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News and Notes.

IT IS REPORTED THAT SPAIN HAS
sold the Caroline Islands to Ger-
many.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY AT
Manila, has begun a forward move-
ment against the rebels. Little re-
sistance is being made to their ad-
vance.

GEN. ALGER HAS TELEGRAPHED
Gens. Otis, Brooke and Henry,
authorizing each to add to his
forces one battalion of natives.
This, we judge, is a wise move-
ment.

THE FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE
will be pleased to know that the
bill introduced by Mr. Hillhouse,
of Newport, to require instruction
in the public schools in regard to
the evil influences of alcoholic and
other stimulants, has been passed
by both houses of the legislature
and signed by the governor.

THERE IS DANGER OF WAR BE-
tween the United States and Cana-
da men in the Klondike mining re-
gion. The Canada miners are re-
ported to have crossed the line as
far as six miles, staking out claims.
It is feared that before the En-
glish government can take action
there will be an uprising of the
miners from the States to expel
the intruders.

GOVERNOR JONES SIGNED THE
railroad commission bill last Sat-
urday. The bill provides for the
appointment, by the governor, of
three commissioners, to be chosen
from each of these three sections
of the State, viz: Section First,
the First and Sixth congressional

districts; section second, the Second
and Third districts; section third,
the Fourth and Fifth districts.
The successors of these commis-
sioners are to be elected as other
State officers. Their salaries are
to be \$2,500 each. Their business
is to provide for equitable rates of
passenger travel, and freight
charges, and to protect the people
against unjust discrimination.

THE CUBAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
has deposed Gen. Gomez as com-
mander-in-chief of the Cuban ar-
my. The cause is said to be the
opposition to certain loans which
the so-called Cuban government
seeks to secure, and which Gomez
says would compromise the best
financial and political interests of
the country. The old veteran an-
swers his deposition with dignity
and says the Cubans will always
find him a friend. Many of the
people, and the army, condemn the
action of the assembly.

New Laws.

Nine new laws were added to the
statute books of Arkansas last
week. Among the acts signed was
the anti-cocaine bill introduced by
Dr. Taylor in the house, and which
the governor was urged by some of
the druggists in the state to veto.
The new laws, with a brief ex-
planation of each one, are as follows:

ANTI-COCAINE LAW—This act
includes cocaine in the list of pro-
scribed poisons and seeks to pre-
vent its indiscriminate sale and
use, confining its medical use un-
der the direction of physicians.
Penalty for violation is \$25.
(House bill 207, introduced by Dr.
Taylor.)

COLLECTORS' BONDS—House bill
114 (Colquitt) authorizes county
judges to approve collectors' bonds
in vacation.

INSURANCE BONDS—House bill
58 (Casey), providing that the au-
ditor, in lieu of the secretary of
state, shall approve bonds filed by
insurance companies.

SCHOOL REPORTS—House bill 29
(Welton), permitting school direc-
tors to certify to enumeration re-
ports under their oaths.

APPROVAL OF BONDS—House bill
129 (Casey), providing that guar-
anty companies' bonds shall be ap-
proved by the auditor.

DOUBLE DAMAGES—House bill 42
(Johnson), providing that if a rail-
road company fail or refuse to pay
within thirty days the amount
awarded by the referees for live
stock injured or killed it shall be

required to pay double the amount
awarded.

PLEADING AND PRACTICE—House
bill 221 (Barrow), providing that
in the Pulaski chancery and circuit
courts where the defendant is con-
structively summoned, or served
with process outside the State, de-
fense shall be made within thirty
days.

TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION—
Senate bill 25 (Hillhouse), requir-
ing the teaching in the public
schools of physiology and hygiene
with special reference to the effect
of alcoholic stimulants and narcot-
ics on the human system.

CATTLE QUARANTINE—House bill
5 (Craig), establishing a district
cattle quarantine line in North
Arkansas as follows: Beginning
at the northeast corner of Benton
county, and running thence south
along boundary line of this State to
the southwest corner of Washing-
ton county, thence in an easterly
direction following the southern
boundary lines of Washington,
Madison, Newton, Searcy and
Stone counties, to the northeast
corner of Cleburne county, thence
south along the line between Cle-
burne and Independence counties
to the southwest corner of Inde-
pendence county, thence east along
the southern boundary of Indepen-
dence county to the west boundary
of Jackson county, thence north
along the line between Jackson and
Independence counties to the
Lawrence county line, where it is
crossed by Black river, thence
north with the meanderings of
Black river to the Missouri line.
The transportation of cattle across
this line between March 1 and
December 15, of each year, sub-
jects the offender to a penalty of
not less than \$200 and not more
than \$500.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The attention of President Mc-
Kinley has been called to the ex-
istence of human slavery in a num-
ber of the Philippines. Prof.
Worcester, now in the Philippines
as one of the American Commis-
sioners, assured the president that
human beings were bought and
sold on at least three islands of the
group, and that during his visit to
one of them a half-grown girl had
been offered to him for \$3, and he
was told by the natives that the
usual price for a girl of 15 was five
bushels of rice. Proper steps have
been already taken to insure the
abolition of slavery on those isl-
ands as soon as the American flag
is raised over them.

Dr. Henry C. McCook, pastor of
the Tabernacle Presbyterian
Church, in Philadelphia, occupied

the pulpit of the Church of the
Covenant Sunday morning, and in
the afternoon lectured on "Condi-
tions in Cuba," where he said there
was a vast field for evangelical
work. He gives the Cubans bet-
ter names on the whole than many
Americans have been disposed to
do, and he had an excellent oppor-
tunity to study them during the
time he spent on the island as a
chaplain. He thinks them capa-
ble of governing themselves, and
favors giving them an early oppor-
tunity to do so.

There have been hints that the
statue of the late Frances E.
Willard, which the Illinois legisla-
ture has appropriated \$9,000 to
have made and set up in Statuary
Hall of the Capitol, in this city,
as one of two distinguished persons
that State has a right to have
there, might be shut out of Statuary
Hall, on the plea that Illinois al-
ready has two statues there—Lin-
coln and Gen. Shields, but it is
not believed that any such technic-
ality is likely to be raised, as the
statue of Lincoln has never been
regarded as only representing a
State. There is much discussion
as to whether the statue of Miss
Willard should be marble or
bronze. It is admitted that mar-
ble would be the most appropriate,
but claimed that the money avail-
able will not pay for the marble
statue, but will pay for a hand-
some bronze one.

There was no foundation for the
report cabled from Europe several
days ago that in accordance with
an understanding with European
powers, the United States would
follow the Italian demand for a
cession of Chinese territory with a
similar demand. This govern-
ment has had nothing whatever to
do with the occupancy of the Chi-
nese territory, practically by force,
by Russia, England, Germany and
France, and will have nothing to
do with the present attempt by
Italy, doubtless instigated and
aided by stronger powers, to do
the same thing. Citizens of this
country carry on a large and rap-
idly increasing commerce with
China, and every government that
has acquired Chinese territory has
been informed that the commer-
cial rights of Americans must not
suffer by any change in the govern-
ment of Chinese territory. It has
been intimated to this government
that it had only to select that por-
tion of China it desires to control,
and the powers would see that it
was transferred to us, but this gov-
ernment has no desire to acquire
territory in China, and, if it had
such a desire, would hesitate a
long time before acquiring it in
that way.

Educational Notes.

Supt. Stetson, Waterville, Me., says: "We are studying too many things; we are not doing anything thoroughly, and our children are suffering from the effects of doing a little of everything and doing nothing well. The scope and purpose of the common schools have either been forgotten or not properly conceived. We must have more drill, more mastery, more definite knowledge; and these conditions can never be realized until the vagueness which surrounds the work of the schools has been replaced by definite aims, thorough work, and intelligent instruction."

"A Manual of Bible Morality, by S. G. Hillyer, D. D., (B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va.)" is a practical handbook on morals for schools below the college. It is intended to teach, in such a manner that it will be acceptable in public and other unsectarian schools, the essentials of morals as found in the Bible. If adopted by secondary schools, it will assist in solving one of the problems perplexing the conscientious teacher.

The relation between education and production is seen in the following statistics: Massachusetts, with nearly twice the average schooling per individual, produces twice the amount of wealth per individual, compared with the Nation's average. In Russia, Italy, and Spain, where the illiteracy of the masses is great, wages are only one-fourth or one-third as much as in the United States.

Education of the Afro-American.

There were, according to the latest published reports of the Bureau of Education, 904,505 colored children in attendance upon the public schools in the sixteen Southern States and the District of Columbia, being about 62 per cent of the enrollment. There were also 27,435 colored teachers in these schools. The estimated cost of these colored schools is put at \$6,575,000 for the year 1896-1897, this amount being raised, of course, by general taxation. On the face, therefore, these data afford encouragement and hope for the rising generation of Afro-Americans.

There are additional facts, however, to be considered. Educational advantages of a higher grade than the public school offers are put within the reach of this race. There are in the United States 178 schools for the secondary and higher education of the colored race—nearly all in the Southern States. In them about 1,800 professors and teachers are at work, and there was a total enrollment in 1896-1897 of 45,402 students, a gain of more than 5,000 over the previous year. Of the whole number 13,581 are taking an industrial course.

The aggregate value of the property of all sorts owned by these schools was \$7,714,958. The amount of benefactions or bequests was \$303,000. The total income of all the schools was \$1,045,278—an amazingly small sum compared with the labor involved and the good accomplished. About a hun-

dred of these schools are sustained, in part at least, by churches and missionary associations in the North; others are kept up partly by State help, endowment, contributions from the Slater and Peabody Funds, and by tuition fees. —Central Christian Advocate.

Among Our Exchanges

Crime Increases.

The increase of crime is fearful. Murder is so common as to cease to be a sensation, and it is attended with increasing ferocity and barbarity. The murderous instinct seems set on fire of hell, and all the skill of the arch fiends of the pit seems to be laid under tribute to invent new forms of horror with which to surround these foul murders. Suicide is increasing among all classes. Even children are catching the mania.

What is the cause of this shocking growth of crime? Mostly we charge it to the weakness or unfaithfulness of the pulpit in proclaiming the doctrine of an endless hell for the final impenitent. Break down belief in this Bible truth and you remove the chief restraint against crime, and the best protection to life and property. —Zion's Outlook.

In the above, our good brother postulated his facts to suit the argument which he meant to make—a thing frequently done, by the way. According to the Chicago Tribune, which has, for some years, undertaken to furnish us an annual report of statistics of crime, there has been less crime the past year than we have known for a long time. Here are some of the figures: Murders, 7,840 as compared with 9,520 in 1897, 10,652 in 1896, 10,500 in 1895. Suicides, 5,920 as compared with 6,000 in 1897, 6,520 in 1896, 5,759 in 1895. Lynchings, 127, as against 166 in 1897, 131 in 1896, 171 in 1895, 190 in 1894, 200 in 1893. Embezzlements, \$5,851,263, as against \$11,248,084 in 1897, and the smallest total of any year since 1888.

This, from the Nashville Christian Advocate, is timely and sensible:

"We never attend one of the religious meetings in which it is expected that there shall be 'sixty testimonies in sixty minutes' without a feeling of disappointment. Such rapidity of movement is not consistent with reverence, and cannot be of much service in promoting spiritual growth. Anybody can bob up, quote a verse of Scripture, a snatch of a hymn, or a stereotyped expression of belief. But to tell a religious experience takes some time. St. Paul told his very frequently, and, as far as we can make out, he generally went back to the very beginning and narrated the whole story. Let us not be understood as encouraging needless prolixity or tediousness. All that we wish to do

is to enter our protest against the introduction of the 'rush' into the house of God."

The Nation's Curse.

A Suggestion by R. D. C. Dodd.

MR. EDITOR:—It is very evident, that the temperance people are losing ground in Arkansas. We do not believe that the people are changing their minds to any great extent. It is still an admitted fact, even by some very strong liquor men, that liquor is the curse of the age. We think that there are two causes that occasion the loss:

1. The criminal indifference of so many preachers and church members to press this subject on the minds of the people. We meet in our great church gatherings, we "whereas" and "resolve," and go home to think of these things no more, unless, perchance, someone calls our attention to them. We shake our heads and say, "There is no use—no use."

2. It is not infrequent that our courts and officials are controlled by the liquor power. I have in mind a circuit judge, who failed to give any instructions whatever in his charge to the grand jury, in regard to the illegal sale of liquor, when he certainly knew that a number of these whiskey dens were being run seven days in the week in the same town where he was holding his court, without license, it being a local option county. It is not infrequent that when a number of bills have been found against a man, by agreement he submits to one or two, and the balance are not pressed. This procedure, by our courts, has caused many to say: "No use to vote against license, they will run, anyhow."

It seems to us that the time is at hand, when a more definite action should be had, seeing that the Democratic, Republican and Populist parties are all bowing at the shrine of this giant power.

I will venture a suggestion for the consideration of some of the wiser heads: Let us have a State and county organization, with subordinate or neighborhood organizations, based on this one idea: "Are you opposed to the liquor traffic? If so, you are eligible to membership in this organization." This organization not to be political, but holding the balance of power, obligating ourselves not to vote for any man, in either State or county, unless he is avowedly opposed to the liquor traffic.

Perhaps we will be asked: "Why not fall in line with the Prohibition party?" Because there are some features of this party that the people are not ready to accept. The issue is a moral, not a political issue, and should be kept aloof from the corrupting influences of party politicians.

We are aware of the fact, that it will be a hard task to get some of our good brethren to drop the idea that, "I must support the ticket straight, at all hazards," but continued agitation along this line, we think, will accomplish much. Let us hear from you, brethren.

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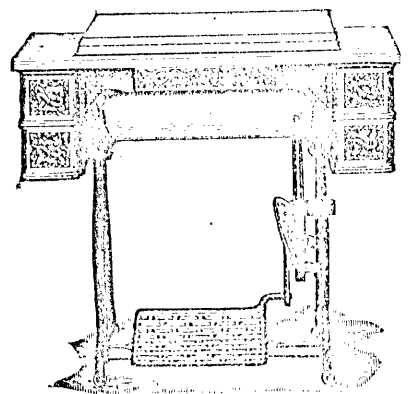
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Answer to Bro. Beard.

In answer to Bro. Beard's questions:

1. The highest salary received in 1876 by any preacher in the Little Rock Conference was paid to H. Jewell by Pine Bluff, \$1,446.60. The smallest salary was paid to John Pryor, on Arkansas City and Chicot, \$50.

2. The amount paid in stations per capita was \$4.61. The amount per capita on circuits was 99 cents.

If Bro. Beard and others should be puzzled to understand how a decrease in per capita, both on circuits and stations, taken separately, can consist with an increase per capita on both circuits and stations, taken collectively, let it be understood that this ledger-main of figures arises from the fact that in 1876 there were but ten stations, and in 1898 twenty-six stations. I say there were ten stations in 1876, but it is not always easy from the Minutes to determine which of the pastoral charges are stations. And I do sincerely wish it was impossible. The word station, in this vulgar sense, is a misfortune to, as well as a peculiarity of American Methodism, and introduces a quasi class distinction among Methodist preachers which ought not to obtain. In truth, the preacher in charge of ten congregations is as much a stationed preacher as the preacher in charge of one church. The disciplinary question is, where are the preachers stationed this year? And in answer the bishop reads his appointments, assigning every preacher, presiding elder, stationed preachers, so called, circuit preachers, teachers, editors, and each to his station, and Bro. Beard, Dr. Godbey, and myself are just as much stationed preachers as is A. O. Evans or J. R. Moore. The notion that a man who has the care of one church is entitled to more respect than the man who has the care of from two to ten, is hateful to me. I have a great mind henceforth to speak of every itinerant as a stationed preacher. K. L. Beard, who has usually had more than one church in his charge, and J. M. G. Douglass, who has always had more than one, are stationed preachers; and from me, at least, they have just as much respect as though they could care for only one church.

What is the animus of all this comparison or contrast of circuits with stations?

Many things have conspired to weaken our country charges. The towns have prospered more than the country. We are becoming more and more an urban people. The thrifty men of the country leave their farms and move to town, attracted by school, social and business advantages. The town churches find that they need a resident pastor, who they will be with them all the time. They enterprise the support of one. The country circuit is weakened by the loss of the town church.

Who is to blame? What ought

we to do? Is nobody to blame? If nobody can tell us a better way to do, let us cease our disgruntled, captious insinuations. Otherwise, tell us the blame and remedy. Our country preachers are doing as good work and as much work as they ever did. Our country churches are paying as much, according to their ability, as ever in the past. The question for us to consider is, how shall we carry the gospel to every neighborhood in all our bounds and have pastors to look after our Lord's sheep, wherever they are scattered, not to shear them, but to feed them.

J. H. RIGGIN.

The Pother About Decline.

REV. Z. D. LINZEY.

DR. GODBEY:—I wish to say a few things. First, in regard to the so-called row over the loss of membership. It is amusing, sometimes, to read the articles in regard to this matter. It seems that every man is guessing at the cause of this loss in membership; some are giving one reason, some another, and no doubt but some, in a sense, have guessed it. I do not think that we have yet struck the key-note, nor the great prime cause for this decrease in membership.

Now, some one may think that it is on account of the negligence of some of the preachers. As for that, I can't say; if there is anything in the world that I love, it is the itinerant system of the Methodist Church. It has been a success in ages past, beyond any system of the world; and, as long as it remained in its original type, comparatively speaking, we had no loss in membership. Ten, fifteen or twenty-five years ago, such a thing as this was hardly known. Dr. Godbey, I expect you can remember the days when you were a young preacher, and can testify to this as being a fact. But, alas! "dead flies" have gotten into the ointment. Too many men are locating for special purposes, and, when that purpose is carried out, you and I and every other true itinerant preacher have to suffer the consequences. They will come along and preach eight or ten days, and raise a big excitement, and get Bill and Tom and Sally and Jane to hold up their hands, and take them into the church; then they go out from that place and report 200 or 300 conversions, and, it may be, that some of them are just passing through, and the pastor will never see them again; and according to our Discipline he can't drop them, for they have not been lost sight of for twelve months. Consequently, when his successor comes, he has from fifty to seventy members to drop from the rolls. I can call to mind, just now, two or three charges where these men have gone, where this has been the case in the past year. Still, when the evangelist, or the preacher he has gulled, makes this flourishing report, some other tender-footed brother will have him come over on his work,

and on he goes from one place to another.

Now tell me, how can you or I, or any other man, keep from having a decrease in membership, as long as this is the case? Brethren, remember, if you want to dig up a stump, you must cut the tap root. Pray for us. I am at Nettleton, where the railroads cross, and can come again.

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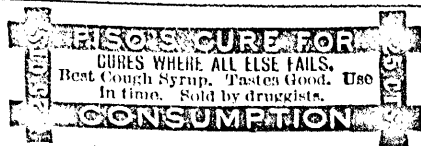
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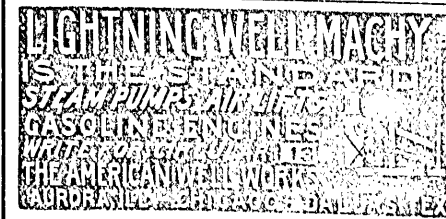
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As I See It.

BY REV. P. A. MOSES.

In our zeal to promote the church, Achan like, we have gotten Babylonish garments, wedges of gold and shekels of silver, in an unlawful way. Instead of raising gold and silver in the name of God and for his cause, we have ignored him, his honor and our moral obligations. We have resorted to church sociables, feasts, the "Brownies," foot-sellings, theatricals and other methods of getting money, all in the name of religion.

In this way we have raised a generation of men and women with an undeveloped sense of moral obligation to give. They give, but it is for the social pleasure and enjoyment they get as an equivalent for their money. There is no reflex blessing in this giving. It tends to make both giver and cause poorer. Nothing in this giving to the church, but the money; nothing in this to the giver, but social enjoyment and the pleasant sensation of an appetite satisfied with good things. No one regards these methods as a means of grace, either for convicting or spiritual uplifting. They are never resorted to, to bring a revival or to promote a revival; but are usually suspended during revivals. To me this is spiritual adultery.

Like all other unholy methods, it has worked hurt to the cause it was sought to promote. Three visible effects are seen:

1. It has abated, stilled, benumbed the sense of moral obligation along financial lines.

2. The vein of vital piety has become chilled and enfeebled in the great body of Christians.

3. It has rendered the sinner harder to reach, since he views Christianity through social, rather than spiritual eyes. Whatever tends to weaken the sense of the moral obligation to God, renders the work of the church less productive and spiritual life more enfeebled. Hence so many worldly minded Christians of today. Under this method of money-getting, our finances must be more strained, and always less than our ability. We say "get the men converted and their money will come." Not if we have taught him that his money must come along social lines. Will not the ministry cry aloud against this evil that is honeycombing the spiritual power out of the church?

Another evidence that we have not the power of the pioneers of the church is, we have ceased doctrinal preaching. No well defined lines as drawn by them. There seems to be a cessation between the church and the world. "I will let you alone, if you will let me alone." I want to hear the divine gatlings thundering along all the lines. I want the Sword of the Spirit plunged to the hilt every thrust. No compromise; no quarter; a full surrender; every captive liberated; the enemy expelled, driven and forced from the

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field. No wonder so many people are led away with every kind of doctrine, so many say one religion is as good as another. No wonder there are so many say-nothing and do-nothing Christians, except at sociables. Our first preachers were indoctrinated by the teachings of the Bible, and they indoctrinated all the people with the vital tenets of the Bible. Hence, their power. They studied the Bible to understand other books. We study other books to understand the Bible. The people feared hell, the devil, a guilty conscience, the judgment, to backslide, to lose their religion, the strictness of the account they had to give, the responsibility of moral obligation and the danger of final apostasy. They heard the thunders of Sinai, the groans of Gethsemane, the agonies of Calvary, the awfulness of eternity and the mellow strains of divine hope and promise in every sermon. We may rise higher unto the sublime heights; but we do not sink deeper into the mysteries of that life hid with Christ in God.

Let us go back to the old paths of the fathers, who were giants in Israel. If the church, the ministry will know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified, and agonize to comprehend with all saints, to know the length and breadth, and height and depth, and to be filled with all the fullness of God, then the work will be accomplished. Under this regime I see the harvest supplied with laborers, schools and colleges built, churches and parsonages erected, sinners coming to Christ by whole communities, missionaries on every wave and wafted by every breeze, idols tumbling in every direction, the waste places built up, the desert blossom as the rose, and all humanity pulsating in the throes of a better life. I hear along every highway, whether on land or sea, and from every hill and mountain, the songs of Zion, and catch the refrain from every gorge, and recess, and cave, and valley, as they echo the triumphs of the gospel along every shore, and to the remotest bounds of the everlasting hills.

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Program

Of the preachers' meeting of the Jonesboro District, to be held at Piggott, April 26 to 30.

FIRST DAY.

10 a. m., Opening Service—conducted by Presiding Elder.

11 a. m., Sermon—George G. Davidson.

2:30 p. m., "Preparation and Delivery of Sermon"—A. M. R. Branson, Fred Little.

4 p. m.—"The Best Financial System"—S. F. Brown, J. T. Self.

4:30 p. m.—"Our Literature: the Importance of Circulating It"—Frank Barrett, W. B. Roe.

8 p. m.—Sermon—E. H. Wallis.

SECOND DAY.

8:30 a. m.—Opening Service—J. T. Seaton.

8:45 a. m.—"Pulpit Plagiarism and Its Results"—Fred Little, Geo. G. Davidson.

9:45 a. m.—"Shall the Pastorate and Pulpit Be Equally Emphasized"—F. A. Jeffett, A. C. Griffin.

11 a. m.—Sermon on Missions—Frank Barrett.

2:30 p. m.—"How Shall We Enlist Our People in the League Work"—J. B. McDonald, Zebidee Lindzey.

3:30 p. m.—"Revivals: the Best Method of Conducting Them"—John Eidson, J. B. New.

8 p. m.—Missionary Rally—Services opened by W. M. Watson; addresses by Fred Little, F. A. Jeffett and James F. Jernigan.

THIRD DAY.

8:30 a. m.—Opening Service—J. D. Rutledge.

8:45 a. m.—"The Preacher; a Man of One Work"—E. N. Bickley, W. E. Rutledge.

9:45 a. m.—"The Preacher in His Home, in Business and in His Conference Relation"—James Wilson.

11 a. m.—Sermon—W. M. Watson.

2:30 p. m.—Opening Services—J. W. Seaton.

2:45 p. m.—"The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday-school"—T. B. Williamson, J. B. McDonald.

4 p. m.—"Is Modern Evangelism Helpful or Hurtful to the Church"—Jas. F. Jernigan, John Eidson.

8 p. m.—Sermon on Christian Education—F. A. Jeffett.

F. A. JEFFETT, Chmn.,

J. B. McDONALD,

W. P. TALKINGTON, Sec.

Committee.

Dear brethren, let me urge your attendance. Do not say, "Some one will take my place; I cannot go." Don't. If anyone else could have taken your place, then we would have left you off. Do not fail under ordinary circumstances. All the local preachers are hereby invited to attend, and those who aim to do so should notify Bro. J. B. McDonald so he can provide a home for them.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN, P. C.

Quarterly Meetings.

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

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Locust Grove, 25-26; Batesville station, 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, A. 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; Auvergne and Weldon, 10-11.

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

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

April—Lockesburg at Gravelly Point, 1-2; Emmet 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 Munnelyu'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.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT, second round, S. Anderson, P. E.

April—Hackett circuit at Bonanza, 1-2; Greenwood circuit at Oak Grove, 8-9; Mulberry circuit at Oak Bower, 15-16; Sugar Grove circuit at Belva, 22-23; Charleston circuit at Pleasant Ridge, 29-30; Paris and Charleston at Charleston, 30-31.

May—Fort Smith circuit at Spring Hill, 6-7; Booneville circuit at Chismville, 13-14; Alma circuit at Rudy, 20-21; Van Buren mission at Prairie Grove, 21-22; Waldron circuit at Mt. Pleasant, 27-28; Canthron circuit, 28-29.

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Literary Table.

There was handed us, by a friend, the poems of George P. Smoote, preacher and lawyer of the earlier days of Arkansas. A brave and knightly soul he was, and not without some gift of poesy. In Southern Arkansas are many who greatly honor the memory of the man. We take from his poem "The Mississippi," a description of the river as our author viewed it in one of its great floods.

THE MISSISSIPPI AT FULL FLOOD.

The Mississippi is at all times grand:
E'en in his calmest, smoothest moods his tide
Sustains great fleets of freighted river-ships,
Upon whose decks, on breezy summer eves,
By moonlight, many a tale of love is told.
But Mississippi's greatest hour is when
The floods descend in tribute to his power.
I do remember one especial time,
When I beheld him thus aroused and wild.
'Twas in the month of June, long years ago,
The far-off mountain peaks, on either hand
That stand, like giant sentinels, to watch
And guard the valley stretching from his shores,
Had all the winter worn their robes of snow,
But Southern winds, and showers had come
With intervening days of mellow sun,
And down the mountain sides leaped sparkling
rills
By thousands, leaping to the streams below,
Then followed, "marshalled by the thunder's
voice,"

The summer clouds, and rain in torrents fell,
And all the rivers of the valley rose,
And on in fury dashed their coursing waves,
Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee,
The Cumberland, Ohio, Illinois,
Old Red, and many streams of lesser note,
With crested, foaming currents poured along
Their tributary waters to their king,
Who from his mighty channel leaped in joy,
And gave them mighty welcome to his heart.
'Twas thus he gathered strength on every side,
Which sends him on his wild restless way,
Whatever met him yielded to his force,
Uprooted forests floated on his breast,
Towns were submerged and cotton fields o'er-
whelmed,
While trembling cities trembled as he passed,
And felt his power close upon their halls.
All man's vain efforts to confine his course
Were fiercely dashed aside and spurned in scorn,
And man, himself, stood by in helpless awe,
And saw the ruin which he could not check.
Cyclones and clouds emitting flaming bolts,
From all the circling heavens on him rushed,
And sought in vain to force his current back!
And when the contest ended, and his foes
Were overcome, and driven to their lairs
He rolled in triumph to the stormy gulf.

Book Notices.

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THE LITERATURE OF THE MIDDLE WEST.

Midland literature will continue to be, like the people from whom it emanates, direct, straightforward, and, in the best sense of the term, simple. It will continue to be broad, liberal, catholic, free from literary fads and fancies, free from mere cleverness, free from dialect as it is possible to be without injustice to the characters presented, using dialect not as a cover for vulgarity nor as a substitute for talent, but as a helper to readers who would catch the tone as well as the words of the characters presented.

Middle Western literature will continue to have the local touch which makes the setting of the scene clearly recognizable and is the sign-manual of its genuineness; but that touch will be combined with the universal quality which establishes the world-wide kinship of all true literature. Whatever its faults and failings, it will be true to life—to the life it aims to reflect. "Too true to life" say some

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who have been intellectually reared in the belief that idealism is inconsistent with realism and that realism is inconsistent with art. It will be broad as the world in its sympathies, yet possessed of sufficient local color to enable the reader, wherever he may be or however ignorant he may be of midland scenery and life, to feel the artist touch in the description and the nature touch in the character-sketching.—From "Characteristics and Possibilities of Middle Western Literature," by Johnson Brigham, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for March.

IN THE MARCH NUMBER OF SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE, we have a further chapter of Political Reminiscences, from the pen of the great Massachusetts statesman, Senator George F. Hoar. The editor of this paper has seldom read anything more interesting. The view which the able author gives of the great characters with whom he was familiar in his earlier days and the great movements in which he took part, presents a panorama of varied colors and impressive scenes.

THE EVENING TIMES is the name of a new paper issued at Brinkley, Ark., W. H. Oakley publisher.

THE COUNCIL MEETING, by Rev. G. W. Nelson. 25 cents.

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Notes From Texas.

The winter has been a long and extremely cold one. I have never passed through such a February as this one. Many people have suffered in many ways from the severe weather. The loss in cattle and sheep on the range is reported from ten to fifty per cent. La grippe has prevailed all over the State, and many deaths among old people are a part of its effects. Rev. Jno. Carpenter, a superannuated member of our conference, is numbered among the dead. He joined the Texas Conference in 1856, and served faithfully and successfully on circuit, station and district. Many years ago he retired on account of physical disability. He lived a pure life and died in the faith. Our church in this city mourns the departure of the wife of our noble and gifted pastor, Rev. Sam R. Hay. She was 28 years of age, ten years the wife of our dear brother. She left two sweet little boys and a large circle of relatives and friends. A pure, devout soul has gone to join the ransomed host. I knew her well, having been her presiding elder for two years. Often in her home and she in ours. We feel that we have lost a dear daughter.

The weather has materially interfered with church work. Yet, some revivals are reported and some pastors have already collected their missionary assessments, and an earnest, prayerful and consecrated effort is being made, especially among pastors, for a widespread revival. The meeting of three bishops, thirty-nine presiding elders, and as many pastors and laymen as desire to attend in Fort Worth, March 16 to 18, is a move that will no doubt result in great good to Texas Methodism. I have read much and thought more about the crisis through which we, as a church, are now passing. While I do not feel inclined to discuss the causes resulting in seeming declension, I will say that in my opinion three things are fearfully in our way to success in spiritual matters. (1.) A fearful disregard of church vows and obligations, and the decline of family or household devotion upon the part of the laity. (2.) A disposition and prearranged effort upon the part of many itinerant preachers to get the best paying and most popular charges, without any regard to adaptability and the actual wants of the charge, but upon a purely selfish and financial basis, and the too frequent changes of pastors in making room for these aspirants, and the drifting of giraffes from high steeple to high steeple. (3.) A failure to preach the pure, simple gospel of our Lord. Not one doctrine as a hobby, but the whole counsel of God. If our preachers will get self out of the way, and preach earnestly

and faithfully, the work will begin and go on to victory. If I had strength and you had space, I would gladly give my reasons in full on the above assertions.

The cold weather and burden of travel and frequent speaking caused Bishop Galloway to defer his tour of the State in behalf of the Southwestern University, until March. Bishop Candler is also expected to spend the latter part of March in Texas. From every one of our Methodist schools in the State, there comes cheering reports. If some wealthy men would only loosen their purse strings just now, future generations would reap of their sowing. Alas, it is true, the more we poor mortals have, the more we think we need.

The harvest of this section of the State was immense the past year. Corn, cotton, hay and small grain is still pouring into market, and now as these products are mostly in the hands of speculators, the price is upward in tendency.

Dr. Geo. C. Rankin is making our Texas Advocate sparkle just now. I have been a constant reader of the paper for forty-eight years, and must say that it was never better than now. It meets the wants of the common people more fully than heretofore. The circulation is increasing. We are to have a branch house of the Book Concern to open up in Dallas inside of six weeks, which will be a great convenience to Methodists in the Southwest. Our city still grows. The oil field is enlarging, and expansion is the order of the day. A great number of buildings have gone up lately, and still there is a demand for more. Many people have come here, and a few have been disappointed in their expectations, as the demand for labor has been fully met. The cold weather has been severe on your correspondent. Three consecutive years in bed have almost worn me out. My world is limited to my windows, through which I gaze upon the sunlight and the passing throng by day, and the twinkling stars by night, and anticipate rest, ease, and life eternal when my suffering time is over here below. Often the question comes to me over and over, Why are you detained here to wait and suffer, while the young, vigorous and useful are gathered home to God? I will not know until the light of eternity has swept away the mist of time. Ah! blessed be the name of the Lord, there is rest and joy just over the shining river. Brother Thornburgh and you, Doctor, have had my sympathy and prayers in your bereavement. May I not rely upon you and other brethren to be thus remembered? If able, I will write again. Truly,

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Corsicana, Tex., Feb. 20.

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The Contract Theory.

REV. J. B. McDONALD.

In discussing the contract theory of the support of the ministry, I tried to establish three facts, viz.: First, The obligation is upon the church to pay to God's cause and not to the men operating it. Second, No dereliction, whatever, upon the part of the ministry can invalidate this obligation. Third, The minister has voluntarily assumed the obligation to do the work assigned him by the conference, to which he is amenable for his conduct, and to which also lies the appeal of the church in case of failure.

So, as Judge Trice says, there is an implied contract, but it is with the conference, as such, and not with the individual members of it.

The church promises to surrender its right to choice and to receive and support whoever the conference may choose to send. The conference, in appreciation of this great concession made by the church, promises to send out faithful and efficient men, and them only. It proposes, in case of failure to do satisfactory work, and when it is obvious that the cause of failure is in the man, that after sufficient time has been given to prove his inefficiency, he shall cease to travel, thus protecting the church against inefficient service.

As a further measure of protection, it requires each member to render an itemized account of his labors at each annual session, and also that he be reported "blameless in his life and official administration." The conference is divided into several districts, and an officer placed in charge of each. He is required to travel through his district and meet the officials of each pastoral charge once each quarter and confer with them, that he may be able to give a correct account of his work. If the pastor is not "blameless" these officials ought to know it.

This is what seems to be an almost perfect system, and requires true men to execute it. If other than sincere men are charged with so grave a responsibility, we may expect dissatisfaction, disintegration and ruin to follow in their wake. The safety and progress of the church—yea, the very life of it—is almost dependent upon the faithfulness of our presiding elders. To them the bishop must look for advice concerning the fields with which he is not acquainted. In their hands are the lives, interests and the families of our preachers and the future of our church. A bishop would hardly fail to heed the advice of his cabinet. Hence, I say the presiding elders largely shape the destiny of the church. The execution of our system is in their hands. Good sense, sincerity and manly courage, therefore, should be characteristics of the men appointed to this high office. To them the people go with their complaints; to them they make their requests; through them they seek relief from inefficient service; when complaint

is made at the fourth quarter, they are told to "pay up" and better service will be given next year, but the service does not improve. The people have borne long and patiently, and nothing but their deep love for the church and their unsurpassed loyalty to duty has held them in the compact thus far. Conference orators are not wont to discuss the loyalty of the Methodist people. No wonder they grow restless and distrustful. Some toil on uncomplainingly; others turn away from discouragement; others quit through disgust, and still others are lost for want of proper care, etc., etc., and thus we are losing from year to year. The people are not yielding to the appeals of our preachers as formerly, nor do they hold them in that high esteem as of yore. There are open secrets all over the church about the manner in which certain preachers—not a few—are kept in important charges. By this ruse or the other, the politicians of our conferences hold themselves to the front and our people know it, and have borne with it until forbearance has almost ceased to be a virtue. But that forbearance seems to have emboldened the politically inclined to study the situation and plan from year to year so as to be able to control the powers that be and thus shape matters to their liking. In the past, even in Arkansas, it has become necessary for the preachers to make protest against the placing of such men in authority, being unwilling to trust themselves and their families in such hands. Now these low political methods are permitted to be dragged into our church councils to our disgrace and shame and the conference, as such, is responsible for it.

People who pay the expenses of the church have some rights and they should be respected. When they make official requests, they expect them to be granted or a reason given for not granting them. They claim that individual responsibility is not lost in that mysterious name, "The Conference," and the reasons that satisfied the conference when it refused, would satisfy them, or at least, show them that they were not ignored altogether. They can't see why such wonderful secrecy should be observed in the case of preachers and places, whereas the law is not general. Such duplicity, as is openly and defiantly practiced along these lines, is not calculated to build up a church and encourage the people in lives of usefulness. All our people need is to have proper leadership and proper instruction. There is a crying demand for these all over the church (in Arkansas). They demand men who can teach them and lead them in successful battles against the evils of the day in society, in literature and in religion—men who will be suitable examples for their children, whose social habits are strictly correct. They demand men of strict business integrity. Many irreparable injuries have come to the church and the

ministry from lack of strict adherence to this one thing and when they find that the conference knows it and makes no effort to stop it, their faith weakens.

They demand men whose time they can command. They know the preachers all promise to "devote themselves wholly to this work" and they feel that hunting, fishing and various money-making schemes, should be abandoned by the preachers while they draw a salary for full time. These and similar demands the church makes, all of which, the conference promises to supply. They are the least the church can afford to make or the conference propose. If, when the conference fails to correct these gross inconsistencies, the people grow careless of their obligation "to support its institutions," who can wonder?

Piggott, Feb. 17.

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That part of lot eight (8) in block two (2) in Clendenin's Addition to Argenta, lying south of the right of way of the Choctaw and Memphis Railroad Company, formerly the Memphis and Little Rock Railway, in Pulaski county, Arkansas.

Terms of sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of — per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 8th day of March, A. D. 1899.

CHARLES M. CONNOR,
Commissioner in Chancery.

Commissioner's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court, made and entered on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1899, in a certain cause (No. 6391), then pending therein between the Exchange National Bank and Meyer Pollock, complainants, and Ben S. Thalheimer and Fannie Thalheimer, defendants, and Meyer Pollock, complainant in cross-complaint, and Ben S. Thalheimer and Fannie Thalheimer, defendants in cross-complaint, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the East door or entrance of the Pulaski County Court House, in which said Court is held, in the city of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Monday, the 20th day of March, A. D., 1899, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The north half of the southeast quarter of section thirty one 31, township one 1 north, range thirteen 13 west; the north half of the north half of section twenty-six 26, township one 1 south, range twelve 12 west; the west half of the southwest quarter of section nine 9, township one 1 north, range thirteen 13 west; the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirty-five 35, township two 2 north, range thirteen 13 west; the northwest quarter of section thirty-five 35, township two 2 north, range thirteen 13 west; the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section four 4, township two 2 north, range eleven 11 west; the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section four 4, township two 2 north, range eleven 11 west; the west half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section four 4, township two 2 north, range eleven 11 west; the west half of the northwest quarter of section eight 8, township one 1 north, range thirteen 13 west; the northwest quarter of section thirty one 31, township one 1 south, range twelve 12 west; the west half of the southwest quarter of section nine 9, township one 1 north, range thirteen 13 west; the west half of the northwest quarter of section eighteen 18, township one 1 south, range eleven 11 west; the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty one 31, township one 1 south, range twelve 12 west; also the west half of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section four 4, township two 2 north, range eleven 11 west; the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty five 35, township two 2 north, range thirteen 13 west; the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirty-five 35, township two 2 north, range thirteen 13 west; the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section eight 8, township three 3 south, range five 5 west; the west half of the southwest quarter of section nine 9, township one 1 north, range thirteen 13 west; the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty one 31, township one 1 north, range thirteen 13 west; the north half of the north half of section twenty-six 26, township one 1 south, range twelve 12 west; the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section eight 8, township three 3 south, range five 5 west; all the above described lands situate in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Said lands will be offered for sale as to priority of parcels, as prescribed by said decrees, particulars of which may be seen by reference to Record Book No. 33 at page 175 at Chancery Clerk's office.

Terms of Sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of — per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 21st day of February, A. D., 1899.

CHARLES M. CONNOR,
Commissioner in Chancery.

Epworth League.

Self Mastery.

MARCH 19, 1899.

1 COR. IX. 24-27.

Corinth was one of the chief cities of Greece. It was near the place where the Olympic games—the great national games of Greece—were celebrated. It is a good illustration of Paul's tact in teaching, that, in writing to the Corinthians, he analogizes the Christian life to the races which were of such absorbing interest to the Greeks.

The racers at the games spared no effort to put themselves in the best training to make sure of victory. They abstained, especially in food and drink, from everything that did not contribute to agility and strength.

For earthly honors they did this. They did not think it impossible or unreasonable. The noblest physical manhood was their ideal. The mind once set upon that, all things were made to serve the end in view. The rule applies to all great enterprises. Self-culture is the first lesson to be learned. One must know how to command himself, to hold himself in hand, that his capacities may be used to the best result. Self-indulgence is an open road to ruin.

Reason alone gives man superiority to the beast, and, only by obeying reason, can we have any other than a beastly life. It were better to be born a beast than to be born a human being and then sink life to to a beastly level.

A course of conduct which is alone becoming the dignity of a man, and which is needful for success in any manly struggle, Paul urges upon the Christian. No aim is so high as his. It is to meet the whole purpose of God in his being. To attain the highest excellence of character.

This comprehends all earthly good. Pure friendships, happy homes, cheerful hopes, a quiet conscience, the noble sense of rectitude, the favor of God, reward God's children.

A great aim, when the heart is truly set on it, makes a great character. Characters are not builded. They are not pieces of mechanism. They grow from fixed principles. Whatever is not the expression of

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deep-rooted principle is but a semblance and a sham. Devotion to God, deep and pure, answers all life's moral needs, whether of strength or comfort.

An Evening With my League.

There be Leagues and Leagues. Some are lively, some are lifeless. Some are useless. And sometimes I wonder why this is so. And sometimes I don't wonder. . . . And, while the writer does not feel capable of ministering to all the ills that afflict the League family, he has a desire to help somebody, whenever and however he can in this important branch of our church work. And maybe a visit to one of our devotional meetings might be at least suggestive to some one seeking more light in League work. Let me tell you of a meeting my League held last Sunday: Time 6:30—one hour before the preaching service, and a very favorable hour for town Leagues. Promptly at the time indicated, the leader for the evening tapped the bell, gave the members time to get in their places, (for you never see our League scattered all over the house, as the manner of some is) then called out the number of the opening song. (And the songs are always selected beforehand, and a duplicate copy of their number placed in the hands of the organist. This helps.) And the organist struck the keys instant, lingered on the prelude just long enough for the singers to find the place, then sang—sang they all—sang loudly—sang lively. (P. S. These hark from the tombs songs are not good for opening hymns. Always get something lively for a starter.) . . . After the song, the leader, a young man and a raw recruit of a month's service, (for it's decidedly best to break them in early. If your new member is dumb for the first thirty days you can't hope to do much with him ever after.) . . . the leader said, "Let us pray." And all went upon their knees in prayer. (N. B.—I know some Leagues who do not kneel when they pray, but fall over on the back of the pew that happens to be nearest. But that isn't Methodist.) Then followed another song, a Scripture lesson, and another prayer. (One of the young ladies led this prayer. And our girls try oftener in public than the boys do; but, then, there are more of them.) Then followed the Scripture reading by the whole League. (For every Leaguer, I believe without exception, has a Bible—one of these flop-eared kind; and they even take them to Church and Sunday-school. At Church they follow the preacher in his lessons, and they listen to the sermon with open Bible and a pencil in their hands. Blessings on the man, Brother Johnsey. Mc-

Glumphy, or whoever he was, who first started them in this most excellent way.) . . . As to their manner of general readings in the devotional service, they vary, but mainly this: The leader will call out, say, "Isa. 1:10!" Instantly some one will say, "Isa. 1:10." That means that one will take that Scripture, and at the proper time will read it and make a short comment thereupon. And so on until all the references are given out. Then follows, usually, (for you can't almost sometimes tell just what is going to follow in this League of ours. For the leaders vie with each other in keeping the wheels out of old ruts.) . . . but there follow, usually, selections from books and periodicals, but mainly from the Epworth Era. And, by the by, since their Era has been coming their meetings have been more interesting, and the number of visitors constantly increasing. By all means, let every League get up a club for the Era. It is as bright as a newly made dollar and stimulates like an electric current. . . . Brother preacher, if you are having trouble in trying to get "the wheel to go," by all means try the Era. . . . And on this particular evening of which I write, we had another very interesting feature—the like of which I recommend to every League—the reception of new members—five of them—and every one of them bright, working Christians. Bless the Lord! The President—a bright young lady, read a well-prepared address to the class, after which they all engaged in an old-fashioned Methodist hand-shaking, by way of giving the hand of fellowship to the new recruits. . . . And the pastor looked on the happy scene and was glad; and deep down in his heart he said, "Bless the Lord for such a band of young people!" God bless them, every one!

And some day I shall tell you about our Charity and Help work. For one great reason why these young people have such a good time at the devotional meetings is, that that is not all they do

DOUBLEU. D.

Feb. 28.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

DEAR SIR:—"I cannot praise your remedy too highly. Last winter I had a grippe and hemorrhage of the lungs followed. All the doctors around here told me I had to die of consumption. Then I thought I would ask Dr. Hartman for advice, which I did. He prescribed Pe-ru-na for me, and I took it according to his directions and was cured. I advise everybody that is troubled with lung disease to take Dr. Hartman's treatment. I am sure they will not regret it if they do. I am now enjoying good health, and can thank Pe-ru-na for it."

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1899 Bicycles Down to \$8.25.

Men's and women's new 1899 model bicycles are now being offered at \$8.25 to \$23.75 and sent to anyone anywhere for full examination before payment is made. For catalogue and full particulars, cut this notice out and mail to SEARS, ROEBUCK & Co., Chicago.

Teachers Desiring to better their positions should investigate the claims of the ARKANSAS TEACHER'S AGENCY. They have a number of good vacancies. State agents for the Teacher's World. Address, THE ARKANSAS TEACHER'S AGENCY, Newport and Conway.

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Another 5,000 issue of Mrs. Thornburgh's Infant Catechism has just been made. Already 27,000 have been sold. Its sale has been beyond all expectation. It is pronounced, by successful infant class teachers, the best catechism made. If you are interested send for a sample copy, free.

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A White Negro!

would be quite a curiosity but not as much so as the Afro-American Encyclopedia, which contains over 400 articles, covering every topic of interest to the race, by more than 200 intelligent colored men and women. The unanimous verdict of over 50,000 colored readers is that it is beyond all comparison the best work THE NEGRO HAS PRODUCED. Every colored family wants a copy. Agents are having a harvest of sales, and are getting the LARGEST commissions ever offered. Exclusive territory. Write for terms. J. T. HALEY & Co., PUBLISHERS, 315 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

Warning Order.

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

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1899.

Joe Townsend.

This young man, who was shot by J. D. Conant, his partner in a gambling house in this city, and died on the 7th inst, was not quite twenty-one years of age.

Townsend was the son of a saloon and gambling house keeper of former days in Little Rock. He was left an orphan in 1890, and heir to considerable property. His guardian, Mr. Walter Terry, made every effort to guard the boy against a vicious life. But the court, unwisely, gave him possession of his property before he was of age, and he entered upon a career of dissipation, with this sad and speedy closing of his life.

Last week we noted the sad death, from a drunken spree, of a man past middle age, who was once among the most active business men of Little Rock. Brought to beggary, and then to death, probably by suicide. Should we give notice to what the saloons in this city are doing, we might fill up the columns of the METHODIST, every week, with the sad and shameful record of blighted lives—poor human beings, borne down to ruin, body and soul.

Much of all this wreck and ruin must be laid to the charge of our city government. Saloons will be licensed so long as our citizens vote to license them. For that iniquity our citizens at large must answer. But gambling is forbidden by the law, and yet, gambling houses, known to the city authorities, are run with impunity. It is a shame to the officers of the law, which dishonors them in the esteem of all good citizens, and which will cleave to them till they die. The silence of many is but the smothering of a feeling of indignation, deep and strong as their sense of honor and justice.

What is to be done? There are many young men in this city already lost, as utterly, as hopelessly as Townsend was; and men who ought to be their protectors are in league with their destroyers. What is left for fathers and mothers to do? Is there nothing to do but to weep and pray? What can good citizens do? If they were as persistent to oppose evil, as the allies of the devil are to foster it, they could do much.

Many say to themselves: "This tide of ruin does not involve me; it does not involve my children. We are safe. Why strive and spend time and money to rescue a

seed of evil doers, taught in vice from their birth?" If the good man and his family were safe, this were still a shameful plea. It is the old question of the murderer Cain: "Am I my brother's keeper?" And he who asks it, in excuse from stretching out to his brother a helping hand, like Cain, has somewhere lost his brother; like Cain, has somehow slain his brother. There is work to do. If it were only that eternal protest against iniquity, which the good man must make, for the preservation of his own integrity, that is left to us, still, that protest should come up before this community and before God against the agents of the pit that hunt their victims in this city, we had almost said, under shelter of law; we will say, with impunity in the face of the law.

Some, with whom we have conversed, say the city has improved much in the matters to which we refer. If so, we thank God. If so, it has been brought about by the utterance of public sentiment. But there is far more force of right and righteous sentiment in this city of Little Rock than has been aroused. The pulpit, religious and moral associations and the religious press should not fail in their duty here.

We have on hand many excellent articles on the subject of church records and statistics. Much has been given already on the subject, and many notes of thanks have we received for giving the subject an airing. If some of the papers on hand are not published, the writers will understand that it is because others have covered the ground.

Church Notes.

PREACHER'S WEEKLY MEETING, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

There were present: Dr. Hunter, Evans, Thompson, Christie, W. C. Watson, Thomas, and Workman.

Dr. Hunter opened the services with prayer. He was feeling well, and the brethren were glad to see him.

Bro. Thomas announced that English and Liberty had been supplied by Rev. G. M. Hill.

The brethren are looking forward with interest to Bishop Galloway's visit next Tuesday.

Bro. Christie stated that his work was well organized and prospering.

Bro. Watson had good services. Four accessions by profession of faith, Work doing well.

Bro. Workman reported good services at Ashbury. Good Sunday-school. League doing fine work in all departments. Young people

reading good books under the management of Literary Department of League.

Bro. Evans reported good prayer-meeting. Good preaching services. Four accessions, two by letter and two on profession of faith. Four penitents at the altar Sunday night, three of whom were converted.

Bro. Thompson reported fine services. Large Sunday-school.

Bro. Thomas reported that he had been to Lonoke. Preached to large congregations.

The need of, and best methods for doing mission work were discussed. The prevailing idea was, that it was unwise to project any mission school, unless there was prospect for a church, as this recognized the class distinction which many of our poor, unthinkingly, state exists in the large churches. The best way is to draw them to the churches that already exist.

The aggregate assets of the Book Concern of the M. E. Church amount to more than \$3,000,000.

On Ecumenical Missionary Conference, composed of missionaries from all Protestant folds and fields, will be held in New York, in April of 1900.

The Methodists of the Tennessee Conference have undertaken to raise \$35,000 with which to purchase the property of the Price College for Young Ladies, at Nashville, to be converted into an annex to the Vanderbilt for the benefit of girls.—Central Methodist.

One-half of the \$20,030,000 thank-offering to be raised by the M. E. Church will be applied to Methodist universities, theological seminaries, colleges, and other schools, and the remainder will be devoted to Methodist hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, and other charitable institutions of the church, and for the payment of debts on church properties.

Dr. Hoss, after looking over the field in Cuba, says: "When the Board meets in May it ought to make the most liberal appropriation possible for this newest of our mission fields. Bishop Candler is none too earnest and urgent in his appeals. With Barredo and MacDonell at Havana, Baker at Matanzas, and Someillan at Santiago, we have made a good beginning, but only a beginning; for more must be done, if we are to rise to the height of our great opportunity. May the Head of the Church supplement all our efforts and give supernatural efficiency to our resources that are consecrated to his use."

Galloway College.

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST:

Your many readers will, doubtless, be pleased to know that preparations for the rebuilding of Galloway College are going forward in a most satisfactory manner. The ruins have been torn down and the debris removed. The brick that have been saved are fully one-third enough to complete the new building. Many other articles have also been saved that will be used again, such as radiators, steam pipe and fittings, and the like, that were not injured by the fire. The committee have collected the \$32,000 insurance money and have paid off all indebtedness of the institution, with the exception of a few small items, amounting to less than \$500, and these will be settled within the next ten days. The \$15,000 which the Board requested of the people of Searcy, has been raised, \$5,000 of which is actual cash in bank, and the balance is guaranteed by parties whose contracts are as good as government bonds.

In addition to this subscription, the real estate and improvements, steam plant, heating apparatus, steam laundry, etc., belonging to the college, are conservatively estimated to be worth at least \$15,000, and from this you see that Galloway College is not only disenthralled and freed from debt, but she boasts a net worth of \$30,000—a condition far more favorable than any within her past history.

Of much greater importance than this, is the fact, that notwithstanding the recent unfortunate fire, the class-rooms and dormitories now in use, temporarily, are filled to their utmost; and they do say that none who have ever answered her roll-call are better looking nor better behaved than the young ladies now in attendance. Every bright-faced mother's daughter of the list is looking forward in anticipation of the opening in September next in the new building, whose sacred corridors will be vocal with the chorus of their happy songs and merry with the ripple of their joyous laughter. We, of the building committee, contemplate an arrangement by which the present senior class may, at their own urgent, special request, receive their diplomas on the college campus. Such is their devotion to their alma mater, and so sacred are the memories that cluster around her hallowed precincts, that these noble-hearted Seniors are pleading that dear old Galloway may perform her final functions upon the very spot where they have labored so earnestly and so long. We are determined that nothing, save the most unfavorable weather, shall intervene to thwart their inclinations in this behalf. We believe that the dispersing of the Class of '99 will be the most impressive of all: that these new-made alumnae will go to their homes with hearts of more thrilling affection for college, for faculty and for each other; and that this most magnificent structure, when completed, will stand forth in greater grandeur because these devoted daughters shall have bathed its very foundations with their tears.

Our people are looking forward with great expectation to Bishop Galloway's proposed visit to Arkansas and his effort to raise the funds which, with our own subscriptions, will be needed to complete the buildings and provide the necessary equipment. Having contributed, first and last, more than \$40,000 to this cherished institution, in addition to more than \$45,000 to others of a similar character, we feel that we may confidently expect the state at large to make liberal response to this call for help and relief in an hour of dire distress. While we love to refer to it as "our Galloway," we nevertheless realize that it belongs to the army of seventy thousand Methodists of Arkansas, and we rely upon Methodist loyalty and their well-deserved reputation to take care of their own. Most respectfully,

Jno. T. Hicks, Chmn.
Searcy, Ark., March 13.

Notices.

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.

Dr. GODBEY:—I notice in the METHODIST of last week, Bro. Wm. Sherman has criticised the statistical report of preachers of Ozark and Coal Hill circuits. My stub-book shows that I reported five classes. Now let the preacher of Coal Hill circuit examine his book, and let the criticism rest where it belongs.

W. M. TAYLOR.

Gum Log, Ark.

In an article on page 3 of your paper of March 1, Bro. J. M. Talkington calls attention to a discrepancy in the statistics of Newport District. By referring to the Minutes of 1897, he will find Walnut Ridge and Pocahtontas with a reported membership of 142, and Corning circuit with 151; total, 293, which number was put opposite the consolidated circuit or station of Walnut Ridge and Corning, so as to keep sight of the total in the district for 1897. The total for 1897 was the same in the Minutes for both 1897 and 1898; i. e. 4,148. The column, "total membership for last year," is taken from last year's Minutes and not from the reports handed in this year. Otherwise, there would be a worse mix-up than now is. If the pastors would be careful to see that their reports correspond with the pastor who precedes them, all trouble on this line would be avoided, except where the works were changed as above. Very truly,

F. M. DANIEL, Sta. Sec.

State Sunday-School Convention.

The following program has been arranged for the State Sunday-school Convention, which is to meet at Little Rock, March 18, 19 and 20:

Some of the subjects have not been assigned yet, and speakers will not be named until all places on the program are filled by persons who promise to be present and fill the places assigned them. Prominent preachers and laymen from within and from without the State have been and will be secured to handle the various subjects.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18.

7:30 p. m., devotional services.
Words of welcome.
Preliminary business.
An address.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19:

The delegates will visit the various Sunday-schools of the city at 9:30 a. m.

At 11 o'clock there will be two or more convention sermons, bearing especially on the Sunday-school work.

At 3 p. m. there will be an address by a prominent worker from abroad and an address and special suggestions on the primary department.

7:30 p. m., the international work will be explained and impressed.

There will also be another address on a kindred subject.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

9 a. m., reports of president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee and other necessary business.

An address on how to secure and maintain county and State organizations, by two men who have succeeded in maintaining such organizations.

Open conference of workers.

2:30 p. m. Subjects:

The Pastor's relation and duty to the Sunday-school.

How to reach and hold young men and young women.

How to secure attendance of Sunday-school children at church services.

The primary department, including the teaching of the lesson to a class of children.

Open conference.

7:30 p. m. Election of officers.

Unfinished business.

Open parliament.

Consecration service — (What have I learned at this convention?)

Closing suggestion.

Adjournment.

Reduced rates on the railroads will be secured. Delegates will take receipt for fare paid, and on certificate plan will get reduced rate back home.

Free entertainment at Little Rock will be provided for pastors, superintendents and delegates regularly elected or appointed to this convention.

GEORGE THORNBURGH,

B. W. GREEN,

A. C. HULL

W. H. BUCKLEY,

R. E. WAIT,

E. LONGLEY,

Committee on Arrangements.

A Farmer's Fortune.

The Remarkable Way in which Adam Salm Acquired Success and Happiness.

From the Vernon Times, Vernon, N. Y.

Every one in Vernon and for miles around knows honest, good natured Adam Salm, and not only in Vernon Center, N. Y., where he has resided for twenty-eight years and conducts his large and well-kept farm, but wherever he is known his word is respected.

His happiness, success in life and even life itself was due to a victory over disease.

"It was a wonderful victory," he says, "from the dreadful disease which threatened to vitiate my life and one that has made life miserable for thousands and filled innumerable premature graves. It is that form of disease known as rheumatism, and which held undisputed sway until its conquering enemy came in the form of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"For a long time I experienced untold sufferings from the ravages of this fearful ailment. All kinds of remedies were resorted to for relief, but it was the same experience that had come to countless victims of rheumatism—immunity from excruciating pain for a time, but after temporary relief came suffering once more, as the insidious malady took a new grip on its distracted victim."

"I happened to learn of the wonderful power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in conquering rheumatism, but long suffering had made me incredulous as I had spent many dollars for other remedies, without finding relief and this experience had embittered me against proprietary medicines. I finally concluded to try these pills and bought one box of them, and before they were all used I experienced a relief such as I had not enjoyed since my affliction began. With the depletion of the first box came another

and another until twelve boxes had been consumed.

"Just six months from the time the first box had been taken I was a cured man, and with the consumption of the last pill went out my blessing to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and to the management which is spreading its efficacy throughout the world relieving suffering humanity from the chains of disease. This is no fairy tale, but a true story prompted in the fullness of a grateful heart, and given for the benefit of those who may be similarly afflicted."

This is to certify that the article published in the Vernon Times of December 17, concerning my cure of rheumatism by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is true and published with my sanction.

ADAM SALM.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.

GEO. L. BOWERS, Notary Public.

The blood is the vital element in our lives consequently it must be kept pure, rich and red in order to have perfect health. The cause of Mr. Salm's sickness was impure and impoverished blood. He had skilled medical treatment and used many remedies, but derived no benefit until he commenced to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and these cured him.

This proves that this remedy is the best means of imparting those elements that purify, vitalize and enrich the blood, thus aiding bodily functions and arousing every organ into healthful action and in this way restoring the entire system.

That is the reason why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cure so many diseases, why doctors prescribe them, why druggists recommend them and why they are so universally used.

At Rest.

The remains of Rev. R. L. Wozencraft were sent from Hot Springs to Mount Olivet Church, Dallas county, Ark., where they were placed away to rest, in the presence of a large audience of sorrowing people. May God bless his wife and children. His aged mother and his brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the people.

GEO. W. LOGAN.

Holly Springs, Ark.

Notice.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College will be held in the parlors of the First M. E. Church, South, at Little Rock, on Wednesday, March 20, 1899, at 8:30 p. m., to transact business that may be presented. Every member is urged to attend.

A. S. McKENNON,

P. D. ENGLISH, President.

Secretary.

Personal.

Rev. Judson Taylor has been called to take the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church of this city.

Hon. Joe Johnson, of Fort Smith, called Friday and became a prepaid subscriber to the METHODIST.

Senator J. K. Jones, of Arkansas, continues quite ill at Washington, and serious apprehensions of a fatal result are entertained.

Rev. W. C. Davidson, of Forest City, was disabled from preaching, during nearly all the month of February, by grippe.

Dr. H. R. Singleton is fast winning the hearts of our people at Helena. As

a preacher and pastor he is fully meeting the needs of the work.

Dr. John H. Dye was at Helena Saturday, with the editor of this paper, but went up to Marianna in the evening to hold Dr. Bennett's quarterly meeting. With his chaplaincy duties and his district, the Doctor has much work in hand.

A. J. Mims, a leading member of our First Church, in Little Rock, and widely known throughout the State, died in peace Friday evening. His funeral was from First Church, conducted by Revs. C. E. Pattillo, W. E. Thompson, Dr. Hunter, A. O. Evans and E. M. Pipkin.

Bro. Audigier, who has, for a long time, been a faithful member of the METHODIST force, was called upon last week to mourn the death of his little boy, Edgar Roy. He and Sister Audigier have our sympathy in this hour of bereavement. As trustful Christians, the parents cheerfully submit to the Father's will. A child in glory—a treasure in heaven. They are richer now than they ever were. Precious doctrine! Comforting faith!

G. T.

A card from Jno. W. Cline, dated February 4, 1899, says: "In a belated revolution of the Episcopal wheel, our educational institutions out here were concentrated into Anglo-Chinese College with Dr. A. P. Parker, W. B. Nance, and G. R. Loehr in charge, and Hong Kong College in Soochow, with D. L. Anderson, J. A. G. Shipley and Jno. W. Cline in charge. I am also pastor of the church at Sung Gwa Zion, in Soo Chow. I have been very anxious to get to the interior, and we are happy in the prospect of our new home. Please give notice of the change of my address from Shanghai to Soo Chow. Love and best wishes."

Christian Life.

Thy People's Prayer.

A. C. MILLAR.

O God of wisdom, by whose breath
The sails of Christian ships were blessed,
As through the trackless seas they sped
To rouse from sleep the waiting West;
Thy spirit breathe, let wisdom fill
Thy people now to work thy will.

O God of mercy, by whose hand
Our fathers, torn from sheltering tree,
When king and priest would sore oppress,
Were fixed in soil of liberty;
Enlarge our life till hearts shall throb
Responsive to the exile's sob.

O God of battles, whose strong arm
Delivered freemen from the power
Of tyrants, when their boastful bands
Would trample Freedom's fairest flower,
Thy prowess prove; let despots feel
That right is mightier still than steel.

O God of freedom, by whose might
The fetters forged for slaves were rent,
While brother's blood enriched our soil,
And States by war's fierce fires were blent;
Nerve freemen now to strike a blow
And fell to earth their treacherous foe.

O God of justice, by whose law
The weak are strong, the mighty fall,
When men, bereft of heaven's rights,
Like giants rise and break their thrall;
Let justice now find living voice,
And bid wronged Cuba free rejoice.

O God of love and light, look down
In pity on the groaning earth,
And let thy love swell every heart,
And light to hope give joyous birth.
Shrink not our faith from paths we see,
When moved by thee, when led by thee.

Fram wrath and greed and glory's gleam
Restrain us, O thou God of peace;
For wounds of warriors would we weep,
Yet through us cause wild war to cease—
Thy people, filled with thee, shall prove
The wondrous worth of loyal love.

Thus nobler than the kings of earth,
This royal race that thou hast led
Shall larger life from thee receive
As love lights up the path they tread—
O God of life, our life to give
That faith fulfilled in love may live.

"I Take it Back."

A number of young men were sitting together in a country store one evening telling what they did not believe, and what they were not afraid to do. Finally the leader remarked that, so far as he was concerned, he would be willing at any time to sign away all his interest in Christ for a \$5 bill.

"What did I understand you to say?" asked an old farmer, who happened to be in the store, and who had overheard the remark.

"I said that for \$5 I would sign away all my interest in Christ, and so I will."

The old farmer, who had learned to know the human heart pretty well, drew out his leathern wallet, drew therefrom a \$5 bill, and put it in the storekeeper's hand. Then calling for ink and paper, he said: "My young friend, if you will just step to the desk and write as I direct, the money is yours." The young man took the pen and began: "In the presence of these witnesses, I, A. B., for the sum of \$5 received, do now once for all and forever sign away all my interest—" He dropped the pen, and with a forced smile, said: "I take it back; I was only fooling." That young man did not dare to sign that paper. Why? He had an accusing conscience. He knew that there was a God. He believed in religion. He meant to be a Christian some time. And

so do you, reader. Notwithstanding your apparent indifference, your trifling conduct, your boasting speech, you would not to-day for ten thousand dollars sign away, if such a thing were possible, your interest in Jesus Christ. You do not desire or expect to lose heaven.—Herald and Presbyter.

A man was traveling over an Alpine pass. He went over the glaciers, sinking in the snow step by step, upward, until he was weary. High on the summit of the pass a desire to sleep overcame him. He could hardly put one foot before another. Just as he was almost sinking down into the sleep which would have proved the sleep of death to him, he stuck his foot against an obstacle which proved to be the body of a traveler who had preceded him. He bent down, found that the heart had not ceased to beat, and began at once to rub the frozen limbs, and to do his best to reanimate the body. In his effort he was successful. He saved the man's life; and, in the effort, he banished his own desire to sleep, and so saved his own life in saving another.—Herald and Presbyter.

I stood one time by the couch of a poor woman who had been helpless and speechless for nineteen years. In all that dreary length of time she had not left that bed, except when lifted from it. She could not make a single movement, except to turn her head from side to side, or write her wishes and thoughts upon a slate. She had not a natural friend or relative in the world, nor any of the world's goods. Nevertheless, the face of that poor woman was like the face of an angel. There was a brightness, a radiance, an overflowing joy gushing from every feature which glorified it. It was the happiest face I ever saw. We do not have to look far to find the secret of such abounding rapture. It was "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." It was "the joy unspeakable and full of glory." It was the heart to heart comfort "as a mother comforteth her child." This peace is independent of external circumstances. In the ages of persecution it laughed at prison bars, dungeons, racks and martyr stakes. It laughs now at poverty, or sickness, or helplessness. It is not beyond the reach of any.—B. C. Moonow.

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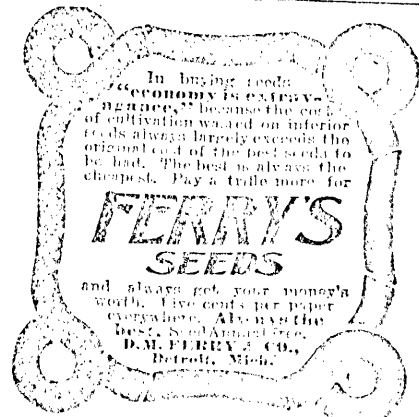
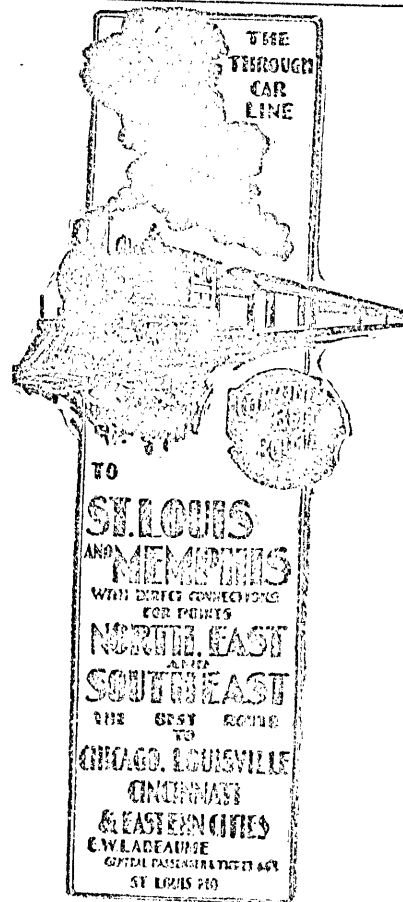
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How it Went in My Childhood.
NO. XXVIII.

Jacob was a mule we had on our farm. He was a long, slick mule, with a gray nose, very, very peaceful looking eyes, great long ears, which, when not in use, fell about his head, giving him the best possible appearance of innocence. When Jacob was first brought onto our farm, (father bought him when a mule of two years) we all fell in love with him, because he looked so good and pure.

But the mule began to show soon. By way of introduction to us he jumped out of our stable, through a little slide door about two by four feet, jumped over a twelve railed, staked and ridered fence, and left us, with a mule seeking on our hands. This was Jacob's first evening's performance.

From the very first we paid due regard to his heels. He was a proficient kicker. We thought his heels full of lightning and thunder, too, and being too close often meant a mighty shock.

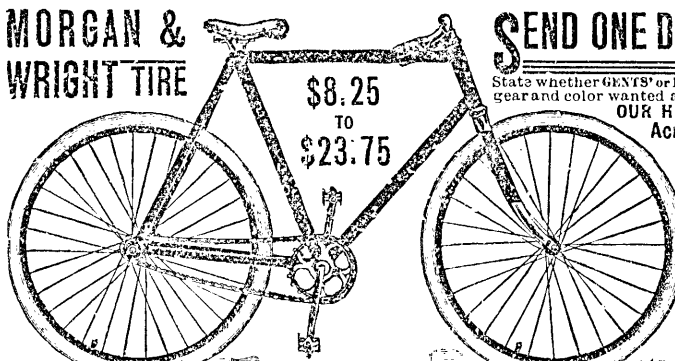
Jacob did not seem to like plowing at all. The angelic look soon departed when he was hitched up to a plow, and woe be unto the boy that had to trot after him. The happiness of Julian and myself was sacrificed for one whole spring for this work. We took week about pacing after him. We never did know just how strong Jacob was. We did not have plows on the farm that would test him. When he pulled a plow up against a rock or stump, one or the other had to break, or at least they did—sometimes his harness snapped. It did not matter how tired he appeared when we quit work on Saturday evening, he always had his trotting clothes on Monday morn when we hitched him to a plow. He would trot up and down the row a whole half day at a time, that is, when we got a pass through a whole half day, usually part of the time was used fixing harness and plows. When he sailed up a row, among rocks and stumps, we held the plow handles part of the time; the rest of the time the handles were sorely bruising up our stomach and ribs. Sometimes it seemed so sweet to get to stop and weep and wail awhile. This seemed to let some of the heat out of us.

We were warned on the day of his coming that we should beware of his back, and we were. But, as we continued working Jacob he seemed to get sweeter in disposition—love seemed to beam out of both of his eyes, and, when we had worked him all day and felt very tired at night, the temptation became very strong to ride him home. There was not one sign of bucking showing on him. Father got to thinking as we boys did, and one day said: "Boys, I am going to ride Jacob"—poor father ought to have said, "I am going to try to ride him," but he didn't say it. So we began to work up to that point. When we took him out at noon and night we rubbed gently his back, and rubbed and rubbed. Finally we got to leaning up against his

back, and finally we began to breast him. This seemed to be the joy of Jacob's life. At last father decided that all was ready.

So, one morning, father said: "Boys, I will plow Jacob today and will ride him home at dinner"—when he ought to have said: "I will try," but he didn't. He worked him very hard all the morn, and when the farm dinner bell sounded father laid off Jacob's harness, and got on his bare-back to ride him. I don't know, but it seemed to me that father had a loving smile playing on his face, as much as to say "Boys, watch your old father ride him." Jacob started, started off like a thirty year old mule, but in a moment his whole aspect changed. His ears had ceased their flopping and pointed now straight up to heaven, betokening abundance of bucking. He seemed to have the power to draw his left eye forward and his right one back toward his tail. His jaws looked twisted and his whole head seemed to be catacornered. His tail was elevated a little above the plane of his back. We boys thought he would, now, make a good mule for the devil to ride, if he had not looked quite so mean. For a moment we saw dear father sitting in between Jacob's head and tail as they were buzzing up and down through the air, then, we saw him disappearing up through the air. We did not know but that father had seen "Jacob's Ladder" and was going up to be with the angels, but in a moment he started back towards the earth, and when he struck, it was all he could do to keep from standing up on his bald-head. The nice soft plowed ground dealt very tenderly with father, for it suffered some holes to be made deep into it by his hands, head and knees. This seemed to hurt, much, father's feelings and he said: "I will ride him now, anyway—when father ought to have said "I will try" but he didn't say it. So we led Jacob back to father, where he went through a like performance as before. He didn't ride him either, but said, I'll get John Ford to ride him at dinner (John was a professional mule sticker) and then I'll ride him at night—when he ought to have said "I'll try," but he did not. That evening he took a saddle along to use at night. The evening soon passed, and as the night shadows settled down around father he mounted Jacob again. It was in dismay that we boys looked up and saw his white shirt boring a hole through the night shadows. Poor father, we knew that he must hit the earth hard, again, and he did, but the earth stopped him. After all this, Jacob continued to look just as good and pure as ever. He bucked off two or three more of us, when father concluded he did not want Jacob and sold him to a man that wanted just such a mule. Poor Jacob finally met his match, and more. He bucked up against a railroad engine and was compelled to depart this life to where all bad mules go. He died a miserable death. Children, does looking good make a good man? Jacob. Think. FRED A. LARK.

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W. W. GIBSON.

HATTON, ARK.—We now have our work pretty well in hand, and are becoming pretty well acquainted with our people. The severe weather has greatly hindered our work, but we are beginning to move along once more. Good congregations attend services at every point on the work. We have had no poundings or donation parties; but we have had something better. The people have brought us many things which a preacher needs, cash included, and we have given them credit for so much "quarterage."

We received a "pounding" once, and I wanted to report it on salary; but one of the chief donors said, "No." Well, that year, out of an assessment of \$500, we received \$119. The donor, who objected to reporting the pounding, allowed the stewards to assess him \$25, but paid only \$15. Hence, I report all that the people pay me; and I have yet to find the people who have anything to "donate," after even two-thirds of the preacher's salary is paid.

I did receive a "pounding" once, that I appreciate till this day. It was given by a Baptist preacher on behalf of the Baptist people. But that's different. If Baptist folks want to "pound" a Methodist preacher, let 'em pound; but Methodist folks should pay first. A preacher should scorn to accept a donation and then report his salary "behind." Let us give our people credit for all they do, and then the "Movement of the current" may be considerably altered.

Hatton circuit has lost one of its most faithful local preachers, Bro. R. J. Snow. He was killed by the explosion of a boiler at Wickes, on the 11th inst.

Health has been very good, and religious interest is increasing. We are greatly in need of church buildings, and hope to build two or three this year. We also need a great revival of religion, and believe we will have it, though the

enemy is strong. Drinking, dancing, gaming, Sabbath-breaking, and many like sins are common among the irreligious; while many professed Christians are narrow and bigoted, and many others have no higher conception of Christian unity, than that everything should be outwardly "union."

We have a strangely developed case of this kind at Silver Hill, on this circuit. A young "holiness" brother, who has just discovered that organic division is fatal to spiritual unity, has decided that the only way to diminish the number of sects is by addition. Hence, he has withdrawn from the M. E. Church, South, and organized a "Christian Society," into which he expects to draw all the broad-minded and truly spiritual of all denominations. We are pleased to note, however, that most of our people choose to show their good sense and religious fervor in another direction.

This is a good field, "white unto harvest," and we rejoice at the prospect. Never have we seen unconverted people who seemed more willing to hear and be led by the truth, than we find in some communities on his circuit. We are laboring to bring them into the kingdom. May God help us. Cordially,

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The Cotton Belt has recently made some large additions to its rolling stock, and will, in a few days, commence operating in its trains some of the handsomest cars ever run west of the Mississippi River. The Pullman and the St. Charles Car Companies have just completed and delivered to the Cotton Belt four new parlor cafe cars, ten new chair cars, and six combination express and baggage cars, all of which are models of beauty and convenience. The four parlor cafe cars are the handsomest cars ever seen in the Southwest, and are the only parlor cafe cars in daily operation in that section of the country. To simply say they are luxurious would be faint praise indeed. The cars are finished throughout with beautifully polished oak, quarter-sawn, which is relieved by handsome beveled plate glass mirrors. The floor is covered by a heavy, dark green Wilton carpet, of a soft shade, and the ceiling is delicately frescoed in a harmonious shade of pink. The main compartment contains two rows of large, high-back revolving arm chairs, upholstered in dark green leather, the woodwork of the chairs being highly polished mahogany. The chairs were built with an eye to comfort as well as for beauty, and there being only nine on each side of the car, ample room is assured. The windows are large, permitting floods of light from without, and an unrestricted view from within. At the rear end of the car there is a smoking room, furnished with a large couch and three commodious arm chairs. Here also is a stationary washstand, supplied with clean towels, soap, etc., and adjoining is a spacious lavatory. The other end of the

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1. In the ^abeginning ^bGod created the heaven and the earth.
2. And the earth was ^{without form,} ^{waste} and void; and darkness ^{was} ^{upon} the face of the deep ^{And the Spirit} ^{and the spirit} of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3. ^dAnd God said, ^eLet there be light: and there was light.
4. And God saw the light, that ^{it was} ^{it was} good: and God divided ^{the} light from the darkness.
5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And ^{the} ^{there was} ^{were} ^{the first} ^{day.} ^{one}

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Our Church at Home.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.—I have just closed the first round of quarterly conferences. I missed some, but hit a large majority. I found all the pastors at the post of duty, and all moving fairly well. I have been kindly received, both by preachers and people. I spent nine years consecutively in this district in the pastorate, hence I am not a stranger. I find much done by my worthy predecessors, but much left to be done yet. Inquiries are frequently made of S. L. Cochran, M. M. Smith, the sainted Jno. C. Ritter, the superannuated Frank Ritter, and W. C. Davidson. It does my heart good to let these brethren know they are still remembered for their labors in word and doctrine. I want to make special mention of Jonesboro station, North Jonesboro, Paragould, and Buffalo Island.

Jonesboro will soon have the best and the prettiest church edifice in the conference; and, so far as I have seen, the best in all of its appointments in the State. It is a gem, and Bro. Barrett and his faithful, good men and true women need and have earned the meed of praise.

North Jonesboro, under the leadership of Bro. Z. D. Lindsey, has entered upon a new prosperity, and his ready-to-follow people are realizing now what they thought could not be accomplished in a year—the providing for a large debt, that hung like a pall of death over their sky. He worked at this inheritance until he got it in his pockets, and now there is no debt against the church. Noble work, done during the coldest weather we had this winter.

Paragould has outdone itself in providing the best home for the preacher in the conference, and the best in the State that I have any knowledge of. Bro. Jeffett has done a fine work in securing this elegant property. His noble people stood by him. In the last work for the church by the late Dr. Thos. H. Wyso, was to give liberally to this much needed enterprise. Tell our dear, good Bishop Fitzgerald, that there are three good, full grown acres all under fence, and eighty-six different kinds of fruit trees.

Last, but by no means least, is the famous Buffalo Island circuit. Since I have been there, I wonder why some of my predecessors did not send me there, or go there themselves, and build that great country up. This is no joke, brethren. Excepting the population, our cause stands there now as it stood on the great Mississippi front when I struck it in 1889. With no intention to reflect on anyone, I say this in cold English. Our cause has been inexcusably butchered and bled for twenty or twenty-five years. The natural resources of this wonderful section are equaled only by the fertile prairies of Indiana and Illinois, and Buffalo beats them, for the timber is here in abundance. Oak, ash, cypress, gum, hickory, cottonwood and walnut. Lift up your eyes, and see. In conversation with ex-Congressman Wm. H. Cate, of

Jonesboro, he said: "I canvassed this, the first congressional district. From Chicot county up this rich river front, and Oil Trough bottom, in Independence county; Cherokee Bay, in Randolph and Clay counties; Frenchman's Bayou, in Mississippi county; and Buffalo Island in Craighead county are the finest lands in the whole territory, and Buffalo Island beats them all for quantity and quality." I am personally acquainted with all these places except Chicot county, and I unqualifiedly endorse Judge Cate. I say, why has not this land been possessed by us? The situation is more in our favor. Bishop Morrison did a good thing when James Wilson was put on that work. He has acquainted himself with the situation, learned the needs and has done a fine work up to date. He is the right man for the place, and great success will crown his labors, in my humble judgment. I am ready to do all I can to help him. I spent four days there, not long ago; will be there again the last Saturday and Sunday in May. We aim to build a parsonage at Monette. Bro's Kerfoot, Jones, and E. F. Brown, of Jonesboro, have given us a nice lot on which we aim to build a nice house for the P. E. My motto is, get the cage, then the bird and let the bird catch the worm. Let the brethren and charges not think I love them less by not speaking of them. Not so, but nothing of a special order has come to my ear on any other charge. God bless you all. Scripturally and studiously, let us go forward, and our God will bless us.

Rev. W. E. Rutledge is in charge of Cotton Belt circuit. We have no missions this year. He is well received and bids fair to do a good year's work. Let us be a holy, prayerful, Bible-reading priesthood, and trust God for power, and not substitute finish or culture for it and benedictions that will touch and tell on the hundreds of sinners we minister unto, leading them unto Jesus, and saving us from a barren ministry. Amen.

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A God Ready to Pardon, Gracious and Merciful.

Tonight, as we spin along on the new road, the Mexican International, just opened to the traveling public of Monterey and used for the first time by the ubiquitous Methodist preacher to carry good news to others, I cannot but feel that "surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life." "I will praise the Lord at all times," for the pleasures of missionary service greatly outnumber the discomforts. The Psalms of David have been popular for nearly 3,000 years, just because they are full of the songs of praise. One of his favorite expressions is: "For his mercy endureth forever." I would take up the refrain tonight, because my God has vouchsafed:

JOURNEYING MERCIES.

During recent journeys in railroad trains, in coach, in two-wheel carts and afoot, there has been no accidents, no sickness, no lack of food, no dearth of my Heavenly Father's presence. Changing my family in December, with three little ones to care for, the tearing up, the settling down again, has all been troublesome, but at the same time a pleasure, for "he careth for us." A move of 300 miles has been made with the greatest of ease, and the only break three glasses that had already seen service in the dining-room.

PREACHING MERCIES.

One round on the district is almost completed and at almost every appointment the revival spirit has been manifest. At the Laredo Seminary three services showed that both teachers and pupils were ripe for a work of grace. That was a memorable Sunday afternoon when, after a short exposition of Isaiah vi., the Lord's table was spread and almost the entire crowd, it seemed to us, came forward, some with tears and some with silent confessions, eager to make public acknowledgement of their allegiance to our Lord. Out seventy miles from Monterey, at San Juan and Santa Fe and Teran, where faithful Andres Miguel has been sowing the seed, we begin to reap a rich harvest. At one service seven persons made a public confession of Christ. At one point where the Board of Missions, for lack of funds, had rented a place of worship, the quarterly meeting discussed the situation, and the three resident Methodist families, together with the presiding elder and the preacher in charge, shouldered the burden of rent and will pay it during the year, so that the neighbors may have the opportunity to hear the gospel preached by Protestant ministers. And how glad we are to help those who help themselves. I think that one of our daily prayers ought to be that the Lord would give us wisdom, so that missionary funds may be used in such a way that they will be helpful and

not harmful to newly awakened people. The silver dollar sometimes withers what it touches. I have seen it grind the last spark of spirituality out of both foreign and native workers.

But speaking of revival power. It was at Monclava, last Saturday and Sunday, that the Lord used the preached word to the salvation of the hearers. At the factory, about two miles from town, quite a goodly company gathered to hear the gospel and the only three sinners that were present were happily converted. One of them—a young man of exemplary habits—was baptized and received into the church the following night, after the sacramental services.

LOVING MERCIES.

It was a great source of satisfaction to be entertained at Monclava in the home of our popular pastor there, Julian Castro. His wife has always been a Protestant, a fervent worker, and a model housekeeper. One of the credentials of Christianity is the unassailable fact that it produces what no other religion can produce,—humble, happy, enlightened homes where love and unselfishness reign supreme.

VISITING MERCIES.

In Monterey the brethren have a strong grip on both American and Mexican people. Bro. Soto finds much to do in house to house visitation and his strong right arm in both pulpit and pastoral work is Rev. B. G. Marsh, who does not spare himself for those he can help. During the yellow fever visitation he was unusually active and generous. Our Bro. N. E. Joyner is young, active, eloquent, tolerant and tactful. Slowly but surely he has won his way into the affections of the cosmopolitan Americans who come and go, and as a rule are all chasing the almighty dollar. It takes a many sided preacher to reach them; they have ways of thinking and of doing that are dark and curious. To get them to church is one of the great problems of Mexican mission work. My heart's desire is that they, too, may be saved. And they are being saved. Bro. Joyner has had receptions upon profession of faith, and has fifty children gathered into the Sunday-school.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all his marvelous benefits unto us? With hearts full of gratitude let us drink deep of the wells of salvation; let us see that the cup overflows, and press it to the lips of the thirsty that are all around us!

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RAMEY: Jimmie A., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Ramey, of Luxora, Ark., was born Jan. 6, 1892; died Feb. 19, 1899. All that devoted parents, children, and doctors could do, to keep the pet of the family with them was done; but God knows best, and called little Jimmie to himself, and says, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." May the rest of the family follow on.

S. F. BROWN, P. C.

Luxora, Ark.

JOHNSTON: David M. Johnston was born April 7, 1867, and died at Bryant, Ark., Feb. 10, 1899. He professed religion in childhood, and was reclaimed about eight years ago. At times he served as Sunday-school superintendent, and was a trustee of our church property here. For more than three years he has been a constant sufferer. He was a good man and a faithful member of the church. His aged mother mourns his early death, but we all rejoice that he died in the triumph of a living faith. It was on that cold, stormy Saturday that we laid his body away, but his spirit has gone to the land where the flowers bloom forever. May all of his relatives and friends meet him there.

O. H. TUCKER.

Bryant, Ark.

KELLEY: Lily Kelley (nee York) was born in Jackson, Tenn., twenty-eight years ago; died at her home in Weldon, Ark., Feb. 22, 1899. She came to Arkansas at the age of six years; was raised by her sister, Mrs. Lee, of Auvergne, Ark. She professed religion when 12 years old, under Bro. Dannelly's ministry, and joined the Methodist Church, remaining a member until death. Unacquainted with her self, inquiry of her neighbors and her last words assure me that heaven is her dwelling place. She delighted in visiting the sick and bringing sunshine to hearts by sympathetic expression and smile. She was very much attached to her husband, yet said, "I am ready to go." God grant to comfort her bereaved husband and so influence him as that he will join his dear wife where there is no death or separation.

K. R. DURHAM.

Jackson, Tenn., papers please copy.

VOLLER: John, was born in Germany March 8, 1828; moved to Arkansas sometime in the sixties and settled in Dallas county where he lived until the 8th day of February, 1899, when God said, "It is enough, come up higher." He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn, but our loss is his gain. Bro. Voller was a good man in every sense of manhood. He was true to God and Christ. While he did not make a big blow of his religion, his daily walk proved beyond a doubt that he was following Christ. It was said by many that Bro. Voller had no enemy nor was ever heard to say aught about anyone. Therefore, we can look forward to the time when we can, by the grace of God, meet on the other side. Sorrowing ones, do not weep as those who have no hope, but look forward to the time when we will shake hands with father and friend on the other side.

JAMES McALISTER.

FIELDS: Mrs. M. J. Fields, wife of R. J. Fields, was born in Mississippi, January 2, 1855, and died at her home near Bryant, Ark., Feb. 9, 1899. Two children preceded her to the better world, ten remain to mourn her loss. Two daughters were in Fort Worth, Texas, and in answer to a telephone message, arrived in time to see her, but too late for her to talk to them. One son, recently returned from the army, did not arrive until a few hours after her death. Her funeral was preached from Rev. ii:10, by her pastor,

at the Methodist Church at Bryant, of which she was long one of its most faithful and consistent members. She came to church at my last appointment, paid her missionary money, and was joyous and happy in the discharge of Christian duties. As a citizen, companion and mother, she was faithful unto death, and has gone to wear a crown of life. May Bro. Fields and all the children feel as she often expressed herself by singing the song, "I need thee every hour." "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

O. H. TUCKER.

Bryant, Ark.

GARRETT: Rev. J. C. I see in the METHODIST of the 15th inst. the sad news of the death of Rev. J. C. Garrett, a local preacher of the Nettleton charge. I was made to think of the many pleasant times we have had together, both in his own home, in church and in the parsonage, as I was his pastor for three years. I found him to be a true friend to his preacher, loyal to his church, devoted to his Christian wife and to his two boys. They seemed to be the pride of his life, and his earnest desire was to see them grow to be men of usefulness. His wife was a great help to him in his work as a local preacher. Brother Garrett's kindness to the writer will never be forgotten. May God's grace be abundantly given to Sister Garrett in this, the greatest of her trials. Be faithful, Sister. Tell the boys that they can find papa in heaven.

J. W. WATSON.

DAVIS: S. K. Davis was born in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 27, 1842, and died at his home in Vincent, Ark., Sunday morning, January 8, 1899. Brother Davis came to Arkansas while a young man, and made for himself a home, in which has grown the strongest ties of domestic happiness. He was an honored citizen and a successful business man, and had the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. At the time of his death he was not a member of the church, being of the Baptist persuasion. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church, and his house was a home for the itinerant preacher. He was kind, considerate and thoughtful of those about him, and won his way to the hearts of his associates. Bro. Davis was a great sufferer for two years, yet through it all he was patient and uncomplaining to the end, expressing his willingness to die. His great dread being to part with those he loved so well in this life. His remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. May God sustain the grief-stricken wife and children in this, their sad hour of bereavement.

GEO. G. DAVIDSON, P. C.

Crawfordsville, Ark.

APPLEWHITE: Fletcher McFerrin Applewhite, son of John and N. J. Applewhite, was born in Marshall county, Miss., April 22, 1856; died at his home in Cross county, Oct. 23, 1893. The day before his death he served on the grand jury, took a chill, went home, and died next day about 11 o'clock. He was a nephew of Rev. John B. McFerrin. He made a profession of religion in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a pure, consecrated, Christian life. He was a Christian of unusual faith; a Methodist of the old type. His life is a model for all Christians. Fletcher never married, preferring to live to care for his widowed mother and sister, Emma. I am told he said he was not afraid to die. Conscious of the integrity of his life, conscious of having lived without fear and above reproach, conscious of having faithfully endeavored to meet all of his obligations to all men, and of having done his duty according to the measure of his knowledge and ability, he looked without trembling into the face of death, and went fearlessly to meet whatever the unseen world might have in store for him. Bravo, generous, manly heart, thou hast gone from us. The places that knew thee here will know thee no more forever. No more will thy hand close upon ours in the warm clasp of friendship. No more will we hear words of kindly greeting from thy lips. No more shall we be cheered by the sunshine of thy presence. Thou hast gone from us, yet our thoughts, following after thee, turn not

downward to the grave, but upward to that bright realm for which, by thy character, thou art fitted, and which thou wilt therefore be permitted to enter. Tenderly his body was laid to rest in the Vandale cemetery, in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends. We will cherish in our hearts the hope that, some sweet day, we shall greet thee again, where death shall no more part us and the hand of infinite love shall wipe all tears from our eyes. Weep not, mother, brother and sisters. Your loss is his eternal gain.

J. W. ROOKS.

BETTY: Grandy, was born in Itala county, Miss., in 1873. His father moved to Arkansas in 1881; lived in Mulberry several years. In 1889 they moved to Hackett. Here, in 1890, his father died. At this age (17) Grandy was left to support his mother and sister. Three and a half years ago he began braking on the railroad. On Monday night, Feb. 13, he left his mother's in Hackett, having been home on a ten days' "lay off," to resume his work. He then told his mother he would quit railroading and go into business that would not keep him from home. Friday morning, Feb. 17, he was braking a loose car when the car ran against another car, throwing Grandy across the track. One wheel ran across his body. This was at Talihina, I. T., at 2 o'clock a.m. He lived and was conscious 1 hour and 44 minutes. In his last suffering he expressed himself as being ready to go. His fellow trainmen, about ten, followed him to his last resting place. The Masons buried him Saturday morning in Mountain View graveyard, one and a half miles north of Hackett. He leaves a widowed mother, Mrs. Margaret Betty, and a sister, Miss Fawnie Betty, to mourn his death in Hackett; one brother at South McAllister, I. T., and a brother in Mississippi.

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LEAGUE.	SUBSCRIBED.	PAID.
Augusta,	\$10	\$ 5
Arkadelphia,	20	17 25
Bethany League, at Marion,	10	10
Batesville,	10	10
Bald Knob,	4	4
Black Rock,	10	10
Black Rock Junior,	5	5
Brinkley,	5	5
Beebe,	10	10
Conway,	25	
Carlisle,	25	
Clarkston,	16 65	6 35
Fordey,	25	25
Forest Home,	5	
Forest City,	10	
Ft. Smith, First Church,	25	
Gurdon,	10	5
Gainesville,	10	
Hamburg,	15	15
Hawthorn, Mrs. J. C.	12	6
Hunter,	10	
Helena,	10	10
Hazen,	5	
Hope,	5	
Hot Springs, Central Ave.	25	5
Junction City,	10	5
Jonesboro, First Church,	25	20
North Side,	5	
Juniors,	5	
Knobel,	5	5
Kingsland,	10	
Little Rock, First Church,	25	
Winfield Memorial,	50	20
Asbury,	10	
Hunter Memorial,	15	
LaGrange,	5	
Mabelvale,	5	
Magnolia,	10	
Mena,	5	5
Newport,	25	25
Okolona,	5	
Paragould,	20	
Portia,	5	5
Pine Bluff, First Church,	25	
Lake Side,	25	
Prescott,	10	
Rison,	10	
Raiford,	5	5
Shady Grove,	5	
Searcy,	25	25
Stuttgart,	25	
Stephens,	20	8
Tabor,	5	
Tuckerman,	5	
Vandale,	20	
Van Buren,	15	
Vilonia,	5 75	5 75
Wynne,	10	10
Wheatley,	5	
Washington,	5	
Y. M. C. A. at Conway,	50	21 88

For Support of Brother Cline.

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

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Methodist Preachers and Methodist People—No. IV.

JOHN HARDY ON THE ROCKY HILL CIRCUIT.

In the last letter we left Bro. Roundly at the conference in good shape. We shall not disturb him for a while, but give attention to the other seventy-five members of the conference who have been living on half rations and less. I hope no one will object to the phrase, "half rations and less," for if you will only leave out twenty of the best paying charges of your conference and then see what the average salary of the preachers who travel the poorer charges is, I think you will be astonished. Let us notice one of these men for a while. A young man, whom we will name John Hardy, applied for admission into the traveling connection. After a rigid examination he was admitted on trial and appointed to Rocky Hill circuit. Hardy was about five feet, eight inches high, weighed 150 pounds, stood erect and when in the pulpit presented an appearance at once dignified and captivating. This, together with his mental activity and earnest spirituality, fitted him to be a typical Methodist preacher. He made one full round of his circuit, and then called a stewards' meeting. They were to meet at Rocky Hill, where Hardy lived in a hired house. When they were assembled the preacher stated the object of the meeting and told the stewards of his necessities. He made known the fact that he had spent everything he possessed to qualify himself for the work of the ministry. He did not even have a horse or a cow. "I am here among you," he said, "to do the work of the Lord, and I want you to make such provision for my family and myself as you see that we really need. I don't want you to make me rich, but I want you to supply, so far as you are able, our real needs. I want to give this charge my best service, and if you will provide for me as I know you are able to do, I will be relieved of all care, so far as a living is concerned, and be able to pay my debts, too." There were six appointments on the circuit and five stewards were present: Bros. Moore and Thomas, from Rocky Hill; Bro. Starks, from Berry Branch; Bro. Ball, from Zion's Hill, and Bro. Fly, from Mountain Top. Post Oak and Black Jack were not represented. Bro. Moore said he thought that Rocky Hill could pay \$50. Bro. Starks thought Berry Branch could get up \$25. Bro. Ball thought Zion's Hill might raise \$25 dollars, also. Bro. Fly said that, possibly, "by hard pullin'" Mountain Top could bring up \$25. "What will Post Oak and Black Jack pay?" asked the preacher. "Post Oak will pay \$15 and Black Jack \$10," said Bro. Thomas. Hardy was astonished. He had made a full round on the circuit and found the people in fairly good circumstances. They were not rich, but they had plenty

and were good liver. And now a membership of 200 proposed to pay their preacher the pitiful sum of \$150 for a full year's work, and expected him to support his family on that pittance. But, mustering his courage, he said: "Brethren, I don't see how I can possibly live through the year on that amount. Besides, if I could possibly get through on \$150, it is not at all creditable to you. Why, you ought to pay your preacher at least \$400; you are bountifully able to do it, and the fact is I can't live on less than that and keep myself and family in respectability. Now, brethren, I have said all this with the very best of feeling. I have only stated the case as I see it, and I trust that you will not think me out of place nor take exceptions to what I have said." Every steward looked down his nose awhile. For what purpose I do not know, but so they did. Finally Bro. Ball said: "Well, Bro. Hardy, we want to do the best for you we can, but there's no use to make an assessment of \$400, because we will not pay it. If we get \$150 I think we'll be doing very well, considering how poor we are. Yet, maybe we can do a little better than that, and so I move to make the assessment \$200." The motion prevailed, the assessment was made and the meeting adjourned. Is it any wonder if that preacher went back to his hired house with a heavy heart? Already he had lived in the house a month without paying any rent, and the owner of the house wanted his money. That was not all. He had borrowed most of his meat and bread, or what was worse, had gone in debt for it at the store. The stewards had done nothing except to make an assessment, if such it may be called. That was a dreary evening for John Hardy. He spent the time in meditating and praying, and in trying to devise some plan by which he could pay his house rent. Late in the afternoon he walked up to the postoffice for his mail. On reaching the office he received notice that his note for \$50 was due the next week. He walked slowly back to the house worrying over the situation. At supper, while eating their bread and water, he told his wife of the happenings of the day, and added: "I don't know what in the world I am to do. Here we are, over \$100 in debt—no horse, no cow, almost nothing to eat, no money with which to pay rent and the stewards have only promised \$200 at most!" "Never mind, John," said the heroic little woman, "we'll make it through somehow. I'll help you all I can."



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We will see more of John Hardy next week. Love to all the Methodists.

LOY BEE.

A Good Example.

BROS. GODBEY & THORNBURGH: Dear Brethren—My time has been out ever since January 1, but I had no money to renew and I have felt every week, when the dear old METHODIST came, like I was getting something valuable for which I had not paid. And, as I would read along and find something specially good, something would say within: "That would be much better if it was paid for."

But, thank God, I have the money now, and will ease my conscience at once. But I could not feel just right about it, just to send my own renewal, so I set about to get a new subscriber. I succeeded in getting a lady who was raised a Baptist. She has married one of our good Methodist young men, and has been reading the METHODIST and has fallen in love with it, and wants it for herself. She has become one of us, and being an intelligent woman, she wants to keep up with the movements of her church, and of course must have the church paper. She had but fifty cents, but says send it as far as that will go, and that by the time it is out she will have more. I also have the promise of more soon.

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