics, the English language, etc. A night school has been kept up throughout the year, Mrs. Parker and myself teaching the English classes.

An additional dormitory building was put up last fall, and made ready for occupation at the opening of the spring term. It cost two thousand four hundred and ninety-five dollars, Mexican, and will accommodate comfortable some sixty boarders. One of the former one-story dormitories has been turned into a dining-room, by knocking out the partitions between the five rooms, painting, white-washing, &c., so as to make it as suitable for the purpose as possible. While this is a great improvement over the former small rooms that had been used for dining-rooms, it is still only a make-shift, till we can get the means to put up buildings adapted to the needs of the institution.

I repeat what I said in last year's report, namely, that we need a church building very badly. The membership cannot grow and develop as it should while we are confined to the present inconvenient arrangement. Two thousand and five hundred dollars, gold, would build us a good house of worship, which would very greatly aid us in our efforts to bring the gospel to this part of Shanghai. Is it too much to hope that some one will make a donation of this amount for this important and growing work?

A few scholarships have been supported by friends in the home-land. I would like to greatly extend this part of the college work. There are many worthy boys, some of Christian parents, preachers in some cases, who cannot afford the expense of board and tuition in the college, who, if they could be supported for five or six years by some kind friends in the home-land, could obtain a good education, such as would fit them for great usefulness among their fellow-countrymen. The cost of supporting a boy

in the college for one year is twenty-five dollars (\$25) gold, and if any individual, society, or Sunday-school, will undertake the support of one or more boys I will send to such a quarterly or semi-annual report of the college in general and of their proteges in particular.

The demand for English and for Western education in general is growing apace in this country, and any school that by proper care and management offers adequate facilities for the acquisition of this knowledge, will be well patronized. We are in a position to do a great work for China by means of this college. Alas! our equipment is very incomplete and we cannot avail ourselves of the opportunities open to us. We need more teaching force, we need more money, with which to put up proper buildings and equip the college for the work that is now in sight. We have a lot of vacant land which, while it is worth a large sum of money in the market, yet is doing us no good, because we have no money with which to improve it. If we could get \$25,000, gold, we could put up the buildings that are needed for the college, and also build tenement houses on the vacant property, the income from the rent of which would be a fine endowment for the college, paying the foreign teachers' salaries and all other expenses of the college, and leaving a considerable margin over every year.

The time has come when we must do something. If no help can be obtained from friends in the United States, we will be obliged to sell part of the land, a step which we all dislike exceedingly to take, and which we are sure to regret when it is too late, in order to get the money with which to improve the rest of the property, so as to meet the expenses for taxes and derive some income, however small, from it.

We are glad to welcome Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cline to our midst. They will make a most valuable and timely addition to our teaching staff, especially as they have had experience in school work in the home-land. We pray God's richest blessings upon them as they enter upon their great work. Respectfully submitted,

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Our Church at Home.

BERRYVILLE, ARK.

At the last session of the Arkansas Conference Bishop Hendrix read us out to the Berryville circuit. After making some inquiry as to where Berryville was and how to get there, we returned to Waldron and arranged for moving. We shipped our household goods by rail to Eureka Springs, and wife and I got into the buggy Monday, November 29, and started for our new charge. After traveling over smooth road, rough road, crooked road, straight road, mountain road and valley road, and traveling in sunshine, rain and snow, we reached a point five miles north of Kingston, Saturday evening, and as we were more than 20 miles from Berryville, we stopped in a good old Methopist home, the home of one Bro. Boatright, till Monday. We had the pleasure of preaching at a point on the Kingston circuit Sunday afternoon. We reached Berryville Monday afternoon, found the home of Bro. G. W. Whitson, a steward, into which we were warmly received. A few days later we were cozily housed in the parsonage. We have met with a cordial reception by this people. They have given us a nice pound- ing. We find them to be a very kind and clever people, and they have shown a generous spirit toward us. Bro. P. B. Hopkins, our beloved P. E. came round and held our first quarterly meeting for us last Saturday and Sunday. He gave us some good soul-feeding sermons, which we think were appreciated by the hearers. He is in great favor with this people. They have the foundation for a church, and we hope to have in a short time, new church in Berryville, and a house is very much needed here before we can make progress with our branch of the Church. There is in this field, as in many others, a need of much good, honest and faithful work, both on the part of the pastor and people. Pray for us and the work. The Lord bless you and the METHODIST.

J. B. WINSETT.

Berryville, Dec. 21, 1897.

MAMMOTH SPRINGS AND WILLIFORD CHARGE.

I have returned to this charge for another year's work. I began with the first Sunday of December at Williford. This year's work in the itinerancy follows my twentieth having been received on trial in 1877. This reminds me of advancing age. The Lord has been good to me and mine. He has comforted our hearts and sustained us by His never failing grace. I enter upon the race of another year with a deep sense of responsibility, but with hope. Yesterday, Xmas Sunday was a good day, spent at Mammoth Springs. Our morning services consisted of a Christmas exercise for our Sunday-school. Bro. S. L. Cochran, who goes this week to Searcy, with his family, took the place of the pastor in an address on the subject of "God's Wonderful Gifts to the World," which stirred our hearts. Our

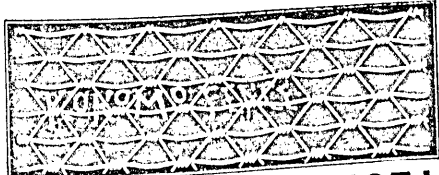
offering to the work of foreign missions, which amounted to \$10, presented as the contribution of Sunday-school, followed the address, and then small gifts to the children were distributed, then the benediction. At my request Bro. Cochran preached for me at night, also. The sermon appropriate to the occasion was followed by a hand shake—a good bye and prayer. Having served the charge three years as pastor and then two as presiding elder, Brother Cochran goes from our midst with the respect and esteem of a large number of friends, who follow him and his family with their best wishes and earnest prayers. In closing this note I wish to say to my brethren that they may be greatly aided in their collections for missions by enlisting the cooperation and help of the Sunday-school. At this place we have set apart one Sunday in each month as missionary day and the contribution of that day goes to the cause of missions. Our Sunday-school is not large but the contribution of last year amounted to \$38.72. A good education this for the children and very helpful to the pastor.

N. E. SKINNER.

Mammoth Springs, Ark., Dec. 27.

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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.

BURK: William Hamilton Burk was born October 9, 1853, in Warren, Bradley county, Ark., and moved to Hope, Ark., in January, 1885. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, about the year 1875, and departed this life December 21, 1897, in Hope, Ark., with that dread disease, consumption.

Mr. Burk was prostrated in bed about September 1, 1897, and suffered much, but stood it all without complaining. He knew what the end would be, and was ready and willing to go when the summons came, only regretting leaving his family, for whom he had the dearest affection, being a true husband and father. He has been known as an honorable citizen. Being perfectly conscious till a few minutes before his death, his last words, which could be understood before his death, were: "Lord, take me." We believe he did take him to rest, where all the bereaved can follow. May they do so.

J. R. SANDERS.

COOK: On October 29, 1897, death entered the home of Bro. and Sister N. J. Cook and claimed sweet little Arlyn Earl, their precious little daughter of three summers. She was born August 27, 1894, being 3 years, 2 months and 2 days old at the time of her death. She was never strong nor robust, but was a particularly bright, winsome child. Always being of a cheerful disposition, she naturally became the pet of the family and friends, but God "who doeth all things well" saw fit to transplant the precious bud by taking her unto himself. Parents, weep not as those who have no hope, your child still lives and is waiting for you in

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And pleasures banish pain."

May parents, brothers, and other loved ones, live so as to meet Arlyn Earl on the blissful shore of the sweet beyond, is the prayer of their pastor,

F. N. BREWER.

Richmond, Ark., Dec. 20, 1897.

RAMER: Elizabeth L. Mabery was born March 24, 1843. She professed religion in 1870 and joined the M. E. Church, South, and was faithful until death. She was married to Rev. Jas. T. Ramer, L. D., in 1872 and departed this life November 7, 1897. Sister Ramer was a devoted Christian wife and mother. I visited her several times the past year and always found her patient, though a constant sufferer for fifteen years, she never murmured nor complained; she bore her suffering as none can but by the grace of God, always saying that when it was God's will she was ready to go, but was willing to stay and suffer till it was his will to call her home, and when he called she passed away without a struggle. She leaves a husband and one daughter. They will miss her, but they know where she has gone.

Pray for Bro. Ramer and daughter, that God will bless them and be with them in their bereavements, and that he will help them to be faithful and meet wife and mother where there will be no parting.

T. J. TAYLOR, P. C.

Wolf Bayou, Ark. Dec. 21, 1897.

GREAR: Sister Hattie Grear, (nee Pride) was born in Severe county, Ark., in the year 1873. Professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when she was 12 years old, in which she lived a consistent member until the day of her death, which came about the 27th of October 1897. She was married to Joseph Grear. She was an affectionate

wife, a loving mother, and a true christian lady. She leaves a husband, three small children, father, mother, brothers, sisters, and a host of friends to mourn her absence. Sister Grear was kind, loving, and affectionate, always using kind words for every body. She was a true Christian mother. May the Lord bless the bereaved, and aid in raising the three little motherless children. Let me say, weep not dear friends for the loved one who has gone to that beautiful land on high. You know where to find her. Live as she lived and you will see her again. She is safe from all the trials and temptations of this life. Precious in the eyes of the Lord, is the death of his saints. Her former pastor,

J. A. PARKER.

Emmett, Ark., Dec. 27, 1897.

HARRINGTON: John W. Harrington was born September 1, 1861, and died November 20, 1897. He was a good man. For fifteen years he was a member of the church. He was never a leader in church work and never put himself forward in any capacity. He was very timid and never having had advantages of some others in school he felt that there were others that would do the work better than he. He was a faithful friend to the pastor and supported him with his means; he loved the church, and while he said but little he felt a great deal. A kinder husband and father I never knew. He was afflicted for more than a year. I have never witnessed more intense suffering, yet he never complained. His energy was boundless, he could hardly be persuaded to quit work. I have never known any one to talk so calmly of death. He spoke of it as he would any other transaction. He said he was willing and ready any time. We thought he was about well when in a moment he was dead. He leaves a wife and five children and three step children to mourn their loss. May the sustaining grace of God be with all of them. After awhile we will be where there will be no more death and separation. May the separations of earth be the only ones we will have to endure. His pastor,

R. W. MCKAY.

ARMSTRONG: May Fletcher Armstrong, the daughter of Bro. James and Sister Nannie Armstrong was born March 5, 1879, died Nov. 15, 1897. Fletcher was a sweet spirited girl, a member of the M. E. Church, South, for three years. During this time she was much devoted to the Church and her Lord's work; always expressed a deep interest and sympathy for God's ministers. She ever had cheering helpful words to offer and while I was her pastor, she many times lifted my burdens some what by her kind welcoming words and cheerful sayings. It seemed to be hers to cast a beam of sunshine into the hearts of all she met. This was not only abroad, but her life and love and faithfulness she carried in her father's home (and hers.) Though other sisters in the home older than she, they looked to her to lead, and make the home congenial and happy by her witty sayings, and music. She was the sunshine in the home, and caused sunshine in the hearts of her many friends. Her motto seemed to be, "Make every body happy at cost of your own." She left a host of weeping friends.

I was not present at her death; was away to fill one of my appointments, and on the way to the church I received a message from her father stating her death and desiring my presence. Our services were saddened by the news. After services I rode to the home where I found a weeping heart broken family. We placed her body in the old family grave yard seven miles west of Searcy, to wait till God shall raise it in power and glory. When she had told them of her departure, she said all is well, and without a struggle, and with a heavenly smile that came on her face, her spirit was born away on the snowy wings of angels to God and Jesus, our elder brother. Here will she join her mother in singing the song of the redeemed. Bless the Lord! When we all get there what a happy meeting there will be. Our prayers and sympathy are shared by the family; also Bro. T. W. Fisack and wife, (the later a sister.) We



would say not to grieve but to look and live with expectation of meeting her on the other shore.

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WILSON-THOMPSON—At Bentonville, Ark., by Rev. R. M. Traylor, Dec. 30, W. A. Wilson, and Miss Essie Thompson.

ELLIS-BING—Dec. 22, 1897, at the home of the bride, by Esq. Welchman. Mr. J. F. Ellis to Miss Lula Bing. Both of Carmel, Ark.

LEATHERS-SMITH—Dec. 26, 1897, at the parsonage at Carrollton, Ark. Mr. John Leathers to Miss Pearl Smith, H. A. Armstrong officiating.

GILLHAM-PICKENS—At the residence of the bride's father Mr. Pickens, Mr. R. E. Gillham, to Miss May Pickens, by Rev. J. J. Colson.

WADKINS-RAINS—Dec. 23, 1897, at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Rains, Mr. R. O. Wadkins to Miss Lonnie Rains, H. A. Armstrong officiating.

ROGERS-BROOKS—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 22, 1897, by Esq. Welchman, Mr. R. L. Rogers, to Miss Mary Brooks. All of Chicot county.

ARNOLD-PETTY—At the residence of Dr. E. Truitt, in Dover, Ark., on the night of Dec. 28, 1897, Mr. Thomas Arnold, to Miss Ella Petty, Rev. S. C. Vinson officiating.

PATTERSON-MOORE—At the residence of the bride's father, Bentonville, Ark., Dec. 22, 1897, Mr. Patterson, and Miss Maggie Moore, Rev. R. M. Traylor officiating.

SURRATT-ROACH—December 27, 1897, at 1216 North B. street. Fort Smith, Ark., Mr. Ernest H. Surratt, and Miss Daisy Roach, Rev. P. C. Fletcher officiating.

RAGAN-SIMPSON—At the residence of the bride's father near Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 22, 1897, Mr. C. Y. Ragan, to Miss Kate Simpson, E. F. Wilson officiating.

PITTMAN-DICKSON—At the residence of the bride's father Rev. John Dickson, on the evening of Dec. 29, 1897, Mr. Ed. Pittman, to Miss Maud Dickson, by Rev. J. J. Colson.

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GOODLETT-STOCKS—Dec. 21, 1897 at the residence of the bride's parents in Ozan, Ark., by Rev. J. R. Sanders, Mr. Charles H. Goodlett, and Miss Lula Stocks. All of Ozan, Ark.

ACRUMAN-DOUGLASS—On the 22nd Inst. at the residence of the bride's father Mr. L. Douglass, of Calhoun county, Mr. E. A. Acruman, of Fordyce, to Miss Rosa Douglass, Rev. C. A. Broach officiating.

Johnson-Guthrie—At the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Guthrie of Breckenridge, Johnson county, Ark., Mr. John R. Johnson, to Miss Lucy Guthrie, Rev. J. N. Villines officiating. All of Johnson county, Ark.

BRAY-MARTIN—At the home of the bride's father Mr. Martin, of Breckenridge, Johnson county, Ark., Dec. 26, 1897, Mr. James M. Bray, to Miss Sallie Martin, Rev. J. N. Villines officiating. All of Johnston county, Ark.

BOYDSTON-SEBASTIAN—On Dec. 23, 1897, at the Baker House in Wynne, Ark., Mr. Chas. M. Boydston, to Miss Lizzie Sebastian, by Rev. J. B. McDonald, pastor of the Methodist Church of which they are consistent members. They left at once, via Memphis, for Martin, Tenn., where they spent the holidays with relations.

BETTIS-SIMPSON—At the C. P. Church, in Dover, Ark., Dec. 26, 1897, at 7 p. m., in the presence of a crowded house Mr. C. M. Bettis, to Miss Lizzie Simpson, Rev. Sam C. Vinson, of the M. E. Church, South, officiating. Mr. Bettis is the son of Rev. O. F. Bettis, pastor of the C. P. Church, and Miss Simpson is the daughter of one of the prominent merchants of Dover. May peace and prosperity attend them.

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