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News and Notes.

THE GOVERNMENT sent 10,000 pounds of turkeys and 2,000 pounds of cranberries to the soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico for their Christmas dinner. The brave boys will love their native land all the better for this.

GEN. JOHN R. BROOKE has been appointed military governor of Cuba; 50,000 soldiers will be required for his needs. The fact that many Spanish soldiers will choose to remain in Cuba—Spain really desiring that they should remain lest they create trouble at home—will create the greater demand for garrisoning the island with a strong force.

THE PHILIPINOS are seeking to reap some spoil from the war in which they have been engaged. They hold about 5,000 prisoners, which they refuse to give up without compensation from Spain. The will of General Merritt has been expressed but not obeyed. When the Senate ratifies the peace treaty with Spain, then the will of this government will be expressed in the form of command.

GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE is governor of the Province of Havana. On the 9th of last April he left Havana, the Spaniards jeering at him as he took ship. He said, "We have been whistled at and insulted as we go. We will return and your whistle will be that of another tune." The whole nation is gratified to know that Lee is chosen governor of Havana. We

expect righteous government and rapid reforms under General Lee as we have under General Wood at Santiago.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION of labor, recently held at Kansas City, voted down a resolution favoring socialism by a vote of 1,807 against 420. That is a thing worth noting. It is not from the American laborer, but the foreigner that we fear mobs and anarchy. The strikes and uprisings of laborers, whereby capital has been intimidated of late years, is the result which capitalists have brought on themselves by their greed. Had they stood by their own people, employing American laborers instead of bringing in foreigners to take their places, the country would have been in far better state to-day.

THE INITIATIVE and referendum system in legislation has been adopted by South Dakota in a constitutional amendment. It provides that when five per cent. of the voters petition for any law the Legislature shall pass the Act desired, and submit it for ratification to the vote of the people; also, any Act passed by the Legislature shall be so submitted, if one-fifth of the voters request it, and shall not become a law until ratified by a majority of the voters. It is believed that this system will leave little chance for bribery or corruption in matters of legislation. Any suspicious measure can be submitted to the popular vote.

MUCH IS BEING said in the religious papers about the election to the United States Senate from Utah of B. H. Roberts, a man who is known to have three wives, and who is a polygamist open and avowed. The case is intended by the Mormons of Utah to test whether they may not be able to guard and teach polygamy under protection of State rights. As affording our readers the best presentation of this case we have published, on our 5th page, the statement of it, presented by Eugene Young, grandson of the old Mormon leader.

THE ZIONISTS, a society of Jews, organized for the purpose of pur-

chasing the Holy Land and re-establishing the Jewish nation in their ancient inheritance was noticed in this paper a year ago. The society's plan was then regarded as chimerical by most of the Jews, but during the past year,—the second year of its history,—it has greatly strengthened, and many local societies, as auxiliaries, have been formed in the United States. The Jews have immense wealth and if a real enthusiasm in this scheme is kindled, the money for its accomplishment can be raised. To us it appears that the Jew is a worshiper of mammon more than of the God of Abraham. It will be important for the Zionists to show that Palestine may have a great commerce and support a prosperous nation, in order to make their scheme attractive.

THE SPANISH TROOPS are rapidly evacuating Havana, and the Island of Cuba will be formally turned over to the United States Jan. 1. As the Spanish soldiers are withdrawn, the Cubans and some of the resident Spaniards manifest great insolence toward their former masters and riots occur daily. American authority will doubtless soon establish order. The American evacuation commission has put forth a proclamation to the people to unite in observing Jan. 1st with dignity, and reserve from any unseemingly conduct and to unite in aiding the commission to make the transfer of authority to the United States with strict observance of the rights of person and property of all people on the island.

Order of Surrender of Cuba.

First—At 12 o'clock on the first day of January, 1899, the battery of salutes at Cabanas will discharge 21 cannon and immediately thereafter the Spanish flag will be lowered from Moro Castle and from all of the buildings where displayed and the flag of the United States shall be raised in its place, saluting with another discharge of 21 guns from the same battery, these salutes to be fired by American and Spanish artillerymen, respectively. American and Spanish warships shall also salute both flags, discharging the proper number of guns.

Second—Land and naval forces of the United States which may

have been designated by their respective commanders and who shall have entered Havana in advance and shall have located themselves at convenient places, upon hearing the salutes, shall proceed to occupy the fortifications, edifices and places directly which the American authorities may desire to occupy and that at all military places a Spanish officer will await the arrival of the American forces and will deliver the place to them, leaving it in their possession. If on that day and hour there shall yet be Spanish troops in Havana they will remain in their quarters and will form ranks during the time of the delivery of the city, saluting all American troops which may pass there, presenting arms to sound of march from musicians and bands. The American troops will return the salute in identical form.

Third—At the same hour of 12 o'clock on the first of January there shall be present at centers, tribunals, offices and civil dependencies of the Spanish government the respective functionaries who may have not ceased discharging their duties. They shall make delivery to American functionaries who may present themselves for that purpose and will then receive proper instructions.

Fourth—Before the time of delivery commissioners of the United States and commissioners of Spain, together with the governors general and their headquarters officers and guards will assemble at the palace of the captain general to decide upon the mode and by common accord, any doubt or difficulty which may occur over the delivery, and to receive immediately afterwards any person who may desire to visit them either in recognition of new authority or in farewell to one that ceases.

"Fifth—Although it is not to be expected from the culture of this city that any one will disturb order or the gravity of the delivery of the island, if any one should disturb, he shall be immediately suppressed by public force and the American authorities will punish the guilty with severity.

"Sixth—On concluding the delivery the Spanish troops which may yet remain on the island shall be considered as a foreign army in a friendly country, and as such respected by all."

(Signed)

JAMES F. WADE,
Major Gen. U. S. V.
MATTHEW C. BUTLER,
Major Gen. U. S. V.

Attest:

JOHN W. CLOUS,
Brig. Gen. U. S. V., Secretary.

Educational Notes.

Phillips Andover Academy has secured nearly \$50,000 to erect a Gymnasium.

W. H. Dole, nephew of Pres. Dole of Hawaii, has won a \$2000 fellowship in architecture in Cornell University.

Pawtucket, R. I., is soon to have a public library building, costing \$350,000, the gift of Hon. F. C. Sayles, the first Mayor of the city, to be erected as a memorial to his wife.

There are 147 boarding schools for the education of the Indians, supported by the U. S. Government, with 23,952 pupils.

The State Agricultural College of Maryland is trying to introduce nature studies into the public schools, so that the pupils may have a knowledge of the chemistry of the soil and a general acquaintance with natural science. It is especially desirable for districts in the country.

The New York Evening Post says: "President Dwight of Yale has himself, given, directly or indirectly, about \$100,000 to the University, and it is now recalled, that during some of the early years of his administration, he took no pay, while serving as president, treasurer, and college preacher."

The undergraduates of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., are protesting against the system of co-education now in vogue there. They informed the trustees that the institution is suffering from the policy of admitting women, and urged prompt action to protect the University.

At Mount Holyoke College the students have formed a league to promote unity and loyalty in the college and good feeling between faculty and students, to encourage personal responsibility among students, and to secure the enforcement of such rules as come under the jurisdiction of the league.

Through the liberality of F. K. Stearns of Detroit, the University of Michigan has received 1,000 pieces of musical instruments, a rare collection, representing the evolution of wind and stringed instruments from prehistoric times to the present.

"The Psychological Foundations of Education," by Dr. W. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education, is a successful effort to indicate the psychological basis of the educational elements in civilization and its institutions. He demonstrates the true relation of psychology to education, and shows how all the activities of life react on child and man to develop them. The book is a masterpiece that should be read by all students of education and progress. Published by Appleton & Co., price \$1.50.

Without His Paper.

A writer in the Christian Standard truly says: "The church member who does not read his denominational paper will soon become shrivelled, narrow, anti-missionary, and then go into 'innocuous desuetude.' On the other hand, a church member who reads, and becomes an agent in his church for

a religious paper, is a benefactor. He is performing a service for Christ and the Church which is second to none. A pastor who will from time to time call the attention of his people to important articles, special numbers, and will urge upon his congregation the value and need of taking a religious paper, and will then follow it up with a little earnest solicitation, will strengthen himself among them. They will become informed, appreciative, and responsive to the denomination and to Christ."

Gives a Fortune to Charity.

By the will of Edward Austin, who died on Wednesday last, and which was offered for probate today, more than a \$1,000,000 is given to charity and to educational institutions, as follows:

To the New England Trust Company, \$100,000 in trust; the income to be paid "to needy aged men and women, who had been in better circumstances in early life, but had become in want in old age." To Harvard College, \$500,000, the interest to be applied to needy students and teachers to assist them in the pursuit of their studies. To the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$400,000; to Radcliffe College, \$30,000; to Tuskegee Normal and Industrial School, \$30,000; to the bacteriological laboratory of the Harvard Medical School, \$10,000.—Boston Telegram to Chicago Chronicle.

Wrecks of Rum.

Dr. Talmage drew a word picture, in his last sermon that ought to be seen by everybody, and carefully studied by many. It is a picture of the Arch Fiend of nations—Rum. Dr. Talmage said: "Rum is the arch-fiend of nations. Hear its boast; Champion fiend am I. I have driven a hundred ships on the rocks of Newfoundland, the Skerries, and the Goodwins. I have ruined more Senators than will gather any winter in the national councils. I have ruined more Lords than were ever assembled at one time in the House of Peers. The cup out of which I ordinarily drink is a bleached human skull, and the upholstery of my palace is so deep a crimson, because it is dyed in human gore, and the mosaic of my floors is made up of the bones of children dashed to death by drunken parents, and my favorite music, sweeter than Te Deum or Triumphal March, is the cry of the daughters turned out at midnight on the street, because father has come home from the carousal, and the 700-voiced shriek of the sinking steamer, because the Captain was not himself when he put the ship on the wrong course. I have kindled more fires, I have wrung out more agonies, I have stretched more midnight shadows, I have opened more Golgothas, I have rolled more Juggernauts, I have damned more souls than any other emissary of diabolism. Champion fiend am I."

Rev. E. Hez Swem, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, who has a partiality for unique texts, preach-

ed from "He loved her," Sunday evening, the sermon being largely devoted to the beauties of conjugal love. He paid a high compliment to President and Mrs. McKinley, when he said of them: "After a quarter of a century they are still lovers; I am glad that the head of the Republic sets such an example.—Washington Correspondent.

Wise Words.

He that would go through this life to good purpose must keep his eyes open, but he must be careful not to see some things. Many a capable young man makes a failure of the first half of his life simply because he insists upon seeing things which a wise man never consents to see. He notices every slight, real or imaginary; he keeps his eyes upon his rights, and bristles up the moment anybody dares to infringe the sixteenth-millionth part of an inch upon his territory. He keeps such careful guard of his honor—he calls it "honor," whatever it may be—that he must needs get into a quarrel twice a day to preserve it. Or he gets reform notions in his head, and he must stop by the way to right every wrong that comes within his range of vision. Until a man consents to let some things go in this life, he will never go anywhere himself to any good purpose. If he is forever looking out for his rights, he will eventually be all wrong. If he is always stopping to defend his honor, he will soon have no honor to defend.—Richmond Christian Advocate.



A vivacious woman's fan can frequently speak in more eloquent language than any known to the tongue of man. It can invite or repel, sigh or smile, be meek or haughty, tear a passion to tatters or humbly seek forgiveness.

It can also tell the story of health. A woman who suffers from weakness and disease in a womanly way sits in sorrow and dejection while her healthy sisters enjoy themselves. She may be naturally beautiful, naturally attractive, naturally interesting and animated and witty, but the demon of ill-health is gnawing at the very vitals of her womanly nature, and she soon becomes a withered wall flower in comparison with her brighter and more healthy sisters. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a wonderful medicine for women who suffer in this way. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned in wifehood and motherhood. It tones and builds up the shattered nerves. It restores the glow of health to the pallid cheek. It gives springiness and trip to the carriage. It makes the eyes sparkle with returning vivacity. It imparts animation to the mien and gestures. The fan that long lay listless and idle in the lap of an invalid again speaks the eloquent language of a healthy, happy woman. Thousands of women have testified to the marvelous merits of this wonderful medicine.

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Movement of Time and Tide.

DEAR BRO. GODBEY: After our very pleasant trip to Clarendon to visit the White River Conference, I turned my face homeward, and after a toilsome, muddy trip of twenty-two miles through swamps, I arrived at home, thankful to find all of the dear ones well. My trip to Clarendon makes a bright spot in the pages of life's history. I met many of the friends of my boyhood days, some of whom I did not know were there until my arrival. Some sad memories came trooping up with the rest, and we could not help but have some feelings of sadness when I would ask of certain old friends to learn that they had preceded me to the better land. There was a time when I was familiar with most of the paths and pig trails throughout Monroe and adjoining counties. When I was a little boy, in 1856, my father put me on a black pony and started me out early one bright spring morning from our old home, some two miles south of where old Lawrenceville was then located, which town, up to that date, had been the county seat of Monroe, but which was moved to Clarendon, with some papers to be placed on file for record in the clerk's office. The distance was twenty-two miles. I had instructions to stay all night, but I was light, and Coly was fat and sleek, and I speeded the distance in a jiffy. My veins were full of the blood of a live boy on a fine horse, and, aspiring to adventure, I partook largely of the thrill of adventure of Boone or Kenton, whose lives I had read, though yet so young. There were but one or two settlements, then, between our house and the mouth of Cache. On my way up, I had to cross the terrible cypress swamp, which was afterward bridged at a cost of \$1,600. Now and then a large buck, with massive antlers, or a drove of deer, would bound across or gallop away from the road, and I saw a great many turkeys. Just after passing through what was then known as Duncan prairie, I espied a bear crossing the road. I spurred after him and put him to flight with my cries, for I was more frightened than the bear. I ran on and told Judge Black about it, and the Judge, who was a bear hunter, soon had his dogs out after bruin and had a thrilling chase. But I hurried on my journey.

I arrived on the bank of the river, just a little south of where the court house now stands and delivered my package of papers. I ate my dinner that day, sitting on a stump. My lunch had been prepared by my precious mother, and in every mouthful I realized the tender care of a mother's love. Mother went to heaven in 1879, while I was a thousand miles from home—in Philadelphia, Pa.—but her many acts of loving solicitude are ever fresh in my memory. I am now past half a hundred, yet sometimes crave to lay my head upon that tender, loving bosom, and rest. I wonder if it will be mother, just the same, when I get

home from this longer day's journey.

Yes, I ate my dinner on a stump. I was too bashful to go to a house, and it did not take long for me to go back home that night. A boy never knows when he is tired—especially when he is away from mother. So I tightened the saddle on Coley, who had also had his lunch, and unceremoniously lit out. I believe Alford Harwick was then clerk, and Dalrymple sheriff. We had, then, to go all the way around old Pikeville to get into and out of Clarendon. I arrived home safely, by sundown, and had many things of interest to relate to the family. The old Judge killed the bear, and sent father a piece of it the next day.

I grew up with the country and saw its development. I was at Clarendon many times. I was there when Boogie, of early fame, was killed; I was there on the day that Col. Harris was shot; I was there when Col. Wheat, or Thweat, mustered in the militia and drilled them, just before the war. I was there on the day of the sinking of the old gunboat, and came near being captured by the Yankees, near Pikeville, on the day after the White Miller house battle. I have been in the town but twice since the war. I saw it in charred ruins. I passed through just after the destruction of the town. Only one family was left—that of Matt Stokes, who was running a still on the ground about where the factory now stands. The still, too, was burned, but not before it had done irreparable injury. One of the saddest revelings I witnessed during the war, was the result of the venom that came from that monster serpent. Yet Matt Stokes was one of the best citizens of the county. Immediately after the Yankees burned his still, he went into the army, and died there. As I passed through that charred town, with its gloomy, blackened chimneys, little did I think that I would stand on the same ground thirty-four years later, in the midst of so thrifty a town as she now is; and that I would leap from the saddle of a tired, lonely soldier, scouting for information of the enemy's whereabouts, to that of a darkly attired, gray-haired servant of the meek and lowly Nazarene. Thank God for protection and leadership through all these years. The time seemed so short, that I could scarce refrain from looking for my old tracks.

Phoenix like, the town has come up from the ashes, to do mighty things in making history in our new Arkansas. Since many of the old friends are gone, we are bound closer, by the ties of love, to those who remain. My dear old friend Clabe, who walked with me out of the springtime of youth into the valley of the shadow of the evening of life, could tell me of many of our old boyhood friends, of whom I was delighted to hear. And Mrs. Laura, who yet retains many of her youthful charms, ripened with experience and age, was recalled to my mind as she was in those days by the smiles of the charming daughters who adorn her home—like the fragrant buds that cluster

around the parent stem. May God's blessings rest upon that home, and no less would I invoke his blessings upon her husband—the old friend of my youth.

I brought from the White River Conference many precious memories. It was like opening a new book, whose pages contain many fresh, sweet, and tender reminders of other days, and, we trust, many useful resolutions for the future. God bless the brethren of White River Conference. I did so much wish to see my patriarchal father—Brother Dannelly. It was he who gave me my first credentials as a Methodist exhorter. I trust the journey will not be long, until, where the angels sing our greeting, we will meet again.

ROBT. H. POYNTER.

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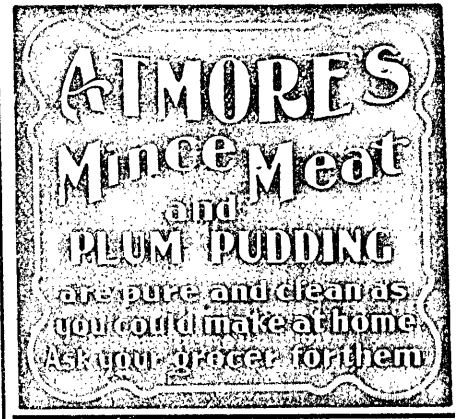
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Arkansas Conference—Facts and Figures, 1898.

The Minutes of the Arkansas Conference are on my table, and I have been very carefully looking over the statistical tables and am surprised and filled with humiliation at the result of last year's work, and at the same time I am puzzled to understand some things, —(e.g.) Take the table of membership: It shows a net decrease of 1,083 members; at the same time, the preachers' reports show (if you take the number received by profession, certificate, and otherwise, and deduct the number dismissed by certificate and otherwise) a net increase of 270 members. How are we to account for this? Are we to account for it, by saying that the preachers reported 1,353 more members last year than they really had on their rolls? If so, they ought—to use a mild expression—to go to a counting school. They were certainly honest enough to do their best. Some of the preachers may answer that some of the members counted were in St. Louis, some in California. But how did they get these names off the roll? Drop them? Then the minutes ought to show it. They seem, like the ghost, to have mysteriously disappeared. I suggest that the statistical secretary ought to have a definite rule and compel the preachers to report according to it.

We are deeply pained to notice the figures in table No. 2. It shows a decrease on everything except conference claimants and education, but some changes might be made in this. I think, if only the amount collected on educational assessment had been reported, that claim would have fallen below last year's report. And correctly reported, our Foreign Mission report would have shown a net increase of \$164.32. This arises from the fact that the Clarksville District reported \$544.35 last year, when on the assessments they paid only \$365.45, the other being paid by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This will show that we paid a little more for missions than a year ago. But when I think about 23,012 Methodists paying so small a sum to these great claims, I feel ashamed that we preachers don't preach in thunder tones against this sin.

Table No. 3 shows a falling off in Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools and collections. Oh, what a pity! I wonder how many will join in a resolve to do better next year? One district reports net increase in membership, four charges report in full on all collections ordered by the conference, and one other paid an amount equal to the full assessment.

Brethren, let us try to do something this year. I don't set myself up as a critic, nor am I a pessimist, but I was surprised and chagrined, and also alarmed, for Arkansas Methodism when I read the Minutes.

WM. SHERMAN.

The proportion of blind people in the world is 880 to every 1,000,000.

A MINISTER'S STATEMENT

Rev. C. H. Smith of Plymouth, Conn., Gives the Experience of Himself and Little Girl in a Trying Season—What He Depends Upon.

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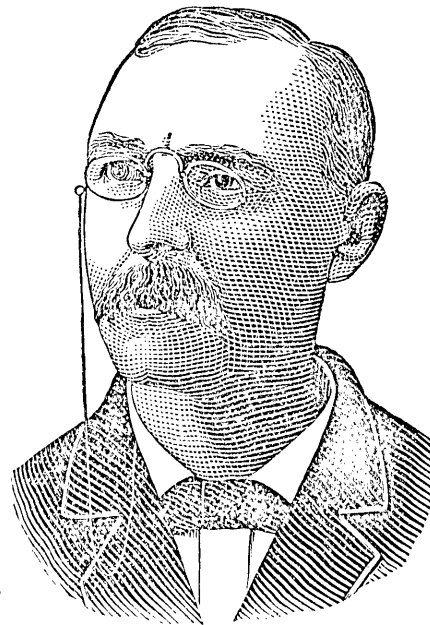
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Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1898, and December 3, 1898, in a certain cause (No. 5941), then 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.

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Literary Table.

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Mormon Defiance of the Nation.

By Eugene Young, Grandson of Brigham Young.

Mormonism has thrown down the gauntlet to the nation. In the election of B. H. Roberts to Congress the Mormon people have not only flaunted polygamy in the eyes of the churches that so long fought the practice, but have given notice that only those who are faithful to the decrees of the priesthood can hope to become powerful in Utah. Both the solemn promises on which Statehood was granted have been thrown mockingly to the American people. With franchise, prestige and property restored, the so-called Latter Day Saints have established their hierarchy in the midst of the republic, and are preparing to enter upon their promised heritage of the government of all the world.

A high-church leader who still practices polygamy, and who upholds the right of the priesthood to dictate in politics, has been elected by the men and women in Utah, with a half challenge for the House of Representatives to unseat him. The nation, in fact, is called upon to face the Mormon problem again, and this time with the belligerent people intrenched behind all the safeguards which the constitution has thrown about the State.

The problem is not merely a moral one which we can leave to the other churches, nor a local one which we can shift to the people of the West, but is national in every sense of the word. Already Utah's two seats in the United States Senate are at the disposal of the Mormon Church leaders. Idaho has learned that it can not fill its seats in the same body without giving recognition to these same spiritual potentates. Wyoming, in its fiercest contest, has found the Mormon legislators holding the balance of power in the State.

Nevada on the West and Colorado on the east of Utah are being slowly invaded by an army of this people, which is creeping surely to their farthest boundaries, and which in the near future must make itself of the greatest importance. Arizona and New Mexico, future States, do not hesitate to admit that the Mormon priesthood can govern the fortunes of the parties within their confines.

Government control is no new ambition among the Rocky Mountain saints. They were told, when they were a mere handful, that one day they should rule America, and from their capital extend their dominions throughout the world as the vicegerents of God on earth. Joseph Smith, their prophet, in 1844 set himself up for the presidency, and contended that he had a right, as the mouthpiece of God, to give the law to the people of the United States. Prophets who have followed him have told their followers that power for them is not far distant, and that they should prepare themselves for the responsibility. Polygamy itself, in

the doctrines of the church, is founded on the idea that the people shall multiply quickly in order that they may speedily extend their dominion.

In the election of B. H. Roberts the Mormon idea of power, and of the continuance of polygamy as well, finds its expression, for he has been the center of the greatest fight ever waged in the sect. He is not a politician. He has been a missionary, a president of elders in the church, and in late years its chief writer on theological matters. In fact, he was sent in 1894 to explain the Mormon faith to the Congress of Religions at the World's Exposition in Chicago.

He found an opportunity to enter politics seven years ago. The Mormon presidency, yielding at last to national pressure, solemnly declared that there should never be an attempt to unite the Church and State in Utah, and that Mormons should be absolutely untrammelled in their political action. High leaders of the sect plunged into politics at once, and Mr. Roberts, who had held himself as a Democrat, except when the interests of the Mormons seemed to conflict with such an allegiance, espoused the cause of that party.

But he was to learn that the presidency's promise was not made in good faith, and to be the instrument whereby the lesson that the priesthood was still in control was to be impressed, not only on the Mormons of Utah, but on the Gentiles.

Mr. Roberts was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the first State election in 1895. He had been chosen by his party because even then there had been "church interference," and he had stood out against several of the powerful priests who had used their influence in favor of the Republicans and had shown a determination not to bow to ecclesiastical orders by opposing woman suffrage, the pet measure of the Mormon presidency. Nominated on the same ticket was Moses Thatcher, an apostle, regularly named as a candidate for the United States Senate. He also was noted for his independence in the face of the priesthood, and it was on these two that the liberal people pinned their hopes of keeping the church out of politics.

In the last days of the campaign, however, a crushing blow fell upon them. In a secret meeting of the priesthood, gathered from all parts of Mormondom, the late President Woodruff condemned the two men for taking their nominations without having first asked the consent of their ecclesiastical superiors.

The condemnation fell like a blight on the Democrats, for they knew that to many of the Mormons the word of Wilford Woodruff was the word of God. Extraordinary measures were taken to offset it. The State convention of the party was reconvened, and a sweeping set of resolutions declaring that Church and State must be fought was adopted.

In these resolutions—adopted by a body of which two-thirds were devout Mormons—the statement was boldly made that high officials of the church had used their influ-

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ence in church meetings to compel the change of politics of their followers in order to divide the voters almost equally between the two parties, and thus give the priesthood the balance of power. Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Thatcher warmly indorsed these resolutions and declared they should never allow their church superiors to have any voice in the control of their political actions.

They had overated their strength. Both went down to defeat in the election, and the son of George Q. Cannon, the real ruler of the church, was given the Senatorship to which Moses Thatcher had aspired. To the rebels went the word that they were not in accord with their brethren, and Mr. Roberts, who had gained his livelihood in church work, was compelled to seek an editorial position on the Salt Lake Herald, then the earnest champion of political freedom.

Then the peculiar pressure of the Mormon priesthood was brought to bear on him. Its extent was revealed afterward in a secret meeting in Logan, Utah, the report of which has been shown to be correct. Mr. Roberts, after being avoided for some time, was approached by the high church officials with whom he had been associated for years.

He did sign a paper, for at the April conference of the church his name appeared on the "new manifesto," issued by the high ecclesiastical officers, upholding the very action which the Democratic convention had condemned.

The liberal elements saw in this edict the means whereby the church leaders could unerringly indicate their wishes to the people. Moses Thatcher refused to sign it, declaring it enunciated the principle that the hierarchy had the right to interfere with a citizen's exercise of his sovereign authority, and was deprived of his office as apostle for doing so.

Mr. Thatcher found that those who had promised to uphold him quailed before the agents of the presidency. He lost heart, therefore, and last year abandoned his fight, submitted to a trial by the church authorities and acknowledged their right to exact his political obedience. Thus the priesthood eliminated the only remaining leader of their own people who

could have successfully opposed their advance.

Only the Democratic party remained to be conquered to give the presidency absolute supremacy. A decisive blow was dealt to it when its municipal ticket was defeated in Salt Lake City last year. The principal cause of the disaster was an address in the tabernacle in Salt Lake City by the late "Prophet" Woodruff.

This defeat scattered the last remaining force opposed to the church, and the conclusive triumph was easy of accomplishment. Whispers went out through the State early this year that B. H. Roberts was to get his reward for his obedience to counsel. Then, from regions where Mormonism is strong, came a "demand" for his nomination to Congress. W. H. King, the present representative, who found time last winter to leave his duties in Washington and preach Mormonism in Brooklyn, withdrew from the race. One by one such leaders of the party as were known to be good churchmen took up Mr. Roberts's cause and, despite a last desperate rally of those who had led the fight for political freedom, he was nominated overwhelmingly.

Immediately it was openly charged that he was a defiant polygamist, who not only had not obeyed the law against living with the three wives he possessed already, but had married another after the anti-polygamy manifesto was issued.

This revelation came at a most unfortunate time for the church leaders, for they were evidently totally unprepared either to enforce their own rule against polygamy or attempt to justify its practice. It brought to the front facts which showed that there had been no cessation of the practice in the church. Mr. Roberts's partisans replied to the attack on him by saying that he was no worse than some of the candidates on the Republican ticket, nor than the leading church authorities.

Probing deeper, it was learned that in a quiet way polygamy was again being taught to the young people of the church through the Improvement Era, the organ of the young men's organizations. It was also remembered that Angus M. Cannon, president of Salt Lake Stake in the church—one of whose plural wives is now a State senator—had declared: "We still believe in the principle of plural marriages, as we believe in the practices of the patriarchs. You can't change a people's belief. But we submit to the law."

A Mrs. Freeze, a leading woman of the church in an outlying district, defended polygamy last June as not only being right, but a divine command of God. Apostle Woodruff declared at the same time that "the belief in polygamy is as much a part of the Mormon faith to-day as it ever was," and that the young people could not "deny this part of their belief without denying the prophet Joseph Smith."—Boston Herald.

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The Sunday School.

PREPARED BY REV. J. A. ANDERSON.

JANUARY 8, 1899.

Christ's First Disciples.

JOHN 1:36-46.

Golden Text—Behold the Lamb of God.—John 1:36.

The Synoptic Gospels.—The first three gospels, as we explained in the last lesson, deal generally with the Galilean ministry of our Lord. The gospel of John deals mostly with the Judean work of Christ. Thus we see in this lesson that John records what the others have omitted, the calling of the first disciples, which occurred in the region of where John the Baptist was baptizing in the lower Jordan valley.

The lesson opens just after the temptation of our Lord, not recorded by John. The temptation itself was the consummating act of preparation for the life-work of our Lord. Returning from that to the scene of John's baptism, our Lord was in readiness to enter upon that work. And as John saw him approaching him, he announced him as "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." This exclamation seems to have produced no visible effect; but the next day John was standing apart with two of his disciples, and, as the Master was passing, repeated in their hearing the same, "Behold the Lamb of God." This time, at least, the word went home to them, and they went after the Master. He, seeing their attention to him, turned and opened up the way, asking, "What seek ye?" They replied with another question, couched in terms of profoundest respect, "Rabbi, where dwellest thou," the meaning of which was to enquire as to his stopping place among the numerous booths which afforded temporary shelter for the people who were attending upon the ministry of John. Jesus's answer was a blessed "Come and see." The time was about 10 o'clock in the morning of a Sabbath day, time of day here being reckoned not according to the Jewish, but according to the Asiatic method, the same as ours.

"They abode with him that day," and during that day what blessed revelations came to them! Enough at least to bring to their consciousness the fact that they had found the Messiah, the Hope of Israel.

These two men were John and Andrew. And having found the Messiah, they did exactly what every man who has since found him has been moved to do—they went immediately out after others. Andrew went straight after his brother, Peter, and told the glad news, and brought him to Christ.

I will not pursue further the details of the narrative so plainly written in the text. But we see here the beginnings of the formation of the Christian Church; we see the method that was followed both by our Lord and by those who first got to him, the same meth-

od that has ever been followed in saving men; we see the spirit of the gospel displayed in their method; we see the success that then attended such method, has always attended it. A clear, well defined consciousness that you yourself know the Lord, an humble, confident testimony concerning his power, with evangelistic fervor—this is the method and the spirit of all gospel work, and the success here achieved is the unfailing success of the gospel wherever these elements are present. No clap-trap, no pulpit blackguardism, only the simple, strong, steady pressure of gospel testimony.

It is worthy of noting that these men were not yet apostles nor called to be such; they were called merely to personal attachment at this time, just as any man may be today, so far as official relation is concerned, that is, they were private Christians, as we would say. Nevertheless, they went to work, and effectually, as we see. Andrew might easily have excused himself, on any number of grounds, but he went after his brother. So far as the records show this was about all that Andrew ever did do that amounted to much, but he did that, brought Peter, and Peter shook the world.

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Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1898, in a certain cause (No. 6244), then pending therein between Equitable Building and Loan Association Perpetual, of Little Rock, Ark., complainant, and George C. McDairmid and Evelyn M. McDairmid, his wife, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the East door or entrance of the Pulaski County Court House, in which said Court is held, in the City of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Thursday, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1899, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot ten (10), in block seven (7), in McDairmid's sub division addition to the town of Argenta, Arkansas, being in part of Southeast quarter of section thirty-four (34), township two (2), north range twelve (12) west, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months the purchaser being required to execute note with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of — percent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 14th day of December, A. D. 1898.

CHARLES M. CONNOR,
Commissioner in Chancery.
J. A. WATKINS, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

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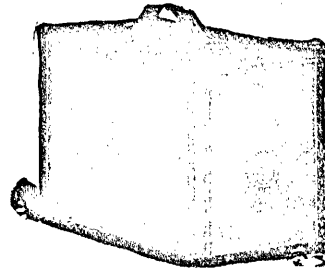
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JANUARY 1, 1899.

The Angel Presence for the New Year

Ex. xxiii:20-25.

The journey of Israel from Egypt to Canaan is full of spiritual revelation in symbol. We shall understand this when we remember that it was a time of the unfolding to God's people of these doctrines and truths which were to guide good men in all time. Written records were not then available for the instruction of the people at large, and we must remember that the revelation given to Israel was not the Bible, but a series of providences by which, in visible acts and events of history, God taught them. The Bible is a history, in part, of those things, some of it written centuries after the things transpired. The Bible is a history in part of a divine revelation made to the Jews. They had it long before it was written for us.

Here we have, in our lesson, a fact, God's presence was revealed to journeying Israel in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. They were safe in that guidance. They were to follow no other God, regard no other leader.

This fact of history set before the people a lesson for all time. The time would come when the visible presence of their guide should no more be seen. But God was to be their guide no less, and they were to own his presence and authority still the same.

You and I, dear Leaguer, this day look to the future. We know not where our journey will lead through the coming years. Your editor would covenant with you to follow the divine guide.

How shall we do it? Simply by keeping ourselves true to all that is good and right, and holding ourselves in purpose and thought aloof from all things impure. We may never be led out of humble spheres, but in humble spheres we can lead beautiful and holy lives. Ambition to do great things would mislead us. But where God calls we will go, and let him lead as he will.

A happy New Year to you all and God bless you.

League Notes.

This year the Christian Endeavor Societies and the Leaguers will use the same lessons.

The Epworth Era has advanced its subscription rapidly under the editorship of Dr. DuBose.

How many persons were converted in your League last year? To hold meetings in the name of Christ which do not lead persons to Christ is not wise. The spiritual standard of the church will be lowered thereby.

A church where many pray in public and but few pray in private is not in a good state.

We must guard our Leagues against a mere talking religion. To talk well in the League and not live a devout and prayerful life is only a reproach to the talker.

If there is spiritual reality and life in religion let us get to it in our own heart's experience.

Do not fall behind in your contributions for the support of our China missionary, Bro. Cline.

League entertainments may be literary or social, but they should still be such as become serious and intelligent people.

Look to it that your devotional service is not a mere performance set to a program. The request for twenty testimonies in five minutes is apt to set people to saying things which are foolish, extravagant or untrue. Anyway, the best testimony you give for Christ is not given in talk before the League, but outside, in your conduct before the world.

The work of Charity and Help will do us little good if it does not teach us to be always charitable and helpful, adding permanent Christian grace to our own characters.

District Presidents.

The following brethren have been appointed District Presidents of Epworth League work:

Fort Smith District, J. J. Gallo-way.

Fayetteville District, E. R. Steel.

Harrison District, J. W. House.

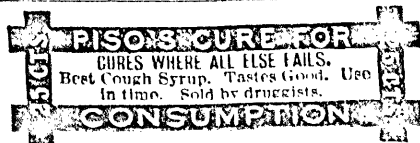
Morrilton District, J. H. Reynolds.

Dardanelle District, I have asked W. P. Thompson and F. A. Lark to act in connection with myself.

I have asked each of the appointed district presidents to select two others in their respective districts to act with them as a district board. League workers will please confer with these brethren in matters concerning the league. We also request each P. E. to give the League the day previous or the first day of district conference, and that the district board prepare a suitable program.

Brethren, let us put our hearts and heads together and push the League work.

Yours in Christ,
S. F. GODDARD,
Epworth League Secretary, Ar-
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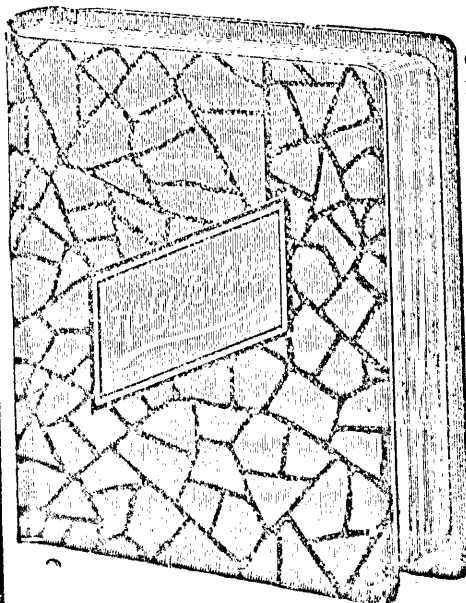
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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1898.

Going Down the River.

The tide of Life's river
Bears me onward forever,
Without noise or commotion,
Down, down to the ocean,
And its course is so steady
That it seems in an eddy,
But soon will it surge
O'er the cataract's verge.

I know it is flowing,
And fast I am going,
I know, by the changes of scene on the shore,
Bright days of my childhood,
It sports in the wildwood,
And youth's golden visions, I view them no more.

Old friendships are broken,
And vows fondly spoken
Are now but remembered as words which were
vain,
The prospects so smiling,
And hopes so beguiling
Which enchanted my manhood, full short was
their reign.

And so I have warning
That past is Life's morning,
Its fair dreams have faded, its pleasures are gone;
The sun is declining,
The day-light is waning,
And fast are the shadows of night coming on.

O God do Thou guide me,
Where no ill shall betide me
Through Death's gloomy portal
To the regions immortal,
For soon shall I be
On the limitless sea.

For a good statement of the Mormon question, read the article of Eugene Young, grandson of Brigham Young, on our fifth page.

It is said that the lady whom General Merritt has married is not a great beauty, but it is supposed she will be admired for her General Merritt.

A subscriber writes us: "Since I took to keeping my paper paid in advance it has improved wonderfully." Ah, that is the way to improve a paper. If all our subscribers would try it, the praises of the ARKANSAS METHODIST would be in many thousands of Methodist homes.

It is a shame to man that ever passion was called love. Passion is selfishness, restless for self-gratification. Love is benevolence, ever seeking to bless another and be blessed itself in its self-spend-ing. Passion dissembles, schemes, and when thwarted turns to revenge. Love suffers, hopes and prays. The saddest disappointment of life and its heaviest burden, is when love has been deceived and mated to passion.

The Richmond Christian Advocate says that Bishop Fitzgerald is credited with a neat definition of an "independent paper." If political, it carries a Republican flag and shoots into the Republican ranks, or vice versa. If pious, it

lives off of Methodist rations and shoots into Methodist pews and pulpit. He might have added, it will be detected, for "a fellow may fool a part of the people part of the time, but he can't fool all the people all the time," so said the shrewd Lincoln.—Central Methodist.

We must speak once more on the subject of obituaries. Many of them are unreasonably long. We ought not to have to take time to read them, far less to revise or abridge them. Again we say, we cannot republish obituaries which have already gone out in other papers. We make also the suggestion that in all obituaries, the form be, A. B., of Lenox, Ark., son of, etc. We often desire to send papers to the bereaved family, but are seldom able to do so, the post-office not being given. We are making no charge for obituaries and wish to favor all parties as far as we can. Help us.

Developing the Will.

If man is truly the maker of his own destiny, then it is clear that the supreme matter in education is the right development and control of the will.

No matter what talents nature may bestow or what advantages fortune may give, the most brilliant and cultivated in mind, if possessed of feeble temper, will fail in the struggle of life. It is will which invests man with imperial power to govern himself and his environment. Without it he is doomed to see the less gifted, the less intellectual and cultured continually passing him in the competitions of life. There have been great geniuses whom the public had never known, had it not been that sheer chance procured for them a patron—rather we should say a manager—who introduced them to the world. Such a chance as fell to those missed a hundred as worthy, who, all their lives, crouched in a corner, wondering why men so inferior to themselves in taste, judgment, refinement of feeling, nobility of spirit and breadth of culture were constantly preferred by the world.

Modesty is commendable and always a characteristic of true merit. But we must not substitute for modesty cowardice. Much that passes for modesty is but feebleness of purpose.

The development of will force in education requires two conditions. The first is harmony between the convictions and the conduct of life. No one is possessed of his full strength for any work who is divided against himself. He must

have conviction and every sentiment of his being on the side of what he does, if the action shall represent truly the man and the whole resource of his power. Many an one is made a coward by his conscience, just as another is made a hero by the same moral force. Integrity makes the hero. It is essential to the highest attainment. It is necessary to the full strength of the will.

But another thing is important, and the teachers of youth do well to regard it. Children should not be put to tasks which they cannot perform, nor suffered to abandon that which has once been judiciously taken in hand. Little achievements are great in the estimation of children. Let them undertake things possible and do what they undertake. Your boy may have capacity, when rightly developed, to rule a state or to rule the nation. But if you set before him such an ideal and set him on the "qui vive" for a great chance or opportunity, you will make of him an overbearing egotist who will think himself above common things and be fit for nothing. Let all lowly toil be honored in his esteem, and let him win his first victories in lowly spheres. Many a boy is ruined by the pride of his parents, who are not willing that he shall enter upon life's struggles side by side with the poor in the humblest stations.

They fail who aim at lofty things before achieving victories upon humbler fields. David never gave higher evidence of kingly fidelity and courage than when he defended the lambs of his father's flock against the lion and the bear.

Peter the Great never gave higher evidence of greatness than when he toiled with the ship builders in a foreign land and was known to those about him only as a day laborer.

The lesson to learn is to make sure of success of that which is taken in hand. So the will grows strong as confidence and self-reliance strengthen. On the other hand, if enterprises too great be first undertaken, or things begun which ought to be abandoned, or purposes fixed which need to be relinquished, the reflex action of such failure, and such change of plan will quickly develop an irresolute and vacillating spirit which will destroy the very foundations of true manhood.

Many a life which God designed for the noblest achievements and the highest spheres has thus been perverted and put upon the way of continual failures by the very pride of parents who would have their children do great things, but

wealth or opportunities from that discipline which is absolutely essential for the development of self-control and conquering power.

As We Found It.

If a member of the church tells his pastor that he will not pay to Foreign Missions, let the pastor ask him for a contribution to Home Missions—and see him squirm.—Baltimore Christian Advocate.

So we found it in our experience. Some years ago we were collecting by private solicitation for Foreign Missions. A brother, in moderate circumstances, gave \$20, saying, "You will expect a contribution for Domestic Missions and I must divide between them." We went directly from this place to the office of a millionaire. He said, "I have no sympathy for Foreign Missions. There are enough poor people at our own door for all the help we can give." We said, "Very well then, just give us your contribution for Domestic Missions and we will say no more." He gave \$5.

Church Notes.

The M. E. Church has 31,000 full members and 46,000 probationers in India.

Nine persons were received by letter in the Hunter Memorial Church last Sunday.

There were large congregations morning and night at both Winfield Memorial and First Church, this city, last Sunday.

Last Sunday Rev. James Thomas held the quarterly meeting services at Asbury Church. There was a good congregation morning and night.

The people of Wagoner Place Church, St. Louis, a charge of the M. E. Church, South, of which Rev. T. E. Sharp is pastor, are rejoicing at the payment of the debt on their house of worship. It is a \$25,000 building, and the debt of \$15,000 which long burdened it has been paid. The principal part of the debt was paid by members in the other churches. The building of this church without due regard to the local Church Extension Society was the cause of embarrassment. St. Louis Methodism has been united for many years in a noble work of church extension in that city. But where the churches are expected to back an enterprise they are also first expected to be duly consulted about it. It is fortunate that Wagoner Place Church is saved, but its history will inspire caution for the future.

NOW FOR 1899.

We wish to carry forward a vigorous campaign for the ARKANSAS METHODIST in every pastoral charge of our church in the State during the entire year.

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Missionary Mass-Meeting.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

In pursuance of a request made by the executive committee of the board of Missions of the Arkansas conference, there will be held at Huntington, Ark., a Missionary Mass-Meeting, beginning on Tuesday night, January 17, 1899, and closing on Thursday night, 19.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday—7 p.m., sermon, "The Present Status of Mission Work," E. Goddard.

Wednesday—9 a.m., devotional exercises; 9:30, "The Policy of the Conference Board of Missions," S. H. Johnston; 11 a.m., sermon, "Present Day Responsibilities," Jas. H. O'Bryant; 2 p.m., The Relation of the Pastor to Missions.

(1) Paper. His Duty to Preach Missions.—P. C. Fletcher. Discussion, led by O. E. Goddard, S. H. O'Bryant and I. F. Harris.

(2) Paper. His Duty to Circulate Missionary Literature.—J. B. Evenson. Discussion, led by M. Waldrip, F. A. Lark and J. C. Hipp.

(3) Paper. His Duty as to the Collection.—W. H. Dyer. Discussion, led by S. Anderson, J. J. Galway and J. M. McAnally.

7 p.m., sermon—"The Purpose of the Gospel as Taught in the Bible"—S. Anderson.

Thursday—9 a.m., devotional exercises; 9:30, paper, The Relation Between Spirituality and Missionary Zeal.—F. A. Lark. Discussion, led by J. W. Griffin and N. Weaver. 11 a.m., sermon—"Objections to Missions Answered"—I. F. Harris.

2 p.m. Paper: The importance of Home Mission work.—J. M. McAnally. Discussion, led by F. Taff, B. W. Aston and P. W. Hemphill.

4 p.m. Paper. The Sunday-school and Missions.—S. F. Dykes. Discussion, led by W. H. Dyer, S. H. O'Bryant and J. E. Wood.

7 p.m. Missionary Love Feast, conducted by O. E. Goddard.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Fort Smith, Dec. 21.

An Exhortation.

Brethren of the Fort Smith District, please see the program for our missionary mass-meeting in this paper. Let us begin at once to prepare for this meeting. Every one on the program is expected to make special preparation. Every pastor in the district is expected to attend this conference throughout the session. If any one who has been assigned a paper is providentially kept away, let him send his paper. The local preachers are cordially invited to attend and take part in the meeting. If there are any pastors in the district who think they cannot attend, I hope they will write me at once. This is the first missionary meeting to be held in the conference. Let us make it the best. Please notify, at once, Bro. Waldrip, at Huntington, of your purpose to attend, that homes may be provided for all.

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Diaries for 1899

A. G. Moore, Little Rock, Ark., has a large assortment of splendid diaries for 1899 for sale cheap. Also fancy calendars. Write him for prices.

J. M. Robinson.

Regarding Rev. J. M. Robinson, whose death is noted in our personals, Brother Thomas furnishes the following: Rev. J. M. Robinson was 40 years old, was converted and joined the church at 20 years of age; was admitted into the Little Rock Conference on trial at Magnolia in 1891. On account of the serious affliction of his wife he was discontinued at his own request at the end of the second year. Two years ago his wife died and left him one child, a daughter, who, together with a widowed mother, several brothers and sisters survive him. Brother Robinson was a good man, influential, always on the side of right, a good preacher, and looked forward to great success on the Tomberlin work this year.

From Brother Hayes.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Have you heard that I am in Arkansas? Well, so it is. And in one of the nicest little pastoral charges in any country. My reception has been loving and kind. I hope my work will be fruitful and abiding. I want to meet you again and often. The distance is short, connection good. Run up and edify my people. My pulpit is at your service at any time, and always glad to see you. In the meantime and all the time the ARKANSAS METHODIST is an indispensable aid to my work. So, please send the METHODIST to me and oblige yours truly,

W. M. HAYES,

Morrilton, Ark.

Rev. B. A. Few, Princeton, Ark., sends a new subscriber, of whom he says he has just married and

started to housekeeping right. He also adds this note:

"It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death on the 21st inst., of Mrs. Agnes B. Fuller, of this place. She was the wife of Judge Fuller and mother of Capt. Bob Fuller, of Fordyce; Bro. Wm. Fuller, of this place, and Mr. Thomas Fuller, of Shreveport, La. Early in life she gave her heart to Christ and lived a most exemplary Christian life to its close. She was a saintly character and Princeton is in sorrow over her demise."

Cordially yours,
B. A. FEW.

Personal.

Rev. P. B. Summers called Tue day.

Rev. R. J. Pollard, of Wampoo, called Saturday.

Bishop Fitzgerald is much improved in health.

The postoffice of Rev. W. F. Evans is Arkadelphia.

The postoffice of Rev. W. P. Talkington is Crowley, Ark.

Sister M. L. Churchman, of Elgin, was a pleasant caller Tuesday.

Our old friend, Rev. Moses Payne, of Hattiesville, called to see us the other day.

Prof. Granville Goodloe, of Arkadelphia Methodist College, made us a pleasant call Saturday.

Rev. J. K. Farris says that there is not a Methodist family in his charge that does not take the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Rev. S. A. Steel holds his conference connection through appointment as missionary secretary of the Mississippi Conference.

Dr. Dye reports from Helena: "Bishop Morrison has just wired me that he has appointed Rev. H. R. Singleton to Helena station."

Rev. B. C. Matthews, formerly a member of the White River Conference, now P. E. of El Paso district, is regaining health in Mexico.

Prof. W. A. Hemphill will be director of music for the Southern Methodist Leagues at the International Conference at Indianapolis next July.

We were much pleased to have a call from two of the Hendrix College students on their way home: N. E. Cannon, of Lockesburgh, and Chester Eudaly, of Powhatan.

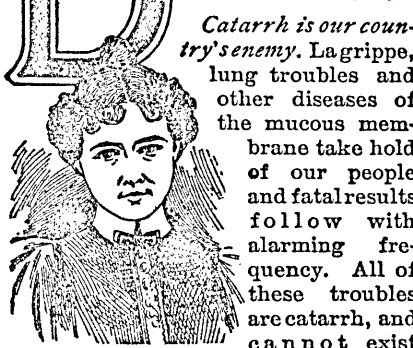
The Baltimore Christian Advocate says that Trinity Church is prospering under the ministry of Rev. C. M. Hawkins, late transfer from the Southwest Missouri Conference.

Rev. J. M. Robinson, who was in charge of Tomberlin mission, died Wednesday, 21. He preached the Sunday before. Rev. James Thomas went down to his funeral on the 22d.

Several days ago we received a postal card from Alman, Ark., with no writing on it. Doubtless two cards stuck together when they were written. We do not, of course, know what was wanted.

Dr. Tanner, the noted faster—so the papers say—has visited our city. How it is we know not. It was certainly reported, twelve years ago, that Dr. Tan-

DEFENDING THE NATION.



Catarrh is our country's enemy. La grippe, lung troubles and other diseases of the mucous membrane take hold of our people and fatal results follow with alarming frequency. All of these troubles are catarrh, and cannot exist where the membranes are clean and healthy.

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ner, the faster, had been killed by falling down stairs.

Rev. O. H. Keadle was superannuated on account of failing health, at the last session of the Little Rock Conference, and has located at Fordyce. We have engaged him to represent the ARKANSAS METHODIST and our publishing interests.

Dr. Benjamin Andrews has again resigned his place. This time it is the place of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the city of Chicago. The cause is that the Board refused to sustain his ruling regarding the qualifications of teachers of night schools.

Rev. F. M. Smith, a member of White River Conference, sends us word that his wife has been successfully treated by Dr. Woods, of Batesville. A difficult surgical operation had to be performed, in which Drs. Kennedy and Hodges, of Sulphur Rock, assisted. This kept Brother Smith from conference, but he is now at work.

No death in town for a long time has grieved the hearts of so many as that of Miss Josie Weaver, who died Tuesday afternoon, at the home of her parents, from the effects of fever. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the M. E. Church, South, Rev. W. B. Johnsey conducting the services. Rev. Geo. McGlumphy came over from Eureka Springs, in response to a telegram, and assisted in the services. Both had been her pastor for two years and testified to her unassuming Christian life, ever ready to help the church, and to help any Christian cause. The church was crowded, many standing. The remains were buried in the cemetery near town.—Rogers Republican.

Christian Life.

Jesus Loved Martha and Mary.

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister.—John xi:5.

'Twas Mary chose the better part,
And loved the Lord with all her heart;
No thought had she of earthly care
While breathing in that hallowed air;
For, wrapt in holy love and fear,
She only felt, the Lord is here.

But Martha, with a heart as true,
Found ever still some work to do;
Too careful that her heavenly guest
Should eat and drink and be at rest,
She failed to win the praise complete
That fell to Mary at his feet.

Yet we are told, in language plain,
That Martha, Jesus loved, and fain
The careful ones whose path is laid
In sunshine so much less than shade,
Are troubled about many things,
And seldom rise on spirit wings.

They fain would hope the lowly prayers
That spring amid their worldly cares
May reach the same dear Lord who heard
And answered Martha's murmur word,
And, healing still the fevered heart,
May help them choose the better part.

The better part! The faith in him
Still shining when all else grows dim,
And making life a hymn of praise
Through early and through later days;
This priceless gift for which we pray
That none shall ever take away!

—Isaac W. Wellington,

Daily Fellowship With God.

The divine life within us comes from God, and is entirely dependent upon Him. As I need every moment afresh the air to breathe, as the sun every moment sends down its light, so it is only in direct, living communication with God that my soul can be strong.

The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from Heaven; and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God Himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God, and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

To this end, let the first act in your devotions be a setting yourself still before God. In prayer or worship everything depends upon God taking the chief place. I must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration. God is; God is near. God is longing to communicate Himself to me. God is the Almighty One, who worketh all in all, is even now waiting to work in me, and make Himself known.

Take time, till you know God is very near.

When you have given God His place of honor, glory and power, take your place of deepest lowliness, and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing, that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self-abasement. As a saint, let God's love overwhelm you, and bow you still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience, and surrender to His goodness and mercy. He will exalt you.

Oh, take time to get very low before God.

Then accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. God delights in nothing but His beloved

Son, and can be satisfied with nothing less in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence in the boldness which the blood gives, and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well pleasing. In Christ you are within the veil. You have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship with God, that I may have more of God in my life, and that God may see Christ formed in me. Be silent before God, and let Him bless you.

This Christ is a living Person. He loves you with a personal love, and He looks every day for the personal response of your love. Look into his face with trust, till His love really shines into your heart. Make His heart glad by telling Him that you do love him.

He offers Himself to you as a personal Savior and Keeper from the power of sin. Do not ask, Can I be kept from sinning, if I keep close to Him? but ask, Can I be kept from sinning if He always keeps close to me? And you see at once how safe it is to trust Him.

We have not only Christ's life in us as a power, and His presence with us as a Person, but we have His likeness to be wrought into us. He is to be found in us, so that His form or figure, His image, can be seen in us. Bow before God until you get some sense of the greatness and blessedness of the work to be carried on by God in you this day. Say to God, "Father, here am I for Thee to give as much in me of Christ's likeness as I can receive." And wait to hear Him say, "My child, I give thee as much of Christ as thy heart is open to receive."

The God who revealed Jesus in the flesh and perfected him, will reveal him in thee and perfect thee in him. The Father loves the Son and delights to work out his image and likeness in thee. Count upon it that this blessed work will be done in thee as thou waitest on thy God, and holdest fellowship with him.

The likeness to Christ consists chiefly in two things—the likeness of his death and resurrection. (Rom. 6:5.) The death of Christ was the consummation of his humility and obedience, and the entire giving up of his life to God. In him we are dead to sin. As we sink down in humility and dependence and entire surrender to God, the power of his death works in us, and we are made conformable to his death. And so we know him in the power of his resurrection, in the victory over sin, and all the joy and power of the risen life.

Therefore, every morning, present yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead. He will maintain the life he gave, and bestow the grace to live as risen ones.

All this can only be in the power of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in you. Count upon him to glorify Christ in you. Count upon Christ to increase in you the flowing of his spirit. As you wait before God to realize his presence,

remember that the Spirit is in you to reveal the things of God. Seek in God's presence to have the anointing of the Spirit of Christ so truly that your whole life may every moment be spiritual.

As you meditate on this wondrous salvation and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on him to reveal Christ in you, you will feel how needful is the giving up of all to receive him. Seek grace to know what it means to live as wholly for God as Jesus did.

Only the Holy Spirit himself can teach you what an entire yielding of the whole life to God can mean. Wait on God to show you in this way you do not know. Let every approach to God, and every request for fellowship with him be accompanied by a new, very definite and entire surrender to him to work in you.

"By faith"—here, as through all Scripture and all the spiritual life, this must be the keynote. As you tarry before God, let it be in a deep, quiet faith in him, the Invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving. In a deep, restful faith, too, that all the blessings and powers of the heavenly life are around you. Just yield yourself in the faith of a perfect trust to the ever-blessed Holy Trinity, to work out all God's purpose in you. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in all to you.—Andrew Murray.

Paul was caught up into the third heavens and saw and heard things which it was not lawful or possible for a man to describe. He kept this vision secret fourteen years, and then mentions it indirectly, not saying, "I saw and heard." But "I knew such a man." As against this reserve and modesty of Paul, however, we have now a fad of professing and witnessing which leads many to tell much more than they ever saw or heard.

Holiday Excursions East.

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Joan M. Wells, plaintiff, vs. Nora Pearl Wells, defendant.

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For the Young People.

How it Went in My Childhood.

NO. XVIII.

Dear children, I have a few more things to write about my school life, but will write this time about Christmas.

I believe I told you, once, that we were poor, and old Santa Claus did not bring us much on Christmas, but we enjoyed what he did bring. We did not know who he was but we did know that he had a long gray beard, kindly eyes, and drove fine reindeers, hitched to a great sled. We also knew that he came rattling down the chimney when we were asleep. We boys found the prints of his fingers in our chimney rocks, where he had climbed up it. It was worn slick. We almost worshiped these little holes in the rocks. To us old Santa Claus was the best man on earth. We thought it had to snow on Christmas so that he could drive his sleigh well, and it was a great surprise to us when we observed that it did not always do it, but we knew he got there some way.

On Christmas night we little boys went to bed early. We were told that if old Santa Claus found us awake he would pass on to the next house, so we did not want to hinder his goodness. But poor boys, what a time we did have going to sleep. We covered up, head and ears, and stuck our fingers in our ears, but we did not feel like that was real sleep; that had to pass for sleep for a good long while, anyway. Once, Julian and myself dozed off to sleep, and awakened, soon, and heard a sly eating of nuts and candy; we peeped out from under the cover and saw father, mother and our older sister and brother, who professed to know all about Santa Claus, quietly nibbling away on those good things. O how our little mouths did water! We knew that he had been there, and that these loved ones had got the first eat at them. We had to submit, for our time came not till morning.

Somehow we all waked very early Christmas morning. Father did not have to call us a single time. The first one that awoke cried out, "Christmas gift," then, by that time, seven boyish mouths, from all parts of the house, were crying "Christmas gift." But that did not amount to much to us, the thing we wanted was to get to our stockings. We wanted to see what was in them. Look! they are nearly full. I pull out two great long sticks of candy first, then a great fine orange,—while doing this I have eaten one stick of candy, then, way down towards the toes we find some pieces of fancy candy and some good nuts. Ha! ha! ha! the boys are all nearly tickled to death, for John pulls out a great big roasted potato. Old Santa Claus is punishing him. "What is this?" Why, it is a big fat horse, made out of dough. Will has the tail devoured by the time this question is finished, and soon the whole horse goes galloping down his throat. Some of us have nicely cut out dogs and cats and men, all

nicely browned in the oven. These animals do not disturb much before they all run into our mouths. We notice that father and mother look a little sleepy, in spite of their loyng smiles, as they see us enjoying these plain, but sweet things. They had been up till after midnight, working in the kitchen, cooking, but old Santa Claus had brought all these things, and how happy we did feel, when, just before breakfast, father takes down the old Bible, and reads about the birth of our Savior; and then we all get down while father prays. He thanked God for the birth of Jesus, for Christianity and the happiness it brings, for the happy time of Christmas, and for the happiness of our home. At breakfast we do not have any egg-nog or anything of that sort. We do not have anything of that character during Christmas, but we do enjoy our Christmas eating so much. Towards dinner the young people come in—those that have been invited to come to our Christmas dinner, and what a time we do have. While mother and the old ladies are preparing our dinner, we young people are popping firecrackers; we boys nearly scare the timid girls to death with them. I get very full of mischief and when Jim Smith is standing the other way I slip up behind him, with a lit firecracker, and stick it up close against his new Christmas coat. I can just see him, in my mind, jump up about one foot and a half straight in the air. This thought nearly tickles me to death. Pop! it goes. Jim sure jumps, but it does not amuse me much, for the thing shoots both ways, and nearly unjoints my thumb, and burns a hole into Jim's new coat, right through. Poor little Derfie laughs on the outside and just bawls on the inside. It does hurt so bad. And, O that country dinner! I can almost taste it yet.

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Van Buren, Ark.

Carl's Wish.

Carl was a little boy of five years. He lived in a country across the sea.

As he sat on grandfather's knee, listening to stories of the king, he thought he would be so happy if he could only see the beautiful crown with its jewels.

He had once or twice seen the king as he went with grandfather past the castle, but never the crown, as that was only worn by the king on special occasions—on state days.

One morning, after little Carl had his breakfast, he determined to go to the castle and ask the king to please show him the crown.

He walked and walked. At last the gates were reached. He asked the soldier on guard to please take him to the king.

"I cannot do that, little boy. The king is a busy man and has other duties to attend to than listening to little boys."

Poor Carl turned back, sad and unhappy, not noticing anything until a carriage stopped in front of

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him. A kind voice said: "Little boy, what is your trouble? Get in her 'and tell the king."

Carl told his wish and was then taken to the castle to see the crown.

"What beautiful stones! What beautiful colors!" exclaimed Carl, gazing with delight upon the wonderful jewels as they flashed in the light.

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Our church here has not been a success by any means; not only our church, but the other churches are at a very low ebb. The people kindly look at a preacher as a "necessary evil." Some of them get drunk weekly, some bi-weekly, some tri-weekly, and others get drunk annually, and this is Christmas.

I arrived here on Saturday before the third Sunday, at 10 a.m. They had heard the preacher was only a boy, with no family. So they came to the conclusion that they would be troubled but little with foolishness this year. I don't know why they ever thought such a thing. It is strange indeed, and they acknowledge now that they were laboring under an illusion. The first thing I did was to take the situation of the town and meet some one, so that it might be known that the "boy" was in town. We met six men and only five were able to give us to understand, by the strange scent on their breath, that a jug of ——— was in their homes, or at least in their reach. This, of course, was evidence to us that we had a good year before us. After dinner, having learned where some of our members lived, we took our Bible and began our pastoral work. We visited several homes that evening, praying in each and praying for them. We preached twice next day with good results. We have now been here three weeks and have kept the work moving. Church members, both Methodist and Baptist, have been doing many things that Christians can't do, and because it has been tolerated by those who had care of them. There has never been any line drawn between the Christian and sinner; if so, there is no trace to be found. But a change can now be felt and seen. We preached yesterday, December 18, to a nice little audience, many came and gave us their hand as a vow that they would be better men. The Baptists as well as Methodists, are taking hold and saying they are ready to stand by me, and will do better and be better, by the help of the Lord. We are praying and working to have a great revolution wrought here. This is a fine field for labor and a fine place to try the nerve of a young preacher, especially in his first year. If anyone is in doubt of his fidelity to the Methodist itineracy, let him ask to be sent to a place in the condition we found this, and one year will convince him. Still, we hope for great things in the future for Aplin.

Doctor, we wish you to pay us a visit this year; we will meet you at Pineville with a conveyance, and

will assure you that your visit will be enjoyed by many. Pray for us.

Fraternally,
J. F. E. BATES.

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This is a good charge and a very clever people. I have been well received and am satisfied. If there are any cleverer people in Arkansas, I have never heard of them. As I am a single man, the people could not give me a pounding, but at one appointment they gave me a boxing. I believe this is a new departure in the Methodist church, but I like it. We are looking for a successful year.

J. W. HARPER.

Colt, Ark.

WALDRON, ARK.

On my return from conference I was taken sick with colitis. I wrestled hard against the attack for five days, then called in a physician. Have been confined to my room twenty-one days; am just able to sit up a few minutes at a time. I ask an interest in the prayers of the church for my speedy recovery to wanted health, and that the good Lord may so abundantly bless me with health and strength of body and purpose of soul, as to make this the best year of my life on all lines of church work.

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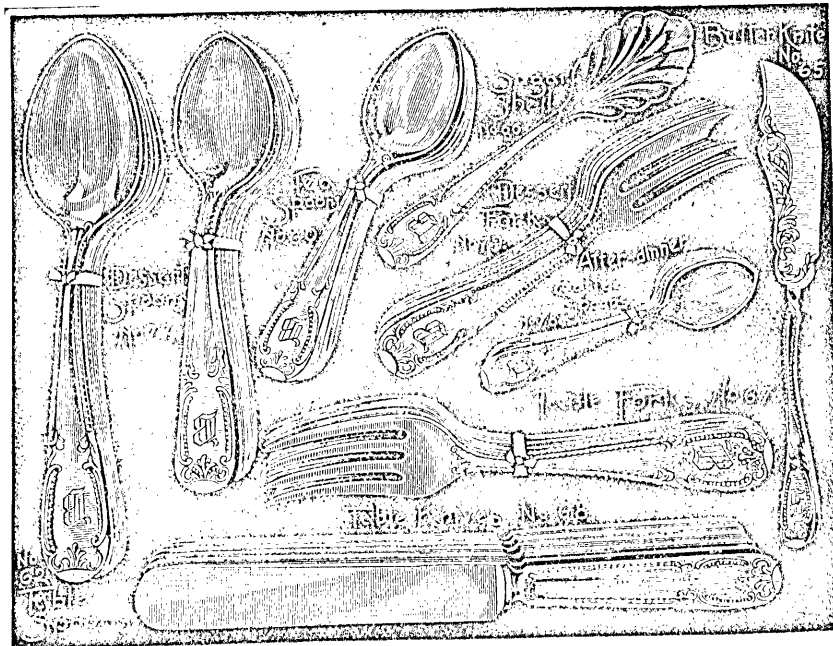
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Report of Corresponding Secretary of Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society for quarter ending December 1, 1898.

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Reports received in time to be tabulated in above from only 15 auxiliaries. A few have been heard from since, but we wonder why so many are silent? We hope they are not dead and will not slumber much longer. An auxiliary was organized by Bro. Workman at Asbury Church, Little Rock, and we hope soon to hear the number of its members. We are glad to welcome them to our circle of workers. First Church, Little Rock, reports one addition to the Baby Roll.

Sincerely,
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Cor. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For third quarter of fiscal year, from March, 1898:

First Church Auxiliary, Little Rock. Membership dues, \$15.50; London cottage, 4.80; Key West mission, 5.15; week of prayer, 4.50; mite boxes, adults, 1.00; contingent fund, 7.80; rescue work, 4.00; church work, local, 105.00; relief of needy, 5.00.

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Arkadelphia adults.—Membership dues, \$3.40; Key West mission, 12.75; London cottage, .45; mite boxes, adults, 2.15; local mission work, 8.87; contingent, .65; supplies sent off, 60.95.

Arkadelphia Juveniles.—Membership dues, \$1.65; London cottage, 1.95; educational fund in honor of Rev. Horace Jewell, 5.00.

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Lockesburg.—Membership dues, \$2.70; Key West, week of prayer, 1.35.

Stephens.—Membership dues, \$2.50; garments made, 26.

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\$3.85; local church work, 32.60; local supplies, 9.95.

Camden.—Key West mission, \$6.

Mena.—Membership dues, \$5; local church, 64.94; local mission, 24.60; local supplies, 24.60; station parsonage, 37.77; circuit parsonage, 4.94.

Swan Lake, B. F. Wilson auxiliary.—Membership dues, \$5; baby mite boxes, \$5.95.

Benton.—Membership dues, \$.30; Key West, 1.25.

England, T. H. Ware.—Membership dues, \$3.00; circuit parsonage, 37.15.

Central, Hot Springs.—Membership dues, \$3.90; London cottage, 5.00; station parsonage, 12.90.

Malvern Hill, Hot Springs.—Membership dues, \$6.95; local mission, 34.90; charity, 3.10; garments, six.

Hope.—Membership dues, \$2.40.

Two friends, of Little Rock District, sent for London cottage, \$36, which we are happy to acknowledge at this late hour.

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May the little ones and their gentle leader, who have done this sweet thing to commemorate the name of an humble servant, be given clear conceptions of duty, and willingness always to obey, consecrating the strength of life to the King, who only is able to give them real joy and perfect peace.

S. H. THOMPSON.

Dec. 18, 1898.

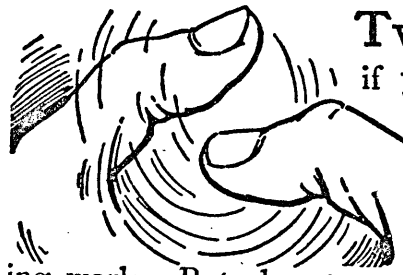
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WYNNE, ARK.

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Respectfully,
B. P. HALLEY.

DALARK, ARK.

At the session of the Little Rock Conference, Bishop Morrison read us out for Dalark circuit; this was quite a surprise to us. After a visit of two day's length, to my sister's, I returned home and began arranging for the move. As our purse was light and our move a long one, in order to save expense, wife did not return home with me. A preacher will hardly know the value of a wife until he undertakes to pack up and ship his goods without her. We were indeed thankful for the assistance of Sisters Hawkins and Wilcoxon in packing. Rev. R. G. Rowland came with me in a buggy. His company was very much appreciated. The roads were almost impassable in places and the weather was very cold. We traveled 40 miles one day through the falling snow. The people with whom we lodged on the way were very kind to us. We left people on the Berea Circuit, that will have a warm place in our affections as long as life lasts. On the account of the unfavorable weather since we arrived at Dalark we have filled but two appointments and met but few of our members. We like the location at Dalark. The second man that I met after driving into town handed me \$2. I have not yet been to Bethlehem Church and have met but few of the members, yet they have paid me \$20 quarterage. Perhaps it would be better for me that they pay most of the quarterage before any preaching is done, for afterwards they may pay according to the preaching. By the grace of God and the help of the Lord we expect to make this the best year of our life.

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Dalark, Dec. 21.

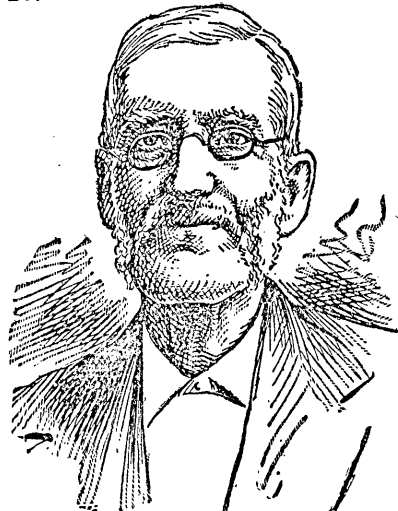
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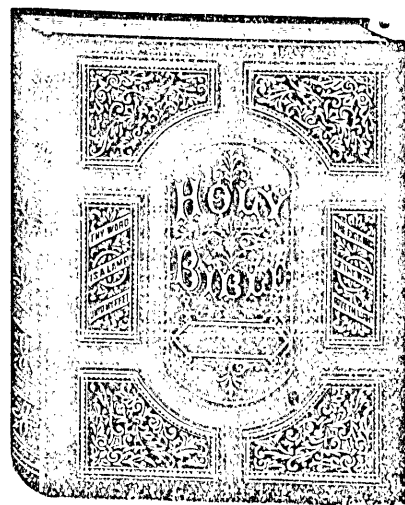
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GILBERT: Marvin, son of Brother and Sister F. G. Gilbert, of Colt, Ark., departed this life on September 9, 1898, aged seven years and nine months. Little Marvin was a much loved child, being obedient and loving. He said much remarkable for his age, about dying. Having been taught by mamma and papa that Christ loved children, he spoke to his mamma about going to see Jesus. Pure and simple he went to Jesus. May God comfort the bereaved parents in the present and help them to see Marvin again.

K. R. DURHAM, P. C.

Colt, Ark.

CEARLY: Mary Myrtle, daughter of A. W. and Bettie Cearly, was born April 27, 1885, and died of congestion, September 13, 1898. May, as she was familiarly called, professed religion at the age of ten years and joined the Methodist Church at Holly Springs, under the preaching of Bro. Wilson. She loved to go to church, and always filled her place in the Sabbath school and prayer-meeting. She was very beautiful in form and face, and such a sweet-spirited girl that we do feel so loth to give her up.

E. WILLIE LIGHTFOOT.

Willisville Ark.

HIGGS: Johnnie Higgs was born in St. Francis county, Ark., and departed this life November 30, 1898, aged 36 years. He leaves a wife and one child, a beautiful girl of seven summers, to mourn his departure. He was respected and liked by all, as a man of honest purpose, a faithful and devoted father and husband. His death was unexpected, yet he had heard the words of heaven, "Be ye therefore, also ready," and when the separation was, he could say, "deliverance has come." May God richly bless his Christian wife and sweet child, by leading them along the highway, finally resting them in heaven.

K. R. DURHAM.

Colt, Ark.

POWELL: On October 17, our entire neighborhood at Shady Grove was made sad by the removal from its midst of one of its brightest young men, Benoni, the 17-year-old son of E. W. Powell. For several years he suffered from an abscess of the liver, but not without every attention and all that human hands could do; but the Father of all, in his wisdom, saw fit to remove him. He was laid to rest October 18, with services conducted by his pastor, to whom he often conversed freely. He will be missed by the entire Sunday-school, of which he was secretary and a faithful member, and especially by his devoted father and near relatives; and to these afflicted ones we would commend Him who is a friend of the sorrowing, and who has assured us that these light afflictions which are but for a moment, shall work for us a far more excellent and eternal weight of glory. Therefore, we would say, blessed Saviour, thy will be done.

W. P. TALKINGTON.

Lorado, Ark.

HAGGARD: Mary A., was born in Helena Ark., April 16, 1844, and died November 3, 1898. She married J. S. Haggard, February 11, 1866, at Wittsburg, Ark., afterwards moving to De View, Ark. God blessed them with ten children, five of whom preceded her to the summer land, leaving five and a loving husband to mourn her loss. She professed religion and joined the church while young, ever living a consistent life. She was a long but patient sufferer, her death being produced by consumption. Even during the last stage of this disease, she would occasionally have Brother Haggard drive her to church, where she so much enjoyed hearing God's word read and expounded. Her religion gave her solid

comfort. Just a few days before departing she called the family to her and talked to them about death in such a manner as to assure them of her readiness to go to heaven. May God help her boy and the others to press forward to the end and meet her above. Truly a Christian woman has gone from earth, her home has lost a kind, gentle wife and mother, Methodism a true and faithful member. God's blessings rest upon those behind.

K. R. DURHAM.

ANDERSON: Elia Belle, daughter and youngest child of T. T. C. and M. E. Anderson, was born October 15, 1888, at Richmond, Ark., and died very suddenly Nov. 20, 1898, at Rocky Comfort, Ark., with organic heart disease, aged ten years, one month and five days. Elia was a very sweet spirited child—always full of life—and loved life with all of her being. She was an unusually bright child and very lovable. Her father's occupation is, and has been for thirty years past, that of teaching. He, with the rest of the family, knowing her unfortunate condition, gave special attention to her development. She advanced in her studies very rapidly, having a very strong mind. She was baptized by Rev. W. F. Evans, during the first year of our pastorate at Rocky Comfort. She was prompt in her attendance at Sunday-school; and nearly always had a good lesson. Little Elia frequently visited her pastor's home, always bringing sunshine and gladness to the little ones there.

In due time her little body was laid to rest and to await the morning of his coming with the holy angels, when they that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. The Lord be praised for our holy religion that brings consolation in these dark hours. May God bless the bereaved family; and may they not look to the world, but to God. Heaven is richer and nearer now, since Elia is there.

F. F. HARRELL.

WHORTON: Mrs. Mary Emma Whorton was born January 5, 1875. She was the daughter of Brother and Sister Jolly, of Warsaw, Ark. She grew to womanhood near her birth-place. Trained with care by her mother, with four brothers in a good Christian home it was almost certain the gospel would be accepted by her. So, at the age of 13 years, she gave God her little heart. In January, 1893, I first met her, then a young lady. Modest, quiet, retiring, her brow always wreathed with a pleasant, innocent smile. Never giddy, nor excessive, nor lavish in talk. She had the elements that make our old-time queenly Southern women. As trials or afflictions bring to the notice of the observing, manifest Christian courage, develop the highest fortitude, unmurmuring patience, the heroic element of scriptural character, so Mary Emma showed all these. This noble girl was united in holy wedlock on the eve of December 26, 1897, by myself. She was fortunate in training, fortunate in conversion, fortunate in marriage. Her devoted husband stood by her through nine months of ceaseless watching. Seven weeks after the nuptials, disease laid his withering, blighting hand upon her. Weekly his grip tightened to the end. The sweet release came November 5, 1898. She, in softest tones, frequently said to her husband: "I shall never get up, but all is well. I shall go to our God and our Saviour. I am not afraid to die." Bro. J. H. Whorton has a right to weep. He lost a jewel, a precious wife. She was devoted to him. He proved true and faithful to her through all those long, weary vigils of weeks and months. Few men are more devoted. No means were spared. He kept her in Little Rock for months while he labored for money to pay her bills. God bless Bro. J. H. Whorton and pa and ma. Meet her in heaven. Be of good cheer.

W. A. PENDERGRASS, P. C.

Cabot, Ark.

BURNS: Mrs. Nora E., daughter of H. A. and C. R. Douthit, was born October 1, 1878, Pope county, Ark., near Russellville, and moved with her parents to Washington county, Ark., in 1883; she was converted in her eleventh year at Bethlehem camp-ground, under the ministry of the late Rev. J. A. Walden; united with the M. E. Church, South, August 15, 1890; was married to

G. E. Burns July 10, 1898, by Prof. W. D. Swift; she passed away to rest and glory September 8, 1898. We laid her body to rest in the White Rock graveyard, to await the coming of the holy angels when those that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. She was the fifth child in a family of eleven. She being the pet and the first one ever lost made it harder for us to give her up. Sister Nora lived a consistent Christian from the time of her conversion, and was ready to meet the summons when the Lord called her home. She was loved by all who knew her. She was modest, gentle, refined and affectionate and did all in her power to advance the cause of Christ, and a faithful member and worker in the Sunday-school. She talked of her Sunday-school class and requested her sister Fannie to teach her class, and also her husband to get each one of her scholars a Testament. On her death-bed she pleaded with her husband and irreligious relatives to meet her in heaven. Her sickness was short, of one month's duration. She died of quick consumption. She leaves father, mother, husband, seven sisters, three brothers, a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. It was hard to give her up, but we are assured she is meeting with Jesus.

HER SISTERS.

EVANS: James B. Evans was born in Dallas county, Ark., January 26, 1867, and died at Dalark, Ark., Oct. 11, 1898. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. W. R. Harrison, and by him was baptized and received into the church August 25, 1887. He loved all his pastors, but for Brother Harrison he cherished a most tender affection. His countenance always brightened when he spoke of him in connection with his conviction and conversion. No doubt he will give him a warm greeting when he reaches the land beyond. He married Miss Margaret E. Atchley, June 29, 1893. Judging the tree by its fruits, we are led to say he was a good man. At his family altar he offered the morning and evening sacrifice so long as his physical strength would admit of it. He faithfully attended upon the ordinances of the church and supported its institutions to the full extent of his ability. He studied its doctrines and polity and was able to defend them when necessary. He was educated at Searcy and Arkadelphia Methodist Colleges, and chose teaching as his field of labor; was one of the most successful with which the common schools of this country have been blessed. He met death calmly. He deliberately arranged his temporal matters so that his wife might have as little trouble and expense as possible regarding them after he was gone. Then he said to his wife: "Have our pastor, Brother Douglass, to conduct funeral and burial services at the grave. If you wish an obituary written ask Brother Atchley to do that. He knows me better than any of the other preachers." How strange that one whose life gave promise of such large degree of usefulness was called away at such an early age! How strange that a home where there was so much of Christian sunshine has been broken up! But the Lord makes no misakes. His movements are often mysterious to us, but when the light of eternity shall be turned on the scenes of time this mystery shall disappear. Probably some of the sweetest notes of praise we shall give our Lord in heaven will be for some of these now mysterious providences, for we shall then understand how all things worked together for our good in the life below. His wife and two little girl children, together with many relatives, and a host of friends, mourn his absence, but expect to see and greet him on the crystal hills of immortality.

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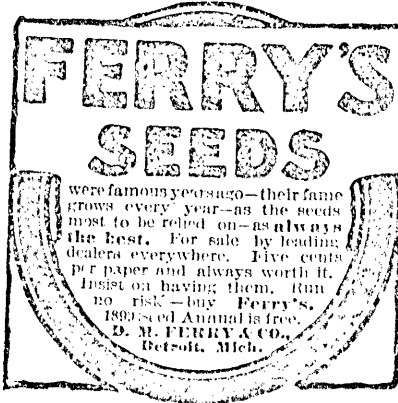
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