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## News and Notes.

The Seventh Army Corps, under command of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has gone to Cuba.

The enlistments in the regular United States army during October, were 3,630, while 9,277 applicants were rejected.

The last legislature of Tennessee passed a bill prohibiting manufacture and sale of cigarettes. This bill, the Supreme Court of the State has declared constitutional. It will go to the Supreme Court of the United States, that it may be determined whether it is in harmony with the interstate commerce laws.

Bishop Turner, of the African Methodist Church, has come out in a public letter in which he declares that the Negro, as a race, has no manhood future in this country. He favors wholesale emigration to Africa, and says the Negroes must appeal to the National Congress for \$100,000,000 to carry out that purpose.

The commission appointed by the President to formulate a plan of government for the Hawaiian Islands will advise a territorial form of government. It is not proposed to give the right of franchise either to Japanese or Chinese. But the discontinuance of the system of importing for contract labor will be recommended.

Leonard Wood, who was a Colonel of the Rough Riders and who, for his distinguished service was promoted to the rank of Brig-

adier-General, and was also appointed Military Governor of Santiago, has been raised to the rank of Major-General. In the government of Santiago General Wood has shown great administrative ability, guided by justice and wisdom.

The exports from the United States in the calendar year 1898 will exceed those of any earlier year. Only twice in our history have the exports in a calendar year passed the billion-dollar line; in 1898 they will be a billion and a quarter. During the eleven months of 1898, ending with November, they are greater than in any full calendar year preceding, the total for the eleven months being \$1,117,681,199, and it is apparent that the December statement will bring the grand total for the year above one billion two hundred and fifty million dollars.

Sometime since, we noted that the Negroes in Alton, Ill., had been assigned to a separate school. A suit brought by the Negroes to compel the Board to admit them to the white school, on the ground that the separation was an unjust discrimination, has just been decided against the plaintiff, the court taking the ground that schools for Negroes, under competent teachers in separate buildings, properly furnished, is no discrimination against them, in the matter of education. Thus in practice, our Northern friends find it best to accept the example set them by the people of the South. Here in Little Rock we have separate schools for Negroes, but they have excellent buildings, receive their proportion of the public money and their schools are as carefully managed by the Board as the schools of the whites.

The Review of Reviews, noting the recent strifes between the white people and the Negroes of the Carolinas, says:

"While these occurrences have been most scandalous, it remains true that the colored race in the South upon the whole is in a better condition at the end of the year 1898 than it has ever been before. The North can not in any specific sense help to settle these local diffi-

culties in the Southern States. Federal interference would do a hundred times more harm than good. The best thing the colored men in the South can do is to follow the advice of their wisest leaders, such as Booker T. Washington, who tell them to keep out of politics, to gain the good will of the best white people of their own neighborhoods, and to cultivate industry, temperance and thrift, together with the right kind of education."

A good deal of notice has been given, in the papers, to President McKinley's Southern tour. At Atlanta, Montgomery and Savannah, he was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The President spoke on various occasions. At the banquet at Savannah, referring to our late acquisitions of territory, he said: "If, following the clear precepts of duty territory fall to us, and the welfare of an alien people require our guidance and protection, who will shrink from the responsibility, grave though it be. Can we leave these people who, by the fortunes of war and our own acts, are helpless and without government to chaos and anarchy, after destroying the only government they had? After destroying their government it is the duty of the American government to provide for them a better one. Shall we distrust ourselves? Shall we proclaim to the world our inability to give kindly government to oppressed people whose future, by the victories of war is confided to us? We may wish it were otherwise but who will question our duty now? It is not a question of keeping the islands of the East but of letting them go." The above is taken as evidence that the President favors the policy of expansion. No one questions that the gravest responsibilities are placed upon this government by the war and that providence is pushing us out upon a new path. It has happened with us as it generally happens in the progress of a nation's history. Nations have their theories and their traditions but are seldom guided by them in great issues. While they discuss theories and make political issues on them, providence develops a situation, brings a crisis

which must be met, and, in meeting it theories are forgotten in the needs of the hour. But the principles of right and justice, and the duty to seek the highest good of the governed always remain. We trust they will find expressions in whatever policy we may adopt respecting the Philippines.

It is already manifest that the policy of expansion is the chief one just now before American statesmen, and, that its advocates and opposers are not to be reckoned by any of the old party lines. There are no stronger opponents of expansion than the Republican Senators Hoar and Hale and no stronger advocates of it than the Democratic Senator Morgan and some others. Yet the opposition to expansion is chiefly from the Democrats.

In his speech at Omaha, President McKinley uttered this noble sentiment: "The faith of a Christian nation recognizes the hand of Almighty God in the ordeal through which we have passed. Divine favor seemed manifest everywhere. In fighting for humanity's sake we have been signally blessed. We did not seek war. To avoid it, if this could be done in justice and honor to the rights of our neighbors and ourselves, was our constant prayer. The war was no more invited by us than were the questions which are laid at our door by its results. Now we will do our duty."

### Amended.

Those were thrilling words and hopeful prophecy uttered by Hon. Abram S. Hewitt in a notable address on education sometime ago, "The eighteenth century will be known as the era of liberty, the nineteenth century as the era of evolution of force, and the twentieth century as the era of universal education until the reproach that there is a human being uneducated shall cease to exist."

Shall not the church amend that prophecy by declaring that the twentieth century will also be the era of universal evangelization, until the reproach shall be removed that there is an immortal soul without an opportunity of hearing the glorious gospel? If she so wills, it can be done.—Charles B. Gallo-way.

## Contributed.

## Week of Prayer.

Topics suggested for the week of prayer, by the Evangelical Alliance for the United States, January 1-8, 1899.

## SERMONS.

Sunday, January 1st.—Christian Unity: "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."—John 17:23.

## PRAYERFUL CONFESSIONS.

Monday, January 2d.—In view of God's freely offered grace, too little welcomed and received; Christ's abiding presence, too little discerned and felt; the Spirit's guidance and power, too little desired and yielded to; the privilege and duty of Christian witnessing, too little prized and fulfilled. Matt. 7:11; Titus 2:11; Matt. 28:20; John 15:4, 5, 10; Joel 2:28, 29; John 16:7, 8, 13; John 1:41; Acts 1:8.

## THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL

Tuesday, January 3d.—Prayer: That each member of the Church Universal, being born of the Spirit, may depart from all iniquity; may be fruitful in good works; may be faithful in prayer; may be filled with love for the brethren and for all men; and that the several branches of the Church Universal may live and work "in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace." 2 Tim. 2:19; Phil. 4:8; Matt. 7:20; Matt. 6:9, 10; Luke 18:1; John 3:14; 1 Cor. 12:4-6. Eph. 4:3.

## NATIONS AND THEIR RULERS.

Wednesday, January 4th.—Prayer: That all peoples may duly prize civil and religious freedom, and deserve to be thus free; may faithfully obey just laws and reverence righteous authority; may cherish the brotherhood which embraces all classes and conditions of men; and may hail Christ as their peaceful Prince. That rulers may rule in the love of God and man; may seek honorable peace and international goodwill; and may, in all public affairs, apply the Christian principles which should guide individual conduct. John 8:32; Prov. 14:34; Acts 17:26; Isa. 2:4.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Thursday, January 5th.—Prayer: That individual Christians may render loyal obedience to their Savior's last command, and take fresh courage from his last promise. That our Foreign Missionary organizations may be filled with Christlike devotion, and Christlike love toward each other; and may ever be mindful of the new lessons which experience teaches. That our missionaries may be gloriously successful, being divinely enabled to recognize providential leadings, and to make full use of the witness to himself, which God has preserved in even heathen lands. And that, to save the lost, missionaries of the Cross may speedily be sent to the very ends of the earth. Mark 16:15; Acts 10:34, 35; Acts 17:23; Rom. 2:15; 10:14, 15.

## HOME MISSIONS.

Friday, January 7th.—Prayer: That individual Christians may feel

their sacred obligation to do their utmost toward making their own land Immanuel's land; may realize the unity of the national welfare—the peril of one member being the peril of all; and may fully perceive that the exaltation of Christ in the home land advances his kingdom in all lands. That Home Missionary organizations may be endued with the Spirit of love and power; may worthily enjoy the complete confidence of the churches; and that they may severally move forward in practical Christian comity and mutual helpfulness. Ex. 35:20-29; Isa. 2:3; 41:6, 7; 52:8; 1 Cor. 12:4-6.

## FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS.

Saturday, January 7th.—Prayer: That the family may be revered as a divine institution; that all families may be held in the blessed bonds of mutual love and mutual honor; that, under God, parental affection may cherish childhood into joy, and parental example inspire to nobleness of life; and that whatever is against the Christian ideal of the family may be opposed and overcome. That all education may become nobly Christian; that such education may be more and more valued; that thus the highest well-being of both community and nation may be secured, and Christ be all and in all. Ps. 68:6; Isa. 8:18; Mal. 4:6; Eph. 3:15; Job 28:28; Eph. 3:10, 11.

## SERMONS.

Sunday, January 8th.—The Power of United Effort. "And five of you shall chase an hundred and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight."—Lev. 26:8. (Isa. 41:6, 7; Eccl. 4:12)



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## A Steward's View.

EDITOR METHODIST:—I have read with interest what has been said in the METHODIST relative to the preachers' salaries. Rev. Stonewall Anderson states the case, and upon what he deems sufficient proof, finds the stewards guilty of being unfaithful and the membership of failure to perform their part of the contract. Now, if the promise or assessment made by the stewards is a contract, and I am willing to admit that it is, then there must be the necessary parties and conditions. Upon the part of the stewards representing the church, it is a promise to pay a certain sum of money to the preacher assigned to them by the annual conference. Now what service is the preacher to perform? Is it only to preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night, and attend occasionally the prayer meeting or Epworth League? Does his work end here? If so Bro. A. is correct in his findings. The church is of the opinion that his duty reaches farther. I have served as steward 16 years, and my observation has been that, in a large majority of cases, where the stewards had failed to collect the preacher's salary, it was because the preacher had failed to manifest any very great interest in the people, consequently they were not in sympathy with him. Neglect upon his part had caused them to refuse to help him. I would like to ask Bro. A. if his investigation has extended far enough to say what per cent. of the lay membership of the Arkansas Conference received as much as \$189 as a means of living, not to say \$289. Would it not reach at least 75 per cent.? Do a large majority of preachers know how hard the masses have to live? And, judged by their conduct toward them, do they care? Brethren of the ministry, you who say that God has called you to lead men to a higher and better life, let me ask you to remember that when Christ came preaching his own gospel he found time to enter the homes of the poor, to minister to those that were sick and suffering. How often have you done likewise? I believe that it is only recorded once, that the Savior healed anyone, without his becoming a follower of him. I believe that I can answer the question which has been often asked, "Why does a pastor have to get an evangelist or some other preacher when he wants to have a revival?" It is because the pastor has lived six or eight months among his people and has never shown any interest in them by visiting them and talking to them about Christ, and he knows that he cannot overcome the influence of this neglect and convince them in two or three sermons that he feels any very great interest in the salvation of their souls, and very few preachers will undertake to do so, but get some one else. I have in mind now an ideal pastor, who, at one time belonged to the White River Conference. I asked his board of stew-

ards once if they had any difficulty in raising his salary and they said no, the people pay without asking. Brethren, you have just been assigned to your work for another year. If you would have the stewards succeed in collecting your salaries, get close to your people, do not neglect the masses. Peter said, "Lord, lo we have left all and followed thee, what shall we have therefore?" And Christ said, "He that hath left father or mother or brother for my sake, shall receive an hundred fold more in this present world, and in the world to come life everlasting." Now if you expect to see this scripture fulfilled and want to find a brother in every man about the fourth quarterly conference, don't fail to recognize the relationship all the rest of the year, but treat him as a brother, and show him that you are interested in him and his, for if you do not, you will fail. Brethren, I realize that you are but men, and love ease as other men. That it is more pleasant to spend the night at Bro. C's, because you can be better cared for than at Bro. J's. I know that nothing but deep consecration will make us yield pleasure for duty. But, brethren, if the church succeeds you must not neglect the masses for the few. When you lay hold of Christ, get close to the people, so that they can hear the heart beat, and the pulse throb, and see the brightening of the eye, perhaps a tear of sympathy, and you will not fail, and the stewards will not fail. May God help us all to be more faithful during this year.

Yours in Christ,

WILL T. TRICE.

Cotton Plant, Ark.

## "A Bill of Abominations."

Can a man imagine a legislative crime more heinous than the confiscating act, commonly called the "land grabbing act," which is robbing the poor and ignorant, the very class the Commonwealth ought to protect, of their little homes? It is alleged that a gang of confederated plunderers, armed by the State against its helpless wards, are prowling from county to county seizing upon the lands of the illiterate, the widow and the fatherless, gaining an absolute title by a small bribe to the State. The Supreme Court in the last few days gives them joy and protection in their marauding expeditions. The State, it seems, had neglected its duty in raising revenue. The honorable Solons, instead of punishing delinquent officials, turn a loose upon the defenseless people bands of raiders. There is going up a cry of horror and indignation against this pitiless confiscation, in which the lion's share falls to an organized "syndicate and the jack-all's part to the State. What a partnership! Virginia bucking and gagging her own people and inviting the "Roanoke syndicate" to strip them to the bare skin—what an abhorrent spectacle! No terms can convey the distress inflicted upon a peaceful and happy people. If by good fortune they find out the scheme of the "syndicate" before they are driven from their

possessions they must buy off the pack. We saw last week a "release" from these legalized Shylocks. They took a big bite out of a poor man's purse. It was published in a Richmond paper that the courts, the palladium of the weak, coerced an owner to surrender a valuable property to the "syndicate" for a mere bagatelle, a trifling sum of a few dollars. We beg, pardon, it was the State, not the owner, that secured the minor amount paid by the "syndicate" for the privilege of driving this Virginian from his purchased and paid-for land. He, poor wretch, received only a writ of ejectment—a get-out order. The land owners are the victims. It is this class—her best citizens—Virginia turns over to the merciless greed of speculators. They will be gorged with confiscated lands, waddling in obese riches, by the aid of our statesmen. The entire machinery of the commonwealth is put at their behests. Judges decree the confiscation. Clerks convey the title to the new owners.

Why are our papers dumb? Are the watch dogs sleeping? Let the weeping widow be driven away from her old home in the hills and her little ones go wandering out in the wide world, but do not damage aspiring politicians. Let the cruel perpetrators of this unpardonable sin be brought to the axe and the block. Let a brand be burned in upon the foreheads of their abettors. Then, and not till then, ought "the party" to expect absolution. Seeing and hearing of the misery this atrocious "Act" has brought upon our people, who could hold his peace?—Richmond Advocate.

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ALLEN-WORREL—Dec. 2, 1898, by Rev. C. J. Greene, Mr. J. W. Allen and Miss Alice C. Worrel, both of Hatfield, Ark.

ROBERTSON-SHOCKLEY—At the M. E. Church, South, in Thornton, Ark., Dec. 4, 1898, by Rev. J. H. Bradford. Dr. J. C. N. Robertson and Mrs. N. V. Shockley.

AULSBROOKS-ROSS—At the residence of Mr. E. Nix, Nix, Dallas county, Ark., Nov. 30, 1898, by Rev. J. E. Caldwell, Mr. Jasper Aulsbrooks and Miss Mary Ross.

BENSON-SHUMARD—At the home of Mrs. Lida Hammett, in De Witt, Ark., Dec. 1, 1898, Mr. B. B. Benson to Miss Olive Shumard, J. M. D. Sturgis officiating.

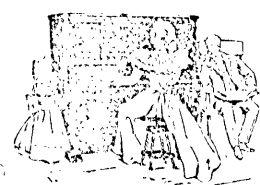
PORTER-KILLMER—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Rob't C. Atchley, Nov. 20, 1898, Mr. Pete Porter to Miss Lilly May Killmer, both of Dallas county, Ark.

WORD-MURRAY—At the home of the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, in De Witt, Ark., on Nov. 4, 1898, Dr. J. W. Word to Miss Jessie Murray, J. M. D. Sturgis officiating.

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You must stay back, now don't you go,  
Or Santa Claus won't come."

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Of various shapes and sizes;  
To Santa Claus, a letter, 'cause  
He must know the great surprises  
In store for all the girls and boys  
Expecting Xmas cheer;  
Looking for dolls and iron toys  
Exactly like last year.

—M. C. A.

## Hold Fast to That Which is Good.

In these days of impure and often-times dangerously adulterated food, if every housekeeper knew which was the very best and most wholesome brand of any particular article, would she not make sure that such brand only was used in her kitchen? This information had been furnished in regard to baking powders from a source totally unprejudiced and authentic and which should carry conviction with it.

Professor Menke, state analyst of Arkansas, in a report upon baking powders, says:

"I have analyzed all the leading brands of baking powder sold in this State, and find the Royal to be absolutely pure and highest in leavening powder.

ALBERT MENKE, Ph. D.,  
"Arkansas State Chemist."

Most valuable and timely information this, in view of the presence in the market of so many cheaply made alum and otherwise adulterated powders whose indiscriminate use would undoubtedly prove prejudicial to the healthfulness of the food.

Of course, efforts will always be made by those interested in the sale of low grade articles to work them off upon consumers because of the greater profit they yield to the dealer. In the matter of baking powder, however, there is so much testimony in favor of the superiority of the Royal, and the fact of its absolute purity and healthfulness is so well established, that it will repay housekeepers to use the necessary persistency to procure it in spite of all obstacles.

## New Church at Fort Smith.

DEAR METHODIST: It was my privilege to be present at the formal opening of the new Central Methodist Church, at Fort Smith, on the evening of December 11. Although it was a bitter cold and snowy evening, the church was crowded, the galleries also being full. The choir, consisting of many of the best singers of the various

churches of the city, furnished some as fine music as one will often hear. The various pastors of the city had been invited to take part, from the Episcopal rector to the Jewish Rabbi, and though the former was not present, the latter was, and gave a beautiful address on "The Signs of the Times." Other pastors of the city gave timely talks on vital topics. The pastor, Bro. P. C. Fletcher, and his worthy flock, are to be congratulated on the completion of their elegant house of worship, modern in design, a model of convenience, beautifully lighted and elegantly seated. No neater or more complete house of worship is to be seen today in the Arkansas Conference, than is Central Church. Just eleven months ago the old Central Church was completely demolished by the cyclone that swept over the city and this section of the state. And on the site of the old wooden building, in exactly eleven months, the new, more commodious brick building is formally opened. Credit for such results is due the indefatigable pastor, the judicious board of trustees and wise building committee, the loyal and liberal membership, generous friends, who kindly aided with their contributions throughout Methodism, and last but not least, the timely aid of the Board of Church Extension. And now the church stands as a monument of connectional Methodism, as a reward of push and energy, and as a prophecy of a great future for Fort Smith Methodism.

Fraternally,

J. B. STEVENSON.

## My Visit to Arkansas.

DEAR DOCTOR: My recent visit to Little Rock and other places in Arkansas, is now, to me, a pleasing memory. The generous hospitality and personal courtesies bestowed upon me are well calculated to endear both you and my new acquaintances to me in more than an ordinary degree. The free and enjoyable entertainment at their house and the privilege of seeing the city to its utmost border as well as in its public buildings are credited most thankfully to Mr. and Mrs. Coy, our host and hostess. The excursion to Conway in the interest of Hendrix College, gave additional interest to the first trip into Arkansas. Meeting with Dr. Jno. B. Bond, the son of Dr. Richard Bond, of precious memory, and receiving a hearty welcome by him and family at their comfortable home was one of the pleasing episodes of the visit to Little Rock.

Attendance upon the conference added much to my compensation for the time and attention awarded the trip. I was most favorably impressed with the proceedings of the body and the courteous and Christian spirit and deportment of its members. The storm in other conferences, raised over the collection of the war claim, did not ruffle their temper, and they left it where Providence and matured judgment put it.

The attendance by the citizens upon the sessions of the confer-

ence met the largest anticipations, and the writer came to the conclusion that Little Rock was a choice place for holding the conference.

On my way down I met with Mr. Mitchell, of the Arkansas Democrat, to whom I am indebted for his many acts of kindness. I wish for him and his paper every good thing a generous public can bestow upon them.

My admiration of the fields of unpicked cotton, and the large herds of beef cattle to be fattened for market, upon cotton seed, between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, continues to grow on me as the vision recedes.

Travel on the Cotton Belt railway was a new experience, but by it, Clarendon, the seat of the White River Conference, was reached. Here, as at Little Rock, the preachers and lay delegates were heartily welcomed and amply entertained. The home assigned Dr. Godbey, myself, and others, might well be called the best in town, unless the standard of home life in Clarendon be superior to what it is elsewhere.

Saw and planing mills, and a shoe last factory display the enterprise of the place. Persimmon trees in the vicinity grow large enough for the making of shoe lasts for the largest human feet that tread the earth. We were assured that in some instances they were two feet in diameter.

At the missionary anniversary, Dr. Parker, of China, was speaker, and Bishop Morrison lifted the collection, and right well was it done.

I left Clarendon before the close of the conference, but took with me a high appreciation of the Methodist preachers of Arkansas in the Little Rock and White River Conferences.

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## Literary Table.

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## A Grateful Heart.

Last night I stole away alone, to find  
A mellow crescent setting o'er the sea,  
And lingered in its light, while over me  
Blew fitfully the grieving autumn wind.

And somewhat sadly to myself I sa'd,  
"Summer is gone," and watched how bright and  
fast  
Through the moon's track the little waves sped  
past;  
"Summer is gone! Her golden days are dead."

Regretfully I thought; "Since I have trod  
Earth's ways with willing or reluctant feet,  
Never did season bring me days more sweet,  
Crowned with rare joys and priceless gifts from  
God.

"And they are gone; they will return no more."  
The slender moon went down, all red and still;  
The stars shone clear, the silent dews fell chill;  
The waves with ceaseless murmur washed the  
shore.

A low voice spake: "And wherefore art thou sad?  
Here in thy heart all summer folded lies,  
And smiles in sunshine though the sweet time  
dies;  
'Tis thine to keep forever fresh and glad!"

Yea, gentle voice, though the fair days depart,  
And skies grow cold above the restless sea,  
God's gifts are measureless, and there shall be  
Eternal summer in the grateful heart.

—Christian Advocate.

## Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American University, held in Washington this week, was one of the most important ever held. President John E. Andrus, of New York, was unavoidably absent, and Representative Connell, of Pa., was chosen as presiding officer. A resolution was unanimously adopted for the formation of a Ministerial Alliance, to be composed of 1,000, ministers, each of whom will pledge himself to raise \$1,000 for the endowment fund of the University, and Bishop Charles H. Fowler was chosen President, and Bishop McCabe, who first suggested the alliance, Secretary of the Alliance. The board also endorsed the project of a Woman's Guild, for the purpose of raising \$1,000,000 for the endowment fund, and a committee was appointed and authorized to organize it. Dr. W. L. Davidson was elected Field Secretary and given special charge of raising funds for the Ohio College of Government, one of the next buildings to be erected on the grounds of the University. Before leaving for his Southern trip, President McKinley received the members of the board and was shown the architect's water color sketch of the grounds and buildings as they will appear when present plans are carried out. The President was much interested, and remarked jokingly that he thought the Pennsylvania building, in the sketch, was handsomer than the Ohio building.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the American Humane Association was held in Washington this week. Among the most interesting papers and discussions at the meetings were those made by representatives of several societies for the prevention of cruelty to children. Many social courtesies

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The District of Columbia W. C. T. U. had a successful housewarming, at its new headquarters, this week, and many of the visitors carried donations to help furnish the rooms.

The interest of the Washington ministers in the work of the Christian Endeavorers was shown by the presence of fifty of them at a conference held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., to arrange the details of the two weeks' evangelistic campaign that Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia, is to begin in Washington, February 20, next, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Union. A committee of ministers was appointed to arrange the program for a series of preparatory meetings, to be held in Washington churches, just before Dr. Chapman comes.

The Christian Citizenship Convention was opened by Dr. Radcliffe, who was followed by Representative Dingley, in a short address, and he by Dr. Bristol, who spoke on "Christianity and Citizenship," and then Dr. Josiah Strong delivered an address on "The New Citizen in the New Country." Mrs. Katherine Jones, who is thoroughly familiar with existing conditions in Utah, will, as the representative of the Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions, which is actively working to prevent the polygamist Representative-elect from Utah being allowed to sit in Congress, give the reasons why the polygamist should be kept out of Congress.

## Book Notices.

BIBLE DIFFICULTIES, and their Alleviative Interpretation, by Robt. Stuart MacArthur, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, New York. E. B. Treat, New York, \$1.50.

This book undertakes to answer the following questions: Was there really light before the sun? Was the world made in six solar days? Where and what was the Garden of Eden? What were the sin and sentence in Eden? What was Cain's mark, and who was his wife? Who were the sons of God

and the daughters of men? Does God repent and the spirit withdraw? Was the Noachian flood universal or local? What was the purpose of the Tower of Babel? Was Lot wise in pitching his tent toward Sodom? Who was Melchizedek, the king-priest? Was the destruction of Sodom natural or supernatural? Did God mean that Abraham should really offer Isaac? Did Rebekah and Jacob cheat Isaac and rob Esau? Who was the wrestler with Jacob at Jab-bok? Did God or Pharaoh harden Pharaoh's heart? Was the passage of the Red Sea supernatural? What were the symbols called the urim and thummim? Did Balaam's ass literally speak with man's voice? Did the sun and moon stand still at Joshua's command? Did Jephthah really sacrifice his daughter? Did Samuel appear when summoned by the witch of Endor? Did two she-bears destroy forty-two children? Was the destruction of the Canaanites vindicable? Are the imprecatory Psalms justifiable or even explicable? Are the prophet Jonah and the great fish historical? The book, as is proper, in the interpretation of the Bible, admits the miraculous only where it is clearly demanded. It presents the views of a devout and logical and well informed mind in regard to the catalogue of Bible difficulties above suggested.

VOICES OF HOPE and other messages from the Hills, by Horatio Draper, Boston. George H. Ellis, \$1.50.

This is a very inspiring book. It is from one who is quick to see the hand and hear the footsteps of God in the glories of the earth. The chapters suggest the trend of thought: They are, "The Problem of Life," "The Basis of Optimism," "Character Building," "The Skeptic's Paradise," "The Omnipresent Spirit," "The Problem of Evil," "The Escape from Subjectively," "Love," "The Spiritual Life," "The Christ," "The Promised God." We commend the reading of this book to students. Its thought is vigorous and its style dignified and clear and scholarly. Its value is chiefly in its suggestiveness. It presents views which are far from our way of thinking, and theories which are to our thought airy visions, and yet we repeat, it is the work of a thinker and a profitable book for thinkers to read.

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DYING TESTIMONIES of Saved and Unsaved, Gathered from Authentic Sources, by Rev. S. B. Shaw.

We have only glanced through this book. We recognize in it many testimonies from the saved and unsaved which we have read before. The book is a profitable one to read. Whether it be the inward peace of mind and anticipation of future bliss, or the natural remorse and fear of the sinful which paints the bright or baleful visions which float through the fancies of dying men, it must still be accepted that such visions are presages of that future upon which the soul is entering. There can be no higher, nor more effectual testimony in favor of Christianity than the deathbed experiences of men. He who goes out of the world in triumph because he trusts in Christ, and he who dies in terror because he has rejected his salvation, alike bear testimony that Christ is "The light of the world and the life of men."

This is a good book to circulate. It will make people better who read it. It is a book which our preachers can sell—a fit companion volume to "Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer", by the same author.

The frontispiece of December "Book News" is a fine portrait on plate paper of Mrs. Florence Earle Coates, a close friend of Matthew Arnold and, like him, a student of pastoral Greek poetry. She is a Philadelphian and was unanimously chosen as poetress of the Peace Jubilee. "Book News" this month consists of eighty-four pages, just bubbling over with helpful news of the Christmas books and brightened with pictures from them. Its "Aims and Autographs of Authors" is particularly rich this month, including A. Conan Doyle's answer to "why I wrote 'Songs of Action.'" But the unique feature of the month is an extensive analytical list of books for Christmas giving, under the caption "A Guide to the Christmas Shopper." It tells of books particularly suited to little folks, to boys and girls who themselves enjoy reading, and to grown folks. "Book News" is 5c a number, 50c a year—though how so much is given for so little is a constant puzzle. John Wanamaker, publisher, Philadelphia and New York.

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Studies in the Gospel of John.

Topic:—Christ the true light.  
Golden Text:—"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." Jno. 1:4.

Lesson text for today:—Jno. 1:1-14.

With the new year we begin studies in the Gospel of John, where we shall spend almost the whole of the first six months of the year. It is very important therefore to get a fair view of the standpoint of the author and the purpose for which he wrote. It is not necessary for most people to say that the author was John the apostle, the "beloved disciple," the brother of James and son of Zebedee. This we learn specially in the last chapter of the book itself. It is also plain, notwithstanding all that the higher critics have said, that he was the only man living, is the only man that ever did live, who could have written this gospel. It was necessary that Christ should in coming into the world get first established, the external facts about his birth and life and death and ascension into the heavens. The foundations of the whole of our gospel are laid in the realm, not of speculation, but in the realm of plain, ordinary, extraordinary fact, granite facts. The fact we have pronounced ordinary—extraordinary: ordinary on the human side; extraordinary on their divine side. To get them accepted in the world, to get these rooted there in the very consciousness of the human race, so that nothing should ever be able to shake them, this was the first and fundamental business in the scheme of redemption.

The facts on the human side were first to be made fast, and Jesus of Nazareth placed on a historic basis as a man who did surely and unquestionably live, work such and such works, teach such and such doctrines, die by crucifixion, rise from the dead and ascend into the heavens. In the order of the divine purpose, the first three gospels were devoted to this. They are written all from this general standpoint, and so are called the "Synoptic Gospels," but each of them has its own special standpoint as well. Matthew presents the man Jesus as the fulfillment of Jewish Messianic prophecy, the answer to Jewish hope for a theocratic king. Mark presents him to the Roman world as the Mighty Wonder Worker, come from God. Luke presents him to the human race as the divine Friend of Man. These three gospels rely upon the facts as they came out in the life of our Lord to make good their claims about him.

Now when these external facts about Jesus of Nazareth had given him his place in the history of the world, nothing was more natural than that men should immediately begin to discuss his real nature, attempting to account for his career, to account for the man who

had thus appeared and thus made his history among men. That is ever the course of things. So it was that there began to spring up, while the apostle John was yet living, various views as to the person and nature of Christ. There was the gnostic heresy—that Christ was an eon, or mere personification of a divine attribute emanating from God. And there was the Docetic heresy—that the body of Christ was not a real human body, but either a mere appearance or else a divine creation placed in the world after the nature of a phantom.

These are the views against which John launched his gospel. And there were doubtless many other false and foolish notions about the God-man. If you will now take up the lesson of today, you can understand its straightforward and trenchant statements: Christ was truly God, was himself "in the beginning," was "with God," was God, was the author of all things, the source of life, and this life that was in him was the light of men; this light had entered among men, been testified among them by both external witness, as that of John the Baptist, and by internal witness of those who had become consciously the sons of God by believing on His name. Moreover there was no mere appearance here, for this eternal Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld with our own eyes His glory, as the glory of the only begotten Son of God, full of grace and truth.

Our lesson today, therefore, may be taken as a preface to the Gospel of John, written by John himself, and setting out in brief what he intends to do in writing. We shall see as we proceed how he unfolds his purpose, and how, he, moving still in the realm of facts, brings out the divine as well as the human side of Christ.

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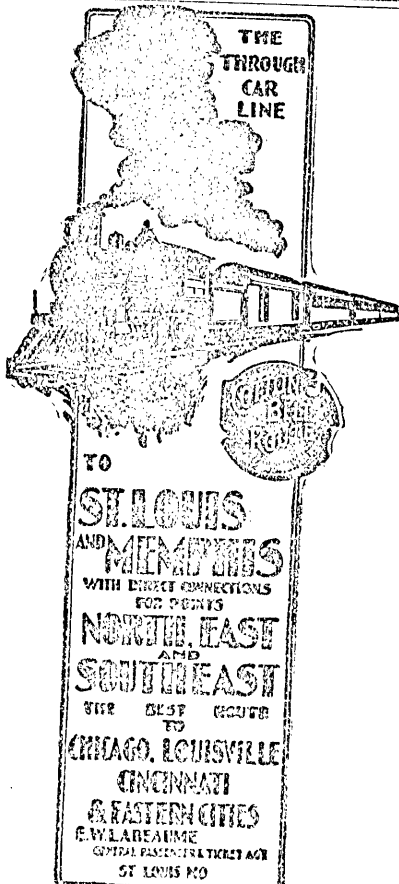
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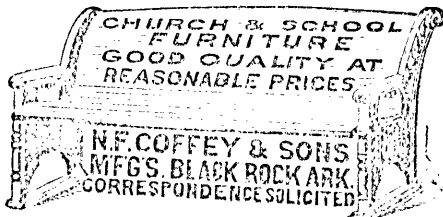
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In the process of education, various steps and stages are passed. There was a progress, very marked and very great, from the time of Moses to the time of the latest prophet, Malachi. Moses dealt with temporal things. He made no allusion to a future life. He gave laws which magistrates or judges enforced. But the prophets dealt much with the state of the heart, demanding purity in the inward parts.

The very chastisement of the Jews in their dispersion in Babylon, and afterward, in their subjection to the Romans, gave a knowledge of their religion to the greatest nations of the earth, and so prepared the gentiles for the consummation of prophecy in the appearance of the Redeemer.

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cities, not only of their own country but of the Roman provinces where the Jews were dispersed. This required a vast multiplication of copies of the Holy Scriptures and brought into requisition the Scribes, whose business it was to write them. So a knowledge of Moses and the prophets became common to the gentiles.

It is said that, "in the fullness of time," that is, when the time was prepared and ripe, God brought his Son into the world. We have suggested only a few points in that preparation which had passed through the centuries from the call of Abraham to the Christian era.

The advent of Christ was a new era in the world's history. To those who had knowledge of the truth it was a consummation like that of the boy who graduates from the Academy to enter the College. A greater than Moses and the prophets had appeared.

It was a great event. It was the winding up, so to speak, of one dispensation. One work—that of preparing the way, had been successfully accomplished. Angels recognized it and rejoiced, while man had little conception of what it meant. Angels saw the coming glory of a world brought back into its legal place in the kingdom of heaven. They uttered, in their rejoicing, the very burden of that gospel which was now to begin and pass in an ever swelling anthem down the ages, until all human tongues should utter it, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This is the Christian anthem. It voices that feeling which is alone appropriate to Christian profession and faith. Our hearts ought to glow with the feeling, not alone on this glad anniversary, but always.

The love of God and of man will make us do our duty to both, and will make God and man constant helpers of our joy.

**The League at Cato, Ark**

Be it resolved, that, whereas, the White River Conference saw fit in its wisdom to assign Bro. George Wilkerson as our pastor for the ensuing conference year,

First, That this Epworth League bid him welcome as our pastor.

Second, That we pledge him our hearty co-operation in the work of the Lord.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be presented Bro. Wilkerson on his arrival here, also a copy be spread on our minutes.

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## ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1898.

So long as it is every man's privilege to be as good as he cares to be, no one has a right to take a pessimistic view of the world.

"Tommy" said the teacher to a pupil in the Juvenile class, "What is syntax?" "I guess it must be the tax on whiskey," answered Tommy.

There are many who attend church, and have a general appreciation of the work which the church is doing, so far as respects her influence on society, who yet have little conscience of spiritual things. If there were more preaching upon the direct relation of men to the true kingdom of Christ, this would not be so common. Religion ceases to be religion when man's responsibility to God is taken out of it.

The winter seasons brings us again, in this city, to consider the duty of caring for the poor. There ought to be a Provident Association to which the destitute could apply, and by which strict inquiry would be made into the merits of the applicants. No church member ought to be aided by such association, save on a written statement from the pastor of the church to which the applicant belongs, certifying that the bearer is a worthy member whom the church is unable to help. Churches and lodges must be required to help their own poor, and their members should also contribute to help the work of the Association.

## Christmas Once More.

By God's mercy we are permitted once more to celebrate, in this world of sin and suffering, the advent of the world's Redeemer.

Time has tested his claim. It rests today on no historical traditions, no human ideals or theories. Jesus is a Savior. That is a testimony which millions of witnesses bear, not only in the joyous experiences of their hearts, but by the transformed and almost glorified lives which they present before the world.

By its own intrinsic power, Christianity wins its triumphs in clash and competition with other systems of religion, and by the revelation of the Divine Comforter it is verified to those who in heart accept it.

Each returning Christmas day calls forth a deepening anthem to the praise of Jesus of Nazareth,

and the song is still "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace good will toward men."

To Christians the Christmas festival should be an occasion of glad thanksgiving. The appeal which it makes to us, should open our hearts to deeds of love. Let gifts be given, and wrongs be forgotten, and vows renewed to follow the banner of the Prince of Peace.

## Helping the Rich.

Ada was a Christian. The church people thought so, and, as for the "outside" world, with that Ada had little to do. She attended all the meetings at St. John's Church, told the preacher every Sunday morning how delighted she was with the sermon, because she thought that was right, and a proper thing to do, and missed no chance to "testify"—as the members called it—in the love feasts. Ada also taught in the Sunday-school and was faithful at the mid-week Bible class.

One bleak Sunday morning Mr. Rudolph, the pastor, made his theme the needs of the poor, and the duty of Christians to the poor. It was a good subject. It brought the duties of religion home, or very near home, at least, to that aristocratic city congregation. The preacher's heart seemed to be in his discourse. Ada was much affected by it.

The following day, Monday—preachers often call it "blue Monday" because of the lassitude which comes after preaching two sermons on Sunday—the pastor of St. John's sat in his office sketching from the papers and magazines in easy and aimless fashion, now and then, pausing to fix, in thought, some sentiment, or idea, or metaphor, which impressed him as a thing to be remembered, like one who takes his pleasure in the woods, stopping to pluck a flower here and there.

While thus employed, Mr. Rudolph heard a rap at his door, and, opening it, Ada entered. The preacher saw at once that Ada had come on important business. She spared no time to make the business known. She had been moved by the sermon of Sunday to come and offer her services to the church as a home missionary. St. John's Church had sometimes employed such to look after the poor and sick. It was an easy way the rich had of paying their debts to the poor. A few cents, contributed monthly, to the poor fund, by each member of the congregation, paid the expense, and the contributors, by their warm fires, on winter nights, felt very pitiful of the destitute whom they were so careful to

help, when they heard the storm raging without.

But Ada was ready to go into the storm, to climb the crazy stairs, to read the Bible and talk of Christ to the sick mother or child, to gather poor children to the Sunday-school, and so, to represent St. John's Church in its great heart of solicitude for the unfortunate. She would accept the usual salary of \$30 a month and enter upon the work at once.

But the preacher hesitated. Why did he hesitate? Was not Ada sincere? Was she not desirous to serve the Master? Was she not capable of teaching the humble and ignorant the way to Christ? Yes, Ada was well qualified in all these respects for the work which she was now offering to do. But Mr. Rudolph's mind was on another matter. He was thinking of Ada's own home. It was an humble home, the home of the poor. Ada's mother was old and an invalid. She had another daughter who taught in the public school, thereby paying the monthly rent, while Ada was housekeeper. The preacher had often visited that home, and marked the restiveness of Ada in the place she had to fill. He saw in her a disposition to count herself unappreciated and a drudge. Now, it appeared that a crisis had been reached, and the preacher resolved to face it honestly.

So, Mr. Rudolph spoke to Ada of her mother's needs and how much comfort and help the constant ministration of a daughter must be to her in her age and affliction.

He suggested that her mother could not spare her. "But, Mr. Rudolph," said Ada, "I must do something for the Lord." Cautiously and very impressively the preacher answered, "Maybe you can do something for the Lord where you are." Ada replied with some surprise and spirit, "Do you think I serve the Lord washing dishes?" After a long pause the pastor answered "Yes." Then he proceeded after this sort: "What hope is there for all the poor, whose lives are a daily drudgery, a hard struggle for meagre sustenance, if one cannot serve the Lord in such a state and at such menial labor? How many thousands like you have humble home duties to which they are bound? How can the woman who runs her sewing machine till midnight, or the father who toils like a beast from dawn till dark serve the Lord if this very drudgery may not be hallowed into holy toil? What Christian comfort can these poor hearts know if their temporal bur-

dens may not be sanctified to heavenly benedictions?"

"To you," the pastor continued, "there is offered, in your own home, such a work, as, accepted as the call and appointment of God, and performed with a loving, patient spirit, will make that home, to all its inmates sweet and sacred. Such ministering in the thousands of the homes of the poor would bless them with a happiness which would leave no place for envy of the rich or repining at the providence of God. I knew a poor mother who undertook this same mission work. She had five children; the oldest, a daughter of fourteen, the next a boy of ten, then two little boys. She left her home to the care of a characterless servant, and spent her time, early and late in the homes of the poor in this city. Her daughter, so neglected, took to a life of shame. Her oldest son became a criminal and was sent to prison. Besides, although this sister was intelligent and kind, the people to whom she ministered knew that she was paid \$30 a month, and it was more than she could make at home, and they thought her religious for hire.

We shall not help the poor by teaching them to do just such work as they see that we neglect in our own homes. It seems, indeed, a narrow sphere just to cultivate the little field shut within the four walls of one's own dwelling. But, if every one did the same, the millennium would quickly dawn. We run about to teach other people to stay at home and attend to the duties there. We undo by our example what we seek to do by our teaching.

"In this conversation," continued the pastor, "I suggest to you some of the problems which have perplexed me in my effort to get my church to care for the poor. The rich cannot reach the poor by taking up one of the poor as a hired agent. The poor to whom they seek to minister will see only in the rich a disdain to come in contact with them, and in the agent one who has taken what seems to them a profitable job.

I have resolved upon this as the thing that ought to be done. The rich must dispense their charities with their own hands. Sister Easelove and Sister Prim and the rest must go out in their carriages and visit the poor in their dens and hovels. They must speak to them the words of comfort, of Christian love and hope, and give, with their own hands the charity they would dispense. If they would do this, these needy ones would, indeed, feel the touch of Christian love, and those who are able to dispense



charity would receive from the needy whom they help richer blessings than they can bestow. God has prepared, in the conditions of wealth and poverty, mutual helps for rich and poor to that spiritual kingdom and that fellowship in Christ where there is neither high nor low, rich nor poor, bond nor free.

I know not what I may be able to do with the rich people of St. John's Church, but in this I am resolved, that while I charge the rich in this world that they be ready to communicate, I will teach them that God requires that they communicate with their own hands, accompanying their gifts to the poor with their own loving words and prayers. I believe it is thus only, that we may attain at last the "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, naked and ye clothed, sick and in prison and ye visited me."

My people, I trust felt from that sermon yesterday that I was concerned for the poor. But a greater concern to me in trying to lay the poor upon their hearts was to save the rich in my congregation, and to save them by making the poor ministers to them for their own deliverance from the love of the world.

### Church Notes.

There were forty-one additions to our St. Louis Churches last week.

An unknown donor deposited \$100,000 with the treasurer to pay the costs and the corner-stone of the Drew Seminary Chapel and Administration building of the M. E. Church, which was laid on Nov. 29.

There was a meeting of the preachers of the Little Rock District at First Church on last Wednesday at 2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing the duties of the ministry and the plans of the opening year.

Bishop Earl Cranston's family, consisting of his wife and three daughters, were mobbed September 30th in the streets of Peking, China, narrowly escaping being stoned to death. Dr. Lowry, who defended them with great courage, was severely wounded.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

Bishop Candler has just returned from Cuba, which he calls "our nearest, neediest, ripest mission field." He says that after all that the newspapers have printed, Cuba is not understood at all by the average man in the United States.

"If our people realize how near it is," he writes in the "Wesleyan Advocate," "and if they had any comprehension of its urgent needs, we might make Methodism strong there in a very short time, and in a decade evangelize the island." And he adds that if the Church will give him forty-five men, in a year he will show more Southern Methodists in Cuba than the net increase of Georgia Methodism for two years past.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

Sunday was a bad day for church going, yet our ministers in this city preached to fair congregations. We have no report as to whether there were any additions at First Church. There were nine at Hunter Memorial, two at Winfield, and two at Asbury. Brother Umsted, at Argenta, reports six additions for the last two Sundays.

Brother Evans was tendered an elegant entertainment by his congregation Friday evening. Christmas entertainment will be given the Sunday-school of Winfield Church on Tuesday night of next week.

Brother Workman has been hindered the past week from pastoral work, by the sickness of Sister Thornburgh.

A telegram from Havana says that the first missionaries to arrive in Havana were representatives of the M. E. Church, South, and that for a number of days the missionaries have been gathering together the members of that denomination, who have been scattered throughout the city during the war. After much effort the forty or fifty Methodists who constitute the Havana congregation were assembled, and on Sunday, Nov. 13, they held their first meeting. A number of the members, who, prior to the war, were in comfortable circumstances, have been so reduced that their contributions for the support of the missionaries have dwindled from dollars to pennies. The Havana Mission is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Conference, which is still too poor to provide sufficient funds to make rapid progress in a place like Havana, where opposition to the Protestant religion is strong. The Baptists are stronger in Havana than any other Protestant denomination, and the mission work which they were compelled by Captain General Weyler to give up more than a year ago has again been put in operation.—Central Methodist.

### Sunday-School Notes.

We can supply Sunday-schools and scholars with commentaries on the lesson as follows:

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### Notices.

WANT THEIR POSTOFFICES.—I hope to mail the White River Conference Minutes soon, and I want to know the postoffice addresses of the following brethren: Revs. J. W. Harper, H. C. Edmonson, J. B. New, A. C. Griffin, A. F. Skinner, S. H. Blackwell, J. M. Thrasher, W. S. Southworth, J. D. Kelley, J. F. Armstrong, and R. H. Grissett. Z. T. BENNETT, Marianna, Ark.

My postoffice is still Batesville, and may remain so. I got back from conference to find my wife very sick. She has been worse since, but is better now. I cannot leave here though, for some days yet. There were some mistakes in the appointments as published in our paper, in regard to Batesville District. Richwoods mission, or circuit, was done away with. J. D. Kelly, Camp circuit, is not a supply; he was admitted on trial. Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH S. BROOKE.

Batesville, Ark., Dec. 17.

Brethren of the Jonesboro District, clerical and lay:—I hope the time of each quarterly conference will as nearly suit you as it is possible. God willing, I shall be there in time, and my aim and end is the best work in me for the cause and you and God's glory, and that all the conditions of great and successful revival work may richly inhere in us as workers together for the salvation of souls. And may we see the ingathering of 2,000 souls this conference year. Notice of the district stewards' meeting later. May God bless you all and give us all favor with himself and with the people.

I am no longer a candidate for chaplain of the lower house. My appointment claims all my time. Thanking one and all, who may see this, for tendered aid, I shall call, may be, sometime in the future for the support I needed in this. I do not withdraw in the interest of anyone, though asked to do so. I do not think it best.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

P. S. I would like for all the P. C.'s, whose quarterly conferences are yet to be held, to write me when each one will be held.

Your brother,

J. F. J.

Jonesboro, Dec. 17.

HENDRIX COLLEGE:—As our session is divided into three terms, the first term is just drawing to a close. It has been remarkable for the good health, regularity of attendance, good conduct, and faithful efforts of the students. Valuable contributions of books, amounting to nearly four hundred volumes, have been received. Friends are requested to send us all books that can be spared. The laboratory equipment has been greatly improved, and many students are doing experimental work. Prof. Hawley, after four years of faithful and efficient service, gives up the professor's chair for the presiding eldership of Hot Springs District. He is followed by the affection of a multitude of college friends. His place will be filled by Prof. J. J. Flanders, a graduate of

Emory College and a teacher of considerable experience, who will begin work with the second term. Present indications promise a large increase after the holidays. As many new classes will be formed, it will be a favorable time for students to enter.

A. C. MILLAR.

Mrs. Thornburgh.

I have received a number of letters of enquiry and expressions of sympathy on the severe illness of my wife. I wish to thank the writers for their kindly remembrance of me. I am sure many prayers went up for the life of the sick one. I am so glad to say, we now have hope of her recovery from this immediate attack. She was near the grave—wholly unconscious for six days and all hope given up. The Lord knows best and we trust in his goodness.

GEO. THORNBURGH.

### Personal.

Rev. C. E. Pattillo was in the city on Wednesday.

The postoffice of Rev. George Wilkinson is Oato, Ark.

Rev. W. A. Pendergrass, and his two little boys were callers Monday.

We had a call Monday from W. P. Pinson, circuit clerk of Union county.

Governor Stevens, of Missouri, has been resting and recuperating at Hot Springs.

The first list of new subscribers sent us since the conferences, was by Mrs. S. T. Raney.

Rev. R. J. Raiford has been confined to his bed since conference, but was better on the 13th.

Rev. H. H. Watson, in a private note, reports a most cordial reception and happy beginning of work at Monticello.

Anyone knowing the address of Mrs. W. A. Melver is requested to report same to Rev. Milton A. Clark, Stillwell, Ind. Ter.

Rev. A. S. Andrews, D. D., of the Alabama Conference, died on the 4th inst. He was long a representative man in his conference.

The postoffice of Rev. W. J. Stone is Belleville, Ark. He says: "We have been kindly received on the Danville circuit, and are well pleased."

Rev. F. B. Sinex, agent for the Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex., was in our office Monday. He reports unusual prosperity at the University.

Rev. W. I. Haven, D. D., son of the late Bishop Gilbert Haven, has been elected secretary of the American Bible Society in the place of Dr. A. S. Hunt, deceased.

Rev. J. H. Anderson, of Conway, died on Friday last. Bro. Anderson was formerly a member of the White River Conference. He has been superannuated for some years. He was an effective preacher and a faithful man.

We have notice of the death of James Wickersham, of Fort Smith. Brother Wickersham was secretary of the White River Conference when organized at Mt. Zion Church, Cross county, in 1870. His parents were members of the First M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, when the editor of the METHODIST was pastor of that charge.

## Christian Life.

### I Climb to Rest.

Still must I climb if I would rest;  
The bird soars upward to its nest;  
The young leaf on the tree-top high  
Cradles itself against the sky.

The streams that seem to hasten down,  
Return in clouds the hills to crown;  
The plant arises from its root  
To rock aloft its flower and fruit.

I cannot in the valley stay;  
The great horizons stretch away;  
The very cliffs that wall me round  
Are ladders unto higher ground.

To work, to rest, for each a time,  
I toil, but I must also climb;  
What soul was ever quite at ease,  
Shut in by earthly boundaries?

I am not glad till I have known  
Life that can lift me from my own;  
A loftier level must be won,  
A mightier strength to lean upon.

And heaven draws near as I ascend,  
The breeze invites, the stars befriend,  
All things are beckoning to the best;  
I climb to thee, O God, for rest!

—Lucy Larcom.

### A Noble Trait.

One of the most striking traits of the character of General Grant was his absolute truthfulness. He seemed to have an actual dread of deception, either in himself or others.

One day, while sitting in his bedroom in the White House, where he had retired to write a message to Congress, a card was brought in by a servant. An officer on duty at the time, seeing that the President did not want to be disturbed, remarked to the servant: "Say the President is not in."

General Grant overheard the remark, turned around suddenly in his chair, and cried out to the servant: "Tell him no such thing. I don't lie myself, and I don't want any one to lie for me."—Selected.

### The Circuit-Rider.

One of the most distinct pictures in our memory is the old Methodist circuit-rider. Very plainly dressed, but always having a due regard for the scriptural injunction as to cleanliness. Open and frank was his countenance, with a strength and kindness in his face strange to see in a person of his unobtrusive manner, but not so hard to account for when we re-

though they realized that he was really one "of whom the world was not worthy." As he jogged along on his horse to the village church, the day seemed to be made brighter; and as he knelt in the little pulpit and prayed in the sincerity of his soul, there came back to earth some semblance of Eden out where the cattle strayed upon the nearby Sunday hills, and the rivulet behind the church warbled its unending praise, and the old-fashioned roses in the adjoining churchyard nodded in the morning breezes above the graves of the dead of the generations gone by. Giving each person a cordial grasp of the hand as he went his course, no matter what his or her station; smiling sunlight into the hearts of the children; dispensing in his humble way the bread of life—"the spiritually indispensable," as Carlyle has it; visiting the sick and pointing the fainting soul heavenward that it might clasp the outstretched hand of Deity—the circuit-rider looms the noblest work of God.—Knoxville Sentinel.

### Divine Comfort for Troubled Minds

If one could refrain from thinking he might escape trouble. It is thinking that disturbs our peace. As the sea is lashed by the tempest until great billows rise and roar and rush away after one another, and dash against the shore with tremendous fury, the thoughts of men disturb, agitate and sometimes unsettle and wreck the mind. Thoughts concerning our work, our homes, our country, our sins, life, death and eternity perplex and trouble the mind.

Is there no anchorage for the mind in these storms? The Psalmist says, "In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul." "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."—New York Christian Advocate.

"Miracles are not the best evidence of the existence and power of God or of the reality of the spiritual and eternal kingdom of God. The necessity for the working of miracles to make God manifest to men is no compliment to our intelligence, but rather a rebuke to our stupidity. The divine power and presence of God may be seen everywhere by him whose spiritual eye

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## For the Young People.

### How it Went in My Childhood.

NO. XVII.

I soon learned to love to go to school. Our school house was on a corner of father's farm. It was an old boxed house, seated with long benches without desks. Old Walker School House is a dear old place to me. Many interesting things have happened there. The old rocky hill-side which sloped down to our spring, was the scene, once, of a great contest. The teacher said he wanted the path, down its side, freed from all the rocks. He selected Lee Davis and myself as captains of a company, each. One company began at one end, the other at the other end, each to see if he could not remove more stones than the other. We chose our men, strong, healthy country boys. What a contest we did have! Stones flew like hail. Every boy bent every nerve. Hotter and hotter grew the contest, as we neared each other; up! up! nearer! nearer! nearer! we came together—a mighty shout, a plow-boy's yell. We are together, and both sides beat, of course. Did you ever know it otherwise?

But that cannot beat boys having a battle with snow-balls, can it, children? Did you ever see one? We have an equal number on a side. We form in line, then the fray starts. The air is whitened with snow-balls. Ho! ho! ho! hit, "run!" cry our captains. Whack! down goes Homer's hat, with a white spot on it. Spat! Whoop! cries George, as a great ball hits him on the seat of his pants, as he is stooping down to make another ball. He jumps way up in the air. The air is deafening with yells. Spat! spit! spot! sput! spat! go the balls. Jim and John rush together in a hand-to-hand fight. They embrace, down, down they go in the snow! Over and over they roll. Jim fills John's ears with snow, then John fills Jim's mouth chug full up, and then Jim grabs a great handful of snow and just covers John's whole head with it. Like battles have begun all down the line. The battle has become desperate. Ding-aling, ding-aling, ding-aling ding, ding-aling, ding, ding, goes the teacher's bell. But we had no fights, all are in good humor, except Bill, who has a sore thumb, and Jim, whose tongue is bleeding, and Darcie, out of whose nose all the snow has not melted, and Peter whose coat tail is torn nearly off, and Jep, whose heel is frost-bitten, and Bob, who has a red eye, and Frank, whose pants are worn through at the knees, exposing bleeding skin there, and Tom, who is twisting around to get the snow down from his back, which is between hide and cover, and twenty-five other boys who are crying with awful cold hands, and the teacher, because every boy wants to get very close to the stove, and the girls, who are cold because the boys have pushed them away from it, but all is well next morning after our good teacher has read a chapter in the Bible and has

prayed, tenderly for us; yes, all are in good humor, then, and every boy is ready for another battle that day—and they had it.

Pass ball was a great game with us. You children have seen it played, I guess. We have two sides, with an equal number on a side, we have two or three balls. These are thrown across from one side to the other. The boy that gets hit must run to the other side. I remember seeing poor George, who is very fat—and his pants fit accordingly—get started. One side would pour it to him, then the other, till his tight pants almost burned. Every boy was nearly amused to death, but George. He did not get "tickled" till Joe got burnt like he did, and then he nearly amused himself to death.

The playing boy at play-time is, usually, the studying boy in study time. Play, children.

DERF S. KRAL.

Van Buren, Ark.

### Miss Willard's Rules.

The following are the "Golden Rules of Health," established by her father, which Miss Willard followed in her girlhood:

"Simple food, mostly of vegetables, fish and fowls.

"Plenty of sleep, with very early hours for retiring.

"Flannel clothing next the skin all the year round; feet kept warm, head cool, and nothing worn tight.

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"No tea or coffee for the children, no alcoholic drink or tobacco for anybody.

"Tell the truth and mind your parents."

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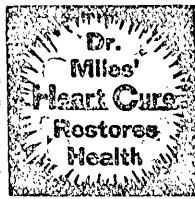
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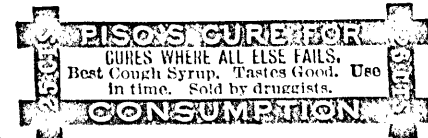


### How Like Man!

We may come at last to accept the idea that man is just a little higher development of the ape. The Central Methodist tells this story:

The monkeys in Africa are extremely fond of beer brewed by the natives. According to one of our exchanges the negroes capture them in this wise: They place quantities of the liquor within easy reach and wait until they are thoroughly befuddled. In this state they are unable to recognize the difference between negro and ape. When the negro takes the hand of one of them to lead him off, a second monkey takes the hand of the first, a third that of the second, and so on. A single negro may sometimes be seen carrying off a string of staggering monkeys. Fresh doses of beer in decreasing quantities are administered to the captives, so that they may only gradually awaken to the results of their spree. How like mankind!

We call attention to our Silverware Offer in this paper. Of course, our object is to get subscribers and not to sell silverware. We have arranged to get the silverware at a very low price at wholesale, and will let our subscribers have it at cost, provided they help the paper in the small way asked.



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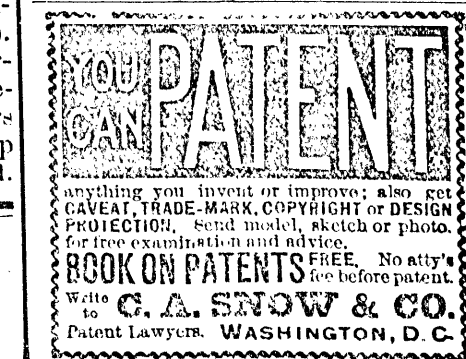
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## Our Church at Home.

### STUTTGART STATION.

While it has not been my custom to write field notes, I must say a word about the good people of this place. I say good people, for so they are, and they know how to receive and treat a new pastor coming among strangers to take charge of his work. No one could ask for a warmer reception and better treatment than I have received. The good ladies, Sisters Porter, Strong and others, have fitted me up a room where I am comfortably domiciled, taking my meals at Brother Strong's. Our church is at work here. Good Sunday-school, with Dr. C. C. Stephenson superintendent. Good League, well organized. Bro. Ed Hill, a noble young man, is president. The ladies have their organization well in hand. So, on the whole, we anticipate a profitable and pleasant year. We are praying and working to that end.

Respectfully,

K. W. DODSON, Pastor.

### FULTON.

After a move of about two hundred and fifty miles, we reached Fulton at about nine o'clock. Tuesday night, the 6th inst. Brother Schofield met us at the train and conducted us to a comfortable boarding house where we boarded for a week. We have no parsonage here and we had to wait for a house to be vacated; but we are now nicely "fixed up" in a good house very near the church. We have met the most of the people and are well pleased with the place and the people too. We have been very busy unpacking and setting up furniture, but everything has been running very smoothly, until last night, when the women and children and servants "took the whole thing by storm." But when it was all over we found that they had not forgotten anything. They even brought us a Xmas turkey!

We have a very small congregation in numbers, but "there is nothing short about the people." We are planning for considerable improvements on the church, and the purchase of a parsonage, and are praying for a great spiritual revival all over the town. Dr. Godbey, come to see us.

Fraternally,

R. LUTHER BROACH.

Dec. 16.

Galloway College.

It is our pleasure to announce to the patrons and friends of the school, that, although it is not yet two weeks since the disastrous fire which utterly destroyed the old buildings, Galloway, in new quarters, thoroughly organized, is running according to the old schedule.

The fire occurred on Sunday, Nov. 27. Before breakfast, the hospitable citizens of Searcy had carried to their homes all the former occupants of Galloway. Monday is our usual weekly holiday; Tuesday was occupied with the general work of reorganization; on that afternoon all members of the boarding department were recalled

from the homes that had been so kindly offered them and domiciled in the Sulphur Spring Hotel; on Wednesday teachers met all classes. The speedy and comfortable establishment of the school in its present location would have been well-nigh impossible but for the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Yarnell, who immediately opened the doors of the Sulphur Spring Hotel for the reception of students. Our debt of gratitude to Mr. Yarnell has been made greater by his continued effort to add whatever he could to increase the comfort of Galloway's still large household. The school work proper, including that of the conservatory of music and art, is conducted in another building, two blocks distant.

Owing to the recent interruption, the usual week's holiday at Christmas will not be given, but with the exception of Christmas eve, the school will continue without a break.

Everything points to a year of as good work and as satisfactory results as Galloway has ever known.

JUDITH L. STEELE,  
Lady Principal.

Searcy, Ark., Dec. 10.

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### Commissioner's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1898, and December 3, 1898, in a certain cause (No. 5951), then pending therein between E. R. Miller on original bill vs. P. Peovia as guardian etc., and J. I. Speiser, on cross complaint, vs. E. R. Miller, defendant, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the East door or entrance of the Pulaski County Court House, in which said court is held, in the City of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Monday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1899, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot numbered nine (9), and fractional lot numbered four, (4) in block numbered fifty-one (51) in Barton's addition to Argenta, 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 12th day of December, A. D., 1898.

J. H. PASCHAL,  
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## Woman's Work.

## Progress in China.

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It is said that some of the preachers of the Mission Churches are being supported by their congregations, and the outlook for the work in general is improving rapidly. More especially is this so in South China; people are being baptized in numbers, where formerly there was only an occasional convert. It is the opinion, expressed without hesitation, by people thoroughly competent to understand the situation, that the time for great missionary work has come to China.

Reports from the schools supported by our Woman's Board are encouraging, but more workers are needed here; there is much waiting to be done.

When we think of what our own country would be without books and of the millions in many heathen lands that cannot read, we feel that, as Christian women, we must do what we can to bring about that brighter day when the "lamp of knowledge shall shine for all the world."

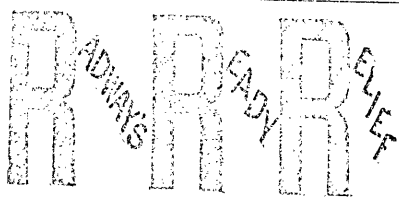
M. C. A.

To the W. M. S. of the White River Conference:

MY DEAR SISTERS:—With Dec. 1st. the third quarter of our missionary year closed. In the Nov. Advocate you will see the report of the Corresponding Secretary. There has been an increase of only four auxiliaries and twenty-five members since the year began. The treasurer's report in the Dec. Advocate gives us only \$362.60 for the two first quarters, for the family afflictions of our dear Mrs. Robertson prevented her making her report in June.

Our week of prayer was tolerably generally observed, and with the new conference year, with its change of pastors, comes a new impulse to advance the work of the Lord. How can we do it? Only by each one doing her whole duty. Please read carefully the leaflet, "Duties of Officers and Members." Renew your subscription to the Woman's Missionary Advocate and read it carefully, lend it to your neighbors, and let each woman resolve to add one new member to her auxiliary.

Mrs. Trueheart writes that the work on China, by Mrs. Harlan P. Beech, "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang," is now ready for sale, also the memorial volume of Dora Rankin, ordered published by the Board. The first is 25 cents, the last is 30 cents, including postage. Will not each auxiliary order one copy of each, chapters from which will make interesting reading for your meetings. Preserve the copy of the "Oak Street Missionary Society," sent you last spring, as the beginning of a Missionary Library. I hope each president sees that the annual report,



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Sincerely yours,

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## Our Church at Home.

### COLLEGE HILL.

We returned from conference on Tuesday, and on Friday following we packed and started to our new field of labor; reached Texarkana very late in the night, but secured lodging at the "Hill House," where we remained until morning, when Bro. Roberts (one of our local preachers) met us with conveyance and we soon found ourselves just in advance of the storm, safely housed in his home. Here we remained until Tuesday, when we received our household goods, and moved into our own hired house.

On the first Sunday, (notwithstanding the weather was very disagreeable) we had the pleasure of meeting and preaching to our people, both morning and evening, at this place—College Hill. We have here a splendid Sunday-school, superintended by Bro. J. T. Murphy, who is in great favor with the entire school; have also a splendid corps of teachers.

We received a hearty welcome on Monday night by a surprise party, bringing many good and useful things.

On Thursday we went to Genoa, to be present at our stewards' meeting, where we met brethren from different points of the Genoa circuit. We are pleased with our appointment, and intend to do our best—are planning for great things. Pray for us. Change my address from Rocky Comfort, to Texarkana, Ark, and oblige. Yours, F. F. HARREL.

### HUNTSVILLE CIRCUIT.

One of the greatest surprises we ever had was at the close of the conference at Morrilton, when Bishop Morrison announced our appointment as Huntsville circuit, where we grew up from the age of six years until 24. After a move of sixty-five miles, we are safely domiciled in the parsonage, among as generous and kind people as live west of the Father of Waters, as was manifested on the night of our arrival. Headed by Bro. H. L. Hogan, the pastor of the C. P. Church, followed by a host of others, representatives of, I presume, every denomination in the town, the good people came, and such a "pounding"—Oh, my! They just pounded us with flour, meal, meat, coffee, sugar and other good things too numerous to mention, and after our excitement subsided, Bro. Hogan made a few appropriate remarks, followed by a brief reply by the writer. Bro Hogan led a short prayer of thanks to the great Dispenser of all good things for His goodness to all His creatures here below, and for His guidance in the future. The crowd dispersed to their homes, leaving us to enjoy the benefits of their cheerful giving. Our earnest prayer is, that as they have ministered to our temporal necessities, we, by the grace of God, may be able to administer to them in spiritual things and that this year may be unprecedented in the history of Huntsville circuit in the ingathering of souls.

W. H. HATFIELD.

### GURDON, ARK.

We are now domiciled in our new home at Gurdon. We are well pleased, and starting off nicely. We arrived here last Thursday evening. I arrived with my horse and buggy about 2 o'clock and Mrs. D. and the children at seven. We found the parsonage ready for our reception. Some of the good women had overhauled the parsonage, polished the stoves, justified the furniture, and had the rooms warm.

Our household goods came in time and the women took charge of them and had the beds put up, and a warm supper waiting the arrival of the family. So you see, we had nothing to do but warm, eat supper, say our evening prayers and retire for the night.

Last Sunday I filled my pulpit morning and evening. During the day our exhausted purse was considerably replenished. Don't you know that was appreciated? That is not all. Last night, about 8 o'clock, the parsonage storm came. I was sitting by the fire reading the "Life and Times of Bishop Pierce." I had just finished reading his last work, sickness, death, and funeral, when we heard almost a multitude of voices and then a rap on the door. The door, of course, was opened and in came some of the most prominent women and girls of the town; also, some men and boys. Smithton was represented by some of her best citizens. They made their way through the hall to the dining room and made their deposits, thence to the front room where we spent a short time in conversation, then the writer read one of the Psalms, then offered prayer. He tried to thank God for such friends and also prayed that the blessings of God might rest upon each one and also upon their families, and that we might have the presence and aid of the Holy Ghost, this year. After prayer the company dispersed, and then we went to the dining room to see how much we had been damaged by the storm. We found sacks containing flour and meal, (not a little), breakfast bacon, sugar, coffee, lard, oats, soap, jellies, preserves, pickles, and a variety of canned goods, say, twenty cans; some dry goods and other things. The inmates of the parsonage feel that their lines have fallen in pleasant places. Mr. Editor, you would not blame us in saying, God bless these good people.

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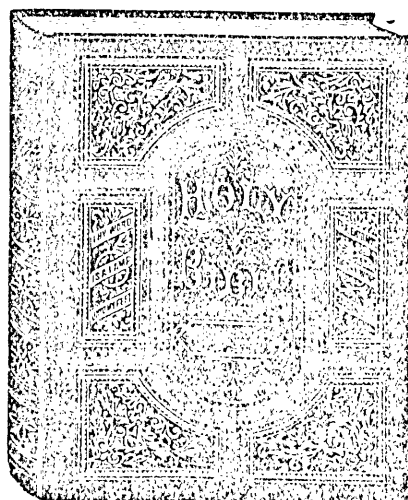
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## At Rest.

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

**SMITH:** Born in 1831, and died November 23, 1898—67 years mark the length of the life of a good woman. Sister Susan Smith, after two years confinement to her bed and great suffering, passed quietly away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Keith, in Russellville, Ark. Sister Smith was born in Chester county, South Carolina; was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. She was twenty-one years a widow. Professed religion in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she lived an acceptable member till God called her from labor to rest. We conducted the funeral services at Pisgah cemetery November 24, in the midst of many sorrowing and weeping friends. Sister Smith left every necessary assurance that she had gone to the good world. During her two years' illness she was never heard to murmur or complain of her affliction, but recognized the hand of God in all her afflictions. Look up, weeping ones, mother is in heaven. Let us go there.

J. C. WEAVER, P. C.

Atkins, Ark.

**EMERY:** Mary Elizabeth Emery, oldest daughter of T. W. and Dollie L. Storey, of Stone county, Ark., was born September 20, 1879; professed faith in Christ and was baptized and taken into the M. E. Church, South, September 9, 1894; was joined in matrimony to John Emery, July 3, 1898, and died at the home of her parents, Sept. 25, 1898. Brother and Sister Storey have the sympathy of all their friends in this, their sad bereavement. Death is the last enemy to conquer, and the only successful way to triumph over it, is through our Lord Jesus Christ. Tears of sorrow and sadness may, and will freely flow when the parting hand is given; faith, however, holds to the "evidence of things not seen." Hope of a happy meeting in a deathless, sinless place, where Christ has gone on to prepare for all his people, enliven us, and we press on with renewed vigor, and in the end we can say with Paul: "Oh, grave, where is thy victory? Oh, death, where is thy sting?" A broken family here, but happy reunion over there. The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

W. H. H. OYLER.

**APPLEBERRY:** Freddie Lee Appleberry was born in Shelby county, Tennessee, April 5, 1880, and died at Selma, Ark., Oct. 14, 1898. He was converted in a meeting conducted by the writer in September, 1893, and was baptized and received into the church on the 17th day of that month. Later in life his religious zeal abated until he felt unfit for church membership and requested that his name be dropped from the roll. His request was granted, and the last year of his life was spent out of the church. For some weeks previous to his attack he seemed to have undergone a great change, I am informed, and again manifested concern for religious affairs. A short time before the end came he prayed earnestly for the Lord to save his soul, and after two or three minutes calm he lifted up his voice and exclaimed glory, three times, being among the last words he uttered on earth, and he was soon at rest in death. Thus ended a strong and noble life in the early morning of manhood, full of promise, genial, courteous, and on whose manly arm the aged parents leaned as their chief support in temporal things. But with all this, say with him who had lost all, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." God bless all the sorrowing ones.

W. R. HARRISON.

**BOGGS:** On the 10th of July last, Mrs. Nancy J. Boggs fell asleep in Jesus. For more than 75 years she had been a member of the Methodist Church. Over thirty years of her life was spent in widowhood. Her exact age no one knew, but those most intimately acquainted with her history, claim for her more than 90 years. Like most old persons she lived much in the past. Among the recollections she cherished most, were the scenes and events connected with the work and results of the great preachers of Tennessee Methodism. Dr. John B. McFerrin was a great favorite among the old celebrities with her. There were many others however, contemporaneous with him, for whom she held but little less exalted esteem. She preserved a great fondness for the old customs and forms peculiar to the "old time religion." The singing of the old Hymns to "old time" music, the "lining," the prayer hymn by the preacher, calling mourners to the "mourner's bench" in the old fashioned way, were some of the things she believed in with all her heart. She could recount the details of great revivals and big camp meetings of the distant past, with most wonderful accuracy. Many a young preacher has caught new inspiration as he sat at the feet of "Aunt Nancy" and had her, in her clear and forceful way, unfold to him the history of his church and her ministry. She loved the Church and the preachers. Above all, she loved the Lord sincerely. Truly, a mother in Israel is gone.

W. R. HARRISON.

**GRAVENS:** William Lamb Gravens was born in Missouri, September 11, 1822. Moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1824. He professed religion in early life and lived a very consistent Christian till 1871 or 1872. About this time he lost his religious balance and for twelve or thirteen years he was out of the church and lived a very unhappy life. In the summer of 1884, he became very much wrought up about his spiritual condition. He resolved to seek restoring grace. He never ceased his efforts until God wonderfully restored him. The writer received him back in the church in 1885. Since then he has held, I think, a continuous official relation in the church and been faithful and true in his home and church life. For several years he has been feeble in body, though strong in faith. He attended the protracted meeting held at his home church two or three weeks before he died. I said to him one chilly, unpleasant night during the meeting, "Uncle Billy, it seems to me that you are too feeble to be out such a night as this." "Yes," he replied, "but I feel like this will be the last meeting I ever will attend, and I want to get the benefit of it. He died in peace, at his home on Shoal Creek, November 6, 1898. He was laid to rest at Elizabeth Hall, and memorial services held at the same place the following Sunday, conducted by the writer. He leaves a sorrowing companion and two children still on this side of the great river. Sorrow not, a reunion will be bye and bye. God bless the sorrowing brother and sisters.

W. H. METHENY.

Prairie View, Ark.

**CROW:** Mrs. Nancy Alice Crow (nee McDaniels) was born Oct. 24, 1862, died Aug. 2, 1898. She was a member of Paran Methodist Church, and the settlement has lost a good member, and her husband and children a good helpmeet and mother. Her youngest child, a few hours old at the mother's death, has rejoined her on the other side. Her husband and children, looking beyond the scenes of time, may rejoice if faithful to Christ in hope of a happy reunion. Sister Crow's last words were, "I am crossing the river to the New Jerusalem. Take care of my children for Jesus' sake."

PASTOR.

Tatumville, Ark.

**EVANS:** Sister Sallie Evans (nee Brooks) was born January 4, 1868; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1881, being then about 13 years old. She departed this life October 2, 1898. Sister Evans was married to John Evans, December 2, 1886. She was indeed, a true and devoted wife and mother, and above all a very

consistent Christian woman. She suffered intensely with slow fever for a number of weeks, but was never heard to complain, but would often say that she was ready to go, and for the Lord's will to be done, and that she was not afraid to leave her husband and two precious children in the hands of Jesus. But, as stated above, on the 2d day of October, 1898, the silver cord was clipped, and her spirit winged its flight up, up to its mansion of light, where all will be peace and joy forever. Look up, dear husband, and precious children, and meet the loved one in the sweet by and by.

J. H. SMITH.

**NICHOLS:** Little Carl, son of Wm. and Lenora Nichols, died Oct. 24, near Hot Springs. Only five short years had he blessed his parents with his bright young days. Only five years poured a tide of joy to grandma's loving heart by his fresh, fair life. Not thus brief will be the sweet influence he has left around them. Heaven is dearer since Carl is there. Thought will often follow to his home of beauty in the skies, and faith will see him "Safe in the arms of Jesus," and happy forever. As you sorrow in the absence of dear little Carl, may you, dear friends, realize with stronger assurance, that ere long, you will go to join him. In faith and sympathy.

L. A. H.

**HALE:** Wm. Hale was born December, 1871; died May 10, 1898. He was married to Miss Clara McCray, December, 1896, who, with a young child survives him. He professed religion and joined the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, August, 1897. Consumption, the disease that took away his brother and his noble mother, was soon preying upon him. A trip to San Antonio—an effort to regain strength—was of no avail. He returned to his wife, at the home of her people, kind friends, and shortly afterward passed away. Heaven preserve the bereaved, loved ones to a heavenly reunion,

PASTOR.

Tatumville.

**AUSTIN:** Jesse Adkins Austin died near Milo, Ark., November 2, 1898, aged three years and eight months. He was sick for some time, but bore his suffering as patiently as could be expected. A short time before he died, he raised his hands upward, and said: "Up, up, up, on high." His loved ones mourn their loss, but he is on the other shore, waiting and watching for them.

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

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; Holly Grove and Marvel, 21-22; Wheatley circuit, 28-29.

February—Brinkley circuit, 4-5; La-Grange 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 Cushman, 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; Harrisburgh 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.

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