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News and Notes.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION of the General Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation, Sunday, February 11th, 1900, is appointed as the Universal Day of Prayer for Students. The Committee which has appointed this day includes official representatives of the Christian student movements of Germany, Scandinavia, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United States, Canada, Australasia, South Africa, Japan, India, Ceylon, China, and other mission lands, including 1,300 student societies with a membership of over 55,000 students and professors. During the past two years this day has been observed in over thirty different countries by Christian students and by people specially interested in the work of Christ among students. Wherever there has been thorough preparation, and the spiritual meaning of the day as a day of intelligent and heart-felt thanksgiving and of fervent intercession has been realized, the observance has been attended with marked and blessed results. The following suggestions are based on the best experience of Christian student organizations in all parts of the world, and are not characteristic of any one country or race.

WE SPOKE LAST WEEK OF THE sudden decline in the New York stocks market, induced by scarcity of money and the averting of a panic by \$10,000,000 offered at 6 per cent by the clearing house

banks. An additional \$10,000,000 offered by the banks has put the market in excellent tone.

IT IS REPORTED THAT ENGLAND has arranged with the Sultan of Turkey to secure the services of regular Egyptian troops in the Transvaal.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED San Mateo almost at the moment that Gen. Lawton fell pierced through the breast with the fatal bullet. It was defended by 300 Filipinos who fled to the mountains.

ENGLAND HAS CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS — ten thousand mounted infantry to serve against the Boers. The nobility are enlisting in great numbers.

A TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION OCCURRED on Saturday 23rd December, in the Braznell Mine at Brownsville, Va., whereby forty miners lost their lives. The explosion was from laying aside the safety-lamp, and using unprotected lamps, not suspecting the presence of gas. The pit boss is charged with the responsibility.

THERE WAS A VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE in Riverside County, Cal., on the morning of Dec. 25. Nearly all the business portion of the town of San Jacinto was thrown down. Much injury was done at Hornet. The shock extended over a large portion of Southern California, and was felt in considerable force at Los Angeles.

THE CUBANS ARE GREATLY pleased by the democratic manner in which Gen. Wood has taken charge of affairs. He has made no promises, but has gone to work with a heart to help the people and to supercede the military by civil government. Gen. Brooke's advisers have leave to go. Their policy is not such as Gen. Wood followed in Santiago Province, and not such as he will follow now. The sympathies and good will of the people of the United States are with the Cubans, and the governor who shall most promote their real welfare will win our approval no less than that of the unfortunate

people whose cause we have in good faith espoused.

THE HOPE OF PROHIBITORY LEGISLATION in Georgia must be deferred for a season. The bill which had passed the House was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 16 to 24.

NO CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN the situation of the Boer and British troops in South Africa during the week. All three of the British relief columns are completely checkmated. The invaders and defenders are front to front in their fortifications. The former have not strength to advance nor the latter strength for successful attack.

THE ELECTION OF GOVERNOR Taylor of Kentucky (Republican) over Goebel (Democrat) is to be contested on the grounds that tissue ballots were used in some precincts, that the governor used the Militia to interrupt the course of the law in certain places, and that large corruption funds were used. If these things were done, the contest is in the interest of law and right. A thorough and impartial investigation should be made.

AGUINALDO HAS ELUDED HIS pursuers. Major March followed him, or supposed he followed him, into the mountains. March stopped at Baquen. It was said Aguinaldo had gone to the South. Gen. Otis purposes to garrison the chief parts and open them to commerce. This will be a wise movement. The more opportunity is given to non-combatants to engage profitably in the employments of peace the more the belligerents will be inclined to cease their hostility.

Certain scribes are questioning the demand for "scholarly" preachers. One sayeth "less education and more religion." After all, it is the man. Culture ought to affect the preacher as profound and wide learning did Wesley—stir the heart to seek and save sinners. Jehovah washing the feet of peasants—blackening the boots, as it were! Knowledge ought to humble the heart, for it shows the depth of our ignorance. It is the "little learning" that struts.—Richmond Advocate.

Correction.

BRO. GODBEY:—By referring to the Minutes of the last Arkansas Conference, I find that I have no credit for money paid on Foreign and Domestic Mission fund. I paid \$20.50 on Domestic Missions

and \$20 on Foreign Missions, for which I hold the treasurer's receipt. Will you please do me the kindness, through the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, to correct this mistake, as I feel that I am entitled to the correction, and oblige,

Yours in the work,

JNO. C. SHIPP.

Alma, Dec. 21.

The Way of Holiness.

As to holiness, that is the best preaching of it which secures as a result the best practice. Holiness is not a different thing from goodness. Goodness is set above righteousness in the gospel. "Scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet, peradventure, for a good man, some would even dare to die." Righteousness conforms to the demands of the law. Goodness exceeds this in an overflowing beneficence. The higher attainment must be based on the lower. No man is religious who is not first honest. No man is religious, in the true sense, who is not faithful in all his temporal and business obligations. He may, indeed, be all this, and not yet religious. The proper and essential expression of holiness is that love which seeks the highest good of all men and at the cost of true self-denial.

Relations to God are to be tested always by relations to men. Contact with the world and the daily obligations which arise in dealing with men brings us to realize our state before God, and exhibits that state before the eyes of others.

It dispels our dreams and fancies of holiness born of mere theories. It sets our practice alongside of our profession in the sight of our fellows.

A generous, forgiving, helping soul is far more religious than any meditative spirit which shuns the appeals of human need and the clash with the world's positive evil, in order to enjoy its own visions.

There is happiness in true religion and in that alone. But happiness is not the aim of religion, and religion becomes spurious the moment that motive is admitted to control. There is a noble pleasure in the experience of a soldier who remembers that he has shunned no danger and shirked no duty, but the soldier who entered the army for pleasure disgraces the soldier's profession and claim.

The self-denying and useful life is the holiest life. It turns out to be, in the end, also, the happiest life.

Educational Notes.

Twentieth Century Notes.

Mrs. Leland Stanford's gifts to educational institutions on the Pacific coast foot up to \$19,000,000. She still has as much left, which, at her death, will go for similar purposes.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The University of Cincinnati has just received \$100,000 from David Swinton, of that city.

A friend has just given \$35,000 to the Pauw University to endow a chair.

The 278,000 Canadian Methodists have raised \$455,481, while the 1,458,191 Southern Methodists have raised \$420,086.

John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, has recently made an interesting offer to the Rochester Theological Seminary. He proposes to give a dollar for each dollar collected by the seminary until the sum amounts to \$300,000. This offer is likely to stimulate the friends of the institution. Some such conditional gift here in Arkansas would be a strong impetus to the educational movement. Who will volunteer to give one dollar for every four dollars subscribed by others on a \$50,000 or a \$100,000 endowment of Hendrix, or on the liquidation of the Galloway debt?

The Wesleyan Church of South Africa has started its Twentieth Century Fund, and expects to raise \$240,000 by December, 1900.—New Century Education.

Organize.

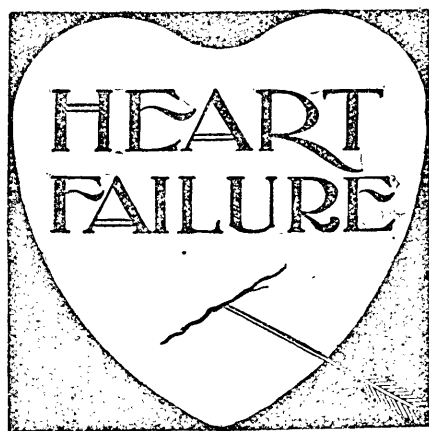
Reports of educational rallies held at our various Annual Conferences show that our pastors and leading laymen are profoundly interested in the Twentieth Century Movement. These meetings are held with the utmost enthusiasm, and the offerings, in many cases, are large, when we consider the poverty of those by whom they are made. These facts are encouraging. They show that we still have a consecrated and spirit-filled ministry. The church at large can not remain indifferent with such men to lead her. This enthusiasm will spread and become a mighty power. But, like all other forces, it must be organized and directed, if it is to be made effective. This is the difficult part of the work that is now before us. Our preachers are busy men, and this will demand time and patience. If there is not great work and extraordinary diligence, the enthusiasm will die without accomplishing anything worth while. Our pastors must even make sacrifices greater than those involved in the money they pay out of their small salaries—sacrifices in the way of time and labor. Committees must be appointed in each charge, and these committees, under the pastor's personal direction, must make a personal canvass and solicit subscription from every member. This personal work, however, ought to be preceded by an active campaign of education. An actual rally must be held in each charge as well as in each dis-

trict. We believe pastors will be greatly aided in these rallies by the use of our special programmes, which may be had from the Publishing House for \$2.50 per thousand.

The success of the movement depends largely upon the presiding elders. District rallies should be held at once for the purpose of interesting the leaders of the various charges. At these meetings there should be discussion as to plans and methods, so the brethren may go back not only impressed with the fact that something must be done, but also having some well defined plan for going about it.

Leagues and Sunday-schools, too, should be put to work. In the Wesleyan Church the young people, and even the children, are taking a deep interest in the Fund; and they have shown that they are able to turn their interest to practical account in raising money. Let each Sunday-school superintendent appoint a Twentieth Century Fund day in his Sunday-school. Let the movement be explained and committees appointed to take subscriptions. Perhaps it might be well, in most cases, to open a historic roll book, to be preserved in the archives of the church, upon which the name of each donor is registered. The same general methods may be adopted by Leagues.

Let us keep to the front in all of these meetings the idea of a Thank Offering. God has signally blessed us as a church during the last thirty years, and it will help us to take account of our blessings and ask ourselves: "What shall we render unto the Lord for all these bless-



Every day adds to the list of deaths attributed to heart failure. If the truth were told the bulk of these deaths might be written down as due to stomach failure. For it is in the failure of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, that "weak" heart, "weak" lungs, "weak" nerves and other forms of physical deterioration having their beginning. The man whose stomach is sound, who can digest and assimilate the food he eats, and so keep each organ of the body well nourished, is the man who is least liable to collapse under the sudden weakness of some vital organ.

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ings?" Gratitude means joy and spiritual health. Let us cultivate it and see that, on the eve of a new century, it finds fitting and signal expression.—New Century Education.

Dr. Smith is pushing the Twentieth Century Movement systematically in the Virginia Conference. He has confined himself to one of the poorer districts with a view to testing the capabilities and probabilities of the whole conference. The pro rata amount to be raised by the district in question was \$8,300. He reports the result up to the time of the recent conference session in Petersburg as follows: One third of the strength of the district is yet uncanvassed, and yet \$9,900 has been secured. The Doctor says that if this proportion can be maintained throughout the other districts of the Conference, Virginia will exceed its minimum (\$98,000) by fifty per cent. He thinks that they ought to double it, and we believe they will.

We have all along urged that this fund can not be raised without organization and thorough going detail work. With these, as the above test case clearly shows, the fund can not only be raised, but easily doubled.—New Century Education.

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Hendrix College and Academies.

THE COLLEGE.

The attendance of boarding students during the fall term has been excellent. When it is remembered that all non-resident students are over fifteen years of age, and only two regular classes are organized below Freshman, and Freshman requirements are the severest in Arkansas, it is readily apparent that Hendrix College has a body of mature students capable of a high order of work. The faculty is larger and better prepared than ever. Profs. Bruce and Thomas, and Mr. Bahner, who is assistant in Chemistry, spent last summer in the University of Chicago, pursuing post-graduate courses, and have entered upon their work with fresh zeal. Through the liberality of that large hearted layman, W. M. Clifton, of Morrilton, a new laboratory has been equipped. This enables Professor Bruce to offer new and stronger sources in chemistry.

Young men who are looking to Medicine or Pharmacy would do well to consider these special advantages. Professor J. H. Reynolds, who has become so well known to Arkansas Methodism through his educational articles and twentieth century addresses, and to the teaching fraternity by his public advocacy of practical educational reforms, is building up in a remarkable way the department of History and Education. The literature of these subjects is filling up the library shelves.

The library is growing so that the large room in use is crowded and books but little used are put in other rooms. A fire proof library building is much needed.

The religious life of the students has been vigorous. While I was attending the annual conferences a gracious revival was in progress. The daily attendance at chapel and classes has been better than in any previous term.

First term examinations close December 22. After a vacation of ten days the second term will open January 2. A considerable increase is expected, as many students arrange to enter at the beginning of the year.

ORCHARD ACADEMY.

Under the judicious management of Professor J. M. Hughey, this school last year made a marvelous record. It is not strange then that the attendance this year should be about double that of last year. Already the seating capacity of the study hall is taxed, and the purchase of new desks is necessary.

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IMBODEN ACADEMY.

In attempting to raise ten thousand dollars to secure a Hendrix academy, the small but substantial town of Imboden undertook a work which well nigh proved too difficult.

The work began in April and proceeded bravely until August, when shortness of funds began to hinder the work. A thorough canvass was made by Professor W. E. Hogan, but the unfinished buildings had little drawing power. School began as advertised, but was carried on with difficulty on account of the delay in finishing the buildings and the lack of funds. As Hendrix College will not assume any debt connected with its academies, the prospect for turning the property over to the trustees was not hopeful. Just before the session of the White River Conference, I counseled with Brother Wilson and Captain W. C. Sloan. The latter, who had originally donated the land and contributed liberally, after carefully considering the situation, decided to become responsible for the completion of the buildings so that they might be received by the trustees. This will cost Captain Sloan at least \$3,500, and as he is not a member of our church and yet is influenced by the spirit of our Twentieth Century Movement, we rejoice in this unexpected help and express our sincere

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A. C. MILLAR.

It is easy to expect too much from "turning on the light." There are people born with an inexhaustible supply of hope, who are ready to say of every evil that it will vanish when the light of facts is turned on. But there are many evils upon which a flood of light has been turned which seem to thrive all the more for the flood. The saloon, for instance, is like a city set upon a hill: the facts glare like stone towers in the sunshine. What the world needs is not the light of facts turned upon existing evils so much as the light of heaven—the light from the face of the holy One.—Richmond Advocate.

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Letter from Brother Greathouse.

The fifty-fifth session of the East Texas Conference was held at Timpson, Texas, Dec. 14-17, Bishop Hargrove presiding. The Bishop was at his best, and gave good satisfaction in the discharge of his official duties. The people called Methodists are learning more and more that our Bishops are men of great sympathy as well as great intellect; they are positively pained when they cannot give men appointments commensurate with their abilities and the demands of their families. The Bishop's sermon on Judas was a masterpiece of logic. In it he demonstrated the great danger of apostasy, and clearly brought out the fact that covetousness—the love of money—is the root of all evil.

The session was harmonious and the collections were simply wonderful. This conference is supposed to cover the poorest territory in the State, but the twentieth century collection went far beyond that of the larger and richer conferences of the State. On the general collections we have done well. The San Augustine District is one of the five districts in the whole connection that paid everything in full.

The branch Publishing House, at Dallas, is doing a remarkably fine business. The management was very fortunate in putting Brother Everett in charge. He is very popular with the Texas preachers.

Dr. Rankin, our editor, preached a sermon that stirred the hearts of the brethren. The Texas Advocate is very popular among us. The Managers of the Rescue Home, at Dallas, and the Orphanage at Waco, were present, and both received substantial aid. They are both Methodist institutions, and our conference will do its part in maintaining them.

The conferences in Texas are volunteering to support the German Mission in Texas, which has been organized into a conference of its own.

Texas is the largest State in the Union. All the citizens of the United States could move within her bounds, and then she would not be more densely populated than Rhode Island is now. Within fifty years we expect to hold the balance of power in the United States—the greatest Anglo-Saxon nation on earth. We see our opportunity and appreciate our responsibility, and by the grace of God expect to measure up to it. Our educational institutions are all receiving attention, and will be greatly benefited by the present educational revival in the Church. We are in full sympathy with the plans for correlation adopted by the General Conference. We consider ourselves fortunate in having so loyal a neighbor as Arkansas. We are delighted with the position that Dr. Millar and Hendrix College are taking in Arkansas. We believe that Hendrix College and its correlated academies will set an example of harmonious work that will be worthy of emulation by other schools in other States.

With the splendid system of education that is being organized, and with its book depository and reliable conference organ, the Methodism of Arkansas ought not to come one whit behind the Methodism of any other State, and we Texas Methodist don't believe it will.

The General Conference officers usually pass the East Texas Conference by, but as we have always been in perfect harmony with the connectional interests of the church, and our collections reach the high water mark without their presence, we believe they mean to compliment us by showing us they do not think it necessary to come to our conference to look after connectional interests. Brethren, we will look after them in your absence, but we would be delighted to shake your hands occasionally. We older men can say to you, a finer set of young men is not to be found in any conference, and all the interests of the church are safe in their hands. I am glad to report to my friends in Arkansas and to the whole church, that we have succeeded in saving this great temple to Methodism. We now owe only \$3,000 to the Church Extension Board, to be paid in five years, at four per cent interest. The Bishop kindly returned me for the fourth year.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.
Tyler, Tex.

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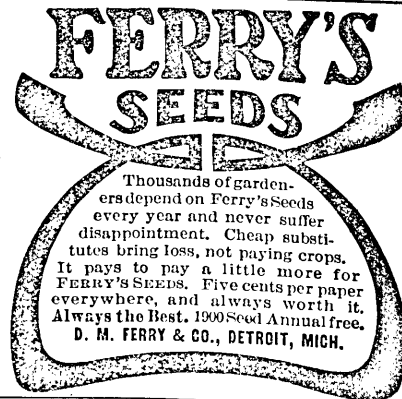
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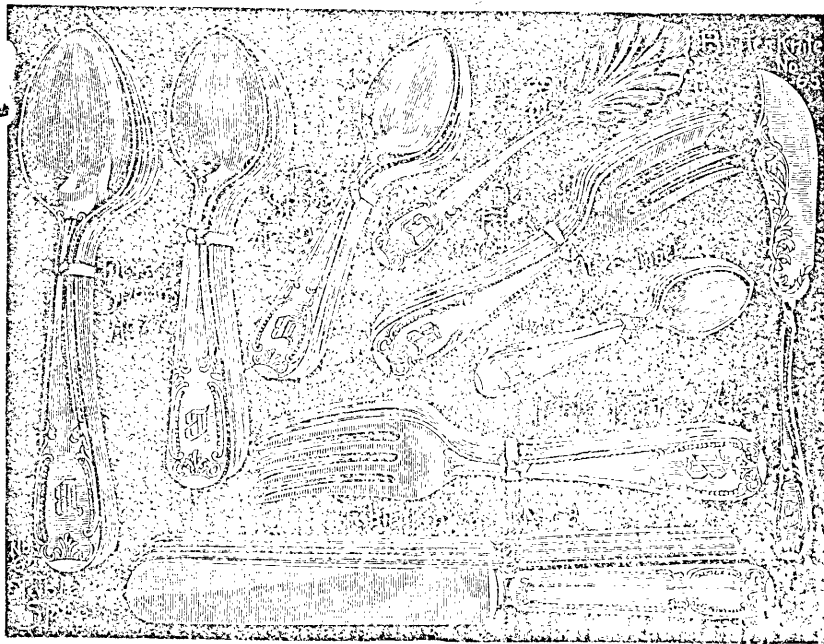
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The Sunday School.

Lesson 1, January 7, 1900.

The Birth of Jesus—Luke ii. 1-16.

Read Luke 1; Matthew 1; John 1: 1-18. Commit verses 8-11.

Golden Text—Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matthew 1:21.

Time—Supposed to be a little more than four years before the date of our Christian Era, or Dec. B. C. 5.

Place—Bethlehem of Judea. It is five or six miles south of Jerusalem, and now contains about five thousand inhabitants.

One who desires to study this lesson carefully should give attention to the prophecies which foretold the advent of the world's Redeemer. These prophecies are found, especially, in Gen. 3:15; Gen. 49:10; Deut. 18:15; Isa. 7th; Isa. 9:6,7; also 11:1; 2 Sam. 7: 12-17; Dan. 2: 44; also 9: 23 27; Psa. 72; the whole of Isaiah 53 and Mich 5:2.

The Roman Emperor, Augustus, ruled the civilized world, and Herod the Great under him ruled Judea when Jesus was born. Some of the most distinguished literary lights of the Roman empire shone at this period. Diodorus Seculus, the Greek historian, and Strabo, the Greek geographer, Ovid the Latin poet, and Livy and Seneca were living. Horace had been dead three years, Virgil fourteen.

The Christian doctrine concerning Jesus, of whose birth we have the history in this first lesson of the Christian year is, that he was the revelation of God in human flesh, a divine nature was possessed by him, of which John says in the opening of his gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The miraculous conception of Jesus is recorded in the first chapter of Luke's gospel. A divine nature Jesus constantly expressed in that tone of self-assertion which pervaded all that he said. He not only manifested divine power in the miracles which he performed, but he claimed to be the Judge, to whom all men shall give account. He also claimed to be one with God the Father, and to have power to forgive sins. The divinity of Jesus Christ is a doctrine which must stand as long as the New Testament stands as an authentic account of his history and character. We have two chronologies of Jesus, one in Luke, tracing his descent back to Adam, the other in Matthew, tracing it down from Abraham. It is held by biblical scholars that Luke gives the genealogy of Mary and Matthew of Joseph. The genealogies will be seen to cross at points and run parallel at others. It is worth noting that although the Jews were so severe in their ideas of separation from other nations, nevertheless the genealogy of our Lord includes Rahab the Canaanite, Ruth the

Moabitess, and Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. These heathen women, married to Hebrews, became mothers of illustrious men. Rahab of Boaz, and Ruth of Obed the grandfather of King David, and Bathsheba of Solomon. The circumstances of Jesus's birth occupy the pen of the sacred historian in this lesson.

A decree had gone forth from Augustus for the levying of tax upon all the subjects of his empire. This taxation required the people to go to their native cities to be enrolled. So Joseph went up to his native city, Bethlehem. We note here that it was by this circumstance that the prophecy that the Messiah should be born in Bethlehem was fulfilled. This, it is said, was while Cyrenus or Quirinus was governor of Syria. Quirinus' governorship seems to have ended A. D. 7, but its beginning is not clearly determined. Mary went up with her husband. The Roman law required women to pay the poll tax, but they were not compelled to enroll.

The crowded condition of the place, the poverty of Mary and Joseph, the condition in which Mary was, all touch us with tender sympathy as we see the two loving, faithful partners forced to shelter in a stable.

But behold here a suggestion of the infinite condescension of love divine: there is no place too lowly for him who would lift up all the fallen.

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Our study in Revelations, for this week, shows us that the name written in heaven may be erased. It must be held there by continual devotion and faithfulness. "He that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot out his name from the book of life." But the church in Sardis

had declined from its first love, and all were in danger to be lost. It became them to renew their devotion and to be watchful. The privileges of life soon pass. As a thief in the night the messenger comes. He calls for us into the unknown.

How rapidly are we all passing the years of our earthly probation. How precious is the time. How great the interests and issues in our hands. Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober.

"Our life is like the coming on of eve. Before we start on a long journey bound, When fit preparing to the last we leave, Then run to every room the dwelling round, And sigh that nothing needed can be found. Yet go we must, soon as the day shall break. We snatch an hour's repose, when loud the sound For our departure calls. We rise and take A quick and sad farewell, and start ere well awake."

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To do as we would be done by, refers to relative duties; not to do evil that good may come, refers to particular circumstances; but to do all things so that God may be honored, refers to almost every action of man's life.

There are many ways in which a man can be unjust as an official in church or State, and escape censure from the public, but there is no way in which he can be unjust without disregarding Christian benevolence. That integrity which is founded upon love, when compared with that which has any other basis, is recommended by its honor and dignity as well as by its rectitude.

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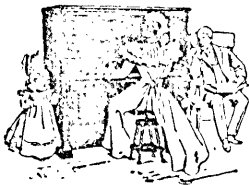
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Several pastors have assured us that nearly all the support the church receives in their charges comes from the people who take their church paper. That is the general rule. People who do not like their church paper do not generally like their preacher or their church.

"We shall go on making mistakes, contending for them and afterward giving them up—first renouncing them, then thanking those who require the surrender. It is a long, hard road, and the summit is afar. The creed of a thousand years away will differ from the creed of today. Let us thank God for it while we contend for what we think truth now."—Bishop Foster.

Why a Thank Offering?

This Twentieth Century calls; why should I heed it? Is there anything in the opening of the year which introduces a new century more than in any other year? Why should I be grateful for the privilege of entering in my life's history upon another century? In strict truth, I conceive that I am under no especial obligations of thankfulness for this. As the gospel enjoins: "In everything give thanks," I must reckon that thankfulness is not a duty simply of special times and occasions.

Long years ago, in the log-house, about which the red-birds sang and the dog-wood bloomed, my sweet mother used to wake me of mornings, and tell me to thank God for keeping me safely through the night, and I did it with a child's faith and simplicity. And still I am thanking God for the log-house, the sweet birds, the sweet flowers, and my sweet mother.

I remember my boyhood, shrined in a Christian home; a home hallowed by the morning and evening prayer, and by the influence which those prayers brought down upon the daily tenor of all the lives bound together in that home. The family room, the blazing wood fire, the corner where stood the little table with the Bible and the candle-stick; father and mother, brothers and sisters; that picture is still distinct. Is it still cherished? It blesses me still and I am thankful.

I remember when I found the joy of pardoned sin under the great trees of the forest, where God's people had met to worship.

The lamps, fastened to the trunks of trees or ringing from their branches, made a weird picture of light and gloom. The congregation was from the farms, in rustic attire. Their worship was simple, but sincere. There was no roof above them to shut their prayers from the Great Father. I felt the influence of divine wooing in that song:

"From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat,
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat."

So I have found in all my journey as the years have lengthened, and I am thankful.

My life has been in the church, the Methodist Church. My father preached the gospel fifty years in this church, and then folded his hands and fell on sleep, saying, "I know whom I have believed." My mother lived, rejoiced, loved and prayed, a member of the Methodist Church from childhood, and went home in peace at a ripe age. Brothers and sisters nine, were all members of the Methodist Church from early years. Three of them have passed over the river. My children were members of the Methodist Church. The church influence was, of all other influences, most blessed in moulding their characters and saving them from the follies which wreck all hope. These dear ones are all with the loving father. I and my wife have felt, through all the years, amid changes that bewildered us, the leading of a gentle hand. And I am thankful.

It is God's own voice which now through the church, calls me to be thankful. I may not be under any more obligation to be thankful at the close of this year, 1899, than at other times I have been, as I am under no more obligations now than formerly to be true or just. But I need to be taught thankfulness as I need to be taught any other grace. I am in arrears in this matter and I am thankful that the church now bids me be thankful. I needed this call.

What a century lies out before us all? If arts and sciences make progress in the next hundred years as in the hundred past what will the world be? If light and right and the truth of God shall be unchecked in their triumphs to what plane will they lift human aspirations and human life.

"We are living, we are dwelling in a grand eventful time,
In an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime."

After all, is it not a thing to rejoice in and to be thankful for that I live in this age, and may be permitted to march with this eager, hopeful throng through the

portals of the Twentieth Century? May be that the day is nearer than I dream when the Lord shall say to Zion, "Arise and shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

What voices are there that I hear about me? They are voices of exultant Christian faith.

"Lift up, lift up your voice with singing;
Dear land with strength lift up your voice.
The kingdoms of the earth are bringing
Their treasures to thy gates, rejoice."

"Arise and shine in 'youth immortal,
The light is come, thy king appears,
Beyond the Century's swinging portals,
Breaks the new dawn—the thousand years."

Let us go on with the strain which calls us to unite in one faith and purpose and spirit to hasten truth's triumph.

"And shall his flock with strife be riven?
Shall envious lines his church divide?
When He, the Lord of earth and heaven,
Stands at the door to claim his bride?"

They call me to give a thank-offering. There never was a true love that did not bring gifts. From the day that the Magi presented to him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, or Mary broke the Alabaster box of ointment on his head, or the broken-hearted woman brought the sweet spices for his embalming, love of Jesus has shown its divine character in that it made tribute of the richest earthly treasures.

Can we give to God? Yes, the Jews gave to him in all the splendor of the world-famed temple. In that temple Jesus sat, one day, over against the treasury, and observed how they cast into it the offerings of God. There came in a widow and cast in all she had, but it was only a farthing. Extreme poverty yet owned the claim of love divine. That widow entered the temple enclosure through the gate Beautiful, which was seventy-five feet high, and of corinthian brass—more costly than gold. The temple itself was gorgeous. The wealth of a nation had been lavished upon it. The whole roof was covered with spikes of gold, that no bird might alight upon it. The vessels were of gold. Yet this widow gave her penny. She was not envious of others' wealth. She did not say, "Our religion is all show, and pride, and wealth." She gave her penny. Why not? All that rich temple and its grand service were hers as much as any one's beside. While others gave talents, all was hers for a penny. She could not repay, by her own gift, a thousandth part of the benefit she received, though she cast in all she had. Such is the type of devotion which the great Teacher commends, and which characterizes all who truly love the Lord.

We can give to the Lord. It is by the gifts of those who have gone

before us that we have our churches, and schools, and religious papers and books. It is by such gifts that the church has been perpetuated, and all the sacred influences which have blessed our lives handed down to us. Shall I, then, refuse to do what I can to strengthen this influence of the church as it is handed down to the generation which is to follow? I recognize the claim. It is a great duty to which the church calls. Duty, do I say? A loving heart must deem it a privilege unspeakable to be part of this divine, world-saving movement, and bring its offering, not under constraint of any law, but that of love. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

A Talk With Our Patrons.

We come to the close of the year with cheerfulness and good hope. Our patrons have not forgotten us as the tide of prosperity has returned to quicken the industrial activities, relieve the burdens, and inspire the hopes of the people. Many subscribers who had fallen much in arrears have paid up. They were glad to be able to do this and certainly it was a great relief to us. Many who allow their subscriptions to fall far behind come to think our accounts wrong. We always tell them to write to us if they think so. Yet our business is in competent hands and the records are well kept. Every business note is filed, every receipt entered, and in seven cases out of eight it is the subscriber who is found in error when the examination is made. Yet to make such examination and report is our business, if we are supposed to be in error.

Subscribers must give sufficient time for their numbers to be moved up. Sometimes the preacher waits to get other names before sending in his report.

If the paper has made any mistake it was in putting its subscription too low at the start.

This year we shall have to pay \$500 more than last year for the mere matter of blank paper.

The St. Louis "Advocate," north of us, and the Texas "Advocate," south of us, are each \$2. There are many religious papers still higher. The New York "Observer" is \$3 a year. The "Herald and Presbyter" \$2.50, or \$3 if not paid in advance. The "Christian Observer" \$2.50 in advance; \$3 if payment is deferred. If we got \$2.50 from each of our subscribers, we would make a paper equal to any. It is an open

question whether this effort to carry a church paper at \$1.50 is wise. It is only by carrying a large amount of advertising that it is possible to sustain the paper, and even then a large circulation is indispensable. It is with the hope of reaching more of our church members, and so making the paper a helper of the work in every part of the field, that this low subscription is fixed. It must have the active support of the preachers to live at this rate.

Many subscriptions close with the year. It is a time to renew and get new subscribers. We used sample copies liberally last year. We cannot send so many for the year 1900. If persons who can make good use of them will drop us a card, we will send them samples from time to time.

All the conferences in the State have, by resolution, endorsed our work and declared the importance of the ARKANSAS METHODIST to the general cause of our church in the State, and urged its circulation. Our reliance for an agency to give effect to these resolutions is upon the preachers. During the year just closing they have done excellent work—the best of five years past. We believe all things are favorable for a still better work in the year just opening. Let us not miss the opportunity. Our book department is also important to all our readers. All the publications of our Nashville house, and religious books from all other publishers can be gotten of us on order at the publishers' price. Our house in Little Rock serves as an advertising and distributing center for religious books, and thereby greatly increases the amount of religious literature read by our people. To build up a large book house here in Little Rock for the use of our church is to aid the cause of Methodism in the State.

All our Sunday-schools in the State are expected to get their Sunday-school literature from Godbey & Thornburgh.

Dwight L. Moody.

Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, died at his home at East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22, 1899. His last work was at Kansas City, Mo., where he was holding a meeting in the great Convention Hall. It is said that he never had a better audience on the Continent than was attending these meetings. Fifteen thousand people heard his last sermon. The meetings began Nov. 12. On the 15th he was compelled to give up his work, and the day following he left for his home. A few days af-

ter he reached home the papers reported that he had Bright's disease, but it is now stated that his ailment was of the heart.

Mr. Moody was born in Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5, 1837. His education was limited. He worked on a farm until seventeen years of age, when he became a clerk in a shoe store in Boston. He joined the Congregational Church. In 1858 he went to Chicago, and engaged earnestly in city mission work, in connection with the Y. M. C. A. During the war he was a member of the Christian Commission. As a lay preacher Mr. Moody had great influence among the laboring classes. He built a church in Chicago, which the fire of 1871 destroyed. He built again in 1873. His ability attracted the attention of men of means, who gave him aid and insisted that he should enlarge his sphere of labors. With the great singer, Ira D. Sankey, he traveled and preached all over the Northern States and England. There was probably never a more successful evangelist. Many thousands were led to Christ by his ministry. His work was sanctioned by all denominations, and did much to develop a closer Christian fellowship among them. His greatest visible monument is his school at Northfield, where, annually, for years past, hundreds have gathered for instruction in the Scriptures and in the most effective way of presenting the Word of God to the consciences of men.

Mr. Moody published several books of great value to Christian workers. It has often been the privilege of this writer to hear Mr. Moody preach. He was entirely unconventional, and used no arts or methods in the least sensational. He had faith in the power of the Scriptures, and his whole aim was to bear the Word of God to the hearts of his hearers. Fervent, simple in speech, quick to discern the temper of his audience, ready, on the instant, for an emergency, Mr. Moody was a master of assemblies. Yet he felt that the excellency of power was of God and not of man. He has left an example to all preachers of the gospel, that the Lord is with those who trust him, and that unfaltering faith and reliance upon the Scriptures are more to the preacher than the arts of the orator or the learning of the schools. Yet, in natural ability, quickness of perception, soundness of judgment, originality of thought and expression, Mr. Moody was much more than an ordinary man.

Mr. Moody was a man of God. He seems to have been raised up

in the providence of God for a great work. The Protestant Church, throughout the English-speaking world, felt his influence and was helped by his labors.

When Does the Twentieth Century Begin?

This question is being discussed in real seriousness, and eminent authorities differ. Emperor William of Germany will celebrate the year 1900 as the opening of the twentieth century. The newspapers tell us that a century ago discussions and opinions were exchanged, such as are being presented now.

Why should there be a difference of opinion? Certainly, if there is any difficulty about the matter, it is only such as belongs to the opening of any other year and all other years of the Christian calendar. If we know just where we stand and what we mean by any date, then no difficulty or confusion can arise about when we enter the twentieth century.

The difficulty that is presented in the discussions is simply whether any date of years shall be understood to represent time past or time still current. If A. D. 1 meant that one year from Christ's birth was past, then A. D. 1900 will represent that nineteen hundred years are past, and so, as soon as we fix that date, we will have entered upon the first year of the next century.

But the date of the year is not understood to indicate its close, but its beginning, for "Anno Domini" does not mean "the year of our Lord," as if it were finished, but "in the year of our Lord," showing that the year is still current, for "Anno" is in the Latin dative case, and means "in the year." So when we fix the date 1900 we have simply entered the year 1900 and not finished it, and our progress through it is marked by the months and days, as "Jan. 5, 1900," "May 5, 1900." Nineteen hundred years A. D. will not be finished till midnight Dec. 31, 1900. At that point we shall fix

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the date 1901, showing that we have passed into the first year of the next century.

The traveler on the highway finds the milepost at the end of the mile, and when he has reached 1900 he begins the 2,000th mile; but in measuring time the date of the year is set at the beginning, and when we have reached 1900 a year is still to be passed through before the 20th hundred is begun.

Personal.

Rev. A. F. Skinner, of the White River Conference, was a caller Saturday.

Brother John Mock, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens and Methodists, died at Prairie Grove, December 16. "His end was peace."

By authority of Bishop Galloway, Revs. S. L. Cochran and W. C. Toombs have changed places, Cochran going to McCrory and Toombs to Holly Grove.

Miss Laura Haygood is in feeble health and is often confined to her room. She was not able to attend the last annual meeting of our missionaries in China.

Mr. E. L. Luck, a well-known commercial traveler, connected with the Shibley-Wood Grocery Co., of Van Buren, for several years past, died at the Capital Hotel, this city, December 24. The body was sent to Van Buren for interment.

Prof. J. H. Reynolds, of Hendrix College, has taken up this subject, "The State and The Private Colleges," and discusses it ably in a pamphlet of twelve pages, recently issued. It is a matter of great importance that better legislation be secured in this state in regard to the chartering of colleges and universities, and we hope that Prof. Reynolds will hold to this subject persistently until he attains for his contention, the hearing which it deserves.

Christian Life

His Ways Past Finding Out.

God's methods of dealing with his people have often a most puzzling look. Sometimes he throws them, as it were, on their own resources, and seems to leave them to struggle in their unaided strength against desperate odds. Again, he comes to their rescue in the most unexpected ways, takes the case into his hand, discharges them for a season from active effort, and fights their battles for them. By the one method he teaches them the lesson of courage and self-reliance; by the other, the lesson of faith. When occasion calls for it, they must gird themselves for the fray, as if everything depended on their personal courage and faithfulness. But they must never forget that even after they have done their best, they can not hope to win the day without divine assistance. Human weakness is turned into divine strength by the upward look of the soul.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

The Experience of a Personal God.

The thought of God's presence in his world and in the midst of his people is the most comforting and inspiring truth presented to us in the Bible. The first time we are introduced to that grand Old Testament hero, Elijah, we see him in the presence of the king exclaiming, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand." He stood there as God's representative, and that gave true strength and courage. The same experience is the privilege of the humblest child of God.

The mountain was as full of the chariots of fire when the prophet's servant did not perceive them as when he did. Christ was just as much present with the disciples when their eyes were holden as when they were open. God speaks with men as truly to-day as in the time of Abraham. Theodore Parker says that he was but about five or six years of age when his hand was arrested as he was about to strike a tortoise, and a voice within said: "Don't; that is wrong." When he asked his mother the meaning of it, she told him that it was the voice of God in his soul. It is because our minds are preoccupied with other matters that we fail to perceive God. Like the man with the muck-rake, we fail to see the angel by our side. Blessed is the man, who, as he goes about his daily business, can see God in trees and flowers and running brooks, present in every moment of time and every event of experience, working out his own loving purposes. The Psalmist recognized, as men of faith will always recognize, that temptations and opportunities, sufferings and joys, are matters of God's ordering. He therefore lives in constant relationship with God. His language is: "The Lord my rock [with the emphasis on the pronoun throughout] and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength,

in whom I trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."—In His Steps.

Only the Blessed can Bless.

It is a law universal that only those themselves blessed can bless others. It is an impossibility for the unblessed to bless others. It is only the man who possesses that can impart to others. The world has to depend upon those blessed with the genius of invention for its progress in the arts and sciences which advance civilization. It depends on those possessed of wisdom to guide it in its course. It requires men blessed with means to sustain its charitable and educational institutions and promote its great commercial enterprises. Without men themselves thus blessed who are willing to bless, humanity must suffer.

All this is true in the spiritual realm. God has ordained that the blessed of God are the blessers of the world. Jesus Christ announced this in his first sermon, by saying, "Ye are the light of the world." All his followers are like the planets in the fact that they get their light from the sun and reflect it upon the earth like a mirror. The Sun of Righteousness falls upon them that their light may fall upon others. God never blessed a soul without intending to make that soul a blessing to others. More than that, no soul can be a blessing to others who has not himself been blessed. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The psalmist says, "God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us." He prays for this, not that we may be happy, or "consume it upon our lusts," but, as he adds, "that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

Our usefulness will depend upon the measure of our blessing. The greatest givers are those themselves most blessed. A preacher may be blessed with insight into the truth which he gives out to others, and God may bless the truth to some extent for the truth's sake, and yet he fail to be the blessing he ought to be, because he is not blessed as he ought to be. There can be no controversy over the fact that the disciples were to some extent a blessing to humanity before Pentecost.—Ex.

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No 3.

Well, it is now about 6 p. m., Thursday, September 28th, and I am on my train bound again for the great West. I am in a "sleeper" this time. We bound away from Kansas City just at the setting of the sun, and soon we are buried in the shadows of night.

I lie down for sleep, and am soon back home again, and stay there while we hasten northwest across the state of Kansas. I come back from my beloved home long enough to peep out at the glaring light of the city of Topeka, and then remain with mother till morning peeps in at me. Now, I wonder where I am? I look out and am greeted by some little animals, all about in groups over the ground, sitting straight up and extending their little fore feet out to me like children begging. Why, this is prairie. What kind of animals were they, children?

Are we still in Kansas? No, we are in Colorado, plunging across the great plains towards Denver. There is not a tree in sight. I see a little small growth of timber along a small stream of water. The treeless ground rises and falls as it rolls away in every direction, till it seems to mingle in the sky far away and I can't look over the rim. On, on we go. "I believe we are scheduled to arrive at Denver at eleven twenty a. m. Well! it will soon be that time, but I see no signs of it." Our porter tells me it is eighty miles yet. "I have twenty minutes of ten o'clock," says a man standing near. "I just got the correct time." I am an hour too fast, I find out. I wonder why? Who can tell me?

We are now approaching the Rocky Mountains. I peer out across the plains to see if I can not outline them, but, no. The horizon reveals across the west and northwest only shifts of this smoky-looking clouds, that is all. I am almost weary with the plain, and nothing much—but the clouds look darker there now—On, on we roll. Well, well! The smoke clears away, seemingly, and there are the bold outlines of the Rockies. There stands the snow-capped Lone's Peak. It looks as cold as January. When this smoke and dust gave way to those towering mountains I could not help but think of the time when the smoke and dust of time will give way to the realities of heaven. Will it not be a glorious vision, children?—but here we are at the city of Denver, Colorado, the city nestled down in the lap of the Rockies, the city of silver and pretty girls, the city where millionaires own a whole street.

I can not stay in the union depot, but out into this beautiful city I go. I must see a little before I weary my way across the Rockies. I will leave at six this evening. Why, I have six hours to stay here. I go up one of the great business streets and my car turns a little to the right, and there is the beautiful

capitol building; it is made of the most beautiful of stone, surrounded by beautiful grounds. Flowers and trees and grass neatly kept, and, here, the people seem to love to while away their time; they sit and gaze, at rest, away from the loud hum of business. The homeless wanderer, the traveler and the citizen sit here among the trees and flowers and all look to be at home. I wander about over the grounds.

"Say, Mister," says a youth, who has stepped up to me, "won't you please come and focalize this kodak on us and snap it? We want our pictures taken here on this rock wall." I look around and see four young people, two couples, in their early urgent loves, apparently, standing near by. "Certainly," says I, and they form by the rocks bordering the green grass, near the pansies and roses, covered by the stooping boughs of trees, and the sun looked down through the boughs and laughed in their faces—two maidens, just fair enough to tempt an old bachelor like me to new loves, and two noble looking youths just edging into eighteen. And it is done.

"Thank you," they say, and I turn away and walk off, while memory turns and walks to the days of yore when I, too, blushed by rocks bordering flowers and grasses, and under trees, as I slyly looked into my little love's eyes, the fairest among the ten thousand and the one altogether lovely, but—well, I have found an old schoolmate of mine when going to Hendrix College. He is Mr. Charles Draper, one of the younger boys. He is at work here and has a good job. We are glad to meet here in a strange land. He carries me out through the city park and zoological garden, but I will not stop here, for it is no long till my train is due to leave. Mr. Draper goes with me back to the depot. "What time is my train due?" I ask. "Why, it is just ready to start, be in a hurry!" I rush out to the track with hardly a good-bye to Mr. Draper. But what is my consternation to find my train already gone. I am a moment too late, just a few moments too late, children. There is a misunderstanding with me as to the time of departure. I was wrongly informed. My train is gone and my sleeper, already paid for to Portland, Oregon, is gone, and here I am with not enough money to pay my way back home or out to my work in Oregon. I am a stranger among strangers and my friend is buried in the great city, and I can not find him. I am told, though, that my ticket will be good for the next train, as the "time limit will not be out before I can get to Portland", by going out on the next train. I have just lost one day; it is night now, and I must find a hotel. Good-night. I can not help but feel lonely and sad. I may see more of Denver tomorrow.

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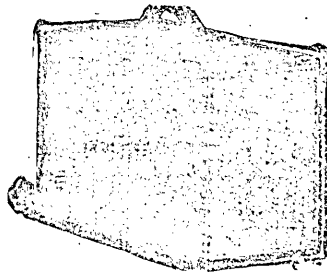


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We cannot enumerate all Bro. McKelvey has done in the past two years for us, but we know that out of six new church houses reported from the District at the Annual Conference, four of them go to his credit. There were six churches organized when he came here, there are seven now. He ceiled, papered and finished the parlor, partly finished the sitting room, and put a new floor in dining and stove-room of parsonage. He built a stable and crib, and made several improvements with his own manual labor.

Bro. McKelvey gave, out of his own salary, ten dollars to each of the four churches to help to build them, but the work he commenced was not finished. By the end of next year, under his guidance, we fondly hoped to have five new church houses completed, and that our circuit would take its place in the vanguard of Christian progress in this District, and that the good Bro. and we would be enabled to feel a virtuous satisfaction over labor well done, and that even others might join in the glad acclaim.

T. M. HULSEY.

De Ann, Dec. 15.

CABOT CIRCUIT.—I have been appointed to serve the people of Cabot charge, and they have received us very kindly. We are now busy arranging things around the parsonage, preparatory to our regular pastoral work. We are beginning to feel at home among such generous hearted people. Of all the poundings that you ever heard of, we had it on the 4th inst. It seemed that the whole town had turned out to see what the new preacher and his family looked like, and to remove all anxiety that they may have had about what they were to subsist upon. The little rooms of the parsonage were so filled with men, women, and children of all ages, that there was scarcely standing room, all with hands full of good things to eat. This scribe was so confounded that he was wholly unable to express his gratitude. But while we have not words to express our appreciation, yet we shall attempt to show it by our earnest efforts of service during the year. We are planning, hoping and praying for a most successful year. We believe that the good people of this circuit will heartily co-operate with their pastor in pushing forward every interest of the church.

A. F. SKINNER.

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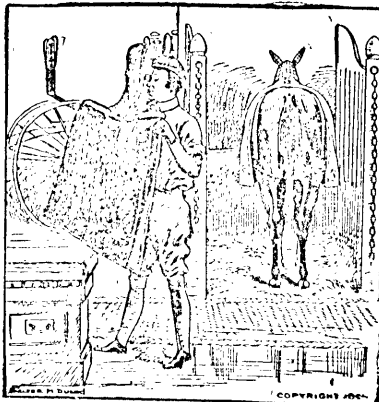
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L. C. CRAIG.

MAMMOTH SPRINGS. We begin the work on Mammoth Springs and Hardy charge with encouraging prospects. Brother Maynard, my presiding elder, is eminently pleased with the plans made by the board of stewards. We are confidently expecting a general advance on all lines in this charge during the year. The ladies furnished the parsonage "out and out." We are well and happy. Cordially,

T. W. FISACKERLY.

A CORRECTION—At our first quarterly conference we laid the corner-stone of our new church house at Pottsville, and not the corner-stone of a new parsonage at Atkins, as the METHODIST stated last week.

Our new church at Pottsville is to be a \$500 frame and we hope to occupy it by the first of April.

We need a new parsonage at Atkins, and hope to build there during the Spring.

O. H. TUCKER.

Atkins, Dec. 18.

BLACK ROCK AND IMBODEN—I am now beginning my third year's work on this charge. We have just closed a very successful meeting at Imboden. Brother W. H. Evans was with me, and proved to be a most earnest and faithful preacher. When the meeting commenced our membership at Imboden numbered seventeen. Finances were greatly behind. The Hendrix Academy was in jeopardy. I was able to go to conference with everything paid in full and with the report that satisfactory arrangements had been made for the completion of the academy, and at the close of the meeting we had added sixty-six members to the church, and baptized nineteen children. There are several other converts who will join other churches at the first opportunity. The stewards have voluntarily increased the assessment for the support of the ministry from \$600 to \$750, and we are confidently expecting a good year's work. I am praying and working and expecting God to bless us.

W. M. WILSON.

NEW EDINBURG CIRCUIT—At the last session of the Little Rock Conference Bishop Galloway read us out to New Edinburg circuit. After returning home and making a few visits to friends, we then loaded up and set out for our new field of labor, and after nearly two days' travel we reached our destination. On our arrival several of the good brethren met us and offered to assist in arranging our household goods, for which were very thankful. On the following night after our arrival, while we were sitting quietly by our fire, we heard the sound of footsteps coming in the porch. On opening the door,

to our surprise, we met quite a crowd of ladies, old and young, little and big, with Dr. Tatum in the lead and all bearing bundles, buckets and sacks and packages of various sizes, and into the dining room they went and deposited the same on the dining table, after which all were seated and engaged in pleasant conversation for a short time, then a lesson was read from God's word and prayer offered by the writer invoking the blessings of God upon the good people who have received us so kindly and in a helpful way. We will not attempt to enumerate the many things they brought us, but suffice to say that they consisted of just such things as a family needs, especially a Methodist preacher who, as a rule, has but little money left after all expenses are met. May the Lord bless the good people of Edinburg circuit, and may we be a blessing to them and they to us.

J. J. MENEFFEE.

Dec. 19.

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December—Black Rock and Imboden, 9, 10; Mammoth Springs and Hardy, 17, 18; Powhatan and Portia, 21; Walnut Hill mission, 23, 24; Smithville circuit, 30, 31.

January—Siloam circuit, 6, 7; Pochontas circuit, 7, 8; Warm Springs mission, 13, 14; Walnut Ridge circuit, 18; Alicia circuit, 19; Tuckerman circuit, 20, 21; Knoble mission, 27, 28.

February—Reyno circuit, 3, 4; Corn-ing station, 5; Paragould station, 9; Paragould circuit, 10, 11; Gaineville circuit, 13; Boydsville circuit, 17, 18; St. Francis mission, 24, 25; Piggott and Rector, 26.

District stewards will meet at Walnut Ridge, January 18, at 2:30 p. m. The pastors will please urge their district stewards to attend this meeting.

SEARCY DISTRICT, first round, M. M. Smith, P. E.

December—Searcy station, 10; Bald Knob, 16, 17; Stony Point circuit, 23, 24; Argenta station, 30, 31.

January—West Searcy circuit, 6, 7; Augusta station, 13, 14; Oabot circuit, 20, 21; Mineral circuit, 27, 28.

February—Beebe station, 3, 4; Au-vergne and Weldon, 10, 11; Union and Revel, 17, 18; El Paso circuit, 24, 25.

March—West Point circuit, 3, 4; Mt. Pisgah, 10, 11.

No doubling up this round. Each appointment has a Sunday. Will every official be present? Pray for the prosperity of Zion and genuine work of grace.

District stewards will please meet at Beebe, January 2, at 2 p. m. I invite all the pastors of the district to meet me at the same time and place that we may have a season of prayer together and adopt some measures looking to a vigorous and early twentieth century campaign.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT, first round, J. R. Cason, P. E.

December—Monticello station, 9, 10; Arkansas City, 16-17; Mt. Pleasant at Anducas Chapel, 23-24; Palestine at Pottsville, 30, 31.

January—Warren station, 1; Tillar at Tillar, 6, 7; Jersey at Lonoke, 13, 14; Bono at Bono, 20, 21; Hamburg circuit at Antioch, 27, 28; Hamburg station, 29.

February—Carroll, 3, 4; Star City at Star City, 10-11; Portland and Lake Village, 17-18; Bartholomew at Wilmet, 24-25.

March—Grady and Dumas at Grady,

-4; Lacy at Prairie Chapel, 10-11.

The district stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Monticello, on 3rd 10 a. m. It is important that each work be represented.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT, first round, T. D. Scott, P. E.

December—Altheimer at Altheimer, 30, 31.

January—Sherrill at Sherrill, 6-7; Stuttgart, 13-14; Swan Lake at Alpha, 20-21; Redfield at Union, 27, 28.

February—Kingsland, 3, 4; Rison at Mt. Carmel, 10-11; Dawitt, 17-18; Roe at Hunter's Chapel, 24, 25.

March—Sheridan, 3-4; New Edinburg, 10, 11; Rowell at Center, 17, 18; Gillet at Hosteter, 24-25; Bayou Meto, 31, and April 1.

Pine Bluff churches announced.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT, J. K. Farris, P. E., first round.

December—Cushman circuit, 16, 17; Jacksonport mission, 23, 24; Newport station, 24-25; Jamestown circuit, 30, 31.

January—Batesville station, 6, 7; Sulphur Rock circuit, 8; Oil Trough circuit, 13, 14; Cedar Grove mission, 20-21; Mt. View circuit, 27-28.

February—Melbourne circuit, 3-4; Ioka mission, 7; Newburgh circuit, 10-11; Evening Shade circuit, 17-18; Ash Flat circuit, 18, 19; Salem circuit, 24, 25; Camp mission, 25, 26.

The district stewards will please meet me in the Methodist Church at Batesville, January 4, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m.

JONESBORO DISTRICT, first round, S. H. Babcock, P. E.

December—Jonesboro at Jonesboro, 22; Harrisburg at Harrisburg, 23, 24; Cherry Valley at Cherry Valley, 30, 31.

January—North Jonesboro at North Jonesboro, 2; Golden Lake at Louise Chapel, 4, 5; Marion at Marion, 6, 7; Crawfordville at Crawfordville, 7, 8; Lorado at Warren's Chapel, 10, 11; Trinity at Union Grove, 13, 14; Shiloh at New Haven, 14, 15; Lake City at Pleasant Grove, 16, 17; Mitchell's Point at New Liberty, 20, 21; Blythesville at Blythesville, 24, 25; Big Lake at Big Lake, 27, 28; Marked Tree at Marked Tree, 30, 31.

February—Cotton Belt Mission at Gilkinson's, 3, 4.

HELENA DISTRICT, first round, R. O. Morehead, P. E.

December—Loconia station, 31, January 1.

January—Holly Grove and Morrell, 3, 4; Helena station, 7, 8; LaGrange circuit, 10, 11; Marianna station, 14, 15; Haynes circuit, 17, 18; Forest City station, 21, 22; Taylor's circuit, 24, 25; Wynne station, 28, 29; Vandate station, 31, February 1.

February—McGrory circuit, 4, 5; Cotton Plant and Howell, 7, 8; Brinkley station, 11, 12; Wheatley circuit, 14, 15; Clarendon station, 18, 19; Cypress Ridge circuit, 21, 22; Oak Forest circuit, 25, 26.

District steward's meeting at Brinkley, Feb. 16, at 7 p. m.

Warning Order.

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Woman's Mission Society.

Report of Conf. Cor. Sec. of Little Rock Conference, for quarter ending Dec. 1, 1899.
 Total number of adult auxiliaries, 33; total number of young people and juvenile auxiliaries, 13; total number of members in the conference, 650; number of meetings held during quarter, 140; average attendance during quarter, 232; names of life members made during quarter, Rev. James Thomas by Winfield Mem. Auxiliary; total number of life members, 8; total number on Baby Roll, 41; number of members on Baby Roll added during quarter, 11; number of subscribers to "Our Homes," 245; number taking Home Mission Reading Course, 100; number of adult mite boxes in use, 57; number of baby mite boxes in use, 55; number pledged to proportionate and systematic giving for local work, 200; number of papers and leaflets distributed, 1,000; number of annual reports distributed, 75; number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 15; number of visits made to sick and strangers, 1,542; number of visits made to corrective or benevolent institutions, 18; number of cottage prayer meetings or Bible readings held, 37; number of garments in good order distributed, 560; number of needy relieved, 218.

Reports for this quarter were received from the adult auxiliaries of the First Church, Winfield, Asbury and Hunter Memorial of Little Rock, Swan Lake, Altheimer, De Witt, Monticello, Hamburg, Camden, Fordyce, Lockesburgh, De Queen, Central, Malvern Hill,

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The following are extracts from letters received by Dr. B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga., from persons who have taken his Home Treatment for the Whiskey and Opium Habits, and have given permission to use them and their names for the benefit of fellow-sufferers.

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Several auxiliaries made their pastors patrons to the educational endowment fund, and nearly all brought free will offerings to the treasury of the Lord. Since our last report adult auxiliaries have been organized at Wilmar, Nashville and Bethlehem and one re-organized at Holly Springs, and the juveniles of Sherrill start out with love and energy.

May these auxiliaries prove a great inspiration for us all. We are now in our last quarter and our year's work will close March 1. Shall we not strive to make up for opportunities lost this year?

I have received no report from several auxiliaries recorded in our books. I trust I may yet hear of good work from them before March. Let every auxiliary prepare to observe our Rally Day in February, and may great blessings come to each. Sincerely,

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DUPREE:—Julia Frances Dupree was born in Coffee county, Alabama, Feb. 1870, and died in Lonoke county Arkansas, October 12, 1899. For twelve years Sister Dupree lived a consistent Christian life, a member of the M. E. Church, South of Tomberlin, Arkansas. During a lingering sickness of two months she bore here sufferings with a cheerful fortitude and patient resignation and died in the full assurance of Christian faith, and was buried at Indian Springs Cemetery. "Christian living brings peaceful death." S. L. T.

TOLAND:—John Paul Toland, born Lamar, Ark., December 26, 1898; died at Cypert, Ark., June 23, 1899. Our church still cherishes sweet memories of this precious darling. Although his life with us was short, his work was complete. By his affectionate smiles, won the love of all who knew him. His uncomplaining disposition in his suffering and deepening affliction, he manifested the spirit of Christ. Although mourn over our loss, yet we know gain. Rev. N. W. Womack conducted the funeral service, and we bade farewell till the Savior bids us meet where partings do not come.

ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

WALKER:—Nancy E. Williams was born November 14, 1863, in Cross county, Ark.; was married to O. D. Walker, December 24, 1884; died in the neighborhood where she was born, and lived all her life, November 1899. Sister Walker professed religion in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a member the same till death released her from earthly ties. She leaves a husband, three children, with many relatives and friends to miss her in the bonds and relations of life. May God bless all who are weary and heavy laden.

A. H. WOODARD.

Vandale, Ark.

ARBUCKLE:—Malinda Owens was born October 12, 1839, in Cobb county, Georgia, was married to James P. Arbuckle September 13, 1860; moved to Arkansas with her husband in 1892; died Vandale, Ark., November 15, 1899. Sister Arbuckle was the mother of nine children, three of whom, with her father, had gone before her to the grave. For three years she was a great comfort and has said to me on several occasions: "I am ready and willing to go to meet the last summons." God bless her children and help them to be faithful to meet the last summons.

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SHOP:—Martha Elizabeth Bishop born in Carroll county, Ark., May 1874; moved with her parents to Lonoke county, Ark., where she died October 30, 1899. "Mattie" professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early womanhood. From her childhood she lived a Christian life. She was a truly amiable girl. "To know her was to love her." She was a true friend to all, and no one ever called on her in vain for any favor. She was a favorite among her schoolmates, and seemed to feel that no one could ever replace her place. Mattie was the first of children to be called home. Sad, indeed, was the blow to her parents, brothers and sisters, who feel that there is irreparable loss. Weep not, dear ones, for she has only gone to await your coming to that land of flowers. She had fulfilled her mission and God called her to reward. Then do not mourn her loss, but your hopes on that day when we shall be re-united in the never-ending beyond.

A FRIEND.

ROBERTS:—Eulah J. Roberts was born November 4, 1883; was converted and joined the church under the pastorate of Rev. W. O. Hilliard in 1890, and was translated to the church triumphant, November 7, 1899. Eulah was a long and patient sufferer; a truly consecrated Christian, and a loving character in every expression. She was often heard to remark that she was not afraid to die, and for six hours before the summons came, she never suffered a single pain, death had lost its sting, and when the summons did come, her soul just swept through the gates into glory and unto God. Eulah is gone from us here, but we know where to find her. May God bless the sorrowing kindred and friends and help us all to live right and get home to heaven.

S. W. RAINEY

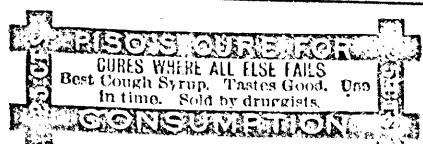
HALL:—Zethro, son of Theophilus and H. A. Hall, born in Ouachita county, Arkansas, October 2, 1872, died Oct. 26, 1899. His remains were laid to rest in the Stephens Cemetery—funeral service by Bro. Yarbrough. Though his sufferings were intense he never murmured or complained. Just a short time before dear Zethro plumed his wings for heaven, his father asked him if he realized that he must die. Answer: "Yes, I know that my days are numbered. Don't let that trouble you, Papa, I am willing to go; have no fears, am almost ready. You bring my white robe and put it on me, and I'll be ready to go," and not long afterwards turned over on his side and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. He leaves father, mother and brothers and sisters and a large circle of relatives to mourn his absence. Ever a true loving son and brother, so kind, devoted and considerate to his loved ones. Zethro, we miss you. Your home is lonely without you; your chair is vacant. 'Tis hard to give our dear boy up. But our Heavenly Father knew best. Our loss is his gain. He left the sweet assurance with his loved ones that he would be at rest. AUNTIE.

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