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## News and Notes.

IT IS NOT A TIME TO REDUCE THE  
penalty for carrying concealed  
weapons in the State of Arkansas,  
but to enforce more vigorously the  
law as it is.

WHATEVER OUR LEGISLATORS CAN  
do to secure a better administration  
of justice in criminal cases will be  
for the welfare of the State. A re-  
proach to the State of Arkansas is  
the frequency with which crimes  
are committed and the perpetrators,  
in the face of every possible proof  
of their guilt, escape punishment.

OUT OF A TOTAL POPULATION IN  
Palestine of some 200,000, about  
40,000 are Jews, as against 14,000  
twenty years ago. In Jerusalem  
there are 22,000 Jews, half of  
whom have immigrated from Eu-  
rope and America and are called  
Ascekenazim to distinguish them  
from the Oriental Israelites, the  
Sephardists.

PROSECUTING-ATTORNEY W. B.  
Sorrels, of Pine Bluff, excusing  
himself for non-enforcement of the  
Sunday law against saloons, says he  
was asked to relax the rule by pe-  
titioners "who were as good men  
as there are in the State." Either  
Mr. Sorrels is not qualified to judge  
who are good men, or else the  
State of Arkansas is in a deplora-  
ble condition.

THERE IS FEAR IN OFFICIAL CIR-  
cles that the delay of the Senate in  
ratifying the treaty of peace will  
result in bloodshed in the Philip-  
pines. Late official advices from  
Gen. Otis have been less reassur-

ing. The Filipino insurgents re-  
gard the delay in the Senate as en-  
couragement for them to maintain  
their opposition to the U. S.  
troops, and, in their ignorance,  
may attempt to emphasize that  
opposition by forcing a conflict.

THE FARMERS OF THE COUNTRY  
have been the largest beneficiaries  
of the marvelous export trade of  
the year just ended. More than  
\$850,000,000 worth of the year's  
exports were the products of the  
farm. Breadstuffs, cotton, provis-  
ions, live animals, tobacco and  
fruits supplied the great bulk of  
the \$850,000,000 worth of their  
products which went abroad during  
the year, breadstuffs being the  
largest in value, cotton second,  
provisions third, animals fourth,  
and tobacco fifth. In no earlier  
year in our history has the exporta-  
tion of products of agriculture  
been as large, the total for the year  
surpassing by more than \$100,000,-  
000 that of the great export years,  
1891 and 1892.

### Hon. A. H. Garland.

This distinguished Arkansas  
statesman died at Washington City,  
Jan. 26. He was stricken with  
apoplexy while speaking before the  
United States Supreme Court, and  
died in about ten minutes after-  
ward. The news of the sad event  
went quickly over the city, and Sen-  
ators Jones and Berry hastened to  
the Supreme Court building, but  
found their great colleague already  
dead.

Augustus H. Garland was born  
in Tipton county, Tenn., in 1832.  
He was educated at St. Mary's  
and St. Joseph's College, Ky., and  
began the practice of law at Wash-  
ington, Ark., in 1853. He came  
to Little Rock in 1856 and contin-  
ued his profession.

Mr. Garland was a member of  
the Confederate Congress, during  
the war between the States. After  
the war he resumed his practice of  
law in this city, being associated  
with C. White and Capt. L. B.  
Nash. In his profession as a law-  
yer Mr. Garland attained high dis-  
tinction. He was elected Governor  
of the State of Arkansas in 1875,  
and his administration in that high  
office did much to deliver the coun-

try from the oppressions and  
wrongs of former years of the re-  
construction period, and to establish  
the State government upon better  
foundations. In January, 1877,  
Mr. Garland was elected United  
States Senator for six years, suc-  
cessor of Powell Clayton, and was  
re-elected in 1882.

On the election of Grover Cleve-  
land to the presidency, Mr. Gar-  
land was appointed Attorney-Gen-  
eral of the United States. The ap-  
pointment gave great satisfaction  
to the people, both North and  
South, for the ability of the ap-  
pointee was recognized. Since the  
close of his term of service in  
the National Cabinet, Mr. Garland  
has practiced law in Washington  
City. The remains of the decess-  
ed were brought to Little Rock, on  
Monday, and a funeral service con-  
ducted in the Senate chamber by  
Revs. W. E. Thompson, A. O.  
Evans, J. H. Dye, chaplain of the  
senate, W. C. Watson, D. H. Col-  
quette, chaplain of the house, and  
Dr. G. Smead, rector of Christ  
Church, after which the body was  
laid to rest in Mt. Holly cemetery.

DR. BUCHANAN, PRESIDENT OF  
the Arkansas Industrial University,  
Fayetteville, Ark., writes in regard  
to a Reform School in Arkansas:  
"I am thoroughly in sympathy  
with the idea of urging legislation  
in establishing a Reform School for  
the younger criminals of the state.  
Whatever can be done in the way  
of reformation is a permanent gain.  
Keeping a man in prison for a  
while prevents his preying on so-  
ciety during his confinement, but  
to turn him out no better than  
when he went in makes the whole  
proceeding amount to but little.  
Crime deserves punishment, but  
the more important question is,  
how should society do the best for  
the criminal and especially for it-  
self."

### Galloway Female College.

A crisis has been reached in the  
history of this worthy institution.  
The question is now whether it  
shall survive or perish. It has  
passed through fire, and has emerg-  
ed from the ashes with renewed  
vigor. The noble and liberal peo-  
ple of Searcy have met the demand  
that was made upon them. All

debts are paid, the valuable real  
estate is freed from all liens and  
encumbrances, and \$15,000 in ad-  
dition awaits the Board of Trustees  
for the purpose of rebuilding.  
This college belongs to the Metho-  
dist Episcopal Church, South. It  
has received the unanimous in-  
dorsement of the three annual con-  
ferences in the State. Will the  
membership respond to the appeal  
for aid in this emergency? The  
Board desires to rebuild without  
incurring any indebtedness. This  
has been determined. A safe and  
competent building committee has  
been selected from the best citi-  
zens of Searcy. It is as follows:  
Hon. J. T. Hicks, C. W. Yarnell, T.  
B. Paschal, J. C. Harder and Dr.  
J. M. Jelks. These men are deep-  
ly impressed with the importance  
and responsibility of their work.  
A skilled architect has been em-  
ployed, Mr. C. L. Thompson, of  
Little Rock. He has been direct-  
ed to prepare plans and specifica-  
tions at once. The debris is being  
removed and the material left from  
the fire is being prepared for use.  
The contract will be ready for let-  
ting about the 15th of March. In  
addition to the \$15,000, it will re-  
quire from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to  
prepare and equip a suitable build-  
ing. If by the 15th of March  
there are no assurances that that  
amount can be raised, then the  
work will not go on. An agent  
will be placed in the field as soon  
as a suitable person can be secured.  
Bishop Galloway has signified his  
willingness to canvas the state dur-  
ing February or March in the in-  
terest of Christian education. No  
man has the interests of Arkansas  
in this respect more at heart than  
this eminent man, and it will be a  
stigma on the church if he is not  
received with enthusiasm, and if  
great results do not follow his ef-  
forts. Besides, Sunday, March 12,  
1899, has been designated as Gal-  
loway Day, and every congregation  
throughout the connection in the  
State will be addressed by its pas-  
tor on this great subject, and con-  
tributions solicited.

The school, since the fire, has  
moved on without interruption un-  
der the wise and prudent manage-  
ment of President Godden. No  
debts are being created. It can  
be successfully maintained during  
the present scholastic year. If,  
however, suitable buildings are not  
furnished by the fall term of 1899,  
irreparable loss will be the result.

Voluntary contributions can be  
sent to D. L. E. Moore, Treasurer,  
at Searcy, Ark. Now is the time  
for action. Delay will be danger-  
ous and fatal.

W. C. RATCLIFFE,  
President Board of Trustees.

## Educational Notes.

"The right-minded college man has always determined one point with regard to his future. He may still be in doubt between several occupations, but he has made up his mind definitely that he will be a useful citizen. He looks out upon life in the spirit of service. He will use his strength, not for his own advancement only, but for the common welfare. He desires, therefore, to put himself where he can do the most good."

Today the church is resuming her true position of spiritual and ethical leadership, and every college is responding. Never have so many college men been Christians. Never has the Christian ministry attracted stronger men, or offered a wider opportunity for the exercise of consecrated gifts of utterance and leadership."—Dr. Geo. Hodges.

It is reported that the Cincinnati Conference of the Northern Methodist Church has pledged itself to raise \$1,000,000 for Ohio Wesleyan University, and that since the pledge was given, several wills have been made under which the university will receive about \$125,000. Syracuse University (of the same church) has already laid its plans for raising \$2,000,000. The board of trustees of Simpson College (Iowa) has begun a vigorous campaign to secure at least \$50,000 for endowment during the coming year.

What will Arkansas Methodism do for higher education?

J. H. Collins, superintendent of schools of Springfield, Ill., recently made suggestions in regard to the State's educational needs. He argued that the teacher should study sociology in order to adapt himself to conditions and bring about proper relations between the home and school. He thought there should be a kindergarten in every community, and that history should be a leading subject of pupils' study, with the object of making them good citizens. He stood for honesty and obedience to law, by parents as well as teachers and pupils. He believed free textbooks should be supplied, the district system abolished and the township plan adopted. Each school should have a good library; the county superintendents should have relief from politicians, through having questions for examinations of teachers prepared by the state department, and the state superintendent should have additional help in his office. Politics should be eliminated, he said, from the whole public school system, and the legislature ought to enact such laws as the educators of the State agreed were necessary for the welfare of schools.—Educational Forum.

At Indianapolis, Ind., a hot debate was precipitated, affecting State and non-State institutions, by Dr. Burroughs, of Wabash College. It is believed that the State board will be reorganized, and the non-State institutions be placed on an equal footing with those which have State support.

At Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Amos N. Currier, president of the State

Teacher's Association, in his annual address, stated that Iowa has too many colleges, and that one-half of them would better take their places as academies.

Henderson's "The Social Spirit in America," published by the Chautauqua Press, is a remarkably readable book. It discusses in a simple but masterly style, such subjects as "Home-Making," "Better Houses for the People," "Public Health," "Good Roads," "Political Reforms," and "Socialized Beauty and Recreation." At the low price of \$1 it should be in the hands of all believers in progress.

The British, who a few months ago marched against Omdurman and Khartum, are already building in the latter the Gordon Memorial College. It is for instruction in agriculture, engineering, and other technical arts, in the Arabic language, and, at the suggestion of Gen. Kitchen, subscriptions reaching a half million dollars have been made in England. A noble memorial to the truly heroic Gordon.

## Among Our Exchanges

Lord Salisbury promises cordial co-operation of England in the disarmament congress proposed by Emperor Nicholas.

The Central Baptist says that some Catholic Churches of St. Louis, are charging ten cents admission to church service. Father Phelan condemns this in severe terms.

Rev. J. W. Vest, of San Marcos, Tex., says in the Texas Advocate, referring to the many reasons given by the papers for the late check in our progress: "All of these may have had their evil influences, and yet I believe the main cause lies near our own door. The best way to get the church revived is for every man to get himself revived and then go out after the rest."

Brother Jerome Duncan, of Vernon, Tex., has been troubled by some busy colporters who have been selling nice books for children within his fold. He says, "I found a Methodist child reading from one of these books:

"Mother, if you should send me to wash the dishes and I were just to sprinkle some water on them, what would you think?" "I would think I ought to punish you for slighting the work I had commanded you to do, my child."

"Then, mother, don't you think God will punish the Methodists and Presbyterians for disobeying his commands?"

"I certainly think he should, my child."

Good books and papers in the home have more to do in the right education of children than the

schools. When a fondness for good and instructive reading is established, the foundation for a respectable education is laid. Extensive reading, by a man of good native ability, is of more value than a college diploma can be without such reading. One great benefit, which even the poorest people can now secure, is good books. The reduction in prices has affected nothing more than books; a few dollars will buy a library.

## A Good Book for the School Children

A monument to Lafayette, who so nobly aided in our revolutionary struggle, is to be erected in Paris in 1900, when the great Paris Exposition shall be held. The monument is to be set up by the school children of America and contributions are being taken for it. Now is a good time to read the life of Lafayette. It is one of the books we are offering as a premium. It is the one entitled "The Knight of Liberty." Sent postpaid for \$1.50.

## How to Conduct Revivals.

The Editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate says:

A brother sends us, for publication, a lengthy communication, entitled "How to Conduct a Revival," with the request that we give it prompt and prominent space. To us this is a little remarkable, as



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.

"For the last nine years," writes William Miller, Esq., of 651 Mulberry Street, Reading, Pa., "I have been very poor in health. I suffered with a running sore leg. I tried many kinds of different medicines, and doctors without relief. Then I used three bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and can say that I am entirely cured. I can now do as good a day's work as the next man."

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well as amusing. To our certain knowledge, this brother has not "conducted a revival" in his own charge nor in that of another since we have known him."

Yet the brother may give good instruction. There is not one Methodist preacher out of a hundred who does not know how to conduct a revival. It is not knowledge we are needing, but the spirit and power. Method and manipulation are already receiving too much attention.

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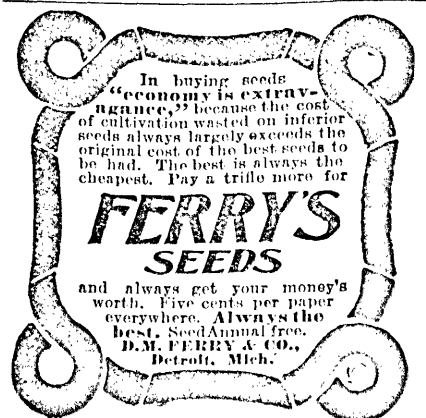
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### Methodist Preachers and Methodist People.

Ever since there have been Methodist people there have been Methodist preachers. They have always loved each other and always will. The grandest thing in many a boy's life, has been to feed and water a circuit rider's horse, and after supper to sit down in the corner and listen to the godly man as he talked of Zion's progress. The little fellow's soul is fairly lifted up, as Bro. Tyler tells of the services the day before, and he actually gets hungry for the service at his own home church. Finally, the day comes and the whole family get into the wagon and start to the church. Shortly after reaching the place of worship, Bro. A. begins to sing and the service is begun. Bro. Tyler is at his best, and the congregation is charmed and edified. Tommy Jones, the little fellow at whose house the preacher spent the previous night, is spell-bound, and thinks that Methodist preachers are the noblest men in all the world. Several years of experience like this, and little Tommy develops into young manhood. The preacher sees in him the elements of a man. He is strong, courageous, full of faith and zeal, and at the fourth quarterly conference he is nominated for one of the stewards on Lookout circuit. Bro. Tyler, the man under whose ministry Tommy sat a few years ago, is now his pastor again. The boy had been wanting to do something and now he has an opportunity. God, through the church, had given him a most important work. He felt the responsibility, for he had often heard his father say that the success of the Methodist itineracy was largely in the stewards' hands. He felt that he must help or hinder the work of his preacher, and he humbly asked God for help and direction that he might be a helper. Time passes on, the preacher goes to conference with a good report, fairly well up, and preacher's salary paid in full. Everybody wants Brother Tyler back again, but as the saying goes, "a cyclone struck the cabinet" and the Bishop was compelled to change almost every man in the conference. This necessitated, also, the changing of Bro. Tyler. Bro. Roundly was sent to Lookout circuit. On his first round Tom Jones met him at the gate, shook hands with him, and made him feel welcome at his father's house. Everything went pleasantly that night, and Tom was much impressed with the new preacher. In a week or two they had a stewards' meeting to make the assessment for the new preacher. They met in the church at Lookout, a small village where the parsonage was located. There were present, seven stewards: Bros. Smiles and Ernest, from Lookout; Bros. Tom Jones and Wm. Smith, from Liberty Chapel; Bro. Chas. Lucky, from Cross Roads; Bro. Seewall, from Seewall School House, and Bro. Hardman, from Rich Valley. They were to meet at 10 a.m., but it was 11 a.m. before they all got in. When they were all comfortably seated around

the stove, Bro. Roundly said: "Brethren, I suppose we may now proceed to business," and after a prayer, made the following statement: "Now, brethren, I have been sent among you by the authority of the church. I expect to serve you according to my ability this year. It may be proper for me to state, also, that this is my third year in the conference, and I have been compelled to buy some books; I have had some sickness in my family, and having received only \$300 last year, I am a little in debt. Yet, if you will pay me enough this year to live on comfortably, I am quite sure that we can save enough out of our living to pay all my debts. You know I have five children, but wife and I have talked the matter all over, and decided that if we can get a respectable living, we can save up enough to pay all we owe." The preacher took his seat and there was silence for awhile. Finally, Bro. Tom Jones said: "Brethren, this is a good circuit, we have over three hundred members, and some of them are well to do, and I think it would be a shame for us not to pay at least \$500 this year." "We are able to do that," said Bro. Smiles, "but will we?" "If we are able to do that much, and it takes that for our preacher to live comfortably on, we will be guilty of a very great crime if we do not do it," said Bro. Smith. Bro. Hardman, from Rich Valley, said, "I am tired of making a great big assessment and not a payin' more'n half of it. I think we'd better cut the assessment down till we can reach it." The preacher looked at his watch and said, "Brethren, it is now noon, and I suggest that we adjourn until 1 p.m. and finish the business this afternoon." The suggestion was agreed upon, they adjourned and met again at 1 p.m. to make the assessment for the support of the ministry that year. In my next letter I will give the results of the afternoon session.

Love to all the Methodists.

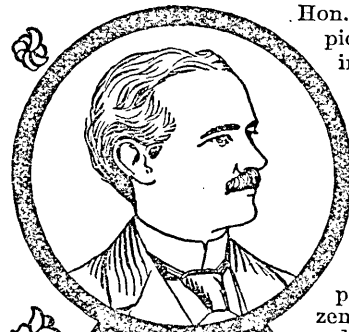
LOY BEE.

### White River Conference Minutes.

The new minutes show a deficit of 2,576 in our membership, as compared with last year. It makes me feel like going to my knees and from there to the already wasting fields, to do more and better work, to harvest and garner the golden grain. I find, however, that nearly half that number can be accounted for by erroneous entry, as follows:—The last year's column shows 232 members on Ward circuit, in the Searcy district, whereas, Ward circuit was absorbed, and hence, appears under another name. Vandale circuit, in Jonesboro district, is a similar case, with 445 members. So with Sedgwick, in Newport district—64 members. Then, Oil Trough mission appears both in the Batesville and in the Newport district, with 249 members in last year's column. Again, over half of Haynes circuit, in Helena district, was not reported at our last conference, but was reported last year with about 125 members. So, by these changes,

## To Whom It May Concern.

Strong words of indorsement for Pe-ru-na, and for the manufacturers of Pe-ru-na, from prominent officials of its home city.



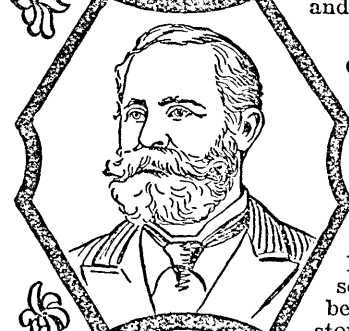
Hon. Samuel L. Black, Mayor of Columbus, O., whose picture adjoins this paragraph, writes the following letter:

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Respectfully, SAMUEL L. BLACK.



Col. Arthur L. Hamilton, commanding officer of the Seventeenth Infantry Ohio National Guard, whose residence is at 309 West First Avenue, Columbus, O., bears witness to the efficiency of Pe-ru-na. Here is Colonel Hamilton's letter and picture.

COLUMBUS, O., May 18, 1897.

Dr. S. B. Hartman.

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ARTHUR L. HAMILTON.

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Respectfully, SAMUEL J. SWARTZ.

our deficit would be cut to almost half of what it is now. Aside from these systematic errors, I think our statistics are substantially correct. If we, as preachers, would keep the roll of members as our law directs and make our reports from a legally perfected roll, these discrepancies would very soon disappear. Guessing at details and assuming results will invalidate any system, and bankrupt any institution on earth. Here is the trouble—our people are not being saved! The best men, in the largest and most intelligent charges, the very places where we should expect results, are yielding us no fruits. See the column headed "Additions on Profession of Faith" and note the small number reported by our strongest stations and circuits, and you will agree that fasting and prayer are in order for the whole conference.

J. B. McDONALD.

Piggott, Ark.

The event of the literary year will be, undoubtedly, the great novel upon which Count Tolstoy has been laboring in order that he may devote the proceeds to the transportation to Canada of three thousand Russian Quakers. It is generally believed by his friends that this work will probably mark the conclusion of Count Tolstoy's literary career. Not merely on this account, but because of the subject treated, it will attract the widest attention, the world over. It is a profound study of the life of man and woman, and treats of the three phases of love—that of the youth, that of the young man,

and that of the man in mature age. The Cosmopolitan Magazine announces that it has secured the sole right of publication.

### Cancer of the Breast.

The letter of Sister Billings should be read by all suffering ones. So many women are dying of this terrible disease. Reader, cut this out and send it to any similarly afflicted. For free book giving price of the oil and particulars, address, Dr. Bye, Box 461, Kansas City, Mo.

West Bridgewater, Mass.,

Dec. 28, 1895.

DR. BYE:

Dear Doctor—It is with a heart of gratitude to you and to the dear Father above, that I have the pleasure of informing you of the entire removal of that cancerous growth which has for six years been preying on my system. When I commenced your treatment on June 6th, the hard bunch on my left breast could scarcely be covered by a pint bowl; my body was much bloated, and I could only take liquid or the softest of solid food. On December 6th the last of the fungus growth came out, my body has resumed its normal condition, and I can eat anything I wish with relish and pleasure. Our physician says, "It is wonderful!" My neighbors say, "It seems a miracle!" Words cannot express my gratitude, but I will, whenever and wherever I may, proclaim the good news. Truly and gratefully yours,

MRS. NANCY F. BILLINGS.



## Contributed.

## Facts, Figures and Fancies.

I find from the minutes that the Little Rock Conference paid last year for ministerial support \$49,625.33, and for Foreign Missions, \$4,280.53, or the amount paid for Foreign Missions was 8.62 per cent. of the amount paid for ministerial support. I fancy it might be at least 10 per cent., that a less amount is discreditable to the preachers, and that it ought to be 20 per cent. and a less amount is discreditable to the church.

I find there is some disproportion among the districts. The per cent. of each may be tabulated thus:

| DISTRICT    | PER CENT. |
|-------------|-----------|
| Camden      | 10.60     |
| Arkadelphia | 9.06      |
| Prescott    | 8.96      |
| Hot Springs | 8.01      |
| Little Rock | 7.92      |
| Monticello  | 7.72      |
| Pine Bluff  | 7.44      |

Why should Camden district excel the others?

I fancy that the amount paid for ministerial support is often ridiculously small, and a small sum paid for Foreign Missions would make a good per cent. of it, and some may fancy that this accounts for the apparent niggardliness to Foreign Mission—apparent because compared with ministerial support, which may be of necessity much more liberal. But a comparison in the charges dispels that illusion. For First Church in Little Rock paid 9.7 per cent., while the whole district paid but 7.92 per cent. Indeed, I find, as a rule, that the churches liberal with the ministry pay a larger per cent. to Foreign Missions. But there is great difference in pastoral charges in this regard. Let us present a few in tabulated form making an interesting study.

| DISTRICT                       | PER CENT. |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Winfield Memorial, Little Rock | 6.2       |
| Prescott                       | 5.3       |
| Hope                           | 7.5       |
| Camden                         | 8.5       |
| Lockesburg                     | 9.        |
| First Church, Little Rock      | 9.7       |
| Monticello                     | 10.6      |
| Stephens and Waldo             | 11.1      |
| Central, Hot Springs           | 11.       |
| First Church, Pine Bluff       | 11.1      |
| Mineral Springs                | 11.4      |
| Magnolia                       | 11.1      |
| Arkadelphia                    | 11.5      |
| Arkansas City                  | 13.2      |
| Hamburg                        | 13.2      |
| Fordyce                        | 14.6      |
| Washington                     | 15.5      |
| Princeton                      | 16.3      |
| Nashville                      | 18.       |
| De Anne                        | 22.5      |
| Oak Hill                       | 28.       |

I fancy the reader concludes the banner ought to go to Oak Hill and De Anne. But these two are samples of charges that have failed to pay the preacher as they ought while through a good preacher's honest work, they have done well on Missions. Not to those charges but to those preachers, Rev. J. F. Taylor and Rev. J. H. McKelvy, let the banner be handed amid much applause. I lift my hat to them and bless them in the name of the Lord. I fancy that every one of the charges named might have done just as well as Nashville. Let every preacher in charge of these other charges consider

whether Rev. J. H. Glass is not worthy of more honor than he.

I fancy that every earnest preacher will make a calculation as to what per cent. his charge paid last year. Take your pencil, add the presiding elder's receipts to your own, and divide the collection for Foreign Missions by the sum and you have the per cent. Many of the charges not mentioned have done as well as some of these, and many much better. Some, alas, worse. I said some, in consulting the general minutes for 1897, I find that all the conferences in the connection paid for ministerial support \$2,559,075.35, and for Foreign Missions \$221,483.59, or 8.61 per cent. Is there any comfort in that? I fancy there is. For I am glad that the Little Rock Conference last year beat that by one-hundredth of one per cent. and that the Prescott district beat it by thirty-five hundredths of one per cent. If I may not be at the head I cannot bear to be at the foot, nor even below the general average, especially when that general average is not creditable at all. But if you did in your charge, fall below the general average, I fancy there is not much comfort in it. In fact, however, the Little Rock Conference surpassed the average of the whole connection last year, 1897, by two tenths of one per cent.

Here is another fact. The assessment of \$350,000, made for Foreign Missions by the general board is 13.67 per cent. of the amount paid in the connection for ministerial support, while the assessment of \$8,000 apportioned by the board to the Little Rock Conference is 17.09 per cent. of the amount paid in the Little Rock Conference for ministerial support. I fancy this is unfair. I commend it to the attention of Bro. Anderson, although I recognize the fact that he is powerless to help it. Our assessment ought to be about \$6,800. Let us raise at least that much this year. There is a similar unfairness in the apportionment to the various districts in this conference. If the \$8,000 was equitably apportioned, Prescott district would have \$1,180. And if \$6,800 were so apportioned, Prescott district would have but \$1,000. Let us raise that \$1,000 first and grumble afterward. I fancy it would be a satisfaction to reach a standpoint where we could afford to grumble.

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## Literary Table.

## Conceit

A little dog barked at the big, round moon  
That smiled in the evening sky,  
And the neighbors smote him with rocks and  
shoon;  
But still he continued his ragged tune,  
And he barked till his throat was dry.

The little dog bounced like a rubber ball,  
For his anger quite drove him wild;  
And he said: "I'm a terror, although I am small,  
And dare you, you impudent fellow, to fall."  
But the moon only smiled and smiled.

Then the little dog barked at a terrible rate,  
But he challenged the moon in vain,  
For as calmly and slow as the workings of fate  
The moon moved along in a manner sedate  
And smiled at the dog in disdain.

But soon neath a hill that obstructed the west  
The moon sank out of his sight,  
And it smiled as it slowly dropped under the crest,  
But the little dog said, as he lay down to rest:  
"Well, I scared it away, all right."

—Puck.

The new novel, Windyhaugh, by Graham Travers, author of "Mona Maclean," seems to be attracting much attention in England. It is described as the story of a modern woman, but a story which will be read by men and women alike. The heroine "carved no statue, painted no picture—she did not even write a book; but when all these things have been excluded, there remains that little art of living which has been open in all ages alike to the wise and the simple." It is understood that the American publishers are D. Appleton and Company.

Theoretical economics and sociology are each treated in the January Annals of the American Academy. The former in Professor H. H. Powers' second paper on "Wealth and Welfare" and the latter in two papers on "A Unit in Sociology," one by Professor Albion W. Small and the other by Professor S. M. Lindsay. The department of Sociological Notes also covers that field. Papers less theoretical in character in this number are Professor Edmund J. James' discussion of "The Growth of Great Cities in Area and Population" and Mr. F. A. Cleveland's analysis of "The Final Report of the Monetary Commission." Philadelphia, \$1.00.

To write an article for maids and mothers, and then to make it so interesting that it will rivet the attention of the fathers, of maids and husbands of wives, is a guarantee of very wide reading. Professor Thurston Peck, of Columbia University, has succeeded in doing this in the paper which he devotes to women in the January Cosmopolitan. Professor Peck has a keenly analytical mind, and he weighs the pros and cons very carefully. His conclusions are tender and compassionate, but nevertheless very emphatic. It is a valuable contribution to "New Woman" literature.

Our recent victories in war seem destined to be followed by even greater peaceful ones, for we are evidently surely wresting from England the financial supremacy of the world. When this is accomplished London must yield the first place to New York. A most interesting study in this connection

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Whether "The Pilgrim's Progress" be read for its spiritual significance or for its model English, the centuries pronounce it one of the great books of all time. And yet comparatively few intelligent persons know much about its author. The Rev. Richard Henry Poynter has been the pastor, for more than eight years, of Moot Hall, the famous old building which was erected in 1538 upon Elstow Green, where John Bunyan himself preached over two hundred years ago. He also holds offices in various Bedfordshire associations active in good works, and has acquired an international reputation as a lecturer and writer on Bunyan. Mr. Poynter, by his researches, around and about Elstow and Bedford, has been able to identify the very landscape and buildings which suggested "The Slough of Despond," "By-path Meadow," "Vanity Fair," etc. It is because he is so active in helping the Christian through the difficulties of his life pilgrimage, as well as because of his authoritative utterances on the immortal dreamer, that Mr. Poynter has been called "the second John Bunyan." The Sunday School Times of January 21 contains an article from his pen on Bunyan's boyhood, and the succeeding issue, January 28, will contain a second article, in which the same author treats the later life of Bunyan, — the preacher, prisoner, and author. Mr. Poynter's peculiar opportunities, as well as his personal power, have resulted in throwing much fresh light, not only upon the man Bunyan, but upon his matchless allegory. The articles are likely to

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## The Sunday School.

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Christ's Divine Authority.

JOHN v. 17-27.

Golden Text.—"This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." (John iv. 42.)

Topical Outline.—I. Equality of the Father and the Son. (Verses 17-23.) II. Eternal Life through the Son. (Verses 24-27.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

The Infirm Man Healed, John v. 1-9.

The Jews Object, v. 10-16.

Christ's Authority, v. 17-30.

The Three Witnesses, v. 31-47.

Jesus and the Sabbath, Matt. xii. 1-9.

A Second Sabbath Cure, xii. 10-21.

Third Sabbath Cure, Luke, xiii. 11-17.

Reference Word, "Authority." Lesson Hymn, No. 134.

Time.—If (as is likely) the feast referred to in the first verse of the chapter from which our lesson is taken was the Feast of Purim, then the date is March, A. D. 28, about three months later than the events of our last lesson.

Place.—The city of Jerusalem, in the temple.

We have already told our readers that St. John's Gospel chiefly concerns itself with events that happened in Judea. The first time our Lord went up to the feast of the passover, after the opening of his ministry, and undertook there to take charge of the Temple, the conflict between him and the ecclesiastical establishment began. On every return to Jerusalem it was renewed, coming up each time over something connected with the miraculous activity of Jesus. That crowd of scribes and pharisees stood there as a perpetual challenge to his work and his authority, and whenever Jesus seemed about to gain a footing with the people, they were ready to raise a howl against him. The healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda and the healing of the man born blind, and the raising to life of Lazarus, mark the distinct stages of this controversy. At the time of this last event, they saw that they must resort to desperate measures, and so they boldly decreed his death.

The healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda, which occasioned the utterance of the speech of which our present study forms a part, occurred about three months after the healing of the nobleman's son, about which we studied in our last lesson. A feast of the Jews, most likely their feast of Purim, in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from Haman when they were in captivity in Babylon, was about to be celebrated in Jerusalem, and to that feast

The Pharisees, with their robes and phylacteries, had swept disdainfully by him for many a year—it was nothing to them that this sinner was a great sufferer, they were entirely too busy about their religious work to devote a moment's thought to him whom their God had thus branded for some great sin. Jesus held a different view of what religion means. He healed the man. It was the Sabbath day. The holy Pharisees stood aghast with horror that one could claim to be a prophet of God and so pollute the Sabbath. In as much as they could not deny the miracle and as they could not speak against the beneficence it involved, they must find some ground on which to challenge Jesus. It would not do to let it pass; that would be to allow faith to take root among the people there, and if Jesus secured the confidence of the people, their authority would speedily be at an end. The ground of challenge was not far to seek; for had he not defied the rules of the doctors about the Sabbath day? They would raise a hue and cry against him as a Sabbath-breaker. The answer of Jesus is a challenge of their rule. His Father, God, had hitherto done such work on the Sabbath, and he was in the service of that Father, having authority and power from him not only to work miracles on the Sabbath, but also to do far greater things; namely, to judge the world, to give everlasting life to those that received him and to raise the dead. This was too much for their rage to endure, and made instantly a climax in matters, so that Jesus had to retire before the storm, lest it should break upon him before his work was accomplished.

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### Idle in the Market Place.

Read the last verse of the preceding chapter, before you begin the study of this parable.

We have this week a sweet lesson. The kingdom of heaven is not to be regarded as closed against any who may seek it truly at any time.

The Master is more earnest in seeking than are we. So, the picture presents him diligently seeking and inviting all day long.

It is not to be questioned, however, that all delay to heed the calls of divine truth is at a two-fold peril. First, it is the rejection of present opportunity, and so leaves the soul in the state of the lost, for man out of harmony with God is lost. The question is: Shall he be saved at all? Repentance, reformation, regeneration present the open way of escape to all.

To neglect these for today is not only to lose the last privilege, so far as we know, but it is to make sure of increasing apathy and hardness in the main. Sometimes stirs of awakening come to the drowsy soul, but it is the rule that passing years tend to deepen sleep in carnality, and all worldly things, though swiftly passing, tighten their grasp upon us, as if to carry us quite away to the wreck into which they are doomed to fall.

The parable seems to allow something to those who have lacked opportunity. There is no case of intentional resistance and refusal here set before us. That is the reason that our lesson has been entitled, "Standing in the Market place." It was the custom of those who desired employment to put themselves in the market. There the Master found those whom he employed. Even the men whom he encountered at the eleventh hour had stood in the market all day. And they said, "No man hath hired us."

There are such about us—persons who seem to us very far from the kingdom, but who are, with tolerable fidelity, standing in such light as they have. To them new light comes as a privilege and blessing eagerly embraced.

The one thing most to be considered is the depth of sincerity from which a man acts. Assured of this, we feel that all else may be pardoned. Sincerity is but another name for love of the truth, and we know that the truth, so far as perceived, will always have away in a sincere heart.

The sincerity of these idlers in the market place was well tested. And this point in the parable is one of the principal to mark. A definite promise is given to the laborers first employed—"a penny a day." But to the rest no definite promise, only "What is right, that shall ye receive." No compensation for idleness. The men were left to assume that the time was lost, and that they had but the fragment of a day to rescue, and but a farthing or less to earn. "Whatsoever is right." Only one desirous to rescue even the last hour of the day would accept that call.

Now, mark, that to the surprise of all, the laborers of one hour received also a penny. Yea, they were even the first called and rewarded.

The rewards of heaven are of grace, not of merit. It is not the amount of work we do in the Master's name, but the fullness and completeness of our submission to his will, that measures that spiritual life which the soul receives. One who has served long may not have gotten as close to the Master, or received so much of the fullness of the Holy Ghost, as one who is but new in the service. It is the self-abnegation and the strength of faith which determine this matter.

It is not the rule in the kingdom of heaven that time and growth and service count for nothing or little. And yet there are other conditions which must be regarded. It is not the rule that "the last shall be first and the first last," and yet there are such cases and many of them.

Read the last verse of the chapter preceding this of our study. It closes "But many that are first shall be last and the last shall be first." It often so occurs, and the force of our parable is in its illustration of that fact. It is from that standpoint it is to be studied. Many, in a short time, meet conditions of salvation which set them in the highest rank of the saved.

Reader, you may have wasted time. Your highest interest now is to refuse to falter or fear for any duty the Master opens before you. "Go, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Willing to go forward upon such a promise, the Lord of his boundless mercy gives not by or desert by of his own infinite grace. For salvation is a gift. "Is it not lawful for him to do what he will with his own?"

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## Literary Department.

The work of this department of the Epworth League seems to be difficult. Many of our leaguers are not successful in this work. In some it is neglected altogether. This lack of success is due partly to a want of experience and partly to inefficiency of officers and neglect of members. Success here, as elsewhere, is the reward of labor, and in no labor is there greater reward than in that expended for the accomplishment of the object of the literary work of the Epworth League.

There is great need today among the members of the league and of the church of a more systematic and regular study of the Bible and of Christian literature. This study is promoted by successful workers in this department. When we think how little the great body of the membership of our church knows about the Bible, the distinctive doctrines of Methodism, the history and polity of our church, we are constrained to plead for a better use of an agency by which this much needed instruction may be given. The responsibility of a third vice-president is very great, and his opportunities for honoring God and benefiting mankind are many. It is important to select a person for this position who is capable of meeting the requirements of the office. One who is ignorant of the Bible, unacquainted with Christian literature, unaccustomed to studying either, is not a person to undertake the work of this department.

Select a consecrated Bible student for third vice-president. Then give him as co-laborers the most energetic and most thoughtful members of your league, and co-operate with them in whatever work they may plan.

The chief attention of this department should be directed to the study of the Bible and the reading course. After arrangement for this study is made, some other work may be undertaken if desired, but we should not allow anything to take the place of the prescribed reading course.

The Epworth Era is essential to success in this department. Under the present management, the Era has become a paper worthy of a place in every Methodist home, and every leaguer and every pastor throughout the connection should be engaged in increasing the circulation of the Epworth Era and encouraging its careful study. Our own State paper, the ARKANSAS METHODIST, is also a necessity to intelligent league work in Arkansas. Through it alone we are able to keep in touch with the league work and workers of the State, and if we will support it morally and financially, and contribute to its usefulness by reports of our work, of our failures and of our successes, of our difficulties and of our progress—we will recognize it as an important factor in the work we wish to accomplish.

I would be glad that we might have an expression, through the columns of the METHODIST, from successful and unsuccessful league workers, of their experiences, of

their plans, and of methods used in the prosecution of this very important work.

I am glad to say to the leaguers of the Newport District, that Dr. H. M. DuBose has promised to be with us at our District League Conference, which is to be held at Mammoth Spring, April 25-28. We are hoping and praying for a profitable meeting at that time.

W. M. WILSON.

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## ARKANSAS METHODIST

J. E. GODFREY, D. D., Editor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1899.

## Movement of the Current.

There are revelations in statistics, but to read them correctly many comparisons must be made, and the results of years taken into account.

We were somewhat surprised to read in the St. Louis Christian Advocate, a short time since, this, from the pen of the Associate Editor, Dr. Woods:

"The ministry has never been in higher appreciation by the church or the world than now, and this is evidenced in a most practical way, in the fact that the salary and general provision for the sustenance and comfort of the clergy is far in advance of any previous exhibit. The average salary may safely be put at twice that of, say a quarter of a century ago, and the fact that a dollar now possesses twice as much purchasing power as then, clearly reveals the fact, that the ministry, in these regards, has made many great advances, and occupies a much larger place from a worldly point of view than ever before."

Surely, our good brother wrote this at his study window, looking out at High Steeple Church, and that one vision hid from him all the poverty of the circuit preachers.

This paragraph plainly implies, that the writer felt assured that, whatever else might be said of the check in the progress of the church, so far as increase of members is concerned, there has been great increase of appreciation of her ministry, both by the church members and the people without.

We have not the data whereby to measure the results of exactly the last quarter of a century in the minutes now in hand, but using such as we have we obtain results that will probably surprise Dr. Woods.

In the St. Louis Conference, in 1873, there were fourteen stations, containing an aggregate of 1,974 members. These paid to their pastors, not including presiding elders, \$14,664; being an average salary of \$1,047.50, and a payment of \$7.48 per capita, for the support of the gospel by all our people in the stations of the St. Louis Conference at that time.

Coming down, now, to 1895, the latest minutes of that conference which we have in hand, we find, stations, 36; with membership of 9,112; paying an aggregate of \$35,691 to their pastors; being an average salary of \$990, and a per capita payment of \$3.91 by the people in stations for support of the ministry.

Taking the circuit record of this conference for the same period it stands: Circuits in 1873, 37; with 7,889 members, paying \$13,656; average salary, \$370; and per capita payment by people on circuits of \$1.73.

In 1895, sixty-one circuits, with 18,920 members; paying \$19,751; average salary, \$323.75, and per capita payment, \$1.04.

From Dr. Woods's own conference—the Southwest Missouri—we are able, from the minutes in hand, to make comparison only since 1889 to 1898.

In 1889 the Southwest Missouri Conference had thirty-five stations, in which were 6,752 members, paying \$29,540 for their pastors; being an average salary of \$844, and a per capita payment of \$4.52.

In 1898 the conference reports forty stations, with 11,350 members, paying \$34,385, an average salary of \$859.60, and per capita payment of \$3.03.

The circuit report is, in 1889, ninety-seven circuits, with 21,408 members, paying \$34,311, average salary of \$353.72, and per capita payment of \$1.55.

In 1898, 93 circuits, with 20,207 members, paying \$31,662, average salary, \$340.50; and per capita payment of \$1.56.

Coming to the conferences in Arkansas, we find:

The number of stations in the Arkansas Conference in 1889 was twelve, their aggregate membership, 2,066; and the amount paid for support of pastors, not including presiding elders, \$8,124 being an average of \$677 salary, to each stationed preacher, and a payment by the members per capita of \$3.90.

In 1898 the stations of the Arkansas Conference were eighteen in number, and their aggregate membership, 3,886. The amount paid by these to the support of their pastors was an aggregate of \$10,469; which was only an average of \$581 for the salary of each preacher, and a per capita payment of not quite \$2.44 from the members.

Taking the circuit work for the same time, we find:

In circuits in 1889 a membership of 19,636, served by 76 pastors. These seventy-six circuits paid an aggregate to pastors, not including presiding elders, of \$15,487—an average salary to circuit preachers of a little less than \$204 each, and an average payment by each member of a little less than 80 cents.

In 1898 the minutes show 19,126 members on circuits, served by seventy-five pastors. These circuits paid to their pastors an aggregate of \$13,169—average salary to each circuit preacher of \$175.48,

and a per capita payment from the members on circuits of a little less than 70 cents.

Carrying this system of comparison and test through the White River Conference, and using the minutes of 1888, as we have not those of 1889, we find as follows:

In 1888 the White River Conference had fourteen stations, containing a membership of 2,047, paying an aggregate for their pastors of \$9,228, which gave to each preacher an average salary of \$659, and represented a per capita payment by the members of \$4.06.

In 1898 this conference reports twelve stations, with 2,875 members, which paid their pastors \$10,274, average salary of \$856, and a payment per capita by the members of \$3.58.

Taking the circuit work, we find in 1888, sixty circuits, with membership of 16,914. These paid for their pastors an aggregate of \$15,500; being an average salary of \$258.30; and a per capita of not quite 92 cents per member.

In 1898 we find seventy-seven circuits with membership of 20,285. These paid \$19,498 for support of their pastors, being \$253.23 to each, and a per capita payment by the members of a little less than 90 cents.

Here are some very suggestive figures. They show no increase in salaries on circuits nor any general increase on stations, and certainly no increase in the per capita payments of the membership for ministerial support, but general decline.

The decline of per capita payment is very conspicuous in all the station work, and the most so where stations are strongest.

The foregoing statistics show decrease in the St. Louis Conference from \$7.48 to \$3.91 in per capita payment in stations. But on circuits the decrease for the same period is only from \$1.73 to \$1.05. If we take the churches of St. Louis, which we had in 1873, and compare, we find: First Church in 1873 paid \$7.20 per capita; in 1895, \$3.47. Centenary, in 1873, paid \$8.85 per capita; in 1895, \$3.67. St. John's, in 1873, \$10 per capita; in 1895, \$5.46. St. Paul's in 1873, \$10.99; in 1895, \$3.75.

In the Southwest Missouri Conference the decline of general per capita payment was from \$4.52 to \$3.03 in the stations between 1889 and 1898. But on the circuits there was no decline at all, \$1.55 being paid in 1889 and \$1.56 in 1898.

But if we take the stations in Kansas City, including Westport, for the same time, we find the

members paid \$6.25 per capita in 1889 and \$3.75 per capita in 1895. Surely, our good Dr. Woods has been asleep in Rip Vanwinkle's cave.

The figures we have presented show 412 pastors in four adjoining conferences. Of these, 306 serve circuits on an average salary of \$274.18. The Domestic Mission collection, which goes to supplement these small salaries, has also declined, not merely in the per capita, but in the aggregate. The Southwest Missouri Conference paid in 1889 \$4,382, and in 1898, \$4,176; the Arkansas Conference paid in 1889, \$1,955, and in 1898, \$1,809, and the White River Conference from 1888 to 1898 fell from \$1,960 to \$1,093.

Furthermore, of the 306 charges which paid only an average of \$274.18 to their preachers, 183—largely over half—paid less than that amount.

Certainly, our church has made great material progress in the last twenty-five years. About all that we have in churches, parsonages and schools, has been built in that time, and what we build remains for the most part, and grows from year to year, as it will do, though the church should, as the years pass, grow purer and stronger than now. But the financial development is the most discreditable feature of our church history. In 1872 we had 637,526 members, now we have 1,500,000. In conditions greatly improved, for the per capita circulation of money has been increasing, the per capita contributions of Methodists for the support of their church has diminished.

We should say, so far from increasing influence and respect to our ministry, the facts show that the church, as such, and her ministers, are losing their grasp upon the consciences of the people. Never was there so much discontent about pastors as now, never were our churches so critical and hard to please.

We have given the facts from which some important conclusions will be drawn in our next article.

Grateful.

My children and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many thoughtful friends who have, by their loving expressions of sympathy, helped us to bear up in the hour of our great bereavement. We acknowledge the receipt of tender offerings from many of our own loved denomination, some from other Protestants and one from Rev. J. M. Lacy, a Catholic friend. Human sympathy cannot take away our grief, but it does lighten it. It gives us comfort to



know that others have us on their hearts.

To all we would say, our faith in the goodness of God is unwavering; we suffer His will submissively, we abide in His promises hopefully, and anticipate with joy the happy reuniting of the now broken family circle, in the Father's good time.

GEO. THORNBURGH.

## Church Notes.

### PREACHER'S MEETING.

The preacher's meeting was called together by Rev. James Thomas, and opened by Dr. J. E. Godbey. Those present were Rev. James Thomas, Dr. J. E. Godbey, Rev. W. E. Thompson and Rev. W. C. Watson.

The subject of Galloway College was taken up and discussed as to the best method of taking the collections. It was decided that each of the pastors of the city take up a public collection on the Sunday set apart as Galloway Day.

Rev. Thompson reported that he was planning a revival in his church. He expected to begin by holding a "week of prayer" with his ladies.

Plans were discussed as to the holding of meetings.

Rev. W. C. Watson reported good services at Hunter Memorial last Sunday; good league services. The league is holding weekly cottage prayer meetings.

Bro. Thompson reported good services last Sunday, four accessions by letter; reorganized his Epworth League with twenty members.

Bro. Evans reported per Bro. Thompson, congregations not so good, due to bad weather, but very good services.

Bro. Workman reported per Bro. Thompson, congregations not so good, due to bad weather.

Dr. Godbey reported a very pleasant trip to Searcy, preaching both morning and evening to good congregations, and holding prayer meeting at Galloway with the young ladies, some asking for prayer.

Bro. Thomas reported that he had been to Oak Hill, preaching several times. Received some into the church.

The meeting adjourned with benediction by Bro. Thomas.

### Nashville Notes

During the past week the Chapman meeting has increased in sweep and power. Wednesday was observed as a day of general prayer for the success of the services. Morning and afternoon, throughout the city, at various churches and at various parlor meetings, thousands of petitions went up to the Almighty Father. From three to six p.m., a large proportion of our business houses were closed, including some owned by Jews and even some saloons. Despite continued bad weather, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the audiences have been large. Tuesday night Dr. Chapman said, "I do not believe this audience could be duplicated in any other city in America, the extremely disagreeable

weather considered." Many have asked for prayer and many expressed their determination to lead a new life. It is announced that the meeting will end tomorrow (Sunday) night. Dr. Chapman has impressed himself upon us as a faithful, earnest, practical, apostolic man, a very forcible preacher, with simple faith in the all-sufficiency of Christ to save the worst of sinners, and as the only hope of every man. He relies implicitly upon prayer to the Holy Ghost. In many respects he resembles the great and loving M. Ody.

The interest of our citizens in the much-talked-of peace proposal of the Czar has taken a very practical turn. Upon the suggestion of a Nashville woman, a mass-meeting of four thousand people, assembled at the Tabernacle, last Tuesday evening, for the revival services, after hearing several addresses, adopted the following memorial, appointing a committee to present it, viz: "Believing that the realization of the hope expressed by the Czar of Russia in his request for an international peace conference will make for the happiness and well-being of mankind, we, the citizens of Nashville, Tenn., assembled in mass-meeting to the number of four thousand, do hereby respectfully petition His Excellency, President William McKinley, to take such steps as may be necessary to have the United States of America represented in the world conference that shall meet to consider the terms on which may be secured universal and lasting peace.

This action is notable as being the first taken by a mass meeting in this country. May Nashville be followed by other cities of the South in trying to accomplish this grand idea of disarmament, and for its glorious consummation let Christians everywhere work and pray.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.

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want you to give us an address Thursday afternoon, April 26, on the work of the literary department. I hope that you can be with us. Fraternally, W. M. Wilson.

### For Support of Brother Cline.

I have received from Epworth Leagues for the support of Bro. Cline, our missionary to China, the following, since last report: Heretofore reported, \$261.30.

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| Brinkley League, by Miss Fannie Brown, | 5 00      |
| Gurdon League, by Miss May Lafferty,   | 5.00      |
|  | \$271.30. |

GEO. THORNBURGH, Treas.

Lois Keener, secretary, writes that Rogers League will pay \$25 towards the support of Bro. Cline.

The \$8 reported last week by J. G. Brummett, is from the league of Stephens, Ark.

## Personal.

Dr. Hillis has accepted the call to Plymouth Church.

Rev. Sam Jones is conducting a meeting at Hobkinsville, Ky.

Brother Snoddy, the old commercial itinerant and good Methodist, called Saturday.

Rev. J. P. Lowry spent last week conducting a revival meeting at West Broadway, Louisville.

Dr. J. H. Dye has been at home for the past week. He writes that his health has somewhat improved.

Dr. Morgan Calloway, of Georgia, is dead. He was a scholar, a philanthropist and a Christian of the purest type.

Rev. D. C. O'Howell, of the Missouri Conference, died at St. Joseph last week. He had rendered long and valuable service to the church.

Rev. C. C. Godden came down to the city Saturday. Galloway College and Searcy people are full of hope for the speedy rebuilding of the college.

Bishop W. A. Candler dedicated Wagoner Place Church, St. Louis, last Sunday. Bishop Fitzgerald, of the M. E. Church, preached in the afternoon.

The report which, some time ago, got currency, and was published in the St. Louis Advocate, that the son of our Brother G. W. Hill, of Clarksville, had died suddenly, was a mistake.

Bro. R. W. McKay, Fordyce, Ark., writes, January 26, 1899: "Our whole town and community was shocked by the death of Judge W. J. Eunn. He

was one of our strongest leaders and greatest workers. The church has lost a great arm of power, and the community one of her truest citizens."

Our church at Lonoke has been made sad by the death of one of our best and most talented young men, Bro. W. F. Kennedy, who was translated from earth to glory on January 26, 1899.

Rev. W. A. Davis and wife, missionaries from Japan, are at home for a season. Brother Davis is preaching and lecturing in Missouri, his native State. We should be happy to see our whilom pupil ere he returns.

We are gratified to see that Mrs. Hart, of Pine Bluff, has recovered \$10,000 from Col. W. Sparling, of this city, Manager of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, being insurance on the life of her late husband, G. N. Hart.

Rev. F. S. H. Johnston was in our office Thursday. He is very busy with his new church at Conway and the Hendrix College debt. About \$15,000 has been collected, leaving about \$10,000 more to collect. Every subscriber should press the point earnestly to pay promptly.

Since our last report we have received subscriptions from the following preachers: Skinner, Head, Holloway, Hill, Parker, Dannelly, Smith, Sage, McAnally, Aston, Morehead, Robinson, Villines, Fletcher, Woodruff, Hanesworth, Steele, Blackwell, Whitson, Bond, Vantrease, Summers, Workman, Christie, Few, Taylor, Evans, Logan, Brickell, Johnsey, Stone, Hopkins, Doak, Galloway, O'Bryant, Massey, Rhodes, Cox, Stevenson, Bryan, McKelvey, Gibson, W. Insett, Potter, Smith, Burleson. Some of these have sent us more than one report. The work is moving well. Many are responding to our call by sending their money direct.

## Quarterly Meetings.

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

February—Riverside, 4-5; First Church, Pine Bluff, 11-12; Swan Lake, 18-19; Redfield, 25-26.

March—New Edinburgh, 4-5; Kingsland, 11-12; Sheridan, 18-19; Rowell, 25-26.

April—Rison, 1-2; Lakeside, 8-9; Sherrill, 15-16; Gillett, 22-23; Humphrey, 29-30.

May—Stuttgart, 6-7; DeWitt, 13-14; Roe, 20-21.

All the works are getting along nicely on the district; preachers are hopeful.

I want to thank you for the maple syrup receipt, which I find is excellent. I can recommend it highly to any and every one.

SAM P. JONES.

Cartersville, Ga., April 28, 1897.

See advertisement on 16th page.

## Christian Life.

### Never Grows Old.

There is a permanent freshness in the gospel. The old story is always new. Other things become stale and worn; the gospel, as a freshly plucked rose, fills the soul with pleasure and joy, and satisfies the deepest woes of the human heart. News becomes old after once telling, and other subjects become threadbare after a few repetitions. The Romans laughed at it; it was foolishness to the Greeks, while the Jews stumbled over the simplicity of salvation. But the gospel won its way to the hearts of the people, and has the same power today it had a thousand years ago. The power and sway of the Greek and Roman empires have long since passed away, while the teachings of Jesus are so working in the social and civil problems that the day is hastening when the kingdoms of the earth will be his heritage and the isles of the sea his possessions. The minister needs no other theme to interest his audience. There is no "question of the day" half so attractive to the sin laden heart. Preach Jesus. Study his words, his life, his character, his mission and his salvation, and give the people that bread; of which, if they eat, they shall never hunger.—Selected.

Blake Evans.

"He that winneth souls is wise"—Prov. xi 30.

A few days ago I read an obituary, a thing I infrequently do. It was on the death of Blake Evans, of Dalark, Ark., and was from the pen of his father-in-law, Rev. Robert C. Atchley. I knew the deceased well, and I was converted under the preaching of the writer, whom I knew even better. Two better men I have not met. I knew that bit of history was true, and read it with deep feeling. Memories of home and early life, of course, awakened special interest in me. None but the callous-hearted can be indifferent to these. But this brief biography reveals a fact worthy of special notice and emphasis.

Of Bro. Evans' salvation there can be absolutely no doubt. And how comforting the thought! A legacy far richer than wealth to those who follow in mourning. Again, that his conversion was through the instrumentality of Rev. W. R. Harrison, of the Little Rock Conference, is a fact. Of this there is not a doubt. Therefore, Bro. Harrison can have the satisfaction of knowing, yes knowing, that he has been instrumental in the salvation, the eternal salvation, of a brother of earth. The most comforting thought that can come to the heart is the thought of one's own conversion. "I am converted, I, even I, am a child of God." Next to this is the thought of leading another to God and to heaven. Bro. Harrison was on the old Tulip (now Dalark) circuit for several years, and wherever his path led it was followed by men and women and children shouting the praises of

Jesus Christ. And of having been influential in winning many souls to the Lord he may have a strong hope. But of one there is more than hope, there is certainty, there is no doubt. This one he has lifted to the skies. A thought that must linger in his soul like the whispering of an angel.

I heard of a preacher who said to one of his brethren of the ministry, that if ever a soul had been converted under his preaching he knew it not. It filled my heart with sadness; it must have filled his with grief. "For what is our hope, our joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ?" (1 Thes. i. 19).

My brethren, let us preach and pray to save souls. Let us labor for this single purpose. Let us live for it. Let us have the soul-desire that moved the old Scotch preacher to exclaim: "Give me Scotland or I die." God has called us to preach, and if we "preach the word" in "power and demonstration of the spirit," we are as certain of results equal to our talents, as that God in power sits on the throne. Then away with vain ambitions that poison the ministry and paralyze the pulpit. Servants of the Lord, invest your strength in the salvation of the people, for "he that winneth souls is wise," and "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the sun, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

W. C. DAVIDSON.

Forrest City, Jan. 19, 1899.

DEAR METHODIST:—It is said when St. John became very old he had to be carried to church by his friends, and sitting in his chair, his sermon was, always, "Little children, love one another." At last, becoming somewhat weary of this same sermon, they asked him why he always told them the same thing, and he told them, love includes everything. And now a young Christian says:

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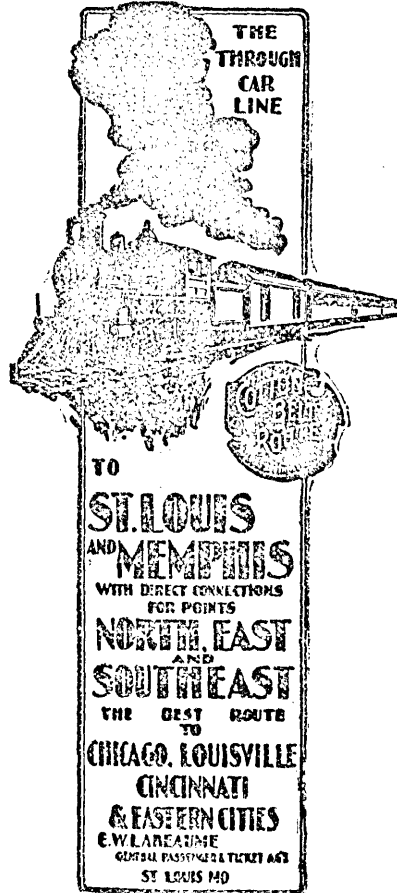
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## A Little Boy's Trouble.

I thought when I'd learned my letters  
That all my troubles were done;  
But I find myself much mistaken—  
They have only just begun.  
Learning to read was awful,  
But nothing like learning to write,  
I'd be sorry to have you tell it,  
But my copy-book is a sight.

The ink gets over my fingers,  
The pen cuts all sorts of shins;  
And won't do at all as I bid it,  
The letters won't stay on the lines,  
But go up and down and all over  
As though they were dancing a jig—  
They are there in all shapes and sizes,  
Medium, little and big.

There'd be some comfort in learning  
If one could get through; instead  
Of that there are books awaiting,  
Quite enough to craze my head,  
There's the multiplication table,  
And grammar, and—oh, dear me!  
There's no good place for stopping  
When one has begun, I see.

My teacher says, little by little  
To the mountain top we climb.  
It isn't all done in a minute,  
But only a step at a time;  
She says that all the scholars,  
And all the wise and learned men,  
Had each to begin as I do,  
If that's so—where's my pen?

## How it Went in My Childhood.

## NO. XXII.

Children, if we live right we will die right. I hope none of you will put off preparing for death till you think you are going to die. This is a poor time to make preparation for it, and more than that, children, we ought to be ashamed to present to Jesus a life that has been spent mostly in the service of the devil. Jesus needs our whole life, or, his cause needs it. Give your young, tender hearts to him and let him make a man or woman of you. How happy will be your life, and how sweetly you will die, if you will but take Jesus along with you!—then comes heaven.

Old man Campbell lived a long while in our neighborhood. He had once been a Christian, but had backslidden, and we knew him as a very wicked, bad man. He did not show any signs of fear of death till some great danger seemed to be approaching. When he saw signs of an approaching storm, then he began to read his Bible and to become very religious. He was good then, indeed. But when all was past he soon forgot his good promises and became the same swearing Campbell as ever.

Once, in May, we had a severe storm. The cloud gathered quickly in southwest and rushed up with a mighty whirl and roar. A crash of falling timber, a mighty puff of wind, a great dash of rain and the storm went on its journey northeast, leaving a clear sky, with a May-day's sun sending its rays down on sparkling grasses and trees of our mountain country. In the beauty of the evening I went out, and passed by the little log house of Mr. Campbell. I saw him out in front of his home reading, eagerly, his Bible. The storm had scared him to it. He did not have time to read his Bible before the storm came, and, consequently, he must read it then. After the dark, stormy time of his death do you

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think, children, the sunshine of God's love was beaming upon him? I do not know but will tell you how he died.

He moved off from us, and shortly the news came back that Mr. Campbell was dead. The report was, that he died cursing and swearing; a dark, dark cloud was seemingly around him. Do you want to die as he died? I don't.

My brother-in-law, Manning Cowart, told me once that he knew an old man in Florida that was very wicked. He had never prayed and did not know how. Once a terrible cyclone struck his house. There were two large rooms in his house with a hall or passage between. You have seen a house like this, haven't you? Well, as the cyclone came towards him this poor gray-headed old man started to run from one room to another, when the wind caught him and lifted him off of the floor and pressed him tightly, up high against the wall. The poor old man thought sure he would be killed and he knew that he was not ready to die, so, he began to pray: "O Lord, have mercy on Jesus Christ! O Lord, have mercy on Jesus Christ!" Evidently, children, he did not know how to pray, did he? I wonder if God would answer a prayer like that? I will not tell you whether he was killed or not, but for your benefit I will leave the poor old gray-headed man rinned up there, and let his trembling old lips, from behind his white flowing beard, open, meekly, and say: "Children, do not wait for the cyclone to prepare for death. It is too late then, too late."

Once a young man came to our home to grind his axe. I noticed him carefully. He was a real pleasant looking young man. Would, most likely, have made a useful Christian, but he did not become one till death stood, horribly, before him. While chopping he made a miss lick and split his knee wide open. Death soon held him firmly in his embrace. He says: "I can see hell yawning beneath me, ready to receive my soul. O, its flames are now burning my feet and hands!" With a penitent heart he looked up to God and cried for mercy in the name of Jesus—and sweetly he died, saying, "All is well." But we do not want to die so near the flames of hell, do we? Let us give our young hearts to Jesus now, and whether we die early or late, suddenly or after long suffering, glory will continually stretch wide her arms to receive us to rest—sweet rest!

FRED A. LARK.

Van Buren.

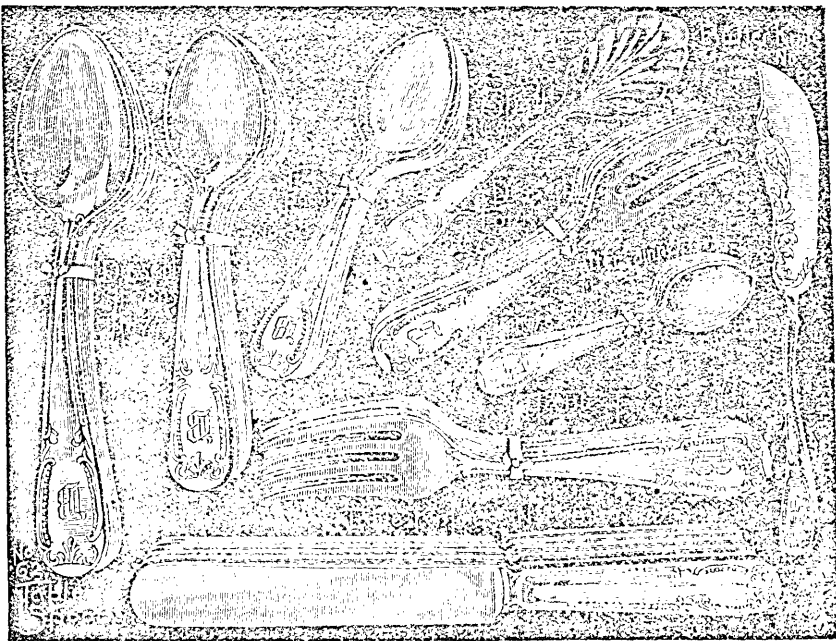
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## Our Church at Home.

ROWELL, ARK.

I have received a very cordial reception on my return to this circuit. Many said to me before conference that they were in hopes that I would be returned, and many have said since my return, that they were glad to have us back with them another year, while I suppose there are some who would rather I had been sent somewhere else. I must tell you, since F. P. Doak, J. M. G. Douglass, J. W. White, B. F. Scott, and a whole lot of the boys have been having such wonderful storms or poundings, but just think of a storm, away over here, 15 miles from the railroad, away out in the country. On the evening of January 3, to our great surprise, there came a cloud from the South—I learn that it gathered down near Union Church—no, it wasn't a cloud, but it was a wagon load of good things. This was none of your little paper-sack poundings, with perhaps one or two boot-leg sacks of flour thrown in, but this came by the hamper-basketful, and by the sack full, and by the box full, such as potatoes, hams, lard, ribbon-cane molasses, pound-cake, pies, and other things not mentioned. This wagon load of such things as a preacher needs was sent by Brother and Sister Blankenship and family, Sister Gillham and family, Brother Randles and family, Willis Blankenship and wife, Dr. Thomasson and wife, and perhaps others. Brother Ersey Gillham delivered to us this wagon load of good things. There is no one who could appreciate the things sent us more than myself and wife. May the good Lord help me to be a great blessing to them all and to the entire circuit.

Yours respectfully,

E. GARRETT.

### SEARCY DISTRICT.

The rule to date is a good beginning in the charges visited. More than one pastor has said, "I am aiming for the best year's work of my life." The plan for rebuilding the Galloway College will delay the purchase of a district parsonage. The district board, which met in good force, kindly added an extra hundred for rents. I am, however, in a most receptive mood. We could cheerfully adjust, should any one desire to present to the district a fine residence, or even a few hundred in money.

Rev. S. H. Blackwell, late from the Memphis Conference, takes with pleasant earnestness to the Pisgah circuit. Heber is his home, a choice location, and good summer resort, a few miles into the untains.

Rev. M. M. Smith, of First Church, Searcy, is at work again after a week or two of illness. The fewest pastors of Arkansas have a more inviting and responsible charge; he invests himself with unsparing fidelity in the interests of his work.

Augusta is a town of good strength and thrift. The people called Methodist are quite well equipped and elegantly represent-

ed. ex-Presiding Elder Cochran is spoken of as a pastor of more than ordinary ability. The indications are cheering for a pleasant year.

Stony Point proposes a parsonage, and the Cabot circuit, a charge of resources, begins well, with Rev. W. A. Pendergrass returned. The once Bayou Meto Church, of early fame, is now Jacksonville, of that charge. Drs. Hunter and Winfield were visitors on occasions, and "always left an impression," they say.

West Point is pleased to have Rev. H. T. Gregory as pastor, and he, too, is pleased to serve them from his home in Searcy, and confidently expects a prosperous year.

Bald Knob is comfortable with Rev. H. H. Hunt returned. The nucleus of a strong charge is being formed in those new towns.

Argenta is happy and hopeful with Rev. M. B. Umsted at the helm. That pastor has good ideals and works to reach them.

No gloomy rumors or notes of discord from points not yet visited. One preacher said, "My buggy is ready. Meet me at Augusta." He has reputation for good management. We see his charge (D. V.) tomorrow.

Dr. Godden, of the college, is much in demand, but only preaches on occasions. A few nights (a m.) since, in changing trains, I found him en route from Newport. He had recreated for two services in that excellent station.

Rev. G. A. Dannelly is very feeble, but full of hope and of love for the cause which has claimed the best efforts of his life.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

Program of the Arkadelphia District meeting of the Foreign and Home Mission Societies, to be held in Malvern, February 15-17, 1899.

15. 7:30 p.m., sermon—Rev. T. H. Ware.

16. 9:00 a.m., devotional service—Rev. H. Jewell.

Address of welcome—Mrs. Flickenger.

Response—Mrs. J. R. McDonald.

Organization and roll-call.

Consecration service—Mrs. Gilman.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00 p.m., devotional service—Rev. B. A. Few.

Reports from Benton.

Reports from Clark circuit.

Paper, Elevation of Woman—Mrs. Atchley.

Reports from Malvern.

Reports from Gurdon circuit.

Reports from Murfreesboro circuit.

Paper—Miss Nannie Davidson.

Discussion, Difficulties in organizing woman's work and how to overcome them—R. v. S. C. Dean.

Consecration service—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

7:30, sermon—Rev. J. R. Moore.

17. 9:30 a.m., devotional service—Rev. J. M. G. Douglass.

Reports from Arkadelphia.

Reports from Dalark circuit.

Reports from Social Hill circuit.

Discussion, Proportionate and

# A WAR INCIDENT.

How a Besieged Army Obtained Drinking Water—After a Rain Soldiers Went Down on their Hands and Knees and Drank Water in the Horses Hoof Tracks.

From the Press, Milroy, Ind.

One of the first to offer their services for the country in the Civil War, was A. R. Sefton, of Milroy, Rush County, Ind. He made a good record, and when the great difficulty was settled, was honorably discharged.

To-day Mr. Sefton is 56 years old, a prominent farmer, the head of a large family, and notwithstanding the ill effects of army life, is enjoying excellent health.

There was a period in Mr. Sefton's life during the war which makes an interesting story. He was a member of the 38th Ills. Infantry which was often to the front in close business. The life of every soldier is a hard one, and Mr. Sefton's case was no exception. "We were in Tennessee, penned in on all sides. Our rations were very scarce," said he, "and we had begun to go on 'quarter allowance'."

It was in the middle of August, the wells of the community were nearly all dry, and we were some distance from any stream, consequently we had great difficulty in getting water for cooking and drinking purposes. One night there came a hard rain, and the next day we were started on the march. The sun shone hot, and our plodding along was very tiresome and oppressive. Every one of us had only a little water to drink, and as the rain was not enough to replenish the wells or streams, our canteens went empty. We were hurried on, and the only way to quench our thirst was to go down on our hands and knees and drink from the hoof tracks made by the horses. Of course the water was muddy and very filthy, but it was a case of this or die from thirst.

"Some of us were taken sick from the effects of this, and I was one of them. I was laid up for several weeks in a field hospital from fever. Many times afterward I became afflicted with different ailments. My kidneys

and stomach gave me considerable trouble. I managed to pull through to the end of the war, regardless of much suffering and illness.

"From that time I was always afflicted more or less. My doctor said I had kidney and stomach trouble, and my heart was also affected. As the years went by it seemed that I was growing gradually worse, and my physician could do nothing to restore my lost health. Every year during the fall I would have a severe attack, lasting two or three months.

"About four years ago I became much worse. Our family doctor seemed puzzled over my case, and it began to look as if there was no hope for my recovery, and that the inevitable end was near.

"Last November I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The physician said that although they were an excellent medicine, they would do no good in a case such as mine. But I tried them, and now am glad I did for I began getting better almost at once. Eight boxes, taken according to directions, cured me. I used the last of the pills about a year ago, and have not been troubled with my ailments since."

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systematic giving—Mrs. Chamberlain.

Reports from Holly Springs circuit.

Reports from Alexander circuit. Discussion, What relation does the Juvenile and Young People's Societies sustain to the church?—Mrs. Gilman.

Can a Christian be saved outside of duty? What is our duty to the cause of missions—Rev. W. P. Whaley.

Consecration service, Mrs. L. A. Hotchkiss.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 p.m., devotional service—G. W. Logan.

Report from Okolona circuit.

Report from Bryant circuit.

The Reading Course—Mrs. F. R. Fleming.

Questions and answers—Mrs. J. W. Peterson.

Discussion, Pastor and woman's work—Mrs. C. Pope.

Report from Lono circuit.

Report from Princeton circuit.

Discussion on Foreign Work—Mrs. James Thomas.

Paper, Is the missionary spirit necessary to the home church?—Mrs. Houston.

Consecration service—Mrs. C. S. Cooper.

7:30, sermon—Rev. W. F. Evans.

Mrs. J. W. WILLIAMS,

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A few doses of Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine will do more for a Weak Stomach than a prolonged course of any other medicine.

### ANOTHER ERROR.

The Minutes of the White River Conference state that, T. W. Fisackerly, W. B. Roe, E. N. Pitts, and George Wilkerson reported their charges, their characters passed; not being before the committee, they were continued in the class of the fourth year.

This is a two-fold mistake. T. W. Fisackerly and E. N. Pitts were in the class of the third year; they were before the committee, passed an examination and were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

T. W. FISACKERLY.

Kingsville, Jan'y 28.

### CORRECTION.

A slight mistake in our Minutes of the White River Conference—stating that T. W. Fisackerly and E. N. Pitts were not before the committee. These brethren, with E. M. Davis, H. H. Hunt, and Geo. G. Davidson, were before the committee of the third year and stood approved examinations. But I want to say this, that our secretaries, Bros. Bennett and Craig, and other assistants, deserve our highest esteem for their excellent work in preparing the Minutes. They ought to be remunerated. But it happens "our greatest are servants of all."

P. B. WALLIS.

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## Our Church at Home.

OUR NEW CHURCH AT CONWAY was begun in September. The old church, a frame building, had become too small for our rapidly growing society and congregation. The new edifice is of pressed brick and cut stone, with slate roof. It has an auditorium to hold 400 persons and a Sunday-school room sufficient for 300, class-room and preacher's study. It will cost about \$8,000.

PARAGOULD, ARK.

DEAR DOCTOR GODBEY:—Wife, Stella and myself want to thank Bro's Bennett, M. M. Smith and yourself for the kind letters that we have received from you all since the death of our precious Bertha. They assure us that we have a place in your hearts and are of interest in your prayers. We can never forget the kind people of St. Francis, Piggott, Paragould and Harrisburgh; Bro's McDonald, Jernigan and Bickley, for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy shown us during the sad hours through which we have been passing.

The people have been exceedingly kind to us at all these places. We will be glad to see you in our home any time that you may visit Paragould.

We are starting off reasonably well on our work. Stewards met the 14th, and made a reasonable assessment for my support, and I believe I have their co-operation and their prayers, and I pray that this may be a year of wonderful success. Love for all the brethren, and those especially where sadness and sorrow have come into their hearts and homes. Pray for us.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

BLYTHEVILLE CIRCUIT.

On December 28 we found ourselves comfortably situated in the parsonage of the Blytheville circuit, to spend our first night. About 7 o'clock we heard a gentle rap at the door, and when we opened the door in marched a company of soldiers, headed by the local preachers of the town, armed to their teeth with sacks of flour,

hams of meat, coffee, sugar, various kinds of canned fruits, and many other nice things too numerous to mention. We saw at once that we were, for the time being, in their power, and so we peaceably submitted to their wishes. Without a word of command they marched to the kitchen and unloaded themselves of about 160 pounds of ammunition that the preacher's wife knows well how to load a dinner table with. After the preacher had tried in his blundering way to express his thanks, we had prayer, led by the Sunday-school superintendent, after which they quietly departed, leaving us to thank God for such a visitation as this, and for sending us to this place. May the Lord bless this people, and we are hoping and praying and trusting for a good year in the name of the Lord.

J. T. SELF, P. C.

LEAD HILL.

I was admitted on trial at the last session of the Arkansas Conference, and was read out for Lead Hill circuit. I had supplied this work a part of last year, so that I had become fairly well acquainted with my people and their needs. We entered upon the new year with fair prospects for success. I serve a people whom I have learned to love most dearly, and I am persuaded that there is not a more loyal people to be found. I cannot report a storm party, or pounding, like some are reporting, but we have had almost a continual shower of temporal blessings since conference, everything from a pumpkin up to a fat hog, and a wagon load of corn. These tokens of appreciation and of loyalty make a "boy" feel that "the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous." May God assist us to minister spiritual things unto them, by and through the power of the Holy Ghost, that will be a blessing to them and their children. We are fully expecting a good year on all lines, and especially, a good "old-time Methodist" revival. Pray for us.

LEE BEARDEN, P. C.

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M. E. Church, South, Conway, Ark.

Our church at Conway will be a beauty, when completed. Here is a picture of it. The architect is Chas. L. Thompson, Little Rock, Ark.

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Its Value and Uses as Told by Testimonials.

One of the effects of the Electropoise treatment is to stimulate the nerve centers to increased activity, thus building up the nervous system. This is proven by the letter given below from Rev. Mr. Bell, the well-known evangelist:

We have had an Electropoise in our family for 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 experience; it follows:

I am doing considerable talking for the Electropoise 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. Almost 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 naturally 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 preventer of sickness, and prevent on is better than cure. JOHN W. PRITCHARD, Editor Christian Nation.

New York City.

Persons suffering from poor circulation will find in the Electropoise a remedy sure and simple. Quick and lasting results follow. Oftentimes by the use of this little instrument cold feet can be warmed quicker than by an open fire. The experience of Miss Wright is given in a grateful letter:

I have taken two courses of treatment with the Electropoise and have been marvelously benefited. 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 patent and advertised remedies. This is as it should be, as many concoctions—the benefits from which are only temporary—injure the linings of the stomach permanently. That the Electropoise cannot be classed among such remedies is clearly and convincingly proven by the following paragraph taken from an article written by Dr. C. Colgrove, of Holland, N. Y., a graduate of the medical department of the University of Buffalo, he says:

My prayer is that the time may quickly come when the spectacle of thousands dying needlessly may no longer be witnessed, and when the heart, keenly sensitive to the suffering of others, and filled with bitter anguish upon the loss of loved ones, shall cease to be filled with unavailing and unspeakable grief. Without a doubt the Electropoise has the gift and power to cure multitudes, who, without it, must surely die, and that, too, in early life or in the very maturity of strength, when their loss is most severely felt and the mystery of their untimely death is most terribly difficult of solution.

C. COLGROVE, M. D., Holland, N. Y.

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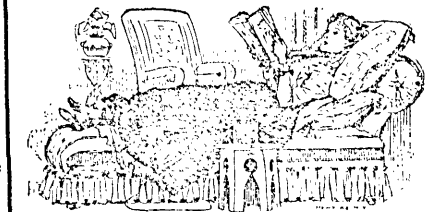
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### Our Missionary Meeting.

The Ft. Smith district missionary mass-meeting convened in Huntington, Jan. 17. Owing to inclement weather and impassable country roads, coupled with the fact that several of the brethren were sick, the attendance was small. All who were present claim to have been highly benefited. Perfect unanimity prevailed throughout the entire session. The following are among the many lessons learned in this meeting.

1. That the present status of our missionary work shows that the men and money we have put into this enterprise have yielded large returns, in spite of almost insuperable obstacles and opposition invincible from a human standpoint.

2. That the new policy of our conference board of missions is highly commendable. The former plan of appropriating funds to smaller rural circuits, which could have been made self supporting by taking in more territory, was an egregious blunder. It was further learned, that none but our most efficient men should be made missionaries. The conference board should exercise the same discretion in appropriating funds and sending out missionaries that our parent Board of Missions does.

3. That it is the duty of every pastor to preach frequently upon the subject of missions, to distribute missionary literature, and to raise the missionary assessment in full, if it is in the range of the possible. The supreme purpose of all our work is to create a missionary conscience, to get our people in harmony with Christ's plan to bring the world to himself.

4. It was further learned, that spirituality and missionary zeal are vitally and inseparably connected—that the so-called spirituality which shouts at the protracted meeting, but feels a coldness in the cardiac region when a missionary collection is taken, is a spurious spirituality that has its seat in the nervous system rather than in the soul.

5. Finally, it was learned that the stale old objections to foreign missions are all illogical and untenable, contrary to facts and repugnant to common sense—mere subterfuges to evade a known duty.

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In the Supreme Court,  
J. L. Cocke & Co., Appellants, vs. Edna R. Clausen, et al., Appellees.  
Appeal from Crittenden Circuit Court in Chancery.  
Bonnie Reed and Edward Clausen, non-residents of Arkansas, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and show cause why this cause should not be revived against them, as only heirs of Edna R. Clausen, deceased, and defend this cause.  
P. D. ENGLISH, Clerk.  
January 23, A. D. 1899.

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In the Supreme Court,  
Hebe G. Grimes, Appellant, vs. F. C. Prest and J. H. McHugh, Appellees.  
Appeal from Jackson Circuit Court in Chancery.  
The appellee, F. C. Prest, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and defend this cause.  
P. D. ENGLISH, Clerk.  
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### Warning Order.

In the Pulaski Circuit Court.  
Little Rock Ice Company, plaintiff, vs. William Low, defendant.  
The defendant, William Low, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Little Rock Ice Company.  
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**FARISH:** Mrs. Sarah Farish was born in Fayette county, Tenn., Nov. 5, 1839. Moved to Arkansas and settled in Drew county in 1857, where she lived until her death, September 18, 1898. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when she was 13 years old, and lived a devout Christian until God transplanted her from his church here to that above. June 11, 1874, she was happily married to Dr. R. L. Farish, who entered upon his reward a little more than two years before she. She leaves a large family connection and a host of friends to mourn her loss. May God bless each one of these and help them to so live here that they may live together in the next life.

J. J. COLSON.

**AGEE:** Robert Paisley Agee, son of A. D. and Lizzie Agee, was born December 20, 1895; died December 1, 1898. Only a few short years, yet how very dear he was to all who knew him. A perfect picture of health, a quiet, thoughtful child, reaching out after the things of God. Ah, how he blessed and brightened the home. The sacred influence of his life will linger with them, and they will ever have reason to be thankful that he was given unto them. We will not ask why he was taken. Our Father "doeth all things well." The home is saddened; the way seems dark, yet in this darkness shines the light of God's love with radiance divine. Heaven seems very near. The loved one is safe in that happy home. The memory of his life will ever be sweet. May the thought of his eternal life comfort the sad hearts of his loved ones.

Mrs. H. D. McKINNON.

**RICHARDSON:** Sister Coughy Ann, daughter of Bro. J. T. and Sister N. L. Richardson, was born Nov. 1, 1878, died September 27, 1898 at her home, near Antioch, Hot Spring county, Ark. Her parents had her dedicated to God in infancy, by Rev. B. G. Johnson. She professed religion at 11 years old, and was received into the M. E. Church, South by J. L. Johnston, in which she lived until God called her to her reward. Coughy was a model Christian girl, loved by all who knew her. She leaves a father and mother, four brothers and one sweet little sister, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. May God bless the bereaved family and lead them by his unerring Spirit to the realms of eternal bliss, where they may abide with their loved ones forever.

W. B. FISHER, L. D.

**BLACKSHARE:** Vinnie Blackshare, daughter of Sid Blackshare, was born in Clay county, Ark., July 12, 1881, and died Dec. 23, 1898. How sad I did feel when her aunt, Mrs. Della Blackshare, wrote me of the death of this dear girl. Vinnie was a beautiful girl, both in person and character. Pure as the morning dew, earnest, affectionate and true. Her father and mother both preceded her to heaven. An orphan, left at an age when it seemed she needed a mother most. But she found a mother in a consecrated Christian aunt, who delighted to care for the orphan girl. For nearly three years she lived with her uncle, James T. Blackshare, except when away at boarding school. She was a very obedient girl and took as much care and seemed to love her uncle's children as if they were her own brothers and sisters. She was not a member of the church, but in a conversation with me last July, the last time I met her, as we were driving home from church, she gave me to understand that she was fully trusting in Christ, and said she was only waiting for her brother and cousin to join the church

with her; and boys, Vinnie is still waiting for you, but she has joined the church triumphant in the skies. Will you keep her waiting? Truly it is said, death loves a shining mark; and it was true in this case. She was a tending for the second year, Thompson's Classical Institute, in Paragould; took sick and died at the residence of Jno. Blackshare, in Paragould. They carried her body back to Clay county, and laid her away in old Mars Hill grave yard, there to rest until the glad morning of the resurrection. Oh, may the dear Lord lead her only brother and the dear cousins, whom she loved so dearly, to serious reflection, and prompt them to seek for peace in the comforts of a Christian life, and may all her dear ones be submissive to the divine will.

T. B. WILLIAMSON.

**MOREHEAD:** Myrtle T. Morehead was born September 14, 1894, and died December 29, 1898, aged 4 years, 3 months and 15 days. Little Myrtle was an only child, and the only girl among the family relations. She was very affectionate and the pet of all the relations. Her parents seemed to idolize her, and her grandfather and mother were so much attached to the precious little flower. She was taken sick with something like membranous croup, and died in a few days afterward. The writer has seldom attended a funeral where there was so much weeping and mourning, as there was in this home. The little flower has been plucked by our kind, heavenly Father and planted in the paradise of God. May the good Lord lead the parents of this precious child close to Jesus, and may grandfather and mother, and all the kinsfolk strive to enter in at the strait gate and meet little Myrtle who will be watching and waiting for them at the beautiful gate of that city whose founder and builder is God.

A. M. ROBERTSON.

Hot Springs, Ark.

**LONG:** Mrs. M. A. Long was born near Ripley, Miss., June 4, 1832; died in Altus January 8, 1899. She was the only child of Col. S. N. and Delaney Pryor. Her father held various offices of State in Mississippi for eighteen years. She was married March 21, 1847, to T. J. Hill, and three children were born unto them. Mr. Hill died August 29, 1872. She came with her younger son to Arkansas in 1882, and in November, 1888, was married to Mr. J. B. Long, who survives her. At ten years of age, she was converted and joined the C. P. Church, but in 1872 she united with the M. E. Church, South, and was an acceptable member of Central Church, Fort Smith, when she died. She was a good woman, faithful in all her relations, and will be missed in the home, church and society. The writer attended her in the last illness and was deeply impressed by the calm and triumphant manner in which she viewed the end of her long and weary pilgrimage. She said, "You will know where I am," and the closing of her life was like a glorious sunset. She is not dead, but sleepeth. Her remains were interred at Fort Smith, Ark.

JOHN W. HEAD.

**MCANALLY:** Death came on December 21, 1898, and claimed as his victim little Guy, son of Arthur and Ada McAnally. Guy was born August 30, 1897, so he was only 15 months and 20 days old; but those who never loved and lost a child can never know how much can be pressed into so short a life. Those fifteen months will furnish thought and inspiration for all the life of his parents. The little fellow took sick in July and was never well again. No one seemed to know what the trouble was, though during his sickness five doctors saw him, first and last; none did him any permanent good. Dear parents, weep not, your loved one is perhaps taken from evil to come, and is at rest. The fact that he is at rest with him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," ought at least to lessen your grief. May God give you grace and strength to bear up under this burden, and bring you off more than conqueror through him who loved us and gave himself for us. May the good Lord also comfort his grand-

parents and all sorrowing loved ones. His uncle,  
J. M. MCANALLY.  
Charleston, Ark.

**ATKINS:** John Martin Atkins was born in Buckingham county, N. C., in May, 1824; died in Altus, Dec. 18, 1898. At the age of 9 his parents removed to Tennessee, settling in McNary county, where he grew to manhood. He united in marriage with Ruth Donald, Dec. 11, 1845. Nine children were born to them; all lived to be grown, and all became Methodists as their parents were. Two of the nine have gone before. He leaves seven children behind with his loved companion, aged 73, and leaning on crutches, patiently awaiting her summons to go. Brother Atkins lived in Arkansas 18 years, nine of which he has been in Altus. During this year his oldest brother passed away in Tennessee, and his youngest, Rev. Geo. Atkins, a member of the I. M. Conference, died near Muscogee, I. T. The last seven years, Bro. Atkins was seriously afflicted much of the time, expecting a call to go at any time, but was always ready, never complained of his hard lot, always spoke of death cheerfully, as if he was going on a pleasant journey to have a good time. He never charged this world as not being a friend to grace, but saw much good to help him on; looked for the good and found it. He was a Christian of unusual faith. A Methodist of the old type. Blended in his make-up were the perseverance of the Primitive Baptist of the best type, on his father's side, and a zealous Methodist on the maternal side. So he found himself always cheerful, zealously persevering on the right road. His life is a model for all Christians. There was nothing foolish or sickly about his religion; it was solid, real, always healthy. He said he knew where he had started and meant to get there. So he did, as we verily believe. His last expression was a quotation from the Bible, and closed with an amen. Then quietly fell into natural sleep from which he could not be aroused, and at 10 a.m., Sunday, he passed into that sleep out of which there is no awaking until God shall issue that universal call to which all sleepers must hearken.

I. L. BURROW.

Altus, Ark.

**MORE:** Mordica J. More, the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania, Nov. 12, 1824; professed faith in Christ in early life, and joined the M. E. Church; was married to Mary L. Riddle, Oct. 27, 1847; moved to Arkansas and settled near Dover, Pope county, January, 1884, at which place he attached himself to the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent member until the day of his death, August 28, 1896.

His wife, Mary L. More (nee Riddle), was born in Penn., July 22, 1828; became a Christian and a member of the M. E. Church, in her girlhood days; was married to Mordica J. More, Oct. 7, 1847; moved with her husband and children to Arkansas in 1844, and immediately joined the M. E. Church, South. She lived a consistent Christian and church member until death. Sister More, after the death of her husband, started back to Pennsylvania to visit some of her children left behind, and stopped to visit a brother in St. Louis, Mo., when she was taken sick and died at the home of her brother, Nov. 24, 1898. Her remains were returned to Arkansas and buried by the side of her husband in the Rushing cemetery, Nov. 30, 1898. Brother and Sister More left behind them seven children, and several grandchildren to mourn their loss. Four of their children preceded them to the better land. The Christian character of Brother and Sister More was unimpeachable. Their home was indeed a Christian home; there was in that home an altar on which the fire incessantly burned; that home was a home in which the itinerant preacher was always welcome. Never have I found a sweeter home in all my itinerant life. They were liberal supporters of the church and were devoted to the church and the cause of Christ. They had a rich Christian experience, which they delighted to tell, both at home and at the church. It

was inspiring to be with them. Often have I been benefited—made stronger by their association. In their death we all feel bereaved. Their children have lost their best earthly friend, the church has lost two of its best members, the community two of its best citizens. May God's richest blessings attend the bereaved ones, and may the mantle of his father fall on his son, who is a wayward boy. Will not all who read this breathe a prayer for his conversion.

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### A Much Needed Legislation

There is certainly something very gravely wrong with the temperance cause and temperance people in Arkansas. We are constantly losing ground. Every election we find counties that heretofore have voted prohibition, now vote for license. This is a perplexing question. The fact is a lamentable one. Just what the cause, is we will not now venture to say, though we do not think it is so much due, as some think, to the forgetfulness of the voters to notice this particular item on the ticket. The cause of our decline is doubtless to be found elsewhere. If there is anyone who thinks he knows the exact difficulty, let him please tell us through the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

What we want to speak of now, is a much needed law in our State for the advantage of temperance. Already we have some good laws on this subject—a few that are better than those of some sister States; yet the lack of what we conceive to be a very important law, has made at least one missing link in our temperance chain. The whiskey men have greatly the advantage of us in one respect, being able to slip upon us unawares. There are frequent demonstrations of this. It is said that during the session of the legislature of 1897, immediately on the repeal of the ten-mile law at Morrilton, the county judge of Conway county ordered a call session of the county court and granted license to sell liquor before the public could protest against it.

During the writer's pastorate at Marshall, Ark., another instance of this slipping-in-business occurred. The news that application would be made for license came to our ears but a few hours before license was granted.

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My six-weeks old son had a breaking out on the top of his head. It spread all over his head and arms. Around his body, and legs from knees to ankles, was a solid scab. My family doctor treated him for eighteen months. I tried four more, and then a medical college. No good yet. Spent not less than a thousand dollars in money and time. Old Mr. Barney Clap insisted on my trying CUTICURA remedies. By the time my wife had used the CUTICURA (ointment) up, he began to improve and got so he could sleep short naps, and gave me and wife some rest. He is well now, after six long years of itching, crying, and worrying. CUTICURA remedies cured him.

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morning the writer called in his appointment, secured the help of other brethren, and instead of preaching twice on the first day in the year, he carried a petition for the three-mile-law. And, thanks to the workers and the good people, but most of all to the Lord, the head of the temperance movement, we secured a large majority, and the order was granted. So we now have the three-mile law at Bethel.

These instances I have cited, show us our condition and indicate to us our need. There is no fairness in being taken on surprise in this way. We have not an equal chance with the whiskey men. Now the thing we need is, that every man who purposes to apply for license to sell intoxicants of any kind, shall be required by law to post three or more notices in the township where he proposes to sell such liquors, in public places, at least ten days before such application is made. The citizens would then have an opportunity to show whether or not they wanted such business transacted in their midst. This, we think, would be an advanced step for the cause of temperance throughout the State.

Let us agitate this question. Let citizens write to their representatives regarding this matter. It would be well if petitions were sent to the general assembly, asking for such a law.

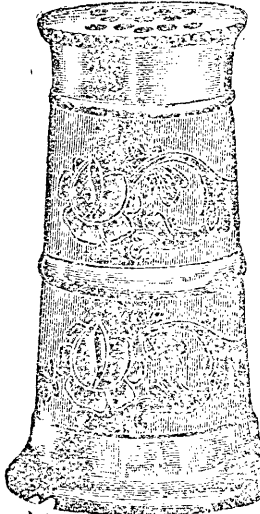
We recently noticed, in a certain county paper, an editorial suggesting another law which would open wider upon us the flood-gates of evil. The editor wanted the annual fee for both county and State liquor license to be reduced to \$200, and payable semi-annually. But we do not think the people of Arkansas are ready for any lower grog-shops, or any more of them than they already have. So we hardly think the editor's desire will be granted.

Let us hope and pray that the present legislature will give us no additional death blow to temperance; but instead, that advanced steps shall be taken for the right. Yours in the conflict,

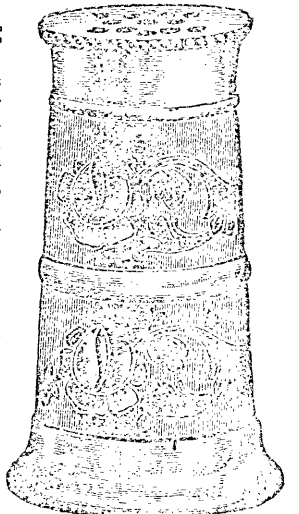
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### A Sad Event.

How our little city was stirred with intense sympathy and sorrow, when it was announced on our streets, January 5, that two of Hon. A. D. Tanner's children were burned to death: viz., Vera, aged five years, and Manie M., aged 18 months. Sister Tanner had stepped out to a neighbor's, was gone about ten minutes, and when she returned one of the dear children was dead—the other lived only a short time.

How sweet the promises of the Master in such times. Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Dear brother and sister, let me say, your children are safe.

C. C. GODDEN.

Searcy, Jan. 27.

## Notices.

### A FRAUD.

To the preachers:—A pious old fraud—a blind man in gray, about 50 years old—is circulating through our State, working preachers and people for all he can get. He hath a various tale of woe. Beware of him.

W. D. WHITE.

Rogers, Jan. 23.

### DISTRICT MEETING.

All who expect to attend the District Meeting of Foreign and Home Mission Societies, which will be held in Malvern, Ark., Feb. 16 and 17, will please address me, or Rev. H. Jewell, so that suitable homes can be secured for them.

Mrs. J. W. WILLIAMS.

### PREACHER'S MEETING.

The Preacher's Meeting for the Monticello District convenes at Hamburg, Tuesday night, Feb. 7. Brother Steel will arrange for reduced rates on the Hamburg railroad. Change cars at Montrose. We invite all local preachers and any visitors who have a mind to come.

T. D. SCOTT.

### METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

The committees appointed on the Orphan's Home will please meet in Little Rock, in office of ARKANSAS METHODIST, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. Committee from Little Rock Conference, J. R. Cason,

Geo. Thornburgh, Jas. Thomas; White River Conference, W. B. Ricks, M. M. Smith, H. B. Cox. Representation will be invited from the Arkansas Conference.

J. R. CASON.  
W. B. RICKS.

### THE MINUTES.

For information, I wish to state that when I was elected Editor of the Minutes, I found a contract already made with the Nevada County Picayune, by which they were to publish and mail out the Minutes. I had nothing on earth to do but to furnish manuscript to publishers and pay the bill, \$125, as per contract. Brethren who have not received Minutes will write Rev. W. F. Evans, at Arkadelphia.

JAS. THOMAS.

Mrs. Bettie Redman, Solgohachia, Ark., writes: For Indigestion nothing does me so much good as Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine. It is the best medicine for children I ever used. Have tried Black Draught, but it was not so good.

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### Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, ss.  
In the Supreme Court,  
Richard Towell and John Thompson, Appellants, vs. The heirs of W. W. Etter, deceased, Appellees.  
Appeal from Crittenden Circuit Court.  
The minor heirs of W. W. Etter, deceased, Mary Shotwell, Nathan Shotwell, Ralph S. Shotwell, Maggie Sue Shotwell, Geo. F. Omohundro, Frank F. Omohundro, Blanche Omohundro, Howard Omohundro, Annie E. Omohundro and Minnie L. Omohundro, non residents of the State of Arkansas, are warned to appear in this cause within thirty days and show cause why this suit should not be revived against them, and defend said cause.  
P. D. ENGLISH, Clerk.  
January 31, 1899.