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News and Notes.

We have attended all the district conferences to date, but this week five are held. We shall attend two of these, and trust that at all of them our church paper will receive due attention.

We have reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Little Rock Conference, but have been forced to delay them because of the amount of matter already in hand for this department.

The state teachers' convention was held in Little Rock the past week. About 80 teachers attended. This was not more than have attended some of the county normals; but they were a representative body, and the various questions pertaining to education in the state were ably discussed.

This is the time for our preachers to answer the question, "What is doing for education?"

Our schools in Arkansas are all in improved condition. There is no special financial pressure on any of them, that we know of. They have unusually bright prospects for the coming year. But our preachers should spare no effort to secure to these schools the sons and daughters of our Methodist people.

General Blanco explains that his refusal to exchange Hobson and his companions had relation only to the present time, while Santiago is being besieged, because the prisoners would have been able to give important information respecting

the defenses of the city, and that he will be ready to exchange at a reasonable time.

The Vesuvius is a ship of the monitor type. It is furnished with guns, or tubes, which are operated by compressed air, hurling charges of two hundred pounds of gun cotton. A recent test of the power of this vessel has shown that within near range it sweeps everything before it. But as its guns are fixed and the range has to be gotten by maneuvering the ship, and is only effective for a distance of a mile and a half, the vessel can do little unless it can approach unobserved. The Vesuvius has belonged to our navy for the last eight years. Its value has been, and is, still, doubted. A common war vessel could demolish it before it could come near. It may be found valuable in giving the "finishing touches" to the destruction of great fortifications.

Camara's fleet has passed through the Suez Canal. It is represented as in very poor condition for battle and no fear at all is felt for our cause at the Philippines.

It is said that Major-General Miles desires to be made a Lieutenant-General. Congress will have to create that office before such promotion is possible. As the public view the history of the war, to date, General Miles has established no claim to promotion.

The first detachment of troops sent to aid Admiral Dewey arrived at Cavite, June 29. They had captured Guaham, the largest island of the Ladrone group, on the way, made prisoners of the Governor-General and his staff, and raised the American flag over the ruins of Santa Cruz fort. The troops arrived in good condition; only one soldier was lost on the voyage.

The fleet under command of Cervera, which has been, for six weeks, shut up in the harbor of Santiago, undertook to escape on the morning of the 3rd. It was attacked by Sampson's fleet and totally destroyed. The Maria Teresa, Oquendo, and Vizcaya were forced ashore, burned and blown up twenty miles from Santiago; the Furor and Pluton were destroyed

four miles from port, and the Cristobal Colan ran ashore and lowered her flag sixty miles west of Santiago. Many of the Spaniards were killed, 1,300 prisoners were taken, among whom was Admiral Cervera. The Americans had but one man killed, and our ships were comparatively unharmed.

The American army, investing Santiago, opened the attack upon the Spanish defenses early Friday morning, the 1st, and all day long the battle raged fiercely. When night-fall arrested the struggle the Americans had driven the Spaniards from all the outer defenses, and had moved up their position within three-quarters of a mile of the city. The Spaniards fought bravely and their fire was well directed. The American loss was not less than a thousand men.

Fighting was renewed on Saturday. The destruction of Cervera's fleet on Sunday, left Gen. Shafter master of the situation, and he gave the Spaniards until Tuesday noon either to capitulate or remove the women and children from the city, announcing that at that time he would open a bombardment unless the Spaniards surrendered.

As we go to press this (Tuesday) p. m., a bulletin announces that bombardment of Santiago is delayed twenty-four hours in order that Shafter and Sampson may act in concert. Sampson has not completed the destruction of the mines at the mouth of the harbor.

The amount which has been voted for war expenses to date is \$339,000,000, not including the appropriations under the Naval and Fortifications act and the Naval Auxiliary act.

Our New War Taxes Compared With Those of the Sixties.

The main features of this law will naturally be compared with the successive revenue laws of the civil-war period, and nothing will be more noticeable in such an examination than the large number of possible sources of revenue which have been passed over on the present occasion. The greatest similarity between the revenue systems of that war and this is in the stamp taxes. Nearly all the

business documents formerly subject to duty have been included in the present act, though in many cases at lower rates than before, and a few additions have been made. But instead of the few articles now taxed under schedule B, the excise formerly applied to a long list of manufactures and other products, including such articles of common use as coal and oil, gas, candles, ground coffee and spices, cotton, sugar and confectionery, chocolate and cocoa, salt, slaughtered animals, furniture, umbrellas, and photographs; and the rates were high enough to make a decided difference in retail prices. Over against the business taxes now imposed upon a few occupations must be set a long list of corporations which were formerly taxed from 1 to 5 per cent. on their gross receipts, and a still longer list of occupations reached by means of license taxes. Thus the tax on gross receipts applied to railroads, steamboats, ferryboats, toll bridges and toll roads, telegraph, express, and insurance companies, lictories, theaters, and museums, while the license taxes applied under the act of 1864 not merely to the occupations previously enumerated, but also to every other trade, business and profession. In addition to the tax on legacies, there was a succession tax applying to real estate. Finally, besides the income tax, there was a whole system of direct consumption taxes on such articles of pleasure and luxury as yachts, carriages, pianos, private billiard tables, gold and silver plate, and watches.

It has been said that "contemporary budgetary history makes no like exhibit of unopened resources and unemployed powers." The new law serves rather to emphasize this statement than otherwise, by showing that even in war it is not necessary to tax everything taxable, or even everything which might easily bear taxing. The taxes imposed are certainly not excessive, and it is quite possible that some portions of the act will be found so satisfactory that it will be advisable to retain them as permanent sources of revenue in time of peace, to take the place of the income tax, which has been declared unconstitutional.—From "Our New War Taxes," by Max West, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for July.

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CHAPTER XI.

BY W. P. WHALEY.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lonely earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true;
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view."

—J. G. Holland.

A Sabbath dawned wearing all the glory in which God ever arrayed this holy day in spring time. The flowers got up that morning all smiles, and with a word of cheer for everybody and everything. The sun was glad to see them happy; and resolved, as soon as he looked around, to do his best on the program. The birds early entered the agreement to make a beautiful success of the day; and gathered into their little musical throats the golden warmth of the sun and the perfumed beauty of the flowers, then poured it all out again in warbling, trilling notes of happy song. What could resist this "triple alliance?" When the light parted the curtains, and the carol broke upon the stillness, and the flowers breathed upon them the breath of spring life, Olton's population awakened to greet a genial day. The church bells could not vibrate without catching into their solemn tones the brightness, sweetness, and richness of this day of days. The people could not take all this into their souls without feeling the rising and commingling of patriotism, church loyalty, and devotion to God.

Grandmother Lois, with some assistance, hobbled to church that day. An invalid lady was carried in her chair. A deformed and crippled old man was brought in a carriage close to a window so he might hear. Before the preaching hour the men gathered in groups on the velvety green under the spreading oaks about the church door—greeting each other with the remark, "A fine day."

The music of the wide, beautiful, singing world without was for the time forgotten when Nettie Marks' strong touch upon the ivory keys and the solid volume of the congregation's voice filled the house with all the music ever gathered into a Methodist hymn.

It is significant that the founder of Methodism was a hymnist. He put the doctrines of the church into the hymns he wrote. He would have done as well not to have started such a church as to have started it without Methodist hymns. But he put the gospel in verse and set it to music. Methodism has sung itself around the world. Our young people need these hymns, and the old people can't do without them. I am in favor of progress; but I am opposed to giving up what we have for something new. That is no progress at all. Add to, but don't

give up the old. Get the new, but don't swap the old for it.

Rev. Trueheart preached specially to the young people that day. His text was, "He that winneth souls is wise." The following is an extract from that sermon which greatly impressed two persons, if no more:

"I am not asking you to give up your ambition to be this or that. I know with what jealousy the young cherish their ambitious schemes. I know a beautiful and talented young lady who says her business is to save souls, but that she teaches to pay expenses. Paul was a tent maker, but his business was to save souls. Once I saw, on the walls of an humble home, a painting of Christ, with tools in his hands, standing beside a workman's table. Below were written these words: 'Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye, through his poverty might be rich.' And I said, 'Yes, Christ would teach us that even the laboring man of humble trade may be a soul winner.' But if Christ's highest thought had been of the work bench, and if his mightiest deeds had been at the work bench, he would have lived far below the mission of his life. God has not so wondrously made man, and so marvelously endowed him, simply that he might minister to his own flesh. Man should rise to purpose and effort far above the secular occupation whereby he obtains a livelihood. Solomon fared more sumptuously, dressed more royally, contributed more to his own and his nation's riches than any king before or after him. Yet we find his complaint in the book of Ecclesiastes. From his own testimony, his life is judged as a failure. We find the cause in that short phrase which God made him write down so often—'under the sun.' Solomon, in all his glory and wisdom, lived too near the earth. His life and deeds were 'under the sun'—earthly. With all his opportunity, his purpose and effort had not gone high enough. Then choose whatever occupation you will, but be true to the business to which God has called every one of us—soul winning.

"We are incompetent for soul winning until we appreciate their value. We are apt to think the street waif is worth no more than the filthy rags it wears, and invest nothing to win it. We can find the value of a soul by learning how much Christ gave for it and estimating the salvation he has provided for it. When we consider that Christ gave his own priceless life and all the good and glory he could gather into a heaven as enduring as eternity, we will see that nothing we have, even unto life, is too dear to be given for a soul. If you don't appreciate the value of others, you don't know the worth of yourself. If you are not struggling after other souls, you are neglecting your own. If you are winning no souls, you are losing one.

"The chief essential for soul winning is love. This is the power God uses; and that in no moderate degree—'God so loved the world.' Love is a godly characteristic. It

is not found apart from God. To love is impossible to the ungodly; not to love is impossible to the godly. To love God is to love all men; 'for God is love,' and his love embraces all men. 'If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar.' Love is not in tongue merely; but in deed, also. The grace in our hearts and the oil on our tongues will not warm the naked nor feed the hungry except as they move our hands to some helpful deed. How would God's love profit us if it did not move him to gift and sacrifice? Those who pass by the tree of your life should be refreshed in its shade, delighted with its flowers and satisfied with its fruits. You are to 'owe no man anything' except to love; but if a man gets your love, he gets you. If a soul can be won, that soul will yield to the appeal of love. It is impossible to waste love. If expended it must bless; if not the one to whom given, then the one who gives it. The trampling of swine can not dim its lustre nor spoil its richness. 'There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.' 'Love is the fulfilling of the law.' When you have truly loved, you have really done all you can do; for love comprehends the keeping every law and the performance of every obligation.

"Direct, personal, intended effort is needed to win men. General and impersonal appeal is hardly enough. Christ touched the lame, the sick, and the blind. The souls that are won are not surely your riches unless won by you.

"If you would win souls, you must build yourself into a temple. 'Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?' Dig deep. Find the rock. Seek the lines of God's plan. Build 'upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.' 'Bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, grace, grace unto it.' Sanctify, gild and jewel the 'holy of holies,' till God verifies his promise:

"I will dwell in them and walk in them."
Then souls will turn unto you and confess,
"The kingdom of God is within you."

"It is wisdom to live and labor for others. The supreme folly and wickedness of man is living and doing for self alone. Such a man cannot but be miserable, because all his reward necessarily comes of his own natural poverty—no blessed soul to bless him; no honored God to honor him. The philosophy of life is, 'Bear ye one another's burdens.' A stigma rests upon that man, be he priest, Levite or Samaritan, who passes by a human being in need and offers no help. Such a man is out of harmony with the law of Christ—an anarchist against the divine economy.

"You will never do any greater work than, by God's grace, saving a soul from sin; but the world will not think of you nor your work as great. If you are shrewd in traffic, the world may know you as a multi-millionaire; if you are

skillful in science, you may become famous as an inventive genius; by your political wisdom, insight and foresight, you may be universally recognised as a statesman; by some scribbling venture, you may write a book or a poem that will emblazon your name far above that of any literary predecessor or contemporary; some crisis of nations may call you to the sword, where, by extraordinary presence of mind, superior bravery, and unprecedented generalship, you may come to a glory of arms undreamed of by the ambitious military giants of history. In all such cases, the world will accord the honor due, and the multitude bring its tribute of praise. 'The world will love its own;' but, as a soul winner, you may not be known save to the souls you bless and to the innumerable company in heaven. Your reward is a little further on, where 'they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.'"

(To be continued.)

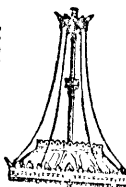


When a young man asks a father for his daughter's hand in marriage, if the father is a wise one, he thinks of one thing equally as important as the young man's morals, social and business standing and intelligence. A young man who suffers from ill health has no right to marry until his health is restored. To do so is to commit a crime against the human race. While all diseases may not be directly inherited, the constitutional tendency to acquire them is inherited. If a man is a consumptive, the chances are that his children will have weak, undersized lungs, and a predisposition to acquire the same disease.

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Personal Work For Christ.

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I will first attempt to define this "personal work" with which I am to deal. What is personal work? It is using our thoughts, words and deeds to relieve suffering humanity. We have learned to use the expression "suffering humanity" in the sense of physical necessity, and although it is one of the greatest sufferings, it is not the greatest. Each heart has some burden to carry, and it is your work, it is my work, to lighten this burden by pointing that heart to the Savior, who said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." There are so many pretty ways for this to be done. When we are full of the love of Jesus Christ, our hearts naturally sympathize with every one; the impelling force of this love is strong enough to move the mighty forces of Satan. Even in our hand-shake can be detected this love; even if we are not gifted with a ready tongue, the few words we can say, or the smile, or the expression of the face, will show Christ shining through our lives. Oh! for an epidemic of warm hand-shakes. May we do away with the simply putting of the hand into that of another; or, what is worse, one or two fingers; and let us clasp the hand so that this expression of our love and greeting will be remembered long after the contemporary events of the day have been forgotten. What a warmth there is in the word "clasp," and it is the foundation of a true and perfect hand-shake. I do not mean that you are to grip the hand of another so that he will suffer physical pain the balance of the day, but simply let the heart go out to the person, letting it find expression in the hand, and the hand-shake will be all that the Methodist greeting implies. With such a hand-shake will always go a gentle expression, for the conditions required to make the act perfect are such that you will find it impossible to restrain a smile or kind word.

Personal work is the chief characteristic, it is the life of the League, and without it the League is a failure. The two terms, "Epworth League" and "personal work," are so closely connected in my mind that it is impossible for me to separate them. When I hear the name "Epworth League" spoken, I at once see a body of young people doing personal work, loving each other and "in honor preferring one another."

Christ taught the lesson of personal work when he talked to Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, Zaccheus, and others. We know that the best and most expensive articles are hand-made; the best and most valuable work for Jesus is hand-made—individual, personal work, manifesting our love for him in every part; a work of duty is worth its face value, but a work of love is at a premium.

When shall we do this personal

work? You may say there are times when one cannot be cheerful. Yes, there are sad times in every one's life, but still that does not keep you from lending a helping hand to some aching heart. You cannot withhold your power to aid, if you love Jesus, and it is unnecessary for me to say that your own heart will be lighter by giving your neighbor's welfare a portion of your time and consideration. You may not be an officer or committeeman of the League, yet this work is one of your important duties, and as a Christian you will be impelled to do it, and all the world cannot keep you from it.

Do not say you are naturally timid or reserved, or afraid of making a mistake, for look unto Jesus, whose manners were perfect through the love in his heart for all mankind, and he will put into your tongue, hands, and feet the action which is prompted by the love in your heart. Forget self and do it for Jesus, and you can make no mistake. You, of course, cannot always use the same method of work; for to chat or shake hands during the progress of the services would not be Christlike; but if you will let your neighbor share your hymn book (and don't stand at arm's length, as though you were afraid), or if you give, with a smile, a hymn book or a Bible to some one who is not supplied, it will indicate your love. There are numerous little ways by which you can silently show your friendliness during the services without spoiling the sacredness of the hour.

Where shall we do this personal work? It is expected that this work be done at the League services, and must be, too, if there is to be a League modeled after our Lord's commandment; but this is not to be the final ending of it.

Under this head comes the work of welcoming strangers. Yes, not only strangers, but visitors of every description. (I am afraid some of our own members come under this latter designation.) After we have extended our words of greeting in the name of Jesus, letting our action show "whose we are and whom we serve," we must not forget them during the following days. In many cases, during the week, Leaguers have hesitated to speak to those whom they had greeted the Sunday before, because they were afraid of not being remembered, and vice versa. We must overcome this timidity, and rather err on the other side than let one soul be cast from God's face when we may be instrumental in making their peace with him who is ever ready to "save to the uttermost."

It is also quite difficult for the Leaguer to remember a number of strange faces, but take special care to fix their faces on your heart and mind, that you may not forget them, for the little unintentional act of forgetting them may render useless all the words of greeting you may have given at the services. This is more likely to happen in large cities than in small ones, because of the impossibility of an outside acquaintance with all new comers. Look to this and be careful, for you know nearly every one is sensitive along this line. You

have had people pass you by without speaking, and you know the peculiar sensation that existed about the heart, the involuntary motion of the lips and nose, even if the tongue did keep quiet.

In our endeavor to look after strangers, we must not forget our own, who also have burdens and need encouragement; we must not let our own dear ones suffer while we go out to comfort the world.

It is our duty to spend a few minutes in pleasant conversation, either before or after the services; not with our own particular friends but with all.

Let us not get the idea of belonging to a clique and that our friendliness must be limited to the members of this clique, for you know any one can do that and we are to be a peculiar people, identified by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; but let us open the doors of our hearts to all, rich and poor, young and old, timid and bold, good and bad, clean and unclean, and show them the beauty of Christian fellowship.

Of course, you cannot reach every one every Sunday, but make it a point to never leave the services without having spent a few minutes in a friendly chat with as many as is possible, limiting your chats to only a few minutes each. This will render the day more pleasant for you and for your fellow Leaguer or stranger and well pleasing Christ, for "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare,
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and me."

The necessity for this work does not stop when we leave the church, but continues every hour during the week. It may be very easy for us in the warm atmosphere of the devotional meeting, to sing, pray and talk of God's goodness and our endeavor to serve him, but the true test of the foundation of our personal work and love for our Savior comes when we are brought in contact with the busy people of the world, composed of all classes and natures. It is then we who kissed the Lord on the Sabbath day are tempted to betray him by our dishonorable deeds. Be careful! Build on a rock foundation. Keep in close communion with God.

The place where this work can be enlarged upon is in our own homes. Let the doors of your homes be opened, that you may give good to those who are willing to enter and that you may get good in proportion. Let your Christian influence be felt there, and let those who come feel that Jesus resides there, that there is an unseen member of the family continually present to make life the consummation of perfect love. Let your actions, even more than your words, show that it is all done for Jesus' sake, and that the sweet comfort of your life comes from him to whom you are pointing them.

And finally, because you are not president of the League, do not think you are excluded from performing the duties of host or host-

ess. Because you are not first vice-president, do not think you have no part to perform at the devotional services. Because you are not second vice-president, do not think you are to bestow no acts of charity and help. Because you are not third vice-president, do not think you are to neglect the reading course, the Bible study, and the literary meetings. Because you are not fourth vice-president, do not think you may omit extending welcomes to all and that you are not to open the doors of your homes for various social features. But because you are Christ's, be willing to be a door-keeper in his house, willing to entertain all who may come to the meeting, willing to take part in the devotional exercises, willing to visit the sick and distressed, willing to help in the literary work, being a good student of God's word, and willing to be a friend to all. If you would fulfill Christ's commandment, you will be a willing worker in every department of the League, building it up by your faithful endeavor to serve him.

God help us to use our talents faithfully, enthusiastically, persistently, and we have his promise that our "labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,

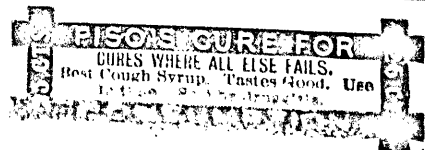
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Contributed.

"Morbus Sabbaticus."

Among the many things found in your paper from numerous sources, I do not remember to have seen anything bearing directly on the topic chosen for my scrawl. I have wondered why this is thus, when so many of your correspondents are familiar with the symptoms, and conversant with the ravages wrought by this strange disease, which, in its chronic stage, may be termed incurable. As is doubtless well known to you, (for editors are supposed to know everything) this disease is peculiar to church members. It is most insidious in its approach. The attack comes on with great suddenness. No symptoms of its coming are felt on Saturday night. In all probability the patient sleeps well, wakes in the morning a little later than usual, but feeling well. A hearty breakfast is eaten and seemingly thoroughly enjoyed. But, sad to say, about the time the church bell begins to ring the attack comes on. There is a strange tired feeling which seems to paralyze the subject's energies, and this continues violently until the cheerful sound of the dinner bell, when the patient feels much easier, and the usual Sunday dinner is disposed of with great satisfaction. He feels good and therefore thinks he must surely have religion. In the afternoon a short nap is taken. The patient now feels much better, in fact is able to go down town to talk politics, hear the latest war news and tell just how the war should be conducted. He may soon be well enough to read the Sunday paper. To look at him, one would not suppose for a moment that so dire and deadly a disease as "Morbus Sabbaticus" was "working on him." He goes home. Supper is about ready and so is he. With quickened appetite he partakes of the evening meal. Satisfied with himself, at peace with all the world and the rest of mankind, he makes no sign until church time, when the symptoms recur again, accompanied with an intense sleepiness, so that he fears to go to church lest under the soothing tones of Dr. Boaneeges he should disgrace himself by going sound asleep. Of course, this would never do. So severe and sustained are the symptoms that the patient feels constrained to remain at home. He retires early, sleeps soundly, rises on Monday morning ready for business, and strange to say has no symptom of the disease till the following Sunday.

For the information of your readers who may perhaps be thus afflicted and yet not be aware that they have so serious a disease as "Morbus Sabbaticus," I submit, after careful consideration, the following diagnosis, so that they may examine themselves and find whether any of the symptoms answer to theirs:

1. Its favorite and only subjects appear to be church members, and it seems to affect them regardless of age, sex, race, color or previous condition of servitude.

2. It is periodic and remittent,

A MINISTER'S STATEMENT

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and are in demand in their own conference, need come to this field. Let God's servants hear and heed this Macedonian cry.

Our conference session convenes in Albany, Ore., August 25.

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H. S. SHANGLE.

Corvallis, Ore., June 22.

An Appeal.

MR. EDITOR:—I desire to call the attention of your readers to the most earnest appeal being made in the interest of the Army Christian Commission of the Young Men's Christian Association, for the soldier boys now preparing to and engaging in the present war. This is a most urgent and much needed call, which should be not lightly treated by our people who are at home, depending on their noble sons to fight for honor and "Old Glory." With the Association tents near them, our boys are very comfortably provided for; the general health of the Park is good, though we have had to put to rest beneath the sod some of our boys already. We rejoice to feel that we have an opportunity of doing all we can for them, both temporally and spiritually. May God prosper the work with you. I am yours in his name,

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Literary Table.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Hon. J. B. Wight, president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, presided over the mass-meeting held in the interest of the Army and Navy Christian Commission, and, although the warmest weather of the season made attendance anything but comfortable, there was a large attendance, made up largely of ministers and influential church members. Among the speakers were Col. Jno. J. McCook, of New York, chairman of the executive committee of the commission, and Dr. Wallace Radcliffe. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Frank M. Bristol. As most of your readers probably know, this commission is the same as the Y. M. C. A. The object of this and other meetings to be held in other places is to explain the enormous amount of work that is being done by the commission, and to interest the public, especially the church-going public, sufficiently to get its financial aid in maintaining and increasing the work among soldiers and sailors. Following is an extract from a letter received from H. M. Wharton, the evangelist, who is in Florida, working for the Army and Navy Christian Commission:

"At the appointed time, in company with Mr. Frank Mahan, local chairman of the commission, and two ladies, Mrs. Babcock, of New York, whose husband is with Gen. Shafter in Cuba, and Miss Annie Wheeler, daughter of Maj. Gen. "Joe" Wheeler, I drove down in a large surrey to the place of meeting. We had books, papers, and gasoline lights tied to the side of the vehicle, so that the singers could crowd around and see the hymns. We had a part of the band, and when, with cornet and trombone, with many strong voices, 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul' rang out on the air, the soldiers rapidly assembled for service. Besides, the 'church call' was sounded, and a beautiful and appealing call it is. A box, two feet square, was brought for the pulpit. This circumscribed the limits of the preacher considerably. A good text would have been: 'Let him that standeth take heed lest he fall.' How they sang, how they listened, how eagerly they bent forward to catch the words of life. Dear fellows, far from home, going amid dangers, seen and unseen, their lives in their hands, it is blessed comfort for them to know that One goes with them who will never leave them or forsake them, and that trusting Him they will come off more than conquerors. The sermon ended, an opportunity was given to any one who desired prayer in his own behalf to indicate it by the uplifted hand. It seemed to me that every hand went up."

The Anti-Saloon League celebrated its fifth anniversary by holding a public meeting. The league has progressed, both in its work and its membership, during the past year. It has enrolled ten new organizations, making the total

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number of organizations now represented by the league 105, and there is not the slightest doubt that the reduction in the number of liquor licenses issued by the District of Columbia last year from 694 the year before to 657, was largely due to the work of the league. Rev. H. N. Couden, chaplain of the House of Representatives, delivered an address, from which the following is extracted: "The saloon is an incubator which hatches out, night after night, week after week, year after year, a veritable swarm of insects that go about the city pestering everybody and living off the life blood of the community. It breeds vipers of the most deadly sort and feeds poisonous reptiles which crush out the young manhood of the city. You should rise in your might, in the strength of your manhood, and stamp it out of existence. It is a menace to the home, the State, the Church, and to society. It robs the home of the father, the State of honest citizens, the Church of Christian gentlemen and society of its bulwarks."

The Senate Committee on Claims, acting under the resolution directing an investigation of the reported payment of 35 per cent of the amount recently paid to the Southern Methodist Book Concern for war damages to its property, has taken the testimony of Mr. Barbee, agent of the Book Concern, and of Mr. Stahlman, who was its attorney. Both stated that under a contract, made when he was engaged, Mr. Stahlman had received 35 per cent of the \$288,000 paid to the Book Concern, and Mr. Stahlman furnished the committee with a detailed statement of the disposition he had made of the money received by him as a fee for prosecuting the claim, not, he said, because they had any authority to ask for it, but because he desired by furnishing the names of all persons to whom he had paid money, and the amounts paid them, to show that no money was used to improperly influence Congress, and that no money was paid to any one connected with the Publishing House or to any one who had any part in making the agreement to pay him a fee.

Secretary Shephard, of the National Educational Association, came to Washington this week and opened headquarters, for the purpose of preparing abstracts for the

press of the more than 200 papers that will be read at the convention of the association which will meet July 7, and remain in session six days. Mr. Shephard expressed himself as greatly pleased with the work of the local committee in preparing for the convention.

Book Notices.

MAGAZINES.

The Pall Mall Gazette, office, Astor Court Building, New York, \$3 a year.

The contents of the June number are "Canaleto, San Treviso," "The Death of Childhood," "She Danced Before Him," "The Evolution of Comfort in Railway Traveling," "Noel's Princess," "Capitals of Greater Britain," "The Summer Breeze," "British Army Types," "Old Memories," "Prince Rupert, the Buccaneer," "South London," "Crime," "Rupert of Hentzau," "A Province in Power," "From a Cornish Window," "The Humors of the Month."

The above articles are from very sprightly pens. The Pall Mall Gazette stands in the first rank of magazines.

The Methodist Review (bi-monthly), Wm. V. Kelley, D. D., editor. Eaton and Mains, New York. \$2.50 a year.

This number opens with a tribute to that distinguished Methodist, George Richard Crooks, written by Rev. W. F. Anderson, M. A., of New York. Some of our readers will remember that Dr. Crooks was editor of "The Methodist," an independent paper which was begun in 1860 and continued to 1875. The Methodist was opposed by the officialism of the church, but became a very popular paper, and had a national circulation. It did much also to molify the spirit of sectionalism which prevailed in these times.

Professor B. P. Bowne, LL. D., of the Boston University, contributes his third paper on Ethical Legislation by the Church. He considers the effort of the church to produce or maintain spiritual life by prescribed rules of living. As indicating the character of the discussion he says: "If such legislation were clear in its principles and successful in its efforts there would be no question as to its value. There is room, however, on both historical and reflective grounds for doubting its efficacy."

"Reasons Against Repeal" is the head under which James Mudg, D. D., considers the movement which is being developed in the M. E. Church for some relaxing of the church rules relating to worldly amusements.

"Church Music" is discussed by Prof. J. T. Hatfield.

There is other matter of value and interest in the Review.

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Elijah, the Prophet.

1 KINGS XVII. 1-16.

Golden Text: "And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord." (Verse 16.)

Topical Outline: I. Before Ahab (verse 1). II. By the Brook Cherith (verses 2-7). III. At Zarephath (verses 8-16).

Time: B. C. about 910.

Places: The palace of Ahab in Samaria, by the brook Cherith near the Jordan, and in the Phenician city Zarephath.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Sin of Jeroboam, 1 Kings xii. 26-33.

Crying against the altar, xiii. 1-9. The reign of Omri, xvi. 21-28. The wickedness of Ahab, xvi. 29-33.

Elijah at Cherith, xvii. 1-7. Elijah at Zarephath, xvii. 8-16. Widow's child restored, xvii. 17-24.

Reference word, "Prophet." Lesson hymn, No. 561.

The methods of Jeroboam in assuming his throne sowed the seeds of rebellion against all constituted authority of God or man. Terrible to Israel were to be the consequences. Matters went from bad to worse throughout the reigns of Nadab, Baasha, Ela, Zimri, Tibni, and Omri. It was a period of about sixty years, and lands us under the reign of Ahab, who may be said to have been under the reign of his infamous Phenician wife Jezebel, the horror of Israelitish history, the daughter of a man who was at once an apostate priest and regicidal king.

Meanwhile, Jeroboam was not suffered to go without the most solemn and impressive warnings from God's servants and prophets, an account of which is given in chapters that precede our lesson. After Nadab, son of Jeroboam, had reigned two years, Baasha, a low-born fellow, slew him, and with him the whole house of Jeroboam to the last man. The son of this Baasha, Elah, who succeeded his father, is slain in a drunken bout, and with him perished his entire house, all under the hand of Zimri. This Zimri had the distinguished honor of being over Israel exactly one week. Omri, having been proclaimed king by the army, besieged him in Thirza, his capital. When the city fell, Zimri entered into his palace and burnt it down over his head. But one-half of the people are at the same time in revolt against Omri, and set up a king by the name of Tibni, who manages to hold his place for four years, when he is slain in battle, and thus Omri reigns alone. After him is Ahab. An awful chapter is this in the history of a covenant people! But, if possible, Ahab will make it worse still.

Under these kings the calf-wor-

ship of Jeroboam had continued. It was indeed a false worship, with many false features, but it was a false worship of Jehovah, he being worshiped under the similitude of a calf. Ahab and Jezebel boldly bring in the worship of Baal, god of the Phenicians, and they make it the State religion. This is a bold renunciation of all pretence of allegiance to the living God. And the idolatrous hearts of the people are with them.

It is here that Elijah, unheard of before, strange, rugged, fearless, breaks in upon the scene. There was no authorized priesthood in Israel, no power to check the bold audacity of these royal defiers of the authority of God, and almost the whole nation had gone after them. God would therefore put an agent on the scene, would speak through him in a way that Ahab and the whole nation must feel. As the representative of the Most High, the old prophet, unannounced, stalks into the presence of the king, and lays out before him his program; assures him in the name and by the authority of the God whom he had disowned that there should not be rain or dew upon the earth for three years and six months, except at his word. And then he betakes himself where neither the threats nor the cajolery of Ahab can find him. The sentence has gone forth—there is no mending of the matter. God will feed him meanwhile. The lesson will tell you how.

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JULY 17, 1898.

Exhortation to Earnestness.

ECCL. IX:10.

We live in thought and action, not in years. Man was made to strive. All things worthy to be possessed must be earnestly sought.

It is only in activity that life is realized. Thought animates, electrifies by its flash and sparkle and interchange. The pleasures of the intellect are alike in giving and receiving knowledge.

Strength of body, liveness of limb are nothing if not used. If not used, they cease to be.

Gifts dishonor us if not employed. The ignorant man who was a fool born is worthy of more respect than the man, by nature well endowed, who has made himself a fool. It is more respectable to be a pauper than to be rich and live like a pauper. The sorriest plea for one's failures is, "He could do better."

Effort is the condition of success. In Nature all things are at work. Day and night unceasing, in her wonderful laboratories she mixes the tints of the flowers, drains through her alchemic life substance for every plant, prepares food for every bird and beast.

The wonderful engines never cease to work. The propelling power is never shut off. And all Nature's labor is for man. She spreads before man a realm worthy the ambition of an angel, and says: "Subdue and have dominion."

Nothing is so out of harmony with Nature's plan as a listless man, who has no aim, no ambition. The very earth in her revolutions groans to throw the loafers off. Ah! would that they could be thrown off and fall into limbo.

Wealth and fortune may give

men every worldly possession, but effort alone gives capacity to enjoy any possession, and effort alone can sanctify either riches or talents to noble ends.

The text suggests probation. There is an allotted time to man upon the earth, and he fulfills as an hireling his day. There is an assigned task. Each day must see its part performed. There is no going back. Death closes the day. The Master calls his servant to account.

When we think of our actions and thoughts as determining our character here and our destiny hereafter, surely there is cause for earnest action in life.

"What thy hand findeth to do," whatever is worthy of your hand and of your mind should call forth your best effort. You owe that to yourself. Your own manliness is discounted by a feeble effort.

In pursuit of worldly ends, men have an ambition not to be excelled by their fellows. In seeking after spiritual things and heavenly riches, let no man surpass you.

Support of Brother Cline.

Let the Leagues which have not yet reported on the support of Brother Cline consider the matter as promptly as possible and report to the METHODIST. We will publish all responses.

The State Conference.

We are sure that all the Leaguers were pleased with the very excellent presentation by Rev. J. M. Hawley of the work done at Jonesboro. Not a little was contributed to the success and profit of the occasion by the committee of entertainment, and the spirit with which the Christian people of the city entered into the work. The sad affliction of the pastor of our church, Rev. Frank Barrett, was a cause of deep sorrow to all, but there was nothing lacking in attention to the guests.

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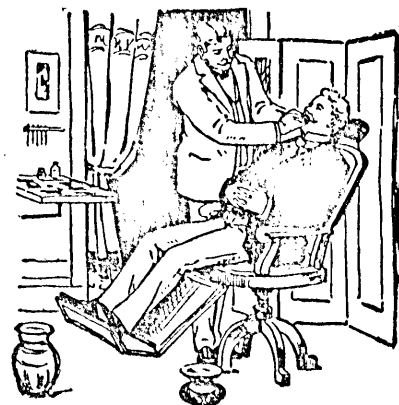
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J. E. GODBEY, D. D., Editor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1898.

To build up a great congregation, never neglect a small one.

We acknowledge receipt, from Dr. Lambuth, of two excellent articles on our work in China—one from J. L. Hendry, the other from Dr. Parker. Dr. Lambuth says: "Since the Arkansas Leagues have undertaken Brother Cline's support, I should like to give them, through the ARKANSAS METHODIST, just as much news from China as possible."

Regimental Canteens.

Here is a report, taken from the "Commercial-Appeal," in reference to the "regimental canteens" at Camp Thomas. It is evident, from the tone of the writer, that he regards this "canteen" business as altogether the proper thing. Here is what he says:

"One of the most interesting institutions at Camp Thomas in the big park is the regimental canteen. Of course, everybody knows what a canteen is. It is not simply a canteen of sufficient capacity to supply a thousand men, instead of one, and it doesn't contain water. It is built of boards and looks something like a refreshment booth at a picnic. In it there is a bar full of beer glasses, and there are several kegs of beer with blocks of ice on them. Soldiers with white aprons on stand behind the bar, and soldiers without any aprons on stand in front of it. In short, the regimental canteen is a regimental bar-room. Many of the regiments have them, and on account of their convenience and the use to which the money is put, they are very popular, and are increasing in numbers all the time. The men in a regiment subscribe enough money to build a canteen and buy beer, several carloads of which are delivered at the park every day. The profits of the sale of beer go to a fund that is used for buying things for the regimental messes not furnished by the commissary, and for buying delicacies for the boys who are sick in the hospital. Not all the men drink beer, but they all participate in the improved fare that the canteen makes possible. One canteen took in over its counter \$780 the first three days it was in business. If all the volunteers had the money due them from the States there is no telling what the canteens would make. Some of the colonels have refused to allow the canteens to be run in their regiments. Before one is started almost every man in the regiment thinks he would like to be bar-keeper. The men take it time about tending bar, three serving for three days at a time. By the time they have filled schoo-

ers for three days they conclude that it is work after all, and several have been heard to say that they would rather drill than stay in the canteen."

This was sent us by a subscriber who signed himself "An Old Soldier." He expressed deep regret that such a thing should be allowed in the army. That we might have certain knowledge of this matter before publishing the statement from the "Commercial" we sent the clipping to the chaplain of the second Arkansas regiment at Camp Thomas, inquiring of its truth. We received this reply:

"Camp Thomas, June, 25, 1898.

Dear Bro. Godbey: I think the clipping is a faithful statement of the exact condition of things as to the canteens. I will look into the matter, and visit our chaplains' meeting Monday, and may give you in my next an account of the canteens at Chickamauga, and the movements on foot to suppress them. Truly,

"SIDNEY H. BABCOCK."

The state of things here reported will deeply grieve, not only the parents of our soldier boys, but all their true friends.

The monotony of camp life exposes these young men to temptation much more than when they were at home. They want something to occupy the time and relieve the camp of its irksomeness. Many, who never thought of drinking at home, will, under the circumstances here set forth, learn to drink in the army. There could be no sadder result of army life. Our noblest young men, the pick of the land for physical manhood, and adding to this that patriotism and courage which seem to promise the noblest development of character, to come back from their country's service, not such men as can be trusted and honored, but moral and physical wrecks, is a sad thing to contemplate.

This is sure to be the case with many a young man who went from his home with the highest and noblest aspirations.

The manufacturers and venders of ardent spirits are ready to show much "patriotism" in donating drinks to the regimental canteens, as our good people contribute to the hospital service and the Red Cross. This horde of human harpies, hell's legion, will rejoice for every young man that returns from the army ruined in body and soul.

It becomes the United States government, in whose service our young men have gone forth, to protect them against this insidious enemy, more dangerous than Spanish arms.

We are glad to know that there

are no canteens at Camp Alger. Twenty-five thousand men are encamped there. Only one regular canteen was set up in this camp. That was by the 65th New York. But the order of Major General Graham swept that away, and prohibited the sale of liquors in the camp.

We hope to hear of a reform at Camp Thomas. We desire to record in these columns the names of all officers who do their duty in protecting our Arkansas boys in their trying camp experiences.

Glimpses of Camp Life at Chickamauga

If it were not for the relish and good cheer of the soldier boys at their meals it would be quite pathetic to see them at the call of the bugle fall into line with tin cup and plate and knife and fork, and each man in turn take his rustic meal and move off to the door of his tent or beside a tree to strengthen his body for a soldier's duty.

In the interval of drills the scene is a varied one. Some are sleeping, some washing their clothes, some playing cards, some writing, some reading, some bathing in the streams of the park, many crowding the Y. M. C. A. tents, and many, sad to say, drinking at the canteens. There is an abandon of dress, (except among the officers) and of manner, and habit and speech, which reminds one of the historic times when men dwelt in tents and in the dens and caves of the earth.

The wickedness of the camp is exceedingly great. It never before entered into my thought that men could be so profane. They swear when they lie down and when they rise up; when awake and asleep; when mad and when glad. They damn everything in sight and out of sight, the bread they eat, the coffee they drink, the fly that lights on the cup, the tents in which they sleep, the physician who ministers to them, the officers who command them and the friends they love. The vocabulary of blasphemous speech is exhausted to find terms strong enough to express their defiance of the Almighty and their contempt for the Saviour. I ask myself the question every day if this is the language of men who are living in a day of grace, what will be their language when probation's day is over and the guilty soul goes out to meet its doom of damnation? I am glad to say, however, that many have expressed a purpose to quit and that there has been already a great change for the better.

The canteen is such an unspeakable curse from a military standpoint, I cannot see how our chief men can permit them in camp a day. We are here with the avowed purpose to train this army for effective service.

What will it avail to drill these men four hours a day from now until fall if they are allowed to debauch themselves with beer, become victims of all manner of dis-

eases and as disabled in body as unfit in morals to defend on the field of battle that flag which stands for the freest government, the noblest manhood, and the purest Christianity on the earth.

The chaplains have presented an earnest plea to Gen. Brooke to use his military authority to suppress them. What will become of the effort we have not been informed. Generals outrank chaplains in the army, and it is not military order for inferiors to make suggestions to superiors. But the chaplains, in the presence of this great evil have dared to speak, though it may be more to their undoing than to that of the canteens.

The Hon. Joshua Levering has consented to take our case direct to President McKinley if we fail nearer home. It is true that a commissioned officer has charge of the canteens, that details from the army are salesmen, that beer is the only intoxicant sold, and that the profits of the business belong to the regiment to be used for the sick; yet the canteen is an iniquity still. To debauch men to make money to help the sick is as vicious in its purpose as it is hurtful in results among the soldiers. When will the church and the nation wake up to the magnitude of the evil which confronts us everywhere. The sword of the state must cut off the head of the serpent of the still.

We are having good meetings every night in our regiment. A nice band of Christian workers is rallying around me. I have found some choice spirits among the young men and many mature men are coming out on the right side. The chaplains, so far as I can learn, are doing earnest work among their men, each in his own way, and with good results.

Many letters are coming to me from fathers, mothers, preachers, about our soldier boys. I appreciate them very much. They help me in my work, and I try to answer them promptly, even though it be late at night before I can lay down my pen. I want to put myself in touch with every man in the regiment, and these letters help me to do so.

We laid to rest in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga, Milton C. Pratt, of Co. C, July 1. He was the first to die in the 2nd Arkansas Regiment, the fifteenth volunteer to be buried from Camp Thomas in this national city of the dead, and his number is 13,150. He sleeps between Private White of the 1st Arkansas, buried a few days before, and Private Waters of the 4th Pennsylvania, buried immediately after. Peace to his ashes. A few hours before he died, while he was sinking fast, there came to him a momentary strength and grace, and he sweetly and softly sang:

"Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own his cause,
Or blush to speak his name?"

These were his farewell words to his comrades below and his words of salutation to the army triumphant.

SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.

Church Notes.

Equal lay representation has been secured in the M. E. Church.

The Presbyterian Board of Missions has called attention to the duty now thrown upon the Protestant Churches of the United States, of sending missionaries to Cuba and the Phillippine Islands. In response to this call, the Board of Managers of the M. E. Missionary Society have appointed a commission to confer with the Societies of other Churches and report upon the matter, not later than September. The aim is to secure good understanding and co-operation of all the Protestant Churches in this movement.

The following local preachers were re-licensed at the Prescott District Conference: W. M. Avery, John F. Biggs, Henry M. Bruce, Geo. N. Cannon, J. L. Cannon, James M. Cannon, T. E. Clinghan, Chas. G. Hughes, Forney Hutchison, W. M. Mitchell, Jno. P. Steel, Evan S. Patterson, Calvin A. Hyatt, Fletcher C. Cannon, J. L. Tyson. Licenses to preach were granted to Robert Henry Cannon, Sherman W. Roberts, and Wm. G. Galloway.

In the ordination of a bishop, it is asked: "Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministration," etc. Some have been elected and declined to serve, we suppose, because they did not regard themselves as truly called. Would it not be well, in order to avoid mistakes, to have those who feel called to enroll their names before an election?

Order of Business.

The late General Conference established the following Order of Business for District Conferences: "Paragraph 77. What is the method of proceeding in a District Conference?"

The following questions shall be asked:

Question 1. Who are recommended to the District Conference for license to preach?

Question 2. Have the local preachers passed an examination of character, and have their licenses been renewed?

Question 3. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial into the traveling connection?

Question 4. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for readmission?

Question 5. What local preachers are recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders?

Question 6. What local preachers are recommended to the Annual Conference for elder's orders?

Question 7. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for the recognition of Deacon's or elder's orders?

Question 8. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for the restoration of deacon's or elder's orders?

Question 9. What ministers are received from other Churches as local preachers?

Question 10. Who are elected delegates to the Annual Conference?

Question 11. What is the general state of the several circuits, stations, and missions in the district?

Question 12. What missions in the district are recommended to the Conference Board of Missions as self-sustaining?

Question 13. What missions should the Conference Board of Missions establish in the district?

Question 14. Have the Quarterly Conference records been faithfully kept?

Question 15. Is there any miscellaneous business?

Question 16. Where shall the next District Conference be held?

For Seventh-Day Adventists.

Rev. N. W. Gamble, of South Kansas, says:

I once had a short, interesting conversation with an eminent expriest, who said: "Saturday is the only Sabbath the Bible recognizes." I followed this statement with the following questions, and received the following answers:

Q. Upon what date did the Bible require the passover lamb to be slain?

A. On Abib 14th every year.

Q. Upon what day was it eaten?

A. On Abib 15th every year.

Q. Upon what date was the wave sheaf offered and the harvest commenced?

A. On Abib 16th every year.

Q. Was Abib 15th always a Sabbath day?

A. Certainly it was.

Q. Was Abib 16th on the first day of the week each year?

A. Yes. Upon that date they began to count the seven weeks towards Pentecost.

Q. Very well. Will you furnish me an accepted solar or lunar calendar that will locate Abib 15th on Saturday every year and Abib 16th on Sunday every year.

A. Oh! I see. I see. It cannot be done. I had never thought of it before.

A number of professors in the theological seminaries in Chicago, Hebrew scholars and Jewish rabbis, are quoted as endorsing the above theory. If this discovery can be firmly established it will prove that there was really no change either by the apostles or the early Christian Church of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week. Consequently much of the discussion in regard to the change from the Jewish to the Christian Sabbath was based on erroneous assumption.—Exchange.

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Notice.

Bishop Morrison has appointed Rev. R. A. Holloway, from Madison, Fla., to Batesville, Ark., for the rest of the year. Rev. Ed Forrest is supplying Calamine circuit, left vacant by the appointment of Bro. Harper to Hendrix College. J. S. BROOKE.

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Notice.

Hot Springs Dist. Conference is to be held at South Hot Springs Church, Hot Springs, July 21. All visitors and delegates are urged to notify me at once how and when they will come. If you expect provision to be made for your horses, let me know at your earliest convenience.

B. A. Few, Pastor.

Notice.

To the workers in the W. F. M. S. of L. R. Conference:

Dear Co-workers: Please don't become impatient about the appearance of our conference minutes. We will let you have them just as soon as it is possible to do so. Our Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Cooper, has been sick with fever since our meeting at Prescott. She was able to sit up for the first time, Wednesday last. Our work, so far as heard from, increases in interest since our annual meeting. Yours in the cause of our Master,

MRS. JAS. THOMAS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Personal.

Bro. Murphy, of Osceola, was a pleasant caller Wednesday.

Prof. G. W. Droke, of the State University, called Wednesday.

Sister Ware, wife of the P. E. of Little Rock District, is extremely ill.

President Millar, Prof. Geo. Millar and Prof. J. M. Hewey, called Friday.

Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D., has resigned as Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance.

Bro. A. D. Carden, Superintendent of the public schools of Camden, called to see us Saturday.

General Nelson A. Miles has been a member of the First Baptist Church, Boston, for forty years.

Rev. W. C. Parham, of Benton, one of the oldest and best educators in the land, was a caller Wednesday.

Princeton University has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Admiral Dewey. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Bro. M. F. Collier, of Paragould, called Tuesday, and moved up his subscription for the METHODIST more than a year ahead.

Rev. W. W. Anderson, of Haynes, Ark., was in our office Tuesday. He says the crops about Haynes are all that could be desired.

Dr. D. C. Ewing, of Batesville, was killed last Saturday by a storm which blew down a portion of the building in which he had his office.

S. R. Twitty goes to Yellville to take charge of the District High School. He will meet the expectation of the church in that responsible place.

Rev. Joseph Parker, the great preacher of City Temple, London, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry June 19.

Prof. William W. Martin, formerly of the Vanderbilt University, has been elected Secretary for the American University at Washington.

Rev. R. A. Holloway has been transferred by Bishop Candler to the White River Conference, and will fill the pulpit at Batesville, Ark., the remainder of the year.

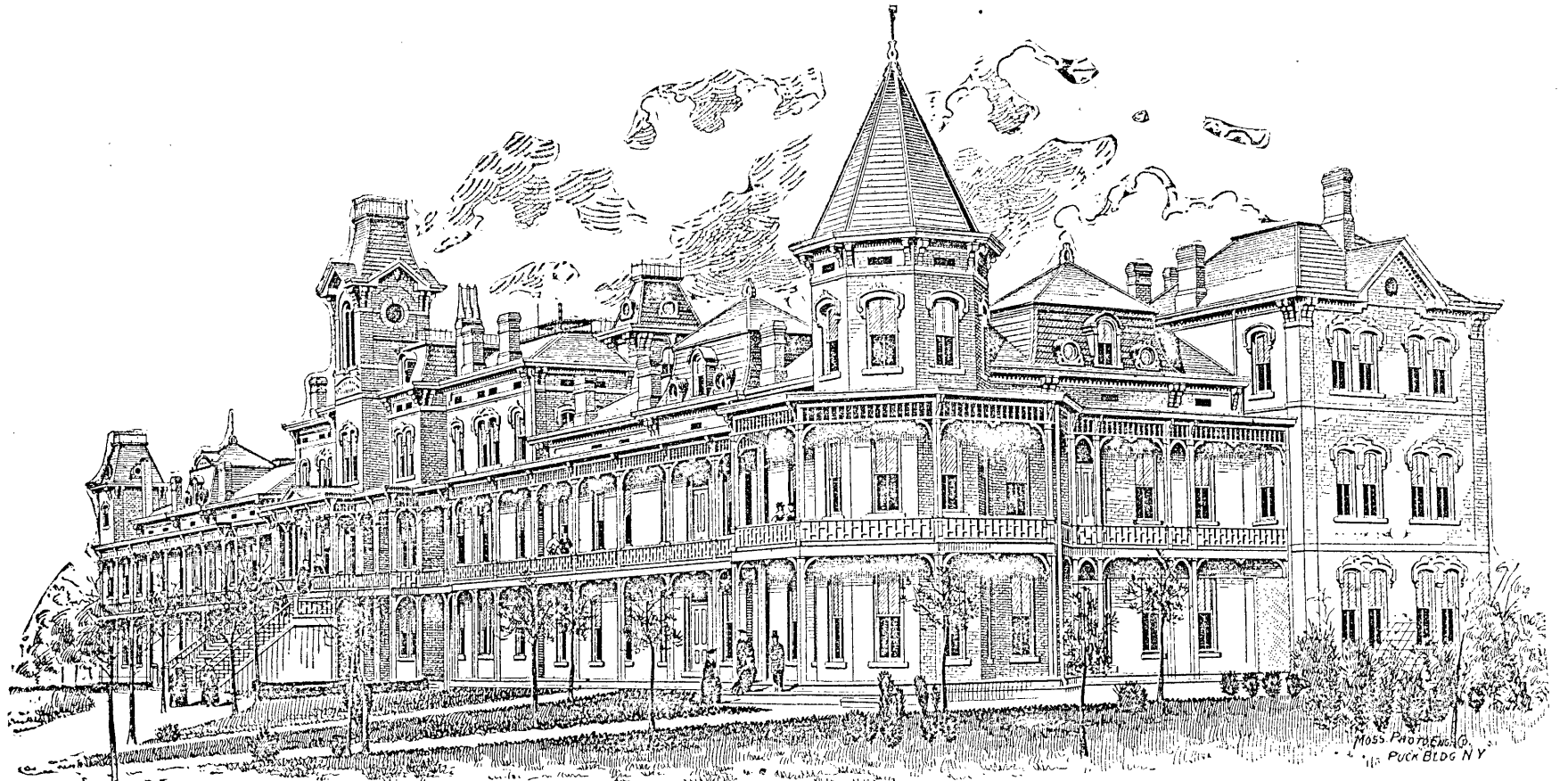
Prof. P. L. Burrow, who has been teaching at Prescott, was a pleasant caller Friday. He is a good Methodist, and of course being such, takes and pays for his state church paper.

Rev. A. O. Evans and family are gone to Chicago for a vacation of two months, and for study in the Chicago University. Rev. J. M. Carr fills the pulpit of Bro. Evans at Pine Bluff.

Dr. A. O. Millar came up from For-dyce Tuesday. He reported that the oratorical contest on the 4th of July was a very interesting occasion. Horace Jewell Dickinson, of Kingsland, bore off the honors.

The death of Dr. T. E. Murrell, formerly of Little Rock, is reported from Denver, Col. For a number of years he resided in this city and enjoyed an extensive practice as a specialist in eye and ear troubles. He married a sister of Mr. Ham B. Mizell, now of Pine Bluff. Dr. Murrell was a native of Arkansas and was reared in Lonoke county. He was an active member and steward in First Church, greatly respected and loved.

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But others grope on in deepening gloom,
"Mid heart-aches and bitterest tears;
While death's happier guests haste quick to the tomb,
Before they have lived half their years.

There is room in some hearts for brotherly love;
For sympathy, tender, sincere;
For ennobling thoughts, that mount far above
The glories of earth's highest sphere;
But others seek only to gain the fair realms
Of honor and far-luring fame,
Obtaining, by means that Jesus condemns,
What proves but a bubble—a name.

There is peace in some hearts, through the world's
wretched fight,

A rest, 'mid the carnage of sin;
A hope, anchored firm in the fair fields of light,
A faith that sure triumph shall win.
But other's ne'er know of this heavenly calm;
But wrestle with conscience and God;
Resisting the spirit, refusing the bath,
Reproaching the way Jesus trod.

We are standing, to-day, with old Father Time;
Tomorrow eternity calls.
Some are playing with trifles, though riches sublime

Are graciously offered to all.
They are falling to notice the dark lowering clouds,
That mark the approach of the end;
Soon hideous darkness their forms shall enshroud,
And their voices with devils, shall blend.

The Lord is my Shepherd.

The twenty-third Psalm is like a harp whose strings being touched awaken sweetest melodies which thrill the heart with joy and gladness. It is one of the brightest

gems in the golden setting of God's blessed word. The very first verse contains a volume, in the sense of strength, protection, rest and love it imparts. "The Lord is my shepherd." The Lord, the creator and preserver of all things; whose voice is heard in the tempest, whose smile is seen in the rainbow, whose finger-touch kindles the watch fires which gleam on the brow of night; who paints the clouds with amber and gold, and drops the purple veil of twilight over land and sea, bringing rest and peace to all the world: "The Lord is my shepherd."

What does a shepherd do? He leads his flock in the morning light, out over hill and plain, through the barren and waste places to green spots where is abundant herbage; he guides them by cool streams, where they may refresh themselves and quench their thirst; he watches unceasingly, and when they are weary, lifts the tender ones to his bosom, folds his plaid about them, shelters them from the storm and tempest, and brings them safely to the fold again. So does our shepherd—the Lord, the Saviour—lead his own. So does he guide our trembling feet over the rough and stony paths of life; so does he bring us into sunny places where we may feed on the word of his promises; so does he give us the water of life to quench our thirst, and when storms and tempests overtake us, he puts his arm around us, saying: "Lean on me, my child; find rest and shelter here on my breast. I will never leave nor forsake thee." Is there one of us who would fear to trust

him while we hear the whisper of that divine voice within us?

It is said of Alpine shepherds that as the sun sinks to rest behind the distant snow-capped peaks, and the silver mist comes creeping over the valley and up the mountain side, the shepherds on the lower cliffs call to those above them, "Praise be to God, good-night;" and they in turn take up the parting salutation—"Praise be to God, good-night;" so from cliff to cliff the words echo and re-echo until the sound is lost in infinite space, "Praise be to God, good-night;"—a note of adoration and thanksgiving for the mercies of the day.

So, looking back over our past life and recognizing God's hand as he has led us gently, so tenderly, so lovingly—not always as we would choose, but as seemeth best to him—we can say with the Psalmist, "My cup runneth over."
—Christian Work.

Pray and Work.

The great human duties are prayer and work—prayer for every needed blessing and work to realize it; prayer as though God must do the whole, and work as though we must do it all ourselves. But who that waits to know the philosophy of answered prayer will ever pray? And who that waits to be sure there shall be no mistake will ever work? We walk in a way that we know not. We labor for our Master, but never know beforehand what shall prosper, whether this or that. We lay wise

plans and they miscarry. We commit gross blunders, and they are overruled for good. We exult in some prosperity, and get leanness with it. We murmur at some adversity and find it big with blessings. The lines of our life are all in God's hands. What shall befall us we cannot know. What is expedient we cannot tell. Only this we know, that God would shape us to our own best interest, and to our greatest usefulness.—Selected.

A card on the outside of office door says: "Gone to lunch. Be back in ten minutes." And the man will be there on time. That is, for some days, weeks or even months, he will. Then he will be at home occasionally for a day. He'll tell you he had a headache—a turn of cholera morbus, or maybe he'll say he had a lump in his stomach and felt too miserable to move. The lump was probably two or three ten-minute lunches condensed.

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For the Young People.

How it Went in My Childhood.

III.

I want to talk to the young people awhile about my first (and last) chew of tobacco.

I was attending my first school; had learned to spell in Webster's blue-black speller, and was forming close acquaintance with some of the boys in school. Among them was a young man about twenty-one years old. I was seven. Early in our association he showed great attachment for me. He expressed his love by pulling my hair, drawing my ears nearly out of their sockets and pinching me, unawares. The more I would jump and scream and tell the teacher, the better he seemed to like me. Where I went he was sure to follow.

Mack (that was my friend's name) soon began to want me to take some of his habits. I guess they were becoming burdensome to him, and he wanted some one young and strong, like me, to help him bear them; or, he just wanted to have some fun with me.

He had a habit of chewing tobacco. I did not know what it was then, for we did not have tobacco at home. He seemed to enjoy it very much, and, no doubt, thought I would; anyway, I would be more like a man. He would chew it before me, and show me how nice it was.

My good friend urged and begged me until, finally, I told him I would take a chew. He seemed delighted, and appeared to love me more than ever. Now we were close friends. Mack cut me off a great big chew. As well as I remember, it was twisted tobacco—good old home-made. I stuck it into my mouth and began to chew it. It tasted a little peppery at first, and felt a little slick. I felt like I wanted to spit, but did not do it. I kept on chewing, it kept getting juicier and slicker. I did not seem to get any more like a man; in fact, I thought it was about the nastiest stuff I ever had in my mouth, and did not think it could make me become a man. But I would not back out. Spit it out? Never! It must go as other things I chewed, so down went tobacco, juice and all into my stomach. I know I made a pretty face. My good friend seemed to be falling in love with me more than ever, for he was laughing all over his face. O he was perfectly delighted!—just laughed and laughed. I didn't feel like laughing, for I was having a funny feeling down below. My head began to get light, I got to swimming around, it seemed like. My head felt as if it wanted to ascend on high, but my poor little stomach was so sick that it could not go. I got sicker, and sicker, and sicker. Death seemed to stare me in the face. I went home, but did not care to go to mother. I went off by myself. I felt too mean to see her. Off to myself, I swam and tossed and spit, sat down and got up, drank water and ate

green weeds until I digested all that stuff that a hog would not eat.

At the supper table that night sat poor little Dorfie, pale, weak, meek as Moses, and feeling small enough to put on dresses again, but having horror enough in his little heart at the chewing of tobacco never to want to chew it again. And he never has up to this day.

If any of the young people that read this use tobacco, I hope they will think of poor little Dorfie Kral's experience and quit it forever.

DORF. S. KRAL.

Van Buren, Ark.

How They Differ.

Man is a creature of cast-iron habits; woman adapts herself to circumstances; this is the foundation of the moral difference between them.

A man does not attempt to drive a nail unless he has a hammer; a woman does not hesitate to use anything, from the heel of a boot to the back of a brush.

A man considers a corkscrew absolutely necessary to open a bottle; a woman attempts to extract the cork with the scissors; if she does not succeed readily, she pushes the cork into the bottle, since the essential thing is to get at the fluid.

Shaving is the only use to which a man puts a razor; a woman employs it for a chiropodist's purpose.

When a man writes everything must be in apple pie order; pen, paper, and ink must be just so, and a profound silence must reign while he accomplishes this important function. A woman gets any sheet of paper, tears it perhaps from a book or a portfolio, sharpens a pencil with the scissors, puts the paper on an old atlas, crosses her feet, balances herself on her chair, and confides her thoughts to paper, changing from pencil to pen and vice versa from time to time, nor does she care if the children romp or the cook comes to speak to her.

A man storms if the blotting paper is not conveniently near; a woman dries the ink by blowing on it, waving the paper in the air, or holding it near a lamp or a fire.

A man drops a letter unhesitatingly in the box; a woman re-reads the address, assures herself that the envelope is sealed, the stamp secure, and then throws it violently into the box.

A man can cut a book with a paper cutter; a woman deftly inserts a hairpin and the book is cut.

For a man "goodbye" signifies the end of a conversation and the moment of his departure; for a woman it is the beginning of a new chapter, for it is just when they are taking leave of each other that women think of the most important topics of conversation.

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Our Church at Home.

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We closed our meeting at Yellville last night, after four weeks of continuous services twice each day.

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J. W. HOUSE.

FROM HOT SPRINGS.

The third quarterly conference for South Hot Springs station was held on Monday night, July 27, Rev. J. A. Sage, P. E., in the chair. Thirteen out of fifteen of the official board were present. Quite a good showing. Twenty-two members had been received during the quarter, and the reports indicated a good condition of affairs along all lines of work. The P. E. said, in commenting on the financial report for this quarter, that it was the best received for this season of the year in the four years he had been on the district.

Bro. Bishop P. Stone, son of our Bro. W. J. Stone of the Arkansas Conference, and son-in-law of the sterling layman, J. T. Renfro, of Rison, Ark., was unanimously recommended to the district conference for license to preach.

We are making preparations to entertain the district conference, which convenes here July 21, in true Methodist style. We hope to provide for all delegates and visitors and have but one request to make in return, and that is that all will notify me of their coming and their manner of coming, and that they will come full of faith and the Holy Ghost and contribute what they can to the spiritual uplift of this church in particular and this city in general, while here.

Bro. J. C. Rhodes, pastor at Malvern Avenue Church, is rejoicing over late victories won in his charge. He is to be congratulated upon his success in providing for a large portion of a debt which, for years, has hung like an incubus over that church. The tender and loving Russell Moore, pastor of Malvern Avenue Church, has been out of the city the past week, assisting Rev. H. D. McKinnon, pastor at Gurdon, in a meeting. Moore possesses a genuine evangelistic spirit, and is a power anywhere he goes.

Rev. J. A. Sage, who is recognized as a man of great wisdom and sagacity, is advancing upon his fourth year on this district with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the church and to the general good of the cause. He is, I believe, for his many sterling qualities of head and heart, universally beloved by all the people.

Our Hinemon captured the school fraternity while here in the County Normal. We are all proud of J. H. Hinemon. Rev. Mr. Twitty, the eloquent teacher and preacher from Conway, spent a week with his excellent wife in the

city, attending the Normal, preaching on Sunday at Malvern Avenue and South Hot Springs Churches. We hope to see him in the faculty of Central High School, in this city.

B. A. FEW.

June 29.

ROGERS, ARK.

We have just closed a series of revival services. Rev. John P. Lowry was with us, in charge of the services. It is expressing the truth very modestly, to say the meeting was successful. The Church is greatly revived and twenty souls are rejoicing in a newly-found Savior. We are all saying "Praise the Lord" for the great victory. Not only have souls been saved, but peace and brotherly love abound in our Church. Brother Allen, the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, gave us full and hearty co-operation.

GEORGE MCGILMUPHY.

June 27, 1898.

Jonesboro District Conference.

The Jonesboro District Conference will convene at Luxora, on the Mississippi river, July 14-18. The only safe way to reach the seat of the conference will be (owing to so much water in the bottoms) by rail to Memphis, thence by steamer to Luxora. The Kansas City and Iron Mt. roads may both give reduced fare. However, I have no definite information yet. The Iron Mt. train arrives in the forenoon, and the K. C. day train arrives there at 5 p.m. Steamer "Robt. E. Lee" leaves Memphis at 5 p.m., and as this would not give those coming in on the K. C. train time to reach the boat, the General Manager of the "Lee Line" has kindly consented to hold the boat till 5:30 or 5:40, provided the K. C. train is not delayed. The boat will give the usual clergy rates to all, which will be \$3.00 for the round trip.

The Conference will open Thursday morning with a love-feast service, conducted by Rev. A. C. Griffin. At 11 o'clock Rev. E. N. Bickley will preach the opening sermon.

Examining committees should meet promptly the first day. I here re-announce them as follows:

License to Preach:—Fred Little, George G. Davidson, P. B. Wallis.

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I wish to insist here that local preachers, who may not be able to attend the Conference, send up written reports of their work during the past year, together with their licenses to be renewed.

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DEAR DR. GODBEY:—The twentieth annual meeting of this society was held in Greensboro, N. C., June 2-8. The reception committee, under the management of Bro. Weaver, pastor of West Market Church, in which the Board convened, met each train, welcomed the delegates to this beautiful city, and assigned each to her home.

This committee, with their kind and loving cordiality, did all in their power (and admirably did they succeed) to make each delegate feel perfectly at home. Never could "strangers in a strange land" have felt more welcome than did the delegates on this occasion—assembled from far and near, to look after the interests of the foreign missionary work.

Thursday evening was devoted to a consecration service, led by Mrs. Wightman, in which many engaged with spiritual profit. A large, if not a full, representation

was present on Friday at 8:30 a. m. at roll call, at which time the Board held its first business session, with the president, Mrs. Wightman in the chair. The exercises of the session were varied. Many distinguished persons were present, and invited to address the Board. Bishop Galloway, being present, entertained us at length in his usual beautiful style, telling us much of Brazil and the great need of work in that much neglected field, at the same time offering many thoughts that might serve as incentives to our women to largely occupy that country. Bro. Tucker, American Bible Agent to Brazil, made an able, interesting talk on woman's work there, saying, among very many other good things: "These people must be brought to the knowledge of God." Dr. Y. J. Allen, pioneer missionary to China, was with us, but language fails me in which to express the impression made on the Board by the loving counsel and sweet words of encouragement received from the lips of this grand, good man. May heaven spare him yet many years to this great work. Two returned missionaries, Miss Richardson, from Shanghai, China, and Miss Elerding, from Brazil, were also present throughout the entire session, which added very much to the interest of the meeting.

The business sessions were interesting and profitable; the devotional exercises were each a fresh, new feast of good things.

Dr. Godbey, I should like to tell of this grand assembly of women in detail, but knowing it would take too much of your valuable space, I forbear, only telling our women some things they might like to know before the publication of the minutes, which, however, will be in due time.

There were few changes made in the affairs of the Board. One new office was made, viz: second vice-president, and Mrs. Bishop Wilson elected to that office. After much discussion in regard to the "Little Worker," it was decided to reduce the price of that most valuable paper from 25 cents to 10 cents. Now, will not all our women make an extra effort to secure subscribers to this attractive children's paper? A motion to discontinue the juvenile leaflets was carried after much opposition. Five candidates for missionary work were presented to the Board, viz: Miss Mary Pescud, who was accepted and sent to Juiz de Fora, Brazil; Miss Hinds, of the Kentucky Conference, was appointed to assist Mrs. Campbell in Korea. Miss Pescud will sail in July, and probably Miss Hinds will sail about that time also. The remaining three, Miss Heath, of North Georgia Conference; Miss Ellison, of Alabama, and Miss Davis, of North Carolina Conference, were recommended to take the required two years course in the training school. Miss Mary Richardson, who was accepted last year, with her sister, Miss Helen, who is in America on a visit, will perhaps sail for China within the next month. Dr. Palmer, of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, preached our annual

sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday, which was a rare treat to the immense crowd who heard him. He is indeed a friend to our woman's work, and said many good things which we will not soon forget. The last item of business transacted by the Board was the election of officers, which occurs quadrennially, and resulted as follows: Mrs. Wightman, President; Mrs. Gibson, First Vice-President; Mrs. Bishop Wilson, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Hargrove, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Trueheart, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. McGavack, Treasurer.

May our women do more and better work for the Master during the coming year than ever before.

In Christian love,
MRS. H. B. STRANGE.

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To the Front.

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It is said that our children's day at Mt. Tabor, Sunday, was the best that we ever had there. The young people met Saturday evening and decorated the church neatly and had things nicely arranged for the exercises. Sunday, the church was filled to overflowing with people. The teachers did their own drilling and the exercises were conducted by classes. Mrs. Margaret Smith has charge of the first infant class. The recitations of her little class were such that all decided that she knows how to manage children. Infant class, No. 2, in charge of Sister Carpenter, also did nicely, and delighted us with their work, which showed careful training by their teacher. Mrs. Fannie Perry's class, composed of children from ten to fourteen years of age, were well drilled, and their recitations and dialogues were fine. Mrs. Perry herself was trained by a Methodist preacher of the old type so we are not surprised at her work as a teacher. Bro. Carpenter's class of young people also took part in the exercises; their readings and recitations were good. Bro. Carpenter is much interested in his Sunday-school work and is loved by his class. Sister Betzner's class of young folks gave us two good recitations and answered the thirty-five questions contained in the History of Methodism. Sister Betzner is one of our best teachers and is doing good work. The singing, led by Bro. James Gardner, was good. Miss Bulah Aginew, the organist, rendered us valuable service. Collection, \$4.27.

In the afternoon, Rev. J. M. Robinson gave a fine lecture to the young people. His theme was "Christian Training." I must mention our two Bible classes. Bro. McMillian has charge of one, composed of about sixteen men over thirty years of age. The other, made up of about twelve old ladies, is taught by Bro. C. T. Perry. Bro. H. M. Hays, our superintendent, is faithful to his school, and above all, is a man of God.

J. A. HENDERSON.

June 13.

CAROLINA CIRCUIT.

Our second quarterly meeting was held at New Salem church, June 4, 5. Bro. Riffin, our beloved P. E., was on hand and preached with power. There was a very small attendance of the official members, but a large congregation on Sunday. Finances reported badly behind, yet some in advance of last year at this time. Spiritually we are on the up-grade at some of our appointments, still far below what we should be. We are trusting that God will visit us with mighty power and give us gracious revivals all over the work.

Our Sunday-school interest seems to be growing. At every appointment we have a Sunday-school.

Our children's day celebration was held at Carolina church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May. A very large attendance. I think every one got plenty to eat

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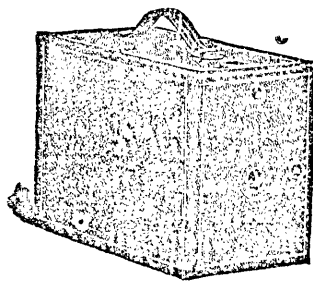
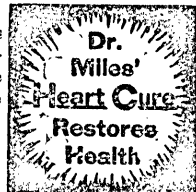
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MAY: Charles Walter May, son of T. K. and M. J. May, was born in Arkansas January 16, 1855. He was married to Miss Annie Reed, June 10, 1880, was baptised in infancy and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Waldron in 1881, under the ministry of Revs. James Cox and J. L. Hayes. He sweetly fell on sleep in Jesus June 4, 1898, at his home in Clarksville, Ark., and was buried in Oakland cemetery.

Bro. May, unlike his father and brothers, was a very small man, but was full of energy. He had been educated at Emory and Henry College, Va., which fitted him well for business, and for active church work. For several years he was one of the leading merchants of Waldron. Later he transferred his business to Clarksville, Ark., the home of his childhood. It was my pleasure to know Bro. May intimately. When I came to Arkansas, December 1881, and was appointed to Waldron, Bro. May was the first member of my new charge I met. For several years he was steward and Sunday-school superintendent. In each of these he was faithful and efficient. After moving to Clarksville he was again elected steward. Here he had the honor of being one of the best stewards in the church, until failing health forced him to retire. He traveled in the Northwest in quest of health, but returned not much improved. He suffered much and long, still he was patient and kind to his family amid it all. It was my privilege to visit Bro. May frequently in his last illness. He always met me with a smile, and spoke hopefully of his religious prospects. In his early Christian life he read the Bible a great deal; would read several chapters at a time to his family. Having the advantage of the training of intelligent and religious parents, he developed into a high type of a Christian character. He was one of nature's noblemen. A kinder husband and father, and truer friend I have never known than Walter May. He leaves a noble wife, (who did all in her power as a faithful companion) three sweet children, Zoe, Reed and Mary Louise, and many loved ones and friends to weep while he rejoices. His protracted affliction helped to purify and fit him for the rest that remains to the people of God. His last words were, addressing his wife: "Ma, I am going home."

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LASTER: Lillie Laster was born February 6, 1881, died May 9, 1898, at her home in Clarksville, Ark. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in her thirteenth year, and remained a consistent, devoted member till her death. She was trained in a home having a constant, positive religious influence within it. She did not throw this influence off, but imbibed it, and developed in it. She was a very model of childhood and youthful goodness. She was quiet, modest, obedient and helpful to her widowed mother, affectionate and tender to her brothers and sisters, sincere and kind toward her friends and acquaintances. She was constantly in her place in church, Sunday-school, Epworth League and prayer-meeting. The last year of her life was one of great suffering. In September of '97, she suffered from a severe attack of typhoid fever. For weeks she hovered between life and death, but finally recovered. About the first of May, 1898, she was again attacked with a severe disease, this time fatally. In all her illness she was patient and uncomplaining. She is gone, but she was ready to go, this she told her mother during her last illness. She is better off now, her quiet, pure, chaste spirit is in the home of the blest. May the blessings of our Father abide upon the bereaved mother and sorrowing

brothers and sisters left behind, and may her going away bind them closer to God and the life to come.

S. ANDERSON.

GREER: Amanda A. Greer (nee Mosley) was born in Lauderdale county, Miss., December 22, 1853, and died June 24, 1898, aged 44 years, 6 months and 2 days. In 1869 she came with her parents to Arkansas, and settled in Conway county. She was married to Mr. Charley Greer September 11, 1873. This union was blessed with ten children, all of whom with their father still survive to mourn the loss of mother and companion. Many relatives, brothers and sisters, and an aged mother share with them their deep sorrow. Early in childhood days she gave her young and tender heart to God, and professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; joined the Baptist church, but afterwards she became a member of the M. E. Church, South. As a mother, Sister Greer was worthy of double honor, directing her household wisely. As a companion, true to the highest interest and happiness of her husband. As a neighbor, she commanded the love and respect of all. As a Christian, she maintained a character above reproach and her integrity was not questioned. She lived a beautiful, consistent and patient life, never murmuring, though her frail body was a subject of physical suffering for years. In her last illness she suffered intensely, and at times was delirious, but in her rational moments was full of faith and joy, and said, "I'll soon be at home."

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H. G. DALE, Clerk.
By J. J. McEVoy, D. C.

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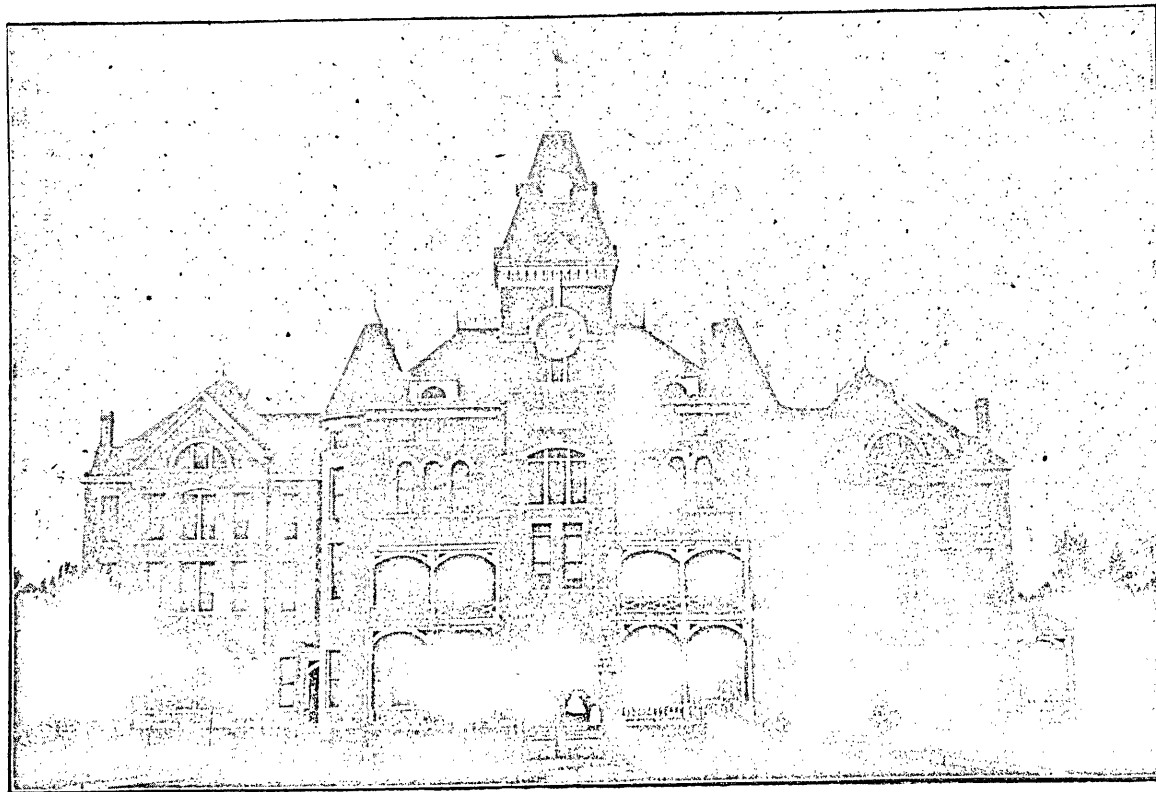
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