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News and Notes.

THE EXPENSE OF OUR GOVERNMENT for the past year has been \$100,000,000 above receipts. War expenses, \$230,000,000.

SOME AMERICAN CITIZENS WHOSE ideas of wise government focus in personal liberty, and to whom personal liberty means unrestrained sensuality and dissipation, are launching their criticisms at General Brooke, because of his effort to restrain the degrading practices and exhibitions of the Cubans, and elevate the social and moral tone of the people.

DR. MOORE, OF THE WESTERN Christian Advocate objects to President McKinley's coming to Cincinnati as a guest of the Methodists. He says: President McKinley has not met the expectation of the Christian public. If the army saloon continues to ply its destructive and damnable work it will be because he acquiesces."

THOSE WHO HAVE CONSULTED our war maps, as they have read the weekly reports of the campaign in the Philippines have observed that only a small portion of the island of Luzon has been invaded by our soldiers. The fighting has been near Manila. Now that the rainy season has set in, the dispatches of General Otis indicate that aggressive war will be suspended. On the whole it appears that considerable progress has been made toward subduing the island. The Filipinos are always defeated in fight, but the character of the country gives them advantage in guerrilla warfare.

Imboden.

It was a great pleasure to me to be at the corner-stone laying of the Hendrix Academy, at Imboden, June 24th. There was a large gathering of people, pleasant weather, and interesting exercises. Before dinner, Prof. Reynolds, of Hendrix College, delivered one of the very best speeches I have yet heard on Education, and especially on the plans adopted by the Hendrix trustees. After dinner, I represented the Grand Master of Masons and laid the corner-stone.

After a short address by myself, Prof. Crawford, of the State University, spoke in the interest of that institution. It was a profitable day for the cause of education and for Imboden, whose citizens have shown liberality and good judgment in the building of the Academy. G. T.

When "Shepherds Leave Their Flocks."

This is the time when such announcements as "Evening services will be discontinued until October," or "This church will be closed in July and August," appear.

We have read the attempts to justify such arrangements, but have yet to see one that will bear inspection. The closing of the church building for repairs is justifiable; the summer is the time for repairs, and not the winter; the congregation is ordinarily smaller in the summer, and can be accommodated in a smaller room. But to suspend all services because the congregation will be smaller or the minister wishes to go away, is as absurd as it would be for men to close their business places in dull times. Their practice then is to do everything possible to stimulate trade;—to treat the few customers who come with unusual courtesy. In consideration of the fact that our Lord provided a special promise for such times, saying: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them," the inconsistency of this "closing practice is obvious. It is difficult to respect and more so to love, a pastor who can go away and leave the flock as sheep without a shepherd, who cares nothing for the condition of his people during his absence, and forgets the sick the moment he buys a ticket for a watering place; who shows no interest in the young converts by means of whose names and persons he made a display of pastoral efficiency a few weeks before.

Intermissions of labor are without doubt necessary, but when made, the true pastor shows by his course that he counts the vacation a needful intermission, the harmful effects of which he does all in his power to remedy. In the absence

of the pastor the best possible pulpit supplies should be secured; he is a feeble man who does not dare to introduce an acceptable preacher during his absence. To assume that any preaching will do for the few who attend, implies a lack of a sense of the vital importance of every religious service and of every exposition of the word of God.

The annual hegira grows larger. For weeks before it begins the minds of the birds of passage are absorbed in preparation; they return languidly, often having neglected all religious duties; hence the weakness and death of many congregations.—New York Christian Advocate.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Recent occurrences have left no doubt that the influence of the War Department will be thrown in favor of the army "canteen," when the question is brought up in Congress next winter, as the temperance element of the country is determined that it shall be. Some time ago the War Department sent a circular letter to commanders of army posts, asking a number of questions concerning the "canteen," and its influences good and bad, on the enlisted men. At the time, Secretary Alger stated that the letter was sent out for the purpose of gaining information, so that Congress could act with full information on the subject. Such may have been the original intention, but statements made this week indicate that the answers are to be used to perpetuate the "canteen." It is claimed that nearly all of the six hundred answers received from army officers oppose the abolition of the "canteen." That may be entirely true, and still the "canteen" may be a bad and demoralizing feature of army life. Bar-room patrons will usually say that the bar-rooms are necessary, but that does not stop the efforts of the best element in every community to lessen the number of bar-rooms.

So many widely differing stories are being printed about existing conditions in Cuba that the following statement made by Mr. George Brinkerhoff, of Matanzas, Cuba,

where he was American Consul when the war opened, and who is now in Washington, is interesting because of its reliability:

"There is no reason to be pessimistic over the future of Cuba. Everything points to an early revival of business and an entire rejuvenation everywhere. The stories telling of misery and of ill feeling between the Americans and Cubans are largely overdrawn, as I can testify from personal observation, and a thorough understanding of Cuban character. Some mistakes have been made and there has been some incompetence in high places that has worked harm and, perhaps, delayed the restoration of order and peaceable government; but conditions are far from desperate. The island will, for instance, make 300,000 tons of sugar this year, which is one-third as large as any crop ever grown. Immediately before the Spanish-Cuban war broke out, in 1895, nearly a million tons were raised, and that was the record year. The Spanish war ruined everything, burned the fields, and the buildings and plants, killed off all the oxen and left the laborers without homes or food, and the owners without money. In the face of all these obstacles an immense crop has been raised this year. It indicates what stable government and money will do. American capitalists have been frightened, apparently, by the stories in the newspapers of crime and lawlessness still rampant. They have not invested in the island as rapidly as many had expected. The Englishmen are getting ahead of them. It will, perhaps, be a surprise to most Americans to learn that within a week or two English capital has purchased the four principal railroads of the island, in addition to large sugar and land interests. The railroads were paid for above part. The annexation party is growing every day in Cuba. If the other provinces were as well governed as Matanzas and Santiago are, there would soon be no Cuban problem. Business would be resumed and the Cuban 'army' would cease to exist. Then the people of Cuba would be glad to be welcomed into the United States."

The Nation's Curse.

As the Work Goes On.

We have further reports from DeWitt, sent by Rev. R. T. Davis, of Gillett. Jeff Davis—alas for the namesake—and John Henry Edmondson, were arrested for running a still, a smoke-house, six miles south of DeWitt. John LaCotts, five miles east of DeWitt, had a still in the second story of his residence. All three of the men were arrested and taken before the U. S. Commissioner at Pine Bluff.

As the new law gives the right of search, a search-warrant was secured and one blind tiger demolished.

That is the way to do the work. We have a good law; use it and hunt out the game.

Contributed.

It is the Bible.

REV. J. E. CALDWELL.

I see sundry opinions expressed in the columns of our church papers as to the great need of the church. One has it, an educated ministry; another, humility among both preachers and people; and yet another, sanctification—the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"Hearken to me, I, also, will shew mine opinion;" and it is a felt conviction with me that it covers the whole ground. What is it? In one word, it is the Bible.

The time has been when it was truthfully said that "the Bible is the religion of Protestants." I fear it is not so now. Even some of our great divines talk about it's not being necessary now to read the Bible as formerly; the abundance of good religious books and periodicals supercede this necessity, and then not a few put the flattering unction to their soul, that they pay their pastors to read, study and expound the scriptures for them. "I pray thee have me excused." For my part, I make bold to say, there is, there can be no excuse for anyone, who can read, to habitually neglect to read his Bible. It was written for our learning, it is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect.

Reader, have you ever noticed how the greatest preacher that ever was, or ever will be on this earth, in all his public discourses and personal conversations referred to the scriptures? how he opened their understandings that they might understand the scriptures? and how, almost with his dying breath, he prayed, "sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." I tell you, if you have got any religion worth talking about, religion that will save your soul from sin here, and save your soul and body in heaven by and by, you got it from the Bible, just as you get light from the sun. Jesus

Christ vanquished humanity's great foe with, "It is written." So must, so may you. If you are mighty in the scriptures, if "these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart" you are equal to any emergency that may arise. Out of the archives of heaven's own giving you will draw strong consolation, "that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Your preacher comes, perhaps but once a month, and then maybe you are too old, too poor, or too something else to get to church, but your Bible, blessed be God, you can have right by you, and it will preach to you sermons to which angels might listen with rapt attention. Some preachers are much exercised about having large congregations, others about getting a good church paper in every home, and so forth. But brethren, may this now deaf, worn-out old preacher say to you, give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumbers to your eyelids until you see to it that every member of your charge has a copy of this, the only absolutely pure and good book there is on earth, a book that is from heaven, and leads to heaven. And then do your best to get them to make proper use of it. Do this, and help will come to you on all lines of your work. Do this, and the march of God's church on earth today will be like Israel's host as they followed the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. Do this, and you will have a church on dress parade, fully equipped and ready to move grandly and gloriously upon its mission, spreading scriptural holiness over the land. I beg to entreat you, my dear brother or sister, read your Bible, love to read it, and by faith view your Saviour there.

Tulip, Ark.

League Conference.

The Searcy District Epworth League Conference convened in the third session, June 15, 1899 in Beebe, Ark., and for two days made reports, read papers and engaged in discussions on subjects pertaining to our great League work.

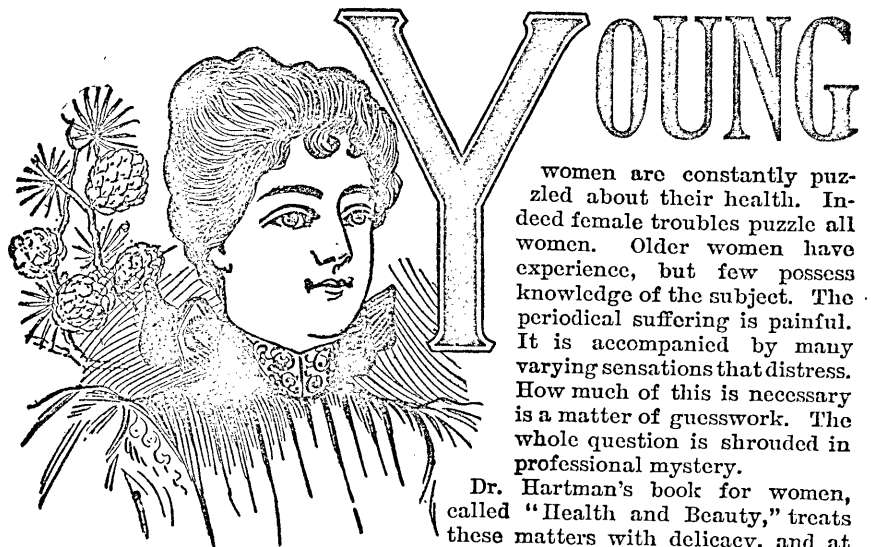
Our Leagues have been at work throughout the year and we know that inasmuch as all has been done in his name, our labor has not been in vain. Each department has made progress along its special line of work.

We have only to express regret that, at some points, there has been little interest and consequently little done, all of which can, I believe, be attributed to lack of information and appreciation of the League as a promoter of piety and Christian education. I reiterate our State President's language, "subscribe for the Epworth Era," get a copy of constitution and by-laws, the reading course and all other literature available. Qualify yourself as best you can and then work.

Our wide-awake, consecrated P. E. was there, efficiently suggesting and directing; the District President, Bro. R. S. Thomas of Searcy, a star Leaguer and efficient chairman, presided to the satisfaction

Woman's Mysterious Ills.

Explanation of their nature by Dr. Hartman, who tells how to cure them.



women are constantly puzzled about their health. Indeed female troubles puzzle all women. Older women have experience, but few possess knowledge of the subject. The periodical suffering is painful. It is accompanied by many varying sensations that distress. How much of this is necessary is a matter of guesswork. The whole question is shrouded in professional mystery.

Dr. Hartman's book for women, called "Health and Beauty," treats these matters with delicacy, and at the same time with clearness. Write

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Dr. Hartman's advice may be had without charge by any woman who will write for it. His book on Chronic Catarrh is also mailed free. It explains the danger of local treatment. All druggists sell Pe-ru-na.

and good of all present. He is an enthusiastic worker for the Master.

Rev. Jas. Thomas, P. E. of Little Rock District and State President of the League, gave us inspiration. All present enjoyed his addresses very much. I hope every one present will remember his pertinent advice. Go to your closet and pray for divine guidance. We must do this to succeed.

Rev. W. M. Wilson, of Newport District, President of Newport District League, was present, making profitable the occasion by giving a strong talk.

Rev. M. B. Hill, returned missionary from China, Rev. W. B. Ricks, of Newport, and Bro. Reynard, of North Mississippi Conf., late from Japan, were present, adding prominence to the occasion.

Rev. K. R. Durham, of Auvargne and Weldon was elected District President; Miss Callie Thompson, First Vice-President; Mr. J. P. White, Second Vice-President; Dr. E. W. Johnson, Third Vice-President; Superintendent Junior Leagues, Mrs. Rosa Perry; District Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Colvin.

Cabot was selected as place of meeting next year.

Leaguers, let us take fresh courage to-day and resume the work of another year with renewed zeal and inspiration.

K. R. DURHAM, Sec.

Mrs. Sanford has given \$10,000,000 to the Leland-Sanford University. This is said to be the greatest gift in the history of America.

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GODFREY & THORNBURGH,
Little Rock, Ark.

Contributed.

From Hot Springs to Niagara Falls.

The meeting of the Arkansas Press Association, held in Hot Springs, June 7 to 9, 1899, was the occasion of the coming together of the leading newspaper men of the State. Col. James Mitchell, of the Arkansas Democrat, was the outgoing president, and gave universal satisfaction as a presiding officer.

For practical papers and work it was perhaps the most successful meeting the association has had for years. To name any particular paper would do injustice to the others, because they were all good.

The citizens of Hot Springs were very kind in their attentions and showed us many courtesies. Hot Springs has improved very much since I was there, several years ago. We found Col. Fordyce planning for the building of the Lott road. He is a great favorite with the newspaper men of Arkansas, and deservedly so. He can spin a good yarn as well as build a railroad, and never fails to do a favor for a friend.

The excursion this year was to Niagara, for which place we left Hot Springs Friday afternoon, June 9, in a special sleeper (Madura), which we occupied the entire trip round. At Little Rock, my daughter, Eva, joined us. Saturday morning found us in St. Louis, where we spent one hour, and then off to Chicago by the Wabash route. About the finest farming country I ever saw is between St. Louis and Chicago. The corn is planted in check rows about three feet apart on level ground—no ridges. The wheat and oats are very heavy, and almost a black green. All farming is done by machinery, the plowmen riding most of the time. Several editors said they would be willing to work that way.

We spent Sunday in Chicago, and to Detroit Monday morning. We were only two hours in daylight in Michigan. The land near Detroit is not rich, but well cultivated. The farms have neat houses and large barns. The barns are nearly all painted red. The houses have no porches. I noticed a whole town with scarcely a porch in it. The need of shade does not seem to be felt. We got to Detroit at 8:20 a.m.; spent the morning in viewing the city, and at 2 o'clock took a steamer for Lake St. Clair. Detroit is about the prettiest city I have ever seen. Woodward and Jefferson avenues are perfectly lovely. Here we met a rather intelligent young man who did not know where Arkansas was or that there was such a country. I gave him a few items, and he said it must be a great State, and so it is. One of the most beautiful sights I ever witnessed was the setting of the sun on Lake St. Clair. Old Sol, in bloody splendor, seemed to bathe himself in the blue water and slowly sink beneath the waves, bidding us good night with his gentle hues reflected on the horizon. At Detroit the Canadian Inspectors came into the car, but

did not examine our baggage. They knew we had no valuables. The bars on the cars were all sealed, so that no liquor could be sold while passing through Canada.

Monday night we went to Buffalo, N. Y., and spent Tuesday morning there, and went to Niagara Falls in the afternoon. This was the objective point of our trip, and well did it pay us.

To describe the Falls and places of interest about them would take a book, hence I will give only a few facts. Niagara is the grandest cataract in the world. The great lakes draining more than one hundred and fifty thousand square miles pour their waters out of Lake Erie into the Niagara river northward to Lake Ontario. From Lake Erie to Lake Ontario it is only thirty-six miles, and yet there is a fall of three hundred and thirty-six feet made up as follows: To the rapids, immediately above the falls, fifteen feet; in these rapids, fifty-five feet; over the falls, one hundred and sixty-one feet; over the rapids below the falls, one hundred and five feet. The width of the falls is about three-fourths of a mile. The current for half a mile above the falls is so rapid that nothing can get out of it. It goes at the speed of thirty miles an hour. Nothing has been known to go over the falls and come out alive. One man, in 1884, went through the rapids, entering below the falls. He had on a cork jacket. Others tried the same thing and were drowned—notably Capt. Webb. It has been stated that a man went over the falls in a barrel but that is not true. Above the falls about two hundred yards, the waters divide and form an island about one-fourth of a mile across. This is Goat Island. Bridges cross the narrowest channel and visitors can view the falls from the island. Goat Island separates the American falls from the Canadian falls. The American falls seem to make more noise than the other. It is said that the noise has been heard at Toronto, 44 miles away. The spray from the tumbling waters rises like a white cloud, and we felt the mist falling on us quite a distance away. Rainbows can be seen in the falling water nearly any time in the afternoon. It is said that this is the only place in the world where a rainbow forming an entire circle can be seen.

Below the falls the river narrows to about 200 yards, and the water is from 150 to 200 feet deep. The velocity of the stream here is wonderful. The great body of water, compressed into a narrow, rock-sided channel, plunges and foams and leaps twenty or thirty feet high. The descent is 100 feet to the mile, and the speed is terrible and the noise awful. Some three miles below the falls is the whirlpool where the river makes an abrupt turn to the right, but the waters going so rapidly cannot make the turn, but rush on against the bluff and whirl round and round in a circumference of about 600 yards. It seems that nothing goes out of this whirl on the surface, but after whirling around for weeks and maybe months an under current takes them out. This

whirlpool is nearly 400 feet deep. Not far below the whirlpool the river suddenly opens into a wide lake appearance, and the banks lower from 200 feet to 20 feet, and the water flows smoothly on to Lake Ontario.

There are three bridges across the Niagara river just below the falls; two of them are for railroads and one for street cars, carriages and foot people. Another one is being built to represent the old suspension bridge which stood so long the only one across the Niagara river. Street cars cross one of the bridges and carry passengers to points of interest on the Canada side. The line between Canada and the United States is in the middle of the river. The volume of water flowing over the falls can hardly be estimated, but some idea can be formed from the fact that the stream as it leaps over the fall is 28 feet thick. There are large towns on either side of the river and many fine hotels. The expenses of seeing the falls has been greatly reduced by the purchase of most of the rights by New York on one side and Ontario on the other, and admitting visitors free. Of course there are many places of interest owned by individuals, where pay is required, but only a few are of much importance.

As I stood awe-stricken in the presence of Niagara Falls, I could but exclaim, Oh! God, how wondrous are thy ways, and "what is man that thou art mindful of him?"

On Wednesday we took a steamer and crossed Lake Ontario to Toronto, Canada. We were entirely out of sight of land for nearly two hours.

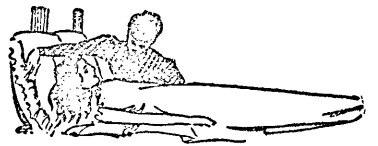
Toronto is a lovely city, where Sunday is observed; policemen are few, and the people look happy and prosperous. I noticed that the street cars stopped before crossing a street, instead of after crossing, as in the United States. The conductors carry a little jug looking box with a handle, into which the passengers put the fare when the conductor holds it out to them. They have no depots in Canada, they are stations. When we got to Toronto we had to get Canadian money, as Uncle Sam's money was not passable among the shopkeepers and feeders.

We left Niagara Thursday at 8 a.m., and came in daylight through Canada to Detroit. It is a very pretty country and in a high state of cultivation. It is well timbered. The stumps are pulled up and for miles we saw fences made of nothing but stumps laid in rows. Leaving Detroit we came direct to St. Louis through Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, fine country, fine stock and big barns. At St. Louis we stayed Friday and left on the Cannon Ball at 8:15 for Arkansas, the land of premium fruit, social people and rich newspaper men.

GEO. THORNBURGH.

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National Educational Association.
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For any information call at city ticket office, or address August Sundholm, P. & T. A.

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Our Educational Movement.

J. H. REYNOLDS.

II. TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

It seems to be a part of the economy of God that with greater advantages and larger opportunities come correspondingly increased responsibilities.

It is also historically true to say that, however well one age may have dealt with the questions before it, the succeeding generation had even more complicated problems to solve. Social progress appears to have infinity for its boundary, and labor—unceasing labor—to realize our social ideals seems, therefore, to be the normal condition of man. In the first paper of this series the conclusion was arrived at, that the close of the nineteenth century is no exception to this rule, and that though the expiring century bequeaths a rich heritage to civilization, the twentieth century inherits problems that will tax all of its resources to solve. The times, therefore, demand men of trained minds and strong character. The following lines aptly describe the men needed:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready
hands:

Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor—men who will not lie.

* * *
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

It is the proud distinction of the Christian college to produce men and women of this type; and it was an appreciation of the strategic place in the social and moral development of the South that the Southern Methodist Church concluded to place the emphasis on strengthening her educational centers during the last days of the expiring century, in order that she might have a part in the glorious work of the twentieth century. The church seems to view her colleges and universities as the conservatories, generators, and disseminators of the great moral and intellectual forces that are to save the world. By generating moral forces here is not meant that the college will create any basic moral principle that does not exist in content in the teachings of Christ; but that it will produce men who will see deeper meaning in the infi-

nite depths of His teachings and will make new applications of old truths.

This view is promulgated by the highest law-making body known to the church—the General Conference—and composed, as that body is, of the strongest social students of our great church, its verdict commands a respectful consideration at our hands.

The action of the General Conference provides for a canvass throughout the church, under the direction of the General Board of Education, to raise \$1,500,000 for the educational purposes of the church; that the canvass be for cash or notes payable in five years, with annual interest at six per cent; that the funds raised be applied on (1) expenses, (2) educational needs of the conference or group of conferences, and (3) endowment of the theological department of Vanderbilt; that the canvass continue till the amount is raised; that after the expense of the canvass is met and twenty per cent of the remainder is forwarded to the General Board, the balance shall be applied as the following annual conference may order; "provided, that no appropriation shall be made to any institution not the exclusive property of the Methodist Church, South;" that the General Board may alter the plan where they think the conditions require it. It is understood, of course, that the individual is free to direct his gift.

But this action of the Southern Church is not isolated. Wesleyan Methodism of England, has called for \$5,000,000; the Congregational Churches of England have undertaken to raise \$2,500,000; the English Baptists, \$1,225,000; the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States—our brethren in the North—has issued a call for \$20,000,000; Canadian Methodists are working for \$1,000,000, and Australian Methodists want \$2,000,000.

The churches throughout the world have called for \$33,000,000 as a twentieth century thank-offering—most of which is to be applied to Christian colleges and universities. So the call of Southern Methodism is a part of a great world-movement, the purpose of which is to strengthen the cause of Christian education throughout the world. Conservative England is thrilled with a holy enthusiasm to equip herself for the larger opportunities of the new century. Note the marvelous unanimity in the hearty response with which the

movement has been greeted in all lands. Does this not appear providential? To the close student of great world-movements in history, this fact is of profound significance. He sees in it the handwriting of God on the wall. Men's minds throughout the Christian world have been mysteriously prepared for it. The magnificent gifts now being bestowed upon higher institutions of learning are not accidents, and this great world-movement is not a chance. On the contrary, the work of the nineteenth century has been largely extensive—America peopled, Africa partitioned, experiments in democratic governments, in popular education, nominally Christianizing nations, missionary outposts scattered throughout heathen lands, accumulation of material power; but the Christian churches are conscious that the heart of the world is not yet Christian, that the great principles of Christ have only superficially entered the lives of men, and therefore, they are proposing to plant deeply at strategic points the Christian college with a view to intensive cultivation of the soil.

This movement in the churches finds a counterpart in the political world in movements for municipal reform, the purification of the ballot, the perfection of popular education, civil service reform, and the scientific study of social problems in our institutions of learning. Governments are collecting data, students are pouring over social statistics, and books are being issued in remarkable numbers. May the hope therefore not be entertained that the lethargic condition of the church, lawlessness, and political corruption may be the cause of quickening the conscience of men, and from them may come a genuine Christian revival, respect for law, and political purity, and the firm establishment of our Christian colleges and universities?

The church has made no mistake in placing the emphasis on Christian education, because all great reforms and spiritual movements have been born in great intellectual centers—colleges or universities.

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Literary Table.

Edward Markham.

REV. A. H. GODBEY.

A recent poem of Mr. Markham's has attracted considerable attention. Various short poems have been published from time to time; but the one that has made him prominent is entitled "The Man With a Hoe." The verses are suggested by the famous picture of the same name, painted by the great French peasant painter, Millet. One must see the picture to fully catch the spirit of the verse; yet something of the character painted by Millet can be imagined by everyone. Dull, listless, wearied, broken humanity can be found everywhere. In the original painting is the figure of a French peasant, in blouse and clumsy sabots; mouth open, vacuous in expression from dropping of under jaw; nose and cheek bones high; eyes sunken, dull; low, ape-like forehead. He leans on a hoe; heavy and rude—more like what Americans call a mattock, handle short, clumsy, not over two and a half feet long. The air of utter weariness and vacuity of the bent figure is indescribable. The picture, seen by Mr. Markham ten years since, impressed him powerfully, and last Christmas the impression found voice, in the following lines:

"The Man With the Hoe."

Bowed by the weight of centuries, he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world.
Who made him dead to rapture and despair,
A thing that grieves not and never hopes,
Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox?
Who loosened and let down this brutal jaw?
Whose was the hand that slanted back this brow?
Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?

Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for
power;
To feel the passion of Eternity?

Is this the dream he dreamed who shaped the suns
And pillared the blue firmament with light?
Down all the stretch of Hell to its last gulf,
There is no shape more terrible than this—
More tongued with censure of the world's blind
greed—
More filled with signs and portents for the soul—
More fraught with menace to the universe.

What gulfs between him and the seraphim!
Slave of the wheel of labor, what to him
Are Plato and the swing of Ptolemaea?
What the long reaches of the peaks of song,
The rift of dawn, the reddening of the rose?
Through this dread shape the suffering ages look:
Time's tragedy is in that aching stoop;
Through this dread shape humanity betrayed,
Plundered, profaned and disinherited,
Cries protest to the Judges of the World,
A protest that is also prophecy.

O, masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
Is this the handiwork you give to God,
This monstrous thing distorted and soul-
quenched?

How will you ever straighten up this shape;
Give back the upward looking and the light;
Rebuild in it the music and the dream;
Touch it again with immortality;
Make right the immemorial infamies,
Perfidious wrongs, inmedicable woes?

O, masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
How will the Future reckon with this Man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake the world?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings—
With those who shaped him to the thing he is—
When this dumb Terror shall reply to God
After the silence of the centuries?

Prof. Markham is a school teacher in Oakland, Cal. It is reported

that this poem has brought him offers for his work from various magazines. A volume of his poems will be issued this fall. Sympathy for the oppressed toiler is the dominant note in those already published.

In His Steps.

Early in the winter of 1896-97 Charles M. Sheldon, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, at Topeka, Kan., said to his congregation: "In place of delivering a sermon on Sunday evenings during the winter I intend to read a story." Mr. Sheldon wrote the book, a chapter each week, and read it the ensuing Sunday. It was published in 1897 as a serial, and appeared in book form the following autumn. In one year it was selling at the rate of 1,100 copies a day, and as it was not copyrighted in England, more than 20 different publishers put it on that market. Three million copies of this story is said to have been sold in the first four months of 1899—a success unparalleled in the history of literature. Other books have been issued, and in England one publisher says that 6,000,000 copies of all Sheldon's works have been sold in Great Britain. The author is 42 years old, a native of Wellsville, N. Y., and is the son of a minister, the Rev. Stuart Sheldon, who now lives near him and acts as his secretary. He received his education at Phillips Academy, Andover, Brown University, and Andover Theological Seminary, and began preaching in Andover, Vt. Eleven years ago he went to Topeka, and was settled over the church of which he is still the pastor; beginning with sixty communicants, it now numbers 300. According to a recent account, after building a little church, being dissatisfied with the progress of the parish under his charge, he asked to be excused from pastoral work for three months, although he conducted the pulpit services. During this time he was traveling on the railroad, making the acquaintance of the trainmen; afterward he spent a week or two with physicians, looked into their books and visited with them as they saw their patients; another period was given to the lawyers.

Although he has had a number of calls since his books made him famous, he is said to put to himself the question, "What would Jesus do?" and thus far has decided to remain. Mr. Sheldon is credited with a scheme of starting a daily newspaper after the style of the one described in "In His Steps." The book itself has elicited great approval, much questioning, and some pronounced adverse criticism. When it had become popular some wrote to Topeka asking various citizens whether Mr. Sheldon's church was particularly distinguished above other churches for carrying out the principles of the book, "In His Steps," and how he stood in the place. The answers agreed that he was highly respected and worthy of public confidence, and that his church was a good representative of an average prosperous church

of any evangelical denomination.

That so many volumes of this work and others in the same vein have been sold suggests that the oft-repeated intimation that strictly religious books are a drug on the market; that no one cares to read about genuine consecration, self-denial, consistency of life and profession, seems to be without foundation. Dull things, stale things, and platitudes are drugs in the market, and should be. But freshness, life, simplicity in the treatment of things that come home to the hearts and lives of men will never lack hearers or readers. Few, if any, can be harmed by reading "In His Steps," and many have been permanently aided to think on religious subjects. The sale of the book has been much increased by men of philanthropic turn and spiritual insight purchasing many copies and distributing them where they would be likely to work good.

The spirit of "In His Steps," is unexceptionally good, and those who have not read it will certainly be interested by its perusal, and may be much helped in various particulars. But so far as its practical application is concerned, a doubt may reasonably be entertained whether the better method of determining what is right for the individual Christian is not to master the principles laid down by Christ, seek to be in his spirit, and decide on the application, not by imagining Jesus present, and asking what he would do, but recognizing one's own relation to the situation and deciding in harmony with the Golden Rule.—New York Christian Advocate.

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Daniel in Babylon.

DAN. I:8-21.

Time.—During the Babylonish Captivity, B. C. 606 536.

Place.—The city of Babylon.

Golden Text.—“Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself.”

Babylon was one of the oldest cities in the world. It was situated on the Euphrates, in the great valley which seems to have been the primeval seat of the human race. Its site was that of the tower of Babel, whose ruins were probably to be seen in the time of Daniel. There had probably existed a city there from the time of the building of this tower, shortly after the flood.

In the days of Daniel the political world saw great upheavals. In his early life Assyria and Egypt were the great world-powers, contending against each other for the mastery. The land of Judah lay between these two countries, and they formed the upper and the nether mill-stone which ground the Israelitish nation to pieces, even before the captivity under Nebuchadnezzar. The kingdom of Judah was by turns subject to Egypt and to Assyria, according to the fortunes of these two great powers in their struggles against each other. But the time came when Nabopolassar of Babylon formed an alliance with Cyaxares of Media against Assyria, and of course while these arose in the north and east Egypt rose in the west, and the coalition was the ruin of Assyria. Thenceforth it was a question of Egypt and Babylonia. Nabopolassar was a great man, but his son Nebuchadnezzar was a far greater—one of the very greatest of all history was this Nebuchadnezzar. In a great battle with the Egyptians, with whom they soon found a pretext of war, the Babylonians utterly ruined the Egyptians—it was the final blow to her power, which the prophets had long foretold. It remained only for Nebuchadnezzar to gather up and organize the outlying provinces which had made the mighty empire of Egypt in order to form one of the greatest empires that has appeared in the annals of time. If any of these provinces were not disposed to acknowledge Babylonian rule, they would be quickly taught what power there was in Babylonian arms. Nebuchadnezzar bore down everything in his path, and returned to Babylon the master of the world.

Among these conquered provinces was Judah, and Judah resisted with all the stubbornness that characterizes the race. But the great leader of the Babylonians laid siege, reduced the city of Jerusalem and carried off captive a section of the people. Seven years later, he carried off another section, and ten years later than that, another section. Among the first

carried away to Babylon was Daniel, at that time a youth, probably of the seed royal, for this first detachment seems to have been of the upper class of Judah.

Daniel was in his youth there in Jerusalem a partaker of the immediate benefits of the great reformation under Josiah, who had wiped out idolatry from the kingdom and had produced for a time a wonderful revival of the true worship. This did not last as to the nation, but its effect on a few choice souls must have been permanent, we may believe it was so in the case of Daniel and of the three companions whose names appear in the text. Daniel must also have known the great statesman prophet Jeremiah before he left Jerusalem, and, carefully educated and trained as he evidently was, he must have understood the meaning of a mission like that of Jeremiah. He was well grounded in the faith of his fathers before he fell into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. Had he not been, the gorgeous splendors of that wonderful city, which Nebuchadnezzar had now made one of the greatest of all history, together with the subtle and seductive temptations of a magnificent court, whose every appointment would fascinate and awe—these and much more would have overthrown any but the strongest and most determined purpose. Our lesson of today is the first of the trials of that great young man.

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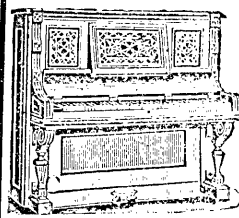
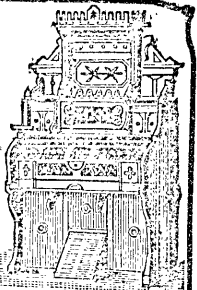
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JOHN I. 29.

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How appropriate is, then, this lesson study. Jesus is "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." John the Baptist, when he spoke those words, had in mind the sin-offerings required under the Mosaic law. A lamb without spot or blemish was to be offered for sin. It was typical of the great sacrifice. That sacrifice suggests four things: (1) Sin required a sacrifice. Sin is a violation of law which brings the penalty of death. It is death eternal to the sinner, unless he turn from his iniquity. Sin is its own curse. Sin can find no joy in God or goodness, so could find no joy even in heaven. The sinner must be rescued or perish. His rescue must be a moral change that softens his heart, and implants in it love and faith toward God. Such a change can only take place at some conception of God's love and forgiveness which melts the heart into contrition. Jesus took man's place of infirmity, need, temptation, and suffering, and lived an immaculate life. Being sinless, death had no claim on him. Yet to the uttermost, even unto death, he bore life's burden, and so laid down his life for us. "My life no man taketh from me. I lay it down of myself," he said.

By this sacrifice we, if our hearts are won, are saved. If we still continue in sin, the atonement is

only a provisional one, which we have not accepted. We are not made at one with God, and so the atonement—at-one-ment—has not availed for us.

(2) It is clear that only the divine Christ, the immaculate, could atone for us. If there could have been found a sinless angel, yet we would say no created being had a life to give. Justice could not compel a perfect one to suffer, and no one whose life is derived could have power over his own life or right to offer a sacrifice of atonement for us.

(3) There is one way of life for all, God is the Father of all, Christ the Redeemer of all, the divine mercy invites all. It is the business of all the saved to say, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

(4) Since the offering for all the world is forever made, there are no longer any priests. Jesus's disciples were preachers, not priests. They never offered sacrifices for the people. They preached Christ crucified, a sacrifice for all.

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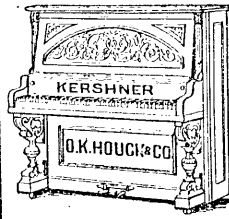
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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1899.

You can not teach prudence to an angry man.

When a stubborn egotist has taken his position, you may take from him every semblance of reason to justify his course and instead of yielding he will assert that his conviction is an inspiration of God and go ahead.

Hendrix College.

The Hendrix College catalogue was ready for distribution by the time commencement exercises were over. A copy is before me, 104 pages. It has been prepared with no little care.

The patrons of the college will be pleased to see that all the members of the old faculty are retained.

It is expected that three academies, held by the college trustees will open work in the fall. These academies are at Orchard, Imboden and Mena, respectively.

Everywhere we hear words of confidence and cheer for Hendrix College. It is bravely passing the shallows and is moving out into a deep, broad channel.

It is now the time for our preachers and for the Hendrix College students to go to work to fill the halls of Hendrix College next fall.

The Choir Folly.

We like a good choir in church for we enjoy good singing, and jargon never did help to put us in a devotional frame of mind. But we never can think that a church has a good choir if said choir be constituted of paid professionals or sweet-voiced heathen. The choir should be devout. It is an inspiration to hear a song of praise from hearts that ascend to God in the song. But no matter how excellent the performance of the singers, if there be no worship in it, it should have no place in the worship of God. If a pastor can organize a good choir of the members of his church, let him do it, but let him not go out and hire irreverent sinners and infidels to take a leading part in devout worship.

We like good preaching too, as we like good singing, but put Ingersol in the pulpit and no eloquence of speech would be a true gospel sermon from him. And yet, if we prefer the profane to the devout for singers just because they may have better voices, we

had as well prefer the scoffer to preach to us if he have grace of speech. We can find godless men who are good talkers and will preach us any gospel we desire if we will pay for it. Indeed, we fear that this logical result of godless paid choirs has sometimes been reached in our churches, and that minister and choir alike are but professionals who serve for pay.

Questions Oft Asked. Salvation of the Heathen.

From time to time we are asked if salvation is possible to those who have never heard of Christ. We are always surprised when such a question comes to us from a Methodist preacher, or a Methodist member who has had any opportunity of instruction in the doctrines of his own church.

Is the atonement universal? Yes, "Christ died for all." That is a fact which is not less a fact because some do not know it. "Are all men accountable?" Yes, "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." "Can any man be accountable for what he could not avoid?" Common sense answers, unequivocally, No. No man can be accountable then to whom salvation is not possible.

These are foundation principles in Arminian theology. But do our inquirers even consult their own standards? I fear not. Peter said, in the house of Cornelius, "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." John Wesley's comment on this passage is: "He is accepted with him through Christ, though he knows him not. The assertion is express and admits of no exception. He is in the favor of God, whether enjoying his written word and ordinances or not."

Methodist theology does not doom all heathen to perdition, nor does it turn away from the question of their salvation with an ominous shake of the head, saying, "We know nothing; have no light." Methodists hold a very positive position on this matter—a position consistent with common sense and the word of God. We quote from Watson's Institutes, page 609:

"If all knowledge of right and wrong, and all gracious influence of the Holy Spirit, and all objects of faith, have passed away from the heathen, through the fault of their ancestors 'not liking to retain God in their knowledge,' and without the present race having been parties to this wilful abandonment of truth, then they would appear no longer to be accountable creatures, being neither under law nor under grace; but, as we find it a doctrine of scripture that all men

are responsible to God, and that the 'whole world' will be judged at the last day, we are bound to admit the accountability of all, and, with that, the remains of law and the existence of a merciful government towards the heathen on the part of God. With this the doctrine of St. Paul accords. No one can take stronger views of the actual danger and the corrupt state of the Gentiles than he; yet he affirms that the divine law had not perished wholly from among them; that though they had received no revealed law, yet they had a law 'written on their hearts;' meaning, no doubt, the traditional law, the equity of which their consciences attested; and, further, that though they had not the written law, yet that, 'by nature,' that is, 'without an outward rule, though this, also, strictly speaking, is by preventing grace,' (Wesley's Notes, in loc.) they were capable of doing all the things contained in the law. He affirms, too, that all such Gentiles as were thus obedient should be 'justified, in the days when God shall judge the secrets of men, by Jesus Christ, according to his gospel.' The possible obedience and the possible 'justification' of heathens who have no written revelation, are points, therefore, distinctly affirmed by the apostle in his discourse in the second chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, and the whole matter of God's sovereignty, as to the heathen, is reduced, not to the leaving of any portion of our race without the means of salvation, and then punishing them for sins which they have no means of avoiding; but to the fact of his having given superior advantages to us, and inferior ones only to them; a proceeding which we see exemplified in the most enlightened of Christian nations every day; for neither every part of the same nation is equally favored with the means of grace, nor are all the families living in the same town and neighborhood equally circumstanced as to means of religious influence and improvement. The principle of this inequality is, however, far different from that on which Calvinistic reprobation is sustained; since it involves no inevitable exclusion of any individual from the kingdom of God, and because the general principle of God's administration in such cases is elsewhere laid down to be, the requiring of much where much is given, and the requiring of little where little is given—a principle of the strictest equity."

Church Notes.

The Nashville Christian Advocate announces that the contributions to the Twentieth Century Educational Fund for our church has reached \$250,000.

The Bishops have named the commission on the constitution of the church as follows: C. B. Galloway, P. H. Whisner, James Atkins, A. J. Lamar, W. F. Barclay, E. B. Perkins, G. D. Shands.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate,

referring to the relation of pastors to the circulation of the church paper, mentions complaints of laymen of the preacher's neglect in this regard. One layman states that no preacher has mentioned the church paper so far as he remembers in twenty years.

We receive at the Methodist office occasional complaints from the members of the neglect of preachers in this respect, that they either did not circulate their conference organ or gave attention to some other paper. But most of the complaints are of the preachers against the members, that they have not a just appreciation of religious literature.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate says:

"In a sensational sermon last Sunday night, Dr. L. G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, called upon the Council to impeach James G. Woodward, Mayor of Atlanta. Dr. Broughton said the chief executive was a 'confessed gambler, a libertine, a sot and a disgrace to the city.' At these words the audience of 2,000 people cheered. The city Council has since practically called for the resignation of Mayor Woodward."

The Presbyterian Church continues to have trouble with the heretics. Dr. McGiffert is now the subject of quarantine and search. The New York Presbytery has appointed a committee to read the Doctor's late publications to see if he is orthodox. This method of searching out heretics would put many of the most devout Christians in peril.

School Notes.

The Arkadelphia Methodist College is the first to advertise in our column for the coming season. The school will be, again, under the presidency of Dr. G. C. Jones, who, as a scholar and a Christian gentleman, has long acquaintance and high standing among the Methodists of Arkansas.

The new Galloway College building advances rapidly this fine weather. The old building had capacity for 225 boarders, which was about 75 more than any other school under our patronage could have accommodated. But the new building is to be more commodious than the old.

The subscription of our church at Argenta for Galloway College is \$280.

It is said that there are, in the Southern Methodist Church, 48 colleges and universities, valued at approximately \$3,700,000, with an income of \$583,000; an attend-

ance of 7,517 students. There are also nineteen separate academies, estimated value \$561,850, with an annual income of about \$66,500, and an enrollment of nearly 2,500 students.

A Good Collection.

Rev. O. H. Tucker has collected and paid over on the Children's Day fund \$13.52 from the Bryant circuit. This is more than was paid on this collection by any charge of the Little Rock Conference last year.

Resolution of the Arkadelphia District Conference.

Resolved, That we extend to Dr. Godbey a hearty welcome, and that we will commend the ARKANSAS METHODIST to our people, and that we will seek to extend its circulation, recognizing, as we do, that it is a mighty factor for good throughout the State.

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The Colored Anti-Saloon League.

The Rev. Sidney H. Babcock, Superintendent of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, has commissioned as Assistant Superintendent of the State of Arkansas the Rev. Lewis Johnston, President of Richard Allen Institute. He is authorized to organize Leagues, collect funds and in every way advance the interests of the Anti-Saloon League among the colored people. This is done with full and hearty concurrence of the State League of Arkansas, and Mr. Johnston is warmly commended to all. Funds are needed to initiate the work among the colored people of the South from which happy results are expected.

The plan of action is arranged and approved. A number of associations, Sunday-school conventions will be visited, leading colored men enlisted and every preparation made for work in the fall. In 1896 conventions and associations were visited with much satisfaction for the General Assembly Temperance Committee (Presbyterian). Nails were driven. Now they may be driven and clinched. These assemblies convene in the summer months. It is hoped that every friend will respond to this request for the sinews of war liberally, and at an early date—even now—write and send remittances to Rev. Lewis Johnston, Assistant Superintendent of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, box 2.

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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Notices.

Camden District Conference will convene at Buckner, July 12-15. Let all the preachers and delegates who intend to bring their wives, and all visitors, please write me at once, so that homes may be provided for them.

J. J. MELLARD.

Buckner, Ark.

Arkansas Methodist Calendar.

June 29, Fort Smith District Conference—Charleston.

July 5, Monticello District Conference, Wilmar.

July 5-9, Fayetteville District Conference, Prairie Grove.

July 6-9, Hot Springs District Conference, Mena.

July 11, Newport District Conference, Powhatan.

July 12, Morrillton District Conference, Springfield.

July 12, Jonesboro District Conference at North Jonesboro.

July 12-15, Camden District Conference, Buckner.

July 19, Batesville District Conference, Alderbrook, Desha post-office.

July 25, Helena District Conference, Wynne.

July 26, Prescott District Conference.

July 27-30, Pine Bluff District Conference, Sheridan.

Rev. W. D. Mathews, formerly of Arkansas, writes from Rich Hill, Mo., ordering one of our fifty-cent Sunday-school Records, and says:

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Quarterly Meetings.

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

July—Sugar Grove circuit at Belva, 8-9; Charleston circuit at Oauksville, 15-16; Paris and Charleston at Paris, 16-17; Fort Smith circuit at Steep Hill, 22-23; Central Church, 23-24; Van Buren mission, 29-30; Mulberry circuit at Dyer, 30-31.

August—Cauthron circuit at New Hope, 5-6; Waldron circuit at Waldron, 12-13; Boonville circuit at Magazine, 19-20; First Church, 26-27.

September—Alma circuit at Mountain View, 2-3.

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

July—LaCrosse circuit at Chapel Hill, 7.

August—Mt. View circuit at Maxey's Chapel, 2; Calamine circuit at Calamine, 10; Sulphur Rock circuit at Walnut Grove, 12-13; Ash Flat circuit at Pleasant Hill, 19-20; Camp circuit at Sharp's Mill, 20-21; Salem circuit at Wesley's Chapel, 23; Viola circuit at Fluty's Chapel, 26-27.

See Quinn's ad in this issue.

Personal.

Rev. R. H. Poynter reports that the story of smallpox at Lake Village was a false alarm.

Bro. C. W. Kirch writes from Nettleton, that his pastor, Bro. Lindsey, is down sick with malaria.

Col. Thos. B. Morton, of Camden, has taken the place of Mr. Slack in the State Land Commissioner's office.

Rev. Thos. A. Hearn, our missionary to China, will be compelled to return home on account of failing health.

Central College, Mo., has conferred the title of D. D. on Revs. J. H. Young, of St. Louis, C. M. Bishop, of Nevada, Mo., and W. F. Packard, of St. Joseph. These honors were worthily bestowed.

Prof. G. S. Minmier, of Paris, Ark., called Thursday. Bro. Minmier reports a fine brick church in course of construction at Paris, and that Rev. Dyer is the right man in the right place.

Rev. Lewis Johnston, of Pine Bluff, agent for organizing the anti-saloon league among the colored people of the State, is now engaged in work in this city. We trust he will have hearty cooperation of all the friends of temperance.

The State Teachers' Association, of Arkansas, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. D. Clary, Fordyce; Corresponding Secretary, D. L. Paisley, Conway; Secretary, Miss Emma Mann, Pine Bluff; Treasurer, Mrs. Sue Barkley, Little Rock.

We had a pleasant call from Prof. J. F. Rives, of Searcy, Thursday. He is quite well and vigorous. Bro. Rives is quite proud, and justly so, of the success of his granddaughter, Miss Blythe Rives, as a musician. She has a very strong letter from her teacher, which we print in another column.

The news has come to us of the death of Sister Stone, wife of Rev. W. J. Stone, of the Arkansas Conference. She was buried at Atkins last Thursday. We extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and children. Sister Stone had borne many burdens. She was a sweet and saintly character.

Our city was made sad last Thursday by the sudden death of Mrs. Martin, wife of Chancellor Thos. Martin. Mr. Martin and wife were out riding, when the horse ran away, dashing the buggy to pieces against an electric light post, killing Mrs. Martin almost instantly. Our Christian community is bereaved of a noble Christian woman, the most influential circles of society feel a great loss, and universal sympathy is turned to the afflicted family.

Bro. A. M. Shaw writes us a card from Texarkana, June 26, in which he says: "Bro. C. W. Bonner, one of our purest and best men, was brutally murdered at Janssen Saturday morning, while attempting to arrest a drunken outlaw. I am on my way to Big Sandy, Tex., with the remains, where he will be buried by his lodge, Woodmen of the World, tomorrow. The criminal is in jail at Mena. Pray for the family of the deceased."

Rev. M. M. Pugh, of the Southwest Mo. Conference, died suddenly, of heart failure, at his home in Kansas City last week. Bro. Pugh was a man of good ability, sound judgment, con-

sistent life. He rendered long and efficient service in the itinerant ministry. The first appointment which the editor of the METHODIST received was that of junior preacher on the Independence circuit, St. Louis,—now Southwest Mo. Conference, under M. M. Pugh.

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Each morning holds out to-day as a gift,
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And heaven's to-morrow with radiant face
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Many a busy, bustling Christian is well intentioned but shallow, until some deep affliction settles him. As parents take hold of rolicking children, saying, "Sit down; be still till I teach you," so God often puts his hand upon us to recall us from the many things that engage us in this world that he may teach us to think—"Be still, and know that I am God."

Many a man has learned more of God in meditation, when laid prostrate by sickness, than in years of health.

Too Busy to Pray.

Jesus seems to have devoted himself specially to prayer, at times when his life was unusually full of work and excitement. His was a very busy life; there were nearly always "many coming and going" about him. Sometimes, however, there was such a congestion of thronging objects that he had scarcely time to eat. But even then he found time to pray. Indeed, these appear to have been with him seasons of more prolonged prayer than usual. Thus we read: "So much the more great multitudes came together to hear and to be healed by him of their infirmities, but he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed."

Many in our day know what this congestion of occupation is—they

are swept off their feet with their engagements, and can scarcely find time to eat. We make this a reason for not praying. Jesus made it a reason for praying. Is there any doubt which is the better course? Many of the wisest have in this respect done as Jesus did. When Luther had a specially busy and exciting day, he allowed himself a longer time than usual for prayer beforehand. A wise man once said he was too busy to be in a hurry. He meant that if he allowed himself to be hurried he could not do all he had to do. There is nothing like prayer for producing this calm self-possession. When the dust of business so fills your room that it threatens to choke you, sprinkle it with the water of prayer, and then you can cleanse it out with comfort and expedition.—James Stalker.

Vacation Work for Ministers.

While the opportunities for study at summer schools yearly multiply, there are thousands of ministers and Bible students who are prevented from spending any time in the midst of such advantages. At the same time many lines of church work are suspended and the pastor has more time at his disposal than at any other season of the year. Would not this, therefore, be a good time in which to enter upon some special line of study which will be in itself a rest to mind and body, and at the same time add stimulus and energy for the work of the coming year?

Change of work is rest. A new kind of intellectual food for a season whets the appetite for the returning labors of the autumn. In this connection the courses of professional reading conducted by the American Institute of Sacred Literature are worthy of examination. These courses, prepared by the Council of Seventy, may be taken up at any time and may be carried on wholly at the convenience of the student. They cover both biblical and practical subjects. The reviews furnished are prepared by specialists. For instance, in the course on Christianity and Social Problems, in which the names of Thompson, Mackenzie, Westcott, Bruce, Freeman, Abbott, Hodgson, and Gladden appear as authors, Profs. Matthews, Henderson, Wallace, Small, Little, Ryder, and Mackenzie are the reviewers. And again, the course in the Old Testament Prophecy, with Kirkpatrick, Cornell, Robertson, Smith, Orelli, George Adam Smith, Briggs, and Michu as authors, gives Profs. Goodspeed, Sanders, Harper, Barnhart, and McClenahan as reviewers.

We recommend all ministers who will have a little extra time for reading during the summer to investigate these courses of reading, of which eight are now in progress, and upon which between three and four hundred ministers are at work. The Institute may be addressed at Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois.

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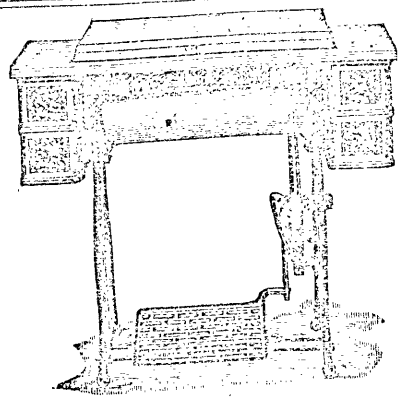
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ment through the whole land, and her recovery was hailed with joy from ocean to ocean. It was an expression of the hearty interest that is felt in the life and safety of the children of our homes. It is well. Many a mother wept when she heard of the loss and folded her own children to her heart with glad thanksgiving when the word came that this little one was found. But how about the thousands and millions who are as yet outside the fold of Christ? The angels rejoice and God rejoices when they are found, as they sorrow over them when they are lost. Do we? Or is our interest in children only a shallow sentimentalism which concerns itself with little things and does not care for the great and infinite matters of their souls' eternal salvation? If we open our eyes, we may find some lost child in every neighborhood, and we may secure its recovery to life and salvation in Christ.—Herald and Presbyter.

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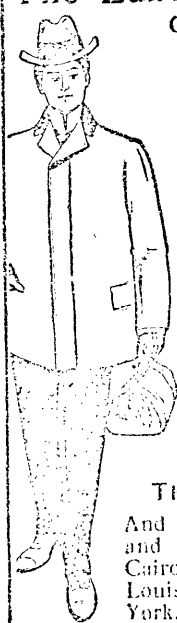
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How it Went in My Childhood.

NO. XLI.

Sometimes the practical joker gets practically joked. It is easier to joke than to be joked. Some of us do not like to take what we prescribe for others. If this is true of us we should not prescribe.

Father always knew that when our dog barked at night some one was out stealing or some animal was in the chicken roost after chickens. So when the dog began barking father must listen, and we noisy boys must be very quiet. When this noise started he always turned his head over to one side, put a meditating look on his face, and began to halloo: "Listen! listen! Hush, boys,—we all had hushed three minutes before and were sitting around like meal-sacks—hush! hush! hush! Mary Ann, something's killing chickens! listen! listen!—a little louder all the time—sic! sic! Nero, who! my! my! Mary Ann. Be still, boys, be still—just as loud as possible. Listen! listen! Hush! hush! hush!—lower and lower, and lower—hush! listen! lis-whoopee!" Usually, about this time a streak of night robes disappeared out through the door to our chicken roost.

One Christmas time we boys had an unusual supply of mischief on hand and it turned towards this peculiarity of father's. So, in a secret counsel, we decided to produce an episode of this kind just described. It nearly tickled us boys to death just to think of it. We were something like our youngest brother Lafayette when he was small. He, one day, saw a good chance to scare one of us boys nearly out of his wits by slipping up behind him and screaming just as loud as he could. So he slipped and slipped up till he was almost up to him ready for the scream, but just at this point he giggled out and spoilt all his fun. The very thought of how scared he would look when he screamed made him spoil all his fun. This, as follows, is how we did it:

We boys all slept up stairs and, to come down, we must pass through the room where father and mother slept. We could not get out that way. So, before bed time one of us fooled about outside and finally succeeded in putting a ladder up against the up-stairs window without it being seen by father and the other innocent ones.

Bed time came and we boys retired, looking just as sleepy and serious as possible. In a short time all was quiet down below, and a vision of father and mother, sleeping soundly, came up before us in our dreams for, of course, we boys had been snoring for some time. Then, easily, we all dressed and filed down the ladder on the outside and out to the chicken-roost. One of us slipped inside and pulled down a great big fat hen, expecting her to squall, but not a squall would she raise, so, another one was pulled, but she did no better. We concluded to start with her anyway and risk making

her squall. So, away we all went up through the orchard. By pulling the old hens feathers and thumping her on the back we finally succeeded in getting her to squall pretty well. As we ran the dog came out after us, barking somewhat and one of us was sure he heard father's familiar "Listen!" We felt, then, that the fun had begun and we were tickling all over about it. Away we all went up through the orchard, pounding our hen. The dog came barking some, and caught us. He seemed real glad to see us boys and did not care to bark anymore. Well, I believe he did, afterwards, jump up a rabbit and bark a little. We ran up through the orchard into a dark thicket pretty fast, for we were afraid of father and his long rifle. Up in the thicket we pounded away on our hen and kept her squalling pretty well. But no father came after us. We did finally hear a little noise down there and our oldest sister came out and feebly hallooed: "Hee! sic him! sic him!" She did that in a kind of hypocritical way, it seemed to us. After awhile the night began to get chilly to us and the pounding began to get monotonous to us and the hen, too, for she lost interest in squalling. Poor thing! we almost beat the hide off her back. Never did we understand why she did not want to squall that night. We heard, finally, the smoke-house open down at the house and then shut, accompanied by a little fatherly human noise, then all was quiet. At this juncture we lost interest in our hen-pounding and concluded that we had better return home.

So we did. We felt just like we were caught. We sent a spy around to the window where we came down to inspect, and he reported that our ladder had been removed and there we were on the outside to get back to bed by passing through father's room. Our ladder had been locked up, with the meat and such things.

What must we do? We knew what. I guess they had forgotten that we were boys. We climbed up the log wall to our room. Father lay in bed smiling, saw many, many feet of boy pass up, and darken the down stairs window, over which we must pass. Seven boys were soon sound asleep, pounding away on hens and such things.

Next morning seven Larks filed down stairs with their feathers all pulled back the wrong way. We were not particular about discussing the last night's broken sleep. Father kind a balanced that up against "chewed vests" and such, and seemed to enjoy it hugely. Poor Nannie Andrews, a young lady that lived at our house then, who heard our plans that night and told father, she felt, for a long while, seven Larks pecking away on her pretty hard. Father still discusses "squalling hens" and "locked up ladders" and we boys "chewed vests."

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Death of Sister Stone.

Wednesday night was a sad night at Belleville. The funeral of Sister Stone, wife of Rev. W. J. Stone, brought a large congregation to the parsonage. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Heck, who brought the lesson home to all and applied it to each heart present. After the song and prayer service, the corpse was lifted into the wagon in waiting and, amid tears of relatives and friends and the solemn tolling of the bells, began its journey to its final resting place at Atkins. The corpse was accompanied to Atkins by her son, Rev. B. P. Stone, of Oklahoma City, her husband being unable to get out of bed to make the trip. At Atkins the remains were taken to the home of Sister Crooms. Rev. E. A. Tabor, of Russellville, conducted the burial service. At the cemetery we laid her gently away beside her children who had preceded her, to await the final day.

Sister Stone was sixty-three years old at the time of her demise. She died as she had lived, a happy, shouting Christian, without spot or blemish, beloved and honored by all, without an enemy in the world.

A FRIEND.

Missouri Letter.

REV. C. H. BRIGGS, D. D.

Most of our District Conferences in Missouri are held in April and May. A few of them took a turn at the Publishing House war claim, but most of them left that matter to be settled by that special session of the General Conference that some of the brethren are so anxious to have called.

I do not believe the Southwest Missouri Conference will vote for a called session. Once in four years is as often as we want to see the notables brought together. As all connectional officers and boards are elected for four years, we do not see how a called session could reach the Book Committee and Book Agents, except by the same sort of tactics that prevailed in 1844, when a majority determined to shelve Bishop Andrew, regardless of the means by which it was done.

The St. Louis Advocate has not published the Book Committee's statement to the church, and will not. "It is too ponderous a document."

At its recent commencement, Central College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. J. H. Young, of the St. Louis Conference; Rev. W. F. Packard, of the Missouri, and Rev. C. M. Bishop, of the Southwest Missouri—an honor worthily bestowed in each instance.

A number of our Missouri schools are in debt. They built on great expectations, which have not been realized. Central College proposes to help save two of these schools, and will run them as academies. Woodson Institute, at Richmond, worth about \$35,000, is to be conveyed by the trustees to Central College, the latter pledg-

ing the last \$2,500 of the debt, the remainder having been secured at Richmond. In like manner, the Northwest Missouri College, at Albany, worth \$30,000, will be turned over to Central College, which assumes the last \$5,000 of that debt. In my last letter I spoke of the efforts made by the Missouri Conference to consolidate Howard-Payne Female College, at Fayette, with Central, and mentioned difficulties in the way. Nothing was done by the board of either college looking to such union, and Howard-Payne will run next year under the same management which has directed its affairs in the past.

The late Moses U. Payne left \$10,000 to each college for endowment; \$2,500 of the bequest to Howard-Payne is still unpaid, and the administrator of Mr. Payne's estate declines to pay over this money until it is settled that Howard-Payne shall continue to exist as a distinct institution. Being a chartered institution, with a duly incorporated board of curators, the conference cannot snuff it out of existence by a mere resolution, as was attempted last year. The Missouri Conference will meet at Fayette, where both these colleges are located, and we may hope for action that will be more carefully considered than that taken one year ago.

Fayette, Mo., June 23.

Resolutions of Searcy District Conf

Resolved, That the thanks of this District Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the kind people of Argenta for their bountiful hospitality and ample arrangements made for our entertainment. We will pray God's blessing to ever rest upon them.

2. That our thanks are also tendered to Bro. M. B. Umsted, pastor, for his unremitting attention to our every want while here. May the Lord bless him and his good people with all spiritual grace.

M. M. SMITH,
S. L. COCHRAN.

Resolved, That we, the members of this District Conference, approve the management of the ARKANSAS METHODIST and endorse the course of its Editor on all the important movements and interests of our great church.

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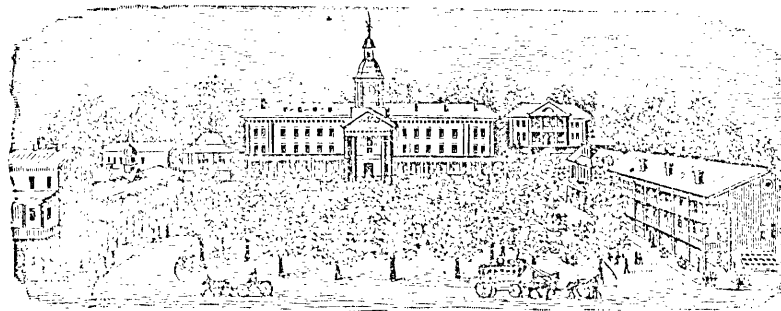
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Our Church at Home.

Jonesboro District.

DR. GODFREY.—I send these two letters and ask that they appear, to show the interest manifested in some parts of the district. Signs are hopeful from center to bounds and I feel that we are in the morning of a great awakening. Brother Wilson is out for a rest much needed, ay, absolutely needed. He has a very important work, and it is developing under his systematic efforts. God bless the old Jonesboro District. Let us pray for 2,000 converts and every dollar assessed paid. Amen—and a good sum for Galloway. Here I want to say, that I am delighted that Dr. C. C. Godden is president of Galloway College, the queen school of Arkansas, and soon to be of the South and West. Let common-sense rule in Galloway the next ten years and our success as a school will be complete. Rev. M. M. Smith is a wise workman for the place he has been chosen. I will say amen to his efforts in this district. I congratulate Dr. John H. Dye and the School for the Blind. A tip-top fit. God bless all three of these men in their great work.

Rev. S. F. Brown writes from Luxora. "Children's Day was a very enjoyable feast for the many that crowded our church and yard. Collection at this place, \$12.15. I took Mill Bayou by surprise, by explaining the object of Children's Day and taking up a collection—\$3.85."

Rev. Jas. Wilson writes from Simonon, Tenn.: "I am getting better, and think now that I will return to my work by the fourth Sunday. We had a glorious meeting on Sunday before I left my work; four conversions and two accessions to the church."

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

BRIGHT STAR.—Children's Day was celebrated here on the first Sunday in June, in order that our pastor, Bro. J. R. Rushing, might be with us. Our highly esteemed S. S. superintendent, G. A. Allen, and teachers deserve much praise for their untiring energy and perseverance in preparing the children and making the program interesting, and the children and young people who took part in the exercises deserve much credit and encouragement. The song "Little Ones Like Me," rendered by the smaller ones, was a treat. A bountiful dinner was spread at noon, and all invited to partake of the many delicacies spread before them. With all it was a pleasant day, and will be long remembered as such by those who were present. Bright Star is quite a young church and small, but growing rapidly, and we hope ere long to see her come to the front as a mighty company, doing good work for the Master.

LUDIE WALKER.

HUMPHREY.—We have just closed a ten days' meeting at this place. Bro. J. W. White, from Kingsland, was with us most of the time and did most of the preaching. Though suffering great bodily affliction, he preached with much

power and the Holy Spirit was with us in convicting and converting power. The visible results are six conversions, nine accessions, and many reclaimed from a backslidden condition, and the church wonderfully revived. The pastor is greatly encouraged and firmly resolved on greater efforts in the future. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, and to him be honor and glory for the victory through Christ. Amen.

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June 20.

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An eminent instructor of music, Prof. Vredenburg, of New York, in the following letter, speaks in high terms of the merits of Miss Rives, of Searcy, as a musician:

Mount Vernon, N. Y.,
June 6, 1899.

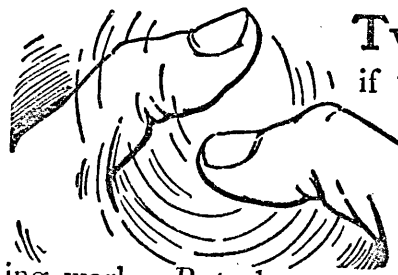
Dear Miss Rives:—It gives me great pleasure to speak in highest terms of praise of the merits of your niece, Miss Blythe Rives.

I have instructed hundreds of pupils during my experience as teacher, but have yet to find a more talented, conscientious and assiduous student of music than Miss Blythe.

Her high reputation as pianist in the vicinity of her home is well merited. Her technique is excellent, and her taste is far ahead of the ordinary musician of her years. Teaching her was a pleasure to me, as a single suggestion was sufficient at any time, and she would embody it in her playing in a very short time.

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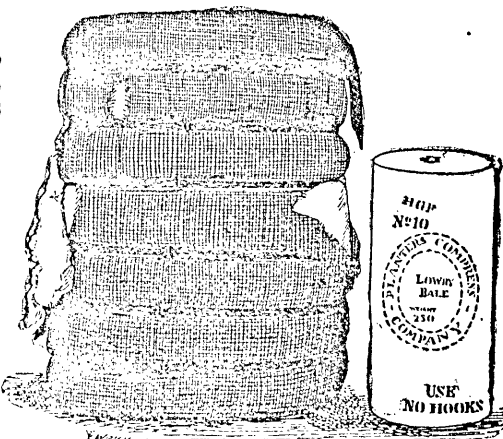
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Millions NOW Pearline

Cotton Baling.

The Democrat, of Dallas, Texas, in its issue of May 3d, 1898, sets forth the ginner's position as below:

"The higher grade of work a man does the better he can be paid for it, the more he can demand, and the more he is entitled to. The ginner today is not doing a complete work. He is like a tailor who cuts out a coat and stitches together and then sends it off to another tailor to complete and sell. If we found a tailor doing business on that line, we should know at once that he was a poor business man, and we should all tell him that he could certainly make more money if he would increase his facilities and turn out a complete coat. His work would be of a higher order, and command greater compensation. So it would be with the ginner, if, instead of turning out the present plantation bale, with a density of 12 1-2 pounds, he could turn out, with the same labor, and the same engine and the same plant, a finished bale, ready for the mills, with a density of forty-seven pounds; he does a higher grade of work, and is entitled to a higher compensation."



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Missions.

Now is the Accepted Time.

Rev. W. E. Sewell, who has been for some months at work in Cienfuegos, writes that "it is without doubt one of the most promising fields for missionary labor on the island of Cuba.

While some other towns are depleted as to inhabitants and doing but little as to business, Cienfuegos is crowded with native inhabitants. Cuban business and professional men from other parts of the island and the States, and prospectors and settlers from other places. Her hotels and residences are full and running over. It is a seaport of no little importance—seventeen or eighteen ships are sometimes anchored at once in the bay. These bring, of course, immense cargoes of freight from English, American, French, German, and Spanish ports. Incalculable quantities of sugar and molasses are being brought here by rail and carried away by these vessels. Every kind of business seems to be in a most flourishing condition and stores of all kinds are crowded with goods. Professional men are rushed day and night to keep abreast with their work. So much for the material side of our city.

Cienfuegos in a surprisingly large measure is social, cultured, and educated. There is quite a number of both men and women here who have been educated in the States, France or Spain, and they possess the same breadth of appreciation, sociability, liberality and progressiveness that is to be found among the cultured and educated elsewhere. Better still, these people are not only not prejudiced towards Protestantism, but seem earnestly to desire the establishment of Protestant churches in their midst. It does not seem possible that the power and prestige of Romanism could be more completely broken elsewhere than here. Doctors, lawyers, merchants, officers, men of wealth and position, welcome us and our cause and voluntarily say they will attend our services.

I find these people very grateful for what the American soldiers and sailors have done in giving them their freedom. Every door is open to the American and tokens of admiration for himself and country are displayed on every hand. The educated Cuban seems to have no greater pleasure than to enroll the American as his friend. Referring to Cienfuegos and to all of Cuba we may say, "Now is the day of salvation; now is the accepted time."

Owing to some of the facts mentioned above, rents are very high in Cienfuegos and a two-story building almost out of the question. But, as by Providence, or by the providence of God, we have the promise of an excellent one-story building on the plaza. The building is now occupied by the Spanish bank which has received orders to close its accounts and stop business and rents in 20 or 25 days from this writing. This building can be had for \$80 per month,

American money, and it will accommodate the families of both myself and interpreter, and leave two large rooms for chapel and school."

Contributed.

The Revival at Siloam Springs

W. P. HAMILTON.

DR. GODFREY:—The meeting at this place, in which I was assisted by Rev. Jno. B. Andrews, closed last Wednesday night with 225 conversions and about 200 additions to the various churches. The converts were nearly all young men and ladies. No financial strength added to the churches. We have received 35 members so far, and there are more to follow. Bro. Andrews and his singer, Mr. Phillips, are the best helpers I have ever worked with, and any pastor who may be in need of an evangelist would do well in securing their services. Bro. Andrews handles sin with gloves off and understands how to preach the gospel of Christ with effect. And, without a word, takes from the people what they are willing to give him, making no demands for his services. Praise the Lord for this great victory. Yours in Christ.

June 15.

From DeWitt.

DEAR METHODIST:—We held our Children's Day service at St. Charles, the first Sunday in June, and the service was a success in every way. The children sang and recited well, to a large and appreciative audience, and they showed their appreciation in a liberal contribution.

The Lord is blessing the efforts of our good people in this community in many ways, and especially in our efforts against the liquor evil. Last Sunday, while I was trying, in my sermon at eleven o'clock, to show the evil effects of whiskey on the government, on society, and on individuals, our sheriff was over on the other side of town arresting a blind tiger under our new law, and landing it in the county jail, and arresting parties who were concerned in the thing. And then, during this week, some of the U. S. officers came over and made an impression on some of our people by quietly destroying two or three stills. They took several men out of the community to be entertained by Uncle Sam.

Last night Bro. W. A. Greene, of Little Rock, gave us a lecture, and organized an Anti-Saloon League. We are arranging for our Children's Day service here at DeWitt, and at Mt. Zion.

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KRANTZ: Mrs. Amanda Krantz was a member of the Rockdale Church since 1890, almost since its organization. She was a good woman. She preceded, a few months, her sister, Mrs. Pipkin, in answering the summons on the other side. She was about 39. Meekness was noticeable in her personality. May God save her husband and care for, in more than motherly tenderness, her two children. Their friend,

J. F. T.

PIPKIN: Mrs. Martha Ann Pipkin passed in peace to the home above, April 5, 1899. She had been a member of the Methodist Church 41 years of her life of about 60. She was of late years a member of the Rockdale Church, in Garland county, Ark. She was useful in her community, a peacemaker. Her last words were, "It is all right, I am willing to die." Her home was the preacher's; a hospitable reception, a pleasant prophet's room they found there. May her husband, who yet lingers on these mortal shores, follow her as she followed Christ. His friend and brother,

J. F. T.

FORBESS: Mrs. Rachel Lavinia Forbess, wife of Bro. J. P. Forbess, was born March 13, 1866; died April 23, 1899. She was for sometime a member of the M. E. Church, South, of Wheatley circuit, and a devoted Christian. Her last sickness was one of intense suffering, lasting fifteen days. She bore it though with Christian fortitude. Before she died she left the comforting testimony that her troubles were all over, and that she would soon be in heaven with her five children who preceded her. A husband and two small children are yet left behind. It was a sad hour, but in the midst of it there was joy, for she died in the Lord. S. H. BARCOCK, JR., P. O.

HORTON: Marie, little daughter of John J. and Sadie Horton, came to an untimely death April 19, from swallowing by mistake, nitro-muriatic acid. Prompt medical assistance was given, but to no avail. In five hours the sweet child was dead. The next day, at 4 p. m., the writer, with a sad heart, conducted a brief religious service at the grave in Quitman cemetery, where the little treasure was laid away from the sight of its broken-hearted loved ones, to rest until the judgment trumpet shall awaken the dead. May the great Shepherd, who call so many little lambs to his heavenly fold, comfort the hearts thus brought to grief.

W. S. BRISTOW.

WILSON: Mrs. Mary Frances Wilson was born Sept. 14, 1843; joined the Methodist Church in Georgia, about 1860; was married to W. L. Wilson in 1866, and died May 12, 1899. A good woman has gone to God from her community and the Maumelle membership. She was useful, was loved, and missed. The sick near her had in her a friend and nurse. Such was her ministry of kindness performed, at times when herself needed like ministrations to what she was giving to others. Her husband and son and other relatives survive her. Let them not feel alone, for she is as much or more to them than ever before; and certainly so their Saviour whose pruning is to them the highest good, their greatest usefulness. May they kiss the rod that smites them, and serve and suffer to the end the will of God. Afterward, the re-union. In sympathy,

JNO. F. TAYLOR.

MARTIN: Mrs. Millie E. Martin (nee Bird), wife of Dr. Samuel Martin, was born June, 1843; died May 7, 1899, aged 56 years. She professed faith in Christ in 1881, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent and do-

voted member until death. Sister Martin was a woman of a well rounded Christian character, and her tongue was a law of love to all with whom she came in contact. A more devoted wife to her aged and afflicted husband I never knew. The family have lost a devoted companion, the church a devoted member, and the community a faithful friend. I would say to her grief-stricken husband, not to mourn as those who have no hope. It will not be long until you will find your loved one again where partings are no more. JNO. C. SHIPP.

Waldron, Ark.

PHILPOT: On the 25th of April, one of the sweetest little girls in our community died. The daughter of Dr. W. W. and Julia Philpot, aged ten years. It seems the "flower of the flock." "Death loves a shining mark." Little Jubor was sick only a short time; that fearful disease, meningitis, does quick work. How it breaks our heart strings to give our children up in death those only know who have had the experience. Oh, the groans and strong sighs of parents when seeing their children die. But thank God the resurrection will break up the dominion of death and heal the wounds and dry the tears, turn the groans and sighs into praises and joys eternal. If little Jubor could but speak back to you, she would say, "Pa and ma, weep not, brother and sisters, live to honor God and meet me in heaven."

J. T. MILLER.

STEED: A. P. Steed was born in North Carolina, June 1, 1819. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in his 15th year. He came to Arkansas in 1849. He was married three times and became the father of twenty children, fourteen of whom yet live. He died in Hot Springs, Ark., March 26, 1899. He was a Methodist sixty-five years and only lacked two months and six days of reaching his 80th birthday. He died a few days before our protracted meeting, to which he looked forward with great interest. He went, however, to render a more worthy and lasting service, where congregations never break up and praises never end. His desire had been for a long time to go to heaven on Sunday. The Lord took him early Sunday morning. He loved the church and his Master's cause, which were his constant themes. Let us all follow this aged father in Israel. His pastor,

T. O. OWEN.

FRETWELL: April 17, 1899, at the age of 17, with a life of promise before him, Samuel Era Fretwell was taken to another home. He leaves a vacant chair and sad hearts in the home of Bro. Wm. Fretwell. Era was born at Kully Chaba, I. T., August 12, 1881; joined the Methodist Church at 11 years of age, after a happy conversion, and lived in it till his death. He was an invalid during his childhood days, thus binding the family affections more closely about himself. Dear loved ones, how we rejoice because of that hope that we shall meet him in the glory land. It is only a blessing to a Christian to die; he exchanges a home of anxiety and trouble for a home of perfect felicity. We are all travelling to another land, let us be prepared, when God says it is enough, to enter the New Jerusalem. It may be without warning. Era had no warning. Meningitis took him in a few hours. Life is short and death is sure.

J. J. GALLOWAY.

BASHAM: Death has again visited our town, Salem, Ark., and claimed for his victim Sister Martha A. Basham. She was born July 9, 1862; was married to Mr. A. P. Basham, October 15, 1891, with whom she lived happily until the day of her death, May 11, 1899. She was converted early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life until her death. She loved her church and was always ready to work with heart and hand for the promotion of the same. She was a friend to the poor and many had cause to bless her for her deeds of unselfish love and kindness. The last time she was out from her home was in the interest of her church. So she ceased almost at once to work and live. She

leaves a husband, a father, six children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. But we will not sorrow as those who have no hope, for beyond the river we expect to meet Sister Basham again. May God bless the sorrowing ones and help the father to raise the children to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and serve him as did their mother. Her pastor,

W. B. HALL.

SEAWEL: "Peace, joy, comfort." These were the last words of dear Mother Seawel as she passed into the rest that remains for the people of God. Blessed be God, she died as she lived, full of peace, with joy unspeakable, and full of glory, and with that best comfort which the world can't give or take away, perfectly conscious and entirely resigned to the will of God to the latest breath, dying, as all mothers in Israel do, a triumphant death. Her life was full of usefulness in the church. At her old homestead, near Searcy, more than a quarter of a century gone, there was a prayer meeting organized that still lives, and many gave their conversion in this prayer meeting. The greatest desire of her heart was to see sinners saved from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. At the age of 14 she professed faith in Christ, and lived a member of the M. E. Church, South, for 60 years, raising a large family of ten children. This burden fell on her, because of the death of her husband, F. M. Seawel, who was killed at the close of the war. She lived to see her 74th birthday, born March 24, 1825, and died March 22, 1899. At the lovely country home of her devoted daughter, Mrs. Geo. Morris, Bro. A. H. Williams and the writer conducted the funeral service and laid her body to rest in Gum Springs cemetery March 25, 1899, there to sleep till the resurrection morning. May the six children and many grandchildren left behind follow on in her footsteps, for they lead to heaven. God comfort the sorrowing ones.

N. E. GARDNER, P. O.

BRADSHAW: Clyde, son of V. I. and Belle Bradshaw, was born near Harrisburg, Ark., March 26, 1876; died May 11, 1899. Clyde was a good boy, obedient to parents and kind to all. He had been afflicted for several years. His suffering was unknown to all but himself and the Lord. His last days were accompanied by intense pain. His suffering is now over. He has entered into that rest where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more, there where no fear will ever moisten the eye. In that home that he talked so much about before he died, and bade his father, mother, grandmother, brother and many friends to meet him there. His last words were, "I am going home." Dead, yet alive. His body has only fallen asleep in Jesus to be waked in the resurrection morn. He leaves a loving father, mother, grandmother and brother to mourn. But I would say, weep not, Clyde is not gone forever. He has only preceded you to the heavenly land, and his presence there with his brothers and sisters (six in all) who preceded him, only makes heaven more attractive to you. Give your hearts to God, and be faithful unto death and you shall see him again, for you are journeying to the place the Lord said, "I give it thee."—St. John, 11. Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me, for in my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you so. I go and prepare a place for you, and if I go I will come again to receive you unto myself.

B. N. BICKLEY.

Harrisburg, Ark.

GAUDIN: Sister Adeline Gaudin was born in Crockett county, Tenn., March 30, 1822, and moved with her parents to Carroll county, Tenn., in early childhood. She was happily married to Jas. Prewitt, March 10, 1860, and lived a few months after the Lord calling him home in the autumn of the same year. One son preceded her to the home above, John A. Gaudin, who died in 1870. John A. Gaudin, who died in 1870, died in 1898, leaving her alone to care for two small children. In the autumn of 1872 she came to Arkansas,

settling in Woodruff county, near Wiv-ill, where she lived until the Lord called her to her reward, which event occurred at sunrise, March 24, 1899, at the ripe old age of 76 years.

Grandma, as everybody called her, was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her 13th year, hence her religious life extended over a period of 63 years. The writer has known her since 1883. Many have been her motherly counsels to me. I do not remember to have been in company with her for several years past, that she did not speak of her heavenly prospects. For years her home was the preacher's home. Many a weary itinerant has found shelter in her house, back in the days of pioneer Methodism in Arkansas. A number of preachers who may read these lines, will remember pleasant nights spent around her Christian fireside. She died as she had lived, in full triumph of a living faith. To her, death had no terrors. She only waited for her change, and when it did come she called her son to her bedside and said, "I will bid you goodbye, I am going home to glory, and shall see your dear father, and we will have a glorious shout together." How beautiful in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. To you, Bro. Prewitt, her only boy, the Lord sustain thee in thy grief. Mother is not dead, but sleeping, and in the great beyond, where sickness, sorrow, pain nor death can enter, you may be reunited and be forever present with the Lord.

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