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News and Notes.

Dr. Tigert says the new discipline
will be out in August.

Bishop Wilson expects to sail
from Vancouver to Yokahama on
the 11th, to be absent six months.

We are called to record, this
week, the death of Mrs. Mary Allen
Rollow—formerly Mrs. Pearson,
wife of Rev. M. B. Pearson of the
White River Conference. Among
the preachers she was known in
former years as true to the duties
of an itinerant's wife, of late as a
faithful member of the Church at
Searcy. An exemplary Christian
has gone to her reward.

The French steamer LaBurgoyne, which left New York for
Havre, Saturday, 2, collided with
the English ship, Cromartyshire,
in a dense fog sixty miles off Cape
Sable at 5 o'clock on the morning
of the 4th, and went down in a few
minutes. The LaBurgoyne had on
board 800 passengers, and crew,
600 of whom perished. Heart-
rending scenes are related in the
hard struggle for life of the panic
stricken crew and passengers.
Strong men beat back, and terrible
to tell, even stabbed women and
children, so that of 300 women,
only one, Mrs. La Cassa, of Plain-
field, N. J., was saved. The wreck-
ed steamer went down in less than
fifteen minutes after the collision.
There was no discipline over the
crew, and it was the crew, especial-
ly, which lost every other thought
in the struggle for self-preservation.
The officers bravely staid
by the ship and perished with
her, all but the purser. He went
down with the rest, but being a
strong swimmer escaped.

Senor Sagasta has tendered his
resignation to the Queen Regent
with that of the cabinet.

The sentiment in favor of peace
is strengthening in Spain. No
terms of peace have been officially
proposed by the United States or
Spain.

The latest reports from Santiago,
this Tuesday p. m., state the city
is surrounded. Rear Admiral
Sampson with the fleet is co oper-
ating with the land forces. Gen-
eral Miles had arrived on the scene
of action. The city is expected to
surrender to-day. Shafter's force
is now 22,000.

We give the right of way, in this
issue of the METHODIST, to the re-
port of the Book Committee on
the Publishing House claim. It is
just that the parties concerned be
heard in every word they have to
say in the way of explanation. We
have no room for comment, and
little comment is needed. We
have not a verbatim report of the
finding of the senate committee
but this we clip from the St. Louis
Republic:

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The sen-
ate committee on claims to-day
made its report on the investiga-
tion made by the committee into
the payment of the claim of the
Methodist Book Concern and the
payment to Maj. E. B. Stahlman
of \$100,800 as an agent in getting
the claim through. The commit-
tee finds that the senate was de-
ceived by the representations of
Mr. Stahlman and Messrs. Barbee
& Smith, the book agents, but ab-
solve the Book Concern from
blame. It is also said that no
member of congress received any
money in connection with the
claim. The testimony was made
public. The principal witnesses
were Messrs. Stahlman and Bar-
bee.

Bishop Morrison at Hot Springs.

Bishop Morrison will hold the
Hot Springs District Conference,
July 21-23.

The Bishop will dedicate the
South Hot Springs Church Sun-
day, the 24th.

All the former pastors are re-
quested to attend on the occasion.
Let no one be afraid to come to
the Conference. There is no
small pox at Hot Springs.

There is ample provision for en-
tertainment, and brethren coming
on horseback will have their horses
taken care of. B. A. Few.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE CLAIM.

Statement of the Book Committee of the
M. E. Church, South,

Concerning the Collection of the Claim
Against the United States Govern-
ment, for the Use, Occupancy
and Damage of the Publish-
ing House in 1864-'65.

The Publishing House of the M.
E. Church, South, was seized by
the United States army in 1863.
Not only was the church dispos-
sessed of its property for two years
and deprived of all benefits there-
from, but also that property was
used by the United States army;
much of it destroyed, all of it dam-
aged. The testimony of parties
well acquainted with the facts,
which testimony was submitted to
the United States congress, shows
that the claim for use and damage
of the property aggregated \$458,-
400.

In the year 1872 (congress up to
that time having taken no steps to
reimburse the church for the use,
occupation and injury to its prop-
erty) Rev. Richard Abbey, D. D.,
who was in charge of the Publish-
ing House at the time of its seizure
by the United States army, was em-
ployed to prosecute the claim
against the United States Govern-
ment. He remained in charge of
the matter until 1878, spending
much of his time in Washington
City, and was paid for salary and
expenses, \$11,490, yet he could se-
cure no favorable action on a
claim, the justice of which has been
admitted by the congress of the
United States.

From 1878 until 1888 nothing
whatever was done by congress,
except that during the year 1885 or
1886 a bill to pay \$150,000 was in-
troduced into one branch of con-
gress and referred to a committee,
but was not reported on.

In 1888 the claim was placed in
the hands of a firm in Washington,
on the basis of a contingent fee of
25 per cent of the amount recover-
ed. Bills were introduced in both
houses of congress providing for the
payment of \$288,000, proof of the
justice and amount of the claim
were submitted, upon which proof
the senate committee in 1878 has
reported as follows: "The sum of
\$288,000 would be, as we under-
stand the proof, a less sum than
was saved to the Treasury in the
use of material, machinery, houses
and appliances of this great print-
ing house. This sum is much be-
low the lowest estimate of any of
the witnesses as to the loss actually
sustained by the claimants, and
would not be adequate compensa-

tion if measured by such a stand-
ard." Yet, after four years of
work by this Washington firm, con-
gress would do nothing to reim-
burse the church. Another con-
tract was then made in which 15
per cent of the amount collected
was to be given to one firm and
\$50,000 to another; the collectors
to pay all expenses, and to receive
no compensation unless the claim
was paid; yet congress was deaf to
our cry for justice, or at least, too
apathetic to render us our just
dues.

Here the church stood after hav-
ing paid from 1872 until 1878 \$11,-
490 to one of her most trusted min-
isters who spent his time trying to
induce congress to pay us our debt;
from 1888 to 1893, having promised
Washington attorneys 25 per cent
of what they could collect, or \$72,-
000 of the \$288,000 then sought; all
other contracts having expired,
other firms were promised \$93,200
if they could succeed in rousing
congress to action.

The record shows that from 1878
until 1896 our attorneys had been
unable to secure any report what-
ever from the senate committee,
and that the measure for relief had
not been called up in the house of
representatives. If the rate of in-
terest prevailing in the South be
considered, the church had, during
a period of about thirty years, lost
over \$20,000 per annum, because
congress would not hear our de-
mand for justice.

We are compelled to say, there-
fore, that we are surprised that
congressmen or senators, especially
Tennesseans, should tell the pub-
lic that the man who spent his time
and paid his own expenses in an ef-
fort to cause congress to do us jus-
tice is not entitled to reasonable
compensation, when the employ-
ment of a competent attorney is
not only customary, but is also
recognized by the law as a legiti-
mate business, and is made neces-
sary to meet the conditions im-
posed by the methods of congress
on all claimants for justice.

After nearly twenty-five years of
effort, ultimating only in failure,
the Book Committee, in July, 1895,
engaged the services of E. B. Stahl-
man, a resident of Nashville, Tenn.,
an official member for many years
of our McKendree Church; a man
of large experience, recognized
ability, and indomitable persever-
ance and energy, to take charge of
the claim. The committee agreed
to pay Mr. Stahlman 35 per
cent of the amount collected of the
government, he to bear all expenses
and the church to be at no cost in
case he failed. Mr. Stahlman was
explicitly instructed that nothing

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Elevate the Saloon.

Prof. Mitchell presents the case in the Arkansas Democrat thus:

"It is a great deal better for the world, to have a good man in a bad business than a bad man in a good business. To illustrate: It is better to have an honest, law-abiding man in the saloon business, than it is to have an immoral man in the school room or the pulpit."

The above is not a supposable case, for the reason that immoral men are not intentionally put into the school room nor the pulpit; nor will good men knowingly engage in a bad business, and by Prof. Mitchell's confession the saloon business is bad. But if a good man should engage in a business inherently bad, he too will become bad. Query: Is it sound policy to foster and protect a business which is confessedly bad? How can that which is bad benefit society, even when conducted by good men?

If a good man may engage in the saloon business, why is he denied membership in all the leading religious denominations of this country, and why is it that many Masonic jurisdictions shut the door of their lodges in his face? He may be good enough to run a saloon, and thus dispense rum and ruin, but he is not good enough to be received to membership in any of these Churches nor to fellowship among Masons. Let Prof. Mitchell elevate sin and make it respectable, purify the brothel, or do some other impossible thing, then he may try his hand on the saloon. Ingersoll, the noted agnostic, declared: "The liquor traffic is the sum of all villainies." "A saloon, no matter where it is located, nor how orderly it may be conducted, is a fruitful source of crime and a constant menace to society."

If, as Prof. Mitchell admits, the saloon business is a bad business, why not strike at the root of the trouble? Strike to kill, to destroy it, and not ruin good men by placing them in charge of it.

It is no answer to say that men will contrive to drink; men will also contrive to carry pistols and shoot each other. Will you, therefore, advocate a law to license men to carry concealed weapons and kill each other? It is not a question of what the individual will do; it is a question of public polity. No, Prof. Mitchell, if you would do the world, society, a real service, do not thus spend your strength for naught. Cease your fruitless efforts to elevate the saloon, and turn your guns on the high dives, these gilded palaces of sin. For they are but the preparatory schools of vice; here it is the better class of young men lose their money and their self-respect, and are thus prepared for the low dive, where they graduate in sin and receive their diplomas in crime, and are passed on to the criminal court, thence to the penitentiary, the scaffold, or the drunkard's grave.

If we must have saloons, let them be managed by men of the baser sort. Make the saloon odi-

ous. It is odious—a stench in the nostrils of all God-fearing men, and smells to heaven. If you would write the history of the saloon, write the history of crime, and you have it in all of its ghastly horror.

Prof. Mitchell says: "No man should be permitted to engage in the liquor traffic, who violates the law and wantonly disregards the safeguards which the law imposes for the protection of society. Such men should have their licenses revoked." I ask, who has authority to revoke liquor license in such cases? Will Prof. Mitchell evidence his sincerity by advocating such amendment to the liquor laws, as shall work a forfeiture of license for any and all violations of law regulating the liquor traffic? Will he? We shall see.

If he wishes, however, to carry out his utopian scheme of elevating the saloon, let him go to work and secure an amendment to the present law, providing that not only shall all applicants for liquor license be men of good moral character, but shall also be members in good standing in some of the religious denominations in the State; and provided, further, they must bring a written recommendation from the Church of which they are members; provided, further, any member of the Masonic fraternity may be granted license, when he shall come recommended by the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. Yes, elevate the saloon. Make it a fit place for our wives and daughters to visit. See, too, that men are put in the traffic who will be ensamples for our sons



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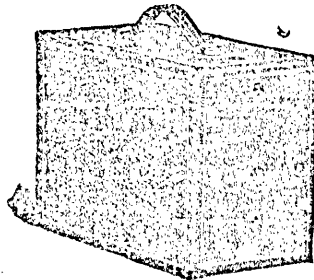
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What is Doing for the Cause of Education?

Dear Mr. Editor: The above question is asked more than 400 times each year within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference. And in many instances it is asked with little manifestation of interest upon the part of the presiding elder or the quarterly conference, either. But it impresses me that the time has come for us to enter very earnestly upon an active campaign for our schools. Let us not ask, "What are we doing?" But what can we do? Many and varied answers may be given to this question; but we have been giving many of them for a long time and they do not meet the demands of the case. We have been preaching on the subject of education once every year in each congregation (that is, all the P. C.'s who comply with the discipline have,) but that has not accomplished what we want in the interest of our schools and colleges. Many of us have "talked up our schools," but that has failed of the intention. Many of our preachers are very ardent supporters and patrons of our colleges, but that does not measure up to the responsibility that rests upon the church with reference to education. No man in our conference is perfectly satisfied with the condition of our schools and colleges, unless it be some man who has no special interest in them at all. But what are we doing to improve these conditions? We pass many resolutions and make many speeches praising the noble, self-sacrificing presidents and faculties of our institutions for their untiring efforts to promote the interest of Christian education; but what material aid are we giving them? I do not presume to write this because of any recognized ability in myself to dictate; but because of an earnest desire to provoke some active move in the direction of a successful solution of the difficulties which confront the church on this line. Hence these suggestions.

We have a board of education in each district, composed of three traveling preachers and three laymen. In many instances these boards are of but little, if any importance at all. It is with special reference to these district boards of education that I write.

How can we render them effective agencies for the promotion of education? As I conceive it, they are created for the purpose of advancing the cause of education in the district of which they are members. This cannot be accomplished by passing resolutions at the district conference. Resolutions are very pleasant, and very proper and right in their place; but they will never pay any part of the debt on any of our schools, endow a chair, or supplement the miserably little salaries of our teachers. And seldom, if ever, add one student to the rolls of our institutions. Then something else is needed.

The first suggestion I shall offer

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is, that members of this district board, so soon as appointed, come together and effect a permanent organization, with a president and secretary. Let it be urged by the P. E. that this organization is for work. Now this work cannot be done without some expense and sacrifice upon the part of the board, but they can well afford all the expense attached thereto, when they consider that it is the only means of successfully carrying on this great work.

If the board be selected with reference to the location of the different members as occupying separate portions of the territory composing the district, it will cost the board but little to prosecute its work. Let each member of the board make out a list of the names of boys and girls in his part of the district who ought to "go off to school" and send the same to the secretary of the board. By this means the secretary will come in possession of the names of all in the district who are at all likely to attend school. This will cost only a little time and a two-cent stamp for each of the members, which will aggregate ten cents. Then let the secretary notify the presidents of Hendrix and Galloway that he can place a certain number of catalogues in the hands of persons who intend to attend school another year. The desired number will be furnished promptly, and the secretary can mail them at a small cost to himself, and thus do a great work for his church. It is very wise for him to prepare a "cir-

cular letter" and mail with each catalogue.

It requires but little thought to see the wisdom of a movement of this kind. The vacation is short and the weather is very hot, and it is impossible for the agents of the different colleges to see all these people in person during the summer. And if they could, it will necessarily be late in the summer before they can see many of them and by that time they may have decided to go to some other school. But if all the district boards will adopt the plan suggested, the catalogues of Hendrix and Galloway can be placed in the hands of every available student within four weeks from date. Brethren, let us do this, and thus assist the spread of Christian education over the state, as well as to save the representatives of our schools many long, hot days of travel, and give them an opportunity to rest up a little during the hot summer months.

Let the preachers preach for our schools, and talk for them and pray for them, and labor for them, even if it should cost them a dozen postage stamps. We of the Monticello district find that this plan is wholly practicable. Let all try it. Yours for the cause of education,
R. LUTHER BROACH.

Use of Our Sunday-school Cards.

Mrs. Hatch, at Augusta, Ark., uses our Sunday-school picture cards to great purpose. From one of the Augusta papers, we see that the exercises of her class on Children's Day were suggested by the cards and was considered worthy of especial notice. This is what the paper says:

Following is the program presented by Mrs. Hatch's class, all small children:

Flora James (the lambs)—If you love me feed my lambs.

Alma James (the heart)—Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Ada Davenport (shining for Jesus)—As little workers we will shine for Jesus.

Rowland Smith (the yellow rose-bud)—I hate evil.

Emmerson Harville (the pansy)—Seek peace.

Allie Luton (the pink rose-bud)—Be ye thankful.

Mattie Lou McCants (the rose)—The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice and blossom like a rose.

Ruth Conner (the lily)—Consider the lilies of the field, how they toil not, neither do they spin.

Helen Gray Smith (fruit)—The fruit of the spirit is joy, love and peace.

Archie Harville (all the armor)—Put on the whole armor of God.

Duke Revell (the helmet)—Take the helmet of salvation.

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Minnie Luton (the cross)—Take your cross and be an armor bearer.

Lottie Berry (the crown of glory)—Then you wear the crown of glory.

Morgan Berry (a surrender to the Lord)—Lift up a standard for the people.

Walter Mason (the trumpet)—Watch ye in all things.

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RUSSELL-JAMISON.—At 8:30 p. m. June 28, 1898, in the M. E. Church, South, Russellville, Ark., Dr. Chester Russell and Miss Rose Jamison, Rev. J. M. Williams officiating.

WILSON-TRAMWELL — July 3, 1898, at the residence of Ed. S. Carl Lee, in the town of Augusta, Ark., Mr. Robt. H. Wilson, of McCrory, to Miss Lillie Tramwell, of Iuka, Miss., Rev. Henry T. Gregory officiating.

MCCARLEY-BOURLAND—At the residence of Mr. Lemley, in Appleton, Ark., June 16, 1898, Dr. T. L. McCarley to Miss Ida Bourland, Rev. S. C. Vinson, of the Dover circuit, officiating.

PUBLISHING HOUSE CLAIM.

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should be done in the prosecution of the claim which would, even in the slightest degree, compromise the good name of the church, and that rather than compromise the church, the Book Committee preferred not to have the claim paid. It took Mr. Stahlman nearly three years to secure a favorable action on this claim.

The Book Committee are of the opinion that the agreement with Mr. Stahlman was a perfectly legitimate and reasonable business agreement, in which a less sum was promised to him than is customary in such cases, and, as a matter of fact, the church has by this arrangement secured a larger sum of money than a senate committee recommended less than two years ago should be paid in satisfaction of our claim; that recommendation calling for the sum of \$150,000, which sum the Book Committee refused to accept.

The amount to be paid to Mr. Stahlman did not seem to the Book Agents to be a fact into which any member of Congress had a right to inquire. What Congress was alone legitimately concerned with was the justice of the claim. What should be done with the money when paid was the business of the proper authorities of the church. No incidental question as to the agreement with any of the firms who represented the Book Committee had anything more to do with the justice of that claim than such an agreement would have in a case before the Supreme Court; and it is unheard-of for that court to condition its decisions on an attorney's fee.

To show that the Book Agents took substantially this view of the case, we quote from a letter written January 7, 1898, by said Agents to a member of congress, in answer to a letter from him, inquiring what interest Mr. Stahlman had in the claim. This letter was written about three weeks before the bill passed the lower house:

"With reference to the share or interest, if any, Mr. Stahlman may have in this claim, I beg you to talk with him. He is in Washington, and can give you all the information you desire on the subject. Surely, whether he has pecuniary interest in the matter ought not to have a bearing on the merits of our claim, which is admittedly just, and which, as we understand it, you have on all occasions, without qualification, signified your willingness to support. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and if in the final adjustment it shall be deemed proper to pay Mr. Stahlman a reasonable compensation for his services—and this compensation shall be given with the consent of the proper authorities of the church—you, I am sure, will agree that it will not be an improper thing to do. The claim was placed by us originally in the hands of a Washington attorney. For reasons satisfactory to us, and entirely satisfactory to our friends then in the senate and house, we refused to renew the arrangement when it expired.

Surely we ought not to be made to suffer at the hands of our Tennessee representatives because we declined to renew an arrangement with this Washington attorney, and instead accepting the proffered assistance of a resident of Tennessee and a friend and member of the Church; one who even as early as 1891, and before the agreement with the Washington attorney had expired, rendered valuable assistance in our endeavor to pass the bill."

As to the charge that Barbee & Smith made false representations to members of the senate concerning the compensation to be paid to any attorney for the collection of this claim, the following correspondence is given:

CORRESPONDENCE WITH HON. S. PASCO.

After the bill had been adopted by the house of representatives, January 28, 1898, it went to the senate, where it was in charge of Hon. S. Pasco, senator from Florida, upon whom we largely depended for its passage through the senate.

On March 5, 1898, Mr. Pasco wrote to Barbee & Smith, Book Agents, the following letter:

"Messrs. Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sirs: Some malicious persons are circulating a slanderous story about the capitol with the evident purpose to obstruct the passage of our bill. It is to the effect that you have made a contract with Mr. Stahlman to pay him 40 per cent. of the amount recovered. It was not necessary for me to get any contradiction, because I know very well that the Agents of the Publishing House knew better how to conduct their trust than to make such an improvident bargain. I knew also that there was no power to make such a contract, so I did not hesitate to denounce it as a malicious slander; and I am sure that the senators who came to me for information upon the subject are thoroughly satisfied with my statement. But as a matter of caution it will be very well for me to have a positive denial from you, which I can use if it appears necessary, either before the bill comes up for action or on the floor of the senate, so I suggest that you send me a telegram on Monday as to the facts of the case, and authorizing me, as I am sure you can, to deny this statement. I am glad to say that there is a very fair prospect of getting the bill up for consideration by Tuesday, and everything indicates that our efforts will be successful. I have had a good many conferences with senators in reference to it, and the many assurances of support that have been given to me and others who have taken an interest in the matter convince me that it has gained strength since it came to the senate. Senator Bate has been unceasing in his efforts to bring the matter to a successful conclusion, and we shall continue to do all in our power to get a vote as early as is possible. Yours very truly,

S. Pasco."

This letter, coming from the senator who had the bill in charge, and asking, as both Dr. Barbee and

Mr. Smith assure us they understood, the direct question as to whether or not they were under contract to pay Mr. Stahlman 40 per cent. of the amount secured, was, in accordance with Mr. Pasco's request, answered by telegram on Monday, March 7, as follows:

"Letter of 5th received. The statement is untrue, and you are hereby authorized to deny it.

"BARBEE & SMITH, Agents."

This telegram was delivered in Washington, March 7, at 12:43 p.m., W. Jeffers, a senate employee, receipting for it. A few minutes later they sent Senator Pasco the following telegram, the purpose of which was to enable Mr. Pasco to inform himself more fully upon the matter if he desired further information:

"Have asked Mr. Stahlman to call at once and see you. He is a gentleman upon whose statements you may implicitly rely. He is our friend and neighbor, and an official member of our church, whose interests in our behalf reaches beyond and above pecuniary consideration.

"BARBEE & SMITH, Agents."

This was delivered at 1:15 p.m., J. B. Lloyd, a senate employee, receipting for it.

These were the only communications between Barbee & Smith, Book Agents, and Senator Pasco pending the passage of the bill. The first telegram answers categorically the question asked by the senator, which question was as to the fee of 40 per cent. The second refers him to our attorney, Mr. Stahlman who was present in Washington, and could have given him any information desired. At the same time a telegram was sent to Mr. Stahlman, telling him to call on Senator Pasco with reference to this matter, and Mr. Stahlman informs us that when he called Senator Pasco said no further information was needed.

The bill authorizing the payment of the claim was passed by the senate March 8. On March 28 the attention of Barbee & Smith was called to the "Congressional Record," of March 8, containing the debate in the senate, pending the passage of the bill, in which debate several senators quoted them as authority for the statement that no part of the claim should be paid to any attorney. Thereupon they wrote to Senator Pasco the letter of which the following is an extract, and all that relates to the matters in issue:

"NASHVILLE, TENN., }
March 29, 1898. }

"Hon. S. Pasco, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: On the 7th of March we received a letter from you under date of March 5, in which you stated among other things: 'Some malicious persons are circulating a slanderous story about the capitol with the evident purpose to obstruct the passage of our bill. It is to the effect that you have made a contract with Mr. Stahlman to pay him 40 per cent. of any amount recovered.' To this we responded: 'Letter of 5th received. The statement is untrue, and you are hereby authorized to

Clergyman's Statement

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"We also on March 7 received a telegram from Senator Bate on the same subject and repeated to him the telegram we had sent you.

"We should not deem it necessary to say anything further on the subject, but for the fact that during the discussion of our bill in the senate (as shown by the Congressional Record which we have just read) statements were made by one or two senators which by inference, at least, were calculated to create the impression that nothing was to be paid by the Publishing House to any attorney or representative of the Book Agents.

"The claim, as you are aware, was pending in congress for nearly thirty years. During several years of that period we had a Washington attorney (Mr. Moyers) employed on a percentage basis. This arrangement was made with the full knowledge and consent of our Book Committee. (The Book Agents, as very properly stated by you, having no authority to make such contracts without the consent of that committee.) For reasons satisfactory to our friends in the senate and house we declined to renew the contract when it expired, and instead accepted the proffered assistance of others, some of whom were devoted friends and members of our church, and one of whom even as early as 1891, and before the agreement with the Washington attorney expired, had rendered valuable assistance in our endeavors to pass the bill. This gentleman was as earnest in his endeavor to help us then as he was subsequently. The only difference being that formerly much of his time was occupied in other pursuits, while during the past two and a half years he has had time which he could call his own, and a good portion of which during his extended sojourn in Washington he has seen fit to devote largely to our interests.

"It is hardly to be presumed that this gentleman and others who assisted him should be willing to serve the Publishing House and incur the large expense of staying in Washington without some compensation; and if, therefore, in the final adjustment it was deemed proper to pay these gentlemen a reasonable compensation for their

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Literary Table.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

In a carefully prepared sermon on "National Cosmopolitanism" Dr. Tennis S. Hamlin said: "Of late we have been rapidly throwing off religious bigotry and leaving behind the odium theologium. Now we are to pass beyond the boastfulness of bumptious national adolescence into the interdependence of a genuine international life. And I pray God that our first step may be—what a noble step!—an Anglo-Saxon alliance. That is a noble word of Mr. Olney, 'There is a patriotism of race as well as of country!' The time seems ripe for that patriotism to manifest itself in splendid action."

One of the most practical ways yet devised for keeping the soldiers from Camp Alger out of Washington barrooms—it is a pity that the law doesn't keep them out—is that operated by the W. C. T. U. at its headquarters. Every day during the hours that barrooms offer free lunches to entice customers within their doors, the W. C. T. U. sets a substantial free lunch for visiting soldiers, including plenty of cooling beverages such as iced tea, lemonade, etc. This free lunch is a great success, and if the W. C. T. U. had it duplicated in every section of the city in which there are barrooms that set free lunches, there would be few soldiers, excepting the confirmed toppers, who would go to the barrooms for their lunches.

Washington sent the smallest delegation—only about a score—to the Christian Endeavor Convention at Nashville, Tenn., that it has sent to an international convention for some years. Just why, nobody seems to know. Some say one thing, some another. The most probable reason is that many of the Washington Endevorers gave up their vacation time to working to make the Washington convention a success, and that this year they will use their vacations to pay visits elsewhere that were then deferred.

Book Notices.

George Moore's new novel, Evelyn Innes, is to be published immediately by D. Appleton and Company. This novel is described as an analysis of a conflict between art and the world on one side and religion upon the other. The theme is developed with a penetrating insight into motives, a grasp of character, and a mastery of literary technique which make Evelyn Innes a notable book. The action of the novel passes in large part in London and Paris. It is a story of the present day, characterized by a vivid perception of the doubts and complex conditions of modern life. The musical motif which has so large a part in the development of the story is interwoven with others which in their unfolding show a rare subtlety and power of expression.

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The Spanish-American war has aroused a profound interest in the study of Spanish, and the METHODIST acknowledges the receipt of a number of volumes of Spanish texts from the publishers.

These books are especially interesting to Americans, as several of them are books on which the cadets of the army at West Point and of the navy at Annapolis have been drilled, and may illustrate the proposition—"To master the Spanish, learn their language."

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one for those who wish a scientific knowledge of the language.

For those who wish a quick, speaking acquaintance, McGuffey's Spanish-English First Reader is recommended. The major portion of this book consists of simple lessons, on the left-hand page the English text, and on the right-hand page the corresponding Spanish equivalent. Nothing could be more simple or admirable. Forty pages of very simple words and sentences in English complete the book, and will be found admirable for easy translation into Spanish.

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Dear Doctor Godbey:—Our dear daughter Jurelia, wife of Mr. Van H. Williams, whose law office is in Little Rock, died at our home, in Rison, last Wednesday, June 29. Wife and I were from home and knew nothing of her sickness until informed by telephone at Malvern of her sudden death. We had been out in the country away from any telegraphic communication and could not be notified of her illness. Our children had tried to notify us by telegram, but being in the country, they failed to reach us. On our return we stopped at Malvern to greet the dear ones at home by telephone, to know if all were well and to let them know we were coming. Oh, how sad and shocking came the response: "Jurelia is dead." Oh, how sad and lonely the drive of 30 miles, part of the way in the night, to Sheridan, in time to meet the remains and attend the funeral, but not being permitted to see her face! Oh, what a severe stroke to our family! Less than a year before we were in double sorrow, and now this seems to be more than thribble. We are trying to trust God, but our hearts are broken. Your brother,

O. H. KEADLE.

Rison, Ark.

HELENA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

As announced sometime ago, this Conference will convene at Forrest City, July 26-30. The first service will be an experience meeting, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

The organization of the Conference, Wednesday, 9. a.m. Opening sermon at 11 a.m. by Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D.

Thursday will be devoted to the interest of Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues.

Friday will be observed as Missionary Day. All subjects not included in the above, but provided for in the Discipline, will be thoroughly ventilated. The speakers have been engaged to discuss these various and important questions, and a rare treat is in store for those who attend.

The pastors and delegates of the several charges in the district are expected to be present at the opening of the Conference. All are requested to come earnestly praying for and expecting an outpouring of the Holy spirit upon our deliberations.

JOHN H. DYE.

Clarendon, July 7, 1898.

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JULY 17, 1898.

ELIJAH ON CARMEL.

1 KINGS XVIII. 30-39.

Golden Text: "And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, the Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God" (verse 29).

Topical Outline. I. The building of the altar (verses 33-35). II. The answer by fire (verses 36-39).

Time: About 905 or 906 B. C.

Place: Mount Carmel, a lofty range on the southern border of the Valley of Jezreel. It is likely that the transaction of our lesson took place at a point about seventeen miles from the city of Jezreel, in which Ahab lived. Near by was a never-failing spring of water, and all around were loose stones fit for building an altar. The Mediterranean Sea was in full sight.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Elijah meets Obadiah, 1 Kings xviii. 1-16.

Elijah's challenge, xviii. 17-24.

Elijah on Carmel, xviii. 30-39.

The little cloud, xviii. 40-46.

A stolen covenant, Deut. xxx. 10-20.

Decide now, 2 Tim. i. 6-13.

Faithfulness rewarded, Rev. iii. 7-13.

Reference word, "Carmel."

Lesson Hymn, No. 39.

Palestine is a country that peculiarly depends upon rain. The great drouth that Elijah had denounced to Ahab had been on the land for three and a half years. It was God's way of proclaiming his sovereignty as against the idolatry of Ahab and Jezebel, to which, sadly enough, the people were all too compliant. The whole land had been brought under the power of the wicked and licentious worship of Baal and Ashtaroah. God's altars had been thrown down and his prophets killed and his name was everywhere dishonored. There were some, as the later history reveals, who had not bowed the knee to Baal, but they were powerless in the midst of the terrible idolatry of the royal house.

The famine was imminent in the land; the wolf was looking in at even Ahab's door. God's time had come to bring matters to a focus.

He called Elijah to forsake his hiding place with the widow of Zarephath, and to go to meet Ahab.

Ahab and his most trusted servant, Obadiah, were out on an expedition to find provender when the prophet found them. Elijah broke into the presence of the wicked king with that same suddenness that had before characterized him. Ahab hailed him with: "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" In his malevolent mind this was a personal quarrel between himself and Elijah. The wicked have always charged up against God's ministers the message that they have brought from on high.

Some folks that are not numbered with the wicked are accustomed to do so. But Elijah hurled back the charge upon Ahab, and told him to the teeth that the trouble in Israel was the sins of himself and of his father's house. He then forthwith proposed to Ahab that these things should be brought to a final test: "Gather me all Israel to Mt. Carmel," he said, and Ahab proceeded to have the people assemble there.

The occasion on Mt. Carmel is one of the high points in the world's history. There has been nothing like it. The plain and simple record of the Scriptures is found in today's lesson. But the vividness of the scene has never been adequately pictured in words. Elijah, alone, rough and shaggy in his looks, bold and undaunted; the four hundred and fifty court priests with their priestly garments and equipments, with the favor of the king and the queen and the favor of the people; Elijah with his calm waiting; they with their long and loud calling upon Baal; Elijah's bitter irony to them about their false god; their confusion and frenzy and self-mutilations and their continued cries and whinings around their heathen altar till they went down in sheer exhaustion of their mightiest effort; Elijah's calm and reasonable prayer at the close of the day, and the descent of fire from God, and the rising enthusiasm of the people, with their cries of "The Lord, he is God;" the arrest and slaughter of these miserable prophets—all this makes up a wild and strange scene. And when the mighty servant of God came down from that mountain he had dealt a staggering blow to the sins of a nation in a single day.

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JUNE 24, 1898.

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LUKE XII:16-21.

This parable of our Lord sets forth a familiar picture. Nothing is more familiar than greed for temporal things. Most men strive for riches from the beginning to the end of their active career.

The struggle for earthly riches presents many phases which seem little short of insanity.

Rooted in wants which are urgent, and which make the struggle imperative, it grows into a habit and continues more earnest when it ought to cease. When there is abundance for temporal need already secured, and a man ought to be able, not only to enjoy his possessions, but to use them as a public benefactor, he is found more a slave to mammon than in his days of pressing want. He goes on toiling, saving, hoarding after the meridian of life is long past. He has abundance that he will never need, and will never use for others, and, yet, he is first in the strife for gold. Most men grow penurious as they grow old. The high spirit of youth leads men to invest means liberally in trades and industries. As men grow older they grow cautious, more jealous to guard their possessions. Mortgages and bank stocks are preferred to business enterprises. They will let younger men make ventures and close in on them at an opportune moment. The business man who contributed to the public good in his youth becomes in age a leech that is bloated by sucking blood.

Such are the victims of their own worldly prosperity. The sweet and tender sympathies of life die out of such natures. Cold and selfish in their age, and dreading nothing

so much as some temporal loss when they themselves are upon the verge of the grave, they are striking spectacles of human folly. They grow more sordid and earthly as they approach the end of all earthly things.

Our Savior draws a better picture of the rich man than I have drawn. That he may make the lesson broader he does not give an extreme case but the best case that can be presented of more worldly life. The rich man of the parable, though called "the rich fool", is not such a fool as the majority. He is not driven with fear of want in abundance, nor grasping still when he has enough. He will rest and enjoy. "Soul, take thine ease." No use to be wearied or to fear, or to struggle. "Thou hast much goods laid up for many years." Life is short and the barn is full. Enjoy life while you may. "Eat, drink and be merry." This man will live in royal style, he will feast with his friends, and no man will call him miserly or mean. It is the very best picture that can be drawn of worldly life. This man, as compared with the old "skin-flint," is a gentleman. He who has no treasure in heaven can only enjoy what he has here. He is far wiser than the man who is too stingy to spend his own money here for his own comfort, but goes on, in want and care, to heap up riches. An old farmer in Kentucky was once asked: "Why are you still striving to make money?" He answered, "I want it said there was a big sale at my house after I am gone to hell." That was a very blunt and startling putting of the case, but it was all that could be said, and it showed how sordid and desperate the old man's case was.

I say the rich man of our Lord's parable was a wise man compared with this. Jesus means to give the very best view of a worldly life possible. Yet how startling the folly. When this worldly man begins to congratulate himself, when he thinks himself ready to rest and to live, the bell of doom strikes. Its call shows that the man has miscalculated, has lost his labor, has missed the true end of life. "Thou fool!" "Thou fool!" is now all the terrible call suggests. "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." "So" says the Master, "is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God."

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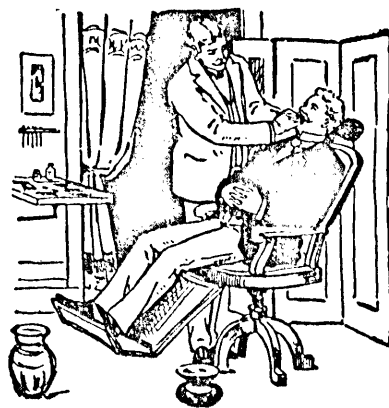
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services and expenses, and this compensation was paid with the consent of the proper authorities of the church, you, as well as other senators, we are sure, will agree that it was not an improper thing to do."

To this letter the following answer was made by Senator Pasco, omitting the closing sentences, which were purely personal and do not relate to the matter in issue:

"UNITED STATES SENATE, }
"Washington, D.C., April 6, '98. }

"Messrs. Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sirs: Your letter of March 29 relative to the Methodist Book claim was duly received, and I value highly the kind manner in which you speak of the efforts I have made to secure favorable action in the senate upon it. I have always felt that the question of compensating the gentlemen who represented the Publishing House here in Washington while this claim was pending before congress belonged entirely to the Book Agents and the Book Committee of the Methodist Church. Although it was understood from the statements that were made that they were not influenced by a desire to gain large fees, yet it is quite proper that they should be paid their expenses and such other remuneration as the church authorities deem fair and just. I was well satisfied that no such exorbitant and unreasonable contract existed as was alleged, and I did not hesitate to deny it before I received your telegram, which, as you know, I used freely both in the senate and among the senators who approached me upon the subject. Yours very truly,
"S. PASCO."

A careful reading of this correspondence fails to reveal to us sufficient ground for the charge that Messrs. Barbee & Smith intended to mislead Mr. Pasco or any other senator. The fact that they wrote to Mr. Pasco as soon as they learned of the statements that had been made by senators, and informed him of the incorrectness of these statements, is evidence that they themselves were surprised at the conclusions reached by senators. Mr. Pasco in his reply not only does not charge them with deception, but says: "I have always felt that the question of compensating the gentlemen who represented the Publishing House here in Washington while this claim was pending before congress belonged entirely to the Book Agents and the Book Committee of the Methodist Church;" and he says again: "It is quite proper that they should be paid their expenses and such other remuneration as the church authorities deem fair and just." This he wrote one month after the

bill had passed, showing that he had at that time no feeling of indignation against Messrs. Barbee & Smith for having misled him, and did not believe that they, as the Agents of the Publishing House, in carrying out this contract with their representative, were acting in bad faith toward him or the senate of the United States.

Mr. Pasco said in the senate when the bill was under consideration: "It is proper to say that I heard a rumor which was whispered about the senate chamber during the last few days to the effect that some claim agents would get a very large proportion of this amount. On Saturday last, when I heard that report, I sat down and wrote Messrs. Barbee & Smith. I was thoroughly satisfied that the report had no foundation whatever in fact, but I stated I wished to have in my possession a statement from them which I could use either in private conversation or on the floor of the senate, if necessary. and yesterday morning I got this reply to my letter: 'Letter of 5th received. The statement is untrue, and you are hereby authorized to deny it.' I made the statement fully in this letter which set forth that some agents here would get a very large percentage of the amount."

Senator Pasco was a friend of the bill, and was doing what he could to secure its passage, and his efforts were appreciated by the church. If his letter of March 5 to Messrs. Barbee & Smith had been at hand, and had been read, it would have appeared that his inquiry was with reference to a fee of 40 per cent. and not so broad as the statement from memory made on the floor of the senate. This might have prevented any misunderstanding as to the meaning of the telegram of Messrs. Barbee & Smith, particularly if the second telegram had also been read.

THE TELEGRAMS TO SENATOR BATE.

On the same day on which Messrs. Barbee & Smith sent the above-mentioned telegrams to Senator Pasco they received the following telegram from Senator Bate:

"Telegraph to-day answer to Senator Pasco's letter to you Saturday as to Stahlman having fee of 40 per cent. or any other fee in case of payment of your claim. I would like to hear from you also. In my judgment, if true, it will endanger the bill."

In order that Senator Bate might know what answer had been made to Senator Pasco's letter of March 5, inquiring about a 40 cent. contract with Mr. Stahlman, the Book Agents sent him the following telegram: "Wired Senator Pasco early this morning as follows: 'The statement is untrue, and you are hereby authorized to deny it.'"

The Book Agents inform us that they understood this telegram to contain two requests. To the first of these requests Barbee & Smith replied by saying that they had already answered Senator Pasco, and they informed Senator Bate what they had answered, repeating the very words of that answer. To

the second they made no reply. Various considerations, as they inform us, restrained them from doing so.

1. It would have been simply impossible for them, on a few moments notice, at the very time when they supposed the bill was up for its final passage, to frame a telegram sufficiently comprehensive to cover all the facts in the case.

2. They had already sent a second and fuller telegram to Senator Pasco asking him to send for Mr. Stahlman, who could give him any needed information.

3. Dr. Barbee had, three months before by telegram from Bryan, Tex., dated December 10, 1897, informed Senator Bate most definitely that Mr. Stahlman had full authority, as follows:

"Your telegram mailed me here. Confer with Stahlman, who understands the case thoroughly, and has full authority."

"J. D. BARBEE."

As they sincerely believed that our attorney, who was on the ground watching the progress of the case, was a man of ability and integrity, they did not deem it wise or becoming in them to thrust him aside, and take the case into their own hands 800 miles away.

We sincerely regret that Senator Bate fell into an error as to the meaning of this telegram on March 7.

With reference to all these letters and telegrams it ought to be said that the Book Committee in concluding, after a careful and minute inquiry, that Messrs. Barbee & Smith had not intended to deceive or mislead any of the senators of the United States, did not reach this conclusion solely on the statements found in the letters and telegrams. Both Dr. Barbee and Mr. Smith were before the Book Committee and testified most positively that they had not intended to deceive or to mislead. They are both men of established character, of the highest reputation. No stain has ever rested on their good names. In the case of Dr. Barbee we had a minister of the gospel for 46 years, a man often trusted by the church, and with no charge that he has ever been false to his trust. The Book Committee could not lightly deal with the statements of these men long trusted. Neither of them had any conceivable pecuniary interest or other selfish motive that will account for a design on their part to deceive the senate. A character is not easily made, and when established is entitled to great weight. The Book Committee is well aware that for the most part a man's character is to be judged by his acts, but every man at times needs to have his acts interpreted in the light of his character, otherwise no man could stand in the confidence of his fellow-men. Men do not break down in a single act, but by slow processes, character as an entirety is weakened, and guilt shows itself in more than one place. For these reasons, while not approving the exact form in which the telegrams to Senators Pasco and Bate were expressed, we are fully of the opinion that the Book Agents were not intentional

deceivers nor guilty of any other unworthy and corrupt purpose in the premises.

ACTION OF THE CHURCH IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS CASE.

The claim against the government having been paid, the Book Agents, by the authority of the Book Committee, on the 21st day of March, 1898, paid over to Mr. Stahlman the amount agreed upon.

The Book Committee for the quadrennium which would expire early the following month held its last session in Nashville, Tenn., on April 21, 1898. While it was in session Drs. Denny and Lovejoy introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:

"Whereas, when arrangements in accordance with which our claim against the United States government was collected, explicit instructions were given that nothing should be done which should, even in the slightest degree, compromise the good name of the church, and that, rather than compromise the church, we would prefer not to have the claim paid; and

"Whereas, when the bill for the payment of this claim was under discussion in the United States senate, certain statements were made by some senators which did not accord with the facts, such statements being made professedly on the authority of the Book Agents, yet

Whereas, we do not believe that our Book Agents have, either in fact or intention, made any statement contrary to the exact truth; therefore

"Resolved, That the Book Agents be instructed to investigate the matter and prepare a statement relative to the whole subject, that the General Conference may be informed of the facts, and the church be prepared to show she is free from all blame."

The Book Committee and the Book Agents made their report to the General Conference, setting forth the financial condition of the Publishing House, and the government claim was therein set out, its nature, justness, the efforts made to collect it, the long delay, the employment of Mr. Stahlman on a contingent fee of 35 per cent., the collection of the claim, and the payment to Mr. Stahlman of the sum agreed upon. The report was published in pamphlet form, submitted to the Conference, and was generally distributed among its members on May 5, the first day of the term of the General Conference.

When the General Conference was organized one of the standing committees elected was the Committee on Publishing Interests, composed of one member from each of the forty-seven Annual Conferences, which was the proper committee to consider all matters pertaining to the Publishing House. So soon as the Committee on Publishing Interests was organized, and in fact on the first day of the Conference, Barbee & Smith, Agents, demanded an investigation of their conduct in regard to the collection of the claim from the government. At the first meeting

of the said committee after organization the following was passed:

"Resolved, That all matters connected with the claim of our church on the United States government be made the special order for Wednesday next at 3 p.m., and that the Book Agents be requested to attend and give the committee all necessary information."

On the day appointed this matter was taken up by the full committee, and testimony was introduced, both oral and written. Three members of the Book Committee and Barbee & Smith were examined. Every member of the committee was at liberty to interrogate the witnesses. The examination of Barbee & Smith especially was prolonged and thorough. The letters and telegrams which passed between them and Senators Pasco and Bate, or copies, were put in evidence. The committee made a minute and prolonged investigation into the responsibility of the Book Agents for misstatements made by senators on the floor of the senate pending the passage of the bill.

The evidence having been concluded, a motion by Judge G. A. Hanson, "That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to draft suitable resolutions regarding the whole matter, and report back same to this committee at its next meeting" was passed, and Mr. J. L. Wheat, of Kentucky; Judge G. A. Hanson, of Florida; Rev. Drs. J. O. Wilson, of South Carolina; C. C. Woods, of Missouri; and Rev. W. J. Collier, of Tennessee, were appointed on said committee, and at the next meeting of the full committee Messrs. Wheat, Hanson, Wilson, and Collier made a report, the following being the body of said report:

"1. That our church was fully entitled, as a matter of right and justice, to the sum of \$288,000 for the use and damage to our property by the United States.

"2. That the contract of the Book Committee and Book Agents with Col. E. B. Stahlman was, under all the circumstances of the case, a reasonable and proper one, and in accordance with the usual business methods in like cases and is approved, and the Publishing Committee specially commends the instructions given such attorney that no improper measures should be used in prosecuting our claim.

"3. That the settlement of said contract is also approved.

"4. That our Book Agents and Book Committee are not responsible for the misunderstanding that existed in the minds of senators upon the passage of the bill granting our claim.

"May 11, 1898."

It was sought to amend this report so as to show that inasmuch as members of the senate voted for the passage of the bill under the belief that no part of the recovery was to go to an attorney, that the money should be paid back to the United States government. After a full discussion all proposed amendments were voted down, and the report of the special committee was adopted. Although there was some diversity of opinion touching the questions of how far senators were misled, and the moral obliga-

tion resting on the church to tender back the money to the government, yet there was no difference of opinion as to the blamelessness of the Book Agents; at least, one of the members who voted "no" on the adoption of the report announced in open committee that he supposed there was not a member of the committee who believed Barbee or Smith was guilty of any wrongdoing, and the statement went unchallenged.

On June 9, 1898, Senator Lodge introduced in the senate the following:

"Resolved, That the committee on claims be directed to inquire and report to whom the money was paid under the claim of the Methodist Book Concern, South; and also as to all circumstances connected with the passage of the bill providing for the payment of said claim, and with the subsequent payment of the money, under said act of congress."

The same day Senators Pasco and Bate made statements on the floor of the senate reflecting on the Book Agents, and other senators very seriously reflected on the church. On June 10 the Book Agents, Mr. Stahlman joining in the request, sent the following telegram to a number of senators:

"We hope the Lodge resolution will pass, and that a thorough investigation may follow. We do not care to discuss the matter now. All we ask on our behalf, as well as the church, is that you and other senators who supported the claim shall suspend judgment and refrain from comment or criticism until after the committee shall have done its work. We are persuaded that we shall be able to show to the satisfaction of the committee and the senate that all statements made by us designed to promote the passage of the bill were justified by the facts and circumstances of the case."

The Book Committee for the present quadrennium was elected on May 23, 1898, and had its first meeting in Nashville on June 14, and so soon as organized Messrs. Barbee & Smith demanded a thorough investigation, which thorough investigation has been made, and has culminated in this report.

From the history of this movement, and from the action of congress, it stands fully attested that the claim was just, and the long delay was, therefore, a hardship to the church. After the claim had been several times favorably reported on by the committee on claims of the house of representatives, and had been finally indorsed by large majorities in both houses of congress, a step was taken in the offering of the Lodge resolution which was calculated to cast obloquy upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

As the representatives of that church which has had an unsullied history from its very origin, and which has stood for ecclesiastical, civic, political, and personal integrity in every period of its history, and in every place of opportunity, we most respectfully demanded a thorough investigation into the church's relation to the settlement of this claim as involved in the

methods of the Book Committee and Book Agents in procuring the passage of the bill of settlement.

In order that the senate may not judge the church by the statements of individuals either within or without the senate, and whether prejudiced for or against this claim, we have fully investigated the movement from its beginning, and have submitted herein a history of the efforts to secure the passage of the bill, with the correspondence and telegrams relating to the issue involved in the proposed investigation. In addition the Book Committee appointed a subcommittee to appear before the senate committee of investigation in order to furnish said senate committee with all the facts and papers in the possession of the Book Committee.

It is due to the Book Agents and to the church that attention be called to the fact that when the bill was before the senate on March 8, and statements were being made that no agent or attorney was to receive any part of the money, the Book Agents were wholly without knowledge that any such statements were being made, or that there was any intention on the part of any senator to make such statements. The Book Agents, believing for reason that such attorneys were usually paid for their services, and that senators knew this, when they received Senator Pasco's letter of March 5 asking only as to whether Mr. Stahlman was to receive 40 per cent., which they interpreted to mean rather than some other per cent., assured him on this point in their telegram of March 7. Of the interpretation and use of that telegram before the senate they were wholly ignorant until twenty days after the passage of the bill.

Finally, the church which we represent, one whose very existence was put in jeopardy by the issues of the civil war, and whose Publishing House was compelled largely on account of the damage to our property by the army of the United States to struggle long with the problem as to whether it should live or die, has survived all adverse conditions, and has triumphed. It cannot in any sense afford to have its good name reproached, or its efficiency limited, by accepting either a bestowment or a payment accompanied by conditions which shall carry aught to tarnish that honor which it has maintained at all cost, both in war and in peace, in poverty, and now in prosperity, and which its members hold above all price.

We have, therefore, respectfully requested, and do confidently expect that the senate shall, after thorough investigation, state in unequivocal terms the innocence of the church of that wrong implied in the passage of the Lodge resolution, and thus leave the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, unimpeached in the eyes of the nation, for the good and honor of

which it is the duty of congress and the church alike to labor.

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STATEMENT OF THE BISHOPS.

We have had submitted to us the foregoing paper of the Book Committee, which we believe to be a correct and explicit statement of the facts involved, and as the Committee appears to have no legal authority to take the action proposed below, we, as Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, make the following statement:

While reaffirming the justness of our claim, payment of which has been sought for twenty-five years, we insist that the church cannot afford to accept it as a gratuity or on conditions that reflect upon its honor. Inasmuch, therefore, as senators have affirmed on the floor of the senate, that they were induced to support the claim by misleading statements on the part of the representatives of the church—statements, however, which did not affect the merits of our claim—we hereby give this assurance: that if the senate, by affirmative action declares that the passage of the bill was due to such misleading statements, we will take the proper steps to have the entire amount returned to the government.

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Rev. A. Turrentine is making full proof of his ministry in regard to the presiding eldership. Such is the testimony of the preachers of the Pine Bluff district.

Rev. J. D. Whiteside writes, July 7: "Sister Mary Boyd, widow of Wm. Boyd and sister of J. A. Hughes, all of Center Point, Ark., died at her home at this place, July 4."

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In the day of our utmost dearth and loss,
His love can make us whole.

We can never perish, holding
Fast to his tender hand;
His care will lead us safely
Through all the desert land;
The blessed love of Jesus,
And the look in his gentle face,
Are cordial to the fainting,
Are full of light and grace.

O love divine, be ours,
In the night-time and the day,
Forever with us, Jesus,
Remain our hope and stay;
Thine be the love that keeps us,
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Till we rest beneath thy banner,
O gracious King of kings!

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Growth in grace is best measured by growth in usefulness.

Christian life is never to be any thing else than a warfare and the Christian must never be anything else than a soldier. But warfare is not always storming a fortress or fighting in the trenches.

Meditation is the need of every soul. Without it Christian duty grows perfunctory and monotonous; we had almost said mechanical.

ical.

Meditation is the soul's refreshment. It comes forth from communion with God strong and joyous, yearning for the struggle against sin.

But meditation is but a means to an end. It is not the Christian's reward but the Christian's strengthening. A life devoted to meditation is recreant to duty and soon abandoned to emotions and delusions.

There are glad days even for soldiers. There are also rests in the camp by bright rivers where the mountain wall shuts off the foe.

Christian life has its social fellowships, its rest at Elam under the palms and by the wells of water.

Even Jesus of Nazareth loved nature. The solemn mountains and the peaceful sea had charms for him.

There is no one who loves communion with God who does not love solitude.

God Claims Me.

When the late Earl Cairns was a boy, says an English paper, he heard three words which made a memorable impression on him:

"God claims you." Then came the question:

"What am I going to do with

the claim?" He answered:

"I will own it, and give myself to God." He went home and told his mother, "God claims me."

At school and college his motto was, "God claims me."

As a member of Parliament, and ultimately as Lord Chancellor, it was still, "God claims me."

When he was appointed Lord Chancellor, he was a teacher of a large Bible class, and his minister, thinking now he would have no time to devote to that purpose, said to him:

"I suppose you will now require to give up your class?"

"No," was the reply, "I will not, God claims me."

God is Keeping Watch.

A little story, which beautifully illustrates the child-like faith that may be every Christian's is told of a four-year-old who inquired of her widowed mother one moonlight night:

"Mamma, is the moon God's light?" The lamp had just been put out, and the timid little girl, as well as her mother, was afraid of the dark; but presently she saw the bright moon out of her window, and it suggested the question, "Is the moon God's light?"

"Yes, Ethel," the mother replied; "the moon and stars are all God's lights."

Then came the next question from the little girl, "Will God blow out his light and go to sleep too?"

"No, my child," replied the mother, "his lights are always burning."

Then the timid little girl gave utterance to a sentiment that thrilled the mother's heart and led her to more complete trust in her God. "Well, mamma, while God's awake I'm not afraid."—Union Gospel News.

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For the Young People.

Old Skiddle-De-Wink.

(THE OWL.)

Old Skiddle-de-Wink went blinkety-blink,
And he couldn't see a mite;
Yet what do you think! Old Skiddle-de-Wink
Had a most remarkable sight.

Old Skiddle-de-Wink lived up in a tree,
Away in its topmost height;
And solemnly there, with a wide, wide stare,
He sat from morning till night.

And then—what a surprise!—with his magical eyes
That funny old owl could see;
And I rather think, Mr. Skiddle-de-Wink
Was as happy as happy could be.

When I was a boy, a wee little boy,
I went in the woods one day,
When the sun was low, just so I could know
What Skiddle-de-Wink would say.

He spread out his wings and went flop-ping about,
Till he lit on an old dead tree;
And what do you think! with his comical wink
He talked in this way to me:

"'Tis time little children were snug in their beds;
Now run along home—Booh! Booh!"
I ventured to ask him, "Who is it you mean?"
He answered me, "Whoo? Yoo, Yooo!"

And if you went into the woods tonight,
As I when a boy used to do,
Old Skiddle-de-Wink with his blinkety-blink
Would talk the same way to you.
—HERBERT RANDALL.

Our Cat.

Many years ago, while residing at the "North End," Boston, I was the possessor of a cat, which my brother, who was master of a brig bound to Havana, prevailed upon me to give to him, and just before sailing pussy was taken on board of the vessel then laying at one of the wharves not far away.

Several weeks elapsed, when one day that cat appeared on our kitchen window sill, and upon being admitted gave many evidences of joy at being once again at home.

My first thought was that my brother had arrived with his brig, and pussy, recognizing the old landmarks, had found her way back to us, but a diligent search along the wharves failed to discover any signs of the vessel, and it was not till several weeks had passed that I heard of her arrival at Portland, Maine.

Upon interviewing my brother in regard to the cat he informed me that he lost her while in Havana, and was much surprised to learn that she had returned to Boston. But the mystery seemed to be explained by his recollecting that there was a Boston-bound vessel laying near by, in which puss had probably taken passage.—Our Dumb Animals.

How it Went in My Childhood.

IV.

I swore once, but never did repeat it. I want to tell the young folks about it, now.

My brother Julian and I were out playing one evening near the house, when I made the proposition that we swear some. I cannot imagine where we got any idea of wicked language, for we never had heard it at home. We were very young; I was only six and my brother five. Anyway, the proposition was made and accepted, and we got ourselves ready for business. My father had made a chicken coop for mother. It was a framed concern, about six feet square, with old palings nailed across the top. It was nearly four feet high. In the center the palings were broken, making a hole there large enough for a boy to crawl down through to the ground inside the coop. The top of this coop we selected as the place to do our swearing; so we seated ourselves and began our work. What wicked words came from our mouths! It makes me shudder, now, to think about them. After swearing awhile, I proposed to my brother that we go down into the "bad place," as we called it. So we crawled down through the hole into the coop, where we stayed awhile and burned, then took our seats on top again and resumed our swearing, then down again into the "bad place," repeating the operation three or four times, when a peculiar feeling came over me. Our swearing and "bad place" seemed quickly to lose their attraction. A caught horse thief could not have felt any meaner than I did, and to cap the wicked hour's work, I ran to the door where my mother was sitting and cried out: "Mamma, Julian is cursing out here." She happened not to hear me, so we escaped a good brushing up; but I am sure I did not need a whipping, for my conscience was hurting me enough. I ran and talked, hallooed and jumped about, feeling like some one was after me and was going to talk rough to me and hurt me. To this moment that evening seems dark. A deep shade seemed to settle down all about me—wherever I went a great mad something seemed to be near me; I was scared, horrified.

That night, two little bare-foot boys, Derfie and Julian, were standing by father and mother, and they were just as good as could be. They did not introduce the subject of swearing that night, nor did they introduce it for ten or twelve years to come, for they did not want to raise a fuss in the family. Never again have they sworn.

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Our Church at Home.

SOCIAL HILL.

We are progressing very nicely. Everything seems to be moving forward now. We had children's day here on the second Sunday in this month. It was a grand occasion. The programme was quite interesting. Collection, \$3.98. Our second quarterly meeting convened at Friendship, Saturday and Sunday last. Bro. Jewell was with us, attending to the business affairs of the church, and preaching to the delight of the people. Yours in Christ,
A. C. KELLEY.
Friendship, June 29.

MARIANNA STATION.

DEAR DR. GODBEY.—During the half year recently ended there was cheering progress in this excellent charge: 41 accessions to our Church, good work done by Woman's Home Mission Society and Junior Epworth League, increase of interest in Senior League, continued and large growth in the Sunday-school, all current expenses paid in full, and the inmates of the parsonage received every week, often daily, some material expressions of kind consideration. Our Sunday-school deserves special notice for large number enrolled, unexcelled deportment, diligent study, liberal contributions and the faithfulness of its officers and teachers. During the enforced absence of our Sup't, Bro. H. N. Word, the office has been efficiently filled by the Assistant Sup't, Bro. H. B. Derrick, Jr. Fraternally,
Z. T. BENNETT.

POCAHONTAS CIRCUIT.

Our third quarterly conference was held at Oak Grove church, Saturday and Sunday, June 25, 26. Rev. J. I. Maynard, our beloved P. E., was present, and looked closely after the spiritual and financial interests of the church. Sunday was a big day for Oak Grove. There was a large congregation at 11 a. m., to witness the dedication of the church. Bro. Maynard preached an excellent sermon, and in conclusion set apart the church from all unhallowed and common uses for the worship of God.

The service at 4:30 p. m. was good. Bro. Maynard preached the best sermon I ever heard from him. His theme, "Conquering Faith." He kept the best until the last. In conclusion, we had a very precious communion service; many of us realized the presence of the divine Spirit.

Brother Maynard assisted me in a meeting at Pocahontas last week, which, we trust, was not in vain. The church was revived, the members were strengthened and encouraged and have started out to work for God with greater zeal and determination. May the Lord abundantly bless their labors.

The finances of this charge are coming up very well, and we are hopeful of a glorious revival at each appointment. We anticipate a good year. May God bless the METHODIST, its Editor and Manager; may the paper continue to improve and grow in interest, until

every Methodist home in Arkansas may realize the great need of its weekly visits. Yours in the work,
T. A. BOWEN.

June 28.

Program

For Hot Springs District Conference, to be held at Hot Springs, Ark., July 21-23.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Organization and reports from pastors.

11:00. Opening sermon—Rev. W. W. Mills.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conclusion of reports.
Renewal of local preachers' licenses.

EVENING.

8:30. Preaching—Rev. J. E. Godbey.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Reports from examining committees.
Licensing preachers.
Committee on literature.

Address—Rev. J. E. Godbey, Editor ARKANSAS METHODIST.
Addresses by representatives of Hendrix and Arkadelphia Methodist Colleges.

11:00. Missionary Mass Meeting, Addressed by Rev. Jas. Thomas, Conference Secretary of Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be represented by Mrs. J. L. Wadley, District Secretary; Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, Conference President.

The work of the Woman's Home Mission Society will be presented by Mrs. J. A. Sage, District Secretary.

Rev. R. R. Moore will speak on the methods of organizing and conducting Sunday-school missionary societies.

EVENING.

Epworth League mass meeting addressed by Rev. C. J. Greene and Rev. Jas. Thomas, State League President.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Rev. C. C. Godden will represent Galloway College and Prof. J. D. Clary or his representative will speak for the Conference Training School.

The remainder of this session and of the day will be given to routine work, such as hearing reports, election of delegates, etc.

Special consideration will be given to the reports on the spiritual state of the church, temperance, and finances.

J. A. SAGE, P. E.

Sad.

Just as the District Conference closed at Little Rock last Saturday a telegram was handed the P. E., which told of the drowning, at Lonoke, of the 13-year-old son of Rev. R. T. Davis, one of the pastors attending the District Conference. We extend sympathy to our brother.

The Eureka Springs Railroad has granted us one fare from Seligman and return, to those attending district conference here, July 20-25. Purchase ticket at Seligman and take certificate, which, when signed by the Secretary, will entitle the holder to return trip. Certificate can be had only on Wednesday, 20th, good to return until 25th. I hope all who can will come on the train, as we are not prepared to take care of many horses. Come praying for an outpouring of the Spirit. Rev. H. A. Matney will preach the opening sermon at 8 p. m. 20th, after which the Lord's Supper will be administered. Dr. Godbey will be with us.
ARTHUR MARSTON.

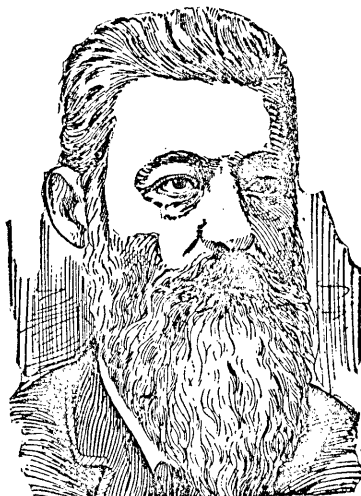
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Material Benefits of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the Christian Endeavor Society, in an article in answer to "Do Foreign Missions Pay?" says that Foreign Missions are profitable from every point of view.

But in the realm of medical science perhaps more than in any other, the missionaries have done a great deal to bless the world.

Some of the Chinese recipes for medicine show so much ignorance and superstition that they remind one of the famous "witch's broth."

Dr. Clark says: "I have very often been touched in many remote districts, to see the skill and loving tenderness with which these medical missionaries care for the unspeakably filthy and wretched patients who throng around their doors.

"The rheumy, festering eyes of these wretched mortals, the filthy rags with which they are clothed, their matted, vermin infested hair,

the running sores with which they are afflicted, all combine to make them the most grewsome and repulsive of beings; and yet, with a gentleness and skill born of a genuine love for God and humanity, these medical missionaries in a foreign land, with no hope of gaining fortune or reputation, care for their diseased brothers as though they were all king's sons and daughters."

Prof. Whitney and Prof. Louis Agassiz, both give strong testimony of the value of missionary effort in the study of natural science.

There has also been an immense work done in the spread of education, for among the nine thousand missionaries who have gone out from Protestant lands, there is not one who is not an educator.

The Protestant missionaries have almost a million pupils under instruction, and this is not confined to the rudimentary branches alone, for some missionary schools and colleges can compare favorably with some of our best institutions of learning. In 1860 the Fiji islands were not fit for a civilized person to live in; but to-day, owing to missionaries, the inhabitants are church going people, and the Bible may be found in nearly every home, and of course other places have improved correspondingly.

A lady returning from one of our state conventions, spoke of the deep and increasing interest all Christian people are taking in foreign missions. When we see the followers of Christianity working with one accord for a supremely unselfish cause, because it is a divine command, there will be no need of further argument in proof of our faith.

There is sure to be a great change for the better in the world before long, and we have a right to believe that all effort to bring about this improvement will be successful.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

As a perpetual remembrance of the Divine faithfulness to his promises, on the very page where the gospel covenant is first fully announced; God called the attention of the prophet to the ever burning lights of heaven, as if to constitute them his witnesses for all time; and as surely as from age to age, Orion with undiminished glory burns coldly in the south; or the pale jewels of Cassiopeia glitter in the north, so surely may we rely upon the Divine faithfulness, for he has promised it to the children of men, by all the burning stars.

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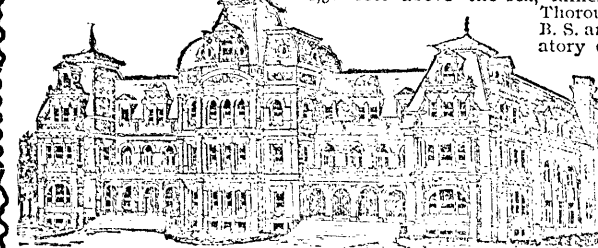
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Keeping the Face Towards the Light.

These are trying times on our missionaries in China, but we thank God the trials only draw them nearer to him and with eyes on their leader they move steadily forward in the path of duty. Rev. J. L. Hendry writes from Shanghai:

Some four weeks ago the native Christians, being aware of the trend of affairs in connection with their country, and feeling most deeply the need of aid from a higher power, after consultation, decided to have a series of meetings for especial prayer on behalf of the emperor, the officials and people. Several of these meetings were held in our Central Church. These proved to be most interesting and spiritual occasions. To see these men and women of God pleading for the salvation and preservation of their own country, fully awake to the folly of relying upon either the arm of flesh or the wisdom of this world, was sufficient to stir the deepest sympathies of all true friends of China. Much interest was created among the outsiders by the meetings. Seeing the condition of things, we decided that it was an opportune time for

a revival meeting. The meeting started then and is still in progress—this being the fourth week—and the result so far is quite a number of inquirers, of whom there are some most earnest ones. Besides, much seed has been sown by individual work in our meetings after the preaching service each night.

Lately we have news from Peking that the emperor is reading Christian books and is also worshipping the true and living God. We are praying earnestly that the Holy Spirit may be sent with great power to the emperor and officials now that they may be influenced in the way of righteousness and salvation.

There are some phases of our work which would, if allowed to do so, make one heart sick. One after another of the workers is giving away in body under the pressure of the work. With our ranks already thinned out, thus placing us in a condition where we are not able to hold the ground that we formerly had, and now with the prospect of a further loss in our number of workers, the trial is very great, but we go forward keeping our faces to the light.—From Dr. Lambuth.

Our Church at Home.

Prescott District Conference.

The thirty-second session of the Prescott District Conference convened at Hope, Ark., June 22, '98.

Dr. J. H. Riffin, P. E., in the chair. All the pastors were present. Owing to the recent heavy rains, which threw the farmers behind in farming operations, there was not a full attendance of local preachers and lay delegates, there being only ten of the former and thirty-one of the latter present.

The reports of the pastors indicated a very gratifying condition of the district; spirituality is increasing, and the prospects of bountiful harvests inspire our people with renewed hope and with a greater energy along all lines of church work. The conference was honored with a goodly number of visiting brethren, to-wit: Dr. J. E. Godbey, Dr. Cadesman Pope, Jas. M. Hawley, Jas. Thomas, H. H. Watson, Horace Jewell, J. H. Bradford, W. F. Evans, C. D. McSwain, E. A. Tabor, and J. L. Shephard, P. E. of the Shreveport District, Louisiana Annual Conference.

The session was very pleasant and harmonious, and the preaching was excellent.

The license of each of the following named local preachers was renewed: W. M. Avery, John F. Biggs, Henry M. Bruce, Geo. N. Cannon, J. L. Cannon, James M. Cannon, T. E. Clingan, Charles G. Hughes, Forney Hutchinson, W. M. Mitchell, John P. Steel, Evan S. Patterson, Calvin A. Hyatt, J. L. Tyson, and Fletcher C. Cannon.

The following named persons were granted license to preach: Robert Henry Cannon, Sherman M. Roberts, and William G. Galloway.

Henry M. Bruce and Calvin A. Hyatt were recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial.

W. J. Lee was received as a local preacher from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The claims and advantages of the several institutions of learning of our church within the State were ably and eloquently presented. J. M. Hawley addressed the conference on the subject of Higher Education and in the interest of Hendrix College. Dr. Pope represented the Arkadelphia Methodist College; C. D. McSwain the Little Rock Training School, at Fordyce; J. S. Hawkins and Dr. Godbey, the Galloway Female College; Prof. T. B. Winston, the institution of learning at Hope, of which he is Principal; and J. L. P. Shephard, the Female College of Mansfield, La. Dr. Godbey addressed the conference in behalf of the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

The local branch of the W. C. T. U. of Hope, through its representative, Mrs. W. M. Wallis, tendered a message of greeting to the conference, which was responded to by J. S. Hawkins. The conference was addressed on the subject of Missions by Jas. Thomas, Mrs. T. W. Hayes, Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Drs. Riffin and Pope, A. D. Jen-

kins, and R. J. Raiford. An interesting communication from Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss, President of the Board of the W. F. M. S. of L. R. Conf., was read by Mrs. Ethridge.

The District Board of Education is composed of the following persons: W. T. Locke, W. D. Lee, J. L. Deloney, George L. Rector, George N. Cannon, F. N. Brewer, and J. R. Sanders.

Miss Edna Gold, of Washington, Ark., was selected as the beneficiary of the half scholarship, so graciously offered the district by the Arkadelphia Methodist College.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That this conference recommend that the teachers in our Sunday-schools be supplied with the Sunday-school Magazine."

"Resolved, That this conference recommend that our Sunday-schools be supplied with the 'Young People's Visitor.'"

The following resolution, respecting the district parsonage, located at Prescott, was adopted:

"Whereas, The report of the Board of Trustees of the Prescott district parsonage reveals the fact that eight of the pastoral charges are in arrears in their assessment for the building of the district parsonage for the aggregate amount of \$275, and,

Whereas, The report further reveals the fact that this apportionment fails to meet the present indebtedness, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the pastors of the charges which are in arrears set apart the first Sunday in September as "district parsonage day," and on that day present this subject and endeavor to raise the several amounts of their arrearage.

2. That the Board of Trustees be requested to hold a meeting at its earliest convenience, and estimate the amount of the debt which the arrearage of these several charges fails to cover, and apportion this among the pastoral charges of the district upon a basis which it deems equitable and just.

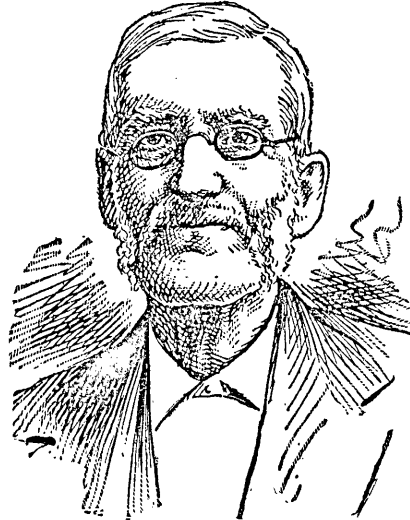
3. That the Board of Trustees be requested to appoint J. S. Hawkins and R. J. Raiford as district parsonage agents, and that these brethren be requested to visit as many of our pastoral charges as they possibly can and assist our pastors and presiding elder in making these collections.

The Board of Trustees of the district parsonage reported its organization by the election of W. R. White as President and Treasurer, and W. D. Lee, Secretary; and further reported a deficit of \$80, after all assessments heretofore made were paid in full on the district parsonage fund; and that this deficit would be apportioned by the Board among the several charges upon a basis of a certain per cent of the pastor's salary in each charge, and that J. S. Hawkins and R. J. Raiford had been appointed district parsonage agents, in keeping with the spirit of the above resolution.

DeQueen was selected as the place of holding the next district conference. J. Y. Johnson, J. L. Deloney, Geo. N. Cannon, and J. H. McCallum were elected dele-

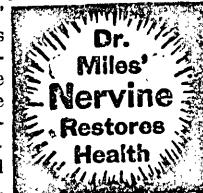
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gates, and W. D. Lee and W. R. White alternate delegates to the annual conference.

The Committee on Temperance submitted a very able report which was very readily adopted.

The presence and fatherly solicitude of B. G. Johnson, a veteran of the cross, at this session of the conference, was a benediction to all.

Hope entertained the conference handsomely; and the kindness and hospitality of her citizens will be long remembered by the members and visitors. A resolution of thanks was heartily and unanimously adopted. Fraternally,
W. D. LEE, Secretary.

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HAYS: Little Hazel Hays, infant of Bro. J. W. and Sister Minnie, Hays was born August 13, 1897, and died June 24, 1898. Little Hazel was nine months and six days old. May the blessing of our heavenly father be upon the parents.
J. A. HENDERSON.

CARTER: Little Mabel Olin Carter, daughter of G. L. and M. P. Carter, was born in Yell county, Ark., March 15, 1897, died June 27, 1898. We laid her little body to rest by the side of her baby brother in Brearly cemetery, at Dardanelle, June 28. Weep not, fond parents, little Mabel has gone to live with him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
S. S. KEY.

Dardanelle, June 30.

GLOVER: Samuel Glover was born in the state of North Carolina, Sept. 14, 1828. He left his native state and moved to Tenn., in 1845. Here he spent twelve years of his young manhood. In 1857 he came to Arkansas and located near Mount Zion Church, and has made that his home since. On Sept. 9, 1858, he was married to Miss Miriam Anderson. This happy union continued but a short time, and his young companion was transplanted in the good world. He was married a second time to Miss Sarah Lessley, Feb. 12, 1861. Bro. Glover leaves a wife and three children and a number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. For more than fifteen years Bro. Glover has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Mt. Zion Church. He died at his home near Mt. Zion June 29, 1898. He was 69 years, nine months and 15 days old. In his death we have lost one of our best citizens. May God's richest blessings be upon his bereaved ones.
J. A. HENDERSON.

KENNEDY: Sister Ida Kennedy (nee Smith) was born in Montgomery county, Ark., April 27, 1880, professed faith in Christ and united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1893; was married to Albert Kennedy December 22, 1897. Sister Ida lived a consistent Christian from the time of her conversion, and was ready to meet the summons when God called her home. She was beloved by all who knew her. Her life was one of influence, being mild, pleasant, ever at her post of duty, ready to do her Master's will. She will be missed in the home, in the church, in the community; and though she is gone her influence still lives, and it is ours to cherish her memory and profit by her example. She leaves a bereaved husband and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss, yet we weep not as those who have no hope, believing that our loss is her eternal gain, and while it is sad to part with loved ones, yet

Oh, the blessedness of knowing
We can meet each other there,
Where there is pleasure overflowing,
In that land so bright and fair.

Her pastor,
F. E. DODSON.

DEMENT: The death angel came to the home of Wm. Dement and called away to the skies Alice, his wife, on the 8th day of April, 1898. Just as the Easter day was dawning, her spirit was kissed away to enjoy the bliss which that Saviour provided for her, whose resurrection the world was celebrating. On Easter Sunday they laid her to rest in the Herron cemetery, Pulaski county, Ark. She was the daughter of W. H. and Martha E. Steed. Born August 11, 1877, and was received into the M. E. Church, South, by Rev. L. C. Wo-

zencraft several years ago, and lived a consistent Christian. During her last illness, which ran through a period of three months, she bore it all with quiet resignation. At times there was hope of her recovery, but sure and steady disease made inroads upon her comparatively strong constitution, until finally she surrendered her life to him who gave it. As her pastor I visited her during her illness and she enjoyed the services held at her bedside, always seemed thankful for any little attention paid her by friends and members of the family. Everything was done for her comfort, and her physician used all his medical skill to correct and thwart the disease, but medical skill failed. Kind ministrations of a loving father, devoted stepmother, brother and sisters failed, and she "was not, for God took her." We are at a loss to know why these visitations of Divine Providence, which tear our heart strings asunder almost, but, by the blessed gospel of the Son of God, we can bear them with quiet resignation and say with earnest submission, it is of the Lord, therefore it must be right. There is sweetness in the thought that we shall meet again in the "Beautiful land that is fairer than day." God bless and comfort the bereft ones.

Her pastor,
RUFFIN T. DAVIS.
Lonoke, Ark., June 21.

ROLLOW: Sister Mary Allen Rollow (nee Moore), for many years consort of the late Rev. M. B. Pearson, of the White River Conference, was born July 16, 1846; professed saving faith in Christ in her 17th or 18th year; was married to Rev. M. B. Pearson March 16, 1864; married a second time to Capt. Rollow (who lived only two months) May 19, 1887, and died at her home in Searcy, June 21, 1898, after an illness of several weeks. The above are a few of the dates that mark some of the periods in this good woman's life, but by no means give a correct estimate of her nobility of character and great usefulness. Sister Rollow was one of those quiet, consistent, gentle Christian women whose light always shone wherever she moved. Her life was so consistent that no one ever questioned the purity of her heart. She was one of God's elect women who had learned the depths of the apostle's words, "keepers at home," and there her influence was felt for good as is shown in the lives of her children. A short time before her death she was asked about her condition, and answered: "Don't think I will ever be any better, but it is all right. I am not afraid. I will soon be with father and all the loved ones."

Oh what a blessed hope is ours,
While here on earth we stay,
We more than taste the heavenly powers,
And antedate that day.

M. M. SMITH.
Searcy, Ark., July 5.

FORTNER: Sister Mary Fortner, relict of Joseph E. Fortner, was born in Hardeman county, Tenn., March 10, 1829; was married October 13, 1853, and the next year removed with her husband to Arkansas, settling on the present homestead, in Searcy Valley, White county, and helping greatly in the educational, moral and religious upbuilding of that community. There their names are as ointment poured forth, and will ever be held in loving remembrance for their works of faith and labors of love, which were constant till called to their home above—Bro. Fortner years ago, and Sister Fortner at 7 a. m., May 18, 1898. She professed religion in 1842 and joined the Methodist Church, which she honored with the loving services of a beautiful, consecrated life. Her religious experience was joyous to herself, and a benediction in helpfulness to those about her, impressing all with the sweet hope and strong faith in her happy life. After a brief illness she calmly slept in Jesus, leaving a sister, a brother and five children bereaved, but not sorrowing as those without hope; for following her as she followed Christ, they joyfully anticipate a happy reunion in heaven.

Z. T. BENNETT.

HEATH: Mrs. Serena Catherine Heath (nee Holt) was born in the state of Arkansas, January 14, 1852, died at her home at Hardy, Ark., June 3, 1898. In 1866 she was converted and united with the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. Henry Hays. She was united in marriage to James P. Heath in 1866, and by him became the mother of eleven children, nine girls and two boys. She leaves her husband and six children, the youngest a daughter of thirteen years, to mourn her departure. Sister Heath lived a consistent Christian life. She was a devoted wife, a kind neighbor, faithful in all the relations of life.

Her pastor found a welcome in her home, and shared her best hospitalities. No one but her husband, after a pleasant companionship of nearly thirty-two years can know how great the loss. But the best of all, she was prepared to enter the better life above where she shall never suffer another pain, or know another sorrow. A large assembly of relatives and friends attended the burial services performed by her pastor, during which her body was laid to rest in old Shiloh cemetery, there to await the final day when she will arise to a glorious immortality, and the meeting again of loved ones who now sorrow because death has taken her away.

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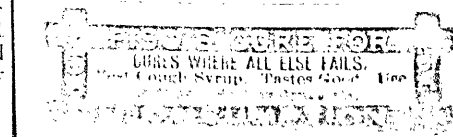
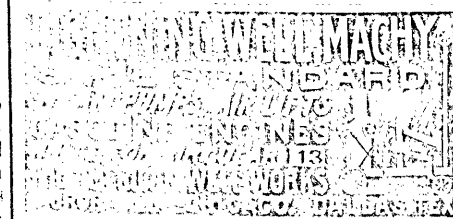
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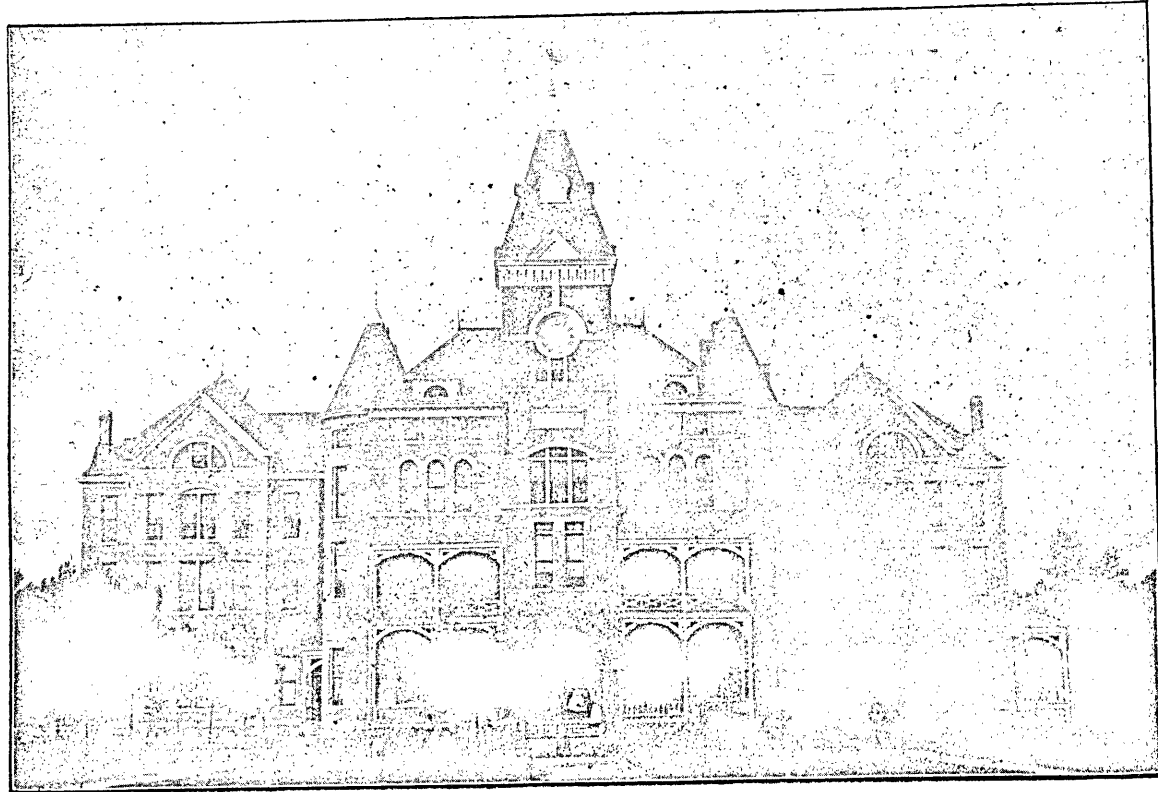
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