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## News and Notes.

The Anti-Saloon League is making strong efforts to secure the aid of the authorities in the work of trying to prevent drinking in the army and navy. This work was started by the statement in the newspapers that New York saloons were furnishing liquor free to all United States sailors and soldiers.

The victory of our navy at Manila was celebrated in this city on a large scale on the night of May 4. There was a procession with banners, fireworks, and public speaking. The people turned out in large numbers.

Chaplain Milburn opened the senate the day after the news of the battle of Manila was received with the following prayer: "Almighty God, who art a strong power of defense to them that trust in thee, we give thee hearty thanks for the good news coming to us from across the sea of the success with which thou art crowning the conduct and valor of the officers and sailors of our Asiatic squadron. We bless thee for the magnificent unexampled spectacle of a nation waging war, not for the greed of land and treasure, or power, or the gratification of revenge, but in the cause of the poor, the needy and the oppressed. We beseech thee O Lord, to let the light of thy favor shine upon us and bring the war to a speedy and triumphant end, and thine shall be the glory."

It is an excellent time for the preachers to send us up a large list of new subscribers.

## WAR NOTES.

The official report of Commodore Dewey, commander of the U. S. Asiatic Squadron, was conveyed by ship to Hong Kong and telegraphed to this government on the 7th. It confirmed what had already been published respecting his great victory at Manila. The whole Spanish Squadron under Montejó, consisting of about fourteen vessels was destroyed. Several hundred Spaniards were killed and wounded. The Americans came off with little damage to their ships, and without the loss of a single man and with only six men wounded. Cavete with its fortifications, six miles from Manila, was taken, and the city of Manila desired instructions from his government as to bombarding the city. He was given liberty to use his own judgment. Supplies of ammunition have been sent him and 9,000 soldiers.

Since the defeat of the Spaniards at Manila it has been reported that the Spanish fleet would concentrate for a great naval battle, somewhere near Cuba. Meantime rear Admiral Sampson sailed from Havana, with expectation of encountering the Spanish ships in the vicinity of Porto Rico. But up to this date no certain knowledge of the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet has been obtained.

The promise that the pressure of a foreign war would unite the contending factions in Spain was but momentary. Within a week after the Cortes had pledged allegiance to the throne, and Liberals and Carlists declared themselves ready to forget all differences in the emergency of national peril, strifes began to appear, bitter accusations were made respecting the conduct of the government, and martial law had to be established in Madrid and other cities. Meantime Dewey's great victory has increased the discontent until riot and bloodshed are now of daily occurrence. Without aid from other nations, the Spaniards cannot long sustain the struggle with such a power as the United States.

Our government's policy regarding Cuba is clearly indicated.

Troops are being hurried to the coast, and the island will be invaded with the least possible delay.

Congress, at the suggestion of the President, has passed a vote of thanks to Commodore Dewey for his gallant and noble conduct. He will be promoted to the office of a rear admiral.

## NOTES FROM THE DAILY ADVOCATE.

In order that our readers may be informed of everything which is of special interest in the proceedings of the General Conference of our church now in session, in the city of Baltimore, we have engaged Rev. S. H. Babcock, a delegate from the White River Conference, to send us a weekly letter. We also receive, at this office, the General Conference daily, from which we take the following notes:

The Conference meets at 9 a.m. and adjourns at 1 p.m.

It is believed that the Conference will have a short session.

There will be a series of lectures given by Bishop Charles B. Gallo-way, Rev. Sam P. Jones and Rev. S. A. Steel on the evenings of May 9, 16 and 19 respectively.

On Friday May 20, 8 p.m. a mass-meeting of all the Epworth Leagues of the M. E. Church, South, in and about Baltimore will be held in the Armory.

Dr. Tigert, the secretary, dated the first day's minutes according to his view of the Genesis of Methodism. But this view was discussed at Memphis four years ago, and the Conference ordered the date to conform with the doctrine that the Christmas Conference of 1784 was the first General Conference of the Church. Bishop Wilson ruled that unless the General Conference now otherwise ordered the date of minutes should conform to that view.

From the Bishops' address we take these statements:

"The statistical tables show for the present quadrennium the increase in the number of itinerant preachers to be 502, and of members 123,221. The present number of itinerant preachers is 5989, and of local preachers 5685—a

total of 11,674 preachers and of 1,478,431 members. The aggregate value of our Church property of all kinds is estimated at a little over \$35,000,000, an increase of about \$2,000,000 within the quadrennium.

"The reports show that we have at present 14,188 schools, 104,135 teachers and 851,488 pupils—an increase within the quadrennium of 825 schools, 8459 teachers and 86,202 pupils—making a grand total now in our schools of 955,623, an increase of 94,661 since the last General Conference.

"The official tables show 3486 Leagues chartered, with 126,584 members."

This resolution, introduced by J. H. Pritchett, D. D., in behalf of the delegates from the Missouri Conference, was adopted:

Whereas, The King whom we serve is "The King of Peace;" and

Whereas, We are praying and laboring and hoping for the day when "The nations shall learn war no more;" and

Whereas, War, under any conditions, is a thing to be dreaded and deprecated and if possible avoided, by every Christian people; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we hereby express our gratification at the Christian manliness and statesmanship displayed by President McKinley, in seeking, under the most trying ordeal, to avoid war with Spain.

2d. That we do assure him most sincerely, together with all his co-laborers, of our deepest sympathy and strongest moral support in this time of weighty responsibility and great peril.

3d. That our united and constant prayer shall be for such a termination of this war as shall secure permanently the ends of justice, right and truth everywhere.

Fitzhugh Lee and Joseph Wheeler, both of whom were officers in the Confederate army, have each been appointed by President McKinley to the office of Major-General, in the present war with Spain. The men are worthy and the appointment wise.

## Contributed.

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CHAPTER VII.

BY W. P. WHALEY.

Some love the glow of outward show,  
The shine of wealth, and try to win it;  
The house to me may lowly be,  
If I but like the people in it.

What's all the gold that glitters cold,  
When linked to hard and haughty feeling?  
What'er we're told, the noblest gold  
Is truth of heart and honest dealing!

Charles Swain.

Col. Clement A. Marks was never a soldier. He was too young for service during the Revolution; and, by the time the Mexican war came on, he was too rich. He hired a substitute, who fought and died in his stead. This is the service we get out of wealth. With money, we can hire more competent people to do our living, fighting and dying. People with wealth usually do their living and laboring like Mark Twain climbed Mt. Blanc, by proxy. The titular prefix to the name of Mr. Marks was merely a sign of that deference which the public generally pays to a man of prominence.

Col. Marks was a member of the Methodist Church; and a prominent member, too. In the plain church, he had a special and cushioned pew, which he and his family usually occupied at every church service, except prayer meeting and love feast. He was not considered a demonstrative Christian. He could never be induced to lead in public prayer, nor conduct private devotions in his own home.

He was the chief contributor to the finance of the church. For this reason, he was kept at the head of the board of stewards for many years. The finance of a church is very important, and must be kept up by any means. Sometimes men are put into official relation to the church in order to cure them of stinginess—and sometimes it fails. I have seen men petted and rubbed to soften their hearts and relax their purses, and that does not always succeed. Some use threats and invective, and I have known that to come to naught. I have known some to use entertainment and amusement, but not every man who listens and laughs will pay his part for the fun. Religion is the oldest, simplest, surest application; but even that must be copiously applied and thoroughly rubbed in, for I have known just a little of it to fail utterly.

Col. Marks owned large stocks in two banks in New Orleans. A few miles below Olton lay his large, rich, river plantation, worked by 200 slaves. Of course, his business made heavy demands upon him. This is why it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom; but it is, also, a reason why he should enter. No man should undertake the management of such a vast business without the conscious guidance and help of God; because it is too taxing upon his strength, and he is liable to make a wrong use of his property.

Col. Marks's extensive business

brought him in contact with all classes of people, and he was agreeable and pleasant with all; but his wife and daughter moved in a very small circle of the world's very elect—such families of wealth, fashion, and distinction as the Phineas, Hightower, Ringland, Richie, etc. This was the policy of Mrs. Marks, a proud, vain, heartless woman, who was determined that her daughter should move in only the bon ton circle.

Nettie had not been allowed to attend the academy nor to form friendships with the girls of her age outside the select families. Mrs. Marks had kept a teacher in her home until Nettie was ready for a college in a distant state. In childhood, Nettie could not understand why she was not free like other children. When she was old enough to understand it, she protested against it, but in vain. By the time her education was finished, she was not only reconciled to her mother's choice; she was, also, possessed with her mother's pride and haughtiness. Yet, as above indicated, this was not natural with Nettie Marks, but acquired. If there was about her anything but the humblest, sweetest, kindest spirit, it was manufactured by the determination, industry and perseverance of her mother. Mothers do, sometimes, succeed in spoiling children. Doting parents often industriously train their children into practices and habits that must be broken away from before any success or happiness can be attained. With all due reverence to the good men, who were our fathers, and the saintly women who were our mothers and turned our cabin homes into palaces of light and our hearts into homes for God, it could be said truthfully that the greatest curse that befalls many in this world is their parentage and home training. The sacred relation of parents is the place where not only "fools rush in," but the whole catalogue of criminals! God have mercy upon the new crop of sinners! The marital relation and home conditions are laying out tasks for Grace,

(To be continued.)

## Our Short-Comings.

Dr. Godbey: Much has been said concerning the general decrease in the number of conversions throughout our church. I have been watching to see what would be given as the cause of this lamentable state of affairs. In your editorials you have given "no uncertain sound." Conferences, conventions and assemblies of different kinds have required a great deal of attention, and to a great extent have turned the minds of the people and the ministry from the work of soul-saving.

And, to my mind there are some other things, that deserve our attention just at this time. The success of any laudable or scriptural institution depends upon the intelligent dissemination of its principles and doctrines.

The doctrines of the Bible believed in, bring salvation to the soul. But if we fail to give the world the scriptural food, how can

we intelligently expect the world to be saved.

We hear very little of late years concerning the fundamental principles of religion, but we hear very much about Epworth League, missions, education. The omnipotence, the omnipresence, Beulah land, the delectable Mt., Heaven, the stars, the systems of worlds, immensity of space and a host of other similar subjects, but very little about repentance, regeneration, justification, adoption, witness of the spirit. How many of our preachers have clear, definite scriptural sermons on the distinctive doctrines of the Methodist Church? How many could preach acceptable sermons on the church? On Communion, on Water Baptism, on Holy Ghost Baptism, on Infant Baptism? If these be the doctrines of our church, and of the Bible, why not preach them until the people are indoctrinated in the same. Then I believe that that lamentable decrease will give way to an admirable increase in the next four years. Let us try it.

Yours for the doctrines of the Bible,  
T. W. FISACKERLY.

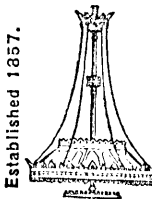


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## Raising the Debt.

A. H. GODBEY.

Goosepond official board was in trouble. A recent pastor had taken it into his most contrary and unreasoning head that the preacher had a right to a house; whereas Goosepond was not convinced that he had any rights at all. So with much grumbling and protesting, a small three-roomed house was erected, and the preacher could, if he chose, live without paying rent. True, it was not necessary that the preacher's home should have any paint upon it, or that the plastering should be completed, or that it should be fenced, or that there should be either well or cistern. The privilege of serving the intelligent and enterprising people of Goosepond circuit was deemed to more than compensate for such seeming deficiencies. And the circuit thus having the unusual recommendation of such a home for its spiritual servant, the P. E. was notified by the official board that they expected the best the Conference could afford.

But the stewards were in trouble, for it was found that the building committee lacked more than \$100 of paying for the house. The debt dragged along for five years. The interest was adding to it; the matter was said to be a great burden to the church; though just why, when no one tried to raise it, or pay anything upon it, is perhaps not very clear. A political campaign drew nigh, and a bright idea occurred to Bro. Doleful. In Quarterly Conference he was added to the "committee," which had hitherto committed nothing. The American public, it is well known, exists to be humbugged. Candidates and office-holders exist to be fleeced. Bro. Doleful approached various persons desirous of saving their country, and in his most melancholy style told of the miseries of his church in colors as dark as any picture of the country ever painted by one defeated for his country's good. If they, simple souls, gathered from his admiration of them that he and the church would vote for them, in grateful remembrance of their unprecedented beneficence, so much the worse for their simplicity. He certainly did not specifically say so.

At the ensuing Quarterly Conference, Bro. Doleful reported that he had secured promises of some \$50 upon the debt, without asking anything from the Church. "And the best of it, brethren," he drawled, "is that we got all but \$2 of it from the Republican candidates, and the Democrats are all elected, too."

The P. E. turned on him with blazing eye. "So this is your boasted plan for raising that pitiful debt! a mere pietistic blackmailing scheme! Talk of corruption in politics! of unfaithfulness in office! It is such men as you that create it all; you, with your smooth tongue, and official station in the church, and long prayers!

You give your candidates to understand that a part of their salary must be handed over to the voter if they would secure election. You make them feel your pious plaint and request is as veritable a hold-up as ever was perpetrated by highwaymen. No wonder they play you false in office. Turn the rascals out, eh? Not till such rascals as you are turned out of the country will we be rid of the rascal in office."

"And it is the Church that you drag into this nefarious blackmail; in the name of the Church, and in the garb of religion that you perpetrate your fraud, hinting at the possible support of the Church to be gained by a few dirty dollars from Caesar's pocket! It is to relieve yourself and brethren of the duty and privilege of liberality, that you have thus prostituted and shamed the Church of God! And your covetous soul can rejoice at the prospect of escaping the payment of a debt that should never have existed! You moan the low estate of your Church. When you and those like you learn that the Church should support itself instead of currying favor with the corruption that is in the world, its low estate will be past. Till then, it will moan to think such men as you are in it. "My Father's house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves."

"And you can come here, in the house of God, where the welfare of His cause is the matter in hand, and drag into it your miserable partisan prejudices, and gloat over your perpetration of a practical deceit! I have heard that a diplomatist is one sent abroad to lie for his country; you seem to think a steward is one sent to lie for his Church."

The P. E. is not so popular as he was, having lost at least one friend on Goosepond circuit. How far he is concerned thereby, or how much the Church has lost by it—I am not in a position to say. Bro. Doleful was not at all convinced. The balance of the debt is not yet paid. Indeed, Bro. D. informs me that a few Republicans failed to pay their subscriptions, as they failed to get the office. He thinks them stingy and dishonest. But it is probable that the Populists will put out a county ticket at the coming election; and Bro. Doleful is sure, that if he can only get at the candidates before they have spent all their money for whiskey to secure the negro vote, he can get enough out of them to pay the rest of the debt.

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## Letter From Texas.

Dear Bro: This will remind our old friends, we "still live and move" &c. Since I reached here, three months since, I've been in labors abundant. Already I have had some good meetings, resulting in about fifty conversions. I am in a sort of fix; my second blessing brethren love me very much, but hardly think me right clear, because somehow, theoretically, I hardly know how to pronounce the "Shibboleth," and the other crowd sorter think I have a leaning that way.

But still, we have revivals altogether and souls are saved. While my brethren remain loyal to our Church and vows if they "cast out devils in His name, I will not forbid them." No man can afford it. Mr. Wesley's sermon on "Sin in Believers" certainly teaches the "residue theory," and then to my mind his sermon on the "New birth" teaches that sanctification is a growth after regeneration, and until one sermon or the other is eliminated from the "standards," both theories will be taught from Methodist pulpits. Some think our General Conference ought to define clearly what the standards are, but I doubt very much if such would be a satisfactory solution of the question, because men will have the courage of their convictions and contend that the word of God is a sufficient rule of faith and practice, &c.

A case in point: I dined recently with a very pious old brother and wife, who had been dropped from the Baptist Church, because of their professions of "Holiness." With tears in their eyes, they said: "We love our Church very much, but I never can deny what God has done for me, therefore I can't go back." So, upon the whole, it behooves us, as Methodists especially, to move cautiously, prayerfully, along these lines.

Therefore, as for my part, I shall condemn no man for his theory of holiness if he is holy. At the same time I am not in sympathy with anarchy in the Church. So let us all stay in line and contend earnestly for what we honestly believe is the faith. In fact, a real rich, sweet, baptism of the Holy Ghost would remove most, if not all, of this trouble that now vexes Israel. Lord send it.

I sincerely wish you could be at my camp meeting, first Sunday in August, beautifully situated on the banks of Nolan Creek, with a nice spring bursting from the bank. Dense shade of walnut, oak and cedar, all enclosed, with lanterns at each gate. If nothing bad intervenes, we expect a "feast of fat things." If you come, we'll let you preach at 11 o'clock, which you know is a great honor. For fear of the "waste basket" I must desist, with best wishes for all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

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## Searcy District Conference.

The 28th session of the Searcy District Conference convened at Bald Knob, April 20, 1898.

Rev. S. L. Cochran, P. E., in the chair.

M. M. Smith was elected secretary.

Bro. Cochran presided with dignity and ease, asked questions and delivered short talks, showing a disposition to see that the law of the Church is executed, and evincing a firmness that indicated decision and determination, but in all this he would have words and actions tempered with charity.

All the pastors were present but three. Bros. M. B. Umsted and H. C. Edmonson were detained at home, on account of family affliction. The old and beloved soldier, Rev. R. G. Brittain, of many battles and as many victories, who has never shunned a hard work, and whose voice was always a bugle blast of no uncertain sound, and whose bow still abides in strength as he finishes his half century of itinerant work, was detained at home for lack of money to pay traveling expenses.

The Presiding Elder expressed his preference for having the conference act as a committee of the whole, hence there were but two committees appointed. One on Quarterly Conference Journals, the other on Temperance.

The condition of all the works was looked into. The searching questions of the P. E. revealing their true condition.

A number of faithful laymen were present, who added much to the interest of the occasion.

There are some signs of progress in the way of building and repairing. In this, West Searcy circuit takes the lead. The present pastor, Rev. A. H. Williams, a recent transfer to us from the Arkansas Conference, has, in addition to completing the West Searcy Church, remodeled about every house on his charge, giving them modern finish, repainting, &c.

The licenses of all the local preachers in the district were renewed.

William F. Rhew, a very prominent, promising and cultured young man, of Bald Knob, was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The next District Conference will meet in Argenta.

Dr. D. W. James, H. F. Harvey, L. D., J. H. Clark and D. H. Clark were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

Resolutions were adopted, recommending and commending most heartily Galloway and Hendrix Colleges, and appropriate remarks were made expressive of gratitude and thanks to our common Lord, for the hopeful condition of these noble institutions.

A resolution was offered endorsing and commending the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and the editor being present, spoke to the resolution.

As visitors, we were honored

with President A. C. Miller, of Hendrix, and President C. C. Godden, of Galloway College. Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, financial agent, Hendrix; Rev. James Thomas, President State Epworth League; Rev. E. R. Steel, Chaplain State Penitentiary; Rev. M. B. Hill, returned missionary from China, and last but not least, Dr. J. E. Godbey, Editor ARKANSAS METHODIST. All these dear brethren were heartily and cordially welcomed and spoke encouraging words to us.

We also had Rev. W. B. Ricks, whose name I was about to forget. He is our Conference Missionary Secretary. He delivered a fine missionary discourse. All of Friday was given to a missionary program.

Bald Knob threw her doors wide open, and entertained us most hospitably, for which she and her pastor received a rising vote of thanks.

## SECRETARY.

P. S. There is evidently much confusion and lack of Christian cooperation in some parts of the district, arising from irresponsible men claiming to be evangelists. Others preaching divine healing. I noticed that these confused and confusing, and in some places disturbing conditions, exist where the second blessing theory of sanctification has been taught; where it has not been preached, there is no disturbance, but peace and harmony, a much better state of affairs exist. The pastors are better supported and our Church papers have a wider circulation. This is due to the fact that some of our disloyal pastors and evangelists, who preach the second blessing have been active in circulating the Pentecostal Herald and doing nothing to introduce either the Christian Advocate or ARKANSAS METHODIST, and this is downright disloyalty, and when a person commences to be disloyal at any point there is no telling where it will stop.

This postscript has not been written to reflect upon any one; but as a statement of facts that should not exist.

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## Temperance.

The Scriptures, in their teachings, consider the subject in all its bearings, and enjoins it in word, act and desire, but as some forms of sin are worse than others, so some forms of intemperance are worse than others. The use of ardent and vinous liquors for beverage purposes is the worst form of intemperance, doubtless, known to the world today. The plea is made by the advocates of liquor, that it brings material prosperity to the community where it is dispensed. If these parties simply mean that it brings money into the hands of the liquor men, we own that the statement is true, but if they mean that the manufacture, or sale, of liquor brings prosperity to any legitimate industry, we enter our emphatic denial.

1st. It is often that the laborer spends his means for drink, that

the wants of his family imperatively demand.

2nd. Its presence brings with it a class as hangers-on, that are always detrimental to the prosperity of the community.

Instances have come under our personal observation, where persons have, by the drink habit, been reduced from affluence to the lowest depths of poverty.

3rd. The claim is made by the advocates of liquor for beverage purposes, that its use tends to the preservation of health and the lengthening of life, but the opposite are the facts in the case.

During the yellow fever epidemic at Memphis, several years since, the statement was made, if I mistake not, that the mortality was much greater among the drinking class, and the fact is well authenticated, that the average of life is much greater among those who do not drink, than among those who do. One point we wish to notice, that has received but little attention, that is this:

The love of liquor is as surely transferrable from sire to son, as the virus of cancer, or the wasting of pulmonary disease.

This is the deadly upas, demonstrated in fact. Men make assertions, but not an argument can they produce for the continuance of this foe of our race.

This Philistine giant stands at the front, and defies both God and man. And it behooves us to use every legitimate means for his overthrow. In this contest; every right thinking man owes it to himself and to his race, to see to it, that no advocate of liquor goes to the Legislature, State or national, with his support.

The man who would secure votes through this agent of Satan, deserves an ignominious defeat. The newspaper coming in possession of facts, as to men's guilt in the above reference and suppressing these facts, is unworthy of the confidence of the people.

What is the closing act in this drama of the drunkard?

At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

And whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

F. M. SMITH.

Cushman, Ark.

## Those Licenses.

Dear Bro. Thornburgh: I write to thank you for publishing a list of parties taking out United States revenue license. If these gentlemen do not intend to violate the state law, regulating the sale of intoxicants, why should they feel aggrieved? Why should they threaten you? If you had advertised through the METHODIST that these same men were the sole agents in their respective towns, for the sale of some noted remedy for the cure of some prevalent malady, with which the people are afflicted, they would doubtless have been pleased.

Well, if to sell whiskey is the proper thing to do; if it is honorable and profitable, they ought to thank you for giving such wide publicity to this particular line of their trade. For it goes without

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Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

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But it is so difficult for the publisher of a religious paper to please everybody. I don't like some things you publish myself. But if I was engaged in an honest traffic, I am sure I should not become offended if you should call the people's attention to it.

If they don't want to sell liquor, why did they take out license, or permits? Maybe they did it just for fun, or perchance to help "Uncle Sam," at this critical juncture!

I observe that you leave Lonoke out of your list. Lonoke is a prohibition town, with a population of 1,500. If the druggist in Lonoke can get along without United States permits, so can every druggist in the state.

E. L. BEARD.

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## Literary Table.

## Grades of Literature.

The lowest is the writing of stories consisting of common-places long drawn out, whether coarse or not, without a spark of originality in treatment. Above this but slightly is that which consists of moral and religious homilies without freshness, fervor, or true distinctions, and systems of religious doctrine deprived of life, and categorized, like mummies in a museum. Then follows a series of facts of natural history, put together without logical order, accurate, but neither interesting to beginners nor of use to the educated. Then come biographies, the facts of which have been collected with care, but the character unsymmetrically delineated, which, while the estimate of the author is not left in doubt, fail to answer many questions which would naturally be asked. Next are the great works of scholars in all departments, who collect with prodigious pains all the facts and opinions upon the subjects which they treat, but who do not generalize. They furnish the materials for others, and become authorities on facts.

At the summit are the great works of fiction which deal with the fundamental verities, the products of imagination being displayed in the colors of real or conceivable human life; or those which treat the supernatural in a manner which stimulates without confusing the fancy, the conceptions of their authors being set forth with a wealth and precision of language which touch every passion, and become an education in rhetoric; sublime poems which subject the same elements to meter and rhythm; biographies which leave the subject as real a figure in the memory of the reader as if he had personally known the character portrayed, and which do this in harmony with every law of the best writing. Here also are found the works of original investigators, who, availing themselves freely of the materials gathered by others and generalizing from them, push out into new fields; the great histories which, in addition to being books of reference as to the material elements of an age, are interpreters of its spirit, and the institutions and people of whom they write; and the great moral and religious works which do not diminish the power of the original principle, whether it be of natural or inspirational origin, but imbue the mind and heart of the reader with fervent love of truth and an intense desire to conform the life to its teachings.

If these distinctions be correct, the love of the highest forms of literature is to be found only in a minority of even the more civilized portions of the earth. The number of books sold, apart from those necessary for elementary instruction, and the proportion taken from such libraries as are selected with the view to suit the tastes of the greatest number, are the exponents of the public capacity of appreciation.

Omnivorous readers often know

the least of and care the least for the highest literature. Their knowledge consists of bits and scraps, and though they may glibly quote from a wide circle of authors included in the highest literature, they often show that they have been caught by a phrase rather than by a thought, and taken only by the phrases that are found in books of quotation, and this though they find them in the original.

The reading circles now so common usually occupy themselves with current publications; a spirit against which Emerson protested in one of his best paradoxical expressions, "When a new book is published, I read to say old one." The capricious, not to say degraded, taste that exists, is well illustrated by the demand for some recent books, of which Hall Caine's "The Christian" is an example.—New York Christian Advocate.

## Contributed.

## On to Baltimore.

REV. SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.

After a day in St. Louis, a two-hours' ride through and around Cincinnati, in company with thirty Texans and Arkansans, this writer landed with about eighty westerners in the city of Baltimore, May 5, 10 a.m. Our party reached the armory building in time to answer roll call, but not in time for the interesting opening exercises conducted by Bishop John C. Keener, or to hear the wonderful prayer of Dr. Andrew Hunter.

The Bishops were all in their places on the rostrum ready to pilot our Methodist ship through another quadrennial session. It is a special pleasure to the conference that our venerable senior Bishop is able to be present. He is not in robust health. He read a most touching paper to the Conference, and stated that infirmities of body and mind made it necessary for the Conference to give him some relief from the onerous responsibilities of his office. He placed himself in the hands of the Conference to do with him what their godly judgment should think best. His paper was referred to the committee on episcopacy.

Drs. Tigert and Denny were nominated for secretary. Dr. Tigert was elected by a strong viva voce vote.

The address of the Bishops was read by Bishop Hargrove, in a clear, strong voice. This writer did not lose one word of it. It is a masterly document. Thankful for the heroic achievements of the past, the manifold responsibilities and opportunities of the present, they urge upon the Conference to lay well and wisely their plans for the dawning of a new century. They make wise suggestions as to Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, Education, Missions, Publishing Interests, Evangelists, and ask the Conference to strengthen the episcopacy by the election of two Bishops.

A reception was given by the members of the M. E. Church,

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South, in Baltimore, to the members of the General Conference, May 5, 8 p.m. Bishop Wilson gave us welcome in behalf of the churches of Baltimore, and Hon. Lloyd Lowndes, governor, on behalf of the State of Maryland. Bishop E. R. Hendrix responded in behalf of the Conference. It is needless to say that these addresses were thoroughly enjoyed. Wit and wisdom, personal reminiscence, and historic allusion as to the city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland in connection with the growth of Methodism on the continent were uttered from tongues of eloquence and hearts of love in words which stirred to the depths and made us say in the language of Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Rumor has it that Dr. Candler has resigned the presidency of Emory College and that Dr. Bigham is to be his successor.

Our Texas brethren are booming Dr. Hoss for the Episcopacy and Dr. Pierce, the editor of the Texas Advocate, to take his place on the tripod of the Christian Advocate.

I have just had a pleasant interview with Dr. Charles A. Fullwood, presiding elder of Tampa District, Fla., and the founder of our mission to the Cubans. He speaks hopefully of our work down there and thinks the result of the war will open a wide and inviting field for missionary operations.

Our Arkansas delegates are all in place except Dr. Ross, of the Little Rock Conference, and Bro. Jackson, of the Arkansas Conference. All well and ready for work.

This writer and Dr. Dye are domiciled at the Carrollton Hotel with a host of others. I noticed in the dining room yesterday more white ties and Prince Albert coats than I have seen at a hotel in a long time. All the appointments of the house are excellent, and the table is laden with good things both from land and sea.

How pleasant it is to be in Baltimore, the city humorously called by Bishop Hendrix the pigeon roost of Methodism. Here sleeps the dust of Bishop Asbury, Bishop Waugh, Bishop Emery, Robert Strawbridge and a host of the fathers of American Methodism. Here Bishop Keener was converted. Bishop Wilson was born and reared, and the ancestry of Bishop Hendrix lived. Here the Church

was organized in 1784; here the General Conference was changed into a delegated body in 1808; here the General Conference has met more frequently than at any other place on the continent, and here was held the centenary of American Methodism in 1884. No wonder Bishop Hendrix said in his address last night: "We have just come home to roost, and our charges we have left will be the better for our coming."

Our Methodist tree has taken deep root and has a luxuriant growth in this fair city in the Bay.

May God give to the Conference wisdom to know what Israel ought to do.

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### The Day of Judgment.

MATTHEW XXV:31-46.

Golden Text:—"He shall reward every man according to his works." (Matt. xvi. 27)

Topical Outline.—I. The Separation. (Verses 31-33.) II. The Reward of the Righteous. (Verses 34-40.) III. The Doom of the Wicked. (Verses 41-46.)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Day of Judgment, Matt. xxv:31-46.

The Appointed Day, Acts xvii:30-34.

A Great Mystery, 1 Cor. xv:50-58.

Dead in Christ First, 1 Thess. iv:13-18.

Great White Throne, Rev. xx:11-15.

Issues of the Judgment, xxi:1-8.

The City of God, xxii:1-7.

Reference Word, "Judgment." Lesson Hymn, No. 629.

Time.—Tuesday of Passion week, A. D. 30.

Place.—On the Mount of Olives.

The necessity for a general judgment, and so for a time or day of judgment, does not arise from any sort of inability on the part of God to determine our moral condition in advance of that final day. People sometimes speak of it as if that were the object of the judgment-day. You have heard the argument that it is necessary to wait till the end of the world to find out just what are the final deserts of each individual, since the full effect of each individual's life cannot be known till then. But even human tribunals do not administer justice on that rule; a crime has an intrinsic amount of ill-desert, apart from any effect that may or may not follow it, and a character that is to be passed upon has an intrinsic moral standing. Whether such and such results will follow from a life will largely depend upon time and circumstance. Looking for such and such actual results, therefore, will not afford a just rule of judgment.

There is a moral necessity for a general judgment, rather, we should say, an administrative necessity. There must come a time when the ways of God must be vindicated to men—and to angels. The government of God is not run on arbitrary principles, never has been. There are a great many things in the world, as matters now go, that seem to be arbitrary; there are very many seeming inequalities, things which would forever seem unequal if no time should ever come when the whole scheme of God's dealings should be opened. If God's government were arbitrary, again, he would never stop to make matters plain; but it is not arbitrary, and God who made our natures does not dishonor them,

and, seeing that he has placed within us a sense of justice that desires to know for ourselves the righteousness or unrighteousness of all administration that concerns us, he does not stifle that sense of justice by any mere statement that he will do right about our destiny and that of our fellowmen. In such a matter, affecting eternally the welfare of all men and all angels, God will make an exhibit, so to speak, of all his dealings with men and angels, and it will be such an exhibit as will shut every mouth for ever and ever. For this purpose all heaven, every angel; all hell, every devil and every doomed spirit; and all earth, every man, woman and child living or that ever did live; all shall be there—an assembled universe. The rule of judgment shall be laid down, and it shall consist of such fundamental distinctions as are indicated in our lesson, distinctions which mark the difference of character. The assignment to the right or the left shall then be made under this rule, and no man, or angel or devil shall ever be able to question the adjudication.

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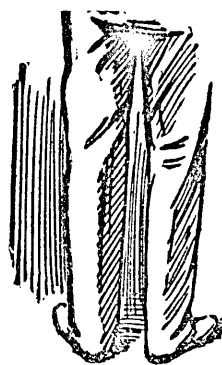
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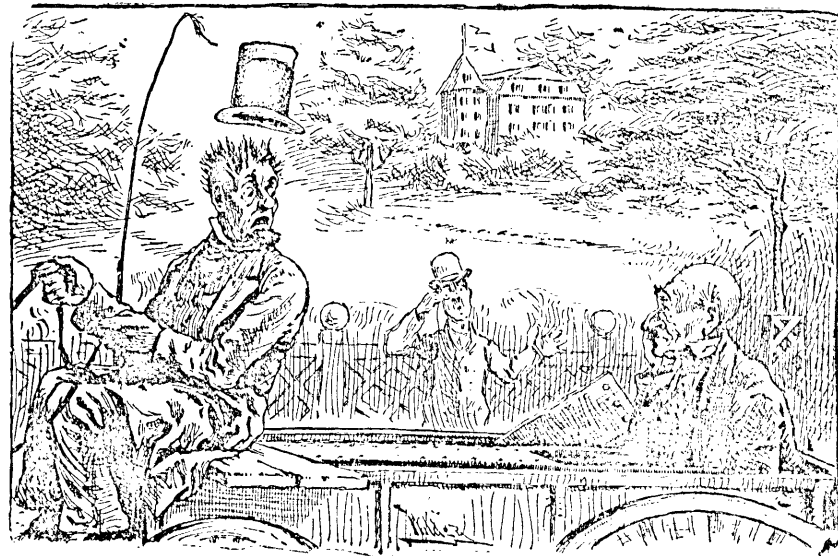
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But Josiah kep' on, for he was fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there waz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he was tired of getting up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowsers, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die."



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got close to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back and there the old gentleman wuz a sittin' up a leanin' his head on his elbow, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, 'You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.'"

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MAY 15, 1898.

**Honoring Father and Mother.**

The first duty of life is to love those, who by nature love and cherish us.

Parental love is an instinct which is manifest in all the orders of the animal creation. It is nature's provision for protection of succeeding generations. It is the foundation for that love, which should bind as one family the children of men.

We can think of nothing more helpless than an infant in the parent's arms. For many years the child is still wholly dependent upon its parents. The first obligation, the most natural and imperative is, therefore, to requite this love and care with an answering love. We may say that filial affection is the beginning of all the virtues—the foundation of all. To fail in this first and most essential duty is to go wrong from the beginning. A desperate character must be the result. Never will you find a man who is good or honorable who does not honor his own father and mother.

The promise connected with the fulfillment of this duty, "That thy days may be long in the land," is fulfilled by a natural law. If we take the history of criminals we shall find that disobedience to parents was the beginning of disobedience to the civil law. Lawlessness begins in the home. Those who fall by violence, and those whom men are compelled to put out of the world for the general good but reap the result of that disobedience to law which begins in the childhood home. No character adorns youth more than a high regard for parents.

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"There is not room enough for youth and age on this small planet—age must give way. I too, have known the cry, 'Go up thou bald-head,' From a generation, which lacking reverence, Lackest the best food the soul can feed on."

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## ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898.

Read Brother Babcock's letter on our fifth page.

## Work of Our Bishops.

Do our Bishops need to attend the District Conferences? We think not, and give the following reasons:

(1) The Bishops have never been able to attend half of these conferences, nor could they do so unless the number of Bishops were greatly increased. In the past some of the strong districts have been visited, many of the weaker ones passed by, and this has called forth needless and groundless criticism upon the part of our preachers and people.

(2) A Bishop is not a Bishop when presiding in a district conference. He can do nothing which the Presiding Elder can not do. His decisions there are not episcopal decisions. They have no episcopal authority. This our people at large and many of our preachers seem unable to learn. The result is needless strife and confusion. The most noted and longest continued case of discipline that ever disturbed our church, the case of L. D. Dameron of St. Louis was complicated by the rulings of two Bishops in District Conferences, before it ever came before an Annual Conference where an episcopal ruling—one having episcopal authority could be given. In this case the ruling of the Bishop in the annual conference reversed the rulings of two Bishops in District Conferences.

(3) A Bishop will encounter questions in the District Conferences which may come before him or one of his colleagues in an Annual Conference. The administration of law is thus needlessly embarrassed and prejudices and complications created which ought to be avoided.

(4) Respect for our Bishops is diminished by requiring of them service in a sphere where they have no episcopal authority, a service which falls fully within the sphere of pastors and Presiding Elders. We put upon our Bishops work which does not pertain to their office, hamper them with needless difficulties and then think it strange that so many criticisms have been evoked and the respect for Bishops diminished in the church.

(5) Our Bishops need time for literary work. They are men capable of enriching the church with a

valuable and permanent literature. The Episcopal, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches are giving to the world more valuable theological literature than the Methodists. It is because of the system which taxes the resources of our preachers for pulpit and pastoral labor to such an extent that they have not sufficient time for scholarly labors. Our Bishops ought, at least, to be free from this rule. They can do the church far better service by writing books than by attending District Conferences.

(6) The work of the Bishops in the District Conferences is not necessary. It is insisted that they ought to meet the preachers and to hear from the churches in these conferences so as to be prepared to make the appointments. If a Bishop because he has held the District Conference presumes to know more about that District than the presiding elder, who has made four rounds a year on it, and that, perhaps, for three or four years, there will be trouble. We don't want Bishops so smart as that. The best thing is for the Bishops to appoint over the districts men whose counsel they can afford to regard and then respect it.

(7) If the Bishops were relieved of all work which does not pertain to the Episcopal office we should not need so many Bishops and the Episcopal office would be more honored.

## Bishop Keener.

Dr. Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, thus writes of Bishop Keener:

"As a preacher it is difficult to describe him. Occasionally there is a sort of poetic mist around his sermons, a lack of sharpness of outline and definition. At other times he carries everything before him. A more charming companion it would be hard to find. Full of all sorts of interesting information, and flashing with a humor that is indescribably fascinating, he becomes most easily the center of every circle which he enters. That he is a Methodist of the Methodists does not need to be said. His three sons are all able ministers, and one of his daughters is a minister's wife. A more unselfish and devoted Christian does not live. In every particular he is careful to avoid even the appearance of covetousness. Writing to an editor who had sent him a check for a fine article, he said: 'Here-with I return your check. When I come before the public it is as a Bishop of the Church, and not as the paid contributor of any paper.'

It is not strange that all Southern Methodists should love and honor such a man."

## TERRITORIAL EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES.

A. H. GODBEY.

The writer's views will doubtless be unacceptable to many. But they may serve to provoke such discussion and ventilation of the subject as may bring clearer light.

I know that our traditions are against extension; so much so that our extension hitherto has been in a protesting manner. The reason is to be found, not in indifference to possible advantage, but in American reverence for precedent. To borrow an old Roman expression, "divine honors" are paid to a score of early American politicians, and their words are ever repeated with the simple faith the Hebrew placed in his prophets, or the Greek in the Delphian Apollo. It is this same spirit that is lading our courts with delays and technicalities and quibbles that make legal processes at times a wearisome stench in the nostrils of the people, and beget mob violence. The effort to shape present and future events by a past tradition has time and again in history proved a failure. We laugh at the Bourbons, who learned nothing, and forgot nothing, politically; and yet are we little different. Our independence was in order to greater liberty of development; yet almost any other English colony can today give us points in internal government.

There is always necessarily a principal element of opportunism in human affairs. Changes wrought by mechanical invention revolutionize governments and policies. While once it was possible to remain remote from European activity and influence, today it is not so. Those who recommended the traditional policy of China and Japan to us could not foresee this century of development. It is curious, by the by, that we should send warships to Japan and Korea to compel their abandonment of a policy very similar to that we adopted.

Now that possible territorial expansion is again being thrust upon us by the pitiless onward sweep of events, much reference is made to history as showing that vast territory is a weakness. The vastness of our own is a refutation of the shallow assertion. Our vastness is at present our chief defense. The "magnificent distances" an army must traverse hinder any serious invasion. The weakness of ancient people lay, not in the size of their territory, but in the character of their tenure. Notice some specimens.

Persia and Chaldea were military despotisms, pure and simple. The greatness of their monarchs, was the greatness of generals. Chaldea and Assyria each tried the removal of conquered peoples to new lands as a means of restraint. But there was no assimilation. Persia was not so radical. Conquered races were left in situ. All three levied tribute, and afforded but in-

different protection against foreign enemies. Holding power solely through their armies, their lines were stretched till they broke.

Greece's policy was different. Till Alexander's day her extension was through colonization. But a Greek state, a Greek city, a Greek colony, was a mere political unit, absolutely devoid of any real affinity for even another Greek state, and without effort to assimilate. All the rest of the world received the contemptuous epithet, "hoi barbarai"—the barbarians. A Greek colony could aggrandize itself at the expense of others—it failed to absorb as completely as did Persia or Chaldea. Subject populations were kept in hard vassalage outside the pale of citizenship, and if they had not enough Helots to do their servile work, the slave market was open. In Athens itself not more than one-sixth of the people were endowed with political rights. The colony was limited to the amount of territory it could hold in subjection by arms.

Rome went further. The far-sighted Caesar conceived the policy of not merely quelling but assimilating the wild Gauls and other northern tribes that had twice so nearly destroyed Rome. His successors lacked, not so much the ability as the willingness to complete his policy, though step after step was protestingly made in that direction. Without the alternate anarchy and despotism of the Orient, the policy was incomplete, and Rome fell because of it. The degree of political rights varied directly with the distance from Rome. At home was a small circle of those with all privileges, including that of holding office. Then the plebian; finally enjoying all rights save the magistracy. Then the Latinally, equal to the others in Roman rights, and with power to hold office in his own city. Then an outer circle of Italian tribes of varying rights; then the provinces, devoid of any semblance of autonomy; heavily taxed and plundered to increase the congestion at the center of the Roman circle. Where the Empire was most liable to invasion, the people had least interest in upholding it. A change of masters was likely to be welcomed. Rome fell then, at last, before the attacks of powerful people she had not striven to conciliate or assimilate, and against whom she failed to use the precaution of giving her provinces a grave interest in the maintenance of the empire. In all these, not the size of territory, but the character of tenure, was the source of weakness.

It is different in our case. We have no wish to conquer or hold any land by force of arms. But the same principle that we have adhered to, of welcoming the foreign immigrant, logically includes welcoming the foreign colony that desires to become part of us. We are already scattering over the earth, and whether we desire to be or not, are vitally concerned in all that goes on abroad, though many of us are blind to the fact. Aside from mere inclination or possible policy, stands the question of



## Announcement.

The Fort Smith District Conference, beginning May 25, 7 p. m., at Mansfield, will continue through Sunday, May 29. Hope the preachers and delegates will come prepared to stay over Sunday.

S. ANDERSON.

April 25, 1898.

## Notice.

The Eureka Springs District Conference will convene at Eureka Springs July 21, at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Conference sermon at 11 o'clock, by Rev J. B. Winsett.

## COMMITTEES:

For Licence to Preach: J. P. Humphreys, B. M. Burrow and J. H. Hackler.

For Admission on Trial and Readmission: H. A. Matney, J. B. Winsett and H. A. Armstrong.

Deacons' Orders: G. B. Griffin, R. W. Goodelock and J. S. Simons.

For Elders' Orders: A. Marston, B. C. McCurry and J. R. Maxwell.

Pastors will please see that their Quarterly Conference journals are at District Conference. Preaching and sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Wednesday night. Let all be present for the first service.

P. B. HOPKINS, P. E.

## Central Church, Fort Smith.

Dear Dr. Godbey: It will no doubt be of interest to the many readers of the METHODIST to know how we are getting on toward rebuilding our Central Methodist Church, especially to those who so kindly rendered us assistance when our house of worship was demolished by the tornado. We are erecting a stone and brick building of modern style, with a seating capacity of 750. The stone foundation is completed and the walls are now going rapidly up. The corner stone was laid last Tuesday, and the occasion was one of much interest. The address was made by Bro. Stonewall Anderson, and was a masterly effort. Bro. O. E. Goddard, the beloved pastor of First Church, delivered a salutation fraught with good thought and sweet spirit. The stone was laid by the noble order of Free Masons according to their beautiful and impressive ceremony. A large choir rendered some inspiring music. The day was lovely and all passed off pleasantly. The building will be pushed to completion in the near future. Providence favoring us.

P. C. FLETCHER.

Fort Smith, April 28.

Additional names of persons having United States license to sell liquor in what we understand to be prohibited territory:

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Dinkens, Henry, New Lewisville.  
George, W. P. & Son, Berryville.  
Hutchens, Argel, Barfield.  
Kirkham, J. W., Berryville.  
Messer, C. M., Rogers.

## Program.

State Epworth League Conference, Jonesboro, Ark., June 14-16, 1898.

## TUESDAY.

8 p.m. Reception of delegates.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Sunrise prayer-meeting—Judge L. H. Estes.

8:00. Religious service by Jas. Thomas, State President.

8:30. J. M. Workman presiding.

## Topic: Local Chapters.

Reports from individual chapters, (blanks furnished by State President on application.)

9:30. Intermission and handshaking, 15 minutes.

9:45. W. B. Ricks presiding.

## Topic: The Reading Habit.

How and what to read.—Prof. J. H. Hinemon.

How to interest the leaguers in good literature.—Prof. J. D. Clary.

Address—Dr. J. R. Harvey.

11:00 a.m. Descent of the Holy Ghost a necessary qualification to service.—Bishop

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

3:00. Religious service, 10 minutes—W. M. Wilson.

3:10. J. M. Ganaway presiding.

Reports from individual chapters.

4:00. W. M. Sherman presiding.

## Departmental Work.

The devotional leader—W. C. Watson, 10 minutes.

How to interest each leaguer in devotional meeting—Joel Wynne, 10 minutes.

Personal work in the chapter—Miss Ollie Miller, 10 minutes.

Revival work in the chapter—T. O. Owen, 10 minutes.

How to care for our old people—Miss Della Ansley, 10 minutes.

How to bring the children into the church—M. M. Smith, 10 minutes.

Influence—Harry Tabor, 10 minutes.

Address—Dr. C. C. Godden.

7:45 p.m. Song and prayer service, led by the president.

8:00. Temperance and civic righteousness.

The whiskey traffic—Hon. J. M. McCollum, 20 minutes.

Its influence in the home—Miss Mattie Hotchkiss, 15 minutes.

How we should vote—Rev. McKay, George Stuart, 15 minutes.

## Social Life in the Church.

Its importance, how to promote it—J. B. Stevenson, 15 minutes.

Prohibited amusements—J. M. Workman, 10 minutes.

What social entertainments shall be substituted for those we condemn—L. B. Leigh, 15 minutes.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

Sunrise prayer-meeting—W. B. Ricks.

8:00. Religious service—Sam Goddard.

8:10. W. C. Davidson presiding.

Topic: Christ for the Nations of the Earth.

Christ in personal life—Fred Suits, 10 minutes.

Christ in the home—Rev. Henry Hanesworth, 15 minutes.

Christ in business—M. F. Collier, 10 minutes.

Christ in politics—W. D. Lee.

Christ in our missionary work—F. S. H. Johnston, 15 minutes.

Christ in giving—J. B. Dickinson, 10 minutes.

Talking meeting, 15 minutes.

9:30. A. B. Poe presiding.

Department of Charity and Help.

What is an act of righteousness?—J. J. Montgomery, 15 minutes.

The difference between giving bread and giving life—Dr. A. C. Millar, 15 minutes.

How to interest the uninterested—Miss Maud Hayes, 10 minutes.

How to reach the street waifs in towns and cities—O. E. Goddard, 15 minutes.

The missionary impulse and movement—Dr. W. R. Lambuth, T. D. Scott.

11:00 a.m. James Thomas presiding.

Address—Prison work, how to do it—E. R. Steele, 15 minutes.

Address—Reform schools—Hon. C. S. Collins, 30 minutes.

Address—What is a heathen? Where does he live?—Dr. S. H. Babcock, 15 minutes.

Address—James Thomas, 15 minutes.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

3:00. Open parliament.

4:00. Election of officers.

4:30. Love feast.

8:00. Topic: Does to succeed in life mean getting along well in the world?

The world's standard of success—C. E. Patillo.

God's method of success—Dr. J. E. Godbey.

## Arkansas Methodist Calendar.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meeting of Arkansas Conference—Fayetteville, May 19.

Batesville District Preacher's meeting, Cushman, May 25-29.

Monticello District Sunday School Conference, Portland, May 27-29.

Newport District Conference, Knobel, May 26-29.

Fort Smith District Conference, Mansfield, May 25.

Pine Bluff District Sunday-school Conference—Pine Bluff, June 2-3.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Little Rock Conference—Prescott, June 8-12.

State Epworth League Conference, Jonesboro, June 14-16.

Prescott District Conference, Hope, June 22.

Hot Springs District Conference—South Hot Springs, July 14.

Eureka Springs District Conference—Eureka Springs, July 21.

Helena District Conference, Forest City, July 27.

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## Personal.

Bro. J. B. Paxson, of Knoxville, called Friday.

R. N. Graham, of the A. I. U., won the medal at the inter-collegiate contest.

Mrs. Dr. Henderson and Mr. W. T. Nesbitt, of Fayetteville, were pleasant callers Friday.

Rev. J. H. Zimmerman succeeds Dr. J. S. Huchison as editor of the Baltimore Christian Advocate.

Rev. C. B. Hunton, once a member of White River Conference, died at Jonesboro a few days ago.

Governor Taylor has offered his services to the President to lead the Tennessee troops in the Spanish-American war.

Dr. Pope, President of Arkadelphia Methodist College, with a number of beautiful young ladies from the school, brightened our office Friday with their presence.

Judge Frank Hill, of Fayetteville, candidate for State Commissioner of Agriculture, was in our office last week. The papers of his own county highly commend him. He has long been one of the influential citizens of Fayetteville.

The death of Dr. T. L. Boswell, of the Memphis Conference, removes one of the old file of leaders in church, whose influence shall ever abide and whose memory shall be ever revered. He was the father of Dr. J. W. Boswell, assistant editor of the Nashville Advocate.

The Commencement sermon for the graduating class of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, for the scholastic year 1898, will be preached in McKendree Church, at 11 o'clock, on the morning of Sunday, May 22, by the Rev. Alonzo Monk, D. D., of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

THE METHODIST is authorized to announce Hon. J. B. Baker, of Izard county, a candidate for Attorney-General, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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## Christian Life.

## Is it True?

HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

Is it true, O Christ in Heaven,  
That the highest suffer most?  
That the strongest wander farthest  
And more helplessly are lost?  
That the mark of rank in nature  
Is capacity for pain?  
And the anguish of the singer  
Wakes the sweetness of the strain?

Is it true, O Christ in heaven,  
That, whichever way we go,  
Walls of darkness must surround us,  
Things we would but can not know?  
That the infinite must bound us,  
Like a temple veil unrent,  
Whilst the finite ever wears,  
So that none's therein content?

Is it true, O Christ in heaven,  
That the fulness yet to come  
Is so glorious and so perfect  
That to know would strike us dumb?  
That if ever for a moment  
We could pierce beyond the sky,  
With these poor dim eyes of mortals  
We should just see God and die?

## The Bible a New Book.

A young man who had been back-sliding for about three years said, "I don't know how it is, but I have never really cared anything about the Bible until within the last three months. I have been a professing Christian for a long time, but one of the kind who does nothing for the Master and finds fault with those who are trying to do something."

The Bible is a sealed book to such a one, and never has he begun to realize the power, the joy, the sweetness, the rest, the soul-food to be had from that glorious book.

Said another who had been living away from Christ, "I am literally starved for the word of God. I am miserably unhappy day and night, and want to come back and find again the blessing and help that comes from serving the Lord Jesus Christ, and from reading and studying His word."

To all such wanderers who return and lay hold on the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and Friend, the Bible will be a delightfully new book full of beauty and comfort never before discovered by them.—Selected.

## Father-Love.

We talk much about mother-love, and rightfully, too; but this should not be done in a way to ignore father-love. The following story, told in a contemporary, shows how one little girl regarded this matter:

A young rector was in charge of a large church in the West End of London. After coming to the church his wife died, leaving a motherless child. The people hoped that some aunt, or sister, or niece would come to look after the child, but none such appeared.

Gradually it came to be known in the parish that their scholarly and eloquent rector was as much at home amid the mysteries of the nursery, the warming of a child's mug of milk, the arranging of the little dresses, the washing of "baby's" face, and the nice combing of a child's hair, as he was famil-

iar with the mazes of theology and the changing phases of Biblical questions.

Four years slipped by, and one Easter Sunday, when the church was adorned with wreaths and lilies of sweetest perfume, the child was placed as usual in the corner of a front pew, and the service went on until the sermon began.

This was on the mother of Christ; her agony of heart at the Cross; her wonder at the news of the resurrection; and from this he turned to tell of the sadness and misery of those who "feel the mother-want in this world."

The face of his motherless child gave unusual earnestness as he pictured that wonderful mother-love.

In conclusion, he said: "Think what a child's life is without a mother's love! Who can tend, who cherish, who can love—who—but a mother?"

And in the depth of his feeling the rector's strong voice halted, as if for an answer.

In the hush of the great congregation a little childish voice spoke out very sweetly from that front pew—

"A faver (father) would do just eve'y bit as well, papa, dear!"

The rector closed the service somewhat abruptly, his voice trembling as he gave the benediction.

The little child ran into the vestry, and the rector clasped her to his heart, as the little one, in a half frightened tone, asked, "You arn't angry wif me, are you, papa, dear? I forgot ev'ybody was a lis'ning!" —New York Ledger.

The sick man knocking at the door of health gets in if he knocks the right way, and, stays out if he doesn't. There are thousands of ways of getting sick but only one way to get well. Do whatever you will, if you do not put your digestion in good order, and make your blood rich and pure, you will not get well. Rich, pure blood is the only thing that can bring perfect health. Constipation is a disease of the blood. A large part of all diseases are traceable directly to impurities in the blood, and can be cured by eliminating them with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The first thing it does is to put the whole digestive system into perfect order. It stimulates the appetite, excites a copious secretion of the digestive fluids and promotes assimilation. It searches out disease germs wherever they may be, kills them and forces them out of the system. The "Golden Medical Discovery" has been used with unvarying success for over 30 years.

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One day in huckleberry-time, when little Johnny Flails  
And half-a-dozen other boys were starting with  
pails  
To gather berries, Johnny's pa, in talking with  
him, said  
That he could tell him how to pick so he'd come  
out ahead.  
"First find your bush," said Johnny's pa, "and  
then stick to it till  
You've picked it clean. Let those go chasing all  
about who will,  
In search of better bushes; but it's picking tells,  
my son—  
To look at fifty bushes doesn't count like picking  
one."  
And Johnny did as he was told; and, sure enough,  
he found,  
By sticking to his bush while all the others chas-  
ed around  
In search of better picking, 'twas as his father  
said;  
For while the others looked, he worked, and so  
came out ahead.  
And Johnny recollected all this when he became  
a man;  
And first of all he laid him out a well determined  
plan;  
So while the brilliant triflers failed with all their  
brains and push,  
Wise, steady-going Johnny won by "sticking to  
his bush."

—Nixon Waterman, in St. Nicholas.

### Old People.

"Ah, this is the country for old people!" exclaimed an old Scotch lady, who, after half a century spent in America, had returned to visit her kith and kin in Scotland. She could not forbear contrasting the tender respect and deference, the gratifying attentions, the charming considerations shown to her by her youthful relatives, with the nonchalant and often slighting manner in which the aged are treated by Young America.

For it cannot be denied that the "hoary head" is not held in the reverence that it obtains elsewhere by this same Young America; which, on the contrary, is inclined to push it aside, out of its bold, impetuous, progressive way.

"Who wants to hear that old foggy preach?" asked a saucy young woman, member of a village church—the "old foggy" being a clergyman of fine abilities, who had formerly preached with acceptance to a large city church, but whose locks were now sprinkled with gray. "Who wants to hear him preach? What our church requires is a young man."

It is the same in other professions. Having lately been laid on a sick bed, the writer called in a physician who had long been known for his skill and success in the medical profession.

"Oh, he's too old," cried a friend in dismay. "Why don't you send for Doctor This or Doctor That?" mentioning two young physicians, who, themselves, thought it a privilege to appeal to the older one in difficult cases.

It is very different on the other side of the water. The old pastor, the old family physician—how respected they are! How dear to the hearts of those whom they have known and served so long!

But a friend of mine who was traveling in Great Britain had a rather amusing experience of this trait. Although still in the prime

of life, her hair, from some cause, had changed prematurely, and become perfectly white, which made her appear much older than she was. Wherever she went she found herself treated with extraordinary respect and attention. Railway porters, guards, etc., vied with one another in helping her, and seeing to her comfort and safety. It was the same with waiters and chambermaids at hotels—royalty itself could scarcely have had more attention.

At first she was puzzled at this, but she soon found out the reason.

"It is all owing to that venerable white hair of yours," said her companion. "They take you for a very old lady, and hence their attention."

And the lady, though somewhat annoyed by the excessive attention, overcame her annoyance for the sake of the beautiful principle underlying it.

In France, this reverence for the old is even more pronounced. I knew an old French lady, who, at a little family "fete" given in honor of her 84th birthday, "opened the ball" with her grandson as partner; and it would have been hard to say which enjoyed it the most, the venerable old lady herself, or the delighted young man who was privileged to show her this honor, or the numerous youthful relatives who joined in the amusement.

But to Young America the whole affair would have been supremely ridiculous. A young clergyman, with his wife, were invited to a dinner party, to meet the officers of his church and their wives, all of whom were more or less advanced in life. And afterwards—credible as it may appear—that young wife made fun of her host and hostess and their company. "The idea," said she, laughing, "of asking us with all those old people."

There is one phase of this lack of reverence for the old which is almost too painful to contemplate. I mean the disrespect with which many young treat their mothers. I never see an instance of it but I think of those terrible words: "The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it,"—a strong figure, showing with what abhorrence the benign Father of all regards such conduct, and the certainty that sooner or later retribution will come.—Christian Work.

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## Our Church at Home.

### BOONEVILLE CIRCUIT.

Dr. Godbey: Perhaps a second note from this charge will not be out of place. We are getting along fairly well all over the work. We have good and attentive congregations. I have never served a work where the people listened to the Gospel better than on this work. I feel like good seeds are being sown, and I shall do my best in cultivating the field, that we may have an abundant harvest in the end. We observed Easter Sunday under the management of the Juneville Missionary Society with an appropriate program furnished by the Scaritt Bible and Training School, and the contributions for the endowment of the Bell Bennett chair amounted to \$8.63. The society offered a premium to the little girl or boy that would collect the most money, and little Miss Dot Thomas was the successful girl, having collected \$5. She is one of the most energetic and successful collectors I have ever known. She started in to get the prize, and got it, which was a beautiful little Bible. Her mother who departed this life a little better than one year ago, planted the seeds of Christianity in the minds of her girls and they are growing rapidly. "Their works do follow them." Other little girls and boys, namely Sunshine Fields, Mary Fields, Jennie Ayers, Ruth Stevenson, Josie House, Pernell Ayers and Massey Weaver, collected small amounts and all need encouragement for their efforts.

Our second Quarterly Conference embraced the 16th and 17th of this month. We had good attendance and good services. Amount collected for P. C. and P. E. in advance of first quarter. No cash reported on the Conference collections, but the subscription list has swollen considerably. Have organized one new Sunday-school this quarter. Rev. S. Anderson, the P. E., looks well after every interest of the church and lovingly shakes the boys up for not being up and at least trying. He is a regular giant in the pulpit. And perhaps it will not be out of place to speak of his sermon Sunday morning, preached from Romans 12:1.

1. He showed the necessity of being active workers in the church, and how soon decay would set up without it.

2. A holy life would follow active work. He did not claim that real Christians ever reached the point of satisfaction or perfection in the work, because there was always something to do and room for development. That our wills could be conformed to the will of God.

3. To present our bodies a living sacrifice to God, means the whole physical, mental and spiritual faculties of men as living, active, not dead or dormant, sacrifices. He believed in sanctification, and that to sanctify meant the setting apart to the service of God the whole man. He believed men could set their affections on things above and keep

them there; that, in every department of life, from the poorest servant to the king on his throne, could consecrate all to God.

4. Religion dignified our labors and sacrifices and made us unceasing and successful workers in Christ's vineyard; that the name "Christian" put an estimate on men that no other title on earth puts on them.

5. The blessed thought of traveling the highway of holiness from earth to heaven, accompanied by the Holy Ghost, was beyond description by St. Paul or himself, or any other man. At this point the preacher was moved and spoke with power and liberty.

Last. There was nothing unreasonable or impossible in the religion of Christ, because God, through Christ, had said so; and Christ had proven it in his life, and promises never to leave us alone.

We all hope for better times. Cordially,

D. N. WEAVER, P. C.

April 26.

### BUCKNER CIRCUIT.

Our second quarterly conference is just passed. We reported 28 conversions, 18 accessions on profession of faith, 5 by vows, 10 by certificate. A goodly number are seeking the Lord and many believers are seeking for a higher life.

About two months ago, on moving into our rented parsonage, we received an all-around good pounding. It continued at intervals for several days. It was of sufficient abundance that it has not all been consumed yet. It was the first time that Mrs. Mellard and I had fully realized that we were the "parson and his wife." We are very hopeful of a prosperous year. Yours for the Master,

J. J. MELLARD.

Buckner, May 5.

## Quarterly Meetings.

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

EUREKA SPRINGS DISTRICT.—Third round, P. B. Hopkins, P. E.

May—King's River, at Viney, 21-22; Berryville, at Asbury's Chapel, 28-29.

June—Green Forest, at Osage, 4-5; Bright Water, at Pleasant Ridge, 11-12; War Eagle, at —, 18-19; Carrollton, at Black Jack, 25-26.

July—Hackler's Grove, at Coal Hill, 2-3; Kingston, at Shiloh, 9-10; St. Paul, at —, 16-17; Eureka Springs station, 23-24; Hindsville, at Pleasant Home, 30-31.

August—Huntsville, at —, 6-7; Goshen, at —, 13-14.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.—Third round, in part. P. B. Summers, P. E.

May—Perryville circuit at Viney Grove, 28-29.

June—Quitman circuit at Bethesda, 11-12; Morganton mission at Harrison's Chapel, 18-19; Quitman station, 19-20; Mt. Vernon circuit at Mt. Vernon, 25-26.

The Morrilton District Conference will meet at Plummerville July 14, at 9 o'clock a.m. Opening sermon at 11 o'clock by W. E. Sewell. Committees will be announced later.

P. B. SUMMERS, P. E.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.—Third round, Wm. Sherman, P. E.

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"Notwithstanding I am sixty-five years old, have a pleasant home and other comforts, life to me was far from enjoyable, for all other things pale into insignificance when you are without good health.

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After our Annual Meeting at Prescott, it will be announced what disposition was made of means so sacredly given for sending the precious Book. I regret more than I can tell, the failure of this effort. I do not attribute it to indifference, but more to lack of convenient response to some individual call. So personal and to our own hands and life, is the work of our Lord given us. I have never acknowledged the names of Sister Garland and her daughter—names and dollar sent from Emmet, by Sister Douglass at Conference. May these eighteen names be graciously blessed of God, returning to him with honor, and to them with great rejoicing.  
L. A. H.

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## Our Church at Home.

### ATLANTA CIRCUIT.

Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Mineral Springs Church, April 19. Well attended. Bro. Moore was on hand and at his best, good report from the stewards. We are serving a good people, but many of them are not as spiritual as they ought to be. We see signs of spiritual improvement at most of the appointments. Sunday-school and prayer-meeting well attended. When we get our people to working and praying for a revival, the victory is ours. We need no evangelist! Brethren, let us press the work, trusting in the Lord.

J. W. VANTREASE.  
Atlanta, Ark.

### HAZEN, ARK.

Dear Dr. Godbey: Last Wednesday night, we closed our meeting here which had been in progress for eighteen days, beginning on the second Sunday in April.

The results were about twenty-five conversions, eighteen accessions to our Church, and the Church greatly revived. This is my third year in the service of the Church at this place as pastor, and, while there has been a gradual upward movement, this has been the most gracious revival we have had during the time.

From the time you left on the first Wednesday of the meeting, the services were conducted principally by Bro. W. C. Watson. We acknowledge our indebtedness to you for the four sermons of solid gospel truth you gave us, and to Bro. Watson for the very efficient service he rendered in the pulpit, altar, homes of the people here, and on the streets.

Our daughter, Addie, after having been confined to the bed with slow fever for more than three weeks, is beginning to convalesce.

W. M. CROWSON,  
Hazen, Ark., May 3, 1898.

### DE ANN CIRCUIT.

Our second quarterly conference convened April 18. Bro. Riggin, our long headed, painstaking P. E. was with us and dispatched the business of the conference as few men besides J. H. Riggin can.

Our congregations are good and growing rapidly at some points. Various interests of the church are not looked after by preacher nor people as they should be. Preacher's salary near 40 per cent in advance of either year for the last three, don't know how much further as that is the age of our quarterly conference record. De Ann circuit can be among the leading circuits of Little Rock Conference. They can pay the P. C. \$500 and every dollar assessed by the conference if we can ever get a man over here who can make them believe that, who can devise some means by which the membership can be moved to action. An effort on the part of each of the leading members is all that is necessary. These are as good people as this scribe ever knew and they have a place in their pastor's heart, and he is praying continually that he

may have a place in theirs. We want to see these good people come to the front in church work.

Brethren, when you read this, carry DeAnn circuit to a throne of grace. Fraternally,

J. H. McKELVY.

April 19.

### ADA CIRCUIT.

Dear Bro. Godbey: I will give you a few dots from Ada circuit as the first this year. We got no pounding as a great many of the brethren, but the good people furnished the parsonage with new furniture out and out. We have had good congregations and good meetings, but we have just gotten through with a five-weeks seige of sickness with our boy who seemed to stay at death's door for a whole week, but the good Lord has brought him through, by the help of the skillful aid of three doctors and a good nurse.

We are looking forward to great revivals, and I am talking, preaching and praying paying church claims and seeking more religion. I am preaching this month on missions, and the people are responding. May the good Lord help us to have full reports at conference. Yours in the work,

L. D. RAY.

Ada, April 20.

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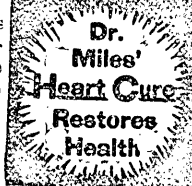
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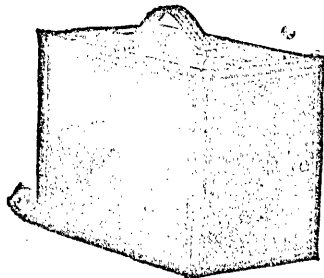
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## At Rest.

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

**RUST:** Henry Rust was born January 27, 1871, and died March 26, 1898. In early life he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was married to Miss Anna Highfill December 7, 1890, and God blessed their union with one bright little boy. He leaves a very precious wife, broken in heart, with other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. In his last moments he said, "Prayer is the key that opens wide heaven's door for the reception of all who love and serve the Lord," and that his way to the good world was clear, and fell asleep in Jesus and went to join the angels. The church and his many friends will miss him much. We would say to his aged father and mother, his bereaved wife and others who loved him here, "Be thou faithful until death, then like your child, husband and friend, you shall have a crown of life."

JNO. C. SHIPP.

Waldron, Ark.

**GATLING:** Mr. Briggs Gatling was born in Hurlford county, North Carolina, April 26, 1817, departed this life July 10, 1896.

Mrs. F. M. M. Gatling was born in Caswell county, North Carolina, June 26, 1818, departed this life July 10, 1897. The above named moved to this state and settled near Holly Springs in 1860. Sister Gatling was a member of the Methodist Church, having joined soon after she came to Arkansas, by certificate, in which church she remained an acceptable member until her death.

Mr. Gatling was not a member of the church, but was a quiet, law-abiding citizen, good neighbor, and had many good traits of character. Some who knew him best think he had a change of heart before his death.

They leave a number of children and grandchildren who hope to meet them where there is no more parting and no more death.

E. F. WILSON.

Holly Springs, Ark.

**CLAYTON:** Sister Eliza Ramsey Clayton (nee Brett), was born July 22, 1841, near Nashville, Tenn., and departed this life March 21, 1898. She came to Arkansas with her parents when quite young, and settled in Desha county. When the death angel claimed her as his victim she was in Arkansas City visiting friends, and finding one of her friends very sick, like an angel of mercy, began at once to render whatever assistance she could until she was taken sick herself, from which sickness she never recovered. Her remains were brought to Selma and laid to rest beside her husband, who had died and been interred there just eighteen years to a day, before her. A singular occurrence: Mr. Clayton died at Arkansas City just 18 years before, to a day, and on the same day of the month 18 years before, his remains were brought from Arkansas City, and 18 years before, to a day, laid to rest in Selma cemetery. Sister Clayton joined the M. E. Church in 1896, under the pastorate of Bro. W. R. Harrison. She was kind, gentle and affectionate. She leaves an aged mother, one daughter, one son, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

While we all feel that we have sustained a great loss, yet we know that what is our loss is her eternal gain. May the God of peace sanctify this affliction to the good of all, and may each member of the family and friends live so that they may meet her on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance, where partings will never come.

J. J. COLSON.

**LEWIS:** R. L. D. Lewis, son of B. W. and Ellen Lewis, was born in Henry county, Tenn., October 23, 1859, and

died April 8, 1898, at his home in Beebe, White county, Ark., aged 38 years, five months and sixteen days. He was converted at the age of 18 and joined the M. E. Church, South, and continued a faithful and worthy member till the day of his death. He was married to Miss Fannie Hickman in 1890. Bro. Lewis was a good man, and it is not saying any more than the facts warrant that as a son, a brother, a young man, a husband, a father, a neighbor, a friend, a Christian, he was excelled by no one. Faithful in all these relationships, with a smooth, placid temper, and discretion, he numbered his friends by his acquaintances. I do not endorse fulsome eulogies on our dead, but this brother is entitled to praise. The day of his funeral the pastors of the town were present and paid loving tribute to his good name. It was said by one that Bro. Lewis was faultless, at least to him, and it brought up this thought in my mind then and I pen it here, i.e., Pilot's statement about Jesus, "I find no fault in him." This is enough. Our brother rests in this hope, and waits the resurrection of all the good men and women. He leaves a good wife, two sweet little girls, mother, brothers and other relatives to mourn his early death, but they all look beyond to the land where their loved one has gone, and that look is the look of faith and trust in God. God bless them all. The pastor of the Baptist Church, Bro. Webb, was invited to take part in the funeral service, Sister Lewis being a member of that church.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

**CALVERT:** Wm. R. Calvert was born in Kentucky January 20, 1858. His father moved to Arkansas when William was quite small. He professed religion in his 15th year and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived until God called him home, which sad event took place on the 24th of November, 1897. He was young when he joined the church, and like many other boys, at times, would get off of the line of Christian duty, and would grow cold in the Christian religion, but his father and mother, who were constantly watching after his spiritual interest with such religious care, made deep and lasting impressions upon his youthful mind, having such help from religious parents enabled him to live religious up to manhood and married. The responsibility of a family seemed to have a tendency with parental watchfulness to impress upon him the importance of living a religious life more than ever. He enjoyed religion. Last summer while attending a protracted meeting in Nettleton, conducted by his pastor, Bro. S. F. Brown, he got very happy, and lived a Christian life to his death. When upon his death bed he called his wife to him and said: "My time has come, and I feel that I am prepared to go. My home is in heaven." He asked his wife not to grieve after him, but to meet him in heaven. He said, "I regret to leave my dear little children, but the Lord's will be done. If it were the Lord's will I would like to see mother once more, but I know I cannot."

His request was that he be buried by his father; then he fell asleep to awake in heaven with loved ones that preceded him to the goodly land. He leaves a sorrowful wife and three little children, mother, four brothers, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. To these I would say, "Grieve not, your dear loved one is not dead but sleepeth. Why should you mourn when you have such evidence that he is safely housed in the home of the good. The saints' delightful rest." The writer preached his funeral last Saturday to a large congregation. May heaven's richest benedictions rest upon all the loved ones is the prayer of his ex-pastor,

W. R. FOSTER.

Nettleton, Ark.

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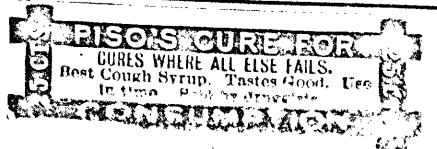
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## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

## ARKADELPHIA METHODIST COLLEGE.

The annual sermon will be preached on Sabbath, May 22, at 11 o'clock a.m. by Rev. John A. Beagle, of the North Texas Conference. Rev. J. S. Hawkins, of the Little Rock Conference, will preach at 8:15 p.m. of same day.

Saturday, May 21, at 8:15 p.m. primary entertainment.

Monday, 23, at 9:30 a.m., gymnastic drill.

8:15 p.m., oratorical contest for Gamma Sigma gold medal.

Tuesday, 24, 10 a.m., Alumni reunion.

Wednesday, 25, 10 a.m., graduating exercises consisting of orations and essays by a part of the class, conferring degrees and awarding diplomas by the president, and the baccalaureate address by Rev. J. S. Hawkins.

All patrons of the school, friends of learning and members of the Little Rock Conference are cordially invited to attend all these exercises.

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## Resolutions.

Report of Committee on Resolutions, Newport District, Epworth League Conference, held at Black Rock, Ark., April 26-29, 1898.

Be it resolved by the Newport District League, in Conference assembled—

That the officials of the railroads be tendered a vote of thanks for their good feeling toward our organization by giving us a reduction on the regular fare.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Rev. J. I. Maynard, the Presiding Elder, and to Rev. W. M. Wilson, the pastor in charge, for their untiring efforts to make this Conference a success and also to the Epworth League, and kind people of Black Rock, for the courteous way in which we have been treated, and the systematic way in which this Conference and everything that is connected with it has been carried on.

Resolved, That honorable mention be made of Rev. James Thomas, our State President, Rev. A. C. Millar of Hendrix College, Dr. C. C. Godden of Galloway College, and Rev. E. R. Steel, each of whom addressed our Con-

ference along different lines.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the Leagues of Arkansas undertaking the support of Rev. John W. Cline, a missionary in China, as suggested by our State President, and that we urge the representatives present from the different Leagues of this district to discuss the proposition, and report to our district secretary, before our State Conference what they can do.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by our secretary to the ARKANSAS METHODIST and the Black Rock Blade for publication in those papers.

J. D. SIBERT,  
FRED SUITS,  
LILIE COE.

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEARCY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

It is with delight that we note the presence of Rev. C. C. Godden, President of Galloway College, and hereby assure him of our unfeigned support in his great work, and the greater school he is so nobly maintaining. We promise him our prayers and co-operation in this responsible station.

Also our pleasure to mention Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, the wide-awake solicitor for Hendrix, and it does us good to say we are for Hendrix and President Millar, as well as for Galloway and Dr. Godden. We shall send all the boys there whom we think will be an advertisement for the quality of school we have there. We look upon these institutions as the great educational pillars of Methodism in Arkansas, and around them we must rally with helping hand and heart, and be it so resolved.

## THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

It is a fitting thing to notice the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and we are glad to have its able editor with us. We look upon this journal as an essential force in maintaining our cause in this state, and feel that it does a grand work that nothing else can do, and hereby repledge ourselves to do for the paper as in the past, and more, and so be it resolved.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN,  
H. A. SMITH.

## Batesville District.

The Batesville District Conference will convene at Sydney, Ark., July 13, at 8:30 a.m.

The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. W. E. Bishop, at 11 a.m.

Visiting brethren will be heartily welcomed, especially from the ARKANSAS METHODIST office.

Let ministerial and lay brethren come to stay over Sunday, and let us cry mightily to God for a glorious outpouring of his Holy Spirit.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

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## General Conference.

## WHAT SHALL IT DO?

In answer to the above question, many suggestions have been made. By your permission I will make one more: I suggest that paragraph 99, in our book of discipline, pages 55, 56, be amended after the words Annual Conferences, thus: "Provided, he shall fix the appointment of no preacher over the protest of two-thirds of the P. E.s composing his cabinet." As I see it, this would be a conservative provision, and save the Bishops and preachers much occasional embarrassment. I have known more than one important change made before the Bishop left the Conference, because he was not informed of all the facts; he was not informed because it was not known that he would make the appointment. Again, I have known of one or two appointments being made over the protest of the P. E. that had to be changed the next year. In the meantime the church on that charge suffered serious loss. The change I contend for would prevent all this, if made.

Every appointment would be laid before the P. E.s for consideration, all the facts would be brought out.

I assume that five or six P. E.s are as well informed touching the need of a given charge, and the adaptability of A. or B. to that particular work, as any one man, nor is this a violent assumption. The exception, if any, would be in the case of transfers; and here the P. E.s would yield their opinions.

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ARTHUR MARSTON,

Treas. Joint Board of Finance.  
Eureka Springs, April 29, 1898.

## Notice.

To Woman's Missionary Society, Arkansas Conference:

I have requested reduced rates from Missouri Pacific and Frisco railroads, and trust we shall secure same for your conference to be held at Fayetteville May 19-22. Ask your agent for certificate and have it signed by secretary of your conference. Respectfully,

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