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News and Notes.

Winter has opened with a rigor rarely equaled. In New England, especially, great suffering has been experienced. Traffic has been obstructed by the snowfall and the high winds have done much damage to property. In a recent storm which swept the coast, fifty-six vessels were wrecked, and forty-nine others cast ashore, hundreds of lives were lost. The Portland, plying between Boston and Baltimore went down with about 130 souls on board, not one of whom escaped.

For a week past unusually cold weather has prevailed throughout the South. In Southern Arkansas and West Texas the snowfall was heavy. Cotton picking has been suspended, and much damage done to the crop, causing material advance in the price. In this State half the cotton crop is yet in the field.

Congress convened on Monday the 5th, and was opened according to custom at 12 o'clock—noon.

The President's message has gone abroad through the secular press. It was a document worthy of a statesman and the Christian ruler of a great Christian nation, comprehensive in its grasp of the country's needs, devout in tone and spirit, and recognizing the sovereignty of God.

The message was necessarily long, for many new problems and interests are brought before us by the late war. The President gives the reasons for the war, its history

and its results, suggesting the obligations which it has imposed upon the nation. Our army and navy must be strengthened and, hereafter, the country must be kept upon a war footing. Great opportunities are given us for the development of our commerce which must be improved. The Nicaragua canal is demanded by our present condition. It must be built and controlled by the United States.

The work of Congress is fairly begun. The House passed with little opposition the Emergency Deficiency Bill to provide pay for the volunteer army to June 30. Senator McRae, of Arkansas, secured an amendment to the effect that the bill should not be construed to modify or extend the term of service of the volunteers now in service as fixed by the act under which they first enlisted.

There is some difference of opinion as to what we shall understand to be the end of the war. The signing of the treaty by the commissioners, the ratification of the treaty by the Senate, the pacification of the insurgents, all have been suggested as limits which the Administration may fix to the term of service of the volunteers. The regular army is not sufficient for present needs. If it can be procured, the War Department and the President advise, the volunteers will be released without quibbling about their legal term of service.

The peace treaty between the United States and Spain has been signed by the commissioners in Paris. The treaty has become known to the public in its main points. It grants freedom to Cuba, cedes to the United States Porto Rico and the Philippines, including also the Zulu and Viscayan islands. The United States pays \$20,000,000 to Spain and withdraws all claim for indemnity for injuries inflicted upon American citizens in Cuba. Two points the commissioners desired to obtain, but they were overlooked in the protocol; they were a coaling station in the Carolines, and religious liberty for those islands. The latter point should not have escaped our government at a time when Amer-

ican missionaries were suffering persecution in the Carolines and appealing to the home government for protection. The treaty displeases the Emperor of Germany. He had hoped to secure a hold upon the Philippines and had advanced Spain \$8,000,000 earnest money for their purchase. It is now expected that Spain will sell the Carolines to the Czar.

The prevalent European sentiment is that our country has dealt severely with Spain, and the European powers, England excepted, view with distrust our acquisitions in Asiatic waters.

Late reports represent the Filipinos as becoming more confident of good purposes toward them on the part of the United States. An independent government that United States protection is well at they desire.

General Wood is reported to have been made mayor of the city. A Cuban bull fight and the Sunday school have been abolished. Professional bull-fighting moved to Havana to take measures to protect their favorite sport in that city. We cannot believe that barbarism will be allowed under United States authority.

Three men were killed and one wounded, in Missouri, last week, in a fight over a partnership fence. It was in Christian county, too, and yet some of our people favor partnership churches.

Last year the Legislature of New York undertook to break up the business of the ticket scalpers by enacting that the sale of the unused part of a railroad ticket should be a State's prison offense. In a test case the act was sustained by the lower court but declared unconstitutional by the court of appeals.

The Presbytery of Philadelphia has begun a crusade against tobacco, and recently adopted the following resolution: "No student of theology shall be admitted to license to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and no licentiate shall be ordained unless he promises to refrain from the use of tobacco."—Central Methodist.

Ballington Booth has organized

a new society which is called "The Federation of Christian Workers," and which is to be a kind of auxiliary to the Volunteer movement. Its members are to wear no uniform or take any pledges, but promise to aid in every way possible the work among the men and women who are not reached by the churches. The movement, of the support of Bishop Viallows, of M. E. Church, Bishop Church, the Reformed and other leading ministers, is hoped to make a national one.—the Methodist.

Central Methodist.

It is reported that Lieutenant Richard P. Hobson has declined an engagement, offered him by a New York Lyceum, tendering him \$50,000 for a series of lectures. Hobson says that, before the sinking of the Merrimac, his lectures would not have been worth 50 cents. But in sinking the Merrimac he only obeyed the order of his superior officer, as any American soldier should. He does not recognize that the deed added anything to him in a literary way. He was not willing to be paraded before the public in such a way, to make money out of public curiosity or a simple performance of public duty.

The Lawrence County Telephone says that 125 Germans from Amsterdam are on their way to Mena, Ark.

Our Loss.

The Bishop, against the personal protest of brethren, gave Arkansas a choice preacher from Virginia—Rev. William E. Thompson. He goes to the chief church of Little Rock. We understand well the demands of connectional Methodism, and believe that the Bishop should exercise their authority to utilize our preachers to best advantage. Nevertheless, it seems hard for Virginia to lose a young man with the rare gifts of Thompson. The endowment of enticing words does not always go with genial manners and honorable instincts. Our friend has exceptional powers in the pulpit, far beyond his years, and he wins on every acquaintance. Arkansas has a gentleman, an eloquent preacher, a Christian pure life and large views.—Arkansas Christian Advocate.

Contributed.

Old and New.

MR. EDITOR:—There is much of interest in the newspapers of today, both secular and church, and he, who thinks the former times were better than these, knows less of these than former times. Almost every question that comes before the public is of large proportions and far reaching in its results. Hence the necessity of an educated and reading people. The elections, the commission, our foreign interests—newly acquired territory, army centers—military operations, are all brought to the eye of every one, by the great dailies, and weeklies, or the local will, country organs. All, who topics, now much on all these personally socially, as each is perpetually interested. The church is behind in rich spiritual growth. New food for spiritual opening for extension are open and the heaven is in the church work, lump, while the whole is thirsting for richer fields are grace. As these enterprisers of they require more grace and grow to meet their enlarged demand, and he who thinks that the church is being converted into a money getting organization, will find, if he grows with her growth, that his religion costs him less today than it will at any time in the future.

Some think that too many organizations are already in the church, and too many papers are being sent out by the church. There are divine openings along new or broader lines to furnish opportunity for every one to work, who has a talent. Every interest of Christ's kingdom is being made a specialty, and every order of talent is being brought into requisition. No longer need anyone, boy or girl, old or young, say, "I have no chance to work in the church and for Christ."

Our central organ is rich each week, with that which will make one wiser, better and more useful, while all the conference organs are real bonanzas for the home readers as well as those who live afar off.

All this ado about the \$288,000 to me is very unfortunate. Anything that disturbs the peace, progress and unity of our beloved Zion is to me an occasion of sadness.

"I love thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode."

What interest of the church is not universal and of the first magnitude? The correlation of our colleges and the nineteenth century rural are both timely movements and an economic necessity. The pew is well up with the pulpit; each thinks for himself, only the pulpit is expected to keep in the advance as this is its specific work; not to find new routes, but to make the old ways plain, and to open up more broadly the main avenue to the Celestial City.

Our conference is over. Bishop Hendrix was in the chair, full master of the situation. A number of new recruits. I suppose are sat-

isfied, as I learn all are at their posts.

Our winter is now on. The rains are frequent, full and flooding. The earth is full of water to the surface. Our winters in this country are long or short, as the roads indicate. Our pastures, stubblefields, meadows and mountain ranges furnish an abundance of fresh green grass, and all gramivorous animals are thrifty. Our beef cattle are taken from the range fresh, full and fat; this condition of things will continue until the grass dies up next summer. How this condition of things can exist in this far northern latitude, is only a mystery to those who have never been here. We had good crops this year; but little corn, no cotton, nor tobacco; but the low prices leave the farmer in statu quo. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is full of good things spiritually. It furnishes such food spiritually as this goodly country furnishes materially.

This is emphatically the country for the poor man; still we have no poor in the Willamette Valley, if by poor, you mean one has nothing and cannot get anything. No one in this valley need be without plenty of good food and good nice clothing. If there be such, and doubtless there are, it is due to thriftlessness.

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Texas Notes.

The great itinerant wheel has again rolled around, and in this conference the changes have been many, and many of them disappointing and to my mind unnecessary. It will require several thousand dollars to meet the expenses of those who were changed, some of them having a distance of 400 miles to traverse. The financial reports were in advance of any previous year; over \$19,000 paid for missions, and other collections proportionately good. Presiding elders were paid an average of \$1,400, and pastors an average of \$550, this includes missions, circuits and stations. Two hundred and twenty-seven preachers were stationed. Four are supernumerated, and twenty-eight superannuated or "buried alive." I can say, from four long years of experience, that it is a sad day for a faithful preacher, when he is thus retired. Like an old worn-out horse, he is at first cared for, then neglected, and soon forgotten, as the years revolve. The growing demand for inexperienced young men to fill the chief or most important charges is on the increase, and what the final results will be we cannot foretell. It now seems that experience, age and careful preparation for pastoral usefulness is fearfully discounted. Here is one of the many causes for the alarming decrease in our membership and the increase of sensationalism in our pulpits; a decrease of nearly 1,000 members is reported in this conference alone. Some account for it on the ground of a diligent and careful purging of the rolls, but this is not the true cause. Many have withdrawn and others gone into other churches on account of the agitation of second blessingsism. People cannot be driven in religious matters in any country or age. A conservative Christian spirit of toleration is the need of these times. Bishop Galloway's presidency was highly satisfactory. He carried with him the prayers, confidence and best wishes of the Northwest Texas Conference. Drs. Tigert and Barbee were in attendance, and each one did well in his respective sphere. Dr. Barbee was cordially welcomed. Not a word was said on the conference floor in reference to the Publishing House claim. Out this way it is believed that good men may possibly make mistakes without committing capital offenses.

Our church schools are all prospering. They are well equipped with competent faculties, and the attendance of students is very satisfactory. Bishop Galloway is to canvass the state early in the incoming year in behalf of the Southwestern University.

On this district we have a new presiding elder, in the person of Rev. E. A. Bailey, who is one of our best preachers. A true, faithful and successful preacher of many years' standing. We have also Rev. Sam R. Hay as pastor, a man of extraordinary ability. His

work here is heavy, there being more than 800 members in the charge.

Our city is growing rapidly. There is not a vacant house suitable to live in or for business, in the town, and as fast as one can be built it is occupied at once. The oil field is constantly enlarging, and a refinery of 1,000 barrels daily capacity, is just about finished. This gives employment to a number of men. The crops of this section were never better, and were it not for the low prices of all farm products the farmers would be independent; as it is, many of them are hard pressed to meet their obligations.

I noticed recently, in the METHODIST, the minutes of a quarterly conference held in 1844, by Dr. A. Hunter. This called to my mind my first recollection of Dr. Hunter. It was in 1844, at a campmeeting eight miles south of Camden, J. Esterbrooks, P. C.; Stephen Farnish and S. W. Pipkin, L. P.s, and a free negro preacher, called George, the first negro I ever heard preach. I remember the following pastors who filled the Camden circuit and station from 1844 to 1850: J. Esterbrooks, Mason B. Lowery, J. C. Kolbe, S. J. Steele, Jacob W. Shook and J. J. Roberts. In the station, Charles Turrentine, J. E. Cobb and James W. Shipman. Dr. Hunter and Wm. Moores were presiding elders. All these have passed to the other side, while their bodies sleep in Oregon, California, Texas and Arkansas. S. W. Pipkin still lives, and so does Danl. Pipkin. These good men, their brothers, sisters, father and mother, I knew nearly sixty years ago. We have now in this conference on the retired list, Rev. Sam'l Morris, who entered the Arkansas Conference in 1848. He is still in good health, awaiting the summons from labor to eternal refreshment. Rev. W. E. Boggs, formerly of Arkansas, is now pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex. He follows Geo. C. Rankin, recently elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate.

The preachers of this conference, as far as heard from, are all at their post of duty, determined, by the grace and help of the Lord, to do a faithful year's work.

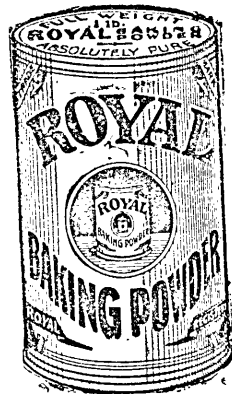
If life lasts me, I will write again. In feebleness and hope, I am as ever,

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Advance Step on Temperance.

Last year we adopted a resolution, to the effect that each district conference should hold a temperance mass meeting and that each pastor should "arrange for the most thorough agitation of the question within his pastoral charge." Similar resolutions have been adopted from year to year, and almost as soon forgotten or neglected by many of us. Shall we continue to resolve and never act? The attention of your committee has been called to the work of the American Anti-Saloon League, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., having for its object the suppression of the liquor traffic in the United States.

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Said national league has very cordially invited our conference to send two delegates to its annual convention convening December 6, in Cleveland, Ohio. While we think it would be impracticable for this conference to comply with said request at present, we heartily endorse such a systematic national undertaking, and hereby promise co-operation as far as possible. We deeply regret that the tendency is manifested to throw the strong and protecting arm of the law around the so-called "wine industry," which is doing as much, yea, more, to debauch rural communities than the open saloon.

Whereas, The cause of temperance has not completely triumphed in all our borders, but is in many places neglected and is thereby bringing reproach upon the followers of our blessed Lord; and

Whereas, There is needed much legislation and rigid enforcement of law to enable the satisfactory arrest and conviction of those who persist in the illicit sale of alcoholic drinks, even in communities supposed to be protected; and

Whereas, Our children are depending upon us for proper surroundings to be reared in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord;" and

Whereas, We regard the liquor and wine traffic as a dangerous and deadly foe, that has invaded our land for the purpose of schooling our boys in vice and turning them out as drunkards, undermining the foundation of our government, clogging the wheels of our blessed Zion, filling graves prematurely with multiplied thousands and contributing immortal souls to the dark domain of pandemonium; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That our church repeat with emphasis its hostility eternal to the whiskey and wine traffic, and pray God that the destructive influence of the nefarious

work may be made clear to the seller.

Resolved, second, That the ministers and members of our church be urged into action with all their influence to suppress, by all proper means, the use and sale of intoxicants.

Resolved, third, That our honorable legislators be requested to enact such laws as will effectively put an end to the sale of intoxicants in all our States and to especially give us a law that will make its sale in prohibition districts a felony.

Resolved, fourth, That we express our unqualified condemnation of the army canteen, where intoxicant liquors are sold for beverage purposes, and we most earnestly call upon the proper authorities to suppress this prolific source of sickness, crime and mismanagement in the army; and that we respectfully call upon our honorable senators and representatives in congress to use their best endeavors to so change the law granting United States permits to sell intoxicating liquors in the army or elsewhere; that it shall be unlawful to grant such permits in any State or local option district where intoxicants are prohibited by State laws.

O. H. KEADLE,
Chairman.

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Missionary Address.

(Chaplain Babcock before the Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church, Anniston, Ala.)

Dear Brethren: The cause of missions is the cause of Christ; the law of missions is the command of Christ; the heart of missions is the love of Christ; the power of missions is the spirit of Christ; the object of missions is the salvation of Christ and the ultimate of missions is the triumphant reign of Christ over all the kingdoms of the earth. The missionary movement is the highway of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Our own poet has said:

"Out of the darkness of the night
The world rolls into light,
It is day-break everywhere"

These words are truer today than when Longfellow wrote them. The East is radiant with the morning glories of a brighter day. Our country has entered into a new epoch. She has begun to write a new chapter in her almost miraculous history. The Spanish-American war is over. The treaty of peace is formulated and both church and state are called upon to adjust themselves to the unforeseen conditions and issues thrust upon us by the victory of our army.

The church, as such, has had nothing to do with the war or with its immediate results. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." The world does not know that spiritual are better than carnal weapons. Nations continue to trust in weapons that kill and not in those that make alive. One Bible is better than a million swords, if men knew how to use it.

Lord Chamberlain has recently said, that "England has simply blundered into her richest colonial possessions. Adventurers, explorers and missionaries had to go before and prepare the way for the nation." The world does not yet appreciate the power of the gospel in working out great national reforms.

I ask your attention to some of the results of the war as the groundwork and encouragement for intenser missionary activity and an enlargement of our missionary plans.

1st. The nation has been brought into closer fellowship. Sectional issues have given place to national ones. The old animosities have been buried and the nation has felt the heart throb of a new affection. Men from all sections have camped on the same field, fought in the same battles and suffered in the same hospitals. Congress, with a singular unanimity, as if by a heaven-born patriotic impulse, put into the president's hands millions of money and thousands of men with which to prosecute the war. The war has broadened the national horizon, deepened the national sentiment and made us henceforth a united people.

2nd. England and America have been brought closer together. No one can read the best periodicals of the two countries without seeing the proof of this fact. Jefferson

thought, and our wisest men since his time have thought, that England, as our ally, could do us immeasurable good; but as an enemy, incalculable harm. When, in 1823, the Holy Alliance would seek to destroy the republics of South America, it was England's promise of help that made the Monroe doctrine effective. When, in 1898, Austria strove to revive the European combination in the interests of Spain, it was England again who smiled upon us, and Spain was left to her fate. One hundred and twenty-five million of Anglo-Saxon people, drawing together as by one mighty impulse of interest and affection, is a fact that holds out to us the promise of the perpetuity of free institutions and the universal spread of the gospel. Wesleyan, Canadian, Northern and Southern Methodism can, with a new emphasis, utter the immortal words of our founder, "The world is my parish."

3d. The enlargement of our domain. Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines are, at least, in a military sense, ours, and will be permanently ours in the sense that they will be a care upon the state and the church. Expansion has been the policy of this country from the beginning. We expanded beyond the Alleghenies, then beyond the Mississippi, then beyond the Rockies to the Pacific and then to Alaska. Now, we have taken Spain's possessions in the West Indies and have reached out 7,000 watery miles and taken the Philippines. Every reason which the enemies of expansion urge against the taking of the islands is a reason why the church, now that they are taken, should go up at once and possess the land. Our gospel is a gospel of expansion. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is no stand-still here. There can be no contentment with what we have already done. The command is "go," and "go into all the world" and "preach the gospel to every creature." Who cannot hear in the issues of the war a clarion call to the church to multiply her forces, enlarge her benefactions, and with a sublime faith go forth to the conquest of the nations.

The government will likely heed the recommendations of Secretary Long, and increase the navy to fifty-two battleships, and that of Secretary Alger and increase the army to 100,000 men. All this for the defense of our country, especially in our new possessions. The president has recommended the construction of the Nicaragua canal to connect the two oceans, which canal will cost approximately \$150,000,000. All this in the interest of commerce.

What will the church do? From California to the Sandwich Islands, from the Sandwich Islands to the Philippines, and from the Philippines to Hong Kong, is a straight course to the country which contains one-third of the population of the earth. The gates are open. A highway has been cast up and God calls for thousands of men and millions of money to do a grander work than that of Dewey,

or Schley, or Shafter, or Wheeler. Henceforth, American ships plying all waters, the American flag floating over our new possessions and our merchants doing large business in China, will make the missionary movement a sublime reality in the conscience of the Christian church.

The closing years of the nineteenth century will doubtless witness a large increase of laborers in the great mission fields of the world already white unto the harvest.

Camp Shipp.

Notes From Kansas City.

Dr. Werlien is winning golden opinions at Troost.

Dr. F. R. Hill has returned from Alabama, where he visited his son.

Bishop Hendrix preached at Central Church Sunday, to a large audience.

Miss Gibson, of the Scarritt Bible Training School has not been well for some time.

Dr. C. H. Briggs, presiding elder of Kansas City District, is at Cleveland, Ohio, attending the meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League.

The funds for the new convention hall are almost fully in bank, and the building, with a seating capacity of 10,000, is an ornament to the city.

Rev. Allen Godbey, of Corder, Mo., preached at Meirose, in absence of the pastor, Rev. E. P. Ryland, who assisted in a protracted meeting at Higginsville.

Bro. Boon, after a herculean effort, has his congregation ensconced in the new Olive Street Church, which is undeniably one of the most modern and elegant structures in the city.

Westport Church, under the wise leadership of Dr. Dinwiddie, is doing splendidly. Perhaps we have not a church in the city with a more favorable environment or a brighter outlook.

Dr. Matt Hughes, recently of Minneapolis, the new pastor of Independence Avenue M. E. Church, preached his first sermon Sunday, making a very favorable impression. His predecessor, Dr. Quayle, was called to the Meridian Street Church, Indianapolis.

It is the general opinion that our denomination has not been in better condition for years, in this city, than at present. Our charges are well manned with earnest, capable, consecrated, industrious preachers, who preach the gospel and steer clear of politics and sensationalism. S. H. C. BURGIN.

Dec. 7.

The work of the church prospers most where most church papers are taken.

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Literary Table.

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Earth and Heaven.

There's more of heaven on earth than many dream,
If earth born senses would permit us see,
And heaven is nearer to this earth, I deem,
Than to our holden sight it seems to be;
There are pure thoughts that have no root in self,
Seek not their own but rather others' good,
That count this world's best things as paltry pelf,
That cannot satisfy us, if they would.

Silent and motionless as carven stone,
We gaze at times with an abstracted air
Across the dim, mysterious unknown,
And span it with a thought, half wish, half prayer;
Nor count it strange that heaven's bright ones come

With comforting and strength into our lives,
Or that some light from heaven's eternal dome
In hours of needed grace and strength arrives!

Yes, heaven lies all about us, even here;
We breathe its incense in the flowers' perfume,
The birds' sweet song that falls upon our ear
Comes like a note of gladness through the gloom;

And there are thoughts of love that come and go
Like angels on the ladder Jacob saw,
That bear sweet fruitage even here below,
And from the wounded heart its arrows draw.

Earth born and heaven-born, both the worlds are ours.

Our feet tread one, while in the higher sphere,
With hearts in love renewed and quickened powers,

We breathe the higher life that knows no fear.
Surely a part of our employ in heaven
Will be to learn and rightly understand
The mysteries, to solve which we have striven
While dwelling in this transient borderland.

—W. G. Haeselbarth, in Christian Work.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Chaplain Milburn, of the Senate, blind though he be, has the happy faculty of saying the right thing at the right time to a more marked extent than many of us who are blessed with eye-sight. He gave an instance of the use of this faculty in a prayer, opening the Senate, when he added, after asking divine guidance for the President of the U. S. and his counsellors: "We pray that thy blessing may be with the Queen Regent of Spain and her young son and upon her nation. May thine heavenly grace go out to such and uplift and uphold the stricken people." That was a bit of Christian thoughtfulness worthy of commendation. Surely, humble Spain and its rulers are proper subjects for the prayers of all Christians. The cup with bitter dregs is at their lips, and we should not forget it in our rejoicing.

The report of the Hawaiian Commission was sent to Congress this week. As expected, it recommends a territorial form of government for the islands, with certain modifications. Among the modifications is, what is practically a property qualification for suffrage.

In a sermon commemorating the beginning of the twentieth year of his pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Greene gave some figures concerning the growth of that Church that are remarkable. He said: "In 1886 the membership of this church was 715; at the present time it is 1,558. In 1886 the membership of the Sunday-school was 603; at the present time it is 1,967. In the former year the sub-

scriptions for benevolence were \$2,000; during the past year the subscriptions for benevolence were \$10,845. In 1886 the total subscriptions of the church for all purposes were \$15,000; during the past year they were \$38,000, in round numbers." That is certainly a record to be proud of, and it is doubtful whether it has been surpassed by any old established church, of any denomination, in the country.

Dr. Wayland Hoyt, of Philadelphia, delivered an address at the regular monthly mass-meeting of the Christian Endeavor Union, on "Some Lesson for Christian Endeavorers from Last Summer's War." He began by declaring the planting of the American flag on new territory, during the past summer, to have been prophetic, and drew a contrast between the opportunity for missionary endeavor now and in 1812, when Dr. Judson sailed for India, and found almost every gate closed against him. Continuing, the speaker said: "Now, there is scarce a place the sun shines on in which the missionary can't find a foothold. Twelve million have, during the past summer, been opened to the incursion of a free gospel under our flag. Religious freedom carries with it the responsibility of carrying the true gospel. There's another lesson. It's Manila. Well, the old flag waves there, and what did it? Why, it was the preparation of the American Navy. There was no chance about that. It teaches the invincible lesson of preparation. Sometimes we fail to go to work at something because we don't feel like it, but do you know that the only way to feel like doing anything is to do it until you do feel like it."

It should gratify every Christian that we have a President who officially recognizes Divine guidance, even in such important State papers as a message to Congress, that will be read with deepest interest throughout the civilized world. President McKinley said in effect to the world, "America is a Christian, God-loving nation," when he wrote, after enumerating the events of the war with Spain: "In tracing these events we are constantly reminded of our obligations to the Divine Master for his watchful care over us and his safe guidance, for which the nation makes reverent acknowledgement and offers humble prayer for the continuance of his favor." Christians will also be pleased at the following: "The newly accredited envoy of the U. S. to the Ottoman Porte carries instructions looking to the disposal of matters in controversy with Turkey for a number of years. He is especially charged to press for a just settlement of our claims for indemnity by reason of the destruction of the property of the American Missionaries resident in that country during the American troubles of 1895, as well as for the recognition of older claims of equal justness."

The Men's Club of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church was addressed at its meeting this week by Maj. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, Inspector General of the Army, on

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his experience on the firing line in front of Santiago, and by Maj. Eugene Fechet, Disbursing Officer of the Signal Corps, on his experiences during his three years service in the Egyptian army.

A mass meeting in the interest of home missions was held in Dr. Talmage's church, this week. The principal speakers were Miss Petrie, the well-known New York mission worker, and Rev. I. Hall Young, an Alaskan Missionary.

Book Notices.

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT: is the title of a booklet from the pen of Rev. W. C. Black, D. D., editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. It is a very strong presentation of the fact that sin entails misery and death and that endless suffering must torture a soul separated from God. The idea of a literal hell of fire and brimstone is rejected. Price, 5 cents.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF General Pat Cleburne and General T. C. Hindman. By Charles Edward Nash, M. D.

We have received the compliment of a copy of this book from its author, Dr. Nash, who is a citizen of Little Rock. Dr. Nash enjoyed long acquaintance and association with the distinguished men of whom he writes, and his sketches are illuminated with many anecdotes and amusing reminiscences.

To many people in Arkansas the book will be a treasure, for the sake of its author no less than of his friends whom he writes. The war, and its experiences, painful, pathetic or grotesque, constitute the body of the book, and one who reads from the standpoint of a stranger, both to the subjects of these sketches and the author of them, will find abundant entertainment.

SPIRITUAL LIFE:—This is the title of a new book from the pen of Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D. of the North Carolina Conference, and issued from the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South.

Bishop Fitzgerald, in his introduction, says of the book: "Its spiritual suggestion and stimulation will not be small to him who reads thoughtfully and prayerfully." The book treats of fundamental doctrines of theology, and truths of experience. The style is

simple and easy and the thought clear. For the most part, the author writes to strengthen the common faith of Christians. "The natural man," "Conviction," "Repentance," "Regeneration," "Spiritual growth," are successively considered. The author gives his views on the "Disembodied State," "The Resurrection" and "The Second Coming of Christ." Price of book, 75 cents.

GLIMPSES OF GOD AND OTHER SERMONS:—By B. Geverydd Newton, Pastor of the Franklin Avenue Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Sunday School.

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Christmas Talk to Our Sunday-schools

Brother Anderson has furnished nothing for our Sunday-school page this week.

We have been accustomed to omit the review lesson from our Sunday-school studies, finding it difficult, within our space limits, to prepare such a review lesson as would be profitable.

The success of Sunday-school work, as all other Christian work, depends upon the amount of heart and conscience we put into it.

If we are deeply concerned in the work we will carefully prepare to do the work: First, by making proper provision for convenience and comfort in our Sunday-school rooms, keeping them well ventilated in summer and well heated in winter.

In the second place, teachers and superintendent will come to their work prepared on Sunday morning. A teacher who has not carefully prepared the lesson, and who has it not, so to speak, in his heart, is not prepared to instruct the children.

The end of Sunday-school teaching is to fix religious truth in the mind and conscience, and to bring life into harmony with conviction. Truth, confessed, is bound to make men true and noble, or to make them hypocrites. So, we should feel that real harm is done if truth be handled lightly, leading to outward confession of it while there is no heart-loyalty to it.

The work of a Sunday-school teacher is of the gravest character. In the sight of God it can not be an unimportant work. Obscure, it may be, but we need to turn the thoughts of Christians from public shows, and influences which effervesce in mere jubilation to that quiet, earnest work, which alone reveals a heart held in high conscientiousness before God.

A judicious superintendent will hold his teachers responsible for order and proper teaching in their respective classes, and he should have the conscience and the courage to remove teachers who prove themselves inefficient.

It is not uncommon, especially in the country, for Sunday-school teachers to abandon their classes without notice, to attend meetings elsewhere. Such teachers need to have a higher sense of duty and of the importance of the charge committed to them. We should seek always the greatest good, and the greatest good to ourselves and others calls us to be faithful to every trust.

SAD MEMORIALS.

We have given notice, that we cannot publish the resolutions sent us in regard to the death of Sunday-school scholars. We must confine our obituaries to such as the preachers send us. As it is, we carry more than almost any other conference organ. But we make mention here of H. B. Pope, "a pious and faithful superintendent" of Bethlehem Sunday-school; Joe L. Clements, of the New Edinburgh Sunday-school, "a valuable member, always faithful;" Miss Jonnie Ware, of the Carolina Sunday-school, "a loved and honored member."

These names have been sent us by committees with preambles and resolutions, and expressions of sympathy for the bereaved. We profoundly respect the feelings which have prompted these reports. And, having borne bereavement and affliction in almost every form, our sympathies and prayers go out toward parents who have seen the early buds of promise blighted upon their own family tree. If we built and adorned character for this world only, how much loss and wreck would there appear in the blighting of these promising lives, upon which our love has lavished such care. But we build for eternity, we are here, in these quarries of time, polishing stones for the heavenly temple. Let us do the work faithfully, expecting the inspection of the great Architect.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Especially in the joy of this Christmas morning will the bereaved hearts, not only of the friends of the dear ones named above, but of the kindred of hundreds who have passed away from our homes and Sabbath-schools, feel the loneliness of bereavement. The joy of young life at the Christmas tide is seemly. To be a boy or girl, a young man or young woman, in this time of progress, and in the light of divine truth, as it brightens all this earthly life and beckons to the perfect state beyond, is enough for joy and thankfulness to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Such a privilege ought to inspire the noblest resolves. Resolve, my young friends, to make life noble; to make it pure and true and generous and trusting. Put thought and love and faith into it. Commit it in trustfulness to the guiding hand of the Great Father.

Then, each year, though the clouds and rain follow the sunshine, and the flowers perish in the winter snow, immortal hope shall never fade, and the returning Christmas chimes shall be notes of victory

over sin in us and in the world about us, and glad heralds of that full triumph of right and truth and love, when the bells which for centuries have signaled the progress of the divine kingdom shall, at last, "ring in the Christ which is to be."

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The Motive of Our Lives.

I PETER IV:11.

"If any man speak, let him speak as becometh the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

One purpose alone should guide our lives. That purpose should be to do the will of God.

We must not think that God needs our service, or gains by our obedience, and yet, as a father he must desire our love and trust, and as a father his will toward us is for our good.

We cannot think of God as Creator of the world without thinking that he has created all things with some plan or purpose, and it would be most absurd to think that any creature could find its true good in any course of life contrary to the Creator's plan. As respects the brute creation, we may believe that their instincts are their proper guides. They obey the impulses of nature and so do the things which the Creator desires. Hence, they know nothing of conscience, and nothing of the restraints of law.

It may be said that man, too, needs to follow his own nature. For there is, certainly, a spiritual nature in man, which is expressed in all distinctions of character and conscience of duty. It is manifest in all government, whereby man confesses that the passions of a lower nature should be restrained for his true good and the good of his fellows.

But no human laws can be so framed or enforced as to represent



the highest expressions of man's conscience of duty. An enlightened conscience is higher than any written law, and places its possessor above law.

Here we ascend into the realm of religion. A man may make the laws of the State and the customs of society his rule, and, not going beyond this, consider how he may best serve himself within such limitations. He yields to his fellows what all must yield mutually under the law. Temporal interests will demand this.

To pass beyond this and set before us, constantly, the highest dictates of conscience, seeking ever to enlighten conscience by the truth of God, is to enter the sphere of spiritual life, and to live for the spiritual nature.

Such a life becomes, under the light of God's truth and by the influence of his spirit, a life guided by love, not disputing legal rights with men, but seeking ways to help and bless them. Such a one walks as before God. He speaks as becometh the doctrines and principles and duties taught in the sacred oracles. He holds himself as God's steward, recognizing that whatever his gifts of nature or his attainments that it is only what God has given to him. Thus he seeks in all things to glorify his Maker—that is, to direct to him the faith and obedience of others, that they, as he, may experience God's blessing and salvation.

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Self concentration is often taken for self-consecration.

God's true children realize his presence most in secret, but the hypocrite prays and shouts only when he has an audience.

The poor are no more dependent upon the rich than the rich are upon the poor. Both are intended to help each other to rise above a sordid and selfish life.

This paper contains the editor's address to the Sunday-schools, for Christmas morning. We will ask the preachers and superintendents to read it to the schools as far as practicable.

True Christian work is that loving ministry which falls noiseless as the snow along the path of the pure-in-heart, but there are those to whom religious activity suggests nothing but assemblies, parades and celebrations.

We cannot publish reports and resolutions of committees on the death of members of Sunday-schools. We cannot accept one and refuse another. If this reporting grows into a custom we shall be overwhelmed. The local paper can easily publish these sad and loving tributes, but the ARKANSAS METHODIST represents the whole State and we cannot undertake to accommodate all the Methodists in the State in this regard. Please excuse us.

We are sure the children are reading the articles which are being especially written for them by their friend Derf. S. Kral. He gives us one of his sweetest chapters in this number. He writes so well that we have asked him to continue. By-the-way, that is a queer name, Derf. S. Kral. That cannot be his real name. How many of the children will guess it out from the letters which he mixes up in that fashion? Guess, and send us your guess on a postal.

The ARKANSAS METHODIST depends, not alone upon the preachers, for its circulation, but upon its readers. A reader who values the paper recommends it to a neighbor and secures thus a new subscriber. We have received many in this way in the past year. It is a service for which we are thankful, and one which every reader has opportunity at some time to render. We will make this proposition to every reader of the paper: Get us all

the new subscribers possible, sending the cash, \$1.50 for each. We will credit your own subscription four months for every new subscriber you thus send us.

The "Optic" comes to us regularly. It is a model of neatness and taste in typography and arrangement. It is as bright and cheery in matter as its face suggests. The "Optic" is published by the deaf-mutes in the Institute perched on that western hill and looking out so peacefully from its pines upon this busy city. The ARKANSAS METHODIST sends its inmates greeting, and agrees to mutual exchange of sympathies. Ye editors of the "Optic" live in a silent world, while we are here on Markham street fretting about the noise.

The "Tribune" of this city has been bought by a Joint Stock Company. George M. Heard, President, George M. Street, Vice-President, F. G. Van Valkenburgh Sec'y. F. G. Van Valkenburgh is Editor in Chief and W. Theodore Smith, formerly engaged with the Arkansas Baptist is Assistant Editor. Under the new Management we expect the Tribune to become a defender of the right and good, and a recognized moral force for the betterment of society. We wish for the Tribune a prosperous career.

Entering Upon the Work.

We went to our First Church, this city, last Sunday to hear the first sermon of the new preacher, Rev. W. E. Thompson, who has just been transferred to us from Virginia. The day was pleasant and a large congregation greeted the new pastor. The sermon was from the call of Simon Peter and set forth the conditions upon which God calls men to especial work and the conditions of development and success in him who receives such a call. The subject was well presented in a discourse which was systematic, natural, logical and clear, and vigorous in thought, faultless in diction and delivered in an agreeable and forceful manner.

There was evident satisfaction in the audience, and we are sure that pastor and people will quickly be united in plan and sympathy for the work of the year, to which we look with confident expectation of prosperity.

At Winfield Memorial Rev. A. O. Evans has entered upon his work with large congregations and excellent prospects. The same may be said of our two young brethren W. C. Watson at Hunter Memorial and J. M. Workman at Asbury. All the churches of our

denomination in Little Rock are pleased with their preachers and their presiding elder.

A Right Start.

An unusual number of preachers change places in our Arkansas conferences this fall. Every preacher who goes to a new field is entitled to a cordial reception and a fair start. A failure on the part of a pastoral charge at this point is likely to mar the work of the whole year. Your preacher makes great sacrifices. He is a man of more learning and more ability than the hundreds who have comfortable homes and good provision for earthly needs. He surrendered those when he yielded to the call of God to be a preacher of the gospel. He is engaged in a calling where he can only hope for a meagre supply of present needs, and no provision for his family when he is old or in case God should call him in the midst of his years. Yet he is with you, with desire to bless the community by his ministry, thrice happy if the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands. Give him a chance. Assure him of your confidence and sympathy. Promptly supply his present need. Join hands with him at once as a brother beloved and as the sent of God.

Preachers should remember, however, that they stand secure, not by virtue of the authority given them by the church, but on their own merits as men. Manliness is a condition of success, even more than ability in preaching. One may be pardoned if he is not logical or eloquent. But people will not pardon neglect in the daily duties of life, unfaithfulness in engagements, and financial laxness.

Further, a preacher is expected to love and help every good cause. He must be larger in his sympathies than any church boundaries. He must stand for all that tends to the moral good of the people and stand against all that corrupts society. A brave, honest, loving heart will never fail to rally about its possessor the sympathy and support of good people, in the church and out of it.

To S. S. Superintendents.

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Christmas

Will soon be here, and if you expect to use Silverware, read our offer in another place in this paper. We guarantee the ware.

Prayer, Ceaseless, Voiceless, Passive.

"Pray without ceasing." The command requires prayer, not as an exercise, but as a state. In a perfectly healthy body, the physical functions go forward without effort. The heart beats, the nerves thrill, the breath is inhaled, the organs perform their work. We make no exertion in these; we take no cognizance of them. Yet they measure our strength for any action. One who understands us in the passive state knows our possibilities. When some cause awakes the will instantly this latent strength is mustered under its command.

There is an analogous condition of soul life in which God recognizes true, spiritual health. Affections and purposes are right. No idol sits enthroned in the heart. There is no wavering of intent, no obstruction to the tides of devotion. Such a soul, when roused, is majestic in its struggles. But its strength for any struggle is in its normal state.

The proper poise of a soul before God is submission to his will, ready and restful. To be in such a state, is to pray without ceasing. God sees every moment alike, the outgoing of desire toward him from a willing and obedient heart.

Only once in his whole career the soldier performed a deed which attracted the world. Only once in his whole career did his commander commit a great work to his hands. He obeyed. His captain knew him and knew he would obey. True heroism could never rise higher than that readiness of the soldier, which was his constant character in every stage of service, on the march or sleeping in his tent.

There is an attitude of soul which says: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." It may belong to the mother in her household cares, or to the youth in his youthful pastimes, as truly as to the leader of a great cause. This repose in God, this waiting upon God, is the only true prayer, and this is the normal state of true Christian life.

The Christian is to be always a Christian, and, with the Christian, to pray without ceasing is no more than to love without ceasing, or to trust continually.

Christianity is not a mood, less is it a performance. It is a character, a life. The artist is always an artist. Put him behind the plow, he is an artist still. He sees the clouds, the woods, the fields, with an artist's eye. Images of beauty are ever attracting him. He sees the lake and the woods already upon his

canvas. His furrows are studies in outline. So, the Christian is to be in all places and in all employments a Christian still, and to be a Christian is to be ever looking to God for his guidance, ever ready to do or suffer his will. It is to bring all the common affairs of life before him, as the Jew brought the first fruits of his field, his flock, his vineyard, to lay before the Lord, in testimony that all was consecrated to him.

There is no higher or happier life than this. It is the life of a trusting, obedient child in his own sheltered home. Such souls have found the shadow of the rock in a weary land.

Church Notes.

The next General Conference of the M. E. Church will be held in Chicago.

The Northwest Texas Conference reports well on finances, but a decline in membership.

The International Epworth League Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 20-23, 1899.

The M. E. Church appropriates \$46,895 for the support of its work in the Southern States this year, of this \$4,725 is appropriated to Arkansas.

At the preachers' meeting, in St. Louis, last week, 105 additions to the church were reported as result of the week's work. Eleven of these were at Lafayette Park, Pattillo's charge.

The Ministerial Bureau, which has done business for nine years in Boston, is now succeeded by the Board of Pastoral Supply, which will continue the business of bringing together churchless pastors and pastorless churches.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has unanimously decided that Theosophy is not religion, neither is it a charitable or educational institution; and consequently the New England Theosophical Corporation must pay taxes on its real estate.

The Swedish parliament, to protect its Protestant subjects against Catholic priests, has enacted a law that a priest may be fined \$250 and imprisoned six months, for exacting certain promises in marriage, or for baptizing children of Protestant parents.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, pastor of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and successor of Henry Ward Beecher, resigned charge of that church on the 27th ult. The Doctor stated that increasing editorial duties in conducting the Outlook was the cause of this step.

Missing Boys.

DEAR BRO. GODFREY:—Albert Anderson and George Sampson left their homes in Haynes, Ark., on the first day of December, and we have not heard anything from them since the second day after they left home. Albert is fourteen years old, but is small for that age, has brown hair, was wearing knee pants, his shoes were not good, had been mended just before he left home. He is inclined to be timid when among strangers and is not talkative. George Sampson is taller than Albert, fair complected and freckled; is a ready talker, and a bright boy; was wearing boots when the boys left home. He wore a light colored suit, with knee pants.

If any reader of the METHODIST has seen them or know anything about them, please write to Rev. W. W. Anderson or J. J. Sampson, Haynes, Ark., and we will be very thankful and willingly pay anyone for their trouble.

W. W. ANDERSON.

Haynes, Dec. 12.

MR. EDITOR:—I know of a good location for a doctor; an extra good place for the right kind of man. He must be a Christian and a member of the Methodist church; must be a regular graduate with some years' experience in the practice; must be a man who has made a success in the practice at other places. Address,

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Notices.

The Joint Board of Finance for the Little Rock Conference for the incoming quadrennium has been organized with L. B. Hawley, chairman; James Hicks, secretary; G. W. Runion, treasurer.

L. B. HAWLEY.

The district stewards of Morrilton District are hereby called to meet in the Methodist Church at Morrilton, December 28, at 1 p.m. Dear brethren, do not fail to be present. Your work is important.

P. B. SUMMERS, P. E.

Time of meeting of district stewards for Arkadelphia District is changed from December 21 to Dec. 23. The district stewards will please take notice. Meet in Methodist Church, at Arkadelphia, at 10 o'clock a.m.

THOS. H. WARE.

At the last session of our conference, Gainesville circuit was taken out of the Jonesboro District, and put into the Newport District. You will please correct the mistake so that the people of that circuit may know where they belong.

J. I. MAYNARD.

The newly appointed Board of Missions, to serve for the next quadrennium in the White River Conference, met immediately after

the appointment and organized as follows: President, J. K. Farris, Holly Grove; treasurer, M. M. Smith, Searcy; secretary, W. B. Ricks, Newport. Brethren interested will note the foregoing addresses.

W. B. RICKS,
Secretary.

The district stewards will please meet me in Hope, at 9 a.m., Friday, December 30. The trustees of district parsonage will meet at same time and place. Will be glad to have as many of the pastors from the district as may find it convenient to meet with us.

J. H. REGGIN, P. E.

This year we will give but one day as a Christmas holiday. While we did promptly resume work on Tuesday after the fire on Sunday, yet there were some inconveniences and interruptions. Therefore, we will take Saturday as our Christmas holiday, and commence work again on Tuesday, the 27th.

C. C. GODDEN.

I will preach at Wing on the first Sabbath at 11 a.m., at Briggsville 3 p.m. On second Sabbath at Salem 11 a.m., and at Carter's Mill at 3 p.m. On third Sabbath at Rover 11 a.m., and at Liberty Grove at 3 p.m. On fourth Sabbath at Ola 11 a.m., and at Mt. Carmel at 3 p.m. All are cordially invited to be present.

S. S. KEY.

The Arkansas Conference Minutes have just been mailed to all preachers of the Arkansas Conference. If any one fails to receive his Minutes, let him notify me.

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Personal.

Dr. A. P. Parker is new on his return to China.

The postoffice address of Rev. S. Anderson is Fort Smith, Ark.

The postoffice address of Rev. J. W. Watson is Crowley, Ark.

The postoffice address of Rev. H. T. Gregory is Searcy, Ark.

W. H. Burrow, a leading member of our church at Morrilton, died Monday.

Dr. B. M. Messick and wife have been visiting their daughter at Gadsden, Ala.

Rev. W. C. Watson received five members at Hunter Memorial last Sunday.

Bro. J. W. Howell writes, "We are at Rison, in the parsonage, well pleased with the place and people."

General Calixto Garcia, the Cuban patriot, died of pneumonia, at Washington City, on the 11th inst.

Rev. J. M. Hawley was in our office Saturday. He held the quarterly meeting at Malvern Hill, Sunday.

Dr. A. D. Vail, pastor of Park Avenue Church, New York, died suddenly of heart disease, on the 22d ult.

Rev. Thos. H. Ware was in our office Friday. He has entered pleasantly on his new work, Arkadelphia District.

J. W. Shoemaker, North Alabama Conference, has been deposed from the ministry and expelled from the church.

Elon Foster, D. D., of New York Conference, died at his home, 147 Haws St., Nov. 15. Many of our preachers knew him.

Rev. J. J. Waller, of the Oregon Conference, has been appointed superintendent of the Alaska Mission, M. E. Church.

Dr. P. O. Hooper has administered the affairs of the Insane Asylum satisfactorily, and has been re-elected for the ensuing four years.

J. M. Hudson, of Cabot, representing the Austin (Arkansas) Nursery, called Thursday last and paid us two years' subscription for the METHODIST.

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church has elected Rev. D. Stewart Dodge to the presidency of the Board, successor of Dr. John Hall, deceased.

"Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Johnson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Kate Andrews, to Rev. Amos Berton Haltom, Tuesday evening, December 27, 1898, at 8:30 o'clock, at their residence, Poplar Bluff, Mo." Thanks for the compliment. It would delight us to meet our old friends, but we can only send greeting.—[ED.]

Rev. A. C. Griffin writes: "My post-office is still at St. Francis, and will be for awhile, on account of my daughter Bertha's health. She is not so we can move to our new charge at this time. We desire an interest in the prayers of all the brethren, that the Lord may direct for the best in all of our afflictions through which we are passing. I am well pleased with my appointment and think I have a generous hearted people to serve."

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Christian Life.

Is it Better Further On?

If my experience with this world as a place of joy, increases in the same ratio for the next score of years that it has for the last decade, surely this is a glorious world. Here, methinks, I see some old man whose face is marked by wrinkles of care, smile and say:

"Ah, Jimmie, you'll find that life is a hard road to travel."

God bless you, father in Israel, but did you not make some of your worries? Is not life what we make it?

Yes, I have had some battles in the world and some with the world—some that not even my most intimate friends knew of. But I enjoy a hard fight well fought. In the heat of the battle sometimes it becomes quite serious, and it is a question whether I shall get through alive, and a few times I (ego) had to be killed and God made alive. After every well fought battle I was better and happier.

God has planted along my pathway flowers and sunshine.

It was a good day to me, September, 1889, when I began work to earn money which was to pay my expenses in college; it was a joyous day to me, October 24, 1889, when Bro. Weems gave me license to preach; it was a new day to me, September 16, 1890, when I entered Hendrix College; it was a happy day to me, June 16, 1897, when President Millar gave me an A. B. degree; it was a felicitous day to me, September 7, 1897, when I married the sweetest (to me) woman in Arkansas; and now, to crown them all, on November 16, 1898, the Arkansas Conference admitted me on trial into the traveling connection and sent me to Mansfield. The people have received us with open arms, a heavy donation party, and strong pledges of a hearty support. We find more work than we can do, but we are glad to work. We want to see God's work advanced. I, even I, am allowed to work for God. Happy is my lot. Father in Israel, is it better up there?

J. J. GALLOWAY.

Mansfield, Ark.

"So Many Hypocrites."

Said a man some months ago, "I have been thinking of joining the church for some time, but there are so many hypocrites in there that I have decided I will not do so. Why, do you know I know in one church fifteen or twenty hypocrites whom I would not trust across the street. If I belonged to a church, I would belong to a church that means business, and where the people are honest and square."

We ventured to say to him. "Then, of course, if you do not belong to the church, you belong to the outside world." We then said, "How about your associates now? How many of them are right and square so that you could trust them across the street? You say that there are fifteen or twenty in the

church whom you could not trust. How many members has that church?" He didn't know, but we happened to know that it was a church of about five hundred members. We asked him to take five hundred of the average worldly people and pick out how many he could trust across the street.

This was a question he had not thought of, and he did not expect it to be put in that position or have it put in that light to him.

After further talk with him we found that he was not really a Christian, that he had not given up his sins and did not wish to belong to the church; had no personal knowledge of salvation through Christ. We talked and prayed with him, but did not hear or know anything further of him for some time, but a few weeks ago we met this same man and he said:

"I want to have a little talk with you. I am the man who said that there were fifteen or twenty hypocrites in the church and I did not want to join a church where there were hypocrites. I belong to that same church now, and these men that I said were hypocrites I find are genuine servants of God, and I would trust them anywhere. The real fact is that I was not a Christian and did not want to give up my sins, but now I want to say to you that, while I know there are hypocrites—some who are not genuine, in the churches, I see that there are outside about a hundred to one more hypocrites than in the church."

It would be well for us always to remember, when talking with persons like these, that either they are telling an untruth or they have been misinformed, and in nine cases out of ten we shall find that they are not yet really saved.—Battle Cry.

Housekeeping

If a woman is in good health there is no more healthful employment than housework. Generally speaking, there is no happier woman in the world. But how different when every breath is pain, every step torture! This state of health, in nine cases out of ten comes from derangements of the delicate, feminine organs of generation. The family doctor inquires first concerning these. He most usually insists upon an "examination." From this the modest woman naturally shrinks. She is right. Except in very unusual cases of "female weakness" examinations are unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a simple, natural remedy for these ills. It cures safely, permanently.

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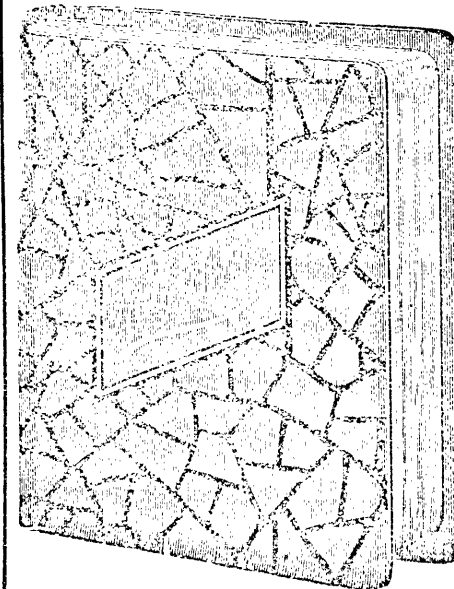
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NO. XVI.

Children, I will stop and tell you some or one of the sad things that occurred in our home on the farm. These things come to every home, sometime. We children sing and play and weep. Do you remember the little grave in the graveyard? Brother or sister sleeps there, and will sleep on till Jesus calls him up.

I have four brothers dead, now. Two are lying in their little graves in old South Carolina. I do not remember seeing them. Two are sleeping in Arkansas. The first that died since I can remember was Alpheus, a wee babe. He never knew rest, while he lived; was born a cripple, and suffered on till Jesus took his little soul to rest. We children came in from school, and found mother kneeling down by the bed, weeping, O so bitterly! We did not know what she was crying about. We saw little Alpheus lying in the bed, looking so sweet and pure, but he looked very pale. We had never seen him look that way before, and mother told us he was dead—had quickly died. O how sad we felt! We loved our little crippled brother tenderly. Many were the times we had come into the room, and found Alpheus crying, because of great pain in his body. We always stole easily up to him, and kissed his little pale forehead, and played with him awhile. He laughed at us, so sweetly, and seemed to forget his pain. We thought him the sweetest babe of all. But this noon he had ceased his weeping and his face looked extremely happy.

The beautiful angels had come and carried his little soul to heaven, and had left their passing glory on his face. On the following day, a cold bleak day, Alpheus was placed in a cold grave, and all alone, he rests there. But Jesus knows him.

Years rolled on till John, the oldest boy in our home reached his eighteenth birthday, except a little over a month. He was a strong young man in every way. Never did I think him kinder and better than he was on the evening before he took sick. He seemed to love us younger boys so much, and tried in every way to make us live pure lives. He was always happy and carried sunshine wherever he went. Mother always called me first at morn, because I was easily awakened, and I, then, called John. On this hot July morn, John arose from bed, saying, "O how my head hurts!" and when I came back from feeding, I found him in bed again. He was very sick, and grew worse all day. He soon became delirious, and only came into his right mind once before he died. He talked awhile with mother, and kissed our little sister, then knew no one. His fever settled in his brain, and the doctor could not drive it from that place.

On Saturday eve his sufferings seemed almost unbearable, and he

cried, "I want to leave this world of sorrow and suffering."

He died calmly, raising his eyes toward heaven, as if he saw sweet relief coming. O that triumphant look! It seemed to point our whole family to God and say: "Follow me." That one look of victory, and that one bitter wail to God for deliverance from earthly pain is all the light that flashes, now, from the gloom of his sickness and death, but that is enough. Children, in his death we caught a glimpse of heaven, and many of us cried in the anguish of our souls, "Let us go! let us go!"

He died on a Sabbath morn, near eight o'clock, in July 1887. That was a sad day—no Sunday-school, no preaching, only a funeral sermon in the eve by our pastor. In the evening of Monday, we, with kindred and friends gathered around his grave, and while he lay in the unfilled grave some one started gently, that good old song:

"There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore,"
and while it was sung, heaven seemed to come down round the grave and death seemed to lose its sting to us.

Children, get the Hymn Book and turn to hymn No. 896, and sing it, gently, to yourself, and see how sweet it sounds. We all felt there at John's grave that it would not be long till we should meet him on that beautiful shore, and though the hot summer's heat passed, that eve, as a terrible thunder storm rolled over our land, and the cool damp breezes of autumn came upon us as night's shade settled down around our sad home, yet, in spite of the yellow-leaf's gloom, we looked through it through our tears and saw our brother in heaven. We cried "It is so sweet a vision. Heaven is nearer our home."

DERF S. KRAL.

Van Buren, Ark.

A Growing Dissipation.

Not enough has been said in regard to the growing dissipation of sensational reading, and reading for amusement. The reading of books which tone up the mind and purify the heart, which give a man brain-force and make his purpose stalwart, has given place to a daily ration of chaff, scented wind, and seething froth, and by the time we have a couple of generations brought up on this kind of mental and moral pabulum there will be a race of degenerates, with here and there a normal man as a curiosity. Some one has said that this is an age of mediocrity, that there is very little talent among men. May it not be due largely to mediocre reading? Above all things give the children reading which will make men and women of them, and do not forget to put the Bible at the head of the list.

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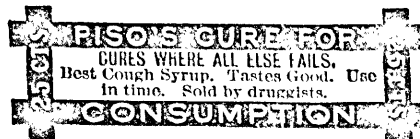


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W. H. M. Society.

Among the many blessings recounted on Thanksgiving Day was the steady, if slow, growth of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Little Rock Conference. And as I recalled many messages of loving interest from friends into whose faces I may never look—beloved co-laborers in our Master's vineyard, I thought, "we shall not stop here, but will grow stronger and purer, and our difficulties shall be made stepping stones to higher achievements." And I seemed to hear "Amen" ring out from A to Z—anyhow, I feel sure it would begin at Arkadelphia and be taken up by women in every district of the conference.

Even then the vision of faith had been partly justified by sight, and the cheering news continues to come.

The new zeal and energy of our district secretaries is bringing forth good fruit. One who has been busy with her pen writes that she will begin anew with this conference year. Another has recently held a helpful district meeting, while several have had our work presented before the preachers at their district conferences.

More tangible fruit has been brought forth by the one who has secured 45 subscribers to "Our Homes," and another one who, with the assistance of a friend, earned \$36 50 for the Little Rock Conference cottage to be built for our mission school at London, Ky. I shall be disappointed if several of these good women do not become "The ideal District Secretary" as described in the Dec. number of "Our Homes."

The workers in the ranks are no less zealous. One who organized an adult auxiliary sometime ago, and, what is better, has kept it going, has now started a large juvenile society. She will keep that going, too, if her health is spared. A new Corresponding Secretary writes that she is going to do her best, and that means a good deal this time, and our older secretaries and treasurers are working well. In fact, there is encouragement all along the line. Our pastors are showing interest by their work, and some of them will be ready to answer the new question in the new Discipline about woman's work when called together by Presiding Elders.

Through the courtesy of Rev. C. C. Godden, chairman of Board of Church Extension, and other brethren, we were again afforded the opportunity to present our work before the Little Rock Annual Conference.

Mrs. Emma Gillman had promised to render us this service, and was well prepared to do so. To our regret she was detained at home by sickness in her family, and the Conference Corresponding Secretary made a report.

The pastors listened attentively, and passed a resolution expressing thanks and the intention of organizing auxiliaries wherever practicable. Bishop Morrison gave a

short but forcible talk for us which will not be forgotten. With Dec. 1 the last quarter of our fiscal year began, and reports for 3rd quarter will be published soon. We hope to report large advance on the London school cottage fund. Who that has not contributed will do so now? Who that has contributed will contribute more now? We must raise that \$300.00 pledged by our Annual Convention. Let us have every dollar of it in the hands of the Conf. Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, 900 Battery St., Little Rock, by March 1, 1899, when our year closes. Sincerely,

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON.
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Brazil.

Brazil is a very rich country; is divided into twenty-two states, in twelve of which the gospel has been preached.

The people are irreligious, care-free, pleasure loving, without much desire for education. About 78 per cent of the women cannot read; but a privileged few of the wealthiest classes have private tutors. Lately, a very good public school system has been established; but owing to the fact that a Brazilian girl cannot go upon the street alone, those that have no servants cannot attend. Since our mission schools have been established, little girls by twos and threes may be seen going to school together.

Our oldest boarding school, Collegio Piracicabano, (founded by Miss Watts) has now 125 pupils.

The school at Juiz De Fora is full and doing excellent work, as also is the Collegio Americano De Petropolis, where Miss Watts is at present laboring. The day school at Rio, in charge of Miss Glenn, is flourishing; many children of the very poor attend, and the common branches of their own language are taught them. More teachers are needed here; the native teachers are almost all incapable of teaching more than one branch. There are less than fifty foreign missionaries in Brazil; and to most of the inhabitants of this otherwise favored country, the Bible is an unknown book.

M. C. A.

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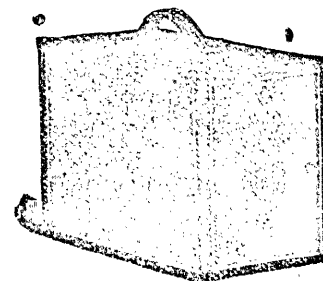
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N. W. WOMACK, P. C.
Turner, Ark.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRO. GODBEY:—Another session of the Northwest Texas Conference has come and gone. We had Bishop Galloway with us for the first time. We were well pleased with him. Thank the Lord for such men to lead our host. This time the conference wheel, in its annual revolution, revolved us back southwest, about one hundred miles, to Carten. I traveled this circuit three years, several years ago. So I go back amongst my old friends. We reached here last night. They were expecting us, and we met a parsonage full of friends, a good fire, a large pile of wood on hand, and the pounding was on when we arrived, and Brother Moore, a local preacher, and Brother Rowlan, a member of the Baptist Church, both made a speech of welcome, Brother Rowlan welcoming us in the name of the Baptist Church. So we are here for another year's work. We find that this circuit has made considerable improvement, under the faithful ministry of a

line of earnest and efficient preachers, who have served here for the past nine years, since I left them. This western country has push and energy in it, and our preachers are generally men of the same spirit; but the past year was not fruitful of great results, and we report a net loss in our membership. Our conference session was unusually harmonious and spiritual, and we start out for another year with the blessings of God on us, and hope for a successful year.

J. C. CARTER.

SPRINGFIELD CIRCUIT.

After a 65 mile ride on horseback, from Morrilton, the seat of the last session of the Arkansas Conference, to our former home, followed by a move of 80 miles by land and water, we find ourselves comfortably domiciled in the parsonage of Springfield circuit, preacher's cottage of comfort.

Arriving Friday, Dec. 23rd, the brethren have steadily looked after our comfort, and all things moved on quietly till last night, when we were greatly disturbed, but greatly to our satisfaction, for we were not distressed, by representatives, in person and package, of almost every home in the town and community. O those bright faces, happy hearts, and heavy hands, how we love to see them come. These tokens of appreciation, how they make our hearts happy, light and free. God bless these precious thoughtful people as they go on their mission of happy-heart-making, throughout Southern Methodism. After the hands and shoulders were relieved of their burdens, all returned to the sitting room, but there was only standing room, and we tendered our thanks for the kindness done us. Rev. Clinton Floyd, one of our truest local preachers, read a short Psalm, then we sang "Take the name of Jesus with you." Bro. Floyd led in a very appropriate prayer, earnestly imploring divine aid for the success of the "work whereunto we are called," and above all, that many may come to know the Lord "whom to know aright is life."

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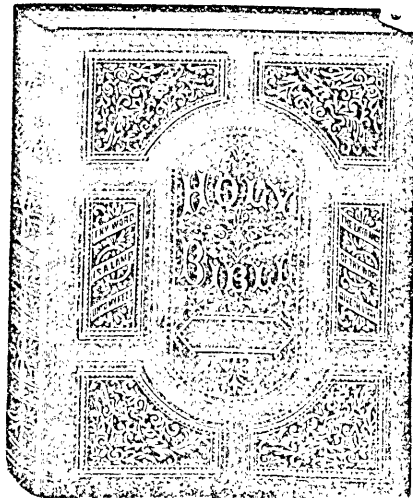
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SCOTT: Little Nettie, daughter of Sam M. and Mattie E. Scott, aged three months and nineteen days. On Tuesday morning, October 4, 1898, her spirit took its flight. Precious little jewel, her mission on earth was not long, but cheerfully and lovingly fulfilled. Bright, sunny and sweet was her disposition; she was the light of the home and the writer's pet.

HER AUNT.

Gerald, Tex.

INGHAM: Holoway Moon, son of Oscar and Lydia Ann Ingham, born April 10, 1894, died August 29, 1898. Little Holoway was a good, obedient child. While the loss of him is mourned by all who knew him, yet we submit to the will of our heavenly Father, and believe that our loss is heaven's gain. I would say to those who mourn on account of his death, weep not as those who have no hope. Behind the darkest cloud God hides a smiling face.

W. B. ROE, P. C.

AMES: Mary E. Ames (nee Smith) was born Oct. 11, 1852, married Oct. 27, 1880, and departed this life Oct. 18, 1898. Sister Ames was a beautiful Christian character, a true, devoted wife, an affectionate mother. God took her to himself. Look up, sorrowing ones. It is not all of life to live, for God has promised that where he is, there we shall be. Then let us go on so in this life that we may receive a crown of life in heaven.

J. R. DICKERSON, P. C.

CRAWFORD: Mrs. Florence Crawford (nee Higginbotham) was born Dec. 31, 1880, died Sept. 6, 1898. This is the second death from Wesley Chapel the present year, and the fourth from the work, three being mothers, leaving infant babes. The child of this young mother survives. God sanctify this sorrow to the bringing to himself in the acceptance of his Son, the bereaved husband.

A FRIEND.

Tatumville, Ark.

HOLMES: John, was born in Page county, Va., Sept. 7, 1820; moved to Ill. about 1850, and died near Morton, Ark., Nov. 25, 1898. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for over fifty years. He came to this place a few months ago to visit his daughter, Mrs. Shook, and was stricken with that dreaded disease, paralysis. He was a patient sufferer. To the bereaved family, we would say, weep not. He died at a ripe old age, full of love.

CHARLEY F. WILSON, JR. P. C.

WALKER: Miss Bessie May, daughter of Harry and Callie Walker, was born in Honey Grove, Texas, Oct. 24, 1878, where she lived until 1888, when her parents moved to Woodruff county, Ark., where her Lord, who is too wise to err and too good to do wrong, in his divine wisdom, called her from the bloom of health and womanhood Nov. 15, 1898, to a home beyond the skies. She had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, a little over two years, and her pleasant smiles and gentle spirit seemed to gladden the hearts of all with whom she came in contact. The writer will long remember her help and usefulness in the Sabbath-school under the little arbor in her neighborhood last summer. A large crowd of her friends and relatives gathered at the Odd Fellow's cemetery, near DeView, where her body was consigned to its mother dust, and her spirit to God, who gave it. I will say to the father, mother, brothers, and sorrowing ones, let us look up and thank God for the hope of meeting our loved ones in the heaven of eternal rest, where sorrow never comes, but all is joy, peace and pleasure.

H. T. RANNEY.

CHEAIRS: Bro. Bogan Cheairs departed this life Sept. 20, 1898, at his home in Chicot county, of swamp fever. He was about 30 years of age. He leaves a wife and two sweet children, a mother and sister and one brother. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, was one of our stewards, a devoted, pious Christian, an affectionate husband and father. He was loved and esteemed by all who knew him. The family, the church, and community miss him. We preached his funeral to a large concourse of weeping friends at Old Concord Church, and took his remains to the family graveyard, where we laid him, to await the resurrection of the just. His pastor,

ROBT. H. POYNTER.

HENRY: Frame W., was born in Wallwood, Tenn., June 12, 1857, and died at his home near Tillar, Ark., Oct. 9, 1898. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the pastorate of W. R. Harrison, Sept. 1893. On February 4, 1883, he was married to Miss Bessie Adams, of Catawba, Tenn. He was a kind and affectionate husband. He leaves a devoted wife, a sister and brother, and a host of friends to mourn his loss, but what is their loss is his eternal gain. In his last words he told his wife that he feared not to die. He only hated to leave her, and then said it would be sweet to meet where they would part no more. May the good Lord give grace to help in this their time of need, and at last bring the bereaved wife, kindred and friends all to that eternal haven of joy and peace.

J. J. COLSON.

WEDDINGTON: Mrs. Josephine Weddington was born in Benton county, Tenn. Her maiden name was Brown. She was married to James McMackin, of Carroll county, in 1859. At his death, in 1865, she was left with three children. Five years later she was married to Dr. W. B. Weddington, son of Rev. Robert Weddington, of the C. P. Church. They moved to Arkansas in 1871. Six years later, death again robbed her of husband, leaving her with three sons by this marriage. She was converted at the age of 22, immediately joining the M. E. Church, South. She died Oct. 8, 1898, at her home near Pargould. Her remains were interred in the Gainesville cemetery. Burial services by Rev. L. C. Craig. All her children living, and are professed Christians, and in the church together. I bless the Lord daily for the comforting thought, that while she can no more live in the earthly home with us, we can go to her. Pray for us, that we may live as mother lived.

LAURA McMACKIN.

GEORGE: Sister Sousa George (nee Clement) was born March, 1862, and departed this life Oct. 29, 1898. Sister George spent her childhood in her native state, Georgia. She was left an orphan in early life, but was associated with Christian people, and professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, before she was grown. Later in life she moved to Arkansas, where she was happily married to J. W. George. She was a consistent Christian. She leaves a sorrowing husband. We miss her. Neighbors mourn because of her death. The church has lost a worthy member, but our loss is her gain. She suffers here no more. She has gone where sorrows cannot come; where God has wiped all tears away. She now realizes with Paul, that eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those that love him. The bereaved husband has our heart-felt sympathy.

F. E. DODSON.

STURDIVANT: Mrs. Helen, wife of Chas. Sturdivant, was born Sept. 15, 1865, and died Oct. 20, 1898, of that dreaded disease, consumption. Patiently she lingered and suffered for months, till the end came, then fell on sleep. Her noble hearted husband did all he could to make the burden of her affliction light and bearable, carrying her to Texas with the hope of her recovery, but alas! God had claimed her for a purer, healthier climate than this world offers, and she returned a few days before her death to the old home country to die. Sister Sturdivant always expressed herself to me as being willing to live or die as God might or-

der. A more complete resignation to the will of God I have never witnessed. She lived an humble, consecrated life and died a triumphant death. May her prayers for husband and four children be answered, and when it shall please God to call the family home, one by one, may there be no lost ones, but father, mother and children, all housed and homed in heaven, is the prayer of your humble servant,

N. E. GARDNER, P. C.

DAY: Harvey W. Day departed this life Oct. 28, 1898, in the 22d year of his age. He was a young man of bright mind, possessed of many generous qualities, of a frank and sunny disposition. He easily won a place in the hearts of his associates wherever he went. His praise was upon the lips of old and young alike, in Alexander, where he made his home. A large concourse of people attested their loyal love for him by their presence and their tears at the burial service. He was not a member of the church at the time of his death, which was very sudden. He was constant in his attendance at Sunday-school. May this sad affliction be sanctified to the good of Harvey's relatives and associates. He leaves a widowed mother and an only brother to mourn his loss. I would commend the mother to Him whose "Mercy is like the widening of the sea." Her grief is too profound for human words to alleviate.

E. L. BEARD.

Alexander, Ark.

WHITHORNE: John Duane, was born February 14, 1881, in Chicot county, Ark. His father, Dr. C. D. Whithorne, and one sister, Eva, and his old grandmother are left to mourn his death. He died October 6, 1898, at Fayetteville, where he had gone to attend the institute. He was first taken with swamp fever, in addition to which the dreadful pneumonia set up, and in one short week he was taken from us. His father got to him in time to be with him in his last illness and death. Johnnie was the favorite of all who knew him, and our homes were under a pall of sadness at the intelligence of his death. So often he was with us, always cheerful and seeming to be happy when with us, and now we miss him so much. The young folks are with us tonight, singing and having music so sweetly, but the eyes grow misty when we look for beautiful Johnnie and see only his vacant chair. Oh, how much we do hope that during his last illness he found Christ his Saviour; but our heart is too sad, we cannot write more, we all loved him so much.

His true friend,

ROBT. H. POYNTER.

BLACK: Mattie, daughter of Brother and Sister W. W. Black, was born April 4, 1885. They moved from Cleveland county in the fall of 1896. Mattie was a very bright child and had a smile for all; she was a regular Sabbath-school scholar and always knew her lesson. No one knew her but to love her—a favorite in the neighborhood. Her death was a very sad and sudden one. She was taken with swamp fever on the morning of November 4, 1898, and departed from the loved ones of this world at 10 o'clock that night. She leaves a father, mother, several brothers and sisters, besides a host of friends to mourn their loss. Weep not, dear ones, for while we mourn our loss, Mattie is singing praises with the redeemed around the throne of our loving Saviour. She has only crossed to the other side of the dark river of death and safe in the arms of her Lord. May we all resolve, that God being our helper, we will meet Mattie in that beautiful home above where we can sing hallelujah with the angels, around the shining throne of God; where there is no sin, sickness, pain nor death, but where all is love and joy.

W. N. BUIE.

Plum Bayou, Ark.

MARTIN: Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Martin (nee Scott) was born April 15, 1855; married to Rev. J. E. Martin, November 10, 1874, and on the night of October 6, 1898, just as the twilight dews were beginning to fall, her sweet spirit winged its way to a happier world, and the beautiful eyes that looked so tenderly on us in the past were closed in death. At a very early age she gave her heart to God, was happily

converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a faithful and consistent member. She was the wise, prudent helpmeet of a Methodist preacher, and stood bravely by her noble husband in all the trials of life to encourage and counsel with him, until, like a true soldier of the cross he fell at his post, and left her to withstand the raging storms of life for nearly three years of lonely widowhood, and then to be gathered with rapture to a glorious reunion in that celestial city above. They are both now basking in the sunlight of Jesus's love, enjoying that rest which remaineth for the pure and good.

Sister Martin was one of the truest, most modest, gentle and refined Christians that we ever knew, and was a very superior character, not only in her mental endowments, but the order and cast of thought was imperial in its nature and elevated her associates by its mighty power. Oh, how lonely and sad are her dear ones left behind, yet their loss is her eternal gain. The afterglow of her life falls upon the church and Sabbath-school, where she labored, like a holy benediction, the sweet tide of her influence will sweep on forever. May God, in his infinite mercy, bless and give sustaining grace to the bereaved and sorrowing ones left behind.

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Quarterly Meetings.

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

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT, first round, Thos. H. Ware, P. E.

December—Alexander circuit, 3, 4; Benton, 10, 11; Arkadelphia, 17, 18; Malvern, 24, 25; Oak, 31, Jan. 1.

January—Lono, 7, 8; Dalark, 14, 15; Bryant, 21, 22; Social Hill, 28, 29.

February—Gardn, 4, 5; Princeton, 11, 12; Holly Springs, 18, 19; Okolona, 25, 26.

March—Murfreesboro, 4, 5.

District stewards will please meet at Arkadelphia, December 21, 10 a. m. A full attendance is earnestly desired. This is important.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT, first round, J. H. Riffin, P. E.

December—Richmond and Ashdown at Ashdown, 10, 11; Hope, 31, Jan. 1.

January—Nashville at Nashville, 7, 8; Center Point at Center Point, 10; Lockesburg at Bellville, 12; Mineral Springs at Bethany, 14, 15; Emmet at Midway, 21, 22; DeAnne at Ebenezer, 24; Washington at Washington, 28, 29.

February—Bright Star at Munnelyn's, 2; DeQueen, 4, 5; Chapel Hill at Horatio, 7; Wilton at Wilton, 9; Rocky Comfort at Rocky Comfort, 11, 12; Spring Hill at Spring Hill, 18, 19.

March—Fulton, 4, 5; Carolina at Harmony, 11, 12; Prescott, 18, 19.

District stewards meeting at Hope, December 30, at 9 a. m.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT, first round, S. Anderson, P. E.

December—Central Church, 10, 11; Van Buren station, 11, 12; Hackett circuit at Mt. Olive, 17, 18; Greenwood at Greenwood, 19; First Church, 25, 26; Fort Smith mission, 24, 25.

January—Mansfield circuit at Mansfield, Dec. 31, 1; Huntington and Jenny Lind at Huntington, 1, 2; Paris and Charleston at Paris, 7, 8; Van Buren mission at East End, 14, 15; Mulberry circuit, 21, 22; Alma circuit, 22, 23; Fort Smith circuit at Lavaca, 28, 29.

February—Charleston circuit at New Prospect, 4, 5; Sugar Grove circuit at Long Ridge, 11, 12; Booneville circuit at Booneville, 12, 13; Waldron circuit at Fair's Chapel, 18, 19; Oauthron circuit at Cauthron, 25, 26.

CAMDEN DISTRICT, first round, R. R. Moore, P. E.

December—Stephens and Waldo 3, 4; Foroyce, 10, 11; Buckner circuit at Harmony, 17, 18; Magnolia station, 18, 19; Eldorado circuit at Pleasant Hill, 24, 25; Junction City station, 25, 26; Camden circuit at Two Bayou, 31, January 1.

January—Camden station, 1, 2; New Lewisville, 7, 8; Atlanta circuit, 14, 15; Eldorado station, 15, 16; Bearden and Thornton at Chambersville, 21, 22; Hampton at Miller's Springs, 28, 29.

February—Genoa circuit at College Grove, 4, 5; Harmony Grove circuit at Harmony, 11, 12; Lapile circuit at Rhodes Chapel, 18-19; Onachita circuit, 25, 26.

District stewards will meet in Camden at the Methodist Church, December 20, at 4 p. m.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT, first round, T. D. Scott, P. E.

December—Hamburg and Portland, 10, 11; Arkansas City, 17, 18; Mt. Pleasant at Andrew's Chapel, 21, 25; Warren, 31, Jan. 1.

January—Star City, 7, 8; Lacy at Prairie Chapel, 14, 15; Tillar, 21, 22; Grady at Bethel, 28, 29.

February—Palestine at Pottsville, 4, 5; Hamburg circuit at Bethel, 11, 12; Bartholomew at Wilmot, 18, 19; Berea at Bethel, 25, 26.

March—Carriola, 4, 5; Dermott, 11, 12; Dumas, 18, 19.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT, first round, A. Turrentine, P. E.

December—Riverside, 10, 11; Swan Lake, 17, 18; Lake Side, 24, 25; New Edinburgh, 31, Jan. 1.

January—Kingsland, 2; Rison, 4; Rowell, 5; Redfield, 7, 8; Sheridan, 11; Sherrill, 14, 15; Pine Bluff, First Church, 17; Stuttgart, 19; Gillett, 21, 22; De Witt, 23; Roe, 28, 29; Humphrey 29, 30.

District stewards will please meet at First Church, Pine Bluff, Tuesday, December 20, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT, first round, J. M. Cantrell, P. E.

December—Clarksville station, 18-19; Dardanelle station, 25, 26; Dardanelle circuit at Pisgah, 31 and January 1.

January—Altus circuit at Altus, 6, 7; Coal Hill circuit at Coal Hill, 7, 8; Prairie View circuit at Prairie View, 14-15; Ozark circuit at Lone Elm, 21-22; Ozark station, 22, 23; Gravelly circuit at Oak Ridge, 28-29.

February—Rover circuit at Wing, 4-5; Clarksville circuit at Brackenridge, 11-12.

HELENA DISTRICT, first round, Jno. H. Dye, P. E.

December—Helena, 17-18; Clarendon, 24, 25.

January—Wynne and Vandale, 1-2; Forest City, 7-8; Marianna, 14-15; Holy Grove and Marvel, 21-22; Wheatley circuit, 28-29.

February—Brinkley circuit, 4-5; LaGrange circuit, 11-12; Haynes, Millbrook and Tuni, 18-19; McCrory circuit, 25-26.

March—Cypress Ridge circuit, 4-5; Oak Forest circuit, 11-12; Taylor's Creek circuit, 18-19.

Turner mission quarterly conference will be held with Holly Grove and Marvel quarterly conference, Modism mission with Haynes and Millbrook, and McCrory mission with McCrory circuit. District stewards will please meet me at Forest City, Monday, January 2, 1899, at 4 p. m.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT, first round (in part), A. E. Holloway, P. E.

December—West Batesville, 17-18; Batesville station, 18-19; LaCrosse circuit at LaCrosse, 24-25; Evening Shade circuit at Cave City, 31 and January 1.

January—Jamestown circuit at Oak Valley, 7-8; Evening Shade and Melbourne at Melbourne, 14-15.

All the district stewards will please meet me at Cashman, Tuesday, January 10, at 11 a. m. Brethren, do come to this important meeting. We want to plan and devise liberal things for the Lord's work this year.

NEWPORT DISTRICT, first round, J. I. Maynard, P. E.

December—Smithville circuit, 17-18; Black Rock and Imboden, 18-19.

January—Newport station, 1-2; Portia circuit, 7-8; Powhatan and Portia, 8-9; Alicia circuit, 14-15; Mammoth Spring station, 17; Siloam circuit, 21-22; Pocahontas, 22-23; Reyno circuit, 28-29; Knobel, 31.

February—Gainesville circuit, 4-5; Walnut Ridge and Corning, 11-12; Walnut Hill circuit, 18-19; Oil Trough circuit, 25, 26; Jacksonport circuit, 26-27.

District stewards will please meet in the Methodist Church at Walnut Ridge, December 20, 1898, at 1:30 p. m.

SEARCY DISTRICT, first round, A. H. Williams, P. E.

December—Argenta station, 17-18; Bald Knob circuit, 24-25; West Point circuit, 31 and January 1.

January—Searcy station, 1-2; Augusta station, 7-8; Cabot circuit, 14-15; Union and Revel, 21-22; Mineral circuit, 28-29.

February—Mt. Pisgah circuit, 4-5; West Searcy circuit, 11-12; El Paso circuit, 18-19; Stony Point circuit, 25-26.

March—Auvergne and Weldon, 4-5; Beebe and Lebanon, 11-12.

The District Stewards will meet December 27, Tuesday, 10:30 a. m. at First Church, Searcy.

JONESBORO DISTRICT, first round, J. F. Jernigan, P. E.

December—Nettleton 2d Ch. Jonesboro, 17-18; Marked Tree at Marked Tree, 21; Big Bay at Big Bay, 22; Paragould circuit, 24-25; Paragould station, at night, 25; St. Francis circuit, 31 and January 1.

January—Boydsville circuit, 3-4; Harrisburg circuit, 7-8; Cherry Valley circuit, 10-11; Crawfordville circuit, 14, 15; Marion circuit, 17-18; Golden Lake circuit, 21-22; Osceola station, 25-26; Luxora circuit, 28-29.

February—Blytheville circuit, 1-2; Trinity circuit, 4-5; Shiloh circuit, 7-8.

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TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute note with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 8 and 10 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money. Given under my hand this 12th day of December, A. D., 1898.

J. H. PASCHAL,
Commissioner in Chancery.

Commissioner's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1898, in a certain cause (No. 6241), then pending therein between Equitable Building and Loan Association Perpetual, of Little Rock, Ark., complainant, and George C. McDaniel and Evelyn M. McDaniel, his wife, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the East door or entrance of the Pulaski County Court House, in which said Court is held, in the City of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Thursday, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1899, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot ten (10), in block seven (7), in McDaniel's subdivision addition to the town of Argenta, Arkansas, being in part of Southeast quarter of section thirty-four (34), township two (2), north range twelve (12) west, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute note with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 8 and 10 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money. Given under my hand this 14th day of December, A. D. 1898.

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