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News and Notes.

THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
dry goods house of J. S. Menken
& Co., Memphis, one of the larg-
est establishments of its kind in
the South, was consumed by fire
on the night of the 12th inst.

A REPORT FROM CONSTANTINO-
ple says that a great battle occur-
ed November 30, in the Yemen di-
vision of Arabia. The Turkish
troops stormed and captured the
insurgent position at Shanelon.
About 4,000 insurgents and 2,000
Turkish troops were killed or
wounded.

THE CATHOLIC PRELATES IN
France do not favor a congress of
religions at the Paris Exposition
of 1900. Even Cardinal Gibbons,
who took part in the congress at
Chicago, in 1893, is opposed to
such a meeting in Paris. Catho-
licism has nothing to gain by a con-
gress of religions in a Catholic
country.

POPE LEO XIII. IS SEEKING TO
comfort himself over the defeat of
Spain. He speaks of the United
States as a nation that is "march-
ing into the bosom of the Catholic
Church with rapid strides."

We think His Holiness is some-
what mistaken. The eyes of our
people have been directed, of late,
to Cuba and the Philippines which
have been cherished in the arms of
the Catholic Church for several
centuries. The results which we
behold in these countries do not
incline our people to seek the nur-

turing bosom of the Church of
Rome.

THE NATIONAL W. C. T. U.,
having decided to ask for no more
money for the Temperance Temple,
in Chicago, and forbidden others
asking money for it in the name of
the organization, Mrs. Clinton
Smith, the new President of the
District of Columbia W. C. T. U.,
and her associates, have decided to
push their project for the erection
of a memorial building to the late
Frances E. Willard, in Washing-
ton.

AGUINALDO'S FORCES HOLD IL-
oil and the American soldiers
have not attempted to land. It is
also reported that about 40,000
Philippine insurgents are gathered
near Manila, and that thousands of
the people are leaving the city.
Yet there is no immediate danger
of conflict. The Filipinos desire
independence, but will be very slow
to provoke hostilities with the
United States, and the policy of
this government toward them will
be cautious and kind.

THE PRESIDENT HAS DETERMIN-
ed to send a commission to the
Philippines to obtain full knowl-
edge of the situation and advise
him as to the action which
may be immediately needed,
and also to recommend, as to the
future policy of this government.
The members of the commission
will be Dean C. Worcester, of the
University of Michigan; Prof.
Schurman, president of Cornell
University; Rear Admiral Dewey,
Major General Otis, and Mr.
Charles Denby, former minister to
China.

HON. THOMAS A. BARKER, A
member of the house of represen-
tatives in our State legislature,
from Clay county, died at his
boarding house, at Third and Cen-
ter streets, this city, on Wednes-
day morning, the 11th. Mr. Bark-
er was in good health when he
came, the week before, to attend
the session of the general assembly.
He was taken sick on Sunday
night. He never took his seat.
His wife came the day before he
died. The speaker of the house

appointed Hons. Light, of Greene
county; Welton, of Franklin, and
Ponder, of Lawrence, a committee
to attend the corpse to Corning.
Appropriate resolutions were pass-
ed and both houses adjourned for
a time out of respect for the de-
ceased member.

OUR READERS WILL NOTICE THE
advertisement this week of the
Choctaw & Memphis Railroad, and
the absence of the old reliable
Little Rock & Memphis road. The
L. R. & M. is no more. It has
been merged into the Choctaw &
Memphis. This new railroad will
be a great help to Little Rock and
to the territory contiguous to it,
from Memphis to the western line
of Arkansas. It will probably be
completed from Little Rock west
this year.

THE GREAT INTEREST IN ASIATIC
commerce, which other nations, as
well as the United States, are now
feeling, is illustrated in a recent
subsidy agreement made by the
German government, by which it
proposes to pay more than a mil-
lion dollars a year for a fifteen-
year term for the establishment of
steam-ship lines to ply between its
ports and those of Japan, China,
Australasia and certain ports of
Oceania. That the German gov-
ernment and those of its citizens
participating in its commerce
should feel a special interest in the
trade of the Orient is not surpris-
ing, in view of the fact that its ex-
ports to that part of the world
have quadrupled during the past
decade.

Report of the War Investigation Com- mission.

The War Investigation Commis-
sion has finished its report and its
findings will be submitted to the
President in a few days. It is
given out that the commission will
be unanimous in reporting that
suffering was caused during the
war with Spain for lack of proper
military organization and that
blame is attached to parties for
causes assigned as follows:

"It will show that Secretary Al-
ger was weak, especially in his re-
lations with Major General Miles,
but it will not find him responsible
for the 'camp horrors.' Subordi-
nate officers will be blamed for the

conditions which existed with re-
spect to these matters. Neither
the Secretary nor any member of
his family, it will be declared, had
any interest in any of the camp
sites, as has been alleged.

"Major General Miles will be
criticised for his conduct before,
during and since the war. The re-
port will show that it was he who
recommended the location of the
camps at Miami and Chickamauga;
that it was one of his aides who se-
lected the camp site at Camp Al-
ger; that before the war he recom-
mended the concentration of the
regulars at Chickamauga; and that
Secretary Alger strongly objected
to the location of a camp at Miami,
but that he was overruled.

"Coming down to the beef con-
troversy, the commission will re-
port that General Miles' charges
upon investigation were found to
be without basis; that the 13 offi-
cers whose reports General Miles
submitted as showing that the beef
supplied for the Porto Rican army
was unfit for use never served in
Porto Rico, and that there was ab-
solutely no criminality in any of
the contracts made for supplies for
the service.

"So far as the Santiago cam-
paign is concerned the committee
will report that General Shafter
conducted that movement as effi-
ciently as could have been expected
under the circumstances. No fault
will be found with General Shaft-
er, except with respect to the
points which he in his testimony
admitted.

"The commission will recom-
mend the radical reorganization of
the Inspector General's depart-
ment, and it is said will sharply
criticise General Breckinridge for
his action in leaving his inspection
department to take part in the
Santiago battle instead of staying
at home to attend to his inspection
duties.

"General Brooke will be criti-
cised for the conditions which ex-
isted at Camp Thomas and the
Medical Department will be blamed
for lack of inspections and failure
to carry out proper sanitary regula-
tions. The Quartermaster Gener-
al will be acquitted of charges of
high prices paid for animals for
the army, and the report will show
that he obtained them very cheap-
ly; but he may be criticised for
clothing furnished the men."

An Explanation.

Some of our subscribers do not
understand the figures 19 on the
label on their paper. It means
1900. If you have 19 opposite your
name, you stand well with us. Let
all our subscribers hurry up and
get 19 put to their names.

Among Our Exchanges

"The Kentucky Christian Advocate" is the title of a new paper started at Williamstown, Ky., and edited by Rev. J. W. Simpson.

The Southern Christian Advocate enters upon the new year changed in form and improved in appearance.

The Pentecostal Herald has been trying to persuade its readers that it is no more an individual enterprise than the conference organs. It will not succeed in palming off such a delusion. The papers endorsed by the conferences, and whose editors are appointed by the Bishop, upon the recommendation of the conferences, and which are held under control of editorial committees, belong to the church, and represent the church so far as their work is concerned are church papers to the full extent of their use, loyalty and control. The fact that individuals are privately responsible for the finances does not vitiate this church relation.

When a Methodist preacher locates, to run a paper, to which the church would never appoint him, and which the church will not endorse, the case is very different; and he should have more honesty than to try to persuade people that he is running either a church paper or a Methodist paper. Let such a man, if he has egotism enough and audacity enough, proclaim himself a reformer, wiser than the church, but let him not claim to speak for the church or to be a supporter of the church.

President McKinley pleased the Southern people in his tender reference to the Confederate dead in that Atlanta speech; and the suggestion that the Federal Government should protect the graves of the Confederates as it does those of the Federal army has called forth many expressions of approval from the Northern press.

Dr. Rankin, editor of the Texas Advocate, refers to this as very gratifying. The Pittsburg Christian Advocate, claiming to reciprocate this feeling, and to approve the President's utterances, still finds occasion to criticize the conduct of some of the ex-Confederates, in their statement to the President that they had no apologies to make, and the insistence that he should wear a Confederate badge. It will probably be a long time before the Southern people please the editor of the Pittsburg in all matters of etiquette; but the President saw nothing in their conduct but genial good nature, confi-

dence and open-hearted honesty. The badge had no meaning except honor and revered memory to the Confederate dead. It expressed to those who wore it only the sentiment uttered in the President's speech.

Another Dewey and His Prayer.

When a man becomes famous, everyone wishes to know something about his ancestors. This story is told about the Rev. Jedediah Dewey, ancestor of Admiral Dewey. He was holding services in honor of the victory at Bennington, Vt., and was giving Providence all the credit for the triumph of the American arms. Ethan Allen, who was a hero and yet an unbeliever in religion, was present, and he chafed under this neglect of his own part in the battle. Rising in his pew in the middle of the prayer, he said, "Parson Dewey, Parson Dewey!" The parson stopped and opened his eyes, and Allen said, "Please mention to the Lord about my being there."

Not daunted by this outrageous interruption, Parson Dewey thundered, "Sit down, thou bold blasphemer, and listen to the praises of the God of battles." Allen did not remember that God made man, and that He is entitled to the praise for every good that man can do.—Exchange.

Educational Notes.

"Every youth of eighteen is an infinitely complex organization, the duplicate of which neither does, nor ever will exist. His inherited traits are different from those of every other human being; his environment has been different, his passions, emotions, hopes, and desires were never before associated in any other creature just as they are in him; and his will force is aroused, stimulated, exerted, and exhausted in ways wholly his own. The infinite variety of form and feature, which we know human bodies to possess, presents but a faint image of the vastly deeper diversities of the minds and characters lodged in these unlike shells. To discern these diversities, no human wisdom is sufficient, unless the spontaneous inclinations, natural preferences, and habitual activities of each individual are given play. It is for the happiness of the individual, and the benefit of society, that these diversities be cultivated, not suppressed. The individual enjoys most that intellectual labor for which he is most fit; and society is best served when every man's peculiar skill, faculty, or aptitude is developed and utilized to the highest possible degree. The presumption is, therefore, against uniformity in education, and in favor of diversity at the earliest possible moment."—Pres. Eliot.

Columbia University will soon build four new buildings to cost \$750,000, with accommodations for 460 students.

Miss Helen M. Gould has just given \$250,000 to the New York

University, to be used for a new library building.

The class of '88 of Princeton University has raised nearly \$12,000 to maintain a political economy alcove in the library.

Dr. J. H. Barrows, who recently delivered a course of religious and philosophical lectures in India, has been elected to the presidency of Oberlin College.

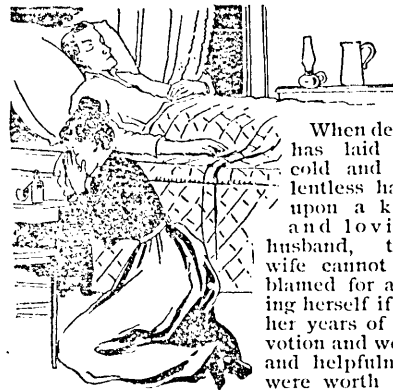
Macalester College (Minn.) has raised nearly all of the enormous debt of \$128,000 under which it has long been struggling.

The Essentials of Psychology, by C. S. Buell, just from the press of Ginn & Co., is a scientific, but plain, presentation of difficult principles. It is well suited to the needs of high school students or general readers without preparation or time for exhaustive study. It is thoroughly modern.

In September an unknown benefactor promised \$100,000 to Barnard College, conditioned upon the payment of a \$58,000 debt. In a few weeks this was raised, J. Pierpont Morgan subscribing \$10,000.

Col. O. H. Payne has placed at the disposal of Cornell University \$1,500,000 to establish a Medical College in New York.

The first textile school in the South, to train experts in cotton and other textile industries, was opened in Clewson College, (S. C.), in September. It starts with a complete equipment of the best and most modern machinery in all of its departments. The course covers four years.



When death has laid its cold and relentless hand upon a kind and loving husband, the wife cannot be blamed for asking herself if all her years of devotion and work and helpfulness were worth the while, when it comes so soon to this tragic end. If men would only take the most common sense precautions against the encroachments of ill-health, there would be fewer houses of mourning, and fewer women left alone almost helpless before the battle of life is half over. A man's liver and stomach are twin machines that work together, either to make or unmake. If they work wrong, they deplete and poison his blood. Impure and impoverished blood mean sickness and death. If they work right, they purify and enrich the blood. A man whose blood is rich and pure, and whose liver is active cannot well be unhealthy. Headaches, biliousness, indigestion and costiveness, which men generally disregard, are Nature's warnings that the twin mechanism, stomach and liver, is working against, instead of for him. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine to use under these circumstances. It creates appetite, corrects all disorders of the digestion, invigorates the liver and fills the arteries with rich, red, healthy blood. As an invigorating, restorative tonic, it is far superior to all the malt extracts. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It does not build sickly, flabby fat as cod liver oil does, but the firm, muscular tissues of health.

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MAX. BAUMGARTEN, P. A.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Contributed.

Dead Flies Make the Ointment Stink.

DEAR DR. GODBEY:—The following is taken from an article by Prof. Droke, which appeared in your issue of Jan. 4th:

"Some of the ministers are not satisfied with procuring for themselves a well-paying appointment with a fine church, but in their devotion to their friends they exert themselves to the utmost to assist the Bishop and the Lord in sending the 'right man to the right place.' More and more this unseemingly wire-pulling for consideration and position is becoming apparent to the laity. The more light there is turned on, the less does due appreciation and high respect for the gospel ministry become. It is reported that, at the late session of the Arkansas Conference, a minister, not the Bishop, not a presiding elder, telegraphed to the city of B., asking how Bro. So and So would suit the church there. Perhaps the Bishop was unable to attend to all his duties and had to employ this brother as his private secretary. Or, perhaps the Lord chose this brother to look after the interests of the little preachers."

How Prof. Droke could get the consent of his mind to put such dead flies in the ointment of an otherwise excellent article is amazing. That he should believe the implications involved is bad; that he should help to give them currency and credit is worse. But since he has seen fit to make an appeal to public opinion, I will answer at the same bar—both for myself and for the Arkansas Conference.

The sending of the telegram to which he alludes is no secret, though for obvious reasons it ought to have remained a secret till this day, if it was to be sent at all, and of this latter question the Bishop and his chosen counselors, whether in the cabinet or out of it, were the proper judges. And Prof. Droke must have been aware also that it would not be difficult for his readers to divine who the minister was who is supposed to have sent the telegram, and whom he puts in so unenviable light before them. If any man on earth is interested to know more certainly the fact, let him hereby understand that I am the man alluded to; but let him know also that I was concerned in the matter neither as the Bishop's private secretary nor as the chosen of the Lord to look after the interests of the little preachers, having already made sure of a well-paying appointment for myself. So far as my knowledge goes, this is the first time in my life that a serious imputation of this sort was ever laid upon me. It comes, too, from a source from which I thought I had little reason to expect it. Forbearing other forms of reply, I have only to say that there is scarcely a man in the Arkansas Conference who does not know that if I had been disposed to have looked out for my own, at the last session of the conference, to the disregard of what I consid-

ered the best interests of the church and to the disregard of the rights of my brethren, I should have been in that conference now and should not have felt constrained to dissolve, by transferring, some of the dearest attachments I have on the face of the earth. Bishop Morrison is my witness that I told him I would leave the Arkansas Conference before I would consent for him to displace any man merely to make a place for me, as he is also witness that I came to the Little Rock Conference without any sort of an agreement with him as to where I was to land, and had no knowledge of my appointment till he announced it along with the rest.

As to the telegram: One of the presiding elders came to me one day during the conference, knowing that I had been in counsel both with several of them and with the Bishop, about this matter, and said they had concluded to send a telegram, and asked me to word it. I asked no questions as to who had decided on that course, supposing that the matter had been considered in the cabinet, and there determined. I simply took out my pencil, put down the words of the telegram, handed it to him, and went on about my business, and I do not know to this day whose signature was affixed to the message when it went—certainly not mine, for I never authorized it, and the answer that came was not sent to me. I learned afterwards that the Bishop knew nothing about the matter till it was done, and have supposed that it was simply an honest effort upon the part of some of the presiding elders to solve a difficulty.

But this whole business is given as illustrating a method which is followed by "leading ministers," as Prof. Droke is pleased to call them. And the fact that they have become "wire-pullers" for position and consideration, and have been caught in the act by the laity, is here unblushingly set down as one of the reasons why they are not more respected and better paid. As applied to the Arkansas Conference, I solemnly protest against this charge. For many years I have been as closely identified with its councils as any man living, and if there has been a "leading minister" in it for ten years, who deserved the name of "wire-puller" or anything akin to it, I have not detected him. The men who have directed its affairs would have loathed such a course. As I have known them, they have been men who felt called in the providence of God to carry responsibilities often beyond their years, and they have bravely and truly kept their trust. A cleaner set of administrators I have never known in any department of life. Prof. Droke ought to make good his charges upon them or he ought to withdraw them.

That the real administration of every great interest, civil, political or ecclesiastical, should fall into the hands of a few men is inevitable always. That these men, even though they be ministers of the gospel, will be men, and not angels, goes without saying; that

Get a Start On Catarrh

And Save Endless Suffering which Winter Brings.

The most offensive of all diseases becomes more intense as cold weather approaches. In fact, many who have been under treatment for so long, and during the summer feel little discomfort from the disease, are almost persuaded that they have been cured. But the first chilling blast of winter proves that the disease is still with them, and as the winter advances, their Catarrh grows in severity. Those who have felt only a slight touch of Catarrh may be sure that only cold weather is needed to develop the disease. What appears to be only a bad cold will prove more difficult to cure than formerly, and will return with more frequency, until before long the disease is fully developed.

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they will make mistakes, may be expected; that they will not always do what other men may think they ought to have done, is very likely. But I boldly say, that so far as the Arkansas Conference is concerned, no man among us has, for years, at least, been seen reaching out his hands for the reins of power, and no man to whom position has legitimately and naturally come has shown any disposition to make any unfair use of his power, whatever may have been the seeming of things to others at a greater distance.

Further, if the Bishops have seen fit to advise with brethren outside the cabinet, it is no new thing, nor confined to Arkansas, nor violative of anybody's rights. That is their business, and the man who honestly answers questions thus put to him by a Bishop, is at that moment attending to his business as well. If he has the welfare of the church upon his heart, he will give his counsel when asked, and sometimes when not asked. And however conscientious he may be, let him still know that a part of his reward shall be that he shall stand accused sooner or later as being a man of tricks and schemes—simply because he gets things done, and some things that some people do not like. But enough. Prof. Droke's ugly charge, and all like it, can have but one effect; namely, to re-enforce the suspicions of men who deride our noble form of government, and to awaken suspicion in the minds of some whose heads are getting sore on the outside, because they

are weak on the inside; for whatever the faults of the ministry of the Arkansas Conference may be, a charge so unjust and so baseless will not help to correct them.

JAS. A. ANDERSON.
Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 6, 1899.

COMRADE JOHN JOHNSON.

Cured of Cancer of the Lower Lip by Dr. Bye, of Kansas City, Mo., by Home Treatment.

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Contributed.

Havana.

WALTER R. LAMBUTH.

Comparisons are said to be odious; but contrasts in the city of Havana are painful. The harbor is naturally one of the finest in the world, the bay being three miles in circumference, but its waters are the most filthy. They could hardly be otherwise when they are the receptacle for the contents of a hundred sewers. The skeleton of the Maine is slowly settling down into a deposit of decaying garbage and mud. It was the inspection of these sewers, looking to their renovation, that cost the life of Col. Waring—an irreparable loss to the civilized world. There was no higher authority on sanitation of cities.

In the light of the full orb moon, Havana seem to float like Venice—almost a dream in stone. Even the streets seem enchanted as lights flash, carriages dash by, fountains play and the music of the military bands make the air of the soft rich night throb with sensuous strains. But one's dream may be rudely dispelled long before day by the most hideous noises: perhaps a pistol shot followed by oaths and groans. Alas, this has been our experience more than once. Or if the night passes without incident, daylight brings seams and scars, plaster and paint, beggars and filth.

The Mascotte had not come to an anchorage before she was surrounded by a fleet of sail and row boats of heavy Dutch build. Such a scramble! Up the ship's sides, came hotel drummers, newspaper reporters, boatmen and harbor officials—all jabbering what seemed to be anything but pure Castilian. Soon we were in a perfect mob. At least three men tried to carry off my grip and blanket roll. The rest were equally beset. All in a jam in the steaming sun and three Americans dead of yellow fever, within ten days. I would have given anything for a snap shot. The Bishop bit his lips and tried to be patient, and Dr. Fulwood endeavored to look his persecutors out of countenance, but Mrs. Candler seemed to enjoy the situation, especially Bro. Baker's attitude. With his hat on the back of his head, he was rattling off Spanish and making jestures with his shoulders and arms in true Key West and Cuban styles. Extricated at last from our dilemma, we scrambled into a boat and made for shore.

Brother Y. Isidore Barredo and Julia Delofeu, daughter of one of our Cuban preachers, met us on the wharf, and accompanied us to the Inglatena Hotel. Poor Barredo! He looked thin, and rather the worse for wear but made no complaint. A true hero. He and his little family suffered terribly during the blockade—for weeks having but one meal a day and that consisting of a little boiled rice and sweet oil. But he stood faithfully by his charge, refusing to leave them and has nothing to

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

The following letter is from the wife of an American Baptist missionary at Nowgong, Assam, India: "After living here for several years I found the climate was weakening me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla every summer. This I found so beneficial that I now take one dose every morning for nine months in the year, that is, through the hot weather. My general health is excellent and my blood is in good condition. My weight does not vary more than one pound throughout the year. I find Hood's Sarsaparilla indispensable in the summer and recommend it for use in a debilitating climate." Mrs. P. H. MOORE.

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That first ride up from the docks! Every turn reminded one of old Spain or the quays and wharves of Lisbon. Sailors lolling about on anchors and casks of wine—piratical looking fellows with red skull caps, bare chests, and brawny arms. Porters with sacks of coffee or goods boxes on their heads, warehouses like old castles, crooked narrow streets, paved with cobble stones, and no sidewalks. Large mules drawing mediaval carts with wheels as high as a man's head. The bridles had no bits, but on each were three red tassels for ornament and to keep off the flies. Some of them had a string of bells around the collar and enough brass ornaments to adorn a negro chief from Timbuctoo. From their air of dignified respectability I would rather associate with some of those mules on a dark night than their drivers.

Havana is a big city and has a population of over 200,000, not including the Spanish soldiers. One of the principal thoroughfares is Obispo, or Bishop street. It is narrow like all the rest and has a sidewalk not over two feet wide, but is the place to buy silks, fans, jewelry, etc. It interested us because of the attempt to change its name. There it is on every corner—"General Weyler"—put there by order of the ex-Captain General, but the Cubans have sturdily refused to even pronounce the words. It is still, and always will be called—"Calle de Obispo"—and who blames the Cubans for refusing to honor the name of the despot who butchered their sons and starved their wives and children?

On the Plara de Armas, at the lower extremity of Obispo Street is the winter residence of the Captain General—a substantial structure without and magnificently furnished within. In line with the Spanish policy of spoliation for four centuries the military officials have attempted to strip these halls and ship their contents to Spain, even to the candelabra. Not even the dust of Columbus has escaped their vigilance. They had poor Christopher's bones packed up when an order from the United States Commissioners—so it is said—arrested their removal. Our officials might

have suffered these to go, however, as he is supplied with two other sets.

We began with contrasts and may appropriately close with one, feeding the reconcentrados. One might almost put it "from the palace to the poorhouse." Before we reached our hotel a hundred hands were extended for "one centavo"—(a cent.) Among the most needy were two little brothers too weak to stand. The stronger sat on the curb-stone supporting his little dying brother who trembled like an aspen leaf. The shadows of death were falling fast. Half starved, hollow-eyed and bloodless, with swollen feet and shrunken hands, they had not strength to gather the crumbs from Weyler's and Blanco's table in yonder palace, had they been offered. Glory or the grave, which? I believe the dying Cuban lad, in the spirit of his father who had gone to the grave before him, if asked, would have replied—"Give me liberty or give me death." Spain may offer the wreath of glory to her leaders, but it will wither in her hand. As long as a spire of grass points heavenward or a royal palm stretch its protecting arms eastward, the graves of the reconcentrados will be immortal.

Married.

LITTLE-CARRUTH—At the Methodist Church, Marvell, Ark., Dec. 15, 1898, Rev. Fred Little to Miss Bessie Carruth, J. K. Farris officiating.

SEELEY-LOONEY—At the home of Mr. H. W. Glascock, Paragould, Ark., Dec. 20, Mr. E. J. Seeley and Miss Fannie Looney, Rev. L. C. Craig officiating.

JONES-CLARK—At the residence of the bride's step-father, Paragould, Ark., Mr. I. C. Jones and Miss Laura Clark, Dec. 25, 1898, Rev. L. C. Craig officiating.

RAIFORD-COLEMAN—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Buck Range, Dec. 18, 1898, Mr. O. C. Raiford and Miss Hattie Coleman, Rev. R. J. Raiford officiating.

RAIFORD-SHIRLEY—At the residence of the bride's father, near Allbrook, Dec. 21, 1898, Mr. R. J. Raiford, Jr., and Miss Rhoda Shirley, Rev. R. J. Raiford officiating.

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HAWKINS-AGEE—At the residence of the bride's father, in Lilley, Ark., Mr. S. K. Hawkins and Miss Mary Agee, Rev. W. W. Nelson officiating.

BROWN-LEE—Jan. 4, 1899, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. G. F. Brown, of Saline county, to Miss Anna Lee, of Dallas county, Rev. J. J. Menefee officiating.

RICHARDSON-HEARD—Dec. 25, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Loon Heard, Mr. Jesse Richardson, of Gober, Texas, to Miss Nancy E. Heard, of Hot Spring county, Ark., J. J. Menefee officiating.

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DODSON-BLAND—January 12, 1899, Rev. F. E. Dodson, P. C. of Oak Hill circuit, to Miss Mollie Bland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bland, of Franks, Pulaski county, Ark., Rev. Jas. Thomas officiating.

Seems as if all the things we like disagree with us, and all the things we don't like, agree with us. Dyspepsia lurks in most of the good things we eat, and indigestion follows the gratification of appetite. Of course, it isn't nature's fault. Nature does the best she can, and if a man will only help her a little bit at the right time, he may eat what he likes and as much as he likes. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are for people who are troubled with indigestion. Particularly for those in whom it manifests itself in the form of constipation. The "Pellets" are quick and easy in their action. They are in perfect harmony with nature. They effect a permanent cure. You need take them regularly only a little while. After that, use them occasionally when you need them—when you have eaten anything that disagrees with you. They may be taken just as freely as you would take water or any other necessity of life. Once used they are always in favor.

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Magazines for January.

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RECORD OF CHRISTIAN WORK. Published monthly, by Fleming H. Revell. New York. \$1 a year.

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Christ at Jacob's Well.

JOHN IV. 5-15.

Golden Text. — "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." (Vs. 14.)

Topical Outline.—I. Jesus at the Well. (Verses 5, 6.) II. His Conversation with the Woman. (Verses 7-15.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

The Weary Christ, John iv. 1-6
The Thirsty Woman, iv. 7-15.
The True Worshipers, iv. 16-26.
The Whitening Fields, iv. 31-38.
The Believing Samaritans, iv. 39-42.

The Nobleman's Son, iv. 43-54.
Hearing and Doing, Matt. vii. 21-29.

Reference Word, "Well."

Lesson Hymn, No. 271.

Time.—Probably in December, A. D. 27.

Place.—The well of Jacob, near Sychar, a Samaritan village, just thirty-four miles north of Jerusalem.

We have seen that our Lord's authority was not admitted by those who had charge of the Temple in Jerusalem; that he thence betook himself to the city, and there wrought such miracles as awakened the attention of the people. But he could not remain in Jerusalem so near the seat of the hierarchy there; so he retires into the country districts of Judea, near to where John was baptizing, and there teaches the people, while his disciples baptize them. This, as we see in the chapter which precedes our lesson, provokes a controversy among John's disciples, awakens a jealousy against the Master, because he seems to be the more popular of the two. See John's solution of the matter.

The whole time of this residence in Judea, from the time Jesus went up to the feast, of which we have the account in John 2nd., till he returned to Galilee, is supposed to be one year. The only notice we have of what occurred during this year is this mention of John about his baptizing near the scene of John Baptist's activity. It is called "the year of obscurity." The net result of it seems to have been that Jesus had aroused great attention in Judea, a few had believed, and the masses and the hierarchy were against him. The fact that it was being noised about that he was about to supersede John the Baptist, and therefore become the head of the movement which John represented, laid him specially liable to interference from the Pharisees, who continually watched everybody that gave any promise of disputing the place of leadership in the nation with themselves. It was therefore

between Judea and Galilee. This country was settled up by a mongrel people descended from the mixture which Esarhaddon the Assyrian had transported into the land of Israel to populate the country after he had carried away the Ten Tribes. On to their own religions they had engrafted the religion of the Pentateuch, but they acknowledged no prophet after Moses. Their place of worship they had established in Mt. Gerizzim, and they had built a temple there, which John Hyrcanus had destroyed long before this.

It was here near this mountain, at Jacob's Well, that a scene occurred which John portrays as in striking contrast to that dark background of unbelief which we have seen at Jerusalem and in Judea. It is Jesus sitting in a very simple and natural way upon the stone curbing of the well, talking to a Samaritan woman, who seems to have been returning from her work in the field about noon, and had come by the well to draw water. He engages her in conversation in a natural way, and opens up her mind gradually, sinful and dark as that mind was, to the highest of spiritual truths. And what is more remarkable, in view of the unbelief down at Jerusalem, he succeeds with her, and not with her only, but with the people of that city of Sychar as well.

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PSALM XX:1-9.

The same truths and doctrines are taught in the Bible throughout. There is always a familiar tone in the experiences of God's servants. His servants are they who look away from earthly gains, and so, look away, also, from earthly trusts. In doing God's will we expect his guidance and help.

The Psalm before us suggests reliance, alone upon God, and communion with him. The faith of the Hebrew was never vague and mystical. He believed in a personal God who exercised direct control over the affairs of the world. He, the Hebrew, believed always in prayer.

God, who knows all things, needs not that we instruct him respecting our needs. And yet, prayer is essential. In mind and heart we receive only on condition of faith. A parent may know what instruction the child needs, and what guidance; but there must be in the child a willing mind, or counsel avails nothing. The most docile pupil looks constantly to the teacher, trusting and desiring to be led.

Prayer is but the opening of the heart to God—the setting our desires toward him. Its spirit is voiced in the Psalmist's utterance, "My expectation is from God."

Living by faith in God implies two things, the walking after his will, and reliance upon his aid.

In the first there needs to be both a willing mind and an enlightened mind.

God has set before us the means or increasing in spiritual knowledge. We must be attentive to the lessons, both of his word and of experience, if we would make high attainment in knowledge. To think that we have only to be passive, while the Lord leads us into all truth, is a delusion. With the same willingness of mind men are wiser in things of God according to their capacities and privileges and diligence to learn.

Seeking to walk in the will of God, a man should be calm and steadfast, not yielding to worldly promises or fears. He should commit his way unto the Lord, trust also in him that he may bring it to pass.

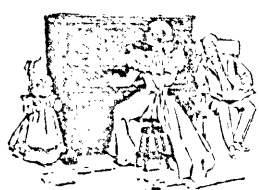
By seeking to know and to do, and by resting peacefully in the confidence that all will be well, we make the most rapid growth in grace.

Newport District Leaguers.

We are gratified by the growth of the league work in this district. During the last conference year there were eight league chapters organized. In the beginning of the year there were seven living chapters. We ought to have fifteen Epworth Leagues in the district now. There are yet a few places in the district where there may be opportunities to organize, but our work this year is not to organize new leagues, but to strengthen those already organized. I am anxious for every league in the district to become a factor in winning souls for Christ. The purpose of the league, the work of the ministry, the mission of the church is to bring sinners to Christ, and to bring Christ to sinners. All of the departments of the league must work in harmony for the accomplishment of this great end. Let us strengthen every department of our league. Can we not make the department of worship a power in the church and the community for the accomplishment of great good? I think so. But how? It is my purpose to make some suggestions that may assist you to answer that question. I am sure that every true leaguer wants to answer it. Many of us are troubled because so little interest is taken in the devotional services, and to overcome the trouble we lose the little interest we have hitherto manifested. If you want to strengthen your devotional department you can do so by becoming more interested in its work yourself. Become so interested that you will study each lesson very carefully, and at the same time very prayerfully. Then pray every day for the first vice-president, asking that he may be wise, and prudent, and earnest in the discharge of his important duties, and pray every day for the leader of the next devotional service, asking that the Holy Spirit may guide him in the preparation of the lesson, and assist him in leading the service; and pray every day that you and others may be used by the Holy Ghost in inviting sinners to attend Sunday-school, Church and League services, and in pointing them to Christ, the Savior of their souls.

Study the lesson; you can't be interested in the service if you go to it without knowing the subject, and depending on finding a reference after you are there. Study the lesson at least one hour every week, and if you are to lead you will need at least five hours of close study and careful planning. It requires preparation to preach. It requires preparation to teach the Sunday-school lesson. It requires preparation to lead an Epworth League service or to participate effectively in a devotional meeting.

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I wish to suggest some means to be used in strengthening the other departments, but will wait till another time.

Our District Conference is to be held soon, probably in April, at Mammoth Spring, and we hope to have a large attendance and an interesting meeting. Consider that you are invited.

W. M. WILSON,
District League President.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, In the wisdom of God it has pleased our Father to take unto himself our beloved friend, sister and fellow-laborer, Miss Josie Weaver; and

Whereas, In her passing we have lost one of our most active and efficient members, both of church and league, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we deeply deplore her loss and mourn her early taking off, but bow in humble submission to the will of him who makes no mistakes.

2. That we do, from the depth of our hearts, thank the giver of every good and perfect gift, that ever he gave this pure, sweet character to us and to the church.

3. That we commemorate her many virtues and bear in loving remembrance her devoted and unselfish life.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be given the bereaved family; also that a copy each be given the Rogers Democrat, Rogers Republican, and the ARKANSAS METHODIST for publication.

Signed in behalf of the Epworth League.

MISS MATTIE BUTTRAM,
MISS ALICE TRIBBLE,
MISS BRITTIE HUFFMAN.
Rogers, Ark., Dec. 1898.

League at Knoxville.

We organized an Epworth League at Knoxville with seven members on January 6. Your informant as president; Miss Maggie Robins, first vice-president; Miss Pluma James, second vice-president; and Charlie Robins, third vice-president; Miss Bennie McPherson, secretary. We had a precious devotional meeting Sunday evening, led by our pastor, Bro. Thompson.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

J. E. GODBEY, D. D., EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1899.

The church can never truly decline save by the weakening of vital faith and spiritual experience in her ministry.

One example of fervent faith and piety in the ministry, is worth more to the cause of Christ than all that has been written on Christian perfection.

The three parts of a great sermon are Christian truth, Christian faith, and Christian love. This divine trinity is a vehicle which the triune God can afford to own as means for the salvation of souls.

Human minds are like the old fashioned sail vessels, which, unless weighted down with ballast, were toppled over by the wind. The trouble with the people who go wild after new doctrines and fancies, is that they lack ballast.

If you feel that in practice you have fallen below your ideals of life and duty, and are grieved for your own shortcomings, then, forget not in judging your neighbor to give him the benefit of this experience. His course has seemed to you inconsistent and wrong; but why not assume that he cherishes ideals as noble as your own, and has made equally earnest effort to attain them?

Upon a battle field, strewn with the wounded and dying, that man would be of little use who only employed himself in criticising the conduct of the fight, and the manner in which so many men had fallen. So, amid the common wants and missions of life it is not the critic who is needed, but the philanthropist. Florence Nightingale was worth to the world a thousand critics.

What the Minutes Show.

STATIONS AND CIRCUITS.

Following the suggestion of our two former articles, that there is much laxness of organization and carelessness respecting church records in the great body of our work, we turn now to the stations where we may expect to find, at least, correct records and systematic work.

The Arkansas Conference has eighteen stations. There is good evidence in the minutes to believe that the reports from them have been correctly made. Fourteen of these stations report last year's membership just as it was reported in the last year's minutes, and the

aggregate shows a gain of 112 members in the station work. This, in the face of so large a decrease in the whole conference, is significant, and makes the compared exhibit between stations and circuits as follows: Stations, gain, 112; circuits, loss, 1,119; for we must add to the total loss, as reported, the gain, which was made on the station work. Now, if we go back to 1897, we shall also find that there was a gain of 212, in the stations, though an aggregate loss in the conference, of 630, which makes the comparative exhibit—Stations, gain, 212; circuits, loss, 842.

We have just received the minutes of the White River Conference, for 1898. They show the startling result of loss of members for the past year, 2,585. But instituting the same comparison between station and circuit work, we find that this conference has nine stations, and that all the station reports tally with last year's reports, exactly, and so, give evidence of correct records. Also, that there was a gain in the aggregate membership in the stations of 24, making the comparative exhibit, stations, gain, 24; circuits, loss, 2,609.

We have not space in this week's issue to pursue this study of the minutes farther. But we have yet many facts to present. We hope our readers will keep these articles so that our conclusions may be the better understood.

The Ellis Bill.

"A bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on any reservation or in any building under the control of the United States government, and for other purposes.

"Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, give away or otherwise dispose of any kind of intoxicating liquors on any reservation under control of, or in any building owned or controlled by the United States government.

"Section 2. That any violation of the act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall, for each separate offense, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.

"Section 3. That the Federal courts shall have jurisdiction of all violations of this act."

This bill is on the calendar of the House of Representatives, with a favorable report. Its passage would abolish the army canteen and shut off the liquor trade from Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines. A great number of military men oppose the canteen, among whom are Generals Miles, Sbafter, Wheeler, Henry, Boynton and Corbin. The temperance people of the United States never had such

an opportunity to secure a great victory for a great cause. Our information from Washington is, that the bill has an excellent opportunity to pass the House early, but will need reinforcement to carry it through the barbed-wire of so-called senatorial courtesy before March 4th.

We have in hand an appeal of the Reform Bureau, signed by Wilbur F. Crafts, urging especially the presiding elders of the Methodist Church, who may be said to cover the whole United States by their districts, to take this work in hand. He says:

"What I propose to these elders is: 1. Let each elder at once send to the Bureau for as many copies of the anti-canteen bill and petition and related documents as he has churches under his care. 2. Let him send these by mail with a letter to any churches he will not personally visit before the middle of February, unless he can draft some stirring leader to take them in person. 3. Let him prepare an address on this and kindred issues, including at least the defense of Alaska prohibition—perhaps some other pending laws also that would make it 'harder to do wrong and easier to do right'—and, arrange for some meeting or part of a meeting—a union meeting if possible in this interest at each of the many places that he will visit before the middle of February. He will thus put together, as God does, law and gospel. The Bible calls us not only to save souls but also to save society, if only to make a safe place for saved souls."

WILBUR F. CRAFTS,
Superintendent of The Reform Bureau, 210 Delaware Av. N. E. Washington, D. C.

Church Notes.

The resolution of the Committee on Claims, which will be presented to Congress, fully exonerates the M. E. Church, South, from any blame in the collection of the Publishing House claim. It is also stated that it makes no mention of the book agents, but reaffirms the former position, that the committee was kept in ignorance as to attorney's fees.

Our people have begun to build a new church at Fayetteville, Ark. They have planned for a beautiful structure, much like the one being built at Conway.

Rev. Thomas Dixon who, under a fancy of securing a broader platform, from which to proclaim the truth, than the Baptist Church affords, has for four years past been the pastor of a church of his own devising called the People's Church now announces his resignation and his purpose to return to the regular work in the Baptist Church. He says he has been "disillusionized as to the idea of

organic Christian union." The lack of funds, it seems, has been a very important factor in bringing the Rev. Mr. Dixon to a knowledge of his folly. If Mr. Dixon has lost enough of his self-conceit to get down to the preaching of salvation through Christ, it will be better for himself and his hearers.

NASHVILLE NOTES.

The Chapman meetings, to which reference was made last week, began on Tuesday, 10th, at the First Presbyterian Church, and were moved, Friday night, to the Tabernacle. Despite continued wet weather till Saturday, the attendance has been gratifying. Saturday and Sunday vast crowds were present. The service at 3 p.m. Saturday was for the special benefit of the students of the city. The audience was very large, and the interest good. All the central churches suspended services last night, and united at the Tabernacle. The workers of all denominations are pulling together, and already there are encouraging signs of revival.

Rev. W. A. Davis, one of our missionaries to Japan, who is sojourning here, made a very entertaining address, on Social Life in Japan, before the students of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, Friday evening last.

Dr. E. E. Hoss is expected to leave today for Cuba, to visit his son, who is with the U. S. troops there, and to view the situation.

A. B. WARWICK.
Nashville, Tenn.

Preacher's Meeting.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

Thomas, Workman, Watson, Evans, Godbey, Thompson, D. H. Colquette and Rev. W. A. Green of the Anti-Saloon League, were at the meeting Monday. Brother Thomas presided. Brother Evans conducted the devotional service. As Bishop Hendrix is to be at Conway the 29th, it was resolved to secure his service in Little Rock, also, if possible.

The brethren discussed pastoral work, its value and the best way of doing it.

From the charges there were reported five additions to the church at Winfield, at the Sunday service, five members added to the League, 200 at Sunday school, and a very inspiring League service.

At Asbury Church the day was given in part to the League.

Hunter Memorial—The services were especially in the interest of the League work. Bro. Watson preached at the Soldiers' Home in the afternoon.

There were good congregations at First Church, and two persons received on profession of faith.

Brother Thomas stated that he was on the Hickory Plains circuit, Sunday; and that Brother Glass,

the pastor, is preaching three, and even four times on Sunday, and working with great earnestness. Brother Colquette was enrolled as a member of the meeting.

Change of Quarterly Meetings.

The quarterly meeting on the Mt. Vernon circuit will be held February 18-19, and on Conway mission, 19-20, in place of the dates published before.

P. B. SUMMERS.

Jan. 16, 1899

Notice.

Will those brethren who served the following works of the White River Conference, last year, 1898, please send me their present address. By so doing they will confer a favor upon me, and may do so to themselves. The works are Cedar Grove, Iuka, Richwoods mission, Calamine, and Cotton Belt circuit.

Respectfully,
J. W. WHITE.

Kingsland, Ark.

Kobe, Japan.

DR. GODBEY—While attending the Morrilton District Conference at Plummerville, some friends handed me \$1.75, which they desired me to invest in Bibles to give away to people as soon as I should return to Japan. To this sum a lady in Searcy added 25c more, making \$2 in all. With this sum forty copies of pocket New Testaments have been bought—the Bible Society charging half price only for free distribution—and shall be given to people as occasion offers to give to those who really want them. Very truly yours,

C. B. MOSELEY.

Dec. 22, 1898.

Missionary Mass-Meetings.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT.

A missionary mass-meeting will be held in Dardanelle, Ark., beginning Tuesday night, Feb. 7, and closing Thursday night, Feb. 9, 1899. Let us make special preparation, and give special attention to closer organization for missionary work.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday—7 p. m., sermon. The purpose of the gospel respecting missions, as taught in the Bible.—G. W. Hill.

Wednesday—9 a. m. The relation between spiritual and missionary zeal.—J. W. Head.

11 a. m., sermon. The present status of mission work.—S. F. Goddard.

3 p. m. The policy of the conference board.—F. S. H. Johnson.

7 p. m., sermon. Objections to missions, answered.—J. A. Castell.

Thursday—9 a. m. The importance of Home Mission work.—W. H. Metheney, J. N. Villines, and others.

10 a. m. The Sunday-schools and missions.—J. J. Holland, S. S. Key.

11 a. m., sermon. Present day responsibilities.—F. S. H. Johnson.

3 p. m. The relation of the pastor to missions.

1. His duty to preach on missions.—W. J. Stone, W. M. Taylor and G. W. O. Davis.

2. His duty to circulate missionary literature.—W. T. Thompson, J. F. Etchison and J. S. Whitson.

3. His duty as to the collections.—Wm. Sherman and others.

7 p. m. Love-feast.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

To be held at Rogers, Ark., January 31st, February 1st and 2d, 1899.

Tuesday, 7 p. m., Sermon: Present Status Mission Work: J. E. Bryan.

Wednesday, 9 a. m., Devotional Exercises: Z. W. Lindsey.

9:30: Policy of the Conference Board of Missions: F. S. H. Johnson.

11 a. m., Sermon: Present Day Responsibilities: E. L. Massey.

2 p. m., Devotional Exercises: G. B. Griffin.

2:30 p. m.: Relation of pastor to Missions.

I. His Duty to Preach on Missions: R. M. Traylor and W. H. Hatfield.

II. His Duty to Circulate Missionary Literature: Jas M. Hughey and Banks M. Burrow.

III. His Duty as to The Collections: Y. A. Gilmore, H. A. Matney.

3:45, General Discussion.

7 p. m., Sermon: The purpose of the Gospel as Taught in the Bible: E. R. Steel.

Thursday, 9 a. m., Devotional Exercises: J. H. Wright.

9:30 a. m., Relation Between Spirituality and Missionary Zeal, D. J. Weems and J. P. Humphries.

11 a. m., Sermon: Objections to Missions Answered: W. P. Hamilton.

2 p. m., Devotional Exercises, J. H. Sturdy.

2 30 p. m., Importance of Home Mission Work: P. B. Hopkins, J. L. Keener.

3:20, Sunday Schools and Missions: T. A. Martin, J. M. Clayton.

7 p. m., Missionary Love-feast: John Miser.

It is the sincere judgment, as well as earnest wish, of the Committee, that every pastor be present at and participate in these services, as well as to remain until close of the session.

E. L. MASSEY,

E. R. STEEL,

W. D. WHITE,

Committee.

Rogers, Ark., Jan. 10, 1899.

Notice.


To all who have written me concerning Grady circuit, I answer by this notice. I had secured a man before most of the letters were received. It is supplied by J. T. Newsom.

J. D. SCOTT.

Monticello, Ark.

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White River Conference Minutes.

The Minutes of the last session of the White River Annual Conference were distributed from this place January 11. If any pastor shall fail to get the package shipped to his address, let him advise me of the fact in due time. Correspondence for advertisements to help meet the expense of printing and distributing the Minutes caused some delay in placing the contract for the work, which was done in about three weeks, exclusive of the holidays. I hope all directly concerned will be satisfied with the neat work of the printer and the gratuitous labor of the

SECRETARY.

Marianna, Jan. 14, 1899.

Personal.

Bro. Allen, of Rector, was a caller Friday.

The postoffice of Rev. W. M. Taylor is Gum Log, Ark.

Rev. Thos. Whittaker is now pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Montone, Ind.

Rev. Drury Colquette, of Star City, was elected chaplain of the house of representatives.

Rev. Frank Dodson was married at Frank's postoffice, Thursday last, by Rev. Jas Thomas.

Rev. Wm. M. Hays, of Morrilton, and his son, William, made us a pleasant call Saturday.

Dr. John H. Dye has been laid up with grip for a week. He got down Monday morning, but was feeling very badly.

Dr. J. W. Lee, of the M. E. Church, South, and Dr. W. Luccock, of the M. E. Church, propose to start a Methodist magazine in St. Louis.

Bishop Wilson will leave China, for Japan, about the first of February. From thence, after a month or more, he will return home via Honolulu.

Leonard Hall McGlumphy, son of Rev. George McGlumphy, P. O. at Eureka Springs, died last Sunday. We assure Bro. McGlumphy and wife of our sympathy in this distress.

Dr. J. B. Adger, D. D., died on January 3. He was 88 years old, and had served the Presbyterian Church as Foreign Missionary Professor in the Columbian University, and editorial writer of the Southern Presbyterian.

A large number have responded to our blanks enclosed in the papers,

These have been put into all the papers because it took much less time to do that, and we have trusted to all who have already paid up to understand it.

Mrs. Emaline Blaylock died at the home of her grandson, Hardy Blaylock, one mile north of England, Ark., being 111 years of age. Her mind was bright and she had good sight. She had lived in the Arkansas bottoms sixty years.—Gazette.

Miss Anna Hoke Schley, a cousin of Rear Admiral Schley, committed suicide at her home in Baltimore, on the 15th inst. She was 28 years of age, and is reported to have been an accomplished woman, who lived a noble and self-denying life. Her own physical disorder and the recent death of her father deranged her mind.

Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., died at his home in Richmond, Va., January 6. He was thrown from a buggy and hurt two months ago, and died of the injury. He was seventy-nine years of age. He had been pastor of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond about fifty-six years. The Second Church was organized out of the First, which he took charge of in 1843.

The bulk of our subscribers are sending to us their subscriptions direct. The preachers who have sent us collections for this week are: Turrentine, O'Bryant, Bickley, Farris, Woodruff, Rainey, Sorrells, Green, Sanders, Harrell, S. A. Hill, G. W. Hill, Cox, Hawkins, Logan, Kelly, Skinner, Head, Holloway, Parker, Dannelly. Besides these we have received collections from Mrs. Allen, of Helena; the Search Light Co., and S. E. Ebert. Every subscriber for the paper ought to secure an additional subscription this winter. See our premium list to individuals and churches on fifth page.

Hon. S. A. Hall, the friend of my boyhood days, and as true a man as ever walked the earth, sends an invitation to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage to Miss Lucy Stuart Fitzhugh, at their home in Batesville, January 21. He and his good wife are worthy the success and happiness they have attained. May many more anniversaries find them together and happy. G. T.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

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Christian Life.

Asleep in Jesus.

Step softly, papa, baby's asleep,
Stir up the fire while I give him a peep.
Sweet darling baby, mamma's own dove,
Had she ever such exquisite love?

Light the lamp, papa, horrors untold!
What is the matter? Baby's so cold,
Still and motionless, sunken his head!
What! precious darling, you cannot be dead.

Baby, oh baby! can't you awake?
Do you in dreamland your jeweled nap take?
Or is your sweet spirit wafted in love,
By the Reaper of Death to the portals above?

Closed are those brown eyes, evermore closed,
Folded those dear hands, in sweetest repose,
Still are those lips, 'round which a smile plays.
Papa, our darling has ended his days.

Ended on earth, but in heaven begun.
Already his greeting the angels have sung,
Sweetly they're singing while we can but weep,
To think that our darling is still fast asleep.

Asleep in Jesus! beautiful sleep,
Perfect and spotless. Our Saviour will keep
The soul of our darling, now gone on before,
To beckon his papa and mamma ashore.

MRS. LULA WILKINSON.

Cato, Ark.

We are but organs mute till a master touches the
keys.

Verily, vessels of earth into which God poureth
wine,

Harps are we, silent harps that have hung on the
willow trees,

Dumb till our heart-strings swell and break with a
pulse divine.

—Selected.

On Thee, I cast my burdened woe,
O love divine, forever dear.

Trouble is of the mind more than
of the outer world. All we possess
in this life must go from us or we
must go from it. "We are stran-
gers and pilgrims in the earth, as all
our fathers were." He must be
sad who has no resting place or re-
ward before him.

Exert your talent and distinguish
yourself, and don't think of retir-
ing from the world until the world
will be sorry that you retire. I
hate a fellow whom pride, or cow-
ardice, or laziness drives into a
corner, and who does nothing when
he is there but sit and growl. Let
him come out and bark.—Dr. D.
S. Johnson.

The Sword of Damocles.

There was once a king whose
name was Dionysius. He was so
unjust and cruel that he won for
himself the name of Tyrant. He
knew that almost everybody hated
him, and so he was always in dread
lest somebody should take his life.

But he was very rich and he
lived in a fine palace where there
were many beautiful and costly
things; and he was waited on by a
host of servants who were always
ready to do his bidding. One day,
a friend of his, whose name was
Damocles, said to him:

"How happy you must be! You
have everything that any man
could wish."

"Perhaps you would like to
change places with me," said the
tyrant.

"No, not that, O king!" said
Damocles; "but I think that if I
could only have your riches and
your pleasures for one day, I
should not want any greater hap-
piness."

"Very well," said the tyrant,
"you shall have them."

And so, the next day, Damocles
was led into the place, and all the
servants were bidden to treat him
as their master. He sat down at a
table in the banquet hall, and rich
foods were placed before him.
Nothing was wanting that could
give him pleasure. There were
costly wines, and beautiful flowers,
and rare perfumes, and delightful
music. He rested himself among
soft cushions, and felt that he was
the happiest man in all the world.

Then he chanced to raise his
eyes toward the ceiling. What
was it that was dangling above
him, with its points almost touch-
ing his head?

It was a sharp sword, and it was
hung only by a horse-hair. What
if the hair should break? There
was danger every moment that it
would do so.

The smile faded from the lips of
Damocles. His face became ashy
pale. His hands trembled. He
wanted no more food; he could
drink no more wine; he took no
more delight in the music. He
longed to be out of the palace, and
away, he cared not where.

"What is the matter?" said the
tyrant.

"That sword! that sword!" cried
Damocles. He was so badly
frightened that he dared not move.

"Yes," said Dionysius. "I
know there is a sword above your
head, and that it may fall at any
moment. But why should that
trouble you? I have a sword over
my head all the time. I am every
moment in dread lest something
may cause me to lose my life."

"Let me go," said Damocles.
"I now see that I was mistaken,
and that the rich and powerful are
not so happy as they seem. Let
me go back to my old home in the
poor little cottage among the
mountains."

And so long as he lived, he never
again wanted to be rich, or to
change places even for a moment,
with the king.—Christian Obser-
ver.

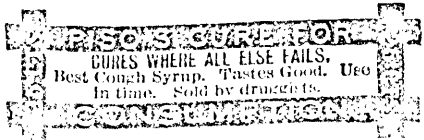
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Catarrh is a kindred ailment of consumption
long considered incurable, and yet there is one
remedy that will positively cure catarrh in any
of its stages. For many years this remedy was
used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted au-
thority on all diseases of the throat and lungs.
Having tested its wonderful curative powers in
thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human
suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers
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One of the effects of the Electropoise treatment
is to stimulate the nerve centers to increased ac-
tivity, thus building up the nervous system. This
is proven by the letter given below from Rev. Mr.
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almost two years. I can highly recommend it for
all nervous troubles. I believe it a success.
REV. H. H. BELL.

Monmouth, Ill.

Another equally important result is the building
up in flesh and tissue resulting in additional
strength and vitality, and furnishing a reserve to
fall back on in time of need. The letter from Mr.
Rockwell, a successful merchant, gives his expe-
rience; it follows:

I am doing considerable talking for the Electro-
poise as it has put fifteen pounds of flesh on me
since July. Yours truly,
H. H. ROCKWELL.

Wellsville, N. Y.

Unless a person enjoys sound and restful sleep,
there is some weakness, which in time is sure to
be followed by a well-defined form of disease. Al-
most the first beneficial effects noticeable from this
treatment is a feeling of exhilaration and strength
experienced after a sound night's rest. Mr.
Pritchard, editor of a prominent religious weekly,
gives his experience in the editorial that follows:

But I hold up before you the power of
the Electropoise to put a person quickly and nat-
urally asleep, and keep him asleep until satisfied
nature awakes refreshed. In my own family, in
this one respect alone, it has been an incalculable
blessing. In this way the Electropoise is a pre-
venter of sickness, and prevent on is better than
cure. JOHN W. PRITCHARD,
New York City. Editor Christian Nation.

Persons suffering from poor circulation will find
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Quick and lasting results follow. Oftentimes by
the use of this little instrument cold feet can be
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rience of Miss Wright is given in a grateful letter:

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My circulation is so invigorated that I feel a glow
and warmth in my veins to which I have been a
stranger. I have suffered much from cold feet
and hands all my life, but now I am troubled no
longer, and an inward trouble of many years'
standing seems to have vanished also. I believe
in the Electropoise.

JENNIE WRIGHT,
17 Preston St., Philadelphia, Pa.

As a rule physicians look with skepticism on all
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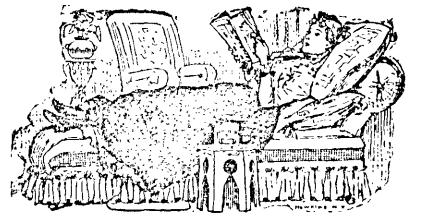
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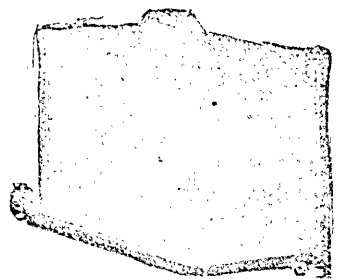
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NO. XX.

Who is the hero in our school? We are going to have a spelling-match. I guess all the children have seen one. James and Bessie will choose up this eve. James gets at one side of the long aisle, between the two rows of benches, and Bessie at the other side. The teacher stands between with Webster's old blue-back spelling book in his hand. The teacher says: "I have a number somewhere, between one and ten. The one that guesses nearest to it has the first choice." Bessie, of course, guesses first. "I guess seven" says she: "five," says James. "Four is the number," says the teacher.

James takes Mary, who is a good speller, and his dearest sweetheart. Bessie says "I'll take Ma—No, Minnie." She is blushing all around her rosy cheeks. Everyone is laughing except one boy; it is a solemn moment to him. The line rapidly forms on both sides, winding up with the little ones. All is ready for spelling. Bessie has the first word to spell.

The words pass from one side to the other. If one misses a word he must sit down.

The words sound out from the teacher's clear voice. "Abase;" "Debase;" "Incase"—on they go, till the words reach the smaller ones. The teacher says, "I'll give the smaller ones easier words. Johnnie, you may spell 'baker.'" Johnnie throws his little head back and spells, "B-a ba, c-e-r, cer, baker." "No; next." "B-a-c, ba, k-e-r, ker, baker." "Next." "B-a, ba, k-e-r-c, ker, baker." "Next." (Bill is desperate.) "B-a-a-k, bake, k-e-r, ker, baker." "Next." (Jake, who is nearly tickled to death at the way all have spelled it, confidently raised one bare-foot clear up even with his knees and spells, in a wise-like way.) "B-a-c-k, bake, k-e-r, ker, baker." On the word goes, till it reaches little Polly, who just the day before reached "baker." She can't keep still. Her eyes sparkle and dance. She knows she can spell it and she did. "Pshaw! says Bill, I could have spelled it that way."

One misses this word and one misses that word, till James and Bessie, the champion spellers of the school, stand alone on the floor. Farther and farther the teacher turns into the old speller till he is nearly through. Neither one misses. James stands strong and confidently faces Bessie, who shows determination on her face. The whole room is breathless. The teacher's and spellers' voices only are heard. Which one will miss? The teacher gives out the word "truncheon" to James. He is certain he knows how to spell it and, he spells it "truncheon." The teacher asks, "James, I think you spelled it correctly, but please spell it again." Several of the larger boys and girls, including his sweetheart, say that they understood him to spell it right. James is a hard student and a working hard for

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the prize in scholarship, and Bessie is his closest competitor. The teacher gives several points for perfect spelling on Friday eve. He is, also, a boy that loved dearly to gain a victory. He is ambitious. He has not missed a word during school. A flush of manly pride plays over his face for a moment, then, with tears glistening in his eyes, he says, "Teacher, I spelled it 'truncheon.'" The teacher passes the word to Bessie. She spells it correctly. Her side has gained. A great clapping of hands follows, but Bessie says, "Teacher, please do not allow my side to cheer. I don't think we should do it. I would rather show the spirit of James this eve than be champion speller of our school. I, for one, say, 'Three cheers for James!'" The whole school caught the inspiration given by Bessie's modest speech, and a mighty chorus of voices shouts "Hurrah for James! hurrah! hurrah!! And is it over-drawing it when I say that, surely, unheard, heavenly voices shook the temple of God, crying, "Hurrah for James! hurrah! hurrah!!", while, sweetly lowering their tones, the voices cry again, "Hurrah for Bessie! hurrah! hurrah!"

The teacher's voice chokes up as he says, "Children, it seems hard, sometimes, to be honest, but it always pays. I had rather be honest, as James has been this eve, than to be possessed of this world, and not be honest; children, listen! A Napoleon, with a perfectly drilled army, can gain a great victory, but it takes a child of God to gain a great victory and exult as nobly as Bessie has this eve." Children, do not you love Bessie and James? We have two heroes.

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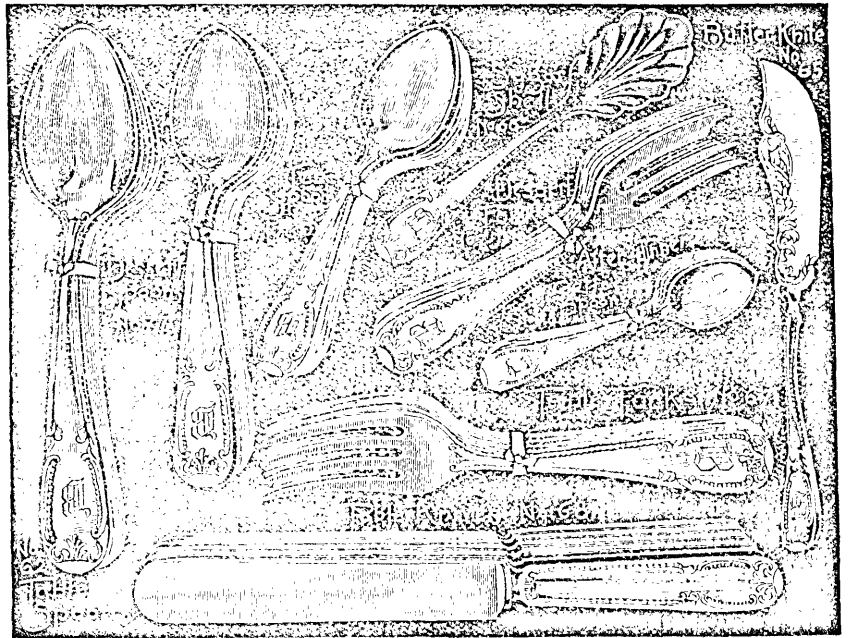
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MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARK.

We reached our new charge on Saturday evening. Some of the sisters had been here the day before to welcome us, but we did not arrive as soon as they were expecting us, but they had prepared supper for us and we got the full benefit of it, when we did come. Many thanks for the kindness that has been shown us. The outlook is good for a prosperous year. The editors of the Democrat, our local paper, presented us with some nice stationery, for which we are thankful.

T. M. JACKSON.

BOYDSVILLE, ARK.

After considerable traveling around over high hills and rough roads, we have at last reached Boydsville circuit, and are well pleased with the work. However, there is lots of work needing to be done. To a great extent we are huddled down in an old rut, and need prising up and taking a new start. We are located at Boydsville. The good people have given us a good sound pounding, from which we will not be able to recover soon, and for which we feel very grateful. Have had our first quarterly conference. Bro. Jernigan was with us and preached a fine sermon. Had a good spiritual service. Our board of stewards here made a liberal assessment, and, all things considered, we feel like we shall see great things happen this year.

W. B. ROE, P. C.

JONESBORO, TEX.

A move of about 40 miles from Killeen, our last year's charge, brought us to this place. Had a successful year last year, taking about sixty into our church. Here we have a heavier, stronger charge, i.e., "longer grass." We are well-housed, well-fixed, fed and tolerably well clothed; a little money, some religion, but need more. Our conference, in the main, was a pleasant success, with one vital exception, and that, too, the most important; I mean the spiritual state of the church. True, reports showed a large increase in some places, but alas, a total summary finds us about 1,000 short. Bishop Galloway probed it deep. You tell us, brethren, it comes from purging the rolls, but I want to know where all these people are going. It looks like somebody, somewhere, would catch them. Echo answers where. It reminded me of the colored brother's sermon as he described the creation of Adam. "God made the first man of mud and set him up agin a fence to dry." An old brother spoke out in the meeting and said, "Who made dat fence?" "Keep yer mouf shet, nigger, for you spiles all my theology." Of course, our committee on spiritual state brought in a fine report and assigned various reasons for the declension. Well, who knows, but God and ourselves. I have my opinion, that I can express in few words: We need more religion. We are loaded with machinery, all very good, perhaps, but it needs oiling and tightening up. We are too much interested about "where I'll be sent next

year." We depend too much on sensational men and methods to bring results, rather than deep humiliation, fasting, heart-searching, and earnest prayer. We glory too much in "numbers," especially in our newspapers and conference reports. Besides, our people are too greedy of gain, in brief, too covetous, "which is idolatry," and we preachers, poor fellows, as a rule, don't get much, yet we would love to have fat places, and a good deal of the "filthy lucre." Lastly, there is too much bitter wrangling over the mere theory of sanctification. It's a fact, a young preacher, especially, don't know how to preach on this particular subject because of the endless theories in print by prominent brethren.

Well, with the beginning of this new year we ought to turn over a new leaf for fear He "removes the candlestick," or we "lose our crown." By the way, I see Morrilton gets our Bro. W. M. Hayes by transfer. I mean it all, when I say she may congratulate herself with the fact that she has, in Bro. Hayes, one of the best men and finest preachers in Southern Methodism, he having been a connectional man along educational lines. My poor, feeble pen can offer but a poor eulogy on such a man as W. M. Hayes, for he will be heard and felt wherever he may labor. With best wishes for you and your numerous readers, and a happy New Year, I beg to remain yours in gospel bonds,

FINCH M. WINBURNE.

MC'CRORY, ARK.

December 16 we arrived at McCrory, our present charge, and found that the good ladies had put a new suite of furniture in the parsonage, and our good Brother Raney, local preacher, had furnished us with some wood, and the necessary preparations had been made for our arrival. We have also had the usual pounding in good style. We were glad to find our dear Brother McAlister, formerly of the Batesville district, and an old friend of ours, in business at McCrory, who delivered to us an address of welcome the night we were pounded. I have preached most all over my work, and have been given a hearty welcome, and am hopeful of a successful year. I have a splendid charge and a splendid people to serve. The people of McCrory charge do not believe in doing things by halves. My assessment has not yet been made, but I am sure the stewards will provide liberally for us. We have a beautiful church here, but it needs repainting badly, which we hope to be able to have done in the near future. With the co-operation of our efficient local preachers and the good people of McCrory circuit, we hope to do a successful year's work for the Lord. God bless the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

WILTON C. TOOMBS.

HUNTER MEMORIAL.

We preached here at 11 o'clock the first Sunday after conference, and our efficient P. E., Bro. Thomas, at night, it being the first quarterly meeting. Bro. Thomas is

making himself felt wherever he goes, by his earnest preaching, warm hand-shakes, looking minutely into all the interests of the church and getting out with the P. C. and visiting the people. We have been well received by the entire membership. We have been pounded in all right, and now if I can so work as not to be pounded out, all will be well. This pounding business is a new experience to me (that is, since I quit school) and I hardly knew how to adjust myself to it, but the new wife, always on the alert, readily adjusted herself to it and supplemented my efforts as reception committee wonderfully. After they had gone it looked like they wanted to make a "grocery store keeper" out of the pastor and his wife. Our thanks are due Col. Wm. Sparling and Dr. W. D. Jones for special gifts to the pastor and wife, and to the good ladies of the church for fitting up our kitchen and dining room. The church is in a fairly working condition, have had some twenty-odd accessions since conference. Our league has been rearranged and started off upon, we trust a better basis, with good live officers at the head. Our church papers are not read and circulated here as they should be, but I am trying to put them in the homes of all my members. We are working and praying for a revival of religion among our people.

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JAS. H. O'BRYANT.

DALARK, ARK.

We are well pleased with our new charge. I think the outlook good for a prosperous year. Come to see us sometime; will arrange for you any time.

F. P. DOAK.

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P. B. HOPKINS.

APLIN, ARK.

We are doing very well, and have a fine field in which to labor. But few here are religious, but there seems to be an increasing desire among all to do better and be better. The METHODIST increases in interest and in demand to me, as I get closer to God.

Yours in Christ,
J. F. E. BATES.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

In my rounds thus far on the district, I find both preachers and people hopeful for a prosperous year. The weather has been very unpleasant, and yet, with this discouragement, our services have been well attended, and I have met every appointment. Health good, and heart hopeful.

Fraternally,
W. F. WILSON.

CLINTON, ARK.

Our first quarterly conference has passed; attendance small. Our P. E., P. B. Summers, was with us, preaching to the edification of believers, and looking after the interests of the church. The assessment for the P. C. is rather small, but if paid in full I think we will get through. I find the tracks of the preachers that preceded me on this charge. Pray for us.

W. K. BIGGS, P. C.

FT. SMITH MISSION.

At the last session of our Arkansas Conference, I was appointed to the Ft. Smith mission. The charge embraces three points in the city. They are on the north, east, and south. The points are about a mile apart and almost that distance from the other Methodist Churches. The mission is well planned. I am sure there is not another of so much importance in the bounds of our conference, and yet, there is not another surrounded by so many difficulties. We have, at present, two houses of worship, one 15x20 and the other 16x30 feet. We owe every dollar for the houses, and also owe for the lots on which they stand. I have not a single member, except my own family, to start with. We have two Sunday-schools, with an enrollment of almost one hundred

at one of the points, and about twenty at the other. The outlook is very encouraging. Despite all our difficulties, we must succeed. I am sure that for every dollar the church invests in this charge, she will receive a hundred-fold, in this world, and in the world to come eternal riches. We have been well received by the good people among whom we are to labor. Having received a pounding from two donation parties, we are made to feel that truly we are among friends. Ft. Smith is increasing her population every day, and with her many manufacturing establishments, she is destined to become a great city. No doubt, many who now reside in different parts of Arkansas, will soon make their homes in Ft. Smith. Those who come here for homes now and in the future are most likely to reside near one of the points embraced in this mission. In view of the importance of this charge, and of our present extreme need of help, I truly believe that there are some who read this article, who will take pleasure in sending us a contribution to help us out of our present indebtedness. I appeal especially to those with whom I have labored in other years, and to those who have been converted under my ministry. Reader, can you not consecrate fifty cents, a dollar, or even more, to God, in this worthy enterprise? If so, you will confer a personal favor and a blessing on a co-laborer and will glorify God and bless humanity. Please send the amount which you feel impressed to send, and I will receive it as sent from God through you. Fellow Christians, pray for our success. Your co-laborer for Christ,

IRVIN F. HARRIS.

GENTRY CIRCUIT.

This is our second year on this work; and as we have been quiet for some time, will now say a few words. We will first say that our people received us very kindly; and the dear people of Springtown, where we lived, showed their appreciation for us, by visiting our home on the night of Dec. 29, and depositing in our dining room many good things, such as flour, meat, sugar, coffee, etc. Of course, we cannot help appreciating such acts of kindness. May the blessings of our heavenly father ever rest on them.

Z. W. LINDSEY.

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Mrs. W. J. Steed, of Augusta, Ga., states, October 15, 1898: "For a number of years previous to 1895 I had a terrible attack of boils and a carbuncle over my right eye. I tried a good many blood remedies, but none of them seemed to reach my case, but instead I got worse. I became feeble, my constitution was shattered, loss of appetite and disturbed slumbers only added to the tortures of the boils. But in the spring of 1895 it was suggested that I try the three B's, as that was a stronger blood remedy than any other. I used two or three bottles of B. B. B., and I am happy to say that B. B. B. cured me sound and well. At the present time (October, 1898,) I am as well as can be. My appetite is fine, my strength has come back. The B. B. B. drove the boils and carbuncles from my system and cleaned out the bad blood from my system, and I have never had any blood disease since. Botanic Blood Balm is the greatest blood purifier ever made. I take it once in a while as a tonic, as it tones me up wonderfully. Yours truly,

MRS. W. J. STEED.

Rheumatism and Catarrh are Due to Diseased Blood in the System.

If you have used liniments and salves, sprays and other remedies, and doctored for rheumatism and catarrh, and have not been cured, then remember it is in just such cases that B. B. B. makes permanent cures. These two diseases are outward painful evidence of diseased blood in the body. The diseased blood takes this way to assert itself, just as diseased blood in other persons asserts itself in boils, ulcers, pimples, etc. Only Botanic Blood Balm, B. B. B., can successfully tackle and cure these diseases, because B. B. B. drives the bad blood out of the body, and in this

way your catarrh and rheumatism are cured. Thousands of patients have been cured by B. B. B., and thousands of other sufferers can be cured if they will only give B. B. B. a trial. So if you have aches and pains, swollen joints, backache near the kidneys, excruciating pain when lifting the arm or moving the leg, or any other symptom of rheumatism then buy a bottle of B. B. B. and get the diseased blood out of your system and a cure will result.

If you have catarrh in any form, such as enlargement of the soft bones of the nose, thickening and ulceration of the lining membrane, its constant discharge of unhealthy mucus, pus, breath tainted, hawking, expectoration, nosebleeding, headaches, partial loss of hearing, noises in the head, deafness and impaired vision, then take B. B. B. and it will cure you, because the trouble is in the blood.

Cancer on Face Cured by B. B. B.

Mr. James A. Greer, of Athens, Ga., (indorsed by the editor of the Athens Banner Watchman), makes the following statement: "For ten years I have been a sufferer from a cancer on my face, which grew worse until the discharge of matter became profuse and very offensive. I became thoroughly disgusted with blood purifiers and pronounced them humbugs, as I had tried many without relief. Finally I was induced to use Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) as it was held out as stronger than any other Blood Remedy. After using B. B. B. the offensive discharges decreased at once, and the hardness disappeared as I continued to use B. B. B. The cancer became less and less in size until nothing remains except a scar. I gained flesh and strength, as all who have seen me bear testimony. I cannot say too much in its praise."

B. B. B. is a powerful Blood Remedy, discovered by Dr. Gillam, the Atlanta specialist. B. B. B. is perfectly safe to use by old or young, and cures when all else fails. B. B. B. cures because it literally drives the poison or humor (which produces blood diseases) out of the blood, bones, and body, leaving the flesh free from blemishes, and leaves no bad after effects. It is this kind of a cure that counts.

Send for Free Trial Bottle.

The above statements of facts prove enough for any sufferer from Blood Humors that Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) or three B's cures terrible Blood diseases, and that it is worth while to give the Remedy a trial; so if you are satisfied you will find the medicine is for sale by druggists everywhere at \$1 per large bottle, or six large bottles for \$5, but sample bottles can only be obtained of Blood Balm Co. Describe your symptoms and personal free medical advice will be given. Address plainly BLOOD BALM CO., 75 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and sample bottle of B. B. B. and valuable pamphlet on Blood and Skin Diseases will be sent you by return mail.

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Contains 208 pages filled with the very choicest songs, both new and old. Competent persons, to whom advance sheets have been submitted, say it is the best collection of songs and music they have seen.

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Woman's Work.

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Batesville, Ark.

The Woman's Home Mission Society shares the regrets and concern of many Christians in regard to the lethargy and inertia which seem to have taken possession of the church at large, thereby impeding all lines of work.

We copy, in part, reasons for this stupor which is creeping over our people, which are tersely given by a celebrated divine, and apply them especially to our home mission societies.

Summing up these reasons, they are briefly told as follows:

1. A host of do-littles and do-nothings in our societies.
2. Negligence and lack of system in the work.
3. Helter-skelter efforts in the field of Christian benevolence.
4. The insufficiency of existing methods to attain desired results.
5. The need of larger resources for this day of large things.

In place of this haphazard system, we women should adopt plans and principles, which, if followed, mean fuller treasures and larger, purer, truer womanhood. The point is to get every woman of every society to give to every enterprise of our organization: (1) Regularly affixed periods. (2) Proportionately as God prospers. (3) Intelligently, according to the importance of the work. (4) Scrupulously, as stewards of Christ. (5) Cheerfully, as a Christian privilege.

"System only becomes system, when it grows up with those who put it into practice."

The aim is, not merely to secure the largest amount of money, but the grandest Christian growth of women. H.

An Appeal.

To the Workers in the W. F. M. S. of the Little Rock Conference:

Dear Co-Laborers:—In a recent letter from our secretary, Mrs. Trueheart, she says that Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Secretary of General Board, has just returned from Cuba, where he visited six of the most important cities, with the view of opening missions, and while looking after the affairs of the general board, he kindly looked after ours. He is fully satisfied that Santiago needs us most, and needs us at once. His suggestions were laid before the board, which met a few days ago, and endorsed. Dr. Lambuth advises us to put a suitable woman in charge, and at first to open classes in English and the

Bible, for adults. The women are eager to learn our language, and as they are dissatisfied with Catholicism, and anxious for something better, we will have ready access to them, especially to women of the higher classes. Such an opportunity should be gratefully embraced, since access to the better classes at first will make the evangelization of the island more easy. Early in the new year, we hope to have some one in Santiago at work. A house has been selected—a house and home advantageously located, both as to sanitary conditions and protection by law. Are you ready for this work? It means more work, larger offerings, more self-denial; but it means going up to the help of the Lord, who asks us, as a proof of our love, that we take this beautiful island for him. We dare not hesitate on the plea that we have already too much to do. What we do must be done quickly, cheerfully, gladly for Christ's sake, who has exalted us in privilege, and expects, from us, ready obedience. Our rest time is not here, and we do not expect, it here, except the rest in spirit, because of the presence and approbation of the Father, who has promised to be with us.

One thousand dollars, the amount appropriated to Cuba last year, will not be enough for next year, and all our missions are growing, and we need more than we gave them in June last. How glad we should be that God honors our efforts. But we should be diligent, lest what has been so well begun should not be completed.

My dear societies, Adult, Y. P., and Juvenile, let me insist that you read more of the work, more of the needs of heathen lands. If you do this you will come up to the requirements that are now upon us.

The February number of W. M. Advocate will be the China Jubilee number. The March number will be enlarged for advertisements.

Send for "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang," and the "Dora Rankin Memorial;" both are now ready. Help to circulate our literature. It is helpful, and is sure to create a missionary spirit where it is read.

December 1 closed our third quarter's report of the work done in our conference society. I am glad to note some improvement in three of the districts of our seven. The Monticello District led in amount of monies collected and reported.

The Prescott District reported more live societies, especially juvenile societies. Tardiness on the part of some of the corresponding secretaries to report to district secretary, explains in a measure a falling off, in this district, of their finances.

Dear Corresponding Secretaries, let me urge you here and now to be more punctual in sending in your reports to the district secretary. They cannot send me a report done by their respective districts till you report to them. Don't send your reports to me. According to an amendment of our constitution, each conference society is allowed to regulate its own internal workings. This is where we get the authority for having the auxiliary so-

A Mayor's Act.

AN EFFORT IN THE CAUSE OF SUFFERING HUMANITY.

The Successful Method of Mayor Weltner in Accomplishing a Praiseworthy Undertaking—Many People will be Benefited.

From the Optic-News, Wellsville, Mo.

The Hon. C. H. Weltner, mayor of Wellsville, Mo., has lately accomplished something of which he might justly be proud. It is an effort in the cause of suffering humanity and one which, for nearly ten years, he has been quietly trying to carry out.

Everyone in and around Wellsville knows Mayor Weltner, and of his progressive, business ability, which has made him a leader in various enterprises. It is this fact which inspires confidence and the hearty support of citizens in his undertakings.

About ten years ago he appealed to the best local physicians, as well as to a number of specialists, for relief from the dread disease—catarrh, but his appeals were in vain; the doctors' efforts were fruitless. The disease, all the while, was fastening its clutches firmer upon him and he was about to despair of ever obtaining relief when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were recommended and as a last resort he began their use, the happy sequel of which is that he now feels like a new man.

"I became aware about ten years ago," he says, "of the fact that some disease was preying upon me. The physician whom I consulted diagnosed my case as 'pharyngeal catarrh' and prescribed for it."

"Instead of getting relief the disease had a deeper hold upon my system."

"I sought other physicians, but their treatment was unavailing. I tried a number of catarrh remedies, but without obtaining any relief to speak of, and had come to the conclusion that my case was incurable. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were recommended to me, and I concluded to give them a trial."

societies to report to the district secretaries instead of to the conference corresponding secretary. The Little Rock Conference society made this arrangement years ago.

Five out of the seven district secretaries wrote me that they were very sorry to keep me waiting on them so long, but they were not to blame, as they could not make a report till they received something to report.

Now, I know this is only carelessness and not at all intentional, yet the result is just the same. Let me beg you to see that the fourth and last quarter's report is to your district secretary by March 5.

My address for the month of January will be Prescott. If I can serve you in any way, command me.

Let onward be our motto. Attend your monthly meeting. Pay promptly your dues. Pray without ceasing for the work and workers, and victory during the New Year will be ours. Yours in the cause of missions,

MRS. JAS. THOMAS.
Prescott, Ark.

Bagster Bibles.

We have been asked if we could sell a Bagster Teacher's Bible for \$1.50? We answer yes, we can do better than that. We will mail genuine Bagster Teacher's Bibles at \$1.25 each, and pay postage.

We will send the paper one year and a genuine Bagster Teacher's Bible for only \$2.50.

It is said that the soldiers who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla stood the long marches in Cuba much better than the others.

"When I had taken half a box of them I began to feel that they were bringing me the relief for which I had been seeking."

"It has been about two years since I commenced taking them. I have used eight boxes and am so much benefited that I can cheerfully recommend these pills as a wonderful medicine."

"I would earnestly insist that all who are similarly afflicted give these pills a trial, fully believing that they will obtain results such as can be obtained from no other source. During the eight years I was troubled with the disease prior to taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I spent three hundred dollars for medical aid which was the same as thrown away, as no benefit was derived."

"Now, the secret of these pills is that they purify the blood, and, of course, that will help in any disease. They are the best blood purifier I ever used."

The best authorities state that catarrh is a blood disease acting upon the mucous surfaces of the system. It does not always commence in the nose, but frequently starts in the stomach or bowels with symptoms like dyspepsia, which many mistake for that disease. This is because the blood is in such a condition as to irritate the stomach. It is a waste of time and money besides harmful to use "snuffs." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are composed of vegetable ingredients, forming an internal remedy which acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, cleansing it from impurities and causing the diseased matter to pass through the proper channels. The medical profession recommends these pills and every druggist sells them.

SONG BOOKS.

In ordering song books, always state whether round or shaped notes are wanted. The following prices are for books by mail, post-paid.

New Life, round and shaped, 30c; \$3.60 per dozen.

New Life, No. 2, round and shaped, 30c; \$3.60 per dozen.

Living Songs, round and shaped, 35c; \$4 per dozen.

Triumphant songs, 3 and 4 combined; round only, 35c; \$4 per dozen.

Gospel Grace, 60c; \$6 per dozen.

Calvary and Pentecost, 30c; \$3 per dozen.

Tears and Triumphs, No. 2, round or shaped, boards, 25c each; \$2.80 per dozen; muslin, 20c each; \$2.25 per dozen.

Young People's Hymnal, latest and best, round or shaped, 30c each; \$3.60 per dozen; words only, \$1.25 per dozen.

Hymn Books of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 24mo (size 3 1-2 x 5 1-4 inches). Brevier type. Cloth, 25c; sheep, 40c; roan (black leather), embossed, gilt edges, \$1; morocco, extra gilt, gilt edges, \$1.75.

12mo (size 5x7 1-2 inches). Pulpit edition, pica type. Sheep, \$1; roan (black leather), embossed, gilt edges, \$1.50; morocco, extra gilt, gilt edges, \$3.00.

Hymn Book, Annotated Edition, cloth, \$2; turkey morocco, round corners, gilt edges, \$3.

Hymn and tune book, 8vo (size 6x8 1-2 inches). Brevier type. In either round or character notes. Board sides and leather back, 80c; cloth sides and leather back, \$1; morocco, gilt edges, \$2.50.

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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.

SCOBEE: May, daughter of Charley L. and Eddie M. Scobey; born July 4, 1898; died at their home near Warren, Ark., Sept. 5, 1898. Not only in the midst of life are we in death, but how oft, as we are but budding into life, we die. May heaven's comforter be with Brother and Sister Scobey. Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." D. D. WARLICK.

MARTIN: Preston, son of H. L. and S. E. Martin, was born May 5, 1885; died September 25, 1898, near Orlando, Ark. Preston was sick but a short time. His departure came very unexpectedly. He was a promising boy, kind and gentle everywhere. May God bless the sad home and may this lead all the family to Christ and to heaven. Life is but a vapor. How soon it vanishes away and is not!

D. D. WARLICK.

SHIPMAN: Death has again visited our midst and laid his cold, chilly hands on Bro. Jas. Shipman. He was born March 11, 1864, and died Dec. 18, 1898. He was converted some two years ago and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he is said to have lived a consistent Christian life. His wife preceded him but eighteen days, she having died Dec. 1. They leave an infant child to be cared for by relatives or friends. Bro. Shipman's last words were, "I am going home." Then he quietly passed away. Thank God for a religion that sustains us even in death.

G. L. HORTON.

WILKINSON: William Jasper, infant son of Rev. George and Lula F. Wilkinson, of the White River Conference, was born August 2, 1898, and died of membranous croup Dec. 13, 1898. This lovely miniature of life had scarcely looked out upon the beauties of life's morning, when it was called to pass on to the great beyond. This sad death occurred on the road to Mineral circuit, their new field of labor. It was sad to see them meet their first congregation amid the shadows of death, and deliver to strange friends the cold body of their precious child, who received it in tears and true sympathy, and after a few funeral remarks by the writer, it was borne in solemn procession to the grave, and there laid to rest till that "morn when beauty immortal awakes from the tomb." Weep not, dear parents, your little Jasper is a part of the great congregation in heaven. Press on, and join it in mansions of infinite beauty.

R. G. BRITAIN.

LANTON: We were called, a few weeks since, to perform the last sad rites at the interment of the mortal remains of an aged mother in Israel—Mrs. Jomima Lanton. She came with her husband and children from Georgia and settled here in the early forties. Here she lived more than half a century, exemplifying the sweet graces of religion in all the relations she sustained; a woman of a meek and quiet spirit; one of strong faith that glorified God. Mother Lanton was not what is called an active, prominent member of the church. Home was her throne and there she showed piety. All who knew her loved and honored her, as was attested by the large concourse of neighbors and relatives that attended her funeral. She was born in 1807, consequently was in her ninety-second year at the time of her death, Oct. 13, 1898. She had no disease, died as an infant going to sleep. Life's weary wheels stood still at last, then mounting the chariot of redemption she sped away to her long sought rest, where husband and children were in waiting to greet her.

May those that linger here, follow on, and by and by be one family again.

Blessings on the memory of dear Mother Lanton.

J. E. CALDWELL.

DODD: O. L. Dodd, the oldest man in Baxter county, and a pioneer Methodist, was born Dec. 11, 1813, and died at his home in Mountain Home, Ark., Dec. 10, 1898. He had been a citizen of the county more than forty years; always deeply interested in the welfare of the people of his county. Brother Dodd had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years, and was always deeply concerned for her welfare. He was very anxious for the next conference of the Harrison District, M. E. Church, South, to be held at Mountain Home in 1899, and made a trip to Yellville to assist in bringing it here; but he will not be here to enjoy the association of the brethren at that time, having been called to enjoy the association of those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. He leaves a widow, son and daughter, many relatives and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

T. M. JACKSON.

Mountain Home, Ark.

BARNES: Robert J. Barnes was born August 18, 1827, in Tennessee, and died at his home in Polk county, Ark., Nov. 28, 1898, full of years and as full of immortal hope. Deceased was twice married; first to Miss Laura A. Lindsey; second to Miss Fannie Gaines. Twenty children blessed these marriages; eleven of the former—four now living; nine of the latter—eight now living.

At about the age of 40 he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, and served as an official member thereof almost continuously to the day of his death, filling the various positions to which he was assigned with credit to himself and fidelity to the church. He was a zealous Christian and a staunch Methodist. Many preachers who have shared his hospitalities will read these lines with sad hearts. He was a liberal supporter of the institutions of the church and will be missed by the society of which he was a member. But his bereaved widow and fatherless children will miss him most sadly. Grieve not, loving ones, as those who have no hope. He is gone to the saints' everlasting rest.

Sadly,

LACY BOONE.

GARLAND: Miss Etta, of Emmet, Ark., daughter of Robert R. and Josephine McSwain Garland, was born November 24, 1873, and left this world in great triumph on Oct. 24, 1898. She was converted in early childhood, and lived one of the most beautiful lives that the writer ever knew. Her death took place at her brother-in-law's, Dr. Haltom, where she had all the attention that love and skill could give, but God was ready to take her home. After she was conscious that her work was ended God permitted her to linger in the twilight of this world and heaven, and talk to her father and mother and other loved ones. While she spoke words of comfort to loved ones around her bed, she seemed to look out into the great beyond and recognize loved ones gone before. This was not merely a short vision during a high state of mental excitement, but calmly and sweetly it lasted for hours. During this time two souls were brought to Christ and happily converted. She gave them wise instructions as to their duties growing out of their salvation. She sent messages to all she knew, making a specialty of those she knew who were not professed Christians. She took messages from loved ones here to their loved ones that had "crossed the flood." She lived sweetly and beautifully here; died gloriously, and is now in a world better adapted to her pure sweet nature than this. And her father, mother, and a large family of brothers and sisters are pressing on to meet her in our Father's house. Her bereft uncle,

C. D. MCSWAIN.

Emmet, Ark.

WEBB: The hearts of all were made sad when the death of Corrie Webb was made known Saturday, December 24. No one has ever died in Gainesville who was more universally beloved and who will be more universally lamented. All that medical skill could accomplish, was done to arrest the dis-

ease and save his life. His father, who is one of the most successful physicians in Greene county, was ably assisted by Drs. Hopkins, Simms and Oliver, but all their efforts were futile. He quietly and peacefully breathed his last Friday night at 9 o'clock. A few minutes before the end, a smile sweet as heaven lit up his sweet, though wan and pale face, and with an effort he raised his hand and pointed it heavenward. Corrie was born June 24, 1882. He was brightly converted at ten years old, and joined the Methodist Church at Oak Grove, where his membership remained until death came. We still count him as one of the members, whose residence has been changed to the eternal mansions. He was a dutiful, studious pupil, an obedient, loving son, and the idol of his class and school-mates. We held a very precious service at the home, where the tears and prayers of the entire company were freely mingled with the father and mother and loved ones. His body was laid to rest in the Gainesville cemetery, in the presence of a great throng of friends. A memorial service will be held soon in his honor. May the comfort of the Holy Ghost be given the heart-broken father and mother and sister and brother, in abundant measure.

L. C. CRAIG.

OVERTON: Moses and Malvina Overton were born, respectively, June 18, 1812, and 1816, the former in Fayette county, Tenn., the latter (nee Grissom) in Kentucky. They were married at his uncle's, Col. Thos. C. Hudson, Somerville, Tenn., in 1834. In 1836, they, with Bro. Hudson, came to Arkansas, and settled near Manchester, in Clark county; later they moved to Tulip, in Dallas county. Here they lived until they were called home, respectively, April 30, 1893, August 23, 1898.

The writer knew the subjects of this notice intimately for more than forty years, visited them frequently as their pastor, and was with them both in their last illness. Moses Overton was not a religious man in the best of his years; his life often wayward, bad, but he had many noble traits, always respecting religious services and the ministers of the gospel. He attended a meeting conducted at this place by Evangelist Harry May, where he made a public profession of saving faith in Christ. While never an active, lively church member, we believe he kept the faith, and so testified on his deathbed. Peace to his sleeping dust which reposes in Tulip cemetery.

Sister Overton professed religion and united with the Methodist Church when 17 years of age. When she came to Arkansas she was one of the seven composing the first Methodist Church organized by Rev. Jacob Custer at Manchester, in Clark county, in 1837, and later became a member of the Tulip society, organized, I think in 1845.

She always, not only maintained her identity with the church, but evinced a lively interest in all that pertained to its prosperity. She had some peculiar views and likely erred in judgment in some very important matters, but her life was that of a Christian woman, a Christian mother, doing what she could, and praying always for the religious training and salvation of her children, nine of whom have preceded her to the spirit land, three surviving, are following in the way. Her end was peace. She rests from her labors and her works follow her.

Children, you sorrow, but not as those who have no hope, keep the faith as did your parents, and some glad day you will overtake them, and, I trust, be one happy family where perfect love and friendship reign to all eternity.

J. E. CALDWELL.

Tulip, Ark.

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"My blood was poisoned and I was troubled with indigestion, headaches and loss of appetite. When I had taken two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla my appetite increased and my headache disappeared. This medicine gave me good digestion and I heartily recommend it." E. G. HILL, Mexia, Texas.

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A

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OF

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I was badly affected with piles and fissured rectum, was once operated on, which proved fruitless. I applied to Dr. R. E. Woodard, of Oil Cure fame at Little Rock, Ark., knowing of some of his cures, and am now sound and well. He does not use the knife and the treatment was almost painless. I did not have to neglect my business one day. The Oil Cure treatment is a God-send to suffering humanity, and the treatment has none of the horrors of chloroform and the knife. I would advise those who are suffering, to write, or consult him, and feel sure that they will never regret having done so.

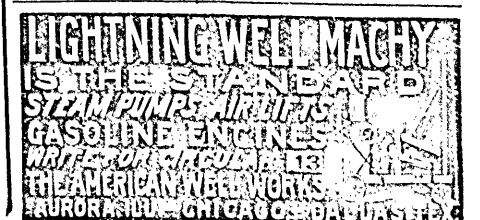
R. A. WARD,
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DEAR BROTHER GODBEY:—After parting from you at Clarendon at an early hour Friday, December 2, I reached the depot in time to take the train, in spite of the neglect of my newly-made colored acquaintance, who had proffered to call for me in due time.

The return to St. Louis, by rail, was void of special interest. When the train stopped for dinner the dining room was too far off for me and as no meal was served on the train I made a banana satisfy my hunger until I reached Union Station in St. Louis. I found the friends all well and in the usual routine of life's requirements.

On Sunday I heard the new preacher at Clayton, Rev. L. McConnell, and as he was not ordained I administered the Lord's Supper for him. On Monday I attended the preacher's meeting. There was a full attendance, encouraging reports from the churches, and a paper by Dr. I. W. Lee on "The Old and the New." It was arranged to have a paper every Monday except on the day the Evangelical Alliance meets.

At 8 o'clock, Tuesday, Dec. 6, I left St. Louis to visit my oldest son, Jas. E. Robinson, and family, in this place. The thermometer was at zero, and as I am so sensitive to cold I thought it was time I was hastening to a warmer climate. My experience at Little Rock gave me to understand that I would have to go farther South to find balmy air and genial sunshine. So I determined to seek them in the sunny South. During the long winter night I rested in the sleeper until we had almost reached the state of Mississippi, down whose almost entire length lies the railroad to Mobile. The view from the car, of the wide spreading cotton fields, and forests of pines relieved the tedium of the journey. This relief was still more enhanced by seeing acres of the baled cotton being unloaded from wagons and loaded into cars by the Negroes.

At 6:40, my son and family gave me a hearty welcome, and assured me I was in Dixie. I found a room already fitted up for me and a bed of ample length, and all other need furniture, and what is most pleasing to me, the nine members

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of the family charge themselves with my comfort and welfare. The horse and buggy I had in Clayton for several years are here, and by them I am getting to see the city of Mobile. I find it to be like Chicago, on a dead level, and too low for underground drainage. The city is well laid off into streets with many good buildings, and a serviceable system of electric roads. The two Methodist Churches I have attended are creditable to Mobile Methodism. In the Government Street Church I heard a sermon by Rev. Lamar, who had served the church two years, but at their recent conference was appointed to a church in Montgomery.

On last Sunday I attended the St. Joseph Street Methodist Church and heard a sermon by Rev. Mr. Howard, P. E. of some district in his conference.

Rev. Wm. P. Hurt is pastor of the St. Joseph Church, and, noticing in the city papers that I was here, called on me and invited me to occupy his pulpit Sunday night, which I did, and on last Saturday, had me, in company with Rev. Mr. Cappele and wife, and Rev. Mr. Howard to dine with him and family. The occasion proved quite enjoyable by me. I desire to make as large acquaintance with Alabama Methodism as possible.

My son here is connected with the grain elevator, and under his guidance I had the pleasure of visiting two ocean steamers loading with grain, iron and cotton for Liverpool and Manchester, England. Sailing vessels, in considerable numbers, come here for lumber, by which the markets of the world are in part supplied. I have not yet seen the banana boats unloading, but hope to do so tomorrow. The great live oaks and magnolias constitute quite an attraction to the Northerner. This morning I drove through the cemetery where in addition to the departed of Mobile there sleeps the Federal and Confederate dead.

I expect to remain here until the middle of January, when I will go to Galveston to visit my youngest son, C. McD. Robinson. The weather was quite cold at St. Louis when I left. It was warmer here, and a few days after I came I saw gardeners setting out cabbage plants. I knew then winter was over, for we never set out such

plants until winter is gone. Last week the thermometer went up to 83 Fahrenheit. The last two mornings, Monday and Tuesday, it has been standing at 34, with quite a frost, but the frost does not seem to kill vegetation here as it does about St. Louis. This morning the mercury was at 41 at 8 o'clock, now, at 2 p.m., it is at 70. So you see I am in the sunny South.

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