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News and Notes.

THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL
Assembly of Arkansas convened
at noon Monday. Only four mem-
bers out of 132 were absent.

In the Senate a complete list of
officers was selected in caucus. In
the house Hon. R. L. Nance, of
Benton county, was elected speak-
er pro tem., by acclamation.
Eight ballots were taken for speak-
er without an election, and an ad-
journment was taken until 9 a.m.,
Tuesday. The last ballot stood:
Vandeventer, 34; Rector, 27; Tap-
pan, 23; Hernn, 12.

The successful candidates in the
Senate are as follows:

President—M. J. Manning, of
Monroe.

Secretary—John W. Howell, of
Johnson.

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Head, of Little River.

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rie, Sterling Tucker of Pulaski and
James Humphreys of Ouachita.

NOW THAT THE CHIEF PORTS OF
Cuba are again open to the com-
merce of the United States, and

under conditions in which discrimi-
nations in duties and otherwise in
favor of Spanish products and
merchandise no longer exist, inter-
est is revived in the new market
which these conditions offer to the
producers and manufacturers of
the United States.

THE EDITOR OF THE MICHIGAN
Christian Advocate says he is not
aware that he ever did cherish any
prejudice against his Southern
brethren. Yet this is what he
thinks of Southern Methodist ed-
itors.

"Many readers of Southern Ad-
vocates, not seeing the newspapers
of our own church, have formed
queer ideas of many of us; think-
ing us monsters of hate, without a
spark of sympathy, brutal, coarse,
stupid, intolerant, domineering
and full of the spirit of persecu-
tion. We know this is so. They
have looked at the wretched pen
pictures of us which their own ed-
itors have drawn, and they cannot
imagine that any mistake has been
made."

THE PRESIDENT HAS WIRED TO
General Otis a proclamation to be
promulgated to the inhabitants of
the Philippines, assuring them that
the authority of the United States
is to be extended for the protec-
tion of person and property in the
Islands, and the confirmation of
private rights and relations. It is
to be proclaimed that the United
States purposes to protect the peo-
ple in their homes, employments
and personal and religious rights.

The municipal laws of the coun-
try respecting private rights and
property, and the repression of
crime are to be continued. They
are to be administered by persons
who accept the authority of the
United States. Private property
is to be respected and the tax paid
the former government is to be
paid to the United States.

THE OUTCOME OF THE GRÆCO-
Turkish war is peculiar. The ori-
gin of it was over the island of
Crete. Its population is mostly
Greek—but it was under Turkish
rule. Its people revolted. In or-
der to help the Greeks in Crete,
Greece engaged in war against
Turkey. In diplomatic circles,
Turkey seemed to have the sympa-

thy of the most powerful Euro-
pean nations; in the war Turkey
triumphed and overran Thessaly.
The natural outcome would be the
loss by Greece of her cause and of
part of her territory. But the act-
ual result is far different. Turkey
has gained some mountain passes
along the Grecian border, but
Thessaly has been returned to
Greece, and now Prince George of
Greece is seated, by order of the
Powers, as ruler in Crete. And
Turkey, so far from being the
gainer, has lost substantially all
that was in question. Thus does
Providence overrule in this world's
affairs.

HARRIETT O. EVANS, a Christian
Scientist, was tried, convicted and
fined \$100 in a police court of Cin-
cinnati, Ohio, for practicing med-
icine. She undertook to cure a
case of typhoid fever by her Chris-
tian Science methods. The patient
died and the suit followed. We
think the fine was all right, but we
suspect if the patient had recov-
ered there would have been no fine,
but that the praises of the Chris-
tian Scientist would have gone
abroad. Again, if regular physi-
cians were fined for every case
they lost it would go hard with
them. The moral of all this is,
that sensible people ought to be
able to detect a humbug without
practicing on a sick man, and the
State ought to fine all humbug
practice of medicine, no matter
what its form.

THE PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS
still hold Iloilo. They are in
strong force and will not make an
unconditional surrender to the
United States troops. The policy
of the President will be to proceed
cautiously, and give the Filipinos
time to understand the purposes of
this government. General Miller
is expected to disembark his sol-
diers near the city, using all means
to secure the occupation of it with-
out a conflict. Reinforcements,
meantime, will be sent to the Phil-
ippines as rapidly as possible.

Malolos is the seat of the so-call-
ed Filipino government. It is
said that Aguinaldo has assurance
of the allegiance of all the govern-
ors of Luzon.

When our government declared

war with Spain, it was, professedly,
in the interests of humanity, and,
to give free government to Cuba.
The inhabitants of the Philippines
were, at the time, no less oppress-
ed, and were struggling for free-
dom. They are a people who out-
number the Cubans, five to one.
If free government is to be given
to Cuba, which is at our very doors,
it seems that nothing but utter in-
ability of self-government could
justify us in denying the same to a
people so much more numerous
and so far away.

It is certain, however, that neith-
er Cuba nor the Philippine Islands
can maintain independence without
American protection. Nor can
either country set up a respectable
form of government without our
aid. These countries are charges
upon the United States. The world
at large holds us responsible for
them. Their true welfare must be
the consideration in any course
which is taken. The course dicta-
ted by humanity may not be that
which is just now most desired by
ignorant and semi-barbarous peo-
ple. The United States must gov-
ern these countries for the present,
and, if virtual independence is
granted them in future, it must be
under our protection, and condi-
tions which will indemnify the
United States for the expense in-
volved in her whole connection
with these countries from the be-
ginning of the war.

LORD COMER, THE QUEEN'S
plenipotentiary in Egypt, on the
6th inst., laid the corner stone of a
new college at Keartoun. He also
proclaimed the Soudan, which Eng-
land has reconquered, to be a Brit-
ish protectorate, and, that its gov-
ernor was the representative of the
Queen and the Khedive. Thus the
Khedive, in his relation to the Sou-
dan, is declared to be a vassal of
the Queen. But, hitherto, the
Khedive has been the vassal, nomi-
nally, of the Sultan, though British
authority has really controlled
him. It now appears that even
the shadow of Turkish rule in lower
Egypt will soon be cast away.

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back subscription and advancing to the
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Educational Notes.

The members of the Christian Church in Missouri, having concluded that they have too many colleges, are planning to consolidate them, and provide more liberal support in order that better results may be reached.

At Cornell University there is no resident university chaplain, but preachers of various denominations are invited to preach in turn through the year. Some are invited to preach two Sundays in succession and spend the week at the university. During this week the preacher meets students personally for private religious interviews.

Sometime ago Mr. John D. Rockefeller agreed to give \$2,000,000 more to the University of Chicago, if others would contribute a like amount. Almost immediately a lady promised \$1,000,000, and now it is announced that \$5,000,000 additional have been secured. As another year is allowed to pass, there is little doubt that it will be found. Mr. Rockefeller's contributions always provoke further liberality.

"Strictly speaking, Germany is the greatest student field in the world. America reports a larger number of universities, so-called, and several countries claim to have more students; but a critical examination convinces one that Germany has more real university students than any other land. In her twenty-two universities she has 35,000 students and 2,500 professors. If we add other institutions of almost as high grade, we have nearly 50,000 students and 3,500 professors. Without doubt, also, German universities exert a vastly greater influence than those of any other land. They have been a marked factor in training the professors of the chief institutions of every continent. Their influence on the thought-life and religious life of the world has been and still is enormous and unique."

J. R. MOTT.

"The study of Christian missions is the study of the religious nature of man. Students fancy that they have some deep ideas with regard to this religious nature, when they have been simply inspecting their own hearts or the people of their own village. Students should study missions to become familiar with the history of applied Christianity. The tendency of Christianity is to become speculative. In missions men must keep Christianity simple to work it at all. Its nature is better understood when it is seen how simple it becomes in the minds and speech of the successful missionaries. Methods are not learned by discussing them, but by watching workers. The study of missions brings out the heroic element in Christianity. There is inspiration in moral achievements. There are those who die and are forgotten, but whose works live on. Students

in the hearts of his servants, helping them to save the world from sin and darkness."

DR. C. J. LITTLE.

Rev John M. Carr.

CARR: John Milton, of Pine Bluff, Ark., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Carr, was born at Arkadelphia, July 28, 1870, and died at Wesley Hall, Vanderbilt University, Nov. 6, 1898.

Baptized in infancy, by Rev. W. R. J. Husbands, he joined the church when only a child, but his religious life did not open up until he reached manhood. Called to the ministry, but very successful in business, he struggled for several years with his convictions, but, following the path of duty, he finally entered Hendrix College to prepare for his life work. After completing his course (except one subject which he had arranged to take this year) he entered the Biblical department of Vanderbilt University and spent one year in successful study. Last summer he supplied First Church, Pine Bluff, during the pastor's absence, and returned to the University only to fall a victim to typhoid fever. After six weeks the end came. His body, brought to Pine Bluff, was laid to rest by friends who wept with his sorrowing parents.

Our young friend and brother was a man of unusual promise. With a quick mind, admirable social qualities, energy, and enthusiasm, he succeeded in business and in college life, winning friends and influencing them constantly for good. During the last two years of his college career, he took great interest in the religious life of his fellow students, and with tact, earnestness and Christian love led many souls to Christ. At the University his activity continued, and his brief summer pastorate was the crowning work of his young life. He had a passion for preaching and soul-saving, and was impatient for the day when he should enter the itineracy.

Though his years were few, his work was well done when he fell. While he earnestly desired to live for Christ, he was ready to enter into his joy. We wonder that one so full of hope and bright promise should be taken, but his last years were so intense that he accomplished more than men usually do in a score.

Hundreds of Hendrix and Vanderbilt students, a multitude of friends throughout the State, and the members of the Little Rock Conference, of which he seemed almost a member, mourn their loss and deeply sympathize with the sad and lonely father and mother to whom he meant so much. He was one of my boys. His life strengthened mine. His glorified spirit beckons me on.

A. C. MILLAR.

The New State House.

Again is the matter of building a new State house agitated, and the necessity urged. Let the at-

site. It would be easy to select a spot excelling the present in many respects, and while we are selecting a place, will it not be well to provide that no spirituous or malt liquors shall ever be vended or manufactured within a radius of twenty miles of the capitol building. There has been much disgraceful drunkenness in the present building—drunkenness among members of the legislatures and their officials, and drunkenness among other officials of the State government, not only to the dishonor of the State, but also causing much hurt and damage to the great body of the people. Drunken legislators are not competent to enact good laws. Drunken governors, auditors, treasurers, etc., not only scandalize the people, but they neglect public duty, discharge that duty in a maudlin way, and allow the State to suffer in every interest as a result.

We want our colleges where there are no saloons. For greater reasons we want our State government where there are no saloons. Let the sober people of the State think about this matter, and the more they think the more they will be persuaded of the importance of the matter.

If Little Rock cannot give up her saloons and her breweries, then let some other place be found for the State house. Let us hear from the people. What do you think of it?

J. H. RIGGIN.



At some time in her life Cupid pleads in every woman's ear, and when that time comes it is a woman's duty to think twice before she answers. She should think once for herself, and once for the man who has chosen her for his life companion. If she is suffering from a torturing, dragging weakness or disease so prevalent with her sex, she has no right to answer "Yes" until her health is restored. If she does, she will be wretched and ill herself and her home will be an unhappy one. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific remedy that cures all weakness, disease, disorder and derangement of the delicate and important feminine organs. It is not a "cure-all," but a medicine devised to correct this one class of disorders and no other. It has accomplished its purpose in tens of thousands of cases, as is shown by tens of thousands of testimonials of the grateful patients themselves. It imparts vigor and virility to the entire womanly organism, and is the best of all nerve tonics and restoratives. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It transforms weak, nervous, despondent invalids into healthy, happy women.

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Contributed.

Hansell W. Burrow.

Hansell W. Burrow was born in Carroll Co., Tenn., May 15, 1830, and died in Morrilton, Ark., Dec. 12, 1898. He married Miss Fannie Gill in 1857. She was the mother of three of his children. He married a second time Miss Sallie Howard, who became the mother of three children, one of whom a lovely young girl just blooming into womanhood, is with the widow and bereaved mother to cheer her in her great loss and sorrow. Rev. J. A. Anderson, a former, and Rev. W. M. Hayes, his present pastor, performed the funeral rites for him. The text of the funeral sermon was "Know ye not that a prince and great man has fallen this day in Israel." 2 Sam'l 3-38-39. Bro. Burrow was twice well born. His natural parents were devout working Christians in the days when "Methodism was Christianity in earnest." His father lived long enough to be the principal mover in building three churches on the same spot near his home. When about sixteen, Bro. Burrow attended a Baptist camp-meeting. Here he was overwhelmingly convicted, and began earnestly to seek religion. He started home "Bowed down beneath a load of sin." On the way he sought a place to pray; there he was gloriously converted. He went on his way rejoicing and reached home, as his brother said, "chock full" of religion. From that day till his death he was kept by divine grace through the Holy Ghost in the knowledge and love of God. He moved to Arkansas in 1858. Setting himself diligently to work, by prudent economy he accumulated a handsome competence. In the broader military, political and commercial sense. Bro. Burrow was not a great man, but, in the civic, domestic and religious use of the term, he was a great man. He was truly a father to his younger brothers, helping them to good educational advantages, putting them into honorable and profitable business and giving them always the benefit of his superior good judgment. His children were given the best of educational advantages and taught that it was honorable to work. As a neighbor none surpassed him in those neighborly courtesies which made it so desirable to live near him. As a citizen he was invaluable. Wide-awake on every issue which affected the welfare of the community, he was always found on the side of morals and right. Fearless, he dared to oppose every evil doer; upright, he won the absolute confidence of all; and kind, he won to himself a large constituency who willingly surrendered themselves to his leadership. As a husband and father, his character is best illustrated in the idolatrous love and devotion of his family. As a Christian and member of the church, he won for himself a place that made him conspicuous as a leader and trusted as an adviser in all matters of work and discipline. He was the preacher's friend, coun-

seller and fellow laborer. Prompt, he was always in his place when he could possibly be present. Loyal, he was always ready to do what was put on him to do. Liberal, his money was always cheerfully and largely given to push forward the cause of Christ in the world. Devout and spiritual, the songs and shouts of praise were often heard from him in the sanctuary of God. Unfortunately it was not my privilege to have known him long, or well, but the universal testimony of his family, his church and his community is amply sufficient to sustain the statement that we have lost a prince from the ranks of the church militant, and to justify the well grounded hope that he has a high place in the ranks of the church triumphant in heaven. To many in the State the announcement of his death will bring the tears of sadness. They will rejoice in the fact of his good and useful life and resolve to meet him where partings are not known. Besides the daughter residing with her mother, he leaves three sons. All are heads of families, Christians, and members of the church. They take high rank as honorable and successful business men. May the mantle of their ascended and glorified father fall on each of them in double portion of spiritual power and wisdom. I could add many expressions of his neighbors, if space allowed. I am glad to have known, even briefly, so good a man.

W. M. HAYES.

Morrilton, Ark., Dec. 23, 1898.

Married.

PEIL-COUNTRYMAN—Dec. 28, 1898, near Parker's Store, Ark., by Rev. W. W. Christie, Mr. T. J. Peil and Mrs. Minnie Countryman.

FOREST-WATSON—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 18, 1898, by Rev. Robt. C. Atchley, Mr. J. W. Forest and Miss Lula Watson.

SHACKELFORD-PARK—Dec. 27, 1898, at the M. E. Church, South, in Okolona, Ark., by Rev. S. C. Dean, Mr. E. W. Shackelford and Miss Maggie Park.

COTHAM-HIGGASON—At the residence of the bride, in Monticello, Dec. 18, 1898, Mr. Norwood Cotham and Miss Ethel Higgason, by Rev. H. H. Watson.

CARPENTER-ARNOLD—Dec. 25, 1898, near Alexander, Ark., by Rev. O. H. Tucker, Mr. J. P. Carpenter and Miss Annie Arnold, both of Saline county.

MILLER-DIXON—At the home of the bride's parents, near Sweet Home, Ark., Dec. 27, 1898, by Rev. W. W. Christie, Mr. Lona A. Miller and Miss Jennie Dixon.

WRIGHT-HARNSBY—Jan. 1, 1899, at the residence of the bride's mother, Floyd Wright and Agnes Harnsby, both of Belva, Ark., Rev. P. W. Campbell officiating.

HANNAH-OGDEN—At the home of the bride's sister, in Nevada county, Ark., Jan. 3, 1899, Mr. J. L. Hannah and Miss Mattie Og-

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MATHEWS-MILES—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Miles, in Arkadelphia, Dec. 21, 1898, Mr. John B. Mathews, of St. Louis, son of Rev. John Mathews, D. D., and Miss Maud Miles, Rev. H. H. Watson officiating.

MAXWELL-BECK.—KING-BEASLEY—At the home of Mr. C. J. Beck, in DeWitt, Ark., on Dec. 25, 1898, Mr. C. P. Maxwell and Miss Lettie L. Beck, of DeWitt, and Mr. L. C. King and Miss Eunice Beasley, of Olena, J. R. Dickerson officiating.

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BIRD-THOMPSON—Dec. 22, 1898, at Andrew's Chapel, by Rev. T. O. Rorie, Mr. Ibray W. Bird and Miss Louis E. Thompson, all of Drew county, Ark.

MORRIS-YARBROUGH—Dec. 25, 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. S. C. Dean, Mr. J. E. Morris and Miss Josie Yarbrough, both of Clark county, Ark.

WARWICK-SMITH—Dec. 18, 1898, at the residence of the bride, Mr. W. L. Warwick and Miss Ophelia Smith, both of Columbia county, Ark., Rev. J. W. Vantrease officiating.

BAKER-BEASLEY—Dec. 25, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father in Magnolia, Ark., Mr. Lon A. Baker, of Spring Hill, La., and Miss Georgia Beasley, Rev. J. A. Sage officiating.

MOORE-GRAHAM—Dec. 22, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Frank Graham, Dr. J. A. Moore and Miss Lillie Graham, both of Lisbon, Ark., Rev. J. W. Vantrease officiating.

WALLACE-HUTCHERSON—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. R. Hutcherson, by Rev. J. W. Vantrease, Dec. 25, 1898, Mr. Jeff Wallace and Miss Mollie Hutcherson, both of Atlanta, Ark.

POWLAGE-RODGERS—January 1, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Commodore Rodgers, Mr. H. M. Powlage, of Shuler, Ark., to Miss Lucy Rodgers, of Lisbon, Ark., Rev. J. W. Vantrease officiating.

Contributed.

Letter from Bro. Greathouse.

DR. GODBEY:—I suppose you have seen the appointments of the East Texas Conference. I have been returned for the third year, to Marvin Church. The Lord is giving us some degree of success, and we now hope to save this great temple to Methodism before my quadrennium ends. Your nephew, Rev. V. A. Godbey, was made P. E. of Palestine District, which appointment has the unanimous endorsement of the conference. Some of us are expecting great things of "Vic." Brother O. P. Thomas, who was on the Palestine District last year, was transferred to North Texas Conference, and stationed at Winsboro.

How the personnel of the Arkansas Conferences has changed of recent years. Only seven years ago I was familiar with the names of all the traveling preachers in the State. Now, there are many names in the appointments of whom I know nothing. Methodism, like nature, despises a vacuum; when one preacher dies or moves, she puts another in his place. So efficient has this system proven itself to be, intelligent preachers more and more seek the benefit of it. It is now no small privilege to have membership in one of our conferences. Very many worthy applicants are being turned from the doors of the Texas Conferences. The standard for admission on trial is being elevated in every particular in Texas. The new committee on recommendation, that has been appointed in each conference to serve during the next quadrennium, to look into matters connected with the applicant apart from his literary examination, is doing work that justifies its existence, but it makes it more difficult for the applicant. V. A. Godbey is chairman of the committee on recommendation in this conference, and the writer, of the committee on examination. While the writer endorses the general demand for high educational qualifications, yet he conscientiously believes the matter may be pressed too far. We must exercise a judicious judgment in this matter. We must not forget Susana Wesley's advice to John, with reference to John Nelson and others, who, without college diplomas, were doing great work; and it is a fact now, that we have in this conference efficient men who are bringing many to Christ, and who are serving good works acceptably, who perhaps could not now stand a rigid examination on the course of study prescribed for young preachers. The church that is, perhaps, most distinguished in this country for the high educational standard it has erected for its ministry, has many ministers occupying its pulpits in the towns and cities who would not make acceptable preachers on our circuits. And if we push our requirements too far in that direction, we may fill our pulpits with men just as incapable of doing the work that needs to be done. The subject of education is the absorb-

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ing subject of the day and deserves to be so, but we must be sure we educate right. A literary education alone is not a sine qua non for everything. The German University men say they have too many men educated on that line. It is said to be a fact, that one may advertise in Leipzig or Hildesberg for a secretary, at fifty cents a day, and number A. Ms., LL. Ds., and other titled scholars will apply for the job. This demonstrates that we must educate in a practical way. I doubt if the time ever will come in the history of Methodism, when we can afford to put our young men in our most important works, or connectional offices, until they have had an experience on missions and circuits. One of the reasons we have been so greatly blessed in the labors of our bishops, is to be found in the fact that they are familiar with the whole work of our ministry. I, for one, would greatly deplore the election of any man to the episcopacy who is not familiar with the experiences of men who travel circuits and missions.

Bishop Galloway is to begin a canvass of Texas next month in the interest of Southwestern University. I have no doubt about the results. These generous Texans, who live in such a large country and do things on such a large scale, will respond to the eloquent appeals of our deservedly popular bishop. The Bishop will have the help of Bro. Sinnex, my old Arkansas friend, with whom many of your readers are acquainted, and of course he will have the very valuable aid of Dr. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, who, in spite of his looks, is gracing the tripod splendidly.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

Epworth League Day.

January 15, 1899, is to be the first celebration of "Epworth League Day," an anniversary established by the General Epworth League Board at its last sitting. The general secretary has prepared a special programme for that occasion which will be furnished leagues at the rate of 50 cents per hundred; 25 cents for fifty. Order these programmes and fittingly celebrate the day. The secretary begs that the day be made an occasion for extending the circulation of the Epworth Era. Take subscriptions

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A Unique Service.

The new pastor of our church in Morrillton, Ark., Rev. W. M. Hayes, set apart the first Sunday of the New Year, to hold a consecration service with his Board of Stewards, with the Sacrament to follow. Having announced the order of service on the preceding Sabbath, a full board was in attendance, with a large and appreciative audience to witness the service and hear a most eloquent, edifying, and impressive sermon. It was an occasion that will not be forgotten, and a beautiful sight, to see old men, bending under the weight of years, and the middle aged, and young men just starting out on the journey, all promising to be good and faithful stewards, and in the presence of pastor and people humbly bowing around the altar, and with new vows, offering a full consecration to the service of the King. Under the preaching, each member felt that it was no light thing to be a steward, when told that duty demanded a zealous and jealous care for all the affairs and interests of the fold; their duty was not only to serve tables, but in brotherly love to bring back the erring and straying ones, and to tenderly consider the poor and minister to the sick and suffering, and to counsel, advise, and help the pastor, and to keep the light burning along the shore while the tempest-tossed were battling with the billows and trying to head for the harbor. A service like this, held in every congregation throughout the borders of Methodism, would enlist a greater force and infuse new life and power, and bring the steward in closer touch with the people, as a spiritual helper, and not merely a money hunter. Try it, beloved pastor, and some of you will hear the hallelujah before the service ends. Our pastor is a transfer from Texas, and a stranger to nearly all of our preachers in the Arkansas Conference. We do not want to advertise him, for fear that some-body will want to take him away from us, but we cannot refrain from saying, he is a man of God, full of faith and good works, and the people all say, we are glad when they say let us go up to the house of the Lord, and hear Bro. Hayes preach. As he was not present at the session of our Annual Conference, allow us to introduce him to the preachers as a co-worker with you, and in hearty sympathy with all the interests of the church. We would ask good Bishop Morrison not to disturb his resting place until four years have passed away.

H. V. CROZIER.
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Literary Table.

Are All the Children In?

The darkness falls, the wind is high,
Dense black clouds fill the western sky,
The storm will soon begin;
The thunders roar, the lightnings flash;
I hear the great round raindrops dash—
Are all the children in?

They're coming softly to my side,
Their forms within my arms I hide;
No other arms are sure;
The storm may rage with fury wild,
With trustful faith, each little child
With mother feels secure.

But future days are drawing near,
They'll go from this warm shelter here
Out to the world's wild din;
The rain will fall, the cold wind blow,
I'll sit alone and long to know—
Are all the children in?

Will they have shelter then secure,
Where hearts are waiting strong and sure,
And love is sure and tried?
Or will they find a broken reed,
When strength of heart they so much need
To help them brave the tide?

God knows it all; His will is best,
I'll shield them now and yield the rest
To His most gracious hand.
Sometimes the souls He loves are riven
By tempests wild, and thus are driven
Nearer the better land.

If He should call us home before
The children land on that blest shore
Afar from care and sin,
I know that I shall watch and wait
Till He, the keeper of the gate,
Lets all the children in.

—Selected.

Enlarging the American Army.

One of the principal questions that have been pressed upon the attention of Congress by the President's message, the recommendations of the Secretary of War and the House Committee on Military Affairs, of which Mr. Hull, of Iowa, is the efficient chairman, is that of the provision for an enlarged regular army. It is, of course, a hardship to keep under arms for a single day longer than is necessary any of the men who enlisted at the outbreak of the war on patriotic grounds with the understanding that when the war was over they should receive honorable discharge. It is the opinion of the authorities that Congress should give the Government permission to recruit a regular army up to the limit of a hundred thousand men, about half of whom would be needed for duty in Cuba, while the other half would be divided more or less evenly between the United States and the Philippines. But we certainly ought not to need an army in Cuba, except for a very short time. The maintenance of the peace there should in the near future be intrusted to a well-organized native constabulary, distributed and operated very much upon the plan of the Royal Irish Constabulary that keeps the peace of another great island. Nor will the American people believe it right or necessary that we should maintain an army of Americans in the Philippines, except for temporary purposes. The existing emergency in the West Indies and in the Philippines may be regarded, from the military point of view, as belonging to the war period. As soon as that emergency is passed we ought to get along with a regular army of not to exceed fifty thousand men. We must provide, of course, for the education of a

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much larger number of officers than heretofore, and should greatly improve the militia system. The best way to promote the defense of this country lies in the maintenance of an efficient navy. Let the army expenditures be held down to the strictest point, and let the naval expenditures be generous.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

Can We Govern Tropical Territories Under the Constitution?

In brief, then, these seem to be the essential facts so far as the constitutional implications of a colonial policy are concerned. The power to acquire territory is no longer seriously questioned. The purposes of annexation are not limited by the Constitution, but are at the discretion of the political branch of the government. It is not necessary, therefore, that annexed territory should be destined for statehood. It may be held permanently as a colony, for purposes of national defense or from economic considerations. It may be held in trust for the inhabitants, with the expectation of ultimately turning it over to them should they so desire and should they prove themselves capable of orderly government. Meanwhile the government of such territory is subject to the control of Congress.

The inhabitants of annexed territory do not, by virtue of annexation, necessarily all become citizens of the United States—it is not beyond question that any of them do so become. The fourteenth amendment is not of necessity so to be construed as to make birth in annexed territory result in American citizenship. The fourteenth amendment relates to the "United States." That is a term which has two meanings: in the larger sense it includes all that is within the national boundaries—"the whole American empire," as Chief Justice Marshall calls it; in the more restricted sense it includes only the States, but excludes all federal territory. It is in the second—the restricted—sense that the term is used in the Constitution as denoting the sovereign power whose governmental agencies are therein provided—a sovereign power in which the territories have no share. "We, the

people of the United States . . . do ordain and establish this Constitution." It is by no means proved that the term occurs anywhere in the Constitution in any other sense. Territories are not "States" within the meaning of the Constitution, and the "United States" in its restricted governmental sense is merely the "States" federally united. From these considerations it follows that some constitutional inconveniences, apprehended from annexation of lands over sea and inhabited by inferior races, are not likely to occur. Congress may lay a direct tax on such territories, subject only to the constitutional limitation.

The acquisition of tropical territories may or may not be in accordance with sound policy. The control of such territories presents few serious constitutional difficulties.—From "Our Federal Constitution and the Government of Tropical Territories," by Harry Pratt Judson, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

Richest Gold Country on the Earth

If a pin be placed at Denver, Colo., on the map, and another at Stockton, Cal., and a string be drawn from one to the other, an air line will be marked passing through the heart of a wonderful gold territory. Slightly to the north of Denver is Central City; and southwest of that city is Cripple Creek; about thirty miles to the north of the string Leadville will be found; in the southwest corner of Colorado will appear Telluride, Rico, and other points where gold is mined; Marysville, in Utah, almost due south of Salt Lake City, will appear to the south of the string; fifty miles to the north of it, near the line between Utah and Nevada, will appear Osceola; Deep Creek lies north of Osceola and on the southern edge of the great desert west of Salt Lake; Detroit and several other rich gold camps are almost due east of Osceola; Pioche lies one hundred miles south of the string; and the wonderfully rich gold territory of the Monkey Wrench district lies southwest of Pioche.

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Christ and Nicodemus.

JOHN III. 1-16.

Golden Text.—“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (V. 16.)

Topical Outline.—I. The necessity of the new birth. (Vs. 1-6.) II. The Mystery of the New Birth. (Vs. 7-13.) III. The Lifting up of the Son of Man. (Verses 14-16.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Cleaning the Temple, John ii. 13-22.

Meeting Nicodemus, iii. 1-16.

Purpose of Lord's Mission, iii. 17-21.

The Humility of John, iii. 25-36.

The New Covenant, Jer. xxxi. 31-34.

The New Heart, Ezek. xxxvi. 25-31.

Quickened with Christ, Eph. ii. 1-10.

Reference Word, “Spirit.”

Lesson Hymn, No. 438.

Time.—The first Passover after the beginning of our Lord's public ministry, April, A. D. 27.

Place.—In Jerusalem or the immediate neighborhood.

When Jesus went to Jerusalem, shortly after the date of the last lesson, it was to offer himself officially to the Jewish nation as the Messiah. It had been written of him, in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, that he would not “cry nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.” Had he adopted that method of proclaiming himself, it would have been far more to the liking of the people, and would have doubtless awakened an immediate following—but would have precipitated everything. His method was to go into the Temple, his Father's House, the official headquarters of revealed religion, and take charge of it in the name of his Father. This is the significance of this first Cleansing of the Temple. But while those who were there in charge of it quailed before the majesty of his presence and submitted for the moment to the compulsory removal of their abuses, they soon rallied and began to ask by what authority he assumed to do these things. This challenge was met by a declaration of Messianic power which they might have understood had they been other than blind. But the upshot of the whole matter was that they rejected him, and thus began the contest with him which lasted all through his ministry and culminated in his death. We here again call attention to the fact that John is writing this gospel chiefly to make good the claims of Jesus as being the God-man. We might therefore expect that John would be especially careful to vindicate him against the fact that he had been rejected by his own people. This is therefore the im-

mediate standpoint of John from the close of the 2nd chapter to the 36th verse of the 12th chapter, which marks the close of the last appeal our Lord ever made to these men of Jerusalem.

Now, after he had been rejected by the temple authorities, and so could not operate from the standpoint of the Temple, he went out into the streets of the city and in a quiet and unostentatious way made his appeal to the common people, working among them many miracles. This arrested attention, and many believed on him. Still their belief was not of the sort that laid hold of him spiritually, not the faith of the gospel that changes the life, but a disposition to accept him as a sort of wonder-worker, for the people on the outside were like the Pharisees in the Temple, blinded by their carnal notions of the kingdom of God.

This is the background of Nicodemus's coming to the Master, an account of which we have today. He is twice mentioned later in John's gospel, and the record makes it certain that he was more open-minded than the other members of the Sanhedrin, though it is possible that he represented more than himself in this visit.

The visit was an effort to ascertain the Master's program as a teacher. Nicodemus had seen and heard enough to convince him that whoever he might be, he was worthy of consideration, and so he would look into the matter. Evidently he had come from God, and he would see what the nature of his mission might be. Nor do we reflect upon him for going by night—any prudent man would have done the same thing, we think, until he had fuller information. Jesus discerned instantly his business, as he began to speak of the miracles he had wrought; and announced at once that his business in the world was the regeneration of men—not wonder-working, i. e., he opened up to his inquiring spirit at once the very essence of all that his presence among men meant, explaining the necessity of the new birth. And we close by saying that it is ever to be insisted upon that this new birth is not an outward and visible thing, as changing from the world to the church, but it is an inward and spiritual thing.

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Where Am I Going?

Psalm cxix:57-64.

The cxix Psalm is artistically constructed. It is divided into twenty-two sections of eight verses each.

The sections are named after the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

In the section assigned for our lesson, reference is made in each verse to God's revealed will, termed his law, testimonies, and commandments, etc., and the one idea which is foremost is the purpose to regard the divine truth and guide the life by it.

The lesson title is then very well chosen: "Where am I Going?" Everyone who plans a work looks to the end of that work. It is only the completion of a thing which gives the beginning significance. We ask the artisan, "What are you making?" the student, "What are you going to be?" the traveler, "Where are you going?" The thought which we bestow upon a thing has reference first of all to the ending. What shall be the result? No one chooses wisely until he has settled that question, and set before himself an end which is worthy of his toil.

We are called upon, in our study, to contemplate the end of all life's plans and toils. There is a place where all the paths meet.

"Our birth is but the starting place,
Life is the running of the race,
And death the goal.
There all our steps at last are brought,
That path alone, by all unsought
Is found of all."

But whither into the great beyond? Men travel with their faces to the light or to the darkness. Some are advancing with light and eager step, longing for the glory that is to be revealed. Others are trembling to go forward, and wishing they could retreat.

"Backward, turn backward, O time, in thy flight!"

But time never turns backward. How happy then is he who, while he must go on, goes rejoicing in hope. If I ask a man where he is going, and he tells me he is going where he don't want to go, I think him in a sad case, indeed.

A gentleman, once, being entertained at the elegant home of a rich friend, and being much interested in a bright youth, who was his friend's only son, asked the boy what were his plans. The boy said: "I am going to get through

the academy this year, then go to college."

"And what next?" said the man. "I mean then to go to a medical school and get a diploma to practice medicine."

"What next?" still asked his friend.

"I suppose," said the boy, "that I will practice medicine till I get some money, then I will get married and have a home and bring up a family like other men."

"What next?" continued the inquirer.

"Well, I shall get old after awhile and retire from practice."

"What next?" was still asked.

"Oh," said the boy in a restless way, "I shall die I suppose."

"And what next?" said the man.

There, at last, was the point upon which the eager boy's mind needed to be fixed, and it is that to which, dear Leaguer, we would turn yours when we ask, "Where are you going?"

"To Thee, O God, my thoughts arise,
Thou great, eternal, good and wise,
To Thee I cry.

Give me the race of life to run,
And give me then the victor's crown
With Thee on high."

Deafness Cannot be Cured

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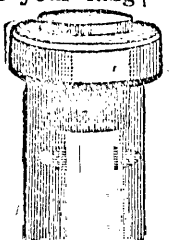
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Nearly everybody you meet will regard it as a kind of insult to be asked if they have weak lungs. All seem to have a solid faith in the soundness of their own breathing machine. In cases of trouble they will admit there is a "heavy cold," "a touch of bronchitis," or even "a spell of asthma," but as to weak or unsound lungs, never, NEVER. Even the poor consumptive, who scarcely speaks without coughing, whose cheeks are wasted, hollow and bear the hectic flush of doom, will assure you with glistening eyes that his cold is on the mend and he will be all right when the weather changes.

It is simply terrible to think how far we may be guilty by our indifference to the lung troubles of those near and dear to us. It is also a sad thought that we may hug a delusion as to our own health that we only get rid of when life itself must pay the forfeit.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

J. E. GODFREY, D. D., EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1899.

Reform School for Arkansas.

One of the matters which ought to be brought before our legislators is the establishment of a school of correction for juvenile transgressors of the law.

If any cause can appeal to our humanity, it is that of young persons, who are forced to begin life under conditions which, inevitably, give them false views of life, and lead them into criminal courses. Yet, investigation into the history of those who are early involved in crime, and their hopes of life thus blighted, will show that unfavorable conditions have, in almost every case, attended them.

Here we have a report, furnished us by the chaplain of our State prison, Rev. Ed. Steele, last June. He says: "There are now thirty-five boys on our convict farms and ten more to go. Of these, eight are full orphans, sixteen without fathers, and nineteen without mothers." Here are thirty-five boys—nearly the whole number—whose homes were virtually broken up.

These boys were thrown out, almost as waifs, upon the world. The report also says, twenty-five of these boys play cards.

It is very sad, indeed, to see these boys sinking into ruin without help or hope, as the bare result of their misfortunes.

We are aware of the great odds against those youths in the future struggle of life, after they have been once branded as criminals. Repentance is not easy for anyone. The majority of people who take false steps in morals never retrace them. The world is slow to trust them.

"The world will not believe a man repents
And this wise world of ours is mostly right."

The conditions which surround these boys are most unfavorable for repentance. They are associated with older and more hardened criminals, who only teach them further lessons in crime. They become degraded and desperate in their feelings, and, deeming themselves fully adrift upon an evil current, study only to be more daring and skillful in buffeting the surging tide.

There is no wonder that the great injustice done to many criminals under our present conditions, should move our governor to grant frequent pardons. Yet a pardon brings little prospect of reform to those who are pardoned. And as for relieving ourselves of danger

by requiring the pardoned to leave the State, it is a policy which it were far better for every State of the Union to discountenance. We have no right to send our criminals out upon other States; we certainly do not desire them to send theirs upon us.

The condition of our juvenile criminals could be improved. Especially could we, by establishing a Reform School, or School of Correction, check the waywardness of many a youth in time to rescue him from ruin, and to avoid great injury to the State.

In such a movement as this we do not have to try experiments. Such schools as we speak of are in many States. There is no plea which we can enter against following this example of prison reform, except our poverty. But that we ought not to plead. We are abundantly able to bear the expense which would be involved, and, if not so rich as some other States, we should show ourselves, at least, as liberal-minded and philanthropic. Our people at large will be more injured than helped by refusing to accept this additional expense. They will be injured in their own moral feelings and self-respect by pleading poverty against the appeals of such a cause.

The State has provided well for some of her unfortunates. Our asylums for the insane, the blind and deaf are a credit to the State, as all philanthropic visitors are pleased to note. We plead for another institution for another class of the State's unfortunate children. We plead for dealing with our wayward boys as being what they are in truth, unfortunates, as much as criminals, and that the State, for her credit, and for their rescue reckon them in that category and deal with them accordingly. Let us have a place where they will receive wise instruction and every incentive to reform, and not hasten their despair and ruin by too soon branding them as convicted outlaws.

Studies in the Minutes

During the session of the Arkansas Conference we gathered some figures from the statistical tables which assured us that the forthcoming minutes of the conference would constitute a perplexing study.

Rev. Wm. Sherman has made the first public criticism. He notes the loss of 1,083 members, as per minutes, and yet states that if the reports of the preachers, for the year, be taken alone, they would show a gain of members. But,

comparison with the total of last year shows the loss above stated.

The cause of the inconsistency of the tables, which occurs, not alone in the minutes under notice, but in those of other conferences as well, is found, partly, in the matter referred to last week—the lack of correct church registers in the hands of the preachers. But another item should be considered. It is the column in the statistical table headed "Total members last year." According to this column most of the preachers have figured out a gain on their charges. But, to do this, they have set back the figures of the preceding year. What right has any preacher to report, as last year's membership, anything but the figures of last year's minutes? The fact that it is done, is in further proof of the lack of church registers. If the last year's reports were correct, why change them? If they were mere guesses, which the successor did not deem correct from his own investigation, then his report is also a guess of the same sort.

But why have this column of last year's figures? It serves no purpose. In making up the aggregate it is ignored, as it ought to be. The published total of last year, as found in the minutes, and not the footing of this column, is made the ground of comparison. For example, in the minutes just issued the footing of the column headed "Total members for last year" is 21,881, while the membership for this year is reported at 23,012, which would be a gain of 1,131. But last year's total, as published in last year's minutes, is 24,095 so that there is a loss, when compared with these figures of 1,083; and so the secretary rightly reports. In the same way the minutes of the conference for 1897 show a loss of 530 members as compared with 1896.

Now, we think the minutes are as nearly correct as can be made from the figures furnished, and that there was a loss this year of 1,083 members, or thereabouts, and of 630 last year. This can hardly be questioned.

We are not criticising the Arkansas Conference. The minutes of the other two conferences in the State have not been published, but they will exhibit all the inaccuracies of this, no doubt. It is so of the old minutes. Besides, according to conference reports, there have been losses in membership, the past year, in all three of the conferences.

We shall continue these studies in the minutes, and the result will be the establishment of some other important facts.

In closing this, we wish to ask a question of the presiding elders. The minutes just published report 382 Societies, while those of the year before report 412 Societies. Here is a loss of 30 Societies. This is surprising. Was the work last year so changed or contracted that 30 Societies were lost? If so, the loss of members may be explained. The elders are perhaps able to report. By so doing they will help us to either explain the loss or to show great inaccuracy and negligence somewhere.

Has Come to a Knowledge of the Truth

Sixteen years ago the editor of Zion's Herald—Boston—wrote many things about the treatment of Negroes in the South, which seemed to us to betray much ignorance of the real situation and also much sectional prejudice toward the Southern people.

But Dr. Parkhurst, like an honest man, has kept his eyes open and has accepted the teaching of facts, and of late years has evidently come to a knowledge of the truth respecting the Negro question. Here is one of his latest utterances:

"The 'Boston Globe' says: 'A white Baptist Church in Jersey City recently refused to permit its baptismal pool to be used to immerse some colored converts. This seems to be the latest phase of the Negro question in the North. And, sure enough, the objection in this case was made by the white women of the church, who seem to fancy that the immersion of a black skin might so contaminate the pool as to make it unfit for white people.' We note this fact as another confirmation of the declaration often made in these columns, that negrophobia is not a disease than can be localized. Import all the Negroes from any Southern State to any New England or Middle State, and they would receive treatment very similar to that which they now endure."

We held the guesses of the children on Derf S. Kral's name before publishing. Some have come in since—a little too late.

We wish to say, in answer to inquiries about the White River Conference Minutes, that the ARKANSAS METHODIST is not publishing them. The manuscript was never put into our hands.

No other one thing will do so much to hold the converts to the church and develop them in the Christian life as the church paper. It should be put into the hands and homes of all new members—and old ones, too.—Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

SKIP THIS

(If you don't owe us anything.)

We send out blanks this week for subscribers to fill out and remit to us what they owe us.

We hope everyone who is due us anything will send it now. We need it very much. It is justly our due, and why not discharge the duty you owe in the premises. We propose to go through our list and purge it of "dead heads" and "no goods," and push collections. Don't wait for us to send you a dun. Get rid of the matter NOW.

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Church Notes.

The minutes of the Arkansas Conference have been received at this office. Thanks to the sender.

The North Carolina Methodists are planning for an orphanage and a home for superannuated preachers.

The Sunday-school of First Church, this city, has over 400 volumes, and costing on an average nearly one dollar per volume.

We thank Rev. Jerome Duncan, the editor, for a copy of the minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference. A fine picture of Bishop Galloway greets us as a frontispiece. The minutes embrace sixty pages, besides statistical tables. The good style and dispatch with which the work has been done is commendable.

The following resolution was passed by the Western North Carolina Conference recently:

"Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of the conference that all our preachers and laymen should prudently discourage the use of tobacco in all forms, amongst our young people especially.

"Resolved, 2. That we encourage the enforcement of our state statute against the sale of the cigarette to minors."

Preachers' Meeting.

The regular meeting of the preachers in this district was held in First Church, Tuesday, 10 a.m. Present—Jas. Thomas, P. E.; Wm. E. Thompson, First Church; W. W. Christie, Mabelvale; S. L. Titus, Tomberlin; Frank Moore, Lonoke; J. M. Workman, Asbury.

Revs. Horace Jewell, of Malvern, and A. C. Millar, of Hendrix College, were visitors.

Bro. Thompson reported fine Sunday-school and services on last Sunday. Everything moving smoothly. Preacher paid weekly and presiding elder monthly. The

large crowds at the preaching services are impressing the need for the immediate building of the auditorium. Two accessions.

Brother Christie, of Mabelvale, reported progress on his work. Plans for a new church at Olive Hill are being vigorously pushed. Brother Christie wants a good carpenter to take charge of the work. The loss of Fourche Dam has placed additional work on the circuit stewards, but they are caring for Brother Christie well. The Fourche Dam members have, a number of them, moved their membership to the city.

Brother Moore, of Lonoke, made encouraging reports of his work. His congregations last Sunday were the largest since conference.

Brother Titus, of Tomberlin, reported everything under water and the small pox in many homes.

Brother Evans, of Winfield, being ill, sent his report, of seven accessions and good services, by Brother Thompson, of First Church.

Brothers Jewell and Millar made encouraging reports of their work. Bishop Hendrix is expected at Conway, January 29. The agents for Hendrix are still hard at work and meeting with reasonable success.

Brother Workman gave a good report of Asbury. His work is reported to his congregation each week in a little paper, "Supplement to the ARKANSAS METHODIST." He reports not only his own, but items of interest to the other Methodist Churches. The supplement is mailed with the METHODIST to those subscribing for it.

Brother Thomas was just in from Des Arc. He reported a good quarterly conference. While waiting over at Higginson, he ran into Searcy, and talked with Bro. Godden until three o'clock a. m. He reports everything moving on well at Galloway. Bro. Godden is proving himself the same true man as before our great disaster at the school.

NASHVILLE NOTES.

No Christmas was ever more generally or elaborately celebrated here than the last. For two weeks previous, streets and stores were densely crowded with gift-purchasers. The ideal weather gave an additional charm. Some Sunday-schools had extraordinarily fine, and some, unique entertainments. The holy season was a blessing, temporal and spiritual, to thousands in this city.

With the ushering in of 1899, plans are being made for much Christian work. This week a series of union revival services is to be inaugurated. They have the support of the workers of all denominations and the Ministers' Al-

liance. We need a great revival. The signs seem propitious, and it is hoped that these tabernacle meetings, conducted by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and a successful evangelist, will bring an abundant harvest.

Drs. Matthews and Chappell, late of St. Louis, are making fine records at McKendree and West End, respectively. Dr. D. C. Kelley is taking hold with a skilful hand, as the new presiding elder of the Nashville District.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne preached at the First Baptist Church, yesterday, a special sermon to the members of the legislature upon "The Supreme Virtue."

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Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 9, '99.

Personal.

Bro. E. Warren, of Gainesville, called Saturday.

The postoffice of Rev. W. H. Metheny is Dardanelle, Ark.

Bro. John Metcalf, of Evening Shade, was a caller Saturday.

Bro. Wells, of Bentonville, was a pleasant caller yesterday.

Rev. W. B. Ricks is enjoying a pleasant visit to friends in North Carolina.

The address of Rev. A. E. Holloway, P. E. of Batesville district, is Batesville.

Bishop Hendrix will deliver his lecture on "The Coming Man," January 29.

Rev. W. J. Hudspeth, of Little Rock, was, on Monday, elected chaplain of the penitentiary.

Bro. C. B. Andrews has moved from Prescott to this city. We welcome him to our midst.

Rev. Jno. Eidson, of the White River Conference, was a caller several times the past few days.

As we go to press the house has elected A. F. Vandeventer, speaker, and J. G. B. Sims, clerk.

Dr. J. H. Dye was elected chaplain of the Senate in the organization of the legislature Monday.

Mrs. Thornburgh, wife of our Business Manager, continues in a very feeble and helpless state.

Bro. Guy Wilson, of Evening Shade, a son of our Manager's old friend, C. J. Wilson, was a caller yesterday.

We had the pleasure of a call from Adam Clark, of Arkadelphia, one of the oldest editors of the State, Tuesday.

Hon. Junius Jordan, of our State University, has been elected President of the Southern Educational Association.

Rev. A. C. Griffin has been called to bury a precious daughter since conference. His postoffice is now Paragould, Ark.

The editor of this paper ran up to Newport Saturday and filled the pulpit for Bro. Ricks, who is in North Carolina.

Rev. J. R. Moore, P. C. at Arkadelphia, writes: "Good beginning made. Eighteen members received since conference."

Rev. M. D. Rege, D.D., the venerable

and widely known Presbyterian preacher, of Richmond, Va., is said to be hopelessly ill.

Bishop Granberry is to deliver a series of lectures on the "Higher Criticism," at the Southern University, on February 2 to 10.

Bishop Galloway has engaged to give thirty days in Texas to the interests of the Southwestern University. He will begin about the 15th inst.

W. W. Bays, D. D., formerly of the Little Rock Conference, is now presiding elder of the Statesville District, North Carolina Conference.

Rev. Wm. Arnold Green is established at the corner of Second and Center streets, this city, as State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League.

Dr. Daniel Wise, of the M. E. Church, widely known for his literary labors, died at his home at Englewood, N. J., December 20, in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

Rev. N. W. Womack, one of our zealous and active local preachers of the White River Conference, called Monday. He had been to visit a sick brother at Benton.

Of the preachers, Hill, Sanders, Nelson, Logan, Hays, Newman, Doak, Woodard, Taylor, Conway, Glass, Christie and Harrell, have sent us subscriptions this week. Let the list grow.

Rev. H. B. McNeill, formerly of White River Conference, sends New Year's greetings and renewal of subscription from Brentwood, Tenn., and says: "You can say to my old Arkansas friends that I am doing well here."

We see that in last week's issue it is said we lodged at Jonesboro with Bro. George Culberson, when it should have been Culberhouse. We have not forgotten the name of our genial host. How the mistake occurred we wot not.

Mrs. Amanda Emonson, of Carlisle, Ark., died at the Gleason Hotel Thursday, January 5. She had just gotten in from California, and had not yet reached her home at Carlisle. She was taken ill of la grippe, on Monday preceding her death.

Dr. Rankin is preparing the way for Bishop Galloway's work for the Southwestern University, by presenting in the Texas Advocate the condition and needs of that great institution. Thus the new editor gives proof that he is awake and practical.

We thank the Gurdon Times for the following compliment, and fully reciprocate the kind wish: "A happy New Year to the ARKANSAS METHODIST. May its editors continue to make its pages so bright and worthy that finally it will not only reach 11,000 firesides in Arkansas, but every household within our borders."

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To right life's wrongs, that I shall know
That I have loved Thee surely."
My lips set forth their eager cry,
The while my heart beat faster,
"For some great deed to prove my love,
Send me, send me, my Master!"

From out the silence came a voice,
Saying: "If God thou fearest,
Rise up and do, thy whole life through,
The duty that lies nearest.
The friendly word, the kindly deed,
Though small the act in seeming,
Shall in the end unto thy soul
Prove mightier than thy dreaming

The cup of water to the faint,
Or rest unto the weary,
The light thou givest another's life,
Shall make thine own less dreary.
And boundless realms of faith and love
Will wait for thy possessing;
Not creeds, but deeds, if thou wouldst win
Unto thy soul a blessing "

And so I wait with peaceful heart,
Content to do his pleasure,
Not caring if the world shall mock
At smallness of the measure.
Of thoughts or deeds or daily life,
He knows the true endeavor—
To do his will, to seek his face—
And he will fail me never.

—Sarah A. Gibbs.

The Christian Poor and the Worldly Rich.

"Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith."—Prov. 15:16.

This proverb teaches us very plainly in what family happiness consists. Not in the abundance of earthly possessions, as is commonly supposed. Wealth is the great object of pursuit. To this end multitudes consecrate the energies of mind and body. They rise early and sit up late, willing to make any sacrifice if they may be numbered among the millionaires. But in their hot pursuit of gain they lose sight of the accompaniments of great treasure, which in many cases is trouble—how much trouble who can tell? O if we could get an inside view of some of the palatial residences, what revolting scenes would meet our gaze! There are the perfection of architecture, gorgeous decorations, elegant furniture, a luxurious table, numerous attendants and a princely equipage. And is that all? Verily not. With all this outward show and splendor, "trouble," by day and by night, "trouble," gnawing at their vitals, and turning the palace into a hell upon earth. Anger and contention and jealousy intermingle with the abundance of the good things of this life, making a picture of misery so dark as to cause to shrink from the contemplation. Perhaps a drunken wife, or a debauched son, staggering home from his nightly revelries, may embitter the millionaire's life, turning his stately dwelling into a place of tears and groans.

How different the allotment of those composing the Christian household! They are living in cottages, unpretentious, attracting no attention. They have but little, their daily fare is plain, but ample for their sustenance. They never partake of it without invoking their Heavenly Father's blessing, from whose gracious hand they receive

constant supplies. At the family altar, at morn and eve, they have fellowship with him, and with his Son, Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Comforter. O blessed fellowship divine! In that house there is the "fear of the Lord." Ah, that makes the difference! "A calmly reverential fear" pervades the humble dwelling—a loving fear, delighting in God and in his commandments.

Reader, which do you prefer, the palace with great treasure and trouble, or the cottage with little and the fear of the Lord? Surely you will say, the cottage life, the cottage life for me—and my Father's blessing. Parents, teach your children to expect little from the world, but everything from God. Teach them that the dinner of herbs, "the homely meal of love, is better than the stalled ox, prepared for a sumptuous but unbrotherly feast. Love sweetens the meanest food. Hatred embitters the richest feast."—Guide to Holiness.

When any part of the body isn't doing the work that nature intended it to do, it puts the whole system out of tune—out of harmony. Sickness in one part of the body is likely to run into all parts of the body. When children stand a row of bricks on end, they knock the whole row down by upsetting one brick. That is exactly what happens to the health when the bowels fail to perform their proper function. Constipation makes trouble all along the line—puts the liver out of order, is bad for the kidneys—bad for the stomach. It holds in the body poisonous matter, and because it cannot go any place else, it gets into the blood. The blood carries it all over the system. That makes sluggishness, lassitude, bad breath and foul taste in the mouth, fills the stomach with gas and causes windy belching, stops digestion in the stomach, causes sour stomach, heartburn and headache. You can avoid all such trouble, for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and its attendant evils.

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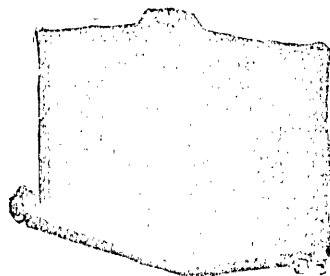
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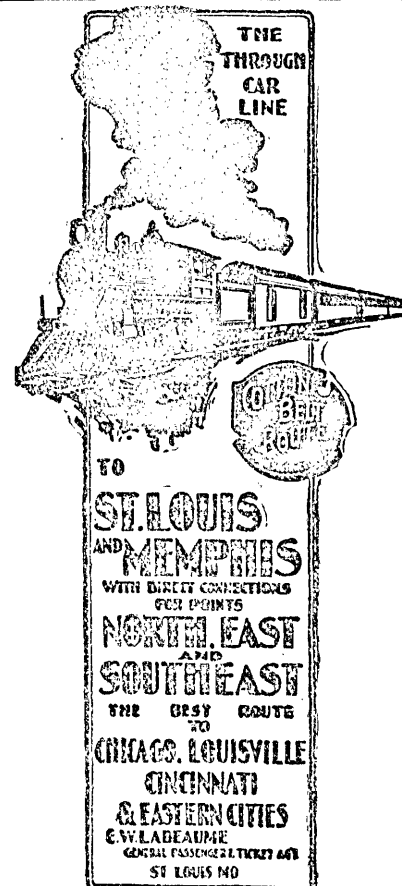
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With harmony divine;
So, often in my waking dreams,
I hear a melody that seems
Like fairy voices whispering
To me the song I never sing.

Sometimes when brooding o'er the years
My lavish youth has thrown away,
When all the glowing past appears
But as a mirage that my tears
Have crumbled to decay,
I thrill to find the ache and pain
Of my remorse is stilled again,
As, forward bent and listening,
I hear the song I never sing.

A murmuring of rhythmic words,
Adrift on tunes whose currents flow
Melodious with the thrill of birds,
And far-off lowing of the herds
In lands of long ago;
And every sound the truant loves
Comes to me like the coo of doves,
When first in blooming fields of spring
I heard the song I never sing.

The echoes of old voices, wound
In limpid streams of laughter where
The River Time runs bubble-crowned,
And giddy eddies ripple round
The lilies growing there;
Where roses, bending o'er the brink,
Drain their own kisses as they drink,
And ivies twine and climb and cling
About the song I never sing.

An ocean surge of sound that falls
As though a tide of heavenly art
Had tempested the gleaming halls,
And crested o'er the golden walls
In showers upon my heart;
Thus, thus, with open arms and eyes
Uplifted toward the alien skies,
Forgetting every earthly thing,
I hear the song I never sing.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

How it Went in My Childhood.

NO. XIX.

Things that happen in the school-room are a great deal funnier than things not there. We just have to laugh at almost nothing. It nearly tickles us to death. Why, I must laugh, and sure enough I did, and poor pale Derfie stands up on the floor, and sees nothing in the world that could possibly make him laugh. A great big rough something is in his throat that he can't possibly swallow.

John has come to school his first day. He does not know what to do with himself; he stands up part of the time, and sits down a part, and lies down the rest of the time. Fifteen of us boys occupy two of our long deskless pine seats, when John cries out: "Teacher, there's a mouse! there's a mouse!" He has seen a mouse running along the wall. Fifteen boys' mouths fly open, wide, and an awful laugh comes forth. Fifteen boys stand, all in a row, on the floor, very much interested in their books. Our laugh did not take well with our teacher and we had it to pay for.

It is the first morn of a school and Derfie has not fallen in love with his books yet, so, he gets behind the stove pipe to keep the teacher from seeing him, but, woe be unto him! for he sees the teacher's great big ugly head poking around from the other side, taking him in. He is caught circumstanced, and a warm attach-

ment for his books, then and there.

The girls, in our school, brought their dolls along, but the larger ones got tired of these lifeless dolls and so they induced us boys to be their dolls. These were little girls, ranging from fifteen to eighteen years old. They built great big rock houses, and stored away their cooking utensils and bedding in them, then housed us little boys in there, and, of course, we had their dinner all eaten before they cooked it. Once they stored away a great bunch of us living dolls in one of their houses. We were closely packed, and while we were taking in their furniture and performing on their cooking things, the stone house tumbled down on us and covered us up alive. Quite a doll-squalling followed—something similar to five or six mules braying. Limping, forelorn, and bruised, we dolls ceased to be, and concluded that we would be men, instead of ornaments for girls, be men, be men.

George and I were great friends in school. We had, often, slipped from one seat to another during books, and the teacher had not caught us. So, one day George says to me: "Derf, let's get on every bench in the house between this and night." "All right," I said, and we did it. We studied very, very hard that eve—while the teacher was looking at us. We felt very intellectual and important as we finished up our job down in the student's department, and concluded to close out behind the pulpit. Our school-house had a pulpit in it, up in the front part, for it, also, served as a place for preaching. It was a platform, about one foot high, with a stand about four feet high and four feet broad on top of it. There was a pine bench behind this stand for the preachers to sit on. We slipped up behind this stand, all right, and were having a great time on the preacher's bench when we saw the teacher's troubled eyes peering around on us. We were humbly bowing low, laughing. He said he had caught us, and we felt the same way, and, also, felt very much bereaved. He, then, invited us young ministers—of meanness—down from the pulpit, so that we might preach a silent sermon for his school, and we preached it. He told George to point his finger at the stove pipe and just keep a pointing. He authorized me to stick my finger out through a hole in the glass window and shoot at a hickory tree, standing near. I shot, and shot, and shot, but evidently did not hit it, for the teacher kept me shooting for fifteen minutes. The whole school was perfectly delighted with our sermons, for every one was laughing. But George and I were only two humble ministers, shooting, eloquently, a message, true to all: "Be sure, young people, your sins will find you out. Don't you see, they have us. Wrong fun wrongs us." That sermon is true, children.

FRED A. LARK.

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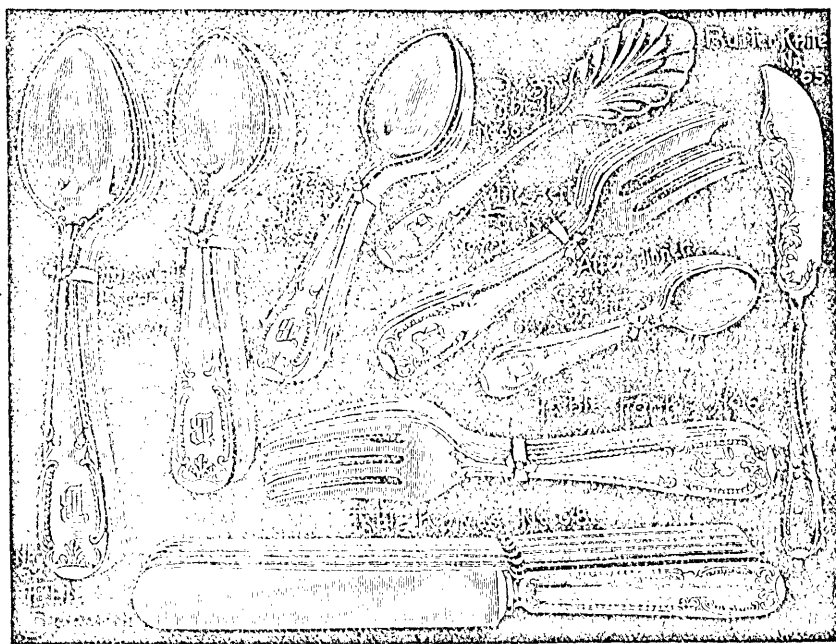
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The Storm at Gravelly.

The sun rose bright on Friday morn,
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But ere the sun to zenith climbed,
There came upon the scene
Three angels, from the land of storms,
And tumult rolled between.

The gathering cyclone thicker grew,
Commotion filled its breast,
And furious, burst upon its course,
When day had sank to rest,

It came adown the western street,
In love's resistless rage,
And gladly rushing on its way,
It struck the parsonage

The doors upon their hinges swung,
The entrance cleared; and through
The open kitchen passage way,
The storm, untrammelled blew.

Then came the cloud burst; torrents fell;
Down pouring mercies flowed,
A deluged table stood submerged,
Groaning beneath its load.

Of needful things for mortal life,
And delicacies too,
Feast of the fruitage of the earth,
From humble hearts and true.

Disburdened now, the storm abates,
The guests with pious air,
Recede into the sitting room
And humbly bow in prayer.

We thank our God, that by his grace
We all are blessed to live;
Are blessed who receive His gifts,
Twice blessed those who give.

A few words spoken for our Lord,
And then all happy-hearted,
With God's rich blessing on our heads,
We said good night and parted.

A still small voice in memory speaks,
Loved voices far out-foaming,
It tells the love my people hold,
Put in me by their pounding.

—J. F. Etchison.

M'GRODY CIRCUIT.

Our pastor, Rev. W. C. Toombs, was with us at Wiville, Sunday. His subject was Thoughts from the text "I thought on my ways"—119th Ps. 59th Verse. The sermon was inspiring. There was manifested from preacher to people that most excellent gift, Love. Also, demonstrations of the Spirit's presence with us. Services concluded with two prayers and a hand-shake—a covenant to labor together in love for the promotion of good this year. We rejoice to have Bro. Toombs with us. God bless all the brethren. I extend to you a happy New Year's greeting. Especially you who have labored with us here at Wiville—Father Page, and Bros. Womack, Durham, and Gardner. May the Lord help us all to do our duty this year, and

give each of us power equal to our task. Yours in Christ,

ISAAC E. THOMAS, L. P.
Wiville, Jan. 2.

JACKSONPORT.

This charge has been a mission for years, with other appointments attached, much stronger than any it has now. It was hard then for the preacher to live. Of course, it will be still harder now, with all appropriations withheld. I will not murmur nor complain. But I do feel sorry for some of the men who are thrown out on these mission fields, without any assistance. If there is any fairness in the arrangement, I fail to see it. On the other hand, it really looks bad, especially when some of this crowd were members of the cabinet; and I have been informed that the resolution was not brought before the house until after the last meeting of the cabinet, and then by a member of the cabinet. I do hope there were no bad intentions. I will try and think that way, at least.

I have just received the action of the District Stewards, also; and the apportionment to this charge is as large as many of the well organized circuits—who own their houses of worship, are out of debt, and have a good parsonage, with three times the wealth and membership of this charge.

Now, while the majority of the conference supported this resolution, I am sure, had they had time to consider the matter, they would not have done it; but one thing I will venture to say, and that is, that none of the perpetrators of this measure expected to travel a mission this year, but likely thought they were traveling in that direction and would get a fund laid up for themselves against the time they got there. I ask the prayers of all true conscientious Christians who read this.

J. R. EDWARDS.

SPRING HILL.

I have been so busy since we moved to the parsonage, on Dec. 8th, that I have hardly had time to read the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I notice that several of our preachers are mentioning their receptions and poundings. I want to tell our readers that the good people of old Spring Hill know just how all this is done and to make a preacher and family feel at home among them.

If I remember correctly, there has not been a day since we moved

that some one, and some days more than one, has not kindly remembered us with a small donation of something good to eat. Even the Xmas turkey was not forgotten. On Dec. 24th, two wagons visited the parsonage, and after they left we found that we were supplied with flour (not just a little), rice, potatoes, sugar, molasses, preserves, canned fruit, meat, &c. And "Santa" had remembered the children by dropping in a box of candy, a sack of apples, &c. Some of our Baptist people are numbered with the donors. We are glad that our lot is among such generous hearted people. We have a big work planned for the year. May God bless and save the people of this work. Pray for us at Spring Hill.

HENRY M. BRUCE.

Jan. 2.

ROCKY COMFORT.

The Minutes will, perhaps, show that J. O. Walsh was sent to Rocky Comfort circuit and J. H. Bradford to Wilton circuit. Wilton circuit was formed out of territory taken from both Rocky Comfort and Richmond circuits. Since conference it was deemed best to change the work back as it was before. Bro. Walsh was put on a work in the Monticello District and Bro. Bradford came to Rocky. I feel like saying to all the preachers in the conference, "Rejoice with us, for we have a parsonage at Rocky Comfort, with the preacher and his family living in it." We have been working at it for two years, and while it is not finished, it is comfortable. Bros. J. L. Deloney, F. A. McIver, the "Cannon boys," and a few others have borne the burden in building the house. Mrs. George, who gave the lot on which the house is built, and who has been standing by the church here for years, came again to the rescue, a few days ago. She canvassed the town in behalf of furnishing the parsonage. Liberal contributions were made, and as a result we have the parsonage handsomely and permanently furnished. All the people who have met the new preacher seem to like him well. We have a railroad here, and are hoping to see Methodism strongly fortified here in the near future.

GEO. N. CANNON.

Jan. 2, 1899.

Notice.

Time of holding quarterly conference on Gurdon circuit is changed from February 4-5, to February 11-12; and on Princeton circuit from February 11-12 to February 4-5.

THOS. H. WARE.

NOTICE:—Meeting of the District Stewards of Jonesboro District will be held Jan. 16, 7 p. m., in the Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Bro. Steward, you are hereby urged to attend. I have learned a thing or two that needs attention. Will the pastors notify their district stewards, and insist on their coming. We will protract until the members coming from Paragould and above get here. Come, all



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Quarterly Meetings.

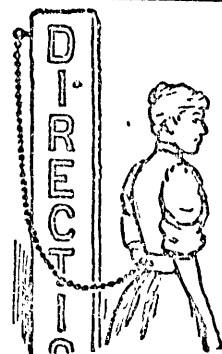
BATESVILLE DISTRICT, first round, (in part). A. E. Holloway, P. E.

January—Cushman circuit at Cushman, 11; Camp circuit at Camp, 21-22; Salem circuit at Salem, 22-23; Viola circuit at Prospect, 24; Sulphur Rock circuit at Sulphur Rock, 28-29.

February—Cedar Grove circuit at Pine Grove, 4-5; Newburg circuit at Flat Rock, 11-12; Iuka circuit at Iuka, 12-13; Ash Flat circuit at New Hope, 18-19; Calamine circuit at Raney's Chapel, 25-26.

March—Mountain View circuit at Mountain View, 4-5.

I am anxious to meet all members of the quarterly conference at these quarterly meetings. Brethren, let us come together and pray and plan for a most gracious year in each of our charges.



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As the wintry winds sound their shrill weird notes through key-hole and cranny, how many of those who are seated by warm fires think of the dreary, bleak habitations—we cannot call them homes—occupied by many of the preachers of our Mission Conferences?

Touching letters come, telling of suffering, not only from insufficient shelter, but meagre salaries, scant clothing and a dearth of all that constitutes the material comfort of living.

Through the medium of the Supply Department of the Woman's Home Mission Society, these sufferings are in a measure relieved, and we gladly turn from the pitiful facts to the good report of our most excellent superintendent of supplies, which she states is a great improvement on any past report.

During the quarter ending Dec. 1st, the various conferences have made forty-four donations, consisting of boxes, barrels, packages and money. The total value of these donations is \$2,142.55.

The St. Louis Conference takes the lead in the number and value of donations, and the Tennessee Conference stands second. These facts are mentioned to stimulate all of our societies to redouble their efforts in this department, and to awaken an interest in individuals who have never taken part in it.

We are encouraged by this quarterly report, and to the waiting, despondent brothers, laboring in barren fields, we send this message: "Cheer up, take courage, help is coming." A brighter day is dawning for those who serve in border lands.

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Note From Japan.

The reapers have been at work, gathering in one of the most abundant crops of rice which Japan has seen for three years. The work of harvesting is all done. Hardly any more of the "standing corn" to be found throughout this region. Not only the crop of rice, but other products have done equally well; so that the hungry shall be more easily fed.

Much interest is being felt here in the disturbances which have followed each other in such rapid succession, of late, throughout the

far East. The problem of the Philippines, the reactionary disturbances in China, the struggle for freedom in Korea, have all called out anxious interest.

Only yesterday the news came of the murder of three missionaries in a province in China. One of them, a French missionary, is said to have been burned at the stake.

Thanksgiving Day was appropriately observed by the citizens of the United States residing in Kobe. Services were held in the Union Church, where, in addition to prayer and songs, addresses were made by Consul Lyon, Dr. Wainwright, of our mission, and Dr. Atkinson, of the Congregational mission. The service was one so simple and spontaneous in character that all present enjoyed it, and I think good results will follow in the way of increased cordiality among the people in the foreign community.

Fraternally yours,

C. B. MOSELY.

Lucinda B. Helm.

"Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm," by Arabel W. Alexander. Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn., 1898. Price, \$1.

By courtesy of the publishers, the above-named work lies on our table. It is a well-gotten-up 12mo. of 178 pages. Lucinda B. Helm was the originator of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of our church. To this society she gave years of arduous labor. To her, more than to any other person, the church is indebted for the large results which have been accomplished through its instrumentality. Her life and work are, therefore, a part of the history of the church. Mrs. Alexander has done her work admirably. The work is well arranged, and the literary execution is worthy of high praise. The story of so noble a life cannot fail to do great good. We bespeak for it an extensive circulation.—New Orleans Advocate.

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Our Church at Home.

HATTON CIRCUIT.

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The resources of the country are scarcely excelled anywhere. We have vast areas of rich valley land, equal to any in the State for farming and fruit growing, besides the enormous quantity of timber, which will furnish work for saw-mills and shingle-mills for years to come. Hundreds of people are moving in from all parts of the country, and schools and churches are being established in temporary quarters.

The time has come for our Methodism to gain a footing, or lose its opportunity. This is a critical period, and we must strike while the iron is hot. We have entered upon the most vigorous campaign against sin and darkness that we have ever undertaken, and we are glad to say that we have the co-operation of a goodly number of devoted Christian workers.

At one point, however, we are seriously deficient. We are greatly in need of good substantial church buildings. But at some of the most important places, our people are too weak, numerically and financially, to build them, and unless they are soon built, the ground will be pre-occupied by other denominations, and our best opportunity will be gone. For these and other reasons, I ask that you insert, in the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, the following notice, in the interest of an earnest, struggling band of true Methodists. By so doing you will greatly oblige these noble people, and a pastor whose heart is in their cause.

A. M. SHAW, P. C.

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Hatton, Ark.

DARDANELLE CIRCUIT.

The motory elements of the Arkansas Conference suggested a change for us from the Prairie View circuit to the Dardanelle circuit. It was only a short move. We parted with very dear friends, with whom we had lived and labored for six years, 1884-5-6 and 1896-7-8. We got to the parsonage, which is located at Oak Grove, four miles west of Dardanelle, No-

vember 30, 1898. The second night following, the good people of Oak Grove and vicinity came to the parsonage with many expressions of a hearty welcome, and good things for the preacher and family in abundance. This generous host was headed by three local preachers. We sang and prayed and talked and praised the good Lord for such an occasion, and when this crowd of good neighbors left us, we still praised the Lord for their kind words, pleasant visit and the material help they had left us. Christmas has come and gone, and through

Christmas week we continued a prayer meeting at Oak Grove, which had been well attended and we hope great good accomplished. Our First Quarterly meeting was held at Pisgah last Saturday and Sunday. The P. E., P. C., two local preachers and a few officials reach the church in a snow storm. The attendance was not large but the meeting was not a failure. Now, as we have turned over a new leaf for 1899, how will we fill it? The Lord help us to be careful, that we may fill it up with good things and not get any blots on it.

W. H. METHENY.

A Guardsman's Trouble.

From the Detroit (Mich.) Journal.

The promptness with which the National Guard of the different states responded to President McKinley's call for troops at the beginning of the war with Spain made the whole country proud of its citizen soldiers. In Detroit there are few guardsmen more

popular and efficient than Max R. Davies, first sergeant of Co. B. He has been a resident of Detroit for the past six years, and his home is at 416 Third Avenue. For four years he was connected with the well known wholesale drug house of Farrand, Williams & Clark, in the capacity of bookkeeper.

"I have charged up many thousand orders for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," said Mr. Davies, "but

never knew their worth until I used them for the cure of chronic dyspepsia. For two years I suffered and doctored for that aggravating trouble but could only be helped temporarily. "I think dyspepsia is one of the most stubborn of ailments, and there is scarcely a clerk or office man but what is more or less a victim. Some days I could eat anything, while at other times I would be starving. Those distressed pains would force me to quit work.

"I tried the hot-water treatment thoroughly, but it did not affect my case. I have tried many advertised remedies but they would help only for a time. A friend of mine recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but I did not think much of them.

"I finally was induced to try the pills and commenced using them. After taking a few doses I found much relief. I do not remember how many boxes of the pills I used, but I used them until the old trouble stopped. I know they will cure dyspepsia of the worst form and I am pleased to recommend them."



The First Sergeant.

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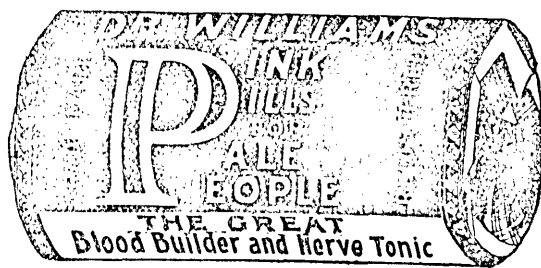
It has been said of Americans that they are "a nation of dyspeptics" and it is true that few are entirely free from disorders of the digestive tract, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Stomach and Bowel trouble, Catarrh of the Stomach, or Constipation. The treatment of these diseases with Cathartic medicines too often aggravates the trouble.

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At Rest.

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

THOMPSON: Laura Annie Maud, daughter of G. B. and L. H. Thompson, was born August 18, 1892; died October 6, 1898, near Orlando, Ark. Laura was a sweet, intelligent, bright child, the only girl of the home. Brother and Sister Thompson are heart-broken and sad—but full of hope. They know where little Laura is, and feel they are on their way to meet her again. Won't that be a happy meeting, some sweet day? Their pastor,

D. D. WARLICK.

CLEMENTS: Joseph L., son of T. J. and Anna E. Clements, born February 4, 1879, died at New Edinburg, October 21, 1898. Joe was a talented young man of much promise, the youngest of seven children, five of whom are now on the other side. Brother and Sister Clements feel there is nothing here to invite their stay. They know what sorrow and grief mean, and trying to be ready when the Master calls. Brother Clements is the leading man of the New Edinburg circuit, and is doing all he can for the church in every way, while he longs to depart and be with his children. God bless the sad home. His pastor,

D. D. WARLICK.

GOLDSBY: Allen Walton, was born July 16, 1897; dedicated to the Lord in Christian baptism by the writer, Nov. 21, 1897; died Nov. 16, 1898. A brighter, sweeter child I never knew. God lent him to the parents long enough to entwine himself firmly about their hearts; lent him to make the home bright; lent him to make the father and mother better, and then took him back home. Dear parents, there is now sadness in your hearts and home, but you have an interest in heaven you never had before. A golden chain binds you to God and heaven, where Allen lives and plays in the streets of the beautiful city. Look not downward to the grave where we laid his body away; but look upward where one stands to welcome at the beautiful gate. May your lives be so hid with the children's Christ in God, that some sweet day you may meet your boy never to part again. Lean upon the strong arm of Him who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," and find that comfort which he alone can give.

R. L. WOZENCRAFT.

CHENAULT: E. N. Chenault was born in Saline county, Ark., February 8, 1850; died Oct. 16, 1898, at his home at Fourche Dam, Ark. He was twice married; first, to a Mrs. McDonald, who lived only thirteen months after their marriage. He was married the second time to Mrs. Mollie Bigham, on the 18th of February, 1880. He leaves a wife and three children. He was a Mason, in high standing, and belonged to the Royal Arcanum.

He was a prosperous merchant and planter at Fourche Dam, Ark., at the time of his death, and was P. M. also, at that place.

Under the ministry of Dr. A. Hunter, some years ago, Bro. Chenault joined the M. E. Church, South, as a seeker. He seems to have never known at what time he received the witness of the Spirit, but long before his death he knew that he was a saved man.

He suffered long and intensely, but rejoiced in the sufficiency of God's grace all the time. His afflictions were truly sanctified to his good. He was lifted into the very atmosphere of heaven. He wished to live only for his family and the good of others. He exhorted all to meet him in heaven, kissed each member of his family, assuring them that all was well, and "fell asleep in Jesus."

His funeral was held by his old time friend and pastor, Dr. Hunter, at Hun-

ter Memorial Church. A good man is gone.

W. W. CHRISTIE.

Mabelvale, Ark.

MADDOX: At the home of his parents, near Cascade, Ark., on July 28, 1898, William Bascom Maddox passed from this life into the great beyond. Pale death with impartial foot has stepped again into this home, to remind us that the young may, while the old must die.

The subject of this memoir was the son of J. B. and M. E. Maddox, and the grandson of Rev. J. R. Maddox. He was born January 15, 1876, and professed religion in 1890. Having descended from Methodist ancestors, he naturally joined the M. E. Church, South. He left us a bright example of an earnest, Christian young man, just entering in upon the duties of both church and state. His associates and friends felt his Christian and intellectual influence. He was known by many of the people of Faulkner county, and many honors have been conferred upon him as a student and instructor. God's ways are past our understanding. Parents, think that you are not the only fond father and mother who have given up their dear gifted son, all too soon. It is only another instance of how the heart's dearest hope has faded and the sky of life darkened by a disappointment too great to bear, without the all-sustaining grace from above and the Christian's hope. We believe that fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, who die in this hope, will be reunited in a home free from sickness and sorrow, where they may sing, together, the praises of our Saviour forever and forever.

HIS COUSIN.

Cascade, Ark.

BROCK: Chas. Brock was born in Georgia in 1825, where he lived for a number of years. In 1866 he moved to Greene county, Arkansas, and soon became recognized in his own and adjacent counties as one of the leaders in every enterprise that was laudable and intended for good. To every noble cause he was liberal and generous.

He was a strong supporter of both church and school, and for a number of years was school director and trustee, and steward of his church, and always his pastor's friend. In early life he found Christ as his personal and present Savior, and soon after united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member until his death, which occurred Oct. 15, 1898. The following day he was laid to rest, surrounded by a host of friends, with services conducted by his pastor. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death, but "not as those who have no hope," for in his case it is well. Yes, he is gone and truthfully can we say, "A Prince in Israel has fallen," but oh! glorious assurance, comforting fact!—not forever, for if we live as did he—faithful to duty, faithful to church and faithful to God—again can we see him, again can we meet him, and again can we live with him.

God grant that the afflicted family and friends may so live that their mourning may turn to rejoicing, and in that bright and happy day when God shall say "Come up higher," all shall rise on triumphant wings, and with a sweeter voice join Bro. Brock in singing the praise of God and worshipping Him "through whom and by whom we are enabled to overcome."

W. P. TALKINGTON.

Lorado, Ark.

WADE: M. E. Wade was born in Campbell county, Va., in 1827; died at Mammoth Spring, Ark., in the home of her son-in-law, James E. Erwin, Dec. 2, 1898, and was buried by the side of her husband at Harrisburg, Ark.

She was the mother of six children, three of whom had preceded her to the better world. She expressed great solicitude about her son and some of her grandchildren who are yet unsaved. She was converted in childhood, and held membership in the M. E. Church, South. She was in bad health for several years. The last three months she suffered intensely. The end did not come unexpectedly. Several times when she thought the end had come, she gave to each member of the family

a parting message, requesting them to meet her in heaven. Having made due preparation, she was ready when the summons came, saying that there was not a cloud between her and heaven; not only expressing a willingness to go, but a desire to depart that she might be at rest. As most of mothers, who love their children dearly, her only regret was to leave them. She lived at Harrisburg twenty-four years, where she raised her children. In all these years if she had an enemy no one knew it. She lived a widow for fifteen years, making her home with J. E. Erwin.

How sacred the memory of one whose character was adorned with so many Christian virtues, whose life was so unselfish. A faithful wife, a devoted mother, an earnest Christian has gone to her reward. May divine grace and promise sustain and comfort the hearts bereft and made sad because of the departure of a loved one whom God has taken to himself, and has made forever free from all sorrow and care.

N. E. SKINNER.

MADDOX: Laura Wastella, daughter of J. B. and M. E. Maddox, was born January 8, 1878, and departed this life July 30, 1898, after a sickness of two weeks. She professed faith in Christ in the summer of 1890, during a meeting held by Rev. W. P. Hamilton, in Pleasant Valley. She has ever been loyal to such duties as she could perform in connection with the church and Sunday-school. We miss her in social gatherings as well as religious, for she was often present. She was a cheerful, amiable girl, and though taken from life when its beauties were spreading out before her in their brightest hues, we do not doubt that she is gazing on the unfading beauties of eternity. We believe that she is now finding out the mysteries which our Lord has promised to reveal to the faithful and trusting followers of the cross.

Only twenty-six days before, on the 4th of July, her little sister, Edna, a bright, sweet child, was taken from earth into the arms of Jesus, who said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." She was born Oct. 17, 1889.

Fond parents and loving brothers and sisters had watched this child with all the fondness and earnestness which one can have for an interesting and affectionate little girl. Now they realize that it is the Lord's will that this tender flower should be transplanted to his garden, before the chilling winds of winter should come, lest it be blighted.

Parents, though you have lost these two dear girls and your manly son, who was endeavoring to give the fruits of his vigorous life to the Author of his being, in one month, (July, 1898,) you do not have the sorrow of those who have no hope. We feel that God had need of them in his heavenly home, or that he intends to teach us higher lessons in resignation and faith. He often speaks to his children, "I love thee—I love thee—pass under the rod."

A COUSIN.

Cascade, Ark.

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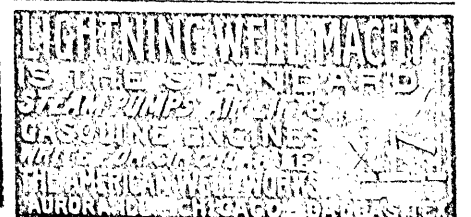
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Death of Rev. John Ritter.

Despite the heavy rains of this morning the funeral of Rev. John C. Ritter was largely attended. The large Methodist Church was filled with people from every walk of life. Members of every church and representatives from about every home in the city joined in the last sad rites of the good man. Genuine sorrow was pictured on every face and gave proof that the city's great loss was fully realized. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Jeffett, assisted by Revs. J. F. Jernigan and Z. T. Bennett. Each paid eloquent tribute to the goodness and worth of the life of Brother Ritter, and voiced the sentiment of the community in saying that a better man never lived.

Thompson's Classical Institute suspended for the hour and attended the funeral in a body.

After the services the remains were conveyed to the city cemetery and laid to rest, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.—Paragould Daily Soliphone.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your love for the ARKANSAS METHODIST has been demonstrated in many ways since the present business manager came to it. I will not forget past favors, and now beg you, in this time of money stringency, to continue your encouragement.

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tivate in them the habit of reading their church paper. Set the example by reading it yourself. No other paper gives the news of Arkansas Methodism.

3rd. Try and induce your neighbor to take the METHODIST. You are near some who ought to have it. Persuade them. You will do them a great good if you succeed.

4th. Don't lay this down without renewing. We need and must have money to pay our weekly bills for paper and printing.

5th. Will the preachers, out of love for the church, and the good of the people, push the canvass for the METHODIST early in the year? The METHODIST is now seventeen years old, and I have been with it over nine years. I believe it is a better paper than ever before and worthy your hearty support.

May God bless the readers of the METHODIST, and may they, in their prayers, remember the manager and the editor.

GEO. THORNBURGH.

Address of the Editorial Committee.

At its recent meeting, the Editorial Committee of the ARKANSAS METHODIST found, that, although the subscription list is large, the circulation of the paper among our members ought to be much increased. With a membership of some eighty thousand and a constituency amounting to fully one-fifth of the State's population, the Methodist Church, South, in Arkansas, should give its official religious paper twenty thousand subscribers.

The following considerations are urged.

1. A live church makes history that encourages the active and arouses the careless. The church paper is needed to bring this history to all and quicken interest through the whole body.

2. No other paper, however full of general news and valuable literature, gives the results of revivals, the official notices, the social and personal notes, the discussions of doctrine and polity, and the reports of church organizations.

3. Through the conference organ the missionary, educational, and other connectional movements are presented in the remote cor-

ners as well as in the populous centers.

4. The people, especially the young, are reading. They should be supplied with that which will strengthen character and make them loyal Christians and Methodists. The sensational secular literature of the day fails to do this.

5. In proportion to its real value the church paper is the cheapest literature.

6. A larger circulation and better collections will enable the editor to make a better paper.

7. As the editor and business manager can reach comparatively few points each year, the preachers and individual subscribers should feel their responsibility to secure prompt payment and introduce the ARKANSAS METHODIST into all Methodist families.

In view of these facts, all who may read this communication are earnestly urged to make special efforts during 1899 to extend the circulation of that paper so important to the church in Arkansas.

Fraternally,

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