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News and Notes.

A LARGE MEETING OF CITIZENS
was held in Nashville, presided
over by E. W. Cole, and formu-
lated a petition to President Mc-
Kinley to favor the Peace Congress
proposed by the Czar.

THE NEW CITY DIRECTORY GIVES
Little Rock a population of more
than 42,000—Judge Lea adjourned
the Perry county court on account
of smallpox and bad weather—The
Second Arkansas Regiment will be
mustered out of service February
25.

IT IS CLEARLY THE TEMPER OF
our Legislature to repeal all spe-
cial prohibitory enactments in re-
gard to the sale of liquor. As
stated in this paper two years ago,
the reason is that this special leg-
islation troubles politicians who
like to stand in all things aligned
with the majority vote. "Let the
people petition saloons out if they
wish," is a very specious plea, and
sounds very democratic. Its real
meaning is that our law-makers
ask to be excused from having any
convictions or conscience in the
matter. Only let the will of the
people be done. The vote of the

people is all that they consider it
expedient to know or regard.

SMALLPOX IS PREVALENT TO SOME
extent in Pulaski, Lonoke, Yell,
Faulkner and Izard counties and
the legislature is asked to make an
appropriation to fight the pest. In
this condition of affairs our Board
of Health could not do a better
thing than to insist upon the calling
off of the proposed carnival of
next week. The gathering of the
people from all parts of the coun-
try to this city at such a time would
be exceedingly unwise.

THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN CHARAC-
terized by severe storms in almost
all parts of the country. In Col-
orado snow fell to the depth of
seven feet in many places, obstruct-
ing the running of trains. Heavy
losses of cattle from cold are re-
ported from Wyoming, Montana,
Colorado and Texas. In this State
business generally has been almost
arrested. There is yet a great deal
of cotton in all the bottom lands of
the State. Much of it has been
beaten out and lost, the rest se-
riously damaged.

ON MONDAY, 3 P. M., THE SENATE
took the vote upon the ratification
of the peace treaty with Spain.
The treaty was ratified, one vote
alone above the required two-thirds
being given for the ratification—57
yeas to 27 nays. The ratification
of the Spanish Cortes is still neces-
sary to complete the treaty. Gen-
eral Otis will therefore act under
the protocol which requires that he
merely hold the Philippines in
statu quo until treaty is per-
fected. Whatever may be neces-
sary to preserve the status he may
do. He can act against the Fili-
pinos as long as they continue hos-
tilities, and also to preserve order
in the islands as may be necessary.

THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS
from abroad relates to the state of
affairs in the Philippine Islands. A
severe fight has occurred at Manila
between the American troops who
hold the city and the Filipin. On
Saturday evening last three the
insurgents, attempting for the
time to pass the guards, were fired
on. One was led and another

wounded. The insurgent army al-
most immediately gave the signal
for a general attack. The Ameri-
cans moved to the fight with cheers
of enthusiasm. The fighting con-
tinued through the latter part of
Saturday night and much of the
day Sunday. After daylight the
ships of the American fleet in the
harbor co-operated with the land
forces. The Filipinos were driven
out of their entrenchments and
forced to take a position farther
back in the suburbs of the city.
The American loss as reported at
this writing—Tuesday afternoon—
was not less than fifty killed.
About 200 are reported wounded.
General Otis reports 20,000 insur-
gents encamped about Manila.
He says of their loss in the battle
that it will reach in killed and
wounded about 4,000.

THE NICARAUGUA CANAL BILL
passed the Senate with but six dis-
senting votes. It requires the old
company—the Maritime Canal
Company—to call in all its stock
except that held by the govern-
ments of Costa Rico and Nicara-
gua, to satisfy its cash liabilities
and cancel its bonds. For the new
company seven directors will act;
five of these directors being ap-
pointed by the United States, and
one each by Nicaragua and Costa
Rico. One million shares of stock
of the value of one hundred dollars
each will be issued. The Canal is
to be built in six years at cost of
not more than \$115,000, and \$5,-
000,000 to enable the company to
take up its present obligations.
The passage of the bill is also the
appropriation of this money, to be
paid \$20,000,000 annually. The
House Committee on Foreign and
International Commerce has draft-
ed a bill differing very materially
from that passed by the Senate.
It proposes to purchase territory
of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for
the purpose of building the Canal.
It ignores, altogether, the Mara-
time Canal Company, and the
Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The dif-
ference between this bill and that
passed by the Senate is so great
that it is doubted whether a con-
ference committee can bring about
any agreement. Therefore, the
passage of any Nicaragua Canal

bill by the present Congress is
doubtful.

THE STORY OF THE FOREIGN COM-
merce of 1898 is now complete.
Its exports are the largest in our
history, its imports the smallest
since 1885, although the consum-
ing population is now 33 per cent
greater than at that time. And, as
if to emphasize the great work of
this greatest year, the month of De-
cember made for itself the highest
record of exports ever made by
any month in our history. The
total exports of December were
\$137,847,443 and of the full calen-
dar year \$1,251,925,169. Our im-
ports were \$633,664,634. As re-
spects the explanation of decreased
imports, it is chiefly in the increase
of home manufactures and also a
more economic style of living
which has been induced by the
the treaty of peace, now before
the Senate, will be ratified at the
present session of Congress, but
whether it is or not, the Philip-
pines will remain under military
rule until Congress provides some
form of Government for them.

Gov. Tanner's Violation of the Law.

Gov. Tanner's indictment by the
grand jury of Macoupin county,
Illinois, is not to be rejoiced over
as an act of virtue which has been
directed against the illegal and re-
bellious conduct of the governor
of a great State. Gov. Tanner is
unfit for the office which he occu-
pies, and he ought to be removed
from it. But in removing him
from it the people of Illinois should
respect the law as he has condemn-
ed and outraged it. The chief ex-
ecutive of the nation or of a great
State can not be prosecuted for
his conduct as a private individual
can be. He is not amenable to the
ordinary criminal processes of the
State. The way to punish the
governor is through his impeach-
ment and not through an indict-
ment; and those who would be
glad to punish Tanner, who is
possibly the greatest criminal who
ever held the gubernatorial office
in this country, ought to be espe-
cially careful of the methods which
they adopt, for example's sake, if
for nothing else.—Harper's Week-
ly.

Among Our Exchanges

Dr. Urquhart, editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, writes so well that some of the preachers read his editorials instead of the scripture lesson for Sunday morning service.

Gilderoy says that the male members of the church in the North Mississippi Conference spend more money for tobacco every year than is asked of them for the education fund once in a century.

The world owes no man a living, but every man owes the world the best contribution he can make to its advancement and prosperity.—Thos. O. Crouse, in New York Observer.

The Midland Methodist says that the business of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, for December was \$3,000 in excess of its business for any one month in all its previous history.

The Central Baptist, commenting on the case of a certain Baptist preacher who has resigned his pulpit in order to devote himself to the writing of fiction says:

"But why may he not make this slight change in the character of his ministry to the world? He has been reading the writings of higher critics, and the most confident ones tell him that the Bible is only idealized history, though probably he along with the rest of us does not know exactly what that means. Any way, if the sacred writings are at length found to be fictitious, idealized history, mere expositions of principles without a real basis in fact, then a preacher is copying the best pattern when he gives himself to the high calling of embodying moral truth in the garb of romance. Surely the preacher can not be put under stricter rules of veracity and adherence to fact than the men who wrote a history of divine things which is only ideal and which contains at best only scattering patches of absolute truth. Nothing so thoroughly tests a theory as to put it in practice, and this daring preacher is simply a higher critic at work."

The Northwestern Christian Advocate mentions, as one of the latest sensations of New York, the "Baby Evangelist," Lonnie Dennis, a mulatto, five and a half years old, who has addressed 200,000 people since he was brought from Georgia, a few weeks ago. When so-called evangelists require no appointment or endorsement of the church, nigger babies may be put in competition with them.

It is sometimes the case that designing men will assert that there is a universal cry for the adoption

of certain measurers, when a close examination will reveal the fact that they themselves are doing the universal crying—Baltimore Christian Advocate.

It is said that the passage of so many ministers from the Presbyterians, the Baptists and other denominations to the Episcopalians is exciting some opposition to their reception, the "native" ministry of "the church" feeling somewhat as now and then a Baptist feels when ministers of other denominations come to them empty-handed. "If some of them would only bring their churches with them." We suspect that the Episcopal Church is not suffering greatly for ministers; what it needs most is more members who are good for something.—Journal and Messenger.

Educational Notes.

The Nation's Curse.

Think of these facts, which are enough to make the heart sick. Criminal statistics show that there have been 53,000 whiskey homicides in the United States in the past ten years; 32,000 with in the past six years; 3,004 women killed by drunken fiends within a single year. A single issue of a daily paper picked up at random records two men shot by a drunken negro, and then he shoots himself; a drunken husband kills his wife; a son in defending his mother from the assaults of a drunken father is attacked by the latter with an ax, and shoots his father in self-defense. Take the city of Buffalo, for example, where the Raines law is in force. There were 3,000 arrests in 1897, and eighty-two per cent were due to drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The list of crime in this city is simply appalling: January 1, 1897, shooting in a drunken fight; January 3, policeman severely beaten by a drunken man; January 16, fatal stabbing in a drunken row; January 23, death from alcoholism; February 1, attempted suicide by a drunken man; February 11, a seventeen-year-old girl dying from disease and starvation taken from her parents who were in a constant state of intoxication; March 2, a drunken man pulls his sick wife from bed, and beats her unmercifully; March 3, suicide due to drink. And thus the awful, damning, sickening record runs throughout the whole year. Buffalo is no exception, as the police records of other cities are just as black with crimes of the most revolting nature, all traceable to the whisky saloon.

Ohio employs 10,305 male and 14,875 female teachers. The average salary of male teachers is \$42 a month, and of female \$39 a month. The whole amount paid to the school-teachers of Ohio is \$12,473,295 per annum. About \$70,000,000 is spent for drink each year, \$12,000,000 for education, and \$70,000,000 for drink.

The National Temperance Almanac presents the following suggestive figures: "America's liquor bill and liquor-sellers for 1897



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were as follows: Total number of liquor-sellers, 232,295; amount spent for liquors, \$1,000,000,000. The internal revenue report shows, distilled liquors, \$82,008,558; fermented liquors; \$32,472,162; total \$114,480,720.

Breweries in the United States, 1,771; English capital invested in same, \$91,202,829; and interest on this amount, \$5,951,204.

"Proportion of population to each liquor-dealer, 295; proportion of voters to each liquor-dealer, 50; number of deaths through drink per annum, 100,000; gallons of distilled spirits produced per annum, 75,000,000; gallons of fermented liquors produced per annum 1,115,959,482.

"From a bushel of corn a distiller gets four gallons of whiskey, which retails at \$16; the government gets \$4 40; the farmer who raises the corn gets forty cents; the railroad gets one dollar; the manufacturer gets \$3.60; the retailer gets seven dollars, and the consumer gets—drunk!

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A Condition and Its Cause

BY REV. JOHN W. HEAD.

We may as well set ourselves to the study of the condition, for it confronts us. We would be untrue to God, to the church and to our own selves if we were to close our eyes to it. The church was never richer in this world's goods than now. Our ecclesiastical equipage was never more dazzling. Look at our schools and colleges and universities, at our church houses and contributions and all our new machinery. Look at our papers, and books, and reviews; at our Sunday-schools, leagues, missionary societies, conventions, mass-meetings. Our preachers, too, from High Steeple on Church street to Frog Valley on the Mississippi, with their church services. What an army of workers! Look at the moving column, all the way down, from the beloved city pastor, who reads the sermons and visits his people and prays with them by telephone, to the hero stuck in the mud up to his knees in the swamps. But there may be heroes in the cities as well as in the swamps—loyalty just as bright, love just as true, for it is not the place, but the man, that makes the hero. Thank God for all these things and for all these men. We need them all and more.

But while we are gaining in material things, are we not losing at the vital center? Have we that simplicity and power which go along with the experience and spread of true religion? We are making progress, but are we bearing the ark of the covenant along with us? We are moving, but do we look for the pillar of the cloud? Or have we learned to do without these things? Who of us love the mercy seat and watch for the cloud? Some do. A great many do not. With some people religion has gone out of style, and they vainly imagine that milk and honey flow in the wilderness. They call that which is bitter sweet and that which is sweet bitter. They move with the shadow but know little of the substance. They have the starlight of religion, if they have any at all, and the sad thing about it is, they imagine it is the broad daylight. Their views are superficial, their religion aesthetic, their enthusiasm spasmodic and their life is more like a cold winter rain than anything else, but they imagine their views are profound, their religion broad and their life is a May shower of blessings. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that too large a number of our people, in all sorts of pastoral charges, live no better a life than that to which we refer.

Take our annual conference reports. Look at the financial tables. Bro. Sherman said they ought to make us blush. Let us not be misled. Where does the money come from? Certainly not from the superficial, aesthetic, spasmodic, backslidden Christians

whose names crowd and burden our registers, but from the regal manhood and religious womanhood of the church. Where there is proper leadership, these reports represent the measure of spiritual life and intelligence among us. The entire membership is assessed. Comparatively, only a few have sufficient religion, or intelligence, or interest to try to pay it. Put the blame where it rightly belongs. These reports should give us no trouble, and no preacher or church should be measured by them, except as they represent spiritual life and intelligence. But what lies back of these short reports ought to trouble us a great deal. If all our members were religious we would pay every assessment in full. It seems to me that we get the cart before the horse. You might as well try to draw blood from a turnip patch as to get a token of Christian liberality out of an irreligious, selfish, proud congregation. There is this difference: The turnip has no blood, but the congregation have the money, and they will keep it, too, till their hearts are given to God. Men do not gather figs of thistles.

What are we to do? It will do no good to take the blues. It would be a sin to cry, "Health, health!" when so many are sick. Above all a pessimistic spirit should be avoided. Let the preachers go into the mount with God and come back with their faces shining. Like that mysterious but mighty preacher who came out of the desert's wild solitude, let them be free and independent of all men, and yet take hold of the people with a deathless love. Let the good men and women "tarry at Jerusalem" till the power comes. Let us have the education campaign, the missionary campaign, the church extension campaign; but above all let us have a campaign of religion, a revival of spiritual love and power. We cannot run these other campaigns without it.

Married.

WARD-PARHAM—On January 29, 1899, at 10 a.m., at the parsonage in New Edinburg, Ark., Mr. W. F. Ward, of Wyler, Tex., and Miss Bessie G. Parham, of Benton, Ark., Rev. D. D. Warlick officiating. Mr. Ward is a son of Dr. Ward, of New Edinburg, and for some years has been in the employ of the Cotton Belt railroad as telegraph operator, and one of our most promising young men; while his bride is the daughter of Prof. Parham, one of our noted educators, and is a lady of fine accomplishments. We bespeak for them a bright future. They are not only Methodists, but Christians.

PARHAM-KENDRICK—On January 29, 1899, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. J. T. Kendrick, New Edinburg, Ark., Dr. S. F. Parham, M. D., of Swifton, Ark., and Miss Anna H. Kendrick, Rev. D. D. Warlick officiating. Dr. Parham is a young physician of high attainments, a man of much promise. His bride was educated

at Millersburg, Ky., by our Dr. Pope, of Arkadelphia, a young lady of rare attainments and fine culture. Peace abide with them.

WARE-KELLOGG—January 23, 1899, by T. H. Ware, R. L. Ware and Miss John Kellogg, all of Little Rock, Ark.

VAUGHN-JAMES—At New Hope Church, January 22, 1899, by J. H. McKelvey, Mr. Hamilton Vaughn and Miss Emma James, both of Nevada county, Ark.

LAMB-STONE—At the residence of the bride's parents, December 25, 1898, Mr. Levi Lamb to Miss Janie Stone, of Jacksonville, Ark., Esq. J. H. Douglass officiating.

TAYLOR-TAYLOR—At the residence of the bride's parents, near McCrory, Ark., January 18, Mr. Ed Taylor to Miss Mirtle Taylor, Rev. W. C. Toombs officiating.

PITMAN-McCORMICK—In the Methodist Church, Prairie Grove, Ark., January 17, 1899, by Rev. D. J. Weems, Dr. James Pitman and Miss Jennie A. McCormick.

TYREE-ROSEBERRY—January 12, 1899, at the residence of the bride's mother, in Emmet, Ark., Mr. L. D. Tyree and Miss Willie Roseberry, Rev. J. A. Parker officiating.

LEAK-WEST—Near Viney Grove, Washington county, Ark., at the home of the bride, January 3, 1899, by Rev. D. J. Weems, Mr. Joe Leak, of Fort Smith, and Miss Ella West.

KEY-LANNIONS—At the residence of the bride's father, December 28, 1898, Mr. Thos. Key and Miss Julia Lannions, both of Dallas county, Ark., Geo. W. Logan officiating.

JELKS-LAIN—January 15, 1899, at the residence of the bride's uncle, near McCrory, Ark., Mr. Jariot Jelks to Miss Martha Lain, all of Woodruff county, Rev. H. T. Raney officiating.

CARTER-WOZENCRAFT—At the residence of the bride's father, January 15, 1899, Mr. W. B. Carter and Miss Laura Wozencraft, both of Dallas county, Ark., Geo. W. Logan officiating.

THOMAS-POPE—December 28, 1898, in the college parlors, Miss Elma, daughter of Rev. C. Pope, President of Arkadelphia Methodist College, to Mr. J. B. Thomas, J. R. Moore officiating.

BLAGROVE-HOFFMAN—January 4, 1899, at the home of the bride, in Humphrey, Ark., by Rev. K. W. Dodson, Mr. J. E. Blagrove, of Camden, to Miss Bertha Hoffman, of Humphrey.

LEE-MATHEWS—January 11, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. E. Lee and Miss Maggie E. Mathews, all of Willow, Dallas county, Ark., Rev. J. J. Menefee officiating.

CHANEY-WOOD—At the residence of the bride's father, near Warsaw, Ark., on December 29, 1898, Mr. J. S. Chaney to Miss Essie Wood, all of Pulaski county, Ark., Esq. J. H. Douglass officiating.

CUNNINGHAM-NEAL—At the residence of the bride's step-father, Mr. P. C. Carbett, December 18, 1898, Capt. G. W. Cunningham, warden of the county farm at

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Scott's Crossing, to Miss Maude Neal, of Jacksonville, Esq. J. H. Douglass officiating.

RAY-WADE—January 15, 1899, at the residence of the bride's brother in Emmet, Ark., Mr. Willie Ray, of Hope, Ark., and Miss Lizzie Wade, of Emmet, Ark., Rev. J. A. Parker officiating.

VANDERBILT-GIBBONS—At the residence of the bride's mother, on Sunday, January 1, 1899, Mr. C. B. Vanderbilt and Miss Kate Gibbons, both of Miller county, Ark.; F. F. Harrell officiating.

WALT-ROSS—On January 17, 1899, at the home of the bride, in Lonoke, Ark., Miss Jewel, the only daughter of the late Dr. R. N. Ross, to Mr. Martin Lee Walt, of Shaw, Miss., Rev. Franklin Moore officiating.

BRADLEY-SLAYTON—January 25, 1899, seated in a buggy at the front gate of the Searcy District pro tem residence, by Rev. A. H. Williams, Mr. Henry E. Bradley and Miss Rena Slayton, both of White county, Ark.

STARKEY-DODSON—At the residence of the bride's mother, wife of the late Dr. J. W. Dodson, on December 28, 1898, Mr. W. S. Starkey to Miss Blanche Dodson, all of Jacksonville, Ark., Esq. J. H. Douglass officiating.

McKINNON-VAUGHN—At the bride's residence, December 25, 1898, by J. H. McKelvey, Mr. Dudley McKinnon and Miss Mary Vaughn, both of Nevada county.

HENDRIX-BEAN—At the bride's residence, January 8, 1899, by Rev. J. H. McKelvey, Mr. John W. Hendrix and Mrs. Laura Bean, both of Hempstead county.

Contributed.

Misrepresentation.

DEAR DOCTOR GODBEY:—Last November a Baptist preacher, from Charleston, Mo., by the name of Elder Ben M. Bogard, came to Searcy and held a protracted meeting. He was intensely doctrinal in all of his sermons that I heard, especially on the doctrines of the final preservation of the saints, and immersion. He had written two or three little doctrinal tracts that he claimed to have given years of study, one of which I have just read, "Christian Union, or the Problem Solved." In this he quotes from a number of Pedobaptist authors to prove that immersion is baptism, and for that reason all Pedobaptists ought to do away with sprinkling and pouring and unite with the immersionist. Here is a sample of one of his quotations, which he claims to have taken from J. T. Christian's "Immersion," recently published. On page 32 of the Problem Solved, he says Adam Clark follows Wesley in his admission. He says in reference to the baptism of John, that the baptism of John was by plunging the whole body (after the same manner as the washing unclean persons and the baptism of proselytes was), seems to appear from those things which were related of him, viz: That he baptized in Jordan; that he baptized in Enon, because there was much water there, and that Christ being baptized came up out of the water, to which that seems to be parallel with Acts 8:38. Phillip and Eunuch went down into the water, etc., and then gives volume 3, page 344, of Clark's Commentary for the above quotation. Such recklessness in quotations is unpardonable. In the first place, volume 3, page 344, is Clark's comment on the 38th Psalm, and the whole volume is on the Old Testament scriptures. In the second place, the quotation is absolutely false and cannot be found in Clark's Commentaries. Dr. Clark, in his comment on John's baptism in Mat. iii. 6, volume 5, pages 51 and 52, says: "In what form baptism was originally administered, has been deemed a subject worthy of serious dispute. Were the people dipped or sprinkled? For it is certain baptizo and baptizo mean both. They were all dipped, say some. Can any man suppose that it was possible for John to dip all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judea, and of all the country round about Jordan? Were both men and women dipped, for certainly both came to his baptism. This could never have comported either with safety or with decency. Were they dipped in their clothes? This would have endangered their lives, if they had not with them a change of raiment, and as such a baptism as John's (however administered) was in several respects a new thing in Judea, it is not at all likely that the people would come thus provided. But suppose those were dipped, which I think it would be

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impossible to prove, etc." The above quotation shows clearly that Dr. Clark did not believe that John's baptism was by plunging, as charged by Bogard and Christian, and shows the utter recklessness of these writers in trying to prove a theory that is without foundation in the word of God. Elder Bogard said in a sermon that a Christian never could fall—once saved, saved forever, but that they would sin, that they might even go so far as to commit murder and adultery, but they couldn't lose their religion, they would only lose the joy of salvation, and that the Lord would restore that to them. I would advise the reverend gentleman to revise his book at once, and get all the errors out of it, and then there will not be enough of it left for a decent article in a newspaper.

S. L. COCHRAN.

Augusta, Ark., January 25, 1899.

Note of Explanation.

DEAR DR. GODBEY:—I want to give you a few facts that I have noticed that have a bearing on the question, that you have been discussing, the falling off in our membership.

Our minutes for 1898 show that Black Rock circuit had 215 members in 1897, and 125 in 1898, a falling off of ninety. The fact is, we had a net gain of twenty. Black Rock circuit was changed at conference of 1897; two appointments having about 125 members were added to Smithville circuit, and one appointment of fifteen members was taken from Smithville circuit and added to Black Rock circuit. When I came to the charge I found a register for each church and they showed a membership of 105. Instead of taking my report of 105 in the column of members for last year, the secretary takes from minutes of previous year, 215, as reported by my predecessor for a much larger territory.

Then, again, at our last conference, my work was changed; one appointment with thirty members was taken off. I reported for Black Rock circuit 125 members. I have now ninety-five members. That is the number of members in my present charge for last year. When I make out my report for conference this year, I will put

ninety-five in the column for last year's members. The statistical secretary will ignore that part of my report and put 125. If I have a net gain of twenty-five members, the minutes will show that I have lost five members during the year. It seems that our tables are not what we need, or some change in system of reporting is needed.

I do not see why, in summing up, that in the column for "Members last year," there should be an increase of 1,229. I think that our loss in membership will be better represented by the difference between 2,576 and 1,229, than by the former. I do not write this for publication, but hope that this example may assist you in solving the problem.

If it were required of the preacher in charge to report the number of members on his charge on his arrival after conference, to the first quarterly conference, and then report number as now, at fourth, the inaccuracies caused by changes in works might be overcome by supervision of presiding elder.

Yours truly,

W. M. WILSON.

The Need—Our Responsibility.

Brethren of the White River Conference:—If you will examine the minutes of our recent conference, you will find that our whole conference paid for Foreign Missions last year the small sum of \$1,750, or 50 per cent of our assessment, including the anniversary collection. This was a considerable falling off from the collections of the preceding year. Are we going backward in this, the greatest work of the church? Can't we do better this year? I think so. Let us read the resolutions we passed at Clarendon and go to work in earnest, since the parent board of missions is planting new missions in Cuba and perhaps Porto Rico, and is striving hard to extend and strengthen those already established in other fields. We should make extra effort at this time. If we would have a blessing on our home churches at this time, let us heed the command of our leader to carry His gospel to every creature.

Brethren, let us preach, pray, and labor for this cause as become faithful servants and followers of our Lord, and we will bring up the entire assessment this year and receive a blessing.

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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.

NEWPORT DISTRICT, second round, J. I. Maynard, P. E.

March—Black Rock and Iraboden, 4-5; Powhatan and Portia, 5-6; Afton circuit, 11-12; Portia circuit, 18-19; Smithville circuit, 25-26.

April—Tuckerman circuit, 1-2; Knobel circuit, 8-9; Reyno circuit, 15-16; Mammoth Spring station, 22-23; Walnut Hill circuit, 29-30.

May—Siloam circuit, 6-7; Pocahontas circuit, 13-14; Walnut Ridge and Corn-ing, 20-21; Gainesville circuit, 27-28.

June—Oil Trough circuit, 3-4; Jacksonport circuit, 10-11; Newport station, 17-18.

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Literary Table.

Exit the Platform Woman

Mr. Bak, of the Ladies' Home Journal, thus speaks of the platform woman:

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"Fortunately, the platform woman's influence is steadily on the wane. She was never a power. She was never even picturesque. Her worst injury was wrought upon certain weak women who for the time she deluded. But even with them she was soon regarded with wonder rather than interest, with suspicion rather than with confidence. Less and less has she been able to get listeners, and it is significant that in places where she has spoken during the present season she has not been seen again. The disappearance of the platform woman is a case of a blot being blotted out."

War Department Reorganization

There has never been a time in the history of the United States when rightly or wrongly the War Department was so profoundly distrusted by the country as to-day. Yet congress is asked to enact legislation which will virtually quadruple the size of our regular army; and there is to devolve upon our forces the very difficult and delicate business of occupying Cuba and the Philippines, while military governments are to be maintained in those islands under War Department direction. It is to be hoped that Congress will have the wisdom and firmness to thoroughly reorganize the War Department before increasing the army. The army of the United States should be commanded by its generals. Our navy is in fine order and enjoys unlimited confidence because it is not in politics. Our army management is in wretched shape because it is permeated with the spirit of political bureaucracy. It is in no manner pleasant to pass criticisms of this kind; and while the war was actively on our hands the system had to be borne with. But the country has been patient long enough, and the time for plain speech has fully arrived. It is not to be believed that Egan or any other man in office in connection with supply bureaus was directly or indirectly trying to make a cent of money out of the war. We do not for a moment suppose that there is any corruption to be unearthed, either in Egan's or in any other army bureau. But Egan's outburst shows the

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spirit of hatred and jealousy, discord and essential insubordination that has existed among men exercising important military functions; and such a spirit actively at work, is almost as demoralizing to the army as speculation or fraud.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February.

Book Notices.

All books noticed sold by Godbey & Thornburgh

THE OPEN COURT for February contains papers on the following subjects, viz:

"Voltaire," by Prof. L. Levy-Bruhl of Paris. "The Gifford Lectureships," Prof. R. M. Wenly, University of Michigan. "The Intelligence of Animals," Prof. Teco Ribot Paris. "Rationalism in the Nursery," Editor. "A Modern Instance of World-Renunciation," Editor. "Hidalgo and Morelos, the Forerunners of Mexican Independence," Dr. George Bruce Halsted, University of Texas. "An Encyclopedia of Mathematics," "Japanese Calligraphy," Rev. Shaker Soyen, Japan. "Some Dreyfus Literature," Theodore Stanton, Paris. "The Emperor of China," Rev. George T. Candler, China. "Book Reviews," etc.

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PALL MALL MAGAZINE, edited by Lord Frederic Hamilton.

Among the contents for February, 1899, we note: European Military Ballooning, A Delmard and R. Blathwayt. An Artistic Nemesis, Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler. Naval Heroes in Westminster Abbey, part II., E. T. Murray Smith. "Forza Del Destino," William Waldorf Astor, Newfoundland. Right Hon. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M. P. Venice. C. Jeff Sharp. The Ship: Her Story—IV.. W. Clark Russell. Suppressed Plates: II., George Somes Layard. The Silver Skull. Chapters XVII.-XVIII., S. R. Crockett; Old Memories: Afghanistan—III., Gen. Sir Hugh Gough, G. C. B. V. C. Literary Gossip, from A. T. Quiller Couch. All the illustrations are of a high order. Pall Mall Magazine, Astor Court Building, New York; 25 cents a copy, \$3.00 a year.

THE TREASURY OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT for February, 1899, falls into line with the topics of the time

in its opening sermon on The Hand of God in the War, which is by the Rev. W. G. Cassard, Chaplain of the U. S. Battleship "Indiana," of which a picture is given in place of the usual church, while Chaplain Cassard's portrait is the frontispiece. The first article is a fully illustrated account of Luther and his work, and there are sermons and parts of sermons by Dr. David Gregg, Rev. G. A. Hubbard, Dr. G. T. Dowling, Dr. S. J. McPherson, Dr. J. R. Miller, and Rev. F. P. Stoddard. Rev. J. H. Whitson gives a picturesque article on Sunk-ships; and the February "Timely Occasion" contain selections on Washington.

The "Names of Note" is peculiarly full this month, containing, besides the sketch of Rev. Mr. Cassard, sketches and portraits of the late Senator Morrill, and Gen. Garcia, the Hon. Joseph H. Choate, President Dwight of Yale, President Barrows of Oberlin, the late Mr. R. R. McBurney, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and the Rev. Dr. N. D. Hillis, just called to Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

With the number is given an article on "The Sociological Outlook," by the Rev. C. A. Eaton, of Toronto, the first of a series of six articles on sociological objects, which will give new interest and value to the magazine. Prof. Small continues his sketches of Movements Among the Churches, Dr. Hallock his Prayer-Meeting Topics; and all departments are maintained with constant care and discrimination.

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THE COSMOPOLITAN, always laden with good things, brings to our table in its February issue one of its richest treats.

The opening article is in regard to the late visit of the Emperor of Germany to the Holy Land. The incidents of the tour, its religious aim and the possible political advantage to be realized at a future day, are well presented. The article is by Samuel Ives Curtiss.

Frank R. Roberson writes of how affairs went at Manila and in Luzon after the capture. The paper gives very instructive views in to the state of the country and the so-called home government under Aguinaldo.

"The Guardian Angel" is a clever story, by Lloyd Osborn.

"The New Organ," by Eliza Calvert Hall, gives us an exceedingly entertaining story, mingling the comic and serious.

Readers will recognize a picture of disappointed servility not uncommon in "Mr. Cornelius Johnson, the Office Seeker," by Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

"Among the Dyaks" is a very instructive history, by J. Theodore Van Gestel.

So, also, is the Trek-Broke of Cape Colony, by S. C. Crownwright Scrivner. "City Subway for Pipes and Wires" discusses a question of utility and safety.

There are other articles in this number of the Cosmopolitan, of equal importance and interest.

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A very valuable chapter in our national history is "Four National Conventions," by Senator George F. Hoar.

"The Chronicles of Aunt Minervy Ann" tell in Joe Chandler Harris's best vein a story of Negro Experiences in slavery days.

There is a good contribution to current literature in the "Letters of Robert Louis Stevenson." "The Lepers" is a sad tale of leprosy among the Kaffirs.

Mr. George Cable furnishes his second chapter of "The Entomologists," a story very entertaining.

"Riordan's Last Campaign," is a good story and the article on "Thackery" is able and discriminating. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$3.

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Christ Feeding the Five Thousand.

JOHN vi. 1-14.

Golden Text.—"I am the bread of life." (John vi. 5.)

Topical Outline. — I. The Gathering of the Multitude. (Verses 1-4.) II. The Feeding of the Multitude. (Verses 5-14.)

Time.—Probably in March, A. D. 29.

Place.—A mountain or elevated spot adjacent to Bethsaida Julias, on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee.

The healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda and the discussion that arose over the incident made it necessary for Jesus to retire from Jerusalem; so he returns again to Galilee.

It was either just before Jesus had gone up to Jerusalem to this feast of Purim or it was just after his return from it that he sent out the Twelve on their first evangelizing tour. They may have been engaged on this tour while Jesus was at the feast. They were to go into the cities and towns of Galilee working all sorts of miracles and proclaiming the fact that the kingdom of God was at hand. We may well understand how this concerted movement of the forces that were thus allied to Jesus should increase greatly the already popular interest that the Galileans had in their prophet. When the disciples concentrate back on him again, the popular tides came in from all directions. All Galilee was in a stir. Jesus was at the very height of his popularity.

Inasmuch as John, in this section of his gospel, as we have said, is tracing out the rise of the national unbelief, has shown in the preceding section how that unbelief is developing down at Jerusalem, has also given us in the incident of the nobleman's son a view of the quality of belief that existed up here in Galilee, he takes up now this miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, the point at which Galilean belief, such as it was, had reached its highest development, in order that its quality may the more plainly appear, and to show how far Jesus could utilize such a faith as these Galileans had in him as the basis of his kingdom. Is it a faith upon which he can depend? Here are these vast multitudes that have flocked to him, desiring to recognize him as their leader! But what sort of a leader do they think he will be for them? We shall see.

The disciples are worn out with their journeyings and need rest. Jesus gets into a boat with them and goes over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, leaving the multitudes in and about Capernaum. They see the course that the boat takes, and they will not be separated from him; they run around the upper shore of the lake, and soon come upon him and his disciples on the northeastern shore, near Bethsaida-Julias, a consid-

erable town which Herod Philip had rebuilt some years before, naming it for the emperor's daughter. It had been a journey of, say some 15 or 20 miles for the people, but they are there and have found their leader.

The feast of the passover is just about being celebrated down at Jerusalem—with how much understanding of its real significance let the recent events of John's narrative say. But how much nearer are these Galilean multitudes up here with the Master now in this region of Gaulonitis, how much nearer are they to the truth in their understanding of the real meaning of the passover feast? Do they see in it a type of the great Paschal Lamb, or do they as they look to Jesus as their prophet and leader, most probably in their thought the promised king, do they see in him a messiah who has come to effect a long-awaited-for political deliverance, and are these mighty signs and wonders which have attended his ministry the tokens of a power which he will put into that great civil upheaval? It was to bring to the surface the answer that was in their hearts to this question that Jesus wrought this miracle of feeding the five thousand. It was not a mere act of beneficence in feeding the famishing, for it was but a short distance to Bethsaida-Julias, and it would not have been an insufferable hardship to have allowed them to have gone back around the lake the way they had come, to obtain food. But their motives must be laid bare, and they were. When the miracle had awakened their hopes and their enthusiasm and given anew the token of power in Jesus, a sort of frenzy swept over that multitude of Eastern hearts, and they undertook to lay hands on him and force a crown upon his head.

Here was the turning point in our Lord's Galilean ministry. Nothing was to be done but to scatter that multitude come to him with such gross misconception as to the nature of his movement. So John proceeds to show how he sent away the disciples in one direction, goes himself into the mountain, and the next day preached in the synagogue at Capernaum a sermon so bald in its very offense of the cross that he lost at once his Galilean following. It was one of the saddest hours in the earthly experience of our blessed Lord.

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LUKE XV:1-10.

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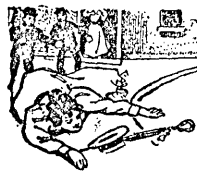
It is amazing that any man, claiming to hold Jesus as a divine teacher, can question the future eternal misery of impenitent sinners.

To what end are these terrible pictures of the sinner's doom which Jesus sets before us, if no doom of death awaits the ungodly? Or, what meaning has any warning or any appeal, if no such doom is impending? The cry "Come unto me," the exhortation, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life," this picture of the shepherd's seeking and the rejoicing of angels when the lost is found, is only a picture for our scorn if the rejoicing shepherd has achieved no rescue, and the repenting sinner has escaped no doom.

If, indeed, dear leaguer, you feel that you are received by the good shepherd, if you have turned from all worldly ways to follow his voice, then the lessons you want to learn from this parable are the wretchedness of all souls that wander from Christ, and the earnest solicitude with which you ought to seek them.

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The most common path of duty and usefulness which opens to any of us is one in which, if we go, the proud will look on us with disdain. Many who hold high stations in the church occupy the attitude, toward real Christian work, of the Pharisees and Scribes. They do not desire the needy and such as have no social position in the world to be brought into their society. You will not have encouragement from them when you go after the outcasts. But the spirit of the Master says, "Go," in every truly Christian heart.

The Charity and Help Department.

How can we increase the usefulness of the department of charity and help? Sometimes this department of the league receives the chief attention, and sometimes it receives very little. Its work is very important and deserves much careful study, but it is not the whole work of the league. We should endeavor to make this department an important factor in extending the kingdom of Christ. Every league needs active workers in it. All of the members of the league should be actively engaged in the work of this department, and thus they may become useful to the pastor. Leaguers may greatly assist their pastor, by notifying him of persons who are sick or needy that may need his attention, and by helping him to administer to such. They may also help the pastor and help the cause by telling him when any one moves into his charge. Thoughtful leaguers may often assist their pastors by their little acts of helpfulness, more than they can ever tell. Let us, in the beginning of the New Year, resolve that we will strengthen this part of our league work by each becoming a more efficient laborer.

We all recognize the importance of what is to be undertaken. To be a successful worker in this department, you must be filled with charity, with love. You cannot bestow what you do not possess.

If you love God with all your soul, mind and strength, and your fellow man as you love yourself, you are prepared for this work. May we all seek to be thus prepared. Then you can give to strangers at Sunday-school, at church, at the league, a hearty welcome. Then you are prepared to minister to the sick, to comfort the sorrowing, to cheer the despondent, to sympathize with the bereaved. Then you can help the poor.

We may strengthen this department by praying daily for the second vice-president and giving him our hearty co-operation. We may prepare ourselves for this work by praying earnestly that we may be used for the glory of God in visiting the sick and imprisoned, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, instructing the ignorant, and ministering to the needy. We may become more sociable and congenial, and thus increase the sociability of the league and church membership. One part of this work is often entirely overlooked—the distribution of tracts and Christian literature. We may do much good in this work, if we will. Much good literature is wasted that might benefit other lives. Let this department plan to save and carefully distribute a great deal of literature that is now thrown away. Often the pastor has a supply of tracts and other literature that he would like to have his congregation read, and he will gladly use the leaguers in distributing it, if they are ready for such service.

Let us become more efficient workers in our Master's vineyard.

W. M. WILSON.

Why is it that one man is old and decrepid at 45, and another hale and hearty at 80? It depends on the care he takes of himself. Often a man's body gets out of repair—the trouble grows until it lays him out in bed. Whenever a man feels that he is not as well as he ought to be, whenever he is listless, without energy and without vitality, whenever he finds that he is losing weight and that his ordinary work gives him undue fatigue, he needs Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. If he keeps on working with his liver inactive and his blood impure—he keeps his nerves and his body under a constant nervous strain. It will not be hearty when he is old. The "Golden Medical Discovery" cures many so-called diseases because nearly all illness springs from the same thing—bad digestion and consequent impure blood. The "Discovery" makes the appetite good, the digestion strong, assimilation easy, and the blood rich and pure.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1899.

Conclusions.

From the data furnished in our editorial of last week, the following facts are presented for our consideration:

(1). The number of stations has rapidly increased. The desire of our people for more preaching and the advantages of the better organization of station work make it desirable to place charges as early as possible in the station list.

(2). The increase in membership in the stations has enabled those charges to sustain their pastors, and yet reduce the per capita payment necessary to do this. The burden of pastoral support, as a rule, is continually growing lighter in the station work.

(3). Whatever decline is shown in the average salary of stationed preachers comes not through reduction of salaries in older charges so much as through the great number of weak charges being every year added to the station list.

(4). While there has been great reduction of per capita payment in stations, for the support of pastors, with little reduction in salaries, there has been far less reduction of per capita payment on circuit work, and yet circuit preachers' salaries are being materially reduced.

Now, these facts make it evident that our station work is, in the main, prospering at the expense of the circuits.

The circuits are kept poor and are growing poorer; the strongest appointments being constantly taken out of them and erected into stations. The circuits' resources, as fast as developed, are thus withdrawn.

Then, again, circuits as they strengthen are continually divided. This is the way it is done: Brother Earnest is a good pastor and preacher. He is sent to Oak Ridge circuit, which has four societies in comfortable churches, and pays \$500. The work prospers in his hands. At the end of the year two of these churches desire Brother Earnest's service and agree to pay \$400. They get their request. Two weaker charges take the place of a stronger, and Brother Earnest's reward for good work is to have his salary reduced from \$500 to \$400. If this same faithful work had been bestowed on a station, the result would have been a strengthened charge and an increased salary. Such advantage has the stationed over the circuit

preacher. Is it any wonder that preachers are desirous of stations?

There is another evil, manifest when we look carefully upon the preachers of an annual conference. It is a sort of caste distinction, which grows up between the circuit and stationed preachers. There are many young men, who, coming from college, begin their ministry in small stations, and never do any circuit work. There are men, known to this writer, who thus began twenty years ago, and although they have not grown great as preachers, have never traveled a circuit in their lives. It is not best that there should be any permanent classification of our ministers as station and circuit preachers. They should be interchangeable. It would be better for unity and good fellowship, and the free and cheerful self-denial which should inspire every one. It helps our own self-denial much to see the same spirit in others.

The strengthening of our circuit work is now the problem of Methodism. The great bulk of our membership is on the circuits and will be there a century hence, if Methodism is true to her mission. Whatever injures the circuit work injures our church in the most vital point. If the station work is run at cost of the circuits our minutes may show growth in the stations, but there will be decline in the strength of the great body of the church.

By what means shall we strengthen the circuits? Chiefly, we would say, by not weakening them. Put a check upon this constant dividing of circuits, and the making of so many weak stations. Make as few changes as possible in circuit boundaries. A circuit with four churches and a comfortable parsonage, with living salary, is desirable work for a preacher.

We should also give more attention to organization on circuits. The appointments filled, without fail, on time, through the year, and effort given to make every service an occasion to be remembered, will prove worth more in the end than protracted meetings. Protracted meetings need to be held, but a preacher is seldom wise to call in, even for such an occasion, a regular appointment.

Let especial care be given to having houses comfortable in all weather. If the devil can get the management of the sexton he can break up any church.

We must give increased attention to home missions. If the circuits are constantly weakened to make the stations, let the stations do more to help the circuits thus weakened in order that they may

be accommodated. The growth of Oakville into a station is due to the fact that three other appointments helped Oakville to support a preacher for many years. Help can be given in the general assessments. If the pastor's salary becomes less and less a burden on a growing station, let the per capita payment on other claims go up as it goes down on pastor's support.

We saw, last week, that out of 412 preachers, in four adjoining conferences in Missouri and Arkansas, 306 of them are on circuits, serving for an average salary of \$274.18 a year—a great decline from the average pay of a circuit rider twenty years ago, and that, too, while we are boasting to have made great progress. Two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighteen cents a year! Think of it. I have before me the report of the census of 1890 in regard to wages—"Laborers in factories, \$629 a year; coal miners, \$14 91 a week." A hired girl who gets \$4 a week and board is better paid than these circuit riders.

There is one more point to note. The circuits might do better. It will be seen, from last week's article, that the stations, though they have greatly declined in the per capita payment for support of pastors, still pay more than four times as much as the people on circuits. Is it because they are richer? No. As a rule they are not.

This writer has served in the best stations and on circuits and districts. The very rich people are apt to be found in cities, but the very poor are there also. The average wealth of our country membership is hardly less than that of those who live in cities.

One fact, however, will count for much. If the people in stations pay four times as much, they get more than four times as much service.

Whatever can be done to increase the amount and efficiency of service on circuits will increase support. But, in many cases, support is already so low that efficient service is impossible. The preacher, to be efficient, must have proper means of traveling, sufficient library, enough for his family to relieve his mind of trouble on that account. Does he have it in \$274.18 a year?

A matter suggested is important. Assessment of general claims according to pastor's salary is by no means just. Some churches pay the pastor without effort. They could and would pay twice as much if needed. But, on other charges, the pastor's support is the question of life and death. A

general and most efficient home mission work can be done in adjusting general assessments, not according to preachers' salaries, but according to general ability of the churches to pay them.

One thing which some of our legislators are in danger of doing is to stand in the way of the real interests of the State, under plea of economy. The State should have the Reform School or School of Correction, by all means. It ought also to have a new state house. An elegant capitol building would be one of the best advertisements the State could present to people abroad. It would soon bring into the State more money than it would cost.

The Central Christian Advocate, referring to Governor Jones's reference to the contract labor system in vogue in this State, draws a false conclusion. He says: "Those who are sent to them—that is, the convict farms, have not been convicted of the more serious crimes, but of misdemeanors." This is a mistake. Most of our penitentiary convicts are kept in stockades and worked on farms under the contract system.

The preachers are commenting on last year's reports and saying, "We must do better this year." True, brethren, and if we do better we must not wait till midsummer to begin. The winter is the time for revivals in the stations. We are listening for the first note of victory.

The point of view is much in the world's estimate of greatness. The Rev. W. D. Hillis was scarcely mentioned by the press while in Chicago, but in the Plymouth pulpit he is the greatest preacher on the continent.

Gilderoy says: "I am no crank on tobacco, for I use it myself." Ah, brother, the only cranks on tobacco are those who do use it, for a crank is a man whose course can not be justified by reason.

The Second Arkansas Regiment is to be mustered out of service in a few days. The muster out will take place at Anniston.

Church Notes.

The "Independent," in its yearly exhibit of the condition of the churches in the United States, gives the whole number of members at 27,000,000, and the increase of the year at \$62,000.

The Methodists in Montreal undertake to raise \$100,000 in the next two months to liquidate the debt on St. James Church. This

church has claims upon Canada Methodism, having contributed more than \$125,000 to missions in the last thirty years.

THE PREACHER'S MEETING.

The preacher's meeting of the Little Rock District met at 10 a.m., at First Church. Present, Evans, Watson, Workman, Thomason, Thomas, Godbey, Titus, Colquette. Rev. A. O. Evans in the chair. Bro. Colquette conducted the devotional service.

Reports from the city churches were all to the effect that although the day was bad, the church services were well attended and the day very profitable.

At First Church there was a full house. Two received by letter. Mr. Pepper, of Memphis, addressed a meeting in the afternoon in behalf of the Sunday-school interest.

There was a good day at Winfield. Excellent congregations. Fifty at the league in afternoon. In the league report it was mentioned that ten persons had asked for prayers. Bro. Pepper addressed the meeting at night.

Asbury reported one added—good church conference. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is being well circulated.

At Hunter Memorial Bro. Watson said he had the best day since conference. One added to the church on profession. Epworth League and church conference good.

Bro. Titus is still kept from Tomberlin mission by the mud and water.

Bro. Thomas held the quarterly meeting at Mt. Tabor, Austin circuit. His spirit was refreshed by the earnest piety of the people there. Their preacher has an excellent parsonage, and salary allowed of \$600, and the people will pay it.

Bro. Wozencraft, P. C. of England circuit, is at Hot Springs for his health. He is improving.

Bro. Colquette spoke of his work among the legislators. They were very kind and considerate to him, but he wished they had more of the fear of God in their hearts.

Bro. Godbey said he was at Pine Bluff Sunday, at First Church. Bro. James A. Anderson seems to be doing excellent work.

Mention was made in the meeting of the so-called sacred concert to be given by Sousa's band at the Capital Theater on Sunday next. The preachers unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we deprecate the holding of the so-called sacred concert on the Sabbath day. And we feel that religious people should not give this desecration of the Sabbath support, either by their patronage or their means."

Bro. Godbey reported that Rev. John F. Carr, pastor of Riverside Church, was quite ill at the infirmary in Pine Bluff.

The meeting adopted the following:

"Resolved, That we, in a body, express our sympathies to our Bro. J. F. Carr, in his afflictions, and pray that he may soon be restored to his health and church."

NASHVILLE NOTES.

Your correspondent has a warm regard for the printer, and freely accords to him the privilege of changing the spelling and punctuation of a manuscript, although printers frequently change correct spelling and punctuation, but he must respectfully except to the typo's making him say in the installment of "Notes," dated Jan. 21, "He relies upon prayer to the Holy Ghost." Being a Trinitarian, the writer, of course, believes in prayer to the triune God, and so wrote "Prayer and the Holy Ghost."

The great Tabernacle meeting closed Sunday night, January 22. More than 6,000 people heard Dr. Chapman's last discourse. Large numbers expressed an interest in the saving of the selves. The pastors of the city purpose to follow up the meeting by fostering this interest, and hope to lead many to Christ.

On Sunday, 29 ult., Dr. Elwood Thompson, representative of the Sunday League of America, was with us. He preached in the morning at the First Presbyterian Church, and at the Elm Street Methodist at night, enforcing, in each instance, the doctrine of Sabbath observance. He inaugurated a movement for circulating the League's literature, 400 pages containing the best thoughts of leading divines on the sanctity of the Sabbath and the Sunday question in general.

Dr. E. E. Hoss has returned from his trip to Cuba, and will be heard from.

Our weather continues "grippy," and in its grasp holds many sick ones, but our eyes are turned toward the beautiful season of birds and flowers, now not distant, and we try to be patient, all the while thankful that we have so many mercies. W.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.

Notices.

A CORRECTION.

I wish to call attention to an error in the Minutes, in regard to Batesville station. I reported the collections all full, but the minutes give a large excess in Foreign and Domestic Missions.

R. A. HOLLOWAY.

A CORRECTION.

Every assessment on the church at Monticello was paid in full except the assessments for P. C. and P. E. The Minutes don't show it that way.

T. O. RORIE.

Monticello, Feb. 1.

AGAIN BEREAVED.

Our town has again been bereaved in the death of one of our noble women. Mrs. Ed. Roddy is no more. She died on Wednesday the 1st, at 1:30 p.m. and was buried yesterday. I will furnish you an obituary later on. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved husband and relatives with his sustaining grace. Sincerely,

S. L. COCHRANE.

Augusta, Feb'y 3.

DEAR DR. GODBEY:—A glance at the Minutes of the White River Conference shows a difference of \$24.91 between pastor's and Sunday-school treasurer's report. In other words, the figures show the treasurer of Sunday-school board to be a defaulter to above amount. Now, it is possible the treasurer may have failed to give proper credit in some instances for the children's day collection, but if any preacher failed to get proper credit and will write me I will take pleasure in setting the matter right. But if, on the other hand, any preacher reported children's day money collected and did not turn it over to the Sunday-school board, let him come forward and give an account of it.

T. B. WILLIAMSON.

Sec'y and Treas. S. S. Board.
Bethel, Ark.

Dr. Whisner, our Church Extension Secretary, states that all applications for aid from the General Board must first have the approval of the Conference Board of the conference from which it comes, and this approval must be given at a regular meeting of the Board or its executive committee, such meeting to be held in the first half of March. All applications for aid should be in the hands of the Secretaries of the Conference Boards by March 1. In accordance with this law, I call a meeting of the Church Extension Board for the Little Rock Conference, Thursday, March 9th, 10 a.m., at the office of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, Little Rock. All who desire to apply to our General Board, send the application to Rev. W. R. Harrison, New Lewisville, Ark. I hope all the Board will be present.

T. D. SCOTT.

Personal.

Gen. Von Caprovi, former chancellor of the German Empire, died 6th inst.

Hon. J. A. Woodson is a candidate for re-election to the office of mayor of Little Rock.

Wm. M. Evarts, of New York, former secretary of State, celebrated his 81st birthday on the 6th inst.

Rev. Frank Barrett, of the White River Conference, and Hon. Mr. Martin, of Ogleburne county, were callers Friday.

Col. James A. Sexton, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C., 5th inst.

Bro. J. R. Gibbons and son, of Linwood, Ga., called Saturday. He is the superintendent of the Georgia Bauxite and Mining Co.

Rev. J. L. Johnston, Little Rock Conference, writes, February 6: "We moved into the parsonage Saturday. Three rooms finished; two more to finish."

The death of Mrs. Hattie Hughes, wife of Col. John L. Hughes, of Benton, Ark., last week, removed from that community a noble Christian woman, greatly loved.

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Col. J. N. Smithson has severed his

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THOS. J. COOPER, Tupelo, Miss., says: "My sister suffered from very irregular and painful menstruation and doctors could not relieve her. Wine of Cardui entirely cured her and also helped my mother through the Change of Life."

connection with the Gazette Publishing Company. W. B. Worthen has been elected president of the company and Dickinson Brugman editor.

To the preachers—We wish our preachers to understand that none of our premium offers affect their commissions. We do everything to help the preachers, and nothing to hurt them.

Bishop Wilson was confined a week at the home of Rev. D. L. Anderson, our China missionary. A severe cold threatened pneumonia. But latest reports say he is well again, and will spend three weeks in Japan during the month of February, and sail for home about the close of the month.

Friday night, died suddenly, Edward Hussey, a young man who was engaged in the composing room of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. He was formerly of Searcy, the son of Mr. J. E. Hussey, now living in this city. He was a young man of excellent character. We extend to the bereaved family our sympathies in their great loss.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over Fifty Years by Millions of Mothers for their Children while Teething, with Perfect Success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Warning Order

In Pulaski Chancery Court. Title Overholt, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Overholt, Defendant. The Defendant, Charles Overholt, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, Title Overholt.

CHAS. M. CONNER, Clerk.
By WILL H. BASS, D. C.

February 7, 1899.
Dodge, Johnson, Carroll & Pemberton, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

Christian Life.

The End of the Way.

Where the rough road turns there's a valley sweet
Where the skies are starred and fair,
We'll forget the thorns and the noonday heat
And rest in the roses there.
And the dark of the dreary, weary night
Will be lost at last in the morning light.

Where the rough road turns there's a haven blest
Where the ships at anchor ride,
And the sea-winds sing sweet songs of rest
Over the dreamless tide,
Where the tempests fade from a silent shore
And the sails are furled forevermore.

O rest in the beautiful valley sweet,
And rest in the haven still,
What though the storms on the brave ships beat—
Though the thorns are keen to kill!
Let us dream that the dark of the dreary night
Will be lost at last in the morning light.

—Selected.

The Way of the World.

Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone,
This brave old earth must borrow its mirth—
It has trouble enough of its own.

And the hills will answer,
Sigh, it is lost on the air,
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you,
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure for all your pleasure,
But do not want your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many,
Be sad, and you lose them all;
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded,
Fast, and the world goes by;
Succeed and give, and it helps you to live,
But no man can help you to die.

There's room in the halls of pleasure
For a long and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Thro' the narrow isles of pain.

—Author Unknown.

What I have Seen.

I have seen a man who had long been a member of the visible church rush to his business after a hastily swallowed breakfast without prayer in his family for God's blessing during the day, spend the hours in the eager pursuit of that which perishes with the using, and when business hours were over return to his home exhausted and petulant. I have seen him sleep away his evenings without a pleasant word for wife and children, and retire to rest with no more apparent thought of God, his Maker, than if his meeting Him at the last great day were an idle tale. Ah, though many days and years for Mammon had not a moment for Christ.

I have seen a woman professing to love Christ more than the world under the pressure of cares, neglect or forget to feed her immortal nature, thus starving her intellect, her soul and her very affections, while she fed her vanity, her pride, her desire for display, and her yearning after social distinction. She sold her birth-right for a mess of pottage, then wonders that it failed to satisfy her hunger.

I have seen mothers with weary, anxious eyes, forms bent with years of toil, hands dark with labor-stains, have too, their ignoble ambitions. To do more work in a given time than any woman in the neighborhood, so it might be said they were the smartest house-keepers and the greatest managers. To accomplish this, health, temper and

family comfort must all be sacrificed, and live from year's end to year's end a narrow, dwarfed and contracted life. What will the Master say when He calls that mother to account for the golden hours he has given her?

A woman loses her life who devotes the whole of it to material use, who crowds it so full of either work or pleasure that there is no room for any thing else.

To be carnally minded is death; to be spiritually minded is life eternal.—Anonymous.

One of the "Blesseds."

"Who was the happiest person you saw while you were away?" The question was put to a girl who had spent part of last winter in a large southern city, where she had received much attention from the cordial, hospitable people, and had seen the gayest society the town afforded.

"You'll hardly believe me—I don't understand it myself," she answered, reflectively, "but the very happiest—and I declare the merriest—person I saw, was an old woman who lives alone in a bare little house, dressing shabbily, living poorly, and giving away every cent she can save to help the church and the poor. She has quite a good income, I was told, but, having no near relatives, she uses it all for others, giving not only her money, but her whole time and strength to good works. And she was just bubbling over with light-hearted fun and merriment. Her days seemed full not only of peace and solemn Christian joy, but of real, jolly, good times. She made me think of one of the 'blesseds,' for she certainly 'inherited the earth.'"—[Sel.]

A thought of God intrusted to the world which, remember, is itself full of God—for its embodiment and execution—that is what your life is if the religious conception of life is true. Tell me, does the definition as you get hold of it meet and correspond with no double consciousness about yourself within yourself which has puzzled you a thousand times? A thought of God intrusted to the earth for its embodiment and execution! What are these dreams and visions—these upward reachings, these remonstrances with earth as if it were a tyrant holding us in slavery? What are they, oh, thought of God, but the unbroken tension of the chain which binds the thinker to his thought forever?—Phillips Brooks.

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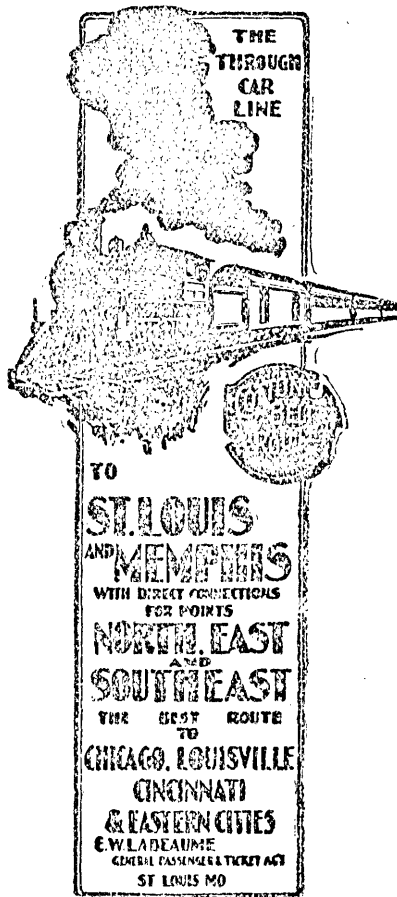
"I had such a severe case of Catarrh that I lost my hearing in one ear, and part of the bone in my nose sloughed off. I was constantly treated with sprays and washes, but each winter the disease seemed to have a firmer hold on me. I had finally been declared incurable when I decided to try S. S. S. It seemed to get right at the seat of the disease, and cured me permanently, for I have had no touch of Catarrh for seven years.

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For the Young People.

How it Went in My Childhood.

NO. XXIII.

I have seen some good meetings in our neighborhood. Every one looks forward to the time when our protracted meeting is going to begin. The women have been scouring and cleaning up for a week, and three or four days beforehand the cooking begins. Great stacks of pies are stored away in the cupboard. Great sacks of tea-cakes are hid away from us hungry boys; while the smell of fine boiling hams, coming from the kitchens makes the husbands feel very precious towards their wives. The cupboards feel very much oppressed with the good things to eat. The canned fruits, jellies, jams and such like have been prepared long before and are ready for use.

Saturday night the meeting begins. Our circuit rider is on hand. There is a good crowd that night, but it begins in earnest on Sunday. People have come ten and twelve miles. There is Uncle Bob Anderson, old Uncle Mac Langston, and Uncle Jimmie Newberry with their wives. They have come to stay during the meeting. What good fatherly prayers they do pray. On Sunday eve a "grove meeting" is called. The men go one direction, the women go another, and engage in a song and prayer service, till "early candle lighting" when preaching begins. God has met with his people while out in the woods praying and the power of God is felt that night. Several have come weeping to the altar, but no one is converted. At ten Monday morn an experience meeting begins. Old Uncle Mac leads. He is a fatherly looking old man; is over six feet high, stands a little stooped, has long gray beard—everybody loves him. The good old songs are sung, and one by one the experiences are given. The meeting is becoming warm. Good Aunt Bettie sits over in the "amen corner." She has on a black sun-bonnet, and it is drawn down over her eyes. They are black. Her nose is a little long and hooked. She has a little shawl around her shoulders. She limps some in walking. We see her getting up. Everybody turns towards Aunt Bettie and listens as she begins to speak. We see tears in her eyes, her mouth quivers as she opens it, showing, plainly, the wrinkles there; her forehead is all wrinkled; her hair looks very gray. She raises her hand, with a handkerchief in it, to her eyes, showing the old wrinkled hand, with fingers long and bony. As Aunt Bettie begins her talk, we think of her home, her past life as we know it.

Her husband, we remember, has been dead many years; he died, leaving her with a large family of small children. She has lived by making a small crop of corn and cotton. She worked during the day and did her washing, knitting, sewing, and patching at night. But we remember her as always happy; she sings a great deal. I came to her door once, and saw her scrubbing away, after a hard day's work picking cotton, and, as she scrubbed, she was gently singing:

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,"—etc.

and as she looked up and saw me, she smiled at me and said "Fred, I am so happy in my work, because I know Jesus loves my soul." I came another time and found the door closed but heard a voice inside. I knocked but no one came. I knocked again but no response, so I quietly opened the door and looked in. There was poor old Aunt Bettie down on her knees praying. Her hands were resting on an old Bible before her, while her little ones were kneeling down near by her, and the rest of the children were kneeling about in the little log room. Her face was raised towards the roof—for there was no ceiling there and I saw a tear standing in each one of her eyes, and a smile was lingering on her countenance. Aunt Bettie was holding family prayers, and it was sweet to be there, for I felt that heaven was near this little log cabin. Remembering these things I, and others—for many knew this—are held spell bound by this poor old woman. She chokes up, but finally gasps: "I have a hard time supporting my family. Sometimes I don't know how we are going to get something to eat, but it always comes. We live hard but I am happy. I can just sing all the time. I get tired, O, so tired! at work, but I don't think of that long, for heaven, my home! my rest! seems to be just before me and I cry Bless God! and press on towards home. O, today, I am so happy! for it won't be long till I'll be up y—." She has raised her old wrinkled hands just as high towards heaven as she can and has ceased to talk, for her voice has choked completely up.

And God came down upon us. Some are weeping and some are shouting, and good old Uncle Mac is singing and shouting:

"E'on down to old age, all my people
shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable
love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples
adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom
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FRED A. LARK.

Van Buren.

Note From A Friend.

MR. EDITOR:—I will try to write a few words to the little readers of this paper. This is my first letter. I like to read the METHODIST, and am always glad when it comes. The first thing I look at is "How it Went in My Childhood." I love to read the letters of Derf. S. Kral. I don't think it was fair for him to sign his name Derf. S. Kral instead of Rev. Fred A. Lark. I will tell the little readers where I live. I live in the country. I go to school in the country, too. I like to live there. Do all the little folks that live in the country like country life? If they have the opinion that I have, I am sure they do. I am a little girl 12 years old. My step-father takes the METHODIST. Perhaps some of the readers know him. I will tell you his name. It is Rev. Moses Payne, of Hattievile, Ark. Yours truly,

LUETTA ASHLEY.

Hattievile.

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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, Aunt 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.
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Our Church at Home.

THE ORPHAN'S HOME.

DEAR DOCTOR GODBEY:—Bishop Morrison announced a Committee on the Orphan's Home at the last session of our Little Rock Conference. Never was there a more important committee named. In our aggressive work we have largely neglected the old soldiers and their wives and little ones. Missions are important, but not so important as the spirit of loving care shown to the dependent ones. We may send out our preachers, build our colleges, educate our young men. We may have the talent, produce the logic, but all this without charity is but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Again, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own home, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." Shall Southern Methodism suffer this curse? We must provide for these old men, these widows and fatherless children. Nothing could do more for our church.

This home ought to be located at our best co-educational college, where both boys and girls can receive a complete college education, and where our widows can take in sewing, etc., so that they may not feel so dependent, but may be able to have not only the necessities, but some of the comforts of life. Therefore, we here and now nominate the place. We name Arkadelphia; here we can get all we wish. We can buy 196 acres of land, well improved, for \$3,000. A part of this is within the city corporation. All of it within one mile of the Arkadelphia Methodist College, some in one-fourth mile. Here we have the best school buildings in this State, the best school equipment and as good a faculty as any other college in Arkansas. This school is progressive, continually adding to its already large full course and facilities. This farm and city property can be had on good terms, and the proper agent can pay out and fit this home in due time, and the close of this century may find every conference claimant snugly housed in the most suitable place in the State. Besides the school advantages and living advantages and health advantages, we must not lose sight of the fact that Hot Springs is near by, and some of our home people will need to go there now and then for treatment. Arkadelphia is easy of access from all our conferences, and is a clean city and healthy place, a short run to Hot Springs; also a fine fruit country and a more enterprising, energetic, open hearted, hospitable people never lived than the Arkadelphians. Let the committees meet and put matters in shape and give the church a chance and the church will give our orphans a good home; and Dr. C. Pope will give them a good school. Let everybody say yes, yes twice. Speak out brethren. Your brother,

D. D. WARLICK.

New Edinburgh, Ark., January 18, 1899.

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often, from no apparent cause, become languid and despondent in the early days of their womanhood. They drag along, always tired, never hungry, breathless and with a palpitating heart after slight exercise so that merely to walk up stairs is exhausting. Sometimes a short, dry cough leads to the fear that they are "going into consumption."

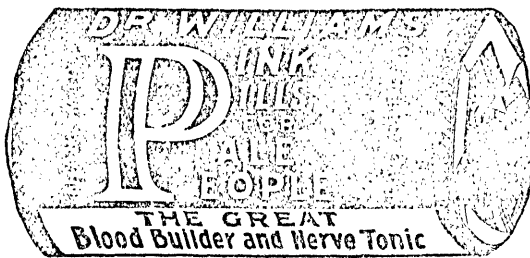
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DE ANN CIRCUIT.

Our first quarterly conference is just over, and Bro. Riffin was with us, and it is useless to say he dispatched the business of the conference in a business like way, and I think, to the satisfaction of all. We have seven churches; they were all represented, and from the reports, the stewards had not forgotten the preachers. We have an excellent board of stewards and a good people to serve; we love them and feel like we have a place in most all of their hearts. I will not kick, as I do not belong to the donkey tribe, if the conference sends

me here two more years. I would kick if they were to send me longer than that—donkey or no donkey—because that would be contrary to Methodism. However, we are going to leave DeAnn circuit in better shape, with regard to a home for the preacher and houses of worship, than any circuit in the conference with the same number of appointments, and while we are building churches and these people are looking after my temporal wants, I ask all who read these lines to lift their hearts and voices to God for the conversion of their loved ones, for if this end is not

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J. H. McKELVY, P. C.

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Wm. E. Thompson

Our Church at Home.

MINERAL SPRINGS, ARK.

DEAR METHODIST: You were so good to come to see me while I was sick, I feel like I ought to do something for you, so I'll pay up for 1899. My first quarterly conference convened 14th and 15th. The creeks were high and the roads muddy, but Dr. Ruggin was on hand. He says mail riders may fail, but he generally gets to his appointment. His sermon reached high water mark. I am improving some, have preached twice since conference, but hope to meet the demands from now on. Pray for me.

R. J. RAIFORD.

SALINE CIRCUIT.

We are moving on very nicely on this circuit; have bright prospects for a good year. I find a number of devoted Christians and loyal Methodists on the work. On the night of the 18th, after retiring, we were awakened by a crowd at the gate singing, "Tis the old time religion." They brought us many nice things, such as ham, sugar, coffee, molasses, rice, dried and canned fruit, potatoes, also some money. Of course we appreciate these things very much, and pray God that in return we may prove useful to them in spiritual things. Mr. Kelley is sick at present. Pray for us. Sincerely,

Mrs. A. C. KELLEY.

Lebanon, Ark.

CARMEI, ARK.

For some time our roads have been so bad that we could do but little on Cariola circuit, and it seems that our work is somewhat on a drag. People cannot get to church sometimes when they can go to other places. Our congregation at Lake Village, quite good; at Cariola all were out that we could expect, and at some places the prospect is encouraging, and at some not so much so. Last Wednesday we had the pleasure of uniting in matrimony, at the home of the bride's father, Capt. Franklin, Mr. Jack Griffin to Miss Effie Franklin. The new couple went to their new home the same day. We trust their life may be a happy one.

R. H. POYNTER.

FORDYCE, ARK.

We have had a hearty welcome to this place for another year. Our people gave us a large donation before Christmas, so large that the supply is not yet exhausted. The Lord has blessed us abundantly. We have had 22 accessions since conference and our Sunday-school and league have both grown and are doing good work. The one all absorbing question with us just now is our new church. The contract has been let and work will commence as soon as some material can be put on the ground. We have a good location in the center of the town. We expect to occupy the house by the first of June. Our school grows, nearly every week new ones come in. We have four young men preparing for the ministry, and are glad to have them, and want to do our share in making men and women out of the youth of our State. The depart-

ment of music is especially attractive this year; we hope to have a large number to enter for the last term. Our people rejoice at the privilege of having the conference this year. We want it to be the occasion in the life of the town. We are working and praying for great things this year.

R. W. MCKAY.

NEWBURG CIRCUIT.

The second night after our arrival here, the Newburg folks pounded us until, if we had been in the habit of saying enough on such occasions, we would have said it long before they quit piling good things to eat, such as flour, meat, molasses, soda, potatoes, beans, coffee, etc., on and under our dining table. Yes, and some good sister brought along one of those nicely dressed fowls that all Methodist preachers are said to have such a hungering after—chicken. God bless them all and help us that we may all love and serve him so faithfully that he will give us a glorious revival of pure Holy Ghost religion, not here at Newburg alone, but at every appointment, and in every home within the bounds of this charge. All of the conditions of the work indicate that Rev. R. C. Bland, our predecessor, had the work well in hand during his two years administration here as P. C. God bless him and his people on Iuka circuit this year. Our services thus far have been very spiritual. Many of God's children, old and young, have been made to rejoice in a Saviour's love, and a large number of sinners have said, pray for us. Brethren, pray for us, that all of our labors and prayers may be blessed of the Lord in the salvation of many precious souls. God bless you all, Doctor, and the many readers of the dear old ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Yours in Christ,

W. W. GIBSON.

DALARK, ARK.

DEAR DR. GODBEY:—My family is a little better of the grippe, hence will endeavor to write a field note. I am just back from the postoffice, received a letter with J. J. Dean (a merchant in the town of Hamburg) printed on the corner of the envelope; the first thought that came into my mind was, that I had bought something from him before leaving down there and had forgotten to pay for same, and that the letter was a due, but to my surprise, it contained a check from W. E. Williams, of Berea, for \$5 for last year's preaching. We were rained out at our first quarterly meeting; that is, the stewards, officials, and most of the congregation, but Bro. Ware was on hand. He came on Friday, with two Baptist preachers, while it was raining in great torrents. The quarterly conference was held about five miles from town, and their place of worship was only a couple hundred yards away from ours. They closed out after the Sunday morning service and so did we; we rode back to town in the afternoon and the P. E. preached at Dalark that night. They came in Monday, walking. They sat on a bale of cotton most of the after-

noon Monday, waiting for a way to return to Arkadelphia, but owing to a washout, no train came, so they took a "tie" ticket Tuesday morning for town, but the wise P. E. remained with me till late Wednesday afternoon, and went in on a flat with the work hands. The quarterly conference came nearer being a failure than any other that I have ever had since I have been in the conference. The financial report was reasonably good, the preaching splendid, but so few people were there. No one had authorized me to ask for the quarterly conference, and no one was there to ask for it. But I put a place in nomination and it was elected by a unanimous vote. Let me say, by way of explanation, that the people could not get there. The outlook on this work is good.

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Missions.

Call of the Board.

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They have told us they mean to keep out of debt. Shall they be forced to do it by calling home some of our men already in the field? Surely we can never think of that.

But besides this, providence has opened for us new fields in Cuba and Porto Rico. Shall we refuse to enter them? That will be to falter when the voice of God plainly bids us go forward. Our entire yearly contributions for Foreign Missions is not more than 25 cents per capita for our membership. How quickly and easily that can be raised with proper effort. Every congregation of our church in Arkansas should at once organize an effort to raise 25 cents a member. Let them be counted and let those who are able to do more take some of the poorer ones with them and divide with them, so that every member will be represented by a quarter of a dollar.

Rev. J. O. Keener.

MR. EDITOR:—Permit me to add a tribute to the memory of a worthy son of Southern Methodism, Rev. J. O. Keener, D. D. I saw him at the General Conference in Baltimore. He was then the very impersonation of health, and bade fair to be for many years an efficient worker in the Master's vineyard; but he was cut down and has flown away. My acquaintance with him was slight and brief, but it required only a short time to know him. With strong native abilities, reared in a Christian home, with full benefit of educational opportunities, much was expected of him and he was not a disappointment to his friends and his church. He was not very often upon the General Conference floor, but no speaker was clearer in his statements, more lucid in his arguments or more forcible in his language. He seemed to have mastered every subject upon which he spoke and took broad and far-reaching views. I think the General Conference could endorse the statement that no member was more conservatively aggressive than he, though he was not always on the winning side. Of the clearest and strongest convictions, he could not be other than almost uncompromising.

His very make-up would, no doubt, often lead even his friends to believe him phlegmatic, when in truth but few of his equals appreciated real worth more than he, or discovered it sooner. Some men become emotional under the influence of great moral truths; but with him it was only deeper

rooting and grounding. His mind was logical and it took hold of subjects systematically. As a preacher and a teacher I knew him not, but as an expounder, whether in the pulpit, on the rostrum or in the school room, he could not do other than hunt the pith and marrow of his subject.

But his work has ended, his labors finished, his race run, his course completed and like a giant oak, rifled by the untimely wind, he lies hushed beneath the fiercely contending elements that now beset the living on every side.

P. A. MOSES.

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Warning Order.

State of Arkansas.

In the Supreme Court, ss.
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-rest-
dents 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

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas.

In the Supreme Court, ss.
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.
January 24, 1899.

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.
HORACE G. DALE, Clerk.
January 23, 1899.

J. G. Dunaway, attorney ad litem.

La Grippe is surely contagious. Dr. Miles Restorative Nervine is a sure preventive.

At Rest.

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

LARK: Agnes Augusta, daughter of Rev. A. H. and Mary A. Lark, was born May 14, 1891, and died Jan. 12, 1899. She was the youngest child in the family of seven sons and three daughters. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. Geo. W. Hill. The family being all religious, she was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She loved Jesus and his church. Agnes was one of the sweetest little girls I ever knew. Her beautiful face, pretty eyes and soft words won for her the love of all who knew her. It was a hard trial for the family, and especially the parents, to give her up. With the family and many friends we followed her body to the grave and laid it to rest till Christ shall bid it arise and put on immortality. But Agnes is not in the cold embrace of the tomb. She has gone to God, and to-day she is happy in the home of the soul. Thank God, we shall meet her by and by. Heaven's richest blessings rest upon the bereft family. Her former pastor,

IRVIN F. HARRIS.

SMITH: Molly Frances Smith (nee Hale) was born Dec. 9, 1842; married D. G. Smith, Sept. 25, 1884, having buried two former husbands; died Jan. 12, 1899. Sister Smith was converted in her sixteenth year, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a faithful member till her death; a period of over forty years. A mother in Israel has fallen. Her place stands vacant. Her advice and admonitions will be heard no more, only as they echo through the lives of those whom she has pointed heavenward. After an illness of ten days with pneumonia, knowing that the time of her departure was near, she gave as her last testimony, "Everything is all right," and fearlessly, in the faith of our Christ, launched gladly out on the bosom of eternity. The God of consolation and comfort administer to the sorrows of the bereaved, and pour the balm of his love upon the bleeding hearts before him.

J. F. ECHISON, P. C.

Gravelly, Ark.

PARKS: Martha E. Parks (nee Lofland) was born Sept. 23, 1877; married J. T. Parks Dec. 21, 1892; died Oct. 11, 1898, after an illness of over two years, which was borne with deepest Christian fortitude. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, Sept. 24, 1893. Though her religious life was short, yet it spoke forth the praise of her Savior in the sweet resignation of soul which characterizes the servants of our God. Patient and hopeful, she passed the dreary months of affliction till the great Shepherd and Bishop of her soul said, "It is enough, come up higher." We bore her remains to the city of the dead, and in the glorious hope of reuniting in the happy resurrection morn, we bade farewell, but not forever, to her lifeless form. The consolation of God's presence abide with the bereaved, and the light of his love shine fuller in their souls.

J. F. ECHISON, P. C.

BRACEY: Mrs. Josie Johnson Bracey, wife of Mr. Joe M. Bracey, and daughter of Dr. Henry and Mrs. Margaret Johnson, was born at Raymond, Miss., May 9, 1861, and died in Little Rock, Ark., January 9, 1899. She moved with the family to Arkansas in 1866, where she has since resided. She was very intelligent, genial and good, and made many friends. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life and grew into a strong Christian character. She manifested great patience, fortitude and resignation through a long sickness and in great peace passed to her reward, leaving a devoted husband, three loving children, a mother, sisters and brothers, to join her in the sweet by and by.

May the divine comforter sustain and keep them to the end. In loving sympathy,
A. O. EVANS, pastor.
Little Rock, Ark.

ADAMS: Bro. J. T. Adams died near Gainesville, Ark., January 14, 1899, and was buried at Gainesville, January 15. For several years Bro. Adams has been in very poor health. He outlived the expectation of most of them that knew him. He suffered from blood poisoning and asthma. He was a member of the Methodist Church at Oak Grove, Gainesville circuit. He was a true Christian, and his faith in God sustained him in all his afflictions. He leaves a wife and three daughters. It was always a benediction for me to visit Bro. Adams. His afflictions had caused him to look at the "eternal things," and he and I communed together in these heavenly places in Christ. His patience and uniform faith in God are a rich legacy to his remaining loved ones.

L. C. CRAIG.

Gainesville, Ark.

GOODWIN: Our church at Friendship has been deprived of one of the most efficient members by the death of Bro. Wm. T. Goodwin. This sad event occurred January 12, 1899. He was sick, but a few days with pneumonia. His last hours were spent in urging sinners to repentance, and Christians to a full consecration. He died without a struggle. His testimony was that all is well. He was chairman of the board of stewards for Gainesville circuit last year. For many years Bro. Goodwin lived a Christian. Last year he entered into the "fullness of the blessing of Christ," and his uniform testimony since in all his work and afflictions was that he had a constant, perfect peace, which flowed like a river. He was a splendid all around worker in the church. He was able in prayer, a good collector, good altar-worker, attentive to the sick, instant in season, out of season. Gainesville circuit will miss him very much. We have no man to fill his place in the church. He was a dear friend of mine and of all Methodist preachers. He was a man of strong convictions. At his funeral many sinners appeared deeply moved, and the universal expression among them was that, "Bro. Goodwin was a good man." May his death be the corn of wheat that shall die and bring forth abundant fruit. Two daughters, one brother in Arkansas, and several brothers and sisters in Tennessee, remain. May our last hours be like his. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

L. C. CRAIG.

Gainesville, Ark.

WRIGHT: Martha R. Wright (nee Woodruff) was born in Floyd county, Ga., March 8, 1836; was converted when but a girl and joined the M. E. Church, South, shortly after the memorable General Conference of '44. She lived a consistent member of the church of her choice until October 8, 1898, when she left us to join the church triumphant, where her name was written in the Lamb's book of life "beyond the blue." She was married to Gabriel N. Wright, January 5, 1860; moved to Arkansas in 1870; lived there until 1895 when she moved to Oklahoma. She was a fond mother and a devoted wife. She had born to her seven children, five of whom survive her. While she was a sufferer herself, she was a source of cheer and comfort to those she lived for. The greatest desire of this devoted Christian mother, was to know that all the members of her family were devout members of the church she loved so well. She lived for those she loved, and it may be said of her, "She sacrificed life, her devotion to prove." It was the privilege of this writer, as well as many other itinerant preachers, to often be the guest of her hospitable home, and to be permitted to make a pastoral visit to the home of Gabriel and Martha Wright was to feel more encouraged to do better work for the Master. I do not know how many times that I have visited that home and when I left felt that God was nearer to steady me amid the difficulties to be encountered on my first work in the itineracy. She died at Dolby Springs, Texas. She was there for her health, and it seems she became subject to some

she could be permitted to see any but her youngest boy, who was with her. She leaves a grief-stricken husband, three sons and two daughters. We all await our summons to meet her, where life will be unending, and where "the joy of the Lord is the feast of the soul." I may not be able in this life to see all of the friends who read this notice, but we may meet in the home beyond the tide where we will join in endless praises. Loved ones, look up through your tears and sighs to the Saviour, who said he would wipe the tears from all eyes. May heaven's benedictions remain with you all.

FRANK NAYLOR.

GRIFFIN: Bertha, daughter of Rev. A. C. and Ava E. Griffin, was born in Poinsett county, Ark., December 4, 1873; baptized by Rev. O. H. Ellis, the presiding elder of Harrisburg district, March, 1874; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of her father, in 1885; died Dec. 22, 1898. The writer was holding a quarterly conference at Big Bay, when a message came announcing the demise of this excellent young lady, and a request that he attend the burial service at Harrisburg the next day. This brought me in touch with the sad faces and broken hearts, and we paid the last tribute of love and respect to the memory of this pure, good girl, and laid her down to sleep in the lap of mother earth. She had been sick more than twelve months, or rather in poor health, and at last was called to take her bed, and there linger till "the wrench set her free from dungeon's chain to breathe the air of boundless liberty had done its work." Converted in 1885, young and hopeful, she at once gave herself to the delightful work of her Lord. And more instances than I could here relate, tell of her unselfish life, and her devotion to humanity and her God. These noble deeds, these Christ-like acts, these labors of love, all tend to endear her to many living, and beautifully express the life that was hid in Christ, though made manifest in these services. Should I follow the leading of my mind and heart, I would be led to what might seem to a stranger to the dead, to be a eulogy beyond worthiness, but not so, such a noble, pure, spotless life cannot be overdrawn. It is a legacy to her father, mother, sister and relatives, better than gold, even than fine gold. It is sweeter than honey, and the honeycomb. This is yours for all time and eternity, and better still, your dear Bertha is yours. 'Tis not far from earth to heaven, distance amounts to nothing, even if it were a long way. The funeral was held in the church where she was converted, and many weeping friends stood round to shed the tear of deep sympathy and love. Among some things she said was this: "Pa, you know my sickness has held you back for near two years. I am going home, and you can go on with your work." So she died breathing an interest in others, and though dead yet speaketh. God bless Bro. Griffin, and may you and your dear wife and daughter so live that Bertha will meet you when your spirits mount up to God to live forever amidst the joys of the saints at rest.

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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1899.

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Fort Smith Items

BY REV. P. C. FLETCHER.

Our Fort Smith churches have entered vigorously into the labors of the new conference year and with encouraging prospects. Bro. Goddard and the Central church pastor were both very kindly received upon their return.

Rev. I. F. Harris, the new pastor of the City Mission, is proving himself a master of the situation. Already he has gathered about him a large following and will soon have them organized into a progressive church. A choice lot has been purchased and a comfortable house erected upon it.

Rev. Stonewall Anderson reports the work of the district as being in good condition. All of the pastors have started out with a determination to do the best year's work of their lives. Brother Anderson and his excellent helpmeet are making this city their headquarters this year, to the delight of their many friends here.

The formal opening services of our new Central Church was a very pleasant event. Ten ministers were on the program. Two former pastors of the church were present and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the occasion—Rev. Stonewall Anderson and Rev. J. B. Stevenson. Our work is advancing nicely.

Dr. T. C. Wier, the scholarly presiding elder of the Sardis District, North Mississippi Conference, recently visited this city as the guest of three of his noble sons who reside here. During his brief stay he preached at the First Methodist church to the edification of all who heard him.

The recent Missionary Mass Meeting, held at Huntington, was a decided success, notwithstanding the fact that several of the pastors were absent on account of sickness and the condition of the roads. Very helpful sermons were preached by Revs. Goddard, O'Bryant, Anderson, Johnston, and Harris. Many splendid things were said, which, if put into practice, will greatly advance the cause of missions.

The inimitable Rev. M. N. Wal-drip, of the Huntington and Jenny

Lind charge, has entered with his characteristic enthusiasm upon the labors of the new conference year. He is much loved by his people and under his ardent ministry they are often carried near to "the gates of pearl."

Rev. L. E. Southard of this city, son of our brother W. F. Southard, and nephew of Dr. J. D. Southard, has taken supply work in this district. He contemplates knocking at the door of the conference this fall for admission on trial. He is a consecrated, vigorous young man.

Rev. James H. O'Bryant of the Greenwood charge, has captured the hearts of those good people, and he is moving off nicely in his new field. Already he is planning for a new church, and we bespeak for him success, for he goes not at things by halves.

Rev. O. E. Goddard, the Missionary Secretary of the Arkansas Conference, will make a tour through the Harrison District next month in the interest of missions. Having labored among the benighted people of China, he is the better qualified to arouse the conscience of the church on the subject.

In the recent death of Bro. James Wickersham, Fort Smith Methodism lost one of its most devoted members. He was a grand old man. He loved the church and devoted forty-nine years of his life to its service. He was one of the assistant secretaries of the General Conference of 1870. He was also the secretary of the first session of the White River Conference which convened at Mt. Zion Church, Cross county, in 1870.

Rev. B. W. Aston, of the Fort Smith circuit, has made a very propitious beginning in his new field of labor. He has made his first round and was warmly welcomed by the good people he serves. They may well congratulate themselves upon having for their pastor such an able expounder of the "unsearchable riches of Christ."

Bishop I. W. Joyce, of the M. E. Church, recently paid this city a visit on his way to the Arkansas Conference which convened at Russellville. During his stay he preached twice. His sermon on "Spiritual Victories" was an intellectual and spiritual masterpiece.

Van Buren has always seemed very near to Fort Smith—just across the river, but since it has be-

TETTER ON HANDS

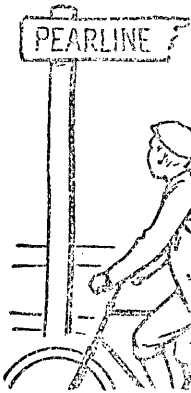
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Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, visited this city a few days ago when enroute to and from Conway. Both times his stay consisted of only a few hours, but those hours were devoted to looking over the situation here and to wise counsel.

In Dr. A. E. Hardin Southern Methodism in this city has an able and ardent supporter. He may be justly called the father of our Westminster mission, for it was mainly through his efforts that it was projected. The pastor, Rev. I. F. Harris, has in Dr. Hardin a staunch friend and wise counsellor.

Rev. W. H. Corley, of the Arkansas Conference, who broke one of his limbs, as the result of a fall last summer, has so far recovered as to be able to visit his daughter at Bentonville. He resides in this city with his son, Editor E. B. Corley.

Forty years ago, when the now sainted Rev. A. R. Winfield was pastor of the Methodist Church in

Fort Smith, Capt. Frank Park was one of the leading members in the church. Then Fort Smith was a mere hamlet and the church was a struggling mission station. Today it is a city of over twenty thousand population and has four white Methodist Churches, including the M. E. Church. And Capt. Park is still vigorous and one of the leading spirits of the First Church. Through all these years he has been a devoted member, a faithful official, a liberal giver, a constant attendant, a true friend to the preacher, and a loving disciple of his Master. Thank God for such laymen.

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