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News and Notes.

SAGASTA, THE SPANISH PREMIER,
has resigned.

THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE
has passed a law making it a felony
to keep a room for playing craps.

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS
have passed the bill to pay Spain
\$20,000,000, in harmony with the
Paris treaty.

BISHOP GRANBERRY ANNOUNCES
that the time of holding the Bal-
timore Conference is changed. It
will open in Washington City,
April 5.

WHATEVER MAY BE THE CON-
clusion of the Commission in re-
gard to the beef furnished the
army, it is certain that what has
been published, and even the fact
that such investigation was de-
manded, will greatly injure the
interests of American packers in
foreign markets.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS
issued articles of incorporation to
the Springfield, Harrison and
Southern Railroad Company, who
purpose to build from Springfield
to Harrison, Ark. Capital stock,
\$2,000,000. Holders of stock: D.
B. Lott, St. Louis, 850 shares;
Archibald Woods, St. Louis, 652
shares; A. T. Clark, Belleville, Ill.,
50 shares; A. O. Owen, St. Louis,
50 shares; L. T. Wood, St. Louis,
50 shares.

SIX NEW REGIMENTS HAVE BEEN
ordered to the Philippines to rein-
force Gen. Otis. When the new

recruits arrive the entire force un-
der Gen. Otis will be 41,000. The
rebels are still hovering close
about Manila and harassing our
men. They have received from
some unknown source smokeless
powder and some new cannons.
Desultory fighting goes on with
frequent sharp skirmishes. The
Filipinos are daring and persistent.
The arrival of reinforcements for
our army is creating confidence
and increase of business in Ma-
nila.

THE REVIEW OF MISSIONS, FOR
March, will be carefully kept by
all who desire to preserve a full ac-
count of the beginning and work of
one of the most interesting and im-
portant movements in missionary
history, "The Students' Volun-
teer Movement." The develop-
ment of this work has been
very rapid. The laying of the
great cause of missions upon the
minds and hearts of our noblest
and most cultivated youth, must
needs bear rich fruit in the future.
Already, its influences are widely
felt.

Our readers should remember
that the Review is offered to new
subscribers at 25cts. until April
1st. There remains but a little
time to accept this offer.

THE PRESS OF THE COUNTRY,
North and South, is disposed to
comment unfavorably upon the
President's action in the case of
Gen. Egan. The sentence of
the court was removal from office.
The President commutes it to sus-
pension for six years, the time
yet to elapse before the
General would be retir-
ed by age. This relieves him
from duty, continues to him a sal-
ary of \$5,500. This is within \$500
of the present pay of Admiral
Dewey, \$1,500 more than the gal-
lant and noble Phillip is receiv-
ing. The Baltimore Methodist
suggests: "If Egan had not been
a friend of Alger, and a Catholic,
he would not have been put in the
way of receiving \$33,000 without
rendering service, would he?"

THE MISSIONARY HERALD FOR
March reports that the American
Board has received \$55,085.82 less

during the last five months than
for the same time a year ago. It
contains a table, exhibiting the
present state of the work in China.
The total number of ordained
missionaries of all Protestant so-
cieties is 527; lay missionaries, 519;
missionaries' wives, 675; unmar-
ried women, 724; native helpers,
5,071; communicants, 80,682;
Sunday-schools, 1,766; pupils, 30,-
046; educational institutions, 105;
scholars, 4,285.

The earliest society to enter the
field was the London society, in
1807. She reports 7,097 communi-
cants. The first society from
America was the American Board,
in 1830. She reports 3,740 com-
municants. The M. E. Church en-
tered the field in 1847, and now
has 20,326 members. The M. E.
Church, South, entered the field in
1848, and has 752 members.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPON-
dent says: "The religious and tem-
perance organizations which asked
Congress for bread, in the shape of
the abolishment of the army "can-
teen," have received a stone in the
shape of a clause in the compro-
mise bill which provides that no en-
listed man shall be employed to
sell liquor at any "canteen." The
only effect of this legislation will
be to save a few enlisted men from
the moral degradation which deal-
ing out liquor to their fellow sol-
diers would have necessarily im-
posed upon them; others will be
employed to sell liquor in the
"canteen," and the work of mak-
ing drunkards out of enlisted men
will go right along under official
sanction and management. Noth-
ing could furnish stronger proof of
the correctness of the attitude of
those who have been asking for the
abolishment of the army "can-
teen," than the official order of
Secretary Long, issued several
weeks ago, abolishing the practice
of selling intoxicants on vessels in
the navy, because of its demoraliz-
ing effect. He had the authority
to do that, but it requires Congres-
sional legislation to abolish the
army "canteen," and what the
liquor interest lacks in votes in
Congress it makes up in trickery—
trickery that is often countenanced
by men who would not dare to cast

an open vote on the rum-seller's
side."

Telegraphs.

The submarine telegraphs of the
world, and especially the practica-
bility of a submarine telegraph
across the Pacific, are discussed at
considerable length in the January
number of the Summary of Com-
merce and Finance, just issued by
the Treasury Bureau of Statistics.
The statement shows that the sub-
marine telegraphs of the world
number 1,500. Their aggregate
length is 170,000 miles, their total
cost is estimated at \$250,000,000,
and the number of messages an-
nually transmitted over them 6,-
000,000. All the grand divisions
of the earth are now connected by
their wires, and from country to
country, and island to island, the
thoughts and words of mankind
are instantaneously transmitted.
Beneath all oceans, save the Pa-
cific, the universal language which
this system has created flows uni-
interruptedly, and man talks as
face to face with his fellow man
at the antipodes. Darkest Africa
now converses with enlightened
Europe or America, and the great
events of the morning are known
in the evening throughout the in-
habited world. Adding to the
submarine lines the land-telegraph
systems, by which they are con-
nected and through which they
bring interior points of the various
continents into instantaneous com-
munication, the total length of
telegraph lines of the world is
835,000 miles, the length of their
single wires, or conductors, 8,500,-
000 miles, and the total number of
messages annually sent over them,
365,000,000, or an average of
1,000,000 each day. Of the
170,000 miles of submarine tele-
graphs, about 135,000 belong to
thirty-five companies operating the
commercial cables, which number
320; the remainder are short lines
controlled by governments and
connecting forts, batteries, signal-
stations, light-houses, etc., the ag-
gregate of government lines being
1,150, and their total length about
20,000 miles. In addition to this,
the governments of the world hold
about 80,000 miles of cable in
stock for war purposes, ready to
be laid at a moment's notice.

Among Our Exchanges

"The minister who saves few souls has need to question his fidelity or his credentials."—Pacific Methodist Advocate. That disposes of Noah, "a preacher of righteousness."—Baltimore Christian Advocate.

The papers are saying that the peace treaty was carried in the Senate by three votes more than the required majority of two-thirds. The vote has 57 to 27. If one vote had been taken from the majority to the minority then there would have been 56 to 28 exactly a two-thirds majority. So it is clear that the majority had but one vote to spare.

We have in mind a Church, recently started in a large city, which a class of wandering church workers (?) tried to control. They first thought to impress everybody with their superior piety and experience. Making just the opposite impression, they began to disturb the harmony of the church and its universal good standing. They began to shake their heads, to shrug their shoulders at the "way things were going." Weak members were selected out and talked to against the church. In this way, and other ways equally despicable, but characteristic of people who wander from church to church, an "opposition" was developed. But a wise official board held the reins so discreetly that not only was the church saved from harm, but those who sought to destroy it only destroyed their own honor and standing in the community.—Western Christian Advocate.

An evangelist writing to the Pentecostal Herald of a meeting recently held says: "It was a cyclone, a Johnstown flood, a waterspout, and a Mediterranean euroclydon all in one." Truly it must have been a fearful time. He continues, "for ten days the spiritual winds blew and the Pentecostal rains fell in torrents." The animus of this stormy brother is seen in the following paragraph:

"Another reason for the success and prosperity of Wesley Church is to be seen in the failure of certain wise holiness people to be governed by that ancient and time-worn maxim which all our 'safe' preachers feel it their bounden duty to utter: 'Stay in your church.' There are times when to 'stay in your church,' as the saying goes, is to disobey God, and miss the opportune time God has chosen to check-mate the devil, and

get in a big victory for holiness." And yet such as he cry "persecution" when it is affirmed of them that the result of their "movement" is to alienate people from the church. "By their fruits ye shall know them."—Baltimore Christian Advocate.

A Tremendous Undertaking.

With Bishops Hurst, Fowler and McCabe yoked together in the interest of the new 'Endowment Alliance' of the American University, something large is sure to be done. A plea and a statement of the plans and work of this alliance, which has in view the raising of the first million dollars toward the endowment of the University, will be found of interest to our readers next week. The plan is an inspiring one. It ought to touch and rouse the heart of the laity and ministry of the church. It is a stupendous undertaking, the erection of twenty-one great marble structures and the raising of six million dollars for endowment! When all this can be done no one can tell, but as a site of ninety acres has been bought and paid for, as an endowment of two hundred thousand dollars has been secured, as the Hall of History has been completed at a cost of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars, we may not doubt that in due time the whole will be completed, and this great institution thoroughly established.—Central Christian Advocate.

The Nation's Curse.

One More Unfortunate.

"He was honest to a penny," said Circuit Clerk Horace G. Dale, "I knew him well, and there was never a shrewder buyer and business man in Little Rock, than Henry Hillman. He was the soul of benevolence, and many a time took basketfuls of food out of his store to feed the poor. He was a victim to drink."—Arkansas Democrat, Feb. 21.

Missed the 4th of January; found in the mud of the Arkansas river on the 21st of February. Probably fell from the bridge while on a drunken spree. "Sad end," the paper says. Might have been one of the leading merchants of Little Rock had he let liquor alone, the paper says. So it is. But neither of our leading secular papers in Little Rock oppose the saloon, and a host of men we know uphold it, whose sons are going the way this man went, and of whom the papers will publish an ending like this, if not just in the same way, yet as sad and as degrading.

Dr. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, relates,

that when he came to Little Rock, he asked a hotel clerk where he would find the Methodist Church—Winfield Memorial. The clerk said he did not know where the churches were. The Doctor then asked where he could find the most popular saloon in the city. The clerk knew all about the saloons.

Educational Notes.

A new building, costing \$200,000, will soon be built on the university campus at Iowa City, Ia.

The Methodists of Indiana are making an effort to raise half a million dollars to endow DePauw University.

An unknown benefactor has given \$50,000 to the Illinois School of Agriculture and Manual Training, located at Glenwood.

C. G. Simmons, of Kenosha, Wis., proposes to present to the city a complete library building filled with books, to cost \$100,000.

The Chicago high school teachers have proposed to the board to teach two weeks without pay, if their salaries are not reduced. This would amount to a donation of \$20,000.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., is, in point of numbers, the greatest Methodist institution in the United States. In 1850 it was founded, and a piece of land was purchased for \$8,000, which now brings the University \$72,000 a year in rents.

President Thwing, of Western Reserve University, by careful investigation, has discovered that in the civil war and in the Spanish war, the colleges were better represented than any other part of the country. Our colleges develop the highest type of intelligent patriotism.

Columbia University has established a department of practical road-making, in connection with the engineering and mechanical work of the University. Scientific road-making has reached a point of such importance, especially in the East, that the necessity of adequately testing road materials in different localities has suggested the establishment of university departments for this purpose. Harvard, however, is the only other university so far, to do this.—Gunton's Magazine.

The enrollment in the public schools of the Southern States in 1876-7 was 2,472,107, about 14 per cent of the whole population, white and colored. Five years later the per cent had risen to 17; and in 1897 the total enrollment was 5,398,076, or 21 per cent. As the population is largely rural, the school term is short; but at this point there has also been progress, since twenty years ago the average school term was 91 days, while now it is 106. In 1877 the average expenditure per capita for schools was sixty-six cents, now it is \$1.23.

"The State shows no gratitude, a spirit of unfairness in legislation and a lack of appreciation of the teaching force from the denomina-

tional schools in the public schools. The State Normals have cost the State for building and necessary expenses over or about a million of dollars, estimating from their inception; and in 1894 had only 175 (4-year) graduates in the public schools as against 518 college graduates, without any cost to the State (See State Supt. Wolfe's report, 1894, pages 158-9) The emphasis heretofore placed on the two-year certificated teachers (Normal) is not sustained by experience and facts of service. Besides all this, the denominational colleges have furnished a large quota of professors for the State Normals. It is trifling with established facts and common sense to say that the same kind of teachers in our secondary denominational schools cannot prepare teachers for our public schools, and that pedagogy is the only way to impart information necessary to an education: this is a caricature on common sense and human experience that should not be tolerated by intelligent people to the extent of upholding these institutions by taxation and with the consequent injury to our secondary denominational schools: It only results in injustice and iniquity to our private enterprises of education.

The nine or more undenominational colleges, male or female, and our church schools in addition, if the State competition was favorably modified in their interest, under the impulse of Christian education and benevolence, will do more for education than the University of Missouri and the State Normals can do, or could be ever expected to do, under the State's regime, under any circumstances; this would result in the enhancement of the social, moral, and religious condition of the people. Every man of common sense and honesty ought to be willing to admit this fact, no matter how paternalistic nor how much wedded to that twin sister of paternalism, called State pride."—A Layman in St. Louis Christian Advocate.

The State normal schools of Missouri have cost the State, for building and expenses, more than \$1,000,000, and yet as a means of furnishing teachers in the public schools the normals had, in 1894, only 175 four-year graduates as against 518 from the colleges. The denominational colleges seem to be doing more for the general cause of education than the State University and the normals, and that without cost to the State. Missouri has more than 15,000 school teachers.

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A Japanese bride gives her wedding presents to her parents as some slight recompense for their trouble in rearing her.

No bird can fly backwards; the dragon fly, however, can do this and can outstrip the swallow in speed.

Contributed.

Why the Falling Off?

When I came to Black Rock circuit, in December 1897, I found a register for each of my three appointments, and these registers showed a membership of 105 for the charge. At the conference of 1897, a change was made in the circuit. Two appointments with, perhaps, 100 members, were taken off and one appointment with 12 members was added, the name of the circuit remaining unchanged. During last year we had a net gain of 20 members. I reported at conference 105 members last year, 125 this year. Instead of my report, the secretary inserted 215 members last year, from the Minutes of preceding year, showing a loss on this charge of 90 members, when the truth is we had a gain of 20. Then, again, this work was changed at our last conference. One appointment with about 35 members was taken from it. In the column for members last year, I expect to report 90 at our next annual conference. This is the number of members in my present charge for last year. But the secretary, if he follows his usual custom, will substitute 125 in that column. You see, then, that if I should have a net gain of 30 members, the Minutes would credit me with a loss of 5.

It would require only twenty-five such mistakes to account for the total loss as reported in the Minutes. But I believe that there are even greater mistakes than this. For instance: The Minutes show a

loss of 262 members on Smithville circuit, and I have reason to believe that there was no such loss. There may have been a loss of 8 or 10 members. There is something wrong. I do not know where the fault lies, but it seems to me that we should find quickly some corrective.

Another point in our Minutes: You will notice that the column—"Total members last year," shows an increase of 1,229. There should be no increase whatever in this column. It seems to me that 2,576 minus 1,229 really represents the loss—1,347—and this can be accounted for by mistakes such as I have mentioned. I believe that the statistics should be carefully prepared for the fourth quarterly conference and examined by the P. E. and members. Then these statistics reviewed by first quarterly conference of following year, with special reference to changes made necessary by new arrangement of the work.

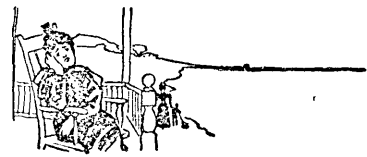
I have not written this for publication, but thought that these examples might assist in solving this problem. Fraternally,

W. M. WILSON.

Stewardship

Many have hidden their Lord's money away, and when he comes to reckon with them it will burn their consciences like a consuming fire. No one has met the demand of the law of self-denial until he has denied himself, not only the luxuries of life, but some of life's comforts, for the Lord's sake. He denied himself a crown, a throne and a

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scepter, and became so poor for our sake that he "had not where to lay his head." He denied himself until he felt keenly the effects of it. Those who would follow him must do likewise, else they will never wear the crown nor sit upon the throne. He gave all for us. What have we given for him? We could run the business of our Lord on the useless expenditure of the church membership if we could only get it. Yes, we would soon make the islands of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, the empire of China, the kingdoms of Japan and Brazil, and all of the pagan lands of the earth, blossom as the rose. Cardinal Wolsey, of England, was said to have exclaimed in his last moments: "If I had served my God as diligently as I have served my king, he would not have given me over in my gray hairs." Many a Christian will exclaim when he has reached the end of life: "Had I but served my God as diligently as I have served the demands of a pseudo society, the appetites of the flesh, the desire of the eye, and the pride of life, he would not have given me over in my last moments."

The world's greatest need, at this time, is more self-denying, cross-bearing Christians, who take up their cross daily and follow our Lord in all the walks of life so that our Master can use them, when and where he wills, for the good of humanity and his own glory. The church needs to take and inventory of her wealth and see how much she owes the Lord and how much of his means she is using in self indulgence, for, as proprietor of the universe, he will call on her for a settlement some of these days. If she thought so, she is able to furnish Bishop Candler the forty-five men asked for to evangelize Cuba, or double that number, if needed, and never feel the weight of the burden. Let's say, forty-five men, on a salary of \$1,000, amounts to \$45,000. Now, let forty-five thousand Southern Methodists give an extra dollar, and we have it.

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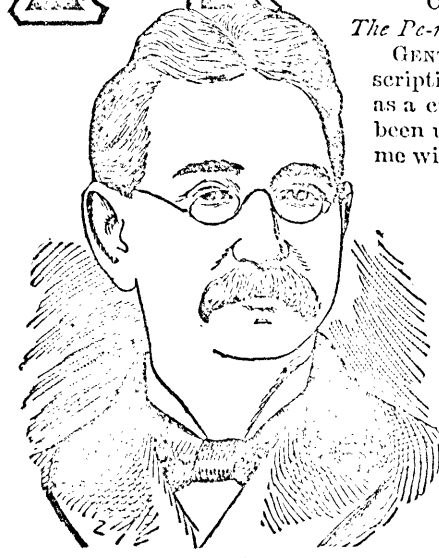
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Gov. G. W. ATKINSON
of West Virginia.

Contributed.

To Whom it May Concern.

"Wherefore doth a living man complain,"—Jeremiah.

"Whatever happens to me each day is my daily bread, provided I do not refuse to take it from God's hand, and to feed upon it."—Fenelon.

These quotations have acquired a deeper significance to me by reason of an interview of the morning with a most estimable brother. We canvassed such subjects as came within the range of our common experience. Early in the conversation the conviction was forced upon me that my brother was suffering from a distortive view of life. The lens of his mind had become so warped by the attrition of time, that no object was received without a spot on it. After in vain striving to suggest some phase of life that had warmth and sunshine in it, I left him feeling as if I had just held a post mortem on much that was beautiful and true. Now here was a man that God had blessed in health, business and domestic relations, rendering himself and others miserable by this complaining habit.

"Although its heart is rich in pearls and ores,
The sea complains upon a thousand shores.
Sea-like, we moan forever."

Unhappily, this brother is only one of a class too numerous in the church. God's cause is dishonored, and the strength of the believer weakened by this habit of complaining. So many verify the declaration of the French philosopher of "it took God six millions of years to make the world and man only needs to be in it six years to find fault with its management." Christian grace never unfolds symmetrically in an atmosphere of complaint. From the practical standpoint of life's trials, the religion we profess has an inherent power to lift us above any blow the world can strike.

"Beguiled Christian—prone to dally
'Mong the mists and clouds of valley,
Flee the storm and for life rally,
Climb above the clouds."

"Bereaved Christian:—Heart of weeping,
Pain and sorrow all life steeping,
God and angels are not sleeping,
Climb above the clouds."

"Burdened Christian—Heart of love,
Helpful friend of needful neighbor,
Rest with Jesus on Mount Tabor,
Climb above the clouds."

The loving father, who knoweth our frame, pitieth his children, and recognizing our disposition, promises "as one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you," and is not the loving, soothing touch of the infinite sufficient to repress these murmurings against his providences?

And then our risen Lord, whose sympathy touches every share of human suffering,

"And leads us through no darker rooms
Than he went through before,"

has sent the Comforter. Walk

A MINISTER'S STATEMENT

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

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with Jesus and talk much to him, and murmuring will cease, and even difficulties will enable us to say with one who suffered much,

"Oh, 'tis a blessed thing for me
To need thy tenderness."

Complaining is fatal to ministerial usefulness. It evidences discouragement and this is destructive to effective, aggressive leadership. We may preach till Satan takes a holiday, from, "They shall mount up with wings as eagles," but if our congregations have seen us with hanging and drooping wings before every adverse breeze, they will naturally enquire why we did not "wait" longer. Our religion embraces both comforts and crosses. Proclaim the comforts as loud as you please, but bear the crosses in silence, like your Master. Brethren, I do not arrogate to myself a place on Mount Impeccant, but am loyally striving to obey Luther's advice to Melancthon: "Strive against thyself, the greatest enemy. Why do we fear the conquered world, that have the conqueror himself on our side?"

MANVILLE.

Against Infant Baptism.

Recently, we heard a discourse from the above standpoint by Rev. A. Carlin, a Baptist preacher. He announced the following propositions, which were taken down by the writer, read at the close of the discourse, and approved by the speaker, who also expressed a willingness and desire that they be published. The propositions are in quotation:

"Jesus said, let the children come, but the parents stand between them and Christ, and try to do the coming for them." The facts: The children were brought; they were infants; the disciples rebuked those that brought them; Jesus was much displeased and said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven, as spoken of in the gospels is, so far as I know, regarded by all Christians as the Church of God. The subjects of the kingdom are to be baptized. Jesus says the little children—infants—belong to the kingdom, and says: Suffer them to come; forbid them not. He calls their being brought their coming. And yet who so ready as

those who claim to be "the only Church of the Lord" to rebuke those who bring them?

"The baptism of children adds nothing to their salvation; that is, makes it no more secure." If that is a good reason why children should not be baptised, it is, according to Mr. Carlin, equally valid against the baptism of regenerated adults; for in the same discourse he preached that a person once converted can never be in danger of being lost.

"The cloud poured out water on those who were not led by the Lord, and destroyed them. Ps. 77: 16-18." So, also, said he, are those who practice pouring for baptism in danger of being destroyed. "Cattle were baptized in the sea just as the children of Israel were—unto Moses." To prove this proposition he referred to Exodus xii. 38.

I have always thought baptism pertains to the human family, and not to "brute beasts." Paul says: "All our fathers were baptized." (1 Cor. x. 2.) Now, as I am a human, this proves infant baptism to me; and as I am not a beast it does not prove cattle baptism to me. But if it proves cattle baptism to Mr. Carlin, I shall not dispute with him, for he ought to have some knowledge of his ancestry. (See Curry-Comb.) Now this I say, with all seriousness: that when I have to verge so near on to blasphemy to maintain a position, I will, in all haste, abandon it.

"It is a sin against God, and contrary to the New Testament." Chapter and verse not given. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, "Save yourselves from the great sin and many evils of infant baptism."

Don't Experiment.

When grip attacks a person of nervous temperament there is usually a great depression of spirits, the patient is plunged in despair, and no amount of argument or railery has any effect on his misery. The man or woman whose nerves become so shattered that it is a torture to remain in bed; and the night is passed in a vain attempt to get a little sleep is on the down grade to nervous prostration, insanity and death. There is no time then to experiment with new and untried remedies. Neglect or delay in this respect may prove a fatal mistake.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is the best of all medicines for the nervous, tired out and sleepless victim of the grip, just as it is the best remedy for all other weaknesses and disorders of the nervous system. It attacks the minute germs of impurity clustered in the blood and thoroughly routs them out of every hidden corner of the body.

"I was extremely nervous and although I doctored with several physicians I could not gain strength. My nerves became so completely unstrung that I could scarcely sleep at all, and I thought I should surely die. I began taking Dr. Miles' Nervine and in less than a week I was feeling very much better. After taking six

bottles I was completely restored to health."

C. E. HACKETT, Greene, N. Y.

A trial package of Dr. Miles' favorite treatment for the grip, consisting of Dr. Miles' Nervine, Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills and Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills, will be sent absolutely free of cost to any person sending name and address on a postal card, requesting the samples, and mentioning the name of this paper. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Quarterly Meetings.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, second round, James Thomas, P. E.

March—Hunter Memorial, 4-5; Lokenoke, 11-12; Asbury, 18-19; Mabelvale, 25-26.

April—Tomberlin, 1-2; Des Arc and Devalls Bluff, 8-9; First Church, 15-16; Austin, 22-23; Oak Hill, 29-30.

May—Mauumelle, 6-7; Hickory Plains, 13-14; Hazen and Carlisle, 20-21; England and Liberty, 27-28.

June—Winfield Memorial, 3-4. District conference will be held at Carlisle May 17-21 inclusive.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT, second round, A. E. Holloway, P. E.

March—Cushman circuit at Pleasant Valley, 18-19; West Batesville circuit at Bethesda, 19-20; Jamestown circuit at Locust Grove, 25-26; Batesville stations, 26-27.

April—Evening Shade circuit at Sidney, 1-2; Evening Shade and Melbourne at Evening Shade, 2-3; Cedar Grove circuit at Oak Grove, 8-9; Newberg circuit at New Hope, 15-16; Inka circuit, 22-23; La Crosse circuit at Philadelphia, 29-30.

SEARCY DISTRICT, second round, H. Williams, P. E.

March—Argenta station, 18-19; Augusta station, 25-26.

April—Searcy station, 1-2; Bald Knob, 8-9; West Point, 15-16; Cabot, 22-23; Union and Revel, 29-30.

May—Mineral circuit, 6-7; El Paso circuit, 13-14; Stony Point circuit, 14-15; Pisgah circuit, 20-21; Beebe and Lebanon, 28-29.

June—West Searcy, 3-4; Aurora and Weldon, 10-11.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT, second round, J. H. Riffin, P. E.

March—Hope, 18-19; Nashville at Bingen, 23; Center Point at Center, 25-26.

April—Locksburg at Gravelly Point, 1-2; Eramet at Moscow, 8-9; Mineral Springs, 15-16; DeAnne at Holly Grove, 22-23; Chapel Hill at Norwoodville, 29-30.

May—DeQueen, 1; Rocky Comfort at Winthrop, 3; Richmond, 6-7; Bright Star at Muncie's, 9; Washington at Ozan, 13-14; Fulton, 20-21; Carolina, 25; Spring Hill at Sardis, 27-28.

June—Prescott, 3-4.

Missionary Institute at Columbus, April 12-14.

Big Baby Carriage Sale

If any of our readers will cut this notice out and send to Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill., they will send you, free, by mail, postpaid, a handsome catalogue of baby carriages in colors, with lowest Chicago wholesale prices, free examination offer, tell you how to order, etc., etc.—[Editor.]

Boys, Girls. We give a good watch for selling 6 boxes Excelsior Pills, a standard remedy for liver and kidney troubles, headache, backache, constipation, etc. Sample package, containing 100 pills, by mail, 10c. The Excelsior Remedy Co., Spartanburg, S. C.

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The Sunday School.

PREPARED BY REV. J. A. ANDERSON.

MARCH 19, 1899.

Christ the Good Shepherd.

JOHN x:1-16.

Golden Text.—“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (Verse 11.)

Time.—The summer of A.D. 29.

Place.—Somewhere in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

In order to clearly understand this lesson it is necessary to call to mind again the main object of the writer of this gospel, so far as the present section of it is concerned, namely, to give an account of the rise of unbelief at Jerusalem. The matter here still revolved around the incident of healing the man born blind, an account of which we had in the last chapter.

The Master saw the ruthlessness and the violence with which the Pharisees dealt with that man. He sets himself in contrast with these rulers of the people by giving them three allegories. In the first allegory, verses 1-6, he presents himself as the true shepherd, in contrast with the Pharisees, who are thieves and robbers. The picture is that of a shepherd coming in the morning to gather together his sheep from among those in the common fold, where they are under the charge of the porter who has watched over them during the night. This shepherd is known to the porter, and so, is admitted by the door. Those who would break into the theocratic fold of God and take charge as the Pharisees had done, climb over the walls of the enclosure. By the door we understand the God-provided way into the fold, the messianic office, through which Jesus entered to gather his sheep, those that were his own in the Jewish nation, just as this poor blind man whom he had restored to sight was found to be his own. Those that are of the truth will hear and recognize the true shepherd's voice. The porter who opens the door here is most likely John the Baptist. Thus the Great Shepherd gains admittance, forms his flock, and leads them out to pasture.

At verse 7 the figure changes. The picture now is that of the shepherd and his flock, out on the pasture lands where there is provided not only pasture, but, also, a place of temporary rest, affording the flock protection and refreshment. Jesus is here the door. The sheep take refuge through him; they go out to pasturage through him. The whole of this second figure sets forth the abundance of salvation which he affords his sheep, in contrast with the stealing and killing to which the sheep of these thieves and robbers are exposed, even by those who profess to be their shepherds.

At verse 11 the figure changes again. Here Jesus is the good shepherd, in contrast with the hireling shepherd. The fold of Israel should have been protected against

these wolves, the Pharisees, but the hireling priests and Levites were too cowardly to do it. They had practically deserted the flock at the approach of the latter. They could not rise up and stem the tide of hypocrisy and rascality which the reign of Pharisaism had brought. They preferred to take care of themselves and let the sheep go. The one man who dared to stand by them as against these wolves was Jesus himself, and he clearly saw that he must do it at the expense of his own life. But the good shepherd would pay

LIKE A MIRACLE.

HOW A LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA SUFFERER WAS CURED.

The Story of a Sturdy Engineer—His Death was Decried at a Consultation of Physicians, but a Changed Medical Treatment Saved His Life

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

James Crockett, a sturdy old Scotchman, living in Detroit, Mich., at 88 Montcalm Street, was asked about his wonderful cure. “First,” he said, “I must tell you something of my life before my almost fatal sickness. I was born in Scotland in 1822, and came to this country in 1848. I am a marine engineer by trade, and have been up and down the big lakes hundreds of times.



There is no spot between Duluth and the Atlantic Ocean I do not know. In 1872 I was in the employ of the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co., and for fifteen years I was at my post as chief engineer on one of their big passenger steamers. My first boat was the R. N. Rice, which was burned at the docks. Then I was transferred to the Rubio, which was chartered to make the run between Detroit and Cleveland.

“I brought out the new steamer the ‘City of the Straits,’ and for years acted as her chief engineer. It is a great responsibility, the position of chief engineer on those big passenger palaces. Thousands of lives are held in the keeping of the engineer. Few realize the dangers that might befall them, and on the engineer depends the safety of the passengers. The anxiety causes a great nervous strain, and the strictest attention is necessary during the trip. Not for a moment must he lose his watchfulness, as the human freight above him is absolutely in his care.

“For fifteen years I carefully watched the big engines and boilers without a single accident, and only noticed that I was getting nervous. Suddenly without warning I was taken sick, and in less than a week I was prostrated. I had the best of physicians, and hoped to be at work again within a week. I grew gradually worse, and at the council of doctors, they said I had nervous prostration, and had destroyed my whole nervous system and would never be able to be up again. They said I had worn myself out by the long nervous strain caused by watching and worrying about the machinery. No man could stand such nervous strains over seven or eight years, while I had been fifteen years in destroying my nerve centres. For three long years I was unable to move from my bed without assistance. The doctor said I had locomotor ataxia, and would never be able to walk again.

“The pains and suffering I experienced during those years are almost indescribable. My wife used to put eight or ten hot water bags around me to stop the pain. Those that came to see me bid me good-bye when they left me and I was given up. The doctors said nothing more could be done for me. In fact I had given myself up, and thought there was no use trying to get well.

“We tried every known remedy, and my wife kept reading the articles about Dr.

Locomotor Ataxia and Paralysis Can be Cured

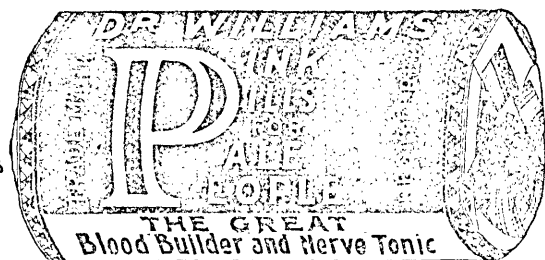
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These pills expel impurities from the blood, and supply the necessary material for building up wasted nerve tissue, thereby reaching the root of many serious diseases.

The great success of this remedy has led to many attempts at imitation and substitution. Some dealers tell customers that they have “a pill made from the same formula,” or “the same except in name.” Of course it isn't true. But they don't fool many buyers. People are too intelligent.

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Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People to me. Finally she said they only cost 50 cents, and she wanted to know if I would try them. To please her I consented, and the first box gave me relief. I continued to use them for about two years before I could get strength enough to walk. It came slow but sure, but what I am to-day is due wholly to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

“Nearly everybody in Detroit knows how long I was confined to the bed, and of my wonderful cure. It is almost a miracle to some people that saw me when the doctors had given me up, but Dr. Williams' Pink

Pills for Pale People cured me surely enough.

“Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People made me what I am to-day. I only wish I could persuade others to do as I did, and take them before it is too late.”

(Signed) “JAMES CROCKETT.” Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared James Crockett, who signed and swore to the above statement as being true in every particular.

ROBERT E. HULL, JR., Notary Public.

Wayne County, Mich.

that price. He would gather out of the Jewish nation those that were his own, and tells them that he has also other sheep, those that love the truth everywhere, whom he will also gather into his fold, so that there should be one flock and one shepherd. And because he is such a shepherd, his Father loves him. No man could take his life; he would give it for the sheep, and he would take it again.

These sayings were only partly comprehended by the Jews who heard them. They produced a division among them, however,

some saying that he had a devil, and some saying that a man who had a devil could not heal a man born blind.

J. R. Gray, Atkins, Ark., writes: Have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine 20 years. It cured me of Sour Stomach, Liver Troubles, La Grippe and several Bilious Attacks. I consider one dose superior to a 25c package of Black Draught.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1899.

Against Seating Mr. Roberts.

Somewhat similar in its ecumenical character is the memorial against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts, from the executive officers of the missionary societies of the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed Churches. They would have Congress refuse to seat Brigham H. Roberts, or, in the event of holding his election to be legally valid, to expel him. They declare that the said Roberts is an avowed polygamist, having at least three wives, all of whom he has married since the passage of the Edmunds Anti-Polygamy Law of 1882, or since the Congregational Law of 1862; that he served a term of imprisonment prior to the amnesty proclamations of Presidents Harrison and Cleveland for living with plural wives; that part of the penalty for living with plural wives prescribed by the Edmunds Law and the Edmunds-Tucker Law is disqualification to vote, or to hold office as an American citizen; that having confessedly lived with plural wives since November 1, 1890, Roberts has not complied with the conditions of either of the said Amnesty Proclamations, which fact alone should rule him out of Congress if there were no other reason. The memorialists further cite the fact that the leaders of the Mormon Church in December, 1891, made a solemn pledge that old polygamous relations should cease, and that no further polygamous marriages should be consummated, and that in view of this pledge, twice indorsed by the Mormon people, Congress passed the Enabling Act, in which, as a condition precedent to admission, was the declaration that Utah should forever abolish polygamy by constitutional enactment. Utah passed such constitutional prohibition, but the said Roberts has been a leader in the movement to repudiate this solemn covenant; and, therefore, to allow him to be seated, or to remain in the House of Representatives, would be an indorsement by Congress of this covenant-breaking scheme, as well, also, as it would reverse the action of the House in 1882, when it refused to permit George Q. Cannon, a polygamist, a seat as delegate from the Territory of Utah. Concluding, they say:

"We therefore appeal to the House of Representatives to stand uncompromisingly for its own honor, and for the faithful observance of covenant obligations, by refusing to accept as the representative from Utah the man who persists in thus outraging the moral sense of the Nation, and who, by his own confession, is living in violation of the Constitution of his State, and of its public and positive compact with the National Government."—Western Christian Advocate.

Some Plain Truths.

A brother, whose name and place we withhold, that we may spare the people of whom he writes the shame of public exposure, sends us the following:

"MESSRS. GODBEY & THORNBURGH: Dear Brethren: I have been making close inquiry after our subscribers here, recently, and regret very much to have to say what I am about to say. Several of them seem to enjoy reading the paper, but they are poor managers, and have neglected to meet their financial obligations, especially for their church paper, until the amount has grown so large I am afraid they will never pay. I am sure they could, if they would just practice a little economy, soon pay every dollar of it. There is not one of them that does not spend from \$10 to \$20 for tobacco every year. Two of them told me, recently, that times were just so hard they could not buy flour for their families, and would be compelled to live on corn bread. But their tobacco, they must and will have. It is a shame, and I am ashamed to tell you of it. But it is a fact, all the same. I hardly know what to do. If I call their attention to these things, they get mad at me. If I just let them alone, and they should go to the judgment with their bills unpaid, it will be an awful thing. Think of a man making his confession on the judgment day: 'Lord, I confess I love my church, I love my family, and love to keep good books and church papers for my children to read; I love my God and his cause, but, Lord, I love and must have my pipe and tobacco, even if I have to do without a great many other things that I love. Tobacco I must have.' Now, brethren, I did not intend to say all this when I began, but my pencil just kept moving right on until you see what it has done. I shouldn't wonder, if some of my people were to know I had written thusly, they would come hunting my scalp. But what I have written, I have written. But lest you should become disgusted I will close."

Arkansas Leaguers, Attention.

Our missionary year closes April 1, next. You will see, by reference to statement of our treasurer, Bro. Thornburgh, in ARKANSAS METHODIST, that but a small part of our John Cline debt has been paid.

To the writer the very thought of failure is humiliating. We assumed the support of Bro. and Sister Cline, at the Jonesboro convention, for three years, beginning April 1, 1898, and as young Methodists, we cannot, we must not, default. The Arkansas State League stands well to the front in our connection. We are, and have been from the first, among the strongest and most influential. As your president, I am profoundly grateful for our past victories, and feel that God is with us. The thought that we are working in dark China, through

our representatives, Bro. and Sister Cline, should fill us all with joy. While we sleep, they are endeavoring to lead an aimless race to our blessed Lord and Savior. Let each chapter send at once, to Bro. Thornburgh, treasurer, the amount subscribed, and we earnestly hope that no League or Chapter will consent to be left out of this enterprise.

In this work the pastors are a mighty force. May we not expect of you, dear pastors, fullest sympathy and support at once. Let the officers read this at devotional meetings of chapters throughout the State at once.

JAMES THOMAS.

Church Notes.

Our people at Sedalia have just finished paying for their church at Sedalia, Mo., and now must abandon it because the foundations are failing.

Rev. A. H. Barnes, our pastor at Jefferson City, Mo., has undertaken to build a \$20,000 church. Bro. Barnes is likely to succeed in what he undertakes.

The Church of Latter Day Saints, of Independence, Mo., the strongest Mormon Church outside of Utah, enrolling more than 1,000 members, passed the following resolution respecting B. H. Roberts:

"Resolved, That the Independence (Mo.) branch of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints desire to be placed on record as protesting against the seating of B. H. Roberts, Congressman-elect from the State of Utah, it being a matter of public knowledge that he is a polygamist in belief and practice, contrary to the laws of the land. He should not, therefore, be permitted to represent his State in the legislative halls of the country."

This branch of the Mormon Church renounced polygamy many years ago, under the leadership of Joe Smith, Junior.

PREACHER'S MEETING, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

First Church 10 a.m. Present: Evans, Workman, Watson, Titus, Thompson, Godbey, Moore, and Dr. Dye. Bro. Thomas had been called to Hot Springs by the extreme illness of Bro. Wozencraft.

A. O. Evans presided in the meeting. Rev. Franklin Moore led the devotions. Some communications were read, and a letter from Dr. DuBose, respecting an Epworth League rally in the city. The approaching Sunday-school convention was considered.

Dr. Dye spoke of his work as chaplain of the Senate. He thought the Senate a good body of representative men. He spoke of the needs of Helena District as very great, and its possibilities of advancement as great.

Bro. Godbey preached for Bro.

Christie at Mabelvale morning and night. He found a good society there well organized, and was pleased with the work.

Bro. Watson said the Saturday morning service in the quarterly meeting at Hunter Memorial was very gracious, the Sunday congregation the largest of the Winter. Salary of preacher paid in full.

At Asbury there were good congregations. A special sermon to children after Sunday-school.

There was good service in the morning at Lonoke; none at night, because of rain.

First Church had a crowded house.

Winfield had a large congregation. Good prayer meeting, 200 in Sunday-school, 300 took sacrament, 7 were added to the church, one conversion at the League Meeting.

Bro. Titus had been sick during the week.

Special prayer was offered for the family of Rev. R. L. Wozencraft.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

Dr. S. J. Nichols, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, yesterday preached a sermon in honor of the completion of the thirty-fourth year of his pastorate of the same congregation. His ministry here commenced in a church five squares from the river; now he preaches forty squares west and five squares north. His second place of ministry was seventeen squares west of the river front. Not in the history of St. Louis has any other minister served one congregation so long.

Four denominational book depositories are within 100 yards of a central point on Locust street, formerly called Lucas Place. Every house in the first three squares west of the Exposition building was the home of a wealthy owner. All but two of the owners are dead or have moved westward and business is establishing itself as indicated. Twenty years ago a resident between Fourteenth and Seventeenth streets had to walk not more than a square and a half to reach one of two first-class Presbyterian Churches. Now one of them is a theater with a saloon attachment, the other, which cost \$140,000, is vacant, and to reach either congregation now, one in the vicinity of the abandoned churches has to go out to Forty or Forty-fifth street.

Today I stood one square from the premises of the St. Louis Advocate, at a street crossing, and counted eleven saloons within one square of me. No wonder that Editor Palmoro has entered on a vigorous crusade against the liquor traffic and declares: "The saloon must go."

General Grant's bronze image stood for a dozen years in the old wood selling market space, on Twelfth street, near Olive. It was

on the identical spot where, prior to 1860, he sold loads of wood that he had hauled from his woodland farm several miles from town. Since the new city hall was built the image was moved south of that building, where an inconsiderable number see it as compared with those who looked upon it where it was first erected.

Dr. Carradine has been holding a meeting in the Franklin Avenue Union Mission. W. N. Connelly assisted Pastor Sharp in a revival meeting at Wagoner Place Church. He is now with the Kirkwood pastor, C. L. Smith.

Fifty couples were divorced in one day this week in the anti-nuptial courts of St. Louis. The judge of the St. Louis county circuit court, suspended the operations of his court one day to marry a couple, which he did in the presence of "the gentlemen of the jury" and the lawyers all. The man in the case, his honor had divorced just a month before.

The Alliance of Evangelical Preachers meets the last Monday in each month. For that reason there was no preacher's meeting last week. The week before, Brother Pattillo read a paper on the power of the pulpit. An aged local preacher reported very favorably of Pattillo's success in Lafayette Park Church.

Arkansas Methodist Calendar.

March 22. Searcy District Preacher's Meeting—Augusta.

March 28-30. Pine Bluff District Preacher's Meeting—Rison.

April 2. Easter Service for Scarritt Bible and Training School.

April 25-28. Newport District Epworth League, Mammoth Spring.

April 26-30. Jonesboro District Preacher's Meeting, Piggott.

April 27-30. Batesville District Preacher's Meeting—Melbourne.

An Addition.

DR. GODBEY:—In your last issue appears: "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 cannot be justified by reason."

With a joyful heart I recognized this laudable effort towards uniformity and the simplification of our language spoken by 100,000,000 of the race. Pardon me for suggesting as a secondary meaning of the word "crank," to be one who

"Compounding sins they are inclined to
By damning those they have no mind to,"

given on authority of Butler's "Hudibras." Confident that each of us are destined to perch high on the lexicological tree, if sufficiently "boosted." I am your humble co-laborer,

PUBLICAN.

The Arkansas Democrat has copied considerable matter from the Methodist in regard to Galloway College, sometimes giving credit to us for it and sometimes

forgetting to do so. Well, we, and the Methodists of the State, are obliged to the Democrat for helping forward so good a cause as our church college. We will also appreciate all due recognition of the church paper.

Notices.

The preachers of the Arkansas Conference will please send the money collected by them for Mission Sunday-schools to Fred A. Lark, Secretary and Treasurer, Van Buren, Ark.

Rev. Dr. H. A. Tucker, assistant superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, will be in Little Rock, Sunday 12th inst., and speak at the First Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock; First Baptist Church at 3 p. m., and at Asbury M. E. Church, South, at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Tucker has studied the liquor question in Europe as well as in America, and comes with the very highest recommendation for scholarship, and ability as an orator. Let all the friends of temperance reform hear him.

WM. ARNOLD GREENE.

Attention.

We, your committee for the examination of the class of the second year, of the White River Conference, in order to meet the spirit of the resolution offered by our conference at its recent session, respecting the duties of examining committees, give notice to the class that we have divided our work thus:

N. E. Skinner will prepare and examine the class on Wesley's Explanatory Notes, on the New Testament, the Epistles and Revelation, and Watson's Institutes, Part 3rd. F. C. Sterling on Manual of Discipline, and Summers on Baptism. J. K. Farris on Kern's Ministry to the Congregation, and Wesley's Doctrinal Standards, Sermons 27-52 inclusive.

We will require written examinations and correct answers to 65 per cent of questions given, in order to pass.

N. E. SKINNER,
F. C. STERLING,
J. K. FARRIS.

Preacher's Meetings.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

We are trusting for a full attendance of the pastors and local preachers at the preacher's meeting, at Augusta, March 22-25. Preachers en route may hear Bishop Galloway at Searcy, on the 21st, and reach Augusta on time.

Sundry subjects will be discussed (see program). We are hoping that the meeting shall be helpful at Augusta, as well as to the work generally in the district.

Our Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. W. B. Riels, has been invited to attend; also, Drs. Godbey and Goddard. We wish to look closely at the work indicated in subjects for discussion, and special efforts will be made twice each day in preaching services.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

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Opening sermon, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., by L. M. Daly.

Wednesday, 8:30 a. m., opening services.

9:00. The 13th question in quarterly conferences; what is implied in it? D. D. Warlick and J. R. Dickerson.

10:00. The Grounds of Missionary Obligation, J. A. Anderson and R. F. Scott.

11:00. Preaching by J. B. Williams.

2:30. The P. C. the Steward of the Missionary and Conference Claimant, J. R. Cason and J. J. Bond.

3:30 p. m. How to Organize and Operate the Sunday-schools as Missionary Societies, K. W. Dodson and J. W. White.

7:30. Preaching by J. A. Anderson.

Thursday, 8:30 a. m. Devotional exercises.

9:00. How to promote a revival, R. T. Davis and J. W. Harrell.

10:00. The Pastoral Instruction of Children. What it is and How to do it, J. B. Williams and O. J. Beardslee.

11:00. Preaching

2:30 p. m. The Need of Preparation for the Work of the Ministry, What it is, and How to Make it, J. A. Anderson and K. W. Dodson.

3:30. Our Financial Plans, When to Begin and How to Begin in Order to Success, J. R. Cason, L. M. Daly.

General discussion following each subject.

Let every pastor in the district attend. All visitors are welcome.

A. TURRENTINE, P. E.

Personal.

The postoffice of Rev. J. E. Dunaway is Ca cade, Ark.

Bro. R. W. Hall, of Canton, Sharp county, was a caller Tuesday.

Rev. J. W. Robinson, of the St. Louis Conference, is at the home of his son in Galveston, Tex.

Rev. N. B. Fizer has been appointed by Dr. Dye in charge of Madison mission, Helena District.

Dr. E. E. Hoss is engaged to address the Conference Post-Graduate class at Baltimore Conference.

Rev. John Roland, of Doe Branch, one of our most faithful local preachers, was in our office Tuesday.

Rev. E. R. Steele was in the METHODIST office Thursday. He is much pleased with his charge at Bentonville.

Our school-boy associate and old time friend, V. O. Saunders, has been chosen president of the Prohibition Union of St. Louis.

Rev. D. W. Carter, D. D., of our Mexican mission, is in Cuba investigating our prospects of organization on the island.

Rev. George Wilkinson came down from Cato last week, gave us some money on the METHODIST, and purchased a nice lot of books.

Rev. Alpha J. Kynett, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Church Extension Society of the M. E. Church, died at Harrisburg, Pa., February 23, 1899.

Rev. S. H. Babcock has entered upon his work as agent for Galloway College. April 12 has been fixed as Galloway College day. Let all get ready.

Rev. Sidney H. Babcock, Jr., has been appointed in charge of Wheatley circuit in place of Rev. I. B. Manly, who has been released on account of ill health.

Prof. Edwin Mims, of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., came home last week on account of the extreme illness of his father. We are glad to know that Bro. Mims is improving.

Dr. Dinwiddie will preach the commencement sermon for Scarritt Collegiate Institute, Neosho, Mo. President Craighead, of Central College, will deliver the literary address.

Rev. J. H. Bradford, Rocky Comfort, writes, March 4, 1899: "Judge J. S. Dollarhide, a prominent citizen of this place and member of our church, died last night. He was 80 years old last Christmas day."

Rev. James Thomas sends this telegram from Hot Springs: "R. L. Wozencraft died at 4 o'clock yesterday evening. His remains will be sent to Dallas county for interment." Thus has one of the bravest and noblest of our itinerant band in the Arkansas Conferences passed to his rest.

Dr. Julien C. Brown, at Hot Springs, Ark., is being greatly blessed in his work. Large congregations wait on his ministry, and frequent additions to the church attest the faithfulness and efficacy of the preached word. Lawyers, doctors, and people of intelligence and high social standing from all sections of the country, besides the resident population, attend the church. This makes his charge more than ordinarily difficult.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

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Christian Life.

Secret Sins.

REV. E. N. PITTS.

What are secret sins?

1. The most common class are those concealed from the world, or, if known, not condemned by it. With many outward sins the world joins its voice with the teaching of God's word in condemning them, but with many secret ones it is mute. The world has no voice to condemn the love of the world. Many of its transactions are performed with selfish motives. Commerce has ever set her hand and seal to covetousness. It is the fornicating principle of the transaction. The world is all smiles to pride, envy, sensuality and self-will, and yet the Bible places these sins, and covetousness along with lying, theft, robbery, adultery, and murder, teaching that they are such sins as to exclude from heaven. I fear that many people look indulgently upon these sins of the heart, who would recoil with horror from presumptuous ones. When the world concurs with the Bible they listen reverently, but when God speaks alone they heed it less. They are careful not to do what would shock human spectators, but what offends God they are less afraid of. If the world frowns, they will let a great cause suffer before they will lend a helping hand, and thereby commit a great sin in the eyes of God that is unknown to the world. This bad distinction becomes a habit, and not a few of the tragedies of sin are wrought out before no witnesses but God and the sinning soul. Men heap up wrath in the secret places of their own hearts. Fearful histories there are of souls undone, which will only be read when the book shall be opened at the great judgment. There the hearts of all shall be revealed. You may not have been seen by any human soul, but your sin will be brought to light at the judgment. "Be sure your sin will find you out." "That which is done in secret is to be exclaimed on the housetop." If a secret sin is a trespass on the rights of a neighbor there must be an acknowledgement, and, if possible, a restoration of the wrong before it can be forgiven. Men who steal, burn barns, churches, and commit other like sins must make a public confession, and if able pay for the damage, before God will forgive them.

2. Sins of omission are but little noticed by the world, and they are very liable to be forgotten by the transgressor, and yet the sinner is to be damned for duties neglected. The final sentence is, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and ye gave me no meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink, I was a stranger and ye took me not in, naked and ye clothed me not, sick and in prison and ye visited me not." The unprofitable servant was cast into outer darkness. It is a first duty to do no harm, but he who neglects to do all possible good is a great

sinner. All are bound to do good as they have opportunity. There is no other rule. God is to be glorified by our bringing forth much fruit. How much every one can do they know, and God knows. It is a secret to others, but neglect will turn out to be none the less ruinous on that account. I fear this part of my account more than any. Perhaps everyone of us has, by his neglect, been the means of damning a soul. This may be the realm, the hidden realm where most of the sins of believers are perpetrated. In God's wonderful plan the putting forth an effort—the offering of a prayer—the speaking of a kind word, the giving of a dollar, may be the instrument of promoting objects dearest to the Saviour's heart. To omit these duties is to thwart them, to wound him, to restrain his grace, to blast eternal interests. Who can understand his errors of this kind? O God, cleanse us from secret faults.

3. Another class of secret sins which demands great and prayerful vigilance to detect and prevent is composed of our motives. If the motive is impure the action is sinful.

Professed Christians are perpetually performing duties which would be sinful to omit, on grounds that spoil them. Beginning with pure motives, men often continue in duty partly from habit. They forget that all must be done to the glory of God. They attend church, prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, pay the preacher, and perform many other Christian duties, but they do not all, with a singleness of heart. With God intention is everything. This caused Ananias, and his wife, Sapphira, to fall dead at Peter's feet.—Acts, 4:5. This made the widow's mite more valuable than the coffers full of gold. This made Solomon the wisest and greatest man of all ages.

There can be no substitute for right motive—for wrong ones no palliation. You may "give all your goods to feed the poor," and your "body to be burned" and if the motive is impure it will profit you nothing. Impure motive is an accursed ground, on the border of which we all stand, and I know of no way of sliding off upon it, but an unslumbering watchfulness and incessant crying for help, and a direct and conscious reference of all we do or say to the will of God and the glory of Christ. And be it remembered that it will not do to neglect a duty for want of a right motive.

6. We are held responsible for all the consequences of our omissions and misdoings even though it be impossible to foresee them or estimate their results. Estimated by this rule, who can understand the number or magnitude of his sins? Every man is responsible for the perfect consecration to God of every talent all his lifetime—of all his influence and all that he might have acquired; of all his knowledge and all that he might have attained; of all his opportunities and all that he might have secured; of all his property and all he might have honestly gained or saved. On precisely these terms we are living and



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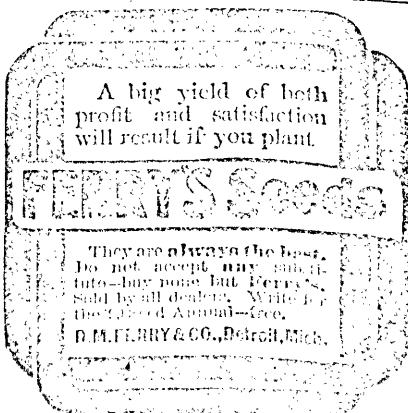
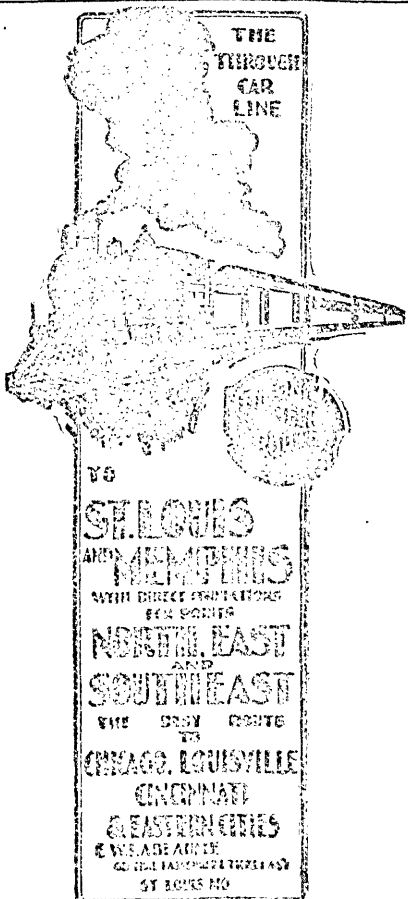
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NO. XXVII.

I believe I left us children on the streets of Alma. We were not used to engines. While we are there, father takes us down to see a train pass. We see the engine coming towards us puffing, roaring, and snorting and tearing to pieces. Our throats are choking, jumping and swelling to keep our hearts from coming into our mouths, and our eyes are heaving out greatly. As the engine comes by us, the escape valve bursts and nearly covers us in a mass of steam, and the next thing we know our little legs are trotting off in double quick time towards town, taking body, eyes, and all, willingly along. Father, all this time, is extending one of his tender smiles towards us, and we think, surely a braver man never trod the earth than our father.

Julian and myself, every one says, were nearly alike. He was bow-legged and I knock-kneed, dark skinned and I fair, black hair and I with light hair. But our little hats fell down just alike around our heads, and I noticed that Julian's pants were just as white as mine and his waist just as checked. We also pit-a-pat after father down the street just the same way. Father is in a hurry and takes long steps; we are after him in a great long trot; our eyes have to search out the hidden things in town, so father walks off and leaves us. He is going down to a crossing of the street, where there are rocks placed along to step on. Julian and I see that we are left, and that a line diagonally across the street to where father is going to step onto the other sidewalk is the nearest way across. We plunge into the street. We are nearly half way across, when we hear father's familiar cotton-field shout crying, "Stop there. Where are you going?" and we stop, for we are accustomed to doing what that voice says. A chorus of voices are yelling from both sides, "Come back, boys. Who! come back." This was our first taste of notoriety. We look down and see that our bare feet and half of our legs up to our knees have disappeared into the mud, and that more is following. A minute later, a pair of bow-legs and a pair of knock-knees are seen flying down the street in a hurry; while their feet are taking their pictures on the side-walk every step; also, as we move down the street, men seem to be vying with one another to see who can open his mouth the widest and bray the loudest. When we reach father, he bestows one of his innocent smiles on his two elegant looking boys. A ten o'clock, July, cotton-field grin graces each one of his boys' faces. Our feelings are hurt.

One of us boys strays off and gets into a saloon, but does not get drunk, for he does not know what whisky is. We never saw it around our home. But Will is a curious boy. I believe I told you, children, that he had a very large

head, big eyes, set on a little body, with very short legs. This day he wore little short white pants, a little white waist, and was bare foot. Well, Will wanders off from us, led by his curiosity to see, and gets lost in town. He can not find father, and consequently knows that his time is about up on earth. He begins to bawl and run, and run and bawl, and bawl and run, and runs into the store where father trades. He is almost wild. Great tears are chasing each other down his cheeks. He comes up to the merchant, and between his sobs, finally says: "Do you know where my pa is?" The merchant says, "Whose boy are you? What's your name?" He says, "I am Willie Lark." "Oh," says the merchant, smiling, "Yonder is your pa," and about that time father's troubled eyes peep up from behind the book-keeper's desk, and the fountain of Will's tears is made to stop spilling them, and he is wonderfully happy.

The next Sunday morn us boys are wearing our hats, anyway, anywhere, and any opportunity, just so we have on our new black hats, and we do not sit on our hats to hide them at Sunday-school—we let everybody manage to see them. Now, Willie, who was lost in town, while sitting in his Sunday-school class, by the bobbing of his head, and the cut of his big eyes, and by the wiggle of his little bare feet, says: "Parents, have you any children lost in this wicked world from God? if so, strive to bring the little ones back home again. Children, are you lost from your heavenly Father? If so, come back to him. He is not like my father, unconscious of your being lost, but His heart is yearning for your return. You are not lost to him, but you have lost your God. Seek God."

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As I See It.

REV. P. A. MOSES.

MR. EDITOR:—For several years I have noticed in the papers, the church attendance in large cities was much diminished from what it had been; so much so, as to be marked, even causing anxious inquiry. Decrease in attendance, decrease in contributions for church purposes, small increase by accessions, or actual decrease of numbers seem to be the order in almost all the churches. On these items my mind has dwelt with much anxiety. I might say with painful solicitude. The reports from our conferences, and financial boards, show that we need bestir ourselves and hunt the cause of these declensions. It behooves us to search diligently until the cause is found, and then, with all diligence to remove it speedily. I will not speak, nor write for other denominations, but for the Southern Methodists only. I am more anxious, because new doors are opened and are opening to us on every hand. I am bold to say, Achan is in the camp. Babylonish garments, shekels of silver and a wedge of gold are in the tent, hid. Let us find them. Let us get them out, before further defeat, before others perish, because of the presence of these things. Thirty years ago Dr. Lyman Beecher, in a lecture, said: "Methodism is of God, her founders were men of God. As an evidence of this, as Methodism prospers all other denominations prosper; as Methodism wanes, all other denominations wane. Her holy men, her simple methods, her adaptability to all classes, the plainness and simplicity of her worshipers, and her congregational singing, all tell us Methodism is of God." And then added with emphasis: "If Methodism ever reverts to choir singing, powdered churches and fashionable usages, she is shorn of her strength and her beauty." How much truth is in this prediction. I leave for each reader of this to determine for himself the present condition of the church—the financial deficiencies—the decrease in membership—or diminished increase, can be attributed neither to hard times, financial stringencies, or the evangelists. They could not retard along any of these lines if there were no Achan in the camp.

1st. As a church, ministry and laity, we have not the power of prevailing with God, the secret of holy living, the spirituality of mind and soul, that we should have. To convince the reader of the truth of this let him take the bulk, or if he choose, the entire ministry of the church today and compare them with the ministry of early Methodism, those who established Methodism in America, and kept it going until the decadence set in. How different the results. They were more abundant in labor. Take the period of forty or fifty years in our early history. The preachers of today have as good minds as they, are better educated, have better

preaching places, a better educated audience to preach to, better modes of travel. Indeed, we are better prepared in every respect to do a greater work than they, except in one respect—they were princes, had power with God and prevailed with men. They took the citadel of sin by storm and liberated the captives, sometimes whole communities. They had to contend with prejudice, the opposition of other churches, hardships in living and travel, and even, sometimes endured buffetings. We have all the advantages of the times. See what they did. See what we are doing, and then say, if they did not have something that we have not, or they had more of that of which we have but little. They fought. We skirmish. The Spirit in them said, when they saw a sinner, 'I will save him or die.' The Spirit in us says, I will save him if I don't get hurt. They waged war without plan. We must have system in the smallest detail. They looked at Christ and banged away and before they ceased firing their spiritual missiles, whole altars were full of the wounded and carnally dying. We look at the sinners and bang away and do not scare them from their carnal security. What was the matter with them? What is the matter with us? When a special onslaught was to be made, they prayed late and early and fasted, that the gospel might be the power of God unto salvation. A special onslaught with us is preceded with an early to bed and late to rise, with a hearty meal and a luncheon in our grip sack. What was the matter with them? Why this difference in results? What is the matter with us? If their grand success and the heritage they bequeathed to us were the result of not being educated themselves and the people, would that we were all ignorant in the same way. If we have not lost this spiritual life and power so essential to soul-saving and the advancement of Christ's kingdom, where is the evidence? Do we as rigidly discipline ourselves as they did? First, the Bible teaches and enjoins fasting as a means of grace. Our Lord taught it. The fathers of Methodism and her early pioneers observed it with a scrupulousness worthy a heaven born and heaven aspiring soul. This was to render more efficient those who observed it. They looked for blessings through this channel that came to them no other way. Who fasts now? Do Bishops, P. E.s, station, circuit, local preachers or members? Suppose we all drop back and try this for one year. Reader, do you feel guilty? God has predicated all the financial claims of His cause upon a sense of moral obligation, a love of His people, to promote His cause, to build his church. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The greater blessing is to the donor; the action is reflex.

PREACHER'S MEETING.—The Monticello District preacher's meeting was held at Hamburg, February 22 and 23. The opening

sermon was preached by Bro. Few. Bro. Scott, our efficient P. E., was present and presided. After a very impressive devotional service, the programme was taken up. While nearly one-half of the preachers were absent, on a count of sickness, we had a profitable time. Those who were present seemed to be in the best spirits for speaking, and always said something to profit.

Among our most interesting subjects was, "The Preacher as Pastor and Student." Just because a man is in charge of a mission, is no reason that he should depreciate his library in the doing of his work and wholly devote his time to pastoral work. To become an efficient dispenser of the Word, he should cultivate both, to the extent of reaching the highest possible good. The advice given is "Study to show thyself approved." Other subjects were discussed to profit.

Bro. Turrentine, P. E. of the Pine Bluff District, was with us, and added interest to the meeting by his spiritual talks. Especially did we enjoy his very able and earnest sermon on 1 Tim. vi. 16. He uttered no uncertain sound.

We learned with deep sorrow of the death of Sister E. N. Watson, and resolutions of condolence were read before the meeting and adopted. We adjourned, being assured that a greater effort, upon the part of each preacher, would be exerted for a general revival over the district. May it be.

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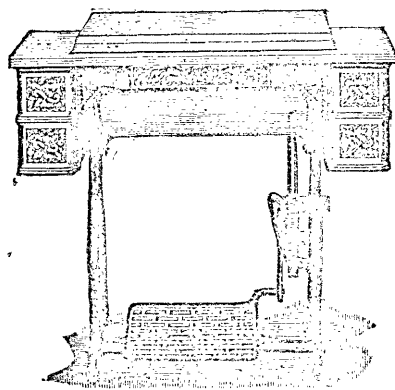
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Our Church at Home.

JASPER.—We have just closed a nine-days meeting. The Lord was with us in great power. The church was wonderfully revived and four young men passed from death unto life. Bro. Coal, a Baptist minister, was with us and did some good preaching. Our quarterly conference was held on the 17th and 18th. Just when the fire had begun to burn, Bro. Merrill, our P. E., came to us, full of the Holy Ghost, and of course we had a good conference. We closed the meeting with three accessions to the church and left mourners in Zion.

Prospects are for a good year. Pray for us, that the fire may continue to burn throughout the entire year.

ARTIE L. CLINE, P. C.

BUFFALO ISLAND CIRCUIT.—Our first quarterly conference is over. There were only a few people at the business meeting, owing to the immense rain-fall. Our P. E. delivered three able and effective sermons, while with us. We anticipated good meetings and everything came up to our expectations, except the financial part. It was a little short of what it would have been, had it not been for the "blizzard" from the Arctic regions. We had no conversions, but sinners were deeply convicted. We humbly hope impressions were made, the result of which eternity alone can tell.

Our people were all greatly delighted with our new P. E., and feel the importance of begetting themselves to work, and to prayer, that we may have another glorious meeting when our P. E. comes again.

Brothens, why not have conversions at our quarterly conference? God is "just the same today."

JAMES WILSON.

Monette, Ark.

SPRINGTOWN:—Myself and family have been sick with la grippe for two weeks. I have missed two appointments. My family are all up and improving rapidly now, and I shall be able to do some work among my people. Our intention is to begin our work now with greater zeal and earnestness than we have hitherto done. I shall make a very great effort to put the ARKANSAS METHODIST in every Methodist home within the bounds of my charge. I am sorry to say that the majority of our people on this charge do not take their church paper. Where this is the case, a preacher is not likely to do the work he would do if his people read their church papers and kept themselves posted on the different lines of church work, and also in this way, informed themselves as regards the great demands that are upon us as a church.

We are glad to say that our people are well pleased with the METHODIST.

Our first quarterly meeting has come and gone. Our new P. E., Dr. W. F. Wilson, was present, and did not fail to look after all the interests of the church. He preached four very able sermons.

He preaches with power. On Sunday at 11 o'clock the Holy Ghost came upon the P. E. and congregation, and many sinners came to the altar for prayers. We all love Bro. Wilson. May the blessings of God rest upon and abide with him.

One-fourth of the P. E.'s and P. C.'s salary paid at quarterly conference. Collections ordered by annual conference secured by subscription, and some cash reported; fourteen members received since conference.

Z. W. LINDSEY.

CUSHMAN CIRCUIT.—At our last conference Bishop Morrison read me out for Cushman circuit, and we had a move of twenty-six miles. We went home after conference and packed our things, and on the morning of December 14, we left Mountain View and landed in Cushman that night and put up with Bro. Harnes for the night. Bro. F. M. Smith, my predecessor, moved out on the 15th, and we were soon pleasantly fixed up in the parsonage.

The people of Cushman gave us a warm reception and began to bring in supplies; and on Christmas Eve they had a Christmas tree and your humble servant received \$5 in cash for his Christmas present and the people have been pounding us all along. On the night of February 16 they came—members of all denominations and worldlings—and marched through the hall into the dining room, led by my steward, Bro. Charles Howe, and they just covered a large table with sacks, hams, cans, sugar, coffee, lard, soda, and too many good things to mention all. They then went into the sitting room, and after a few words of conversation I returned to them my sincere thanks, then we read a scripture lesson and all knelt down and prayed. After a pleasant time together, the company dispersed and wife and I went in and looked at what they had brought us.

We are well pleased with our charge and are having good congregations. We trust that, by the help of God, we will be able to do a good work here this year, and we hope to be able to remunerate the good people for their kindness to us.

Our first quarterly meeting has passed. Our new P. E. was with us and preached to the delight of all. My people all like him very much. My stewards made me a very liberal assessment for the ensuing year. God bless the METHODIST and its Editor and Business Manager.

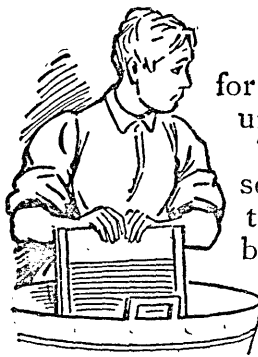
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Home Mission Day in Little Rock.

BY V. C. P.

By joint action of all the Home Mission organizations of America, February 23 was set apart as a day of prayer for the cause of Christ in our land.

A program, to be used in common, was prepared, but failing to receive it, the ladies of the Methodist churches of Little Rock, decided to have a union meeting at First Church, conducted by their pastor.

The ready and hearty responses from these pastors was an earnest of the delightful and profitable service which will be long remembered.

With fervent prayer of faith Rev. Dr. Godbey led us nearer the throne of grace, and we were ready for the messages from other men of God.

Appropriate selections from the scriptures were read, and grand old hymns were sung with spirit. Rev. J. M. Workman's fine address on "City Missions" showed that much good has been accomplished by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and that much more remains to be done by its members.

He made an earnest call for greater effort by Christian women in behalf of the unsaved in our land—aye in our own city. We hope some good work will be the outcome of this address, so full of wise suggestion.

The excellent address on Parsonages by Rev. A. O. Evans, brought a new realization of their value to itinerant ministers. I wished that his pathetic appeal for our homeless ministry could be heard and resound throughout Methodism. It would hasten the day when every pastor shall find a parsonage made ready for his self-sacrificing wife and darling children, by the loving hands of those to whom he will minister day by day. Sacred associations cluster around such sweet semblance of home, and children are made strong for the battles of mature life.

Bro. Evans told of the four-year-old boy who refused to become attached to the hired house and begged to "go back home"—the parsonage of his father's recent charge.

I thought of another pastor's beautiful boy who wept when told of the prospective departure, and then declared, "This is my home and I'm going to live here," and I wondered if the saint in heaven who had toiled and prayed until

that parsonage was built heard the words of the innocent child. It seemed to me she did, and that even in the celestial city a new joy thrilled her heart as she thanked God for the opportunities of self-sacrifice that had tested her love for her pastor and her loyalty to the messenger of Jesus Christ.

God give us women the eyes to see that this is one sure way to build up his kingdom!

There is no good reason why a single preacher in the Little Rock Conference should be without a comfortable parsonage.

On account of sad bereavement Rev. Caldwell Watson was not with us that afternoon, and sacred duty prevented Rev. Jas. Thomas from being present to deliver a promised discourse on Mission Schools.

Rev. W. E. Thompson's address on The Woman's Home Mission Society as an Educator, was the beautiful and fitting conclusion of our helpful union service.

He said that our organization must be imbued with the spirit of Christ to accomplish the great work it has projected. Then it must grow in grace and reach on and out until the whole world is encompassed with a saving knowledge of the Redeemer of mankind. With fervid eloquence he plead for deeper consecration to God and greater zeal in his service, and more than one heart was filled with the determination to "press with vigor on."

Scarritt Bible and Training School Easter Service.

CARD FROM PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Easter, with its blessed memories and associations, will soon be here—this year the date is April 2—and as members of the committee in charge of the annual service in the interest of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, we are glad to announce that the program is now ready for distribution, and will be furnished free of charge to societies, Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, or individuals desiring to use them. Effort is made each year to have the program breathe the joyous Easter spirit as well as to increase interest in the institution whose sole object is the equipment of messengers, who in the name of our risen Lord will go forth to witness for him in ministry to the sinful and suffering.

We ask our friends to lighten our labors and increase the usefulness of the Easter literature by making early application for a supply, as the call last year so far exceeded our expectation that a second edition had to be published to supply the demand, and many orders came too late to have the literature reach the destination before Easter. Please state the membership in the society or church sending for literature, and we will estimate the amount needed. The following outline will indicate the nature of the program.

We earnestly pray that the service may be blessed of God to every one who takes part, and we ask

our friends to help us make it a success. In his service,

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON,
MARY L. HARGROVE,
Committee.

EASTER PROGRAM.

1. Easter Anthem by choir or Sunday-school.
 2. Hymn 224 "Come Thou Almighty King."
 3. Prayer.
 4. Scripture Lesson by five children and leader. "Words of Our Lord on the First Easter Day."
 5. Hymn 46. "Wonderful Story of Love."
 6. Recitation. "At Easter Time," by a little girl.
 7. Recitation. "The Secret of Easter Day," by six children.
 8. Recitation. "Your Own."
 9. Hymn 50. "Perishing Souls" or selection by choir.
 10. Reading, "Out of Joseph's Tomb," A resurrection story.
 11. Recitation, "The Conqueror."
 12. Hymn 109. "An Open Bible for the World."
 13. Recitation, "Lou's Story" by a little girl.
 14. Leaflet. A question in finance: "Does the Investment Pay?" (Interest will be heightened if the conversation between Mrs. Greatheart and Mr. Clearhead be given by two persons.)
 15. Collection of cards for the Belle Bennett Chair and reception. Offering.
 16. Doxology when the offerings are brought to the altar.
 17. Closing prayer of Thanksgiving and benediction.
- The hymns used in this program are selected from Young People's Hymnal, sold by Godbey & Thornburgh, Little Rock, Ark.

Woman's Work in Home Missions.

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE.

When Kossuth visited America years ago he said: "If shipwreck should ever befall your country, the rock upon which it would split will be your devotion to your private duties at the expense of your duty to your state." The developments of these later days have brought to light the fact that patriotism is still warm in the hearts of Americans. It has been proved that many are ready to go forth when the bugle calls to battle, to suffer and die if need be for their country's good. But there is need for this devotion to the country's best interests in time of peace as well as war, and it is the inclination of these same men to wash their hands of public affairs, which is responsible for much misrule. It is not that they do not prefer good government to bad, but from the absorbing nature of private interests, they leave municipal affairs to the greedy and selfish ones who have no higher principle of action than their own gain. In Europe men of rank consider it a privilege to administer the affairs of their city, while we are willing to entrust the gravest interests of thousands of people to men who are not only ignorant but often depraved.

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HELVIE: Little Ralph Elsworth, son of Mr. Henry and Mrs. Mina Helvie, at Grace, Jefferson county, Ark., February 12, 1899. He was born September 30, 1896. He is gone to the home of the blessed. Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Dear friends, your loved one is safe from sin and sorrow.

J. R. SHERWOOD.

LITTLE: Loftin M. Little was born in North Carolina in 1835, and died near Hot Springs, Ark., January 23, 1899. He was married in 1870 to Miss Addie Palmer, daughter of Samuel and Maggie Palmer. To this union were born four children; all of them are still living. In 1859 he moved to Arkansas and settled in Dallas county. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army and continued in the same until the war ended. After the war he moved to Jefferson county and engaged in the saw-mill business. In 1874 he moved to Garland county. He was a substantial citizen, not a member of any church, however; towards the close of his life he seemed to regret that he had never joined the church. He was noted as a charitable man, often helping those who needed assistance. He provided well for his family. He was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery, amidst the weeping of his wife and children, to await the resurrection morning. We trust that he is at rest with God. May our kind, heavenly father bless the mother and children and grandmother Palmer, and may they all meet in heaven when the storms of life are over.

A. M. ROBERTSON.

HALL: Rush Hall, son of Dora and Bettie Hall, was born in Ouachita county, Ark., February 7, 1885. Received an accidental shot on the evening of January 21, 1899, which resulted in his instant death. His remains were laid to rest in the Stephens cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist Church at Stephens. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and weeping relatives being present. Many persons have said to me, "Rush was such a good boy, a dutiful and affectionate son, kind, gentle and courteous to every one, none knew him but to love him." Dear mourning parents and relatives, you laid your beloved Rush down, but we trust not as one dead, but as one who has fallen asleep in Christ, to be awakened on that blessed morning when God shall make up his jewels. Then when you shall see the king in his beauty you will meet your dear boy to part no more. How precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. May God comfort the hearts of father, mother and sorrowing relatives in the sweet thought of meeting your darling Rush again, where sickness, sorrow and death are feared no more.

REV. J. J. WILKINSON.

Boebo, Ark.

MARSH: Ida Rebecca Marsh, daughter of John R. and H. R. Marsh (neo Gladden), was born in Nevada county, Ark., June 24, 1874, and died January 26, 1899. At about 13 years of age she made a profession and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a most consistent Christian life until death. She had been afflicted nearly all her life, but such was her fortitude and Christian resignation that a murmuring word was never heard to escape her lips. When the end came her sweet-spirited life on earth closed in perfect peace. She met death without dismay, being ready for it. Truly, for her to die was eternal gain. Father, mother, brothers and sister, your hearts are desolate and sad because she is gone. A voice with which you were so familiar, and which you loved to hear

so well, is hushed. A place is vacant in your home which can never be filled. But sorrow not as those who have no hope, while you have the assurance that "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." May you find consolation in him who careth for his bereaved children. A large gathering of friends and relatives attended the burial services conducted by the writer. Loving hands gently laid her body to rest in the quiet church-yard near her earthly home, but her happy spirit, freed, had gone to the home of the soul in the bright city of God.

J. L. PIPKIN.

STEWART: Rev. Geo. W. Stewart was born near Tuscaloosa, Ala., July 29, 1823; was married to Miss Mary A. Haney, June 15, 1846. Of this union there were eight children born, six girls and two boys. Half this number are dead. One daughter lives in Quitman, Ark., one in Texas, one in Tennessee, and one son lives in Lonoke county, Ark. Mrs. Stewart died in July, 1898, and the husband and father, the subject of this sketch, died January 13, 1899. Bro. Stewart was licensed to preach about the year 1850, ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew, at Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 20, 1859; elder by Bishop Pierce, Sept. 30, 1869. To Bro. Stewart more than anyone else belongs the honor of having founded Quitman College, which has been, for several years, the oldest Methodist College in the State. In 1870 he collected \$700 and had a house built in which he and Prof. Auld taught one year. In the fall of 1871 he made a trip to Van Buren, the seat of the Arkansas Conference and tendered the institution, for which he had previously obtained a charter, to that body. It was accepted and Rev. Peter A. Moses was appointed president. Bro. Stewart was financial agent for the college that year, and collected about \$2,000. He died as he had lived, in the triumph of faith, and the Masonic fraternity, assisted by the writer, laid him away in the Quitman cemetery by the side of his beloved companion, to sweetly rest until the judgment day. Blessings on the sorrowing loved ones.

W. S. BRISTOW.

OWSLEY: Mrs. Lizzie Owsley (nee Sharman) was born in Magnolia, Ark., November 6, 1870; converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1895, while attending college in Cedar Bluffs, Ky.; married Mr. John T. Owsley December 16, 1891, in Magnolia, Ark.; died in Texarkana, Ark., January 20, 1899, and her remains were buried in the cemetery at Magnolia, the home of her childhood, January 21.

On the afternoon of January 20, 1899, I was shocked to get this telegram from Texarkana:

"Lizzie died at 3 p.m. Come on first train. Funeral in Magnolia tomorrow. J. T. OWSLEY."

A little over seven years ago I had the pleasure of marrying this happy couple in the old church in Magnolia, where Miss Lizzie, as she was familiarly called, appeared in all the lovely grace and queenly beauty of a bride, to join her life to the bridegroom of her choice. It was a very happy occasion. She surely kept inviolate her vows. But what a contrast from this happy home to her funeral services held at Magnolia in the new church, January 21, 1899. The large audience of weeping relatives and friends attested the love and regret they felt for her memory. The loving husband, a little son and daughter, and a large circle of other relatives and friends, are greatly bereaved by the death of this good, young wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. It is truly said that, "those who know her longest loved her best." She was one of those bodies whose womanly graces specially attracted everyone she met, and in her very cheerful and happy presence no one felt dull and sad. With her other accomplishments she was specially endowed with musical talent and voice surpassed by but few, if any. If you could have overheard her sing "Hear Him Calling," you would have felt inclined to quickly heed it. We feel to be better in life and heart for meeting and associating with her. Her death teaches all that the dearest joys are but too often the antecedent of a sigh, and the greatest pleasures but the

precursor of a tear. A look now into her once happy home shows sorrow treads so close upon the heels of happiness, and the bright mantle of hope is so soon displaced by the dark pall of mourning, and that all things earthly are as fleeting as summer clouds and evanescent as the rainbow's beautiful form. Our heartfelt sympathies are with the sorely bereaved husband, children and other relative and friends, and we commend them to the father of mercies, who, for wise and beneficent purposes, chasteneth those whom he loves.

J. R. SANDERS.

Hope, Ark.

FAIN: Mrs. Callie Elizabeth Fain, wife of Dr. John N. Fain, daughter of Mr. J. A. Hudgins, of Sherrill, Ark., was born in Jefferson county, October 11, 1873; died in Wagoner, I. T., Feb. 4, 1899. By the death of this estimable lady, many hearts are saddened and bereaved besides those to whom she was dear on account of birth and marriage. Callie, as everyone familiarly called her, was sweet-spirited, and by her pleasant disposition and kind heart, won the respect and confidence of the social circle wherever she moved; had a good word for everybody worthy, and little to say of the unworthy. As a child, she held a supreme place in the heart of her parents; to her brother and sisters she was most affectionate. In the community where she was brought up, her influence was recognized by all and an enviable place was accorded her by everyone who knew her. It was the writer's pleasure to receive her as a student in Hiram and Lydia College, in 1891, where she remained for some time, pursuing a liberal course of study, and by her uniform polite conduct, gained the highest respect of teachers and pupils, alike. Brought up under refining influences, she carried the effects wherever she went, maintaining it to the end of her life. While making an extended visit to Altus in the summer of 1895, Dr. Fain won her affections, and that fall they were united in marriage, by the writer at the home of her parents, September 4. They came at once to Altus, the home of her husband, where they enjoyed the anticipated happiness until July 5, 1896, when they removed to Wagoner, I. T., to make a permanent home. With fond anticipation she watched the erecting of their new dwelling house into which she expected to move as soon as she was able. But it was to be otherwise. Forty-five days she was a great sufferer, then the good one took her away where earthly dwellings are not needed. She left a most devoted father and mother, and a kind, affectionate husband and a sweet little girl to mourn their loss. She was brought to Altus and nicely laid away in the Fain's burying lot, to awake no more till God shall wake us all.

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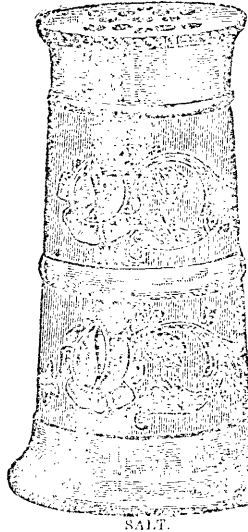
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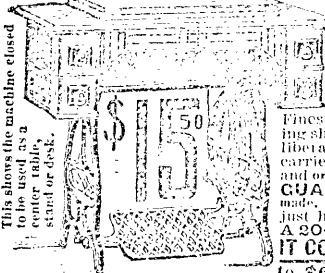
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