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News and Notes.

THE STATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION (Inter-Denominational) will be held at Little Rock, Feb. 28th and March 1st and 2nd. Prof. Hamill will have charge of the convention, which insures success.

THE BUBONIC-PLAGUE SPREADS AT Honolulu. Thirty-four hundred Japanese are quarantined there. Ten blocks of the city have been burned to arrest the terrible contagion. The plague is also in Manila.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE Chinese emperor, Kwang Su, has abdicated, and appointed Pu Chan, the nine-year-old son of Prince Tuana, his successor. The Dowager Empress has been the real ruler of China during the reign of Kwang Su, and this action she has doubtless enforced. She will be enabled all the better to carry out her plans during the nominal reign of the child emperor.

THE EDITOR OF THIS PAPER SPENT last Sunday in the little town of England, Rev. W. W. Nelson's charge. For sometime this trading point has grown in importance. It is backed by a fine farming country and its leading citizens are manifesting considerable enterprise. Bro. Nelson has this place and Tomberlin. He is confident of being able to accomplish good. The people partake of the same spirit. I found them making some repairs on the church. The good people are ready for a forward movement. There are a number of them who ought to be men of pub-

lic spirit in church affairs and take an interest in the church beyond their own locality. They need to give more attention to religious reading in their homes. Comparatively few of them take any religious paper. We feel sure that the year will mark progress at England.

IN JUNE NEXT THE STATE OF Oregon will vote upon the question of equal suffrage. While under territorial government Washington granted equal suffrage to men and women, but, having tried the experiment, she rejected woman suffrage in her constitution as a State, and last year, rejected a proposal to re-establish it, by a large vote. It is thought that the cause will not find much support in Oregon.

INVESTIGATION BY THE SUPREME court of the State has left no doubt that Senator Clark, of Montana, obtained his election by bribery. Two State senators testified that they each received \$10,000 to vote for Mr. Clark. One, to expose the bribery, became a sub-agent, to buy votes and received of Mr. Welcome, Mr. Clark's agent, \$10,000 more which was paid to a third senator. The thirty thousand dollars was handed over to the legislative investigation committee. The senate should preserve its honor and safeguard the integrity of its members, by refusing Mr. Clark a seat in the body.

THE THIRD ECUMENICAL Conference on Foreign Missions for the Protestant denominations of the world will be held in the City of New York, April next. It will be a great meeting of probably three thousand delegates. Besides the highest ecclesiastical dignitaries of the American churches, such laymen as ex-President Cleveland, ex-President Harrison, Admiral Dewey, Rear-Admiral Philip, Capt. Mahon, Justice Brewer and Mr. John Foster are expected to attend.

From England are expected the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earls of Aberdeen and Harrowby, Lords Kinnaird and

Overtoun, Principal Fairbairn, Prof. Moule, Drs. Guinness and Gibson. India will send Bishop Thoburn, Dr. Chamberlain and Messrs. Wolf and Abbott; China, President Sheffield, and Drs. Ashmore, Taylor and Lowry; Japan, Dr. Gurdon, Soper and Deering, and Turkey, Drs. Barnum and Dwight.

THE BRITISH HAVE MET FURTHER reverses in the South African war. The division of Buller's army which succeeded in crossing the Tugola river found every hill as they advanced a fortress of rifle-pits and blazing cannon, and after slow advance and desperate fighting for several days they were beaten back and forced to re-cross the river. The British loss has been heavy. It seems that Ladysmith must be left to her fate. Buller's army is not sufficient to bring her relief. With the troops due to arrive in February Gen. Lord Roberts will have an army of 170,000. This is five times the force which the British Government first estimated as sufficient to conquer the Transvaal.

Public Sentiment.

Our Washington correspondent sends us the following note regarding public sentiment in the Roberts case:

"The success of the fight waged by the good people of this country to shut Brigham H. Roberts, the polygamist, out of Congress, contains a valuable lesson that should not be forgotten by those who are striving to bring about any sort of moral reform. It shows the strength of public sentiment when once aroused and united in any cause. Had it been possible to have taken a vote of the members elected to the House at any time within six months of the election, before public sentiment had either been fully aroused or crystalized, as it were, there is very little doubt that Roberts would have been seated; not because a majority of the members had the slightest sympathy with polygamy, but because they were indifferent. As late as three weeks before the assembling of Congress, one of the oldest, as well as the most promi-

nent members, publicly said that Roberts would be seated; that he would vote to seat him, because he thought that the moral status of a Representative was something that concerned only his constituents, or words to that effect. But he did not vote to seat Roberts. In those three weeks he learned by the great stacks of petitions sent to Washington by the press and by word of mouth from earnest men and women that public sentiment throughout the country was overwhelmingly opposed to allowing a polygamist to be a member of Congress. This is not the first time by many that public sentiment has acted school-master for national, State and municipal legislators, and it should teach us that to win we have only to crystallize public sentiment in favor of any moral reform which can be brought about by legislation, and many can be, although every intelligent person knows that men and women cannot be made good by law alone. But he who denies that wholesome laws are factors in making many men and women better, by removing temptations from them, as well as through their fear of punishment, has made poor use of his powers of observation."

We are sure that the above suggestion in regard to the power of public sentiment and the crystalizing of it upon important issues is correct. And yet, is it not discreditable to those whom we elect to make our laws, that this thing should be true? It puts our lawmakers before the public as a set of puppets, ready to dance to any tune the fiddlers may play. Put it in more dignified terms, and say these legislators represent a Christian nation, and that they cannot afford to disregard the moral sentiment of the nation. Is it not still to their discredit to say, that though really knowing the moral principles upon which they must stand for the welfare of the nation, and on which they ought to be ready to stand, even at the forfeiture of public favor, that they may be prompted in duty by the fear of losing votes? We rejoice that the petition in the Roberts case was so successful, but we can take no pride in the character of our national legislature which makes such petitions necessary.

Educational Notes.

Twentieth Century Notes.

The General Board of Education has issued its fifth annual report. The feature which distinguishes this from former reports is the classification of our institutions according to the requirement of the new law of 1898. At the May meeting the report of the educational commission was presented to the Board. It will be remembered that this educational commission was created by the late General Conference. Its duties are to prescribe the minimum entrance requirements and minimum requirements for the baccalaureate degrees in our colleges. On the basis of this report the Board of Education is to classify our institutions as university, college, or academy. The Board did not have the necessary data to classify the schools at the May meeting. Blanks were sent out to our institutions calling for information. At an adjourned meeting last summer, the Board compared each institution with the standard and classified. In addition to requirements for admission and graduation, the Board adopted as conditions of classification as a college some recommendations of the commission, such as that an institution should have seven regular professors, a permanent income of \$3,000 in addition to tuition, and that to be classified as a university an institution should have an endowment of at least \$1,000,000. The requirement of \$3,000 income in addition to tuition was not enforced.

Last year's report showed forty-three institutions classified as colleges belonging to our church. The Board was unable to classify as colleges but nine institutions, in spite of the low standards and the fact that the benefit of the doubt was always given to the institution. The colleges are as follows: Central, Enory, Millsaps, Randolph-Macon, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Southwestern University, Trinity, Wesleyan Female, and Hendrix. Of course, Vanderbilt is classified as a university. Eight other institutions were not classified because they had not conformed their courses to the new requirements. Some of the institutions classified as colleges did not meet fully the recommendations of the educational commission as to teaching force and income. Forty-four institutions are listed as secondary schools or academies. In the last list are most of our female colleges and several co-educational colleges. The material condition of our colleges is practically the same as last year. The new movement had made but little change in the figures when the report was prepared. The forty-six colleges of last year had \$2,210,895 endowment, \$570,662 income, and 134,751 volumes in their libraries, while the nine institutions classified as colleges this year, together with Vanderbilt University, have \$2,284,500 endowment, \$267,231 income, and 81,800 volumes in their libraries. This

shows that these ten institutions possess the major part of the material equipments of our institutions. In fact, the endowment of these ten institutions this year is more than the endowment of the forty-six institutions last year. They have nearly one-half the income, and almost two-thirds of the books. In spite of this, they are struggling with poverty. These ten institutions are not prepared to do the work demanded of them. Our central university is only a large college, doing almost exclusively collegiate work, except the professional work done in law and medicine. The university is simply not equipped to do university work. If this is true of these ten institutions, what of the other thirty-three? The General Board says: "Some of our honored and excellent institutions, which do not quite conform to the standard, are in a position to profit by the twentieth century movement, and will, no doubt, in another year find themselves fully prepared to meet the requirements. Others are doing good work, and are yet so far behind the standard that they can not hope to meet all the requirements in any reasonable time. They should cease conferring degrees, recast their work, and make themselves thoroughly secondary schools."

This report gives additional emphasis to the fundamental weakness of educational institutions of our church—poverty and numbers. The effort of the church to sustain forty-three colleges and to endorse and patronize some fifteen more, so scatters her energies that weak-



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ness and inefficiency necessarily follow. The effort of the General Board to classify and systematize should receive a hearty welcome by the rank and file of the membership. Reduce the number of institutions classified as colleges, increase the number of secondary schools or academies, and strengthen all, should be our policy. It is to be hoped that the next report of the Board will present a much better showing as to endowment. The Board is making an effort in the right direction and should be upheld. It seeks to raise the standard of church schools to at least the place of respectability. As to whether it succeeds will depend upon the way its classification is treated by institutions and educational boards of annual conferences. Arkansas Methodism may feel proud that Hendrix is classified as a college, but we should remember that Hendrix came in with the statement that it did not meet all conditions as to income and teaching force. It met the requirements with respect to course of study.

The Nation's Curse.

Don't Charge the Wrong Man.

Messrs. Godbey & Thornburgh, I would be glad if you will state in your next issue, that the firm of Nunneley & Co., that appeared in your paper some time ago as having taken out license to sell whiskey, does not do business in Dardanelle. He is out about four miles west of town. I ask this of you because I am the only man by that name doing business in Dardanelle, and someone might think it was me, though the name of my firm is W. B. Nunneley—without any company. His name is Joe, and he has always taken out his license in that name heretofore. I suppose he thought this a trick to make the change. He is no kin to me and spells his name a little different; has only two N's where I have three N's. Please make this statement and oblige, your friend,

W. B. NUNNELEY.

Jan. 11.

Crime in the District of Columbia.

If proof were required that the saloon is an increaser of crime, it is amply furnished by the annual report of the superintendent of the Washington police, giving the number of arrests made in the District of Columbia for one year. Commenting on that report, the press committee of the Anti-Saloon League says, in a report in connection with the intended canvass for signers asking congress to prohibit the liquor traffic in Washington: "From these figures it will be seen that, while the whole number of arrests in the district, with a bar-room for each 441 of its population, was equal to one arrest for every 11 of its population, the number of arrests made in the first precinct, with a bar-room for every 113 of its population, was equal to 1 for every 3 of its popu-

lation, and in the ninth precinct, with a bar-room for every 1,048 of its population, the number of arrests was only 1 for every 18 of its population."

A saloon-keeper in Missouri has been heavily fined for selling liquor to a minor. Up in South Dakota a widow sued a liquor dealer for damages on account of the death of her husband who was killed while intoxicated. She obtained a verdict of \$15,000. These are some indications that the whiskey business is not everywhere regarded as a "respectable, moral trade," but is coming to be regarded in its true light, that of an outlaw.—Pittsburgh Advocate.

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Married.

NEW-GRAY.—Mr. Rufus A. New and Miss Elen Gray, January 7, 1900, at the Perry Place, Enders, Ark., Rev. D. C. Ross officiating.

CLARK SKINNER.—Near Cato, Arkansas, on January 18, 1900, Mr. Joseph R. Clark to Miss Sarah E. Skinner, Rev. George Wilkinson officiating.

WOMACK-HOLLAND.—Jan. 14, 1900, at Forest Home, by Rev. P. B. Hopkins, Mr. Walter Womack to Miss Donie Holland, both of Osage Prairie, Ark.

WOLF-BRYANT.—Dec. 14, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. H. D. McKinnon, Mr. H. W. Wolf and Miss Jessie Bryant, both of Bingen, Ark.

COVINGTON-HALE.—Dec. 17, 1899, at the residence of Dr. Hale, by Rev. H. D. McKinnon, Mr. W. J. Covington and Miss Minnie Hale, both of Nashville, Ark.

WALKER-JAMISON.—January 2, 1900, at the residence of W. W. Hicks, Dover, Ark., Mr. J. B. Walker to Mrs. Nealey Jamison, Rev. Mark Limbird officiating.

COBB-WALKER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 3, 1899, by Rev. L. M. Powell, Miss Jessie Cobb to Mr. Arthur Walker, both of Ashley county, Ark.

BLAIR-ALDEN.—January 3, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Alden, of Osage Mills, Ark., by Rev. P. B. Hopkins, Mr. John Blair, of Chicago, Ill., to Miss Minnie Alden.

HOSTETTER-GRAY.—At the parsonage in Bearden, Ark., December 31, 1899, Mr. C. H. Hostetter of Warren, Ark., to Miss Fannie Gray, of Malvern, Ark., Rev. Jno. H. Cummins officiating.

SLOAN-FULTZ.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charlotte Fultz, Oct. 22, 1899, Mr. T. A. Sloan to Miss S. E. Fultz, both of Bearden, Ark., Rev. John H. Cummins officiating.

MORGAN-SHACKELFORD.—At the home of the bride, near De Witt, Arkansas, January 17, 1900, Mr. C. L. Morgan, of Gillett, Ark., to Miss Myrtle Shackelford, Rev. W. W. Christie officiating.

YARBROUGH-BICKERS.—January 10, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jack Bickers, by Rev. J. K. Pope, Mr. William E. Yarbrough to Miss Annie Bickers—both of Lee county, Ark.

FAWCETT-MURPHY.—Married, at the Methodist parsonage, New Lewisville, Ark., by Rev. W. R. Harrison, Mr. Wade Fawcett, of Stamps, Ark., and Miss Mamie Murphy, of Arkadelphia, Ark.

NELSON-NELSON.—December 24, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. H. D. McKinnon, Rev. R. J. Nelson, preacher in charge of De Ann circuit, and Miss Ebbie Nelson, of Bingen.

READ-DONNELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Janua-

ry 1, 1900, Mr. Wm. A. Read, of Greenville, Mo., to Miss Dottie Pearl Donnell, of Bearden, Ark., Rev. Joan H. Cummins officiating.

THROWER-JORDAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Evan Jordan, Jan 3, 1900, Mr. Ned Thrower of Millville, Ark., to Miss Bertie Jordan, of Bearden, Ark., Rev. John Cummins officiating.

HOLMES-HAMITER.—December 3, 1899, in the Methodist church at Walnut Hills, Ark., by Rev. W. R. Harrison, Mr. George A. Holmes, of Stamps, Ark., to Miss Fay Hamiter, of Walnut Hills, Ark.

CARLSON-HOLLAND.—January 9, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. T. J. Holland, of Bentonville, Ark., by Rev. P. B. Hopkins, Mr. Otto W. Carlson, of Glasgow, Montana, to Miss Sallie Holland.

NELSON-FRAZIER.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Carrie Frazier, Dec. 20, 1899, Mr. B. M. Nelson of Stamps, Ark., to Miss Eunice J. Frazier, of Harlow, Arkansas, Rev. Jno. H. Cummins officiating.

MULKEY-KIRTLEY.—At the home of the groom's father, Mr. N. W. Mulkey, New Lewisville, Ark., Mr. Clarendon Mulkey to Miss Marie Kirtley, Rev. W. R. Harrison officiating. All of New Lewisville, Ark.

ALBRIGHT-BELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Bell, at Bethesda, Ark., Dec. 24, 1899, Mr. J. G. Albright and Miss Ida A. Bell, all of Independence county, Ark., Rev. S. W. Register officiating.

CRUMLEY-GRIFFIN.—At the residence of the bride's father Mr. G. H. Griffin, on January 12, 1900, Mr. John Crumley and Miss Amanda Griffin, all of Independence county, Ark., Rev. S. W. Register officiating.

CROCKER-PRINCE.—On the evening of October 31, 1899, at the home of the bride's parents,—Bay Brook place—Lewisville, Ark, by Rev. W. R. Harrison, Mr. George Crocker to Miss Lillie Prince. They left immediately for Pine Bluff, where they are at home to their friends.

LEE-BACON.—Married, at the home of the groom's father, near Lewisville, Ark., October 18, 1899, Dr. Gus Lee, of Garland, Ark., and Miss Mattie Bacon of New Lewisville, Ark., Rev. W. R. Harrison officiating.


Missionary Study Class for February and March.

Arrangements have been made for the leagues to study "Our Island Empire," the book on missions in the Epworth League Reading Course, during the months of February and March. Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, will furnish weekly during these two months an outline series of studies on this book for publication in the Epworth Era. Let every league in the bounds of the church meet at once and arrange to organize a class to pursue this series of mission studies. Dr. Brown for some years has had charge of the mission study class at Wesley Hall. He was also a missionary to China for some years until the church recalled him to take the position he now occupies as professor of the theological department of the university. He is every way qualified to give the leagues the very best on this subject.

Remember, the studies will appear weekly in the Epworth Era, beginning with February and continuing through the month of March. First vice-presidents and missionary committees will take due notice.

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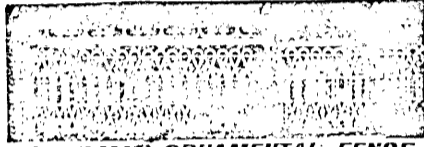
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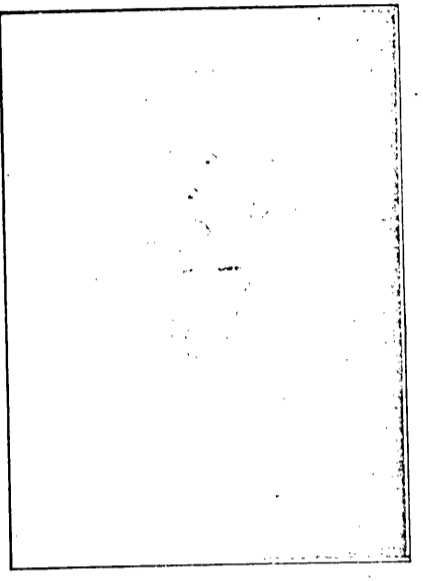
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Missouri Methodist Education.

A. H. GODBEY.

The State Teacher's Association met during Xmas week at Jefferson City. In the principal sessions no discussions were provoked, the papers read containing trite and pleasant commonplaces. Socially the meeting was a success, the attendance being exceptionally large, and a free excursion to the State University at Columbia followed the adjournment.

In the department sessions there were some discussions of a minor character—I could not hear them all. The Missouri College Union discussed football abuses, that have appeared exceptionally numerous in some quarters this season. There is ever the tendency to professionalism, and the clubs of large schools try to buy up strong players from smaller schools to get them on their team. Central College has lost this way, the football teams elsewhere offering to pay the expenses of boys if they would leave Central for the other school. There seemed in the union a practical unity of sentiment, but little willingness to adopt any uniform rule of procedure in dealing with the evil. It is believed by some that the authorities of a few schools really wink at such methods of securing strong football teams, as their victories seem to attract boys. The belief may not be well-founded; but it demonstrates the necessity of all schools putting themselves above suspicion.

The subject of curriculum was the topic before the college and high school section. Of the ambitious scope of the paper read by the high school representative, some one tersely remarked: "There seems nothing left for the college to teach but football." Seriously, there is a high school "furore" in the State, and every village is anxious to parade itself as having a "high school" or "academy." Such transformations as the writer has personal knowledge of have been achieved at the expense of the primary departments, with no really satisfactory gain at the upper end of the line. The need of most of our public high schools at present is not extension, but thoroughness.

I met some of our brother Methodist educators at Jefferson City. Our schools are in a somewhat more favorable condition than I had supposed. The fall attendance at Woodson was not expected to be over seventy-five; but it was near 125, I am told. Central, second term, opened three days since; too early to say how many new students we shall have; several already here.

Our Missouri College Union has the power to materially advance educational interests, but we do not know how far it is willing to do so. The union is at present composed of seven colleges: The State University, Washington University, St. Louis; William Jewell, Baptist, Liberty; Drury College, Congregational, Spring-

field; Westminster, Presbyterian, Fulton; Central, Methodist, Fayette; Missouri Valley, Cumberland, Marshall.

In the matter of correlation, we are at work, but have much yet to do. Our Arkansas brethren, in this particular direction, are in advance of us. We hope ere long to give a better account of ourselves. Representatives of our Conference Board of Education visited the Missouri Conference Board last fall, and they in turn sent representatives to visit us. Our "hobnobbing" was peculiarly fraternal. We are striving to bring about unity of action, policy, and to secure a definite co-operation. Hitherto our conferences have acted independently, and sometimes have hardly known the real status of the schools in their borders. The Missouri Conference is in the lead with three correlated schools; in the Southwest Missouri Conference there is none as yet.

Since Bro. Briggs and myself have pestered the Arkansas public with some remarks about Howard-Payne College, it seems wise that I state the action of our own conference. It may clarify matters a little. All our conferences have an interest in Central College; Howard-Payne belongs to the Missouri Conference. We said, in our action at the session of the Southwest Missouri Conference: "Inasmuch as the resolutions of the Missouri Conference continue Howard-Payne as the property of that conference alone, therefore,

Resolved, That we most heartily approve the action of the Missouri Conference, and congratulate her upon the speedy and happy consummation of this magnificent work.

2nd. That questions relating to the legality and morality of the correlation are concerning that conference alone, and we deem it competent to settle all such questions." So any criticism of the Missouri Conference on my part would be officious.

Since I last wrote, word has reached me that the curators of the State University will announce the abolition of tuition in all departments, save that of law. Of course, this further cut is to the disadvantage of other institutions, who cannot do likewise, but its chief disadvantage is to the students themselves. It must inevitably impair their sense of independence. I observe that those who receive most help in a college career generally come forth with more or less of the idea that the world owes them a living. Helping preachers has often been carried too far. A thoughtful educator of wide observation has said that "the motto for young saints should be the same as for young sinners: Root, hog, or die." I have heard two heads of preachers' aid societies say that of all the young men they helped through school not one would they help, were it to do over again. And further, prominent educators declare that our ablest men have hitherto come from the small colleges and not

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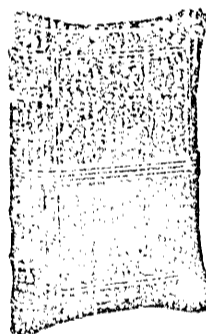
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NOTICE.

All persons who have any interest in the lands hereafter described, which I have purchased for the non-payment of taxes, are notified to show cause, if any they have, and can show, at the next term of the Pulaski Chancery Court, which meets in Little Rock on the first Monday in April, 1900, why my title should not be confirmed on account of any informality, irregularity or illegality connected with the sales to me.

The lands, the authority under which I hold, and the amount I paid are as follows:

1. Lot 1, Block 4, N. W. quarter Lot 4 Block 7; N. W. quarter Lot 1, Block 15, all in Watkins's Addition to the city of Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas, which I purchased from the State Land Commissioner February 15, 1887, the same having been sold for the taxes of 1882, and for which I paid \$7.15.
2. Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 15, Watkins's Addition to the city of Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas. Lot 2 sold to State for taxes of 1881 and lots 3 and 4 for taxes of 1880, which I purchased from the State Land Commissioner on June 26, 1883, for tax amounting to \$35.64.
3. S. half Lot 1, Block 15, for taxes of 1888 and 1889, and S. half S. E. quarter Lot 1, Block 15, for taxes of 1887, both pieces in Watkins's Addition to the city of Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas, which I purchased from the collector of Pulaski county for taxes amounting to \$2.79, June 9, 1890, and got deed from the county clerk October 19, 1890.
4. N. half N. E. quarter Lot 1, Block 15, Watkins's Addition to the city of Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas, sold by collector of Pulaski county for taxes of 1890 to A. Curran for 96 cents, June 9, 1891. A. Curran assigned his certificate to me and I got deed from county clerk October 19, 1890.

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Literary Table.

The Laureate's War Poem.

The following poem, which appeared a short time ago in "The Independent," is from the pen of the poet laureate of England, and is inspired by the present conflict between the British and the Boers in South Africa:

Spartan Mothers.

"One more embrace! then, o'er the main,
And nobly play the soldier's part."
Thus speaks, amid the martial strain,
The Spartan mother's aching heart.
She hides her woe,
She bids him go,
And tread the path his fathers trod.
"Who fights for England, fights for God."

Helpless to help, she waits, she weeps,
And listens for the far-off fray.
He scours the gorge, he scales the steep,
Scatters the foe—away! away!
Feigned is their flight.
Smite! again! smite!
How fleet their steeds! how nimbly shod!
She kneels, she prays: "Protect Him, God!"

The sister's sigh, the maiden's tear,
The wife's, the widow's stifled wail,
These nerve the hand, these brace the spear,
And speed them over veldt and vale.

What is to him
Or life or limb
Who rends the chain and breaks the rod?
Who falls for freedom, falls for God.

And should it be his happy fate
Hale to return to home and rest,
She will be standing at the gate,
To fold him to her trembling breast.
Or should he fall,
By ridge or wall,

And lie 'neath some green southern sod—
"Who dies for country, sleeps with God."

We place after the above, a poem of an intenser tone, and one which it stirs the blood to read. To understand it the reader must remember how the Boers moved North across the Vaal River to get away from England's clutches, and how England now holds the territory North, West and South of them, and Portugal that on the east. Trekking means in the Boer's language moving, as they are wont to go in their ex-wagons. But there is no more trekking for the Boers even if they desired it. The question of their freedom must now be settled forever. They thought it was God's voice that called them across the Vaal, but now they meet the foe again.

Trekking.

(Song of the Boer Woman.)

I.
Trekking! trekking! trekking! will never the
trekking be done?
Will never the rest, will never the home be won
and forever won?
Are we only as beasts of the jungle afoot for the
fleeing prey—
With a fair in the bush at midnight, on the veldt, a
trackless way?
Ever the word is "onward", ever our white train
goes
Deeper and deeper northward beyond the grasp of
our foes,
Deeper and deeper northward our fathers went
before,
But the door of the veldt is closed, is closed!
Where can we speak to more!

II.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! think you we love
not our home?
Think you my father prized not the farm of the
yellow loam?
And mother, I see her weeping beside my brother
fall.

Turning and gazing northward beyond the moun-
tain wall.
The cattle, they seem to be standing dumb in a
brute despair
With a longing at the pastures, they feel the
trekk in the air!
Even old Yok seems broken, he turns from the
tempting bone,
I see him there in the corner, manlike, brooding
alone!

III.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! through the Zulu-
land we go!
The midnight tiger stalking us, and ever the sav-
age foe,
Before, the savage foe to meet, the "red-coat" foe
behind,
What have we done to be blown about like a leaf
upon the wind?
Ah, over the Vaal we shall find our peace, over
the rushing Vaal,
The Lord has led us to rest at last, blindly we fol-
lowed His call;
The land He promised is ours to keep, is ours for-
ever to keep.
Piet, what noise is that in the fold, think you a
wolf at the sheep?

IV.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! we have trekked
till our tall strong men
Have sworn an oath by our father's God, we shall
never trekk again!
The doors of the northward veldt are closed, the
doors of our hearts are strong.
They shall open their lock to a brother's knock, but
not to the threat of wrong!
There is the gun your father bore when he climbed
Majuba's hill,
'Tis yours, Piet, to bear it now with your father's
faith and will,
For the land is ours, the land is ours, if ever a
land was won,
You go, at the dawn, you say, my son? Yes, Go at
the dawn, my son!

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he deemed a fair statement of it
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THE METHODIST REVIEW of the
M. E. Church, for January and
February, opens with a strong pa-
per from H. K. Carroll, LL. D.,
urging the expansion of our na-
tional domain as a duty, the op-
portunity of which providence has
opened. The article by Rev. M.
S. Kaufman on Sidney Lanier,
as the poet laureate of the South,
is a very just portraiture of the
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Bolton; The Idol of the Blind, by
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FEBRUARY 11, 1900.

Jesus and Nicodemus.

JOHN III. 1-18.

Golden Text: John iii. 16. (The Golden Text also of the whole Bible.)

Time: In the first year of the ministry of our Lord, and near the beginning of the same, say April 9-16, the passover time of that year.

Place: An upper room in Jerusalem.

After the event related in our last lesson, Jesus went up into Galilee, where he is supposed to have spent about two months, during which time he was at the wedding in Cana, and also made a brief trip to Capernaum. The passover of that year coming on he went to Jerusalem. Upon entering the temple, he cleaned it out, driving out the gang of thieves that did business there with their wares—an act by which, in our judgment, he meant to signify that he assumed openly the headship of the religion of the Jewish race and the world. If those there in authority had been what they ought to have been, they would have admitted this claim, but on the contrary, they rose up against him, and expelled him from the temple. This was the beginning of that breach between him and the authorities of the Jewish nation that ended in his death.

Being rejected by the hierarchy, he made his appeal in a quiet and informal way, for the time being, to the common people, going out on the streets of Jerusalem and there doing miracles. It was on the basis of these miracles chiefly that Nicodemus came to him. He was a member of the Sanhedrim, the highest court of the Jewish nation—most likely a scribe, certainly a teacher in Israel. He came by night, as common prudence would dictate he should, for it must be remembered that Jesus had not as yet fully authenticated his claim as the Messiah. But Nicodemus was sure that Jesus was a man with a divine mission. Most likely he represented also others on this errand, who, like himself, would know the truth about the purposes of this new prophet. The object of the visit was to learn more about him and his program, an honest search after truth and light. From such, Christ never yet turned away.

The visit itself was thus an interrogation point, and, as Nicodemus opened the interview with, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God," etc., Christ did not wait till he propounded a formal question, but spoke directly to the question which his visit implied. He waived all reply as it directly affected the subject of miracles, which Nicodemus has just raised, and went directly to the great central fact of his kingdom—Regeneration—and in a very few words outlined at once to Nicodemus his

whole program and method on the earth. It was not miracles, they were a mere side issue, a sort of scaffolding by which the kingdom was to be in part instituted; the great fact about that kingdom, the permanent fact, was that Christ was in the world to begin a new order of things in the realm of the spirit; was here to regenerate the natures of men that they might enter the kingdom of God. It was a marvelous announcement to a man who thought he was in the kingdom of God, had grown old in it. But Christ drew the line for him—a line which some teachers in Israel have not yet seen—between a mere relationship entered into by some outward form and a vital spiritual relationship to the kingdom of God. He did not tell him to trust to "the great natural law of development," for there were things in Nicodemus, as there are in all men, that Jesus proposes to eradicate, instead of developing. Neither did he bid him cultivate his life—it was a life that was to be destroyed that was in him, being replaced by a life from above. Born again, born from above, that is the keynote of the kingdom. How? By the power of the Spirit. What are the conditions? The answer is in verses 16-18, God's love on the one hand, man's faithful acceptance of the same, on the other hand—this is the whole gospel of reconciliation.

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December 19th, 1899.
CHAS. M. CONNOR, Clerk.
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WARNING ORDER.

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In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Paul Mihniewicz, plaintiff, vs. Agatha Mihniewicz, defendant.
The defendant, Agatha Mihniewicz, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Paul Mihniewicz.
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January 16, 1900.
John Barrow, Solicitor for plaintiff.

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State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pulaski.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
J. A. Allen, plaintiff, vs. The Unknown heirs of John Flaherty, deceased, defendants.
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January 16, 1900.
John Barrow, solicitor for plaintiff.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pulaski.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
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Paul's Missionary Aim.

ROM. XV 18-21.

The whole history of the church affords no higher example of enthusiasm than is seen in Paul. He was a man of great natural force. This fact entered into the grounds of his calling to preach to the gentiles. His eminent intellectual equipment, both of talents and learning, were further qualification. When the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost was added to these endowments, Paul was made a chosen vessel of God to bear the name of Jesus before the gentiles and kings of the earth.

Paul's mission was to the gentiles. That he states frequently and with great distinctness. Luke, who has related his history, does not give us much insight into Paul's daily preparation for his work. We see him in the work and are thrilled by his deeds of lofty heroism. But doubtless the subtleties of heathen philosophy, the customs and prejudices of the people, the most effectual way of presenting his message, and the constant study of the word of God occupied his quiet hours.

The man who went into solitude in Arabia for three years to prepare for his work was certainly an earnest student in the work.

Elsewhere he says, "I am made all things to all men, that I might, by all means, save some."

Paul needed not only to study the books of his time, but all the modes of life of the people among whom he labored. It is great folly for one, having a high commission, to come short in it through neglect.

Paul was a man of one work. He felt that he had to account to God for the charge given him. But he felt, also, that the charge was of the most exalted character. It enlisted him through love, not fear. He was a soldier who gloried to give his life to the cause espoused.

The student of Paul's career will discover that he had a very lofty ambition. He planted the gospel in the great centers of the Roman empire, in Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth, Thessalonica, and last of all, in Rome. His plans were far-reaching. Learned and influential men were among his converts.

The lesson which we study today shows that Paul was especially ambitious to plant the church in new fields. He did not wish to build on the foundations laid by other men.

There is no work so important as the laying of the foundations. If the foundation of the building be defective, the work of all the builders comes to nothing. Often, by laying a bad foundation for a church, by taking unworthy men into it, the chances for progress are all balked.

Paul expresses a thought in our lesson which is to this effect, viz., God had called the gentiles and the apostles' business was that they

might not be rejected now because of any unfaithfulness of his ministry. He would teach the gentiles how, rightly to approach God, how, rightly to offer themselves to God. They must be an offering presented, as it were, by his hands, and he needed to give heed that it be sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

There is a lesson here for all ministers. The refusal to come to God or a heedless and improper approach to him may be because of unfaithfulness in him who is guide and instructor in sacred things. The offering may be unacceptable because of his unfaithfulness whose duty it is to prepare and present it. Paul would be true to his mission of instruction, "that the offering up of the gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

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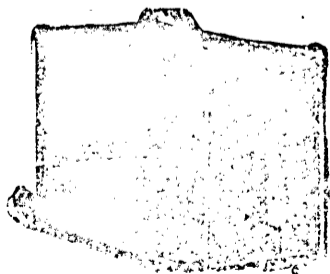
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ARKANSAS METHODIST

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 1900.

The Methodist itineracy undertakes to fulfill the command, "Go preach." Our bishops are charged with the duty of seeing that the first part of the command is fulfilled—the "Go"—but for the "preach," everyone who claims to be called to the ministry must answer for himself to God and the church. Riding on horseback over mountains, swimming rivers, sleeping in open cabins and eating corn-bread and collards may sound like eminent consecration, but many a man does it who fails in his preaching because he is too lazy to study. A proper sense of their obligations would drive these men to study, or, for conscience' sake, to give up the ministry.

Methodist Supply and Demand.

The Presbyterian Church in Arkansas is only one-sixteenth as large as the Methodist church and yet it reports sixteen churches vacant. There is not a Southern Methodist pastorate vacant in the State, and if changes were needed in the interim of conferences they would be made without loss of a Sabbath service. Military discipline is not more perfect in organization or prompt in action than the system by which our preachers are governed and assigned to duty, and the churches supplied with pastors. Methodist Churches do not wait for pastors. They do not break into factions in the effort to select their pastor. They are not forced, in order to get a change of pastors, to grieve good men by pushing them aside after they have rendered long and faithful service. They are not subject to the dominance of parties who may hold a preacher against the will of the majority. A Methodist preacher is not dependent upon a local congregation. The congregation he serves does not call him, and does not dismiss him. He is answerable for his administration to his conference which represents the church in its connectional capacity. It is, therefore, his duty and interest to sustain the doctrines and discipline of the church against all local influences and prejudices.

The connectional spirit which Methodism fosters and requires tends to higher spiritual life. It keeps before the laity as well as the ministry the common cause and the welfare of others. That which is best for the general cause Methodist loyalty accepts. The need of

the church in larger spheres takes from them loved pastors who would, themselves, desire to stay. The congregations surrender them under conditions which tend to good and not evil. They do not feel that their pastors forsook them, or were bought off by richer congregations. There are no suggestions in the order of the preacher's going to shake confidence in his sincerity or his fidelity to the common cause.

Methodism has a great system of adjusting supply and demand, and utilizing constantly, all its forces for forward movement. Other denominations look upon it with admiration. The most prosperous and successful of our churches are those which hold loyalty by our polity and are Methodists in the fullest sense. Not every one is always pleased with what is done, but in the long run it will be found that in co-operating fully with our connectional system the local church is made strong and prosperous and spiritual. Methodists can afford to be Methodists. Their churches will live and prosper while other churches stand vacant and their flocks stray without a shepherd.

Crying for Company.

The representatives of the most proscriptive sects are those who are loudest in their pleas for church unity. There is an explanation for this. The great majority of more liberal Christians are moving forward in mutual Christian recognition and good-fellowship, and leaving behind them the narrow and intolerant, so these exclusives who belong to the only true church, feel lonely and cry for company. A friend of this editor, in a private letter, characterizes certain pleas for Christian unity as a "trot-line set to catch Methodist suckers." Well, like Simon Peter, whom this fisherman would represent, we predict that he "will toil all night and catch nothing." We have always observed that when one has found a basis of unity on which he thinks the whole world can and ought to unite, that that basis turns out to be his own church creed. Well, we will enter our claim with the rest, and ask everybody to come to us, and our plea is—meaning no offense to our poorer neighbors—that we have the biggest house and are best prepared to entertain company.

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friends requesting them to renew. Now will not every reader save us this expense by renewing promptly without being specially requested. Watch your label. It shows the date to which you are paid.

Church Notes.

We have the first issue of the Montana Methodist, Rev. D. B. Price, editor. We welcome the new-comer and place the paper on our exchange list.

The conference of the M. E. Church for Arkansas was held last week at Fort Smith.

Progress.

The roll of honor which our twentieth century movement will hand down for permanent history in the church will not be the roll of subscribers, but of those who pay. That roll is now being made up. See cash reports in this paper from time to time.

January 1, the Arkansas Conference had subscribed for the twentieth century fund, \$15,580.

The subscriptions to our educational fund from our mission conferences aggregate \$28,905.

The subscription of the North Carolina Conference is at this date \$103,200.

R. M. Seruggs, of St. Louis has given to the twentieth century fund as follows: To church and school in Havana, \$2,000; Granberry College, Brazil, \$2,500; school at Heroshima, Japan, \$3,000.

Dr. Hammond reports, in New Century Education for January, subscriptions to the twentieth century fund of \$573,921.

Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, general manager of the twentieth century fund in Arkansas, will enter in a book and deposit in Hendrix and Galloway Colleges, every contribution to these schools and the names of the contributors.

The members of the faculty of Vanderbilt University have subscribed \$6,506, and her students, \$8,500 to the twentieth century fund.

Rev. V. A. Godbey, presiding elder of Palestine District, Tex., has been appointed secretary and manager of the twentieth century collection for the East Texas Conference.

The subscription of the Virginia Conference is, to date, \$48,000.

Rev. J. S. Hawkins says that his charge, Prescott, will come up well on the collection.

Bishop Marvin's Sermons, at 75 cents, are selling right along. We have plenty of them. We will send a preacher one free if he will send one new cash subscriber.

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A Proper Recognition.

Rev. James Thomas, Presiding Elder of the Little Rock District, sends to Rev. Ben Cox the following letter in recognition of his generous action:

MY DEAR BRO. COX:—I had thought that I would see you, and personally thank you for the great service rendered us at Lonoke in covering the \$500 balance due there on our church, but you are a busy man and so am I.

I cannot express my appreciation of your interest and kindness. But few things have given me more anxiety than the debt on the Lonoke church, and the part you took in it was help indeed. Possibly no one could have accomplished it save yourself. On behalf of our whole church, I thank you.

May God's richest blessings attend your labors ever, is my prayer.

I have often thought that your coming to this city was providential, and I wish to record my appreciation of your great service not only to your own church and great denomination, but to the cause of bettering humanity, generally, to which cause I think you are unselfishly devoted. Your brother,

JAMES THOMAS

Nashville Notes.

Chancellor Kirkland spent the first two weeks of the year in West Tennessee and Kentucky, looking after the interests of the twentieth century movement and visiting schools.

Dr. D. C. Kelley preached at West End yesterday morning on "The Latest Words of Evolution to Religion." The sermon was addressed specially to students. Dr. Tillet and Chancellor Kirkland occupied the morning hour at McKendree with presentations of the twentieth century movement.

Gov. McMillin addressed an educational rally at Lebanon Friday night, inaugurated for the purpose of raising \$300,000 additional endowment for Cumberland University.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth arrived at San Francisco, June 17, and is expected home the middle of this week. He is accompanied by two Chinese brothers named Sung, grandsons of Viceroy Lee, and nephews of the president of the Imperial University at Peking. They are representatives of the reform element in China, and they come to America to complete their education at Vanderbilt University.

The smallpox situation in Nashville is not considered serious. Vanderbilt, Peabody and Fitz Universities have each developed a case, but the disease is unusually mild and is easily controlled.

The Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Anti-Saloon League held a meeting at McKendree Church last Tuesday to perfect the organization of that body. A constitution was formulated and adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. E.

E. Folk, Nashville; vice-presidents, John H. DeWitt, Nashville; Judge L. H. Estes, Memphis; Will R. Frierson, Chattanooga; recording secretary, Rev. Ira Landrith; treasurer, Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss; superintendent, Rev. Dr. A. S. Petty. C. J. G.

Monday, January 21.

Bro. W. E. Atkinson, of this city, has a letter this week introducing his connection with the work of the Anti-Saloon League. There is a call to arms for all who hate intemperance. No Christian should fail to heed this call. He should buckle on his armor and enter the engagement with a determination to remain until the last foe to good government, pure homes and righteous manhood has been vanquished.

We believe every Methodist minister in Arkansas will respond. They always do.

We call attention to the "Searchlight," which is the temperance organ of the State. Every temperance man ought to have it. Our people should be informed upon and understand the methods that are being adopted. Let us work and pray and give, until we have redeemed Arkansas from the liquor demon.

A Correction.

The report of the Board of Church Extension, as published in our Minutes, shows a discrepancy of \$115, between the given total, \$685, and the real sum of the list of grants as it appears in the published reports. The total shows the correct amount distributed, and the discrepancy is made by the printer leaving Hatfield out of the list, to which we gave \$115. Hatfield got its money, the printer made a mistake, but nobody is hurt. Fraternally,

W. R. HARRISON,
Secretary.

A Correction.

DEAR DOCTOR GODBEY:—Allow me to make a correction in the printed report of Prairie Grove circuit. The amount paid for Domestic Missions should read \$52, instead of \$2. The error is the mistake of the printer and not of the statistical secretary, as the original copy sent to the printer reports Prairie Grove correctly. I make this statement in justice to Brother Weems.

Just one remark about the response of Bro. Shipp to my statement in regard to his report. The statistical secretary is not responsible for what the stubs may have on them, but only for the reports as handed to him. I have sent Bro. Shipp the original report, showing him that I have correctly reported Waldron circuit as to finance, according to the statistics handed me at conference.

I am ready to cheerfully acknowledge and correct any mistake

in the Minutes for which I am responsible. Fraternally,

GEO. MCGLUMPHY.

Fort Smith, Jan. 26.

A Card.

ARKANSAS METHODIST:—I have been selected to assist in pressing an Anti-Saloon League campaign in the State of Arkansas, and desire to formally introduce myself in connection with this work to every minister of the gospel, to every lover of righteousness and to every law-abiding citizen, and to ask of them the right hand of fellowship in the work and the pledge of personal co-operation.

I come in the name of the Master, seeking to do his will in these matters, and with those who have a similar purpose I desire to join a compact that each of us will fight in our respective sphere until the laws are impartially enforced in the State, until all our officers are themselves law abiding and law-enforcing, from the governor to the least township officer, and shall hate evil and seek to protect every sacred interest of the citizen. Every office should be regarded as a sacred trust, and those who violate it in the least by protecting the law breakers, or use it for selfish ends, should be brought to judgment.

The laws against liquor selling and gambling should be strictly enforced, and more stringent laws should be enacted. Every virtuous and religious man should be on guard, and every citizen should regard it his especial duty to protect our institutions, social, religious and political, from the baneful effects of liquor. Arkansas should be redeemed, and in order to do so public attention must be called to our danger, public conscience must be aroused, and a wise organization of the best people should be had. We do not propose to interfere with party affiliations, but we ask our people to redeem their parties from the domination of evil and to see that no one but law abiding men are nominated. The primaries will soon come and now is the time to act. Every lover of truth and order should "act in the living present," and make himself felt before the primaries are held.

I desire correspondence from all who feel disposed and need our co-operation. This matter should be mentioned in the churches and the homes, and Arkansas should be thoroughly aroused. Will you do it? Yours sincerely,

W. E. ATKINSON.

White River Conference Board of Church Extension.

All who expect to make application to the Board of Church Extension for aid or loans must first get blanks and fill properly and have them in the hands of the Secretary of our Conference Board, G. W. Culberhouse, Jonesboro, Ark., by March 1, for the approval of our Board at its annual meeting, March 7, 1900. (Place not yet fixed.) Apply to Rev. P. H. Whisner, 705 West

Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky. for blanks.

Brethren, our conference is to be congratulated with "well done," on advanced interests in this very important move, especially manifested in the collections of last year in advance of the preceding year to the amount of \$137.19. All raised without taking any collection at our Annual Conference. This we will continue to do by the sufficient grace of God and co-operation of our good people. This is one of the great causes lying near the heart of the church. A missionary move helping the "common people" who are endeavoring to help themselves build houses of worship where they may worship God "in the midst of the congregation."

Brother pastors, in our essential oneness, let us bring up these claims in the early part of the year, as all who receive aid from the Board must wait till our collections are in the hands of the General Board. You may send receipts to John Ouerbacker, Treasurer, Louisville, Ky., and get his receipt for the same. Yours in the work,

P. B. WALLIS,
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Salem, Ark.

Personal.

Read Quinn's ad.

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Rev. Mr. Harrison is conducting revival services at Centenary Church, St. Louis.

Bishop J. C. Granbery will deliver the Cole lectures for 1900 at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. B. M. Messick, pastor of Cabanne Church, St. Louis, is just recovering from a severe illness.

Rev. H. A. Matney sends a note of good cheer from Lamar. The work there is progressing well.

John Ruskin, the distinguished English author, died in London on the 20th inst. He was 84 years of age.

Dr. Black, besides editing the New Orleans Christian Advocate, is also pastor of the church at Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Young J. Allen will edit the Christian Advocate in China, a conference organ which our church has resolved to establish.

The wife of Rev. J. F. Newsom, Fulton, Ky., died January 27. Bro. Newsom's friends in Arkansas will remember him in this hour of trial.

W. V. Tompkins, of Prescott, is attorney for the Anti Saloon League. He was at Jonesboro last week prosecuting the blind tiger men.

Rev. F. M. Tolleson, our preacher at Boonville, delivered the address of welcome to the Little Rock business men on their westward excursion on the new Choctaw Road.

A correspondent to the Richmond Advocate from the Mississippi Conference says that Bishop Candler, at the last session, moved 100 pastors out of 140, and seven out of nine presiding elders.

Rev. E. M. Pipkin has discontinued his school in Little Rock, the building which he had rented having been sold. He has engaged in service with the Arkadelphia Methodist College, and will take his boarding pupils with him. Rev. J. H. Headlee, a superannuated

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MARY A. MASON.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ss.

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August 30, 1899.

These personally appeared before me Mary A. Mason, and acknowledged the above statement by her subscribed, to be true.

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preacher of the St. Louis Conference, died at his home at Caladonia, Mo., 20th inst., aged 79 years. Mr. Headlee was the father of Mrs. Dr. Chapelle, pastor of the West End Church, Nashville, and Mrs. W. D. Vandiver, wife of Congressman Vandiver; Frank Headlee, of Denver, Ark., and I. B. Headlee, of Petoski, Mo.

Daily Bible School.

Judge F. P. Laws, of Beebe, has started a Daily Bible School in St. Louis. The school which he organized at Beebe, many years ago, has gone forward without interruption and has produced excellent results. Dr. W. B. Falmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, thus refers to the plan of these daily Bible schools:

"I believe that Judge Laws has discovered one of the greatest needs of our republic and of the world, and that he has founded the key note of one of the most important movements or works of the coming century."

Instruction of our children in the Scriptures must be obtained somehow by parents, by pastors or by teachers engaged for this work.

Christian Life.

Listening to God.

A friend of mine told me that he called one day upon a brother clergyman, who had been ill in bed for six months. He said to this man: "I expect that God Almighty had a good many things to say to you, but you were too busy to listen, and so he had to put you on your back, that you might be able to give him time."

When he was going out the thought struck him: "I, too, am a busy man, and God Almighty may have to put me on my back, that he may tell me all he wishes."

So he resolved that each night he would sit quietly in his study, not reading, not writing, but opening his heart, that God's spirit might impress upon him what he designed to teach, and criticize the life of the previous day.—Rev. F. B. Meyer, D. D.

To the Christian People in the State of Arkansas.

AN OLD MINISTER.

It is a fact, known and acknowledged by every intelligent person in the State of Arkansas, that the greatest evil that confronts the church and hinders the progress of Christianity to the greatest extent is the open saloon, legalized, and, as far as possible, made respectable by legal authority.

1. In the first place, it is costing more money to the people of Arkansas than is paid for all church purposes, church and parsonage building, ministerial support, foreign and domestic missions, religious books and papers, asylums for the deaf, blind, dumb, insane and the poor.

2. It is the cause, directly or indirectly, of four-fifths of the murders committed in the State.

3. It is indirectly the cause of three-fourths of all other penal offenses, the cost of which must be paid by the honest and industrious Christian people of the State. For every dollar paid into the treasury of the government, you are taxed five to pay the costs accruing from drunkenness, or the prosecution for crimes growing out of it.

4. It is the cause of more sorrow, has made more widows and orphans, put out the light of hope from more households, brought more persons from competency to abject want, than almost any other conceivable cause, outside of natural diseases.

5. It has caused the overthrow of the faith of more persons who once "ran well," but "turned back to the beggarly elements of the world," than any one, if not all, the evils we have to encounter.

6. The open saloon is a menace to your sons and the husbands of your own daughters, and expects to replete its ranks from this source. They are daily traps for their capture.

7. Who are responsible for the existence of this powerful evil, this menace to society and the church? It is sad to say that a

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very large proportion of this responsibility lies at the door of the members of the church. If every member of the church in the State of Arkansas would vote and work for the expulsion of the saloon, it would be annihilated by the close of the present year.

Let every male church member vote next fall "against license," and every female try to influence her male friends next fall and the work will be done. What say you? Will you work and vote against the saloons?

A Legend.

A legend was told me the other day which may interest you. A young man, discontented with his lot, dreamed a wonderful dream. He was carried into a beautiful country, and was driven in state through leafy bowers and under arching trees, through groves redolent with orange blossoms. Rare exotics bloomed on every side. The place seemed a perfect fairyland of beauty.

After driving for miles and miles, he stopped before a magnificent palace. It was built of marble, and the carving was of the finest workmanship. Its minarets and domes were ornamented with rare jewels, which flashed in the sunshine. The doors were of pearls, the floors of gold, and the ceilings, instead of being frescoed, were studded with rubies and diamonds. The building was of enormous size, covering, with its wings, fully a square mile, and everything was on a scale of rare splendor.

Stepping to one side of the palace, his eye rested on a dark brown niche, small, but in such a striking contrast to the place that he asked the guide what it meant, and why that was not marble, also, and set around with precious stones.

Imagine the young man's surprise when he said: "The fault is yours. This is the Palace Beautiful, and this is your niche. You have been unhappy because of your lowly station in life, and since you could not have a position of prominence you have spent your time in discontent, while others have been improving their time. It rests upon you alone to make this palace perfect." The young man awoke, saw the lesson taught by his dream, and set to work to marbleize his brown niche.—New York Evangelist.



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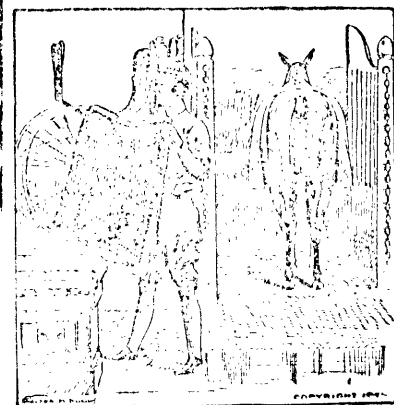
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"Thus departed Hiawatha,
Hiawatha, the beloved,
In the glory of the sun-set,
In the purple mists of evening,
To the region of the home-wind,
To the north-west wind Kewadin,
To the islands of the blessed,
To the kingdom of Ponema.
To the land of the hereafter."

Possibly the Lark may come in sight again. We will keep our eyes fixed on the western horizon. Meanwhile, Jack Daw will venture down from his high perch and caw awhile from the top of a stake of the rail fence. Jack has seen the Rockies, but the hills of Arkansas are a little higher than he likes. He is not a high flyer. When Jack was a boy he loved to hunt. One cloudy, misty day, when the snow was knee deep, Jack took his old shot-gun, Betsy, and went out to hunt turkeys. It was just the day for a turkey hunt. When turkeys are wet, and their wings heavy, they will not fly so quickly, and then the hunter is not so likely to be seen as on a clear day.

A mile and a half from home Jack struck the trail of a great flock, and as the snow was so deep he felt sure of coming up with them. This he did a mile further on, on the top of one of the highest hills. Jack fired his Betsy, a single barreled shot-gun, and was sadly disappointed, for he was sure of hitting in a big gobbler. All the flock flew, but the gobbler's leg hung, as Jack watched the flock sail across the valley, and alight half a mile away on another hill, as it seemed. But after getting to the place Jack found no tracks. If the turkeys had alighted thereabout it was in the trees, and then they had flown on. No tracks could be found. Jack ranged the woods all around, but no signs of turkeys. After a while the shadows began to gather over the forest and Jack gave up the turkey hunt. He must go home as fast as possible. It would be bedtime before he got in. But where was home? Jack thought he knew the woods like an Indian, but now there was not a bill in sight that looked familiar, and he had not seen a clearing in the forest since he set out. Jack soon decided that he had not the least idea where he was, and that to try to get home that night would be to wander in the snow till exhausted, and likely freeze to death. So he resolved to stop at once, hunt up a dry old tree, and start a fire, and stay till morning. Jack soon found dry wood. But how should he start a fire? He had no matches. He would fire off his gun, and load it with powder and tow. When he fired the powder would set the tow on fire; he would gather

up the tow and get fire started in the dry wood. The experiment was tried. He roared away with his old Betsy. The burning tow wad was secured, but it went out before the wood could be kindled. There was no pine in that region, and to kindle oak is not so easy. So Jack, after many trials, despaired of getting a fire. He then sought to kick away the snow and see if he could make a bed of leaves; but, when he had done his best, he was afraid to lie down for fear he would go to sleep and freeze to death. So at last Jack resolved to do a thing which he had thought of all this time as a last resort. He could turn back on his tracks and follow them all the roundabout way over the hills and through the hollows till he got home. He braced himself for the long and steady tramp, and struck out, reserving strength as much as possible. It was a hard task but a sure business, and Jack got in before day all right.

Now this is not a thrilling or high-sounding story. As I said, Jack Daw is no high flyer. But Jack was accustomed to say afterward that this taught him a good lesson. When one has gone wrong the surest way is just to go back on every step till you get right.

We hope our young readers will never go wrong. It is a great loss of time to have to undo what you have done. Keep in the right way. Allurements come to us and when we get in full chase of them, we forget everything and get lost. And then we have no sense about anything. An old Arkansas man told me of a fellow who got so bewildered in the snow tracking a deer that he came up where he had hitched his own mule in a thicket and shot his own mule thinking it a deer. It is bad to get lost. Jack afterward found exactly where he had tried to make the fire, and that it was not a mile from home. But you may be sure he made a good many miles of it following his tracks that night. I say, keep in the right way.

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Our Church at Home.

BRIGHTWATER, ARK.—My first quarterly conference has come and gone. We had a large audience, and a good delegation of officials.

Our beloved presiding elder, Brother Wilson, was with us and preached excellent sermons.

The outlook of the work at present is indeed promising. We have three Sunday-schools doing good work. The people in general, take good interest in religious services. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.

T. H. WRIGHT.

Jan. 5.

CAMDEN CIRCUIT.—For the first time we are living in a parsonage. Dec. 2, 1899, we boarded a Cotton Belt train at Texarkana, and near 10 o'clock a. m. we arrived at Buena Vista; where we were cordially greeted by Bros. Addy and Cross. We soon reached the pleasant home of the former, where we were met and welcomed by Sister Addy, a model Christian lady. Our household goods being delayed, as we suppose, through the carelessness of the railroad men, we spent some time in this home. Some of our goods have not reached us yet. But we are at home in the parsonage. Sunday, Dec. 3, in company with our predecessor, Bro. J. L. Johnston, we met our appointment, which is ten miles away. Then one of our constituents, N. F. Hartum, M.D. helped us by placing \$5.00 in our hands. Others have done likewise. Owing to the almost incessant rain fall on the following Sunday, we failed to meet our appointments. But on Monday, one of them was represented at the parsonage by Miss Virginia Stott and her brother Lee. They brought with them many good things. It is not necessary for me to say that we, the P. C. Mrs. Harrell, Oma Munsey, and Fletcher Evans, all appreciated this kindness, and are profoundly thankful to the Lord, and the people.

We are pleased with our appointment. We are sure we are serving a good people. The Lord helping us we expect to do the best year's work of our life.

I have just returned from Texarkana. My purpose in going was to bring "Dixie". Tuesday, at 10 a. m. on Broad St., Texarkana, I mounted "Dixie," and started homeward. Through rain and mud we traveled, until Thursday at noon when we reached home. "Dixie" is a noble horse; and we all are glad to have him with us.

Our first Quarterly Conference will soon be here. We hope for a spiritual meeting.

We have an unfinished parsonage; but, purpose completing it this year. I regret to have to say that many members in my charge do not take the METHODIST. I shall do my best for the paper. I find various other papers where it ought to be.

We spent a very pleasant Christmas in the Keystone community, the guests of Bro. E. P. Reynolds and family. F. F. HARRELL.

Jan. 13.

NEWPORT, ARK.—Our work at Newport opens up most hopefully. We were so kindly received, I am delighted with the charge. My congregations are large. The Sunday-school is doing fine work. The Epworth Leagues, both Junior and Senior, are flourishing.

Our W. F. M. Society is vigorous and aggressive. It is the most enthusiastic society of the kind that I have seen a long time.

The Ladies' Aid is doing its usual great work here. It undertakes and does great work here every year.

We also have a Juvenile Mission Society in connection with the Junior League.

This place has of late been noted for its most excellent children's societies. It is an inspiration to attend their services in the Junior League and Juvenile Missionary Society. Much credit is due Sister Umsted and Bro. W. B. Ricks for their excellent work with these little ones.

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Our educational institutions are doing well under their present management. Dr. T. F. Brewer is at the helm of Willie Halsey College, and you know that his presidency indicates success for this conference school. We also hear good reports from Hargrove College. Spalding Institute, located at Muskogee, is doing fairly well under the wise and judicious management of its scholarly president, C. M. Coppage. This institution is the property of the Board of Missions, and the board of managers have about completed arrangements for the erection of another new building for this school, at a cost of \$25,000. The entire cost of building and equippage will reach, perhaps, thirty-five thousand dollars. The completion of Spalding Institute will make Muskogee the educational center of the West.

There have been some transfers since our conference session, but, of course, that only goes to show the flexibility of our itinerant system. One of our young preachers has passed over to the other side since conference—the Rev. B. J. Hartsfield—a good and true man has fallen in Israel.

While traveling for our paper, it may be that we will touch the borders of Arkansas, for we long to see the faces of kindred and friends over there. Love to all the brethren of my old conference and State.

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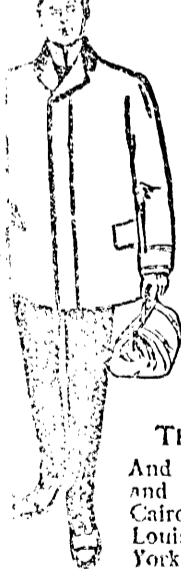
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We are delighted to say that we now have the brightest prospect for a happy and, in every way, successful year that we have had at Prescott.

Last Sunday, Bro. F. S. H. Johnston, the able manager of the 20th century fund, was with us, and was greeted by a good audience. His sermons, morning and night, were such as to inspire great interest in this movement. Prescott is going to do the handsome thing for this collection. He left the town with about \$400, but business men are contemplating still greater things.

On the first Sunday in the year, the pastor was, as usual, met by a splendid audience, and felt during his sermon the Holy Spirit's power plus the interest of the large responsive congregation. At the close of the sermon, fifteen members were received, and nearly all the congregation, many in tears, accepted a proposition, as they shook hands with the pastor, promising by God's help to make this the best year of life in every way. J. S. HAWKINS.

WHEATLEY—We have started off very well on this circuit; hope to have a good year. I will do all I can for the ARKANSAS METHODIST. The paper ought to be taken by every Methodist in Arkansas. I can not do without it. J. K. POPE.

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GOLDEN LAKE CIRCUIT—We have been in our new home about five weeks. When wife and I arrived at Golden Lake, the parsonage was on rollers; the whole town has been moved off the river front and back of the levee. We received a very cordial reception, and the good people soon proved their hospitality by loading a wagon with good things and driving to the parsonage to unload, bringing various articles, ranging from a head of cabbage to a barrel of flour, in value amounting to \$14.

We had a good quarterly conference. Bro. Babcock was with us two days and a half, and proved his efficiency as a presiding officer. We are working and praying for a great ingathering of souls and an upbuilding of the church. I have taken up one appointment which was dropped from Luxora circuit, a little over a year ago, which also promises fair.

I find many of our church members who say they do not think it any harm to dance. I have seen preachers get upon their knees before preaching; also, in preparing their sermons. I have seen devout men and women pray before taking in hand any serious undertaking; but I have never known any person to pray God to give them a successful dance. I trust all good people will lend their strongest efforts against this soul-damning influence. No Christian wants to dance. I will close until I get a pounding from some other place. JAS. T. SEATON.

Jan. 15.

OAK HILL CIRCUIT—We are settled on this circuit, still in the ring and fattening every day. When we left DeAnn it was with sad hearts, for we left many close friends—yes, friends indeed, for they were friends in need. The brethren "did what they could," and in addition to that paid my expenses—freight, fare and all—from DeAnn to Oak Hill. We had two reasonably good years on DeAnn circuit; a net increase of 70 or 80 members, and something over \$2,000 raised for all purposes. I do hope that my successor will do a better work in every way, which is possible. I know he will find as big-hearted people to serve there as at any place on earth. O how I love them, and if I never meet them again on earth, I expect to meet them in heaven.

On the Oak Hill circuit there are some as noble people as Arkansas affords. Some of them, it is true, fail to see their responsibility as they should, but they need sympathy and encouragement. This must be the best year in the history of this charge, God willing. Brethren, as you read this, ask God's blessings on us.

Our quarterly conference just over. Brother Thomas, our presiding elder, was with us, and his presence was a benediction. Oh! what an interest he takes in his preachers. I do not see how any of them can help loving him.

Brethren, if there is anything on earth that I covet, it is an education. I see the need of it. Bro. Johnston has my notes, amounting to \$50 in the interest of Hendrix College, as small as my salary is,

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Joint District Meeting.

The Woman's Home Mission and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Arkadelphia District will convene at Malvern, February 22-24, 1900.

Rev. T. H. Ware will hold the Preachers' Institute at Malvern, February 20-22, closing with the afternoon session. He has kindly consented to intersperse his program with some selections from the woman's work. This is to be a grand rally week for the twentieth century thank-offering.

It is hoped that every preacher attending the Institute will bring some representative woman with him. Malvern is not stinted in her hospitality, and will gladly welcome and entertain every visitor.

Rev. J. C. Brown will preach the opening sermon on the night of the 22nd. Let every auxiliary of both the Foreign and Home Mission Societies send a delegate.

PROGRAM.

Devotional Service, Rev. B. A. Few.

Thursday, 8 p. m., Sermon, Rev. Julian C. Brown.

Friday, 9 a. m., Devotional service, Rev. A. M. Robertson.

Organization. Roll call.

Thankfulness for the Progress of Woman's Work. Rev. T. O. Owen.

Consecration and Praise Service. Mrs. Reece Walker.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Woman's Part in the Twentieth Century Movement. Discussion led by Rev. T. H. Ware, Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss, Mrs. Reece Walker.

Reports from Benton, Murfreesborough, Clark, Okolona and Gordon circuits.

The Importance of District Meetings. Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Discussion—The Best Method of Conducting Woman's Work in Country Churches—Led by Miss Nannie Davidson, Rev. F. P. Doak, Mrs. Wozencraft, Mrs. Adell Young.

Consecration service. Mrs. Fannie Wilson.

Friday: 8 p. m., Sermon, Rev. J. A. Biggs.

Saturday: 9 a. m. Devotional service, Rev. J. M. G. Douglass. Systematic and Proportionate Giving—Discussion led by Rev. J. R. Moore, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. George Hughes, Mrs. Jena Pettus, Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Reports from Arkadelphia, Dalk, Lono, Holly Springs, and Social Hill circuits.

What Relation do the Young People and Juvenile Societies sustain to the Church? Discussion led by Mrs. M. A. Robertson, Rev. Robert Cannon, Mrs. Maggie Harley, Miss Mollie Littlejohn, Mrs. Sumpter. Consecration Service—Mrs. S. B. Draper.

Saturday: 2 p. m., Devotional service, Rev. A. M. Robertson. Paper: Is the Mission Spirit Necessary to the Life of the Church? Mrs. Flickenger. Reports from Malvern. Question Box. Report of Committees. Consecration Service, Mrs. Vance. Benediction.

Missions.

A Zephyr from the Sunset Shore.

REV. C. A. HYATT.

A desultory remark in the beautiful letter of our venerable father in Israel, the Rev. E. L. Armstrong, arrests our attention and lures us into the perils of print. We love this gentle spirited old veteran, and certainly would not question his devotion to the loved cause of Zion. Nevertheless, an indifferent thought incidentally dropped might prove discouraging to some weak or timid brother, since the words of so pleasing a writer are not without weight of influence.

Referring to the migratory disposition of ministers, he says, in substance, that this disposition is one cause of the "comparative failure" of our work on the Pacific coast.

It is to the word "failure" that we object, and not to his charges against migratory preachers, for indeed, they were very cogent. Having had neither part nor lot in the operations and results of our church until recently, we do not feel disqualified, "on account of previous relations," to discuss, pro and con, the work on the Pacific coast. If we had we doubtless "would be speakin' out in meetin'," anyway. The word "failure" cannot be properly applied to a single conference west of the Rockies, yet we readily admit that it might apply with abundant propriety to some individual ministers who, in their devotional course, have left unsightly footprints on the sands. The subtle modifier—"comparative"—might in such case be fittingly omitted.

The absence of voluminous statistics is not always conclusive proof of failure, nor necessarily a cause for discouragement. If the whole case of some of our frontier works was summed up, you would think our church had been eminently successful ever to have a name left. For the past

fifteen months we have studied the situation here from the position of "high private" on the firing line, and perhaps no other has, in the same length of time, had better opportunity for measuring the field, numbering our forces, viewing the encamped hosts of the enemy, and for general reconnaissance. We have reviewed the line of march through its fifty years of history, watched its labored advance amid perils and privations over a rough and rugged way, and witnessed from afar many a conflict in which valiant soldiers wielded the sword of the Spirit with gallant heroism and glorious triumph. We doubt if braver hearts have ever beat than some who have carried Southern Methodism and the blessed gospel to the Sierras.

They have fought face to face with the world, the flesh and the devil, and contended manfully for every inch of ground we occupy. And the world has been harder to whip than the devil. Satan is no bigger here than elsewhere, but the world and the flesh are immense and obstreperous.

But, notwithstanding all these things, we are sure our church has never invested in a better paying foreign field than the beautiful border of "Golden Shore." It is quite true that in Columbia and Los Angeles Conferences our membership is small and our statistics in general are not gratifying, but, brother, Southern Methodism is a success, and eternity alone will show the full fruitage of her fidelity. Our membership is not the measure of our labor, we are doing genuine gospel missionary work. Too much is being blindly said by our church at home against our work abroad. True, our success in foreign fields is not as good as it might be, but when the work is supported by the prayer, the sympathy, and the confidence of the entire church, it will be better. We are hampered because our missionary appropriations are insufficient and efficient men are not always available. We have not suffered for number but for quality, of men. The church at home has seemed to think that "any old thing" would do out west, and when some unpleasant brother chanced to be attracted by a migratory spirit, he was hastily "recommended," rather than offend his "divinity," by "promoting" him to the local ranks. For pity's sake, brethren, quit it; you have made a dumping ground of the Pacific Slope long enough. If a man is a "misfit" at home, he will be entirely out of joint when he crosses the Rocky Mountains. Grand scenery and salt air won't make a hero out of a coward, nor a scholar out of a blockhead. And it is a sad mistake for a man to go west expecting his musty theories to obtain on the old chestnut of "the wise men from the East." The stern peculiarities of this coast will knock the wind out of many sails. Nothing but grace, grit, and gumption will get there. But nowhere, under the bending heavens, is there a lovelier, more God-favored land than the "Golden West," whose gates swing open

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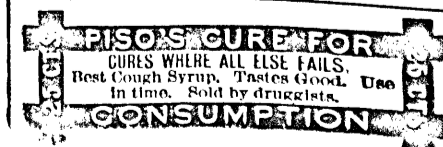
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SOMERS:—John Q. Somers was born in Redell county, N. C., June 14, 1834. In 1877 he became a citizen of White county, Ark., where he died Nov. 21, 1899. He became a Christian in 1866 and joined the M. E. Church, South, his membership, and the Lord his service. He was a strong supporter of the church and his doors were ever swung wide open to the ministers. His very useful life is worthy of emulation by all and his peaceful triumphs over death, a thing sought by all. May the mantle of glory fall upon his son, and reflect glory upon his lovely daughters. John Somers was a good man and has gone to heaven, but we hope to meet him again by and by. D. O. ROSS, Enders, Ark.

HAYS:—Callie, daughter of J. W. and Annie M. Hays, was born December 18, 1895, and died December 23, 1899. Another sweet jewel taken from earth; transferred from the care of papa and mamma to that of the heavenly Father. About one week before her death, while in the house at play with her sisters, a little older than she, their mamma, while going into the yard, little Callie's clothes caught fire, and before the flames could be extinguished she was badly burned to be saved. None but she and God can ever know how much she suffered, yet she rarely complained. But her suffering is ended, and she is infinitely happy. Speaking of the little ones the Master said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." W. M. CROWSON, Cabot, Ark.

EVANS:—Polly Evans, (nee Hargett) was born Jan. 12, 1868, was married to Jas. Evans Dec. 22, 1887; professed religion in Sept. 1888, closed her earthly life Oct. 17, 1899. Sister Evans was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South. She was so smooth in manners, sweet in spirit, and consistent in life, that all who knew her esteemed her highly and loved her much. Her life proved a benediction to many, and in death she was triumphant. She has gone to join her sweet little innocent ones who had preceded her in glory. May God's grace sustain the broken hearted husband and father who has been bereft of his children and of her who was the choice of his youth. D. O. ROSS, Enders, Ark.

CONWAY:—Mary Ida, daughter of J. and Sarah A. Conway, was born June 21, 1888 and died Aug. 11, 1899. She was a most affectionate child, had kind word for every one and was loved by all who knew her. She loved the church and had expressed herself a few days before her death as determined to unite with it at the then coming protracted meeting at Concord. She took delight in the Sunday-school, was regular in attendance, and always knew her lesson. She loved the pastor, and was always delighted when he visited her home. She loved the songs of Zion, the last of which she ever sung was "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine." From the first of her last illness, she seemed to be impressed that she would not get well. She was ready to go when the Master called her.

Though young in years, yet, while in health she gave promise of a bright and useful life. But since the heavenly Father has seen fit to call her from among us, we should be submissive. She has been spared the greater sorrows of earth, and permitted to enter peacefully into the joys of heaven. Her place is vacant in the home and Sunday-school. Her sweet face is no longer in our early vision, but we can see it again after a while. W. M. CROWSON.

HOPSON:—Ida B. Hopson (nee Schoolfield) daughter of D. A. and Martha Schoolfield, was born Feb. 16, 1866, and died in peace Dec. 15, 1899; converted in early life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; married to W. E. Hopson Sept. 5, 1887; leaves her husband with four bright children, two boys and two girls. She has been afflicted for several years with that fell destroyer Bright's disease, everything that human hands and medical skill could accomplish was done, her last sickness was protracted but she never murmured or complained. She was aware of her condition and was ready to go; she leaves a record of having been faithful as a daughter, as a wife, as a mother, as a child of God, as a member of the church. This is the first broken link in the family circle of Bro. and Sister Schoolfield out of a family of ten children. Their hearts are broken, and the family circle is broken, God grant it may be reunited in the home beyond the skies. J. H. BRADBORD.

INMAN:—John Inman was born May 1, 1837, and died Dec. 30, 1899. Truly a good and great man has fallen. Bro. Inman professed faith in Christ when quite young and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and lived a true and devoted Christian until God called him from labor to refreshment. Bro. Inman was certainly a man of a well rounded Christian character. His tongue was a law of love to all who came in contact with him. To know this man of God was but to love him. He will be missed so much in the home for he loved his family dearly and taught them the ways of God and holiness. Bro. Inman was a strong supporter of the Church, he loved her doctrines and attended well upon her ordinances, hence one of the pillars of our beloved Zion has fallen and we greatly feel the loss. A noble loving husband is gone, an affectionate father is here no more, and the community has lost a good citizen and a true friend. We would say to the bereaved ones left behind: Live as Bro. Inman lived and you will find him again where sad partings are no more. JOHN C. SHIPP.

DORSEY:—Miss S. S. Ora, daughter of N. Asbury and Susan Dorsey, was born Sept. 10, 1871, and died Dec. 9, 1899. Before she was thirteen she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she has lived a beautiful, consistent Christian life. She delighted in doing Christian work. Naturally timid, she never would read or recite for entertainment, but she was one of the bravest and best church workers I ever saw. She was not ashamed to work anywhere at any time and her pious prayers were heavenly benedictions.

Her home life—that index to all our lives—was as sweet as it could be. How the hearts of father, mother and sister ache on account of a vacant place in one of the happiest homes I ever saw! But while they are lonely, thank God, they are trusting in Him who knows best. The hundreds of people who were present at her burial attested the fact that she had friends for miles even away from her home. She had been a teacher for several years, and at her grave in the passing throng were to be seen many children weeping and pressing a little loving hand against her face cold in death. How they loved her!

In twenty-eight years, she had lived more of life, and done more good than many in sixty. Home, community, and church, have suffered a great loss, but heaven has another jewel. Let us all strive to do our duty and meet her in heaven. J. J. GALLOWAY.

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TO ADVERTISERS:—The circulation of the ARKANSAS METHODIST is fifty per cent larger than that of any other paper, religious or political, published in Arkansas.

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WOMAN'S WORK—PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

The church in this locality is progressive, the people well-to-do and blessed of God. They remember his benefits, too, and are not slow in meeting their responsibility with thankful, generous spirit. Houses of worship are conspicuous in every town and village, and on many a hilltop. Some are beautiful in design, and all are worthy His name. Stewards "quit themselves like men," and women are "received as becometh saints," "in whatsoever business they have need." Little wonder, then, that the old Washington, and now Prescott, District stood for many years the banner district of our conference missionary society. Our beloved Sister Hayes, commended by her brethren and in charge by her trusting sisters, received among these people the encouragement and loyal assistance which enabled her to give a place of honor to her Master's work. For twenty-one years she has told the story of heathen need and the all sufficient power of Jesus's love. With un-failing steadfastness she has kept in prayerful communication with her collaborators in the spread of truth. The young people have gladly responded to her call to the vineyard and hundreds of children, from Chapel Hill to Richmond, and in the towns along the Iron Mountain, have heard her tell of the beautiful open door for them, and have entered. O that such servant of faithfulness and zeal might linger among us. But she has fallen out of leadership; has been disabled on the field, and now has a service of suffering, a ministry of patient endurance, crowned with undying faith in God "which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We hardly dare hope to have her among us again, in the honored capacity of District Secretary. Prostrate and languishing, she bears about her the presence of our Lord, and in sweetest submission awaits his will. Her co-workers of the district are often in her mind, and she sorrows that the work is not up to its olden zeal, the glow of its first love.

Sisters beloved, will you not awaken to better accomplishment and send a gleam of sunshine to the sick-room of your faithful old standard bearer? In these days of brilliant achievement, will not some true woman dare to be a Deborah, and in the name of the King of kings, come forward and arouse a fresh spirit of service, that His kingdom may come? What shall we Christian women

say in the great day, when millions of our heathen sisters come into His presence in the rags of ignorance and unrighteousness? No wedding garment for them. Shall we unblushingly stand in robes of white, while the Master looks upon us and asks, "How came these in, not knowing of me?" But you need no persuasion. With the constraining love of Christ and the blessed influence of Sister Hayes's life in your hearts, I feel that you only need a word of courage to rally your societies to their wonted activity. Prescott District must not decline. Will our brethren help these women in this hour of need? Enquire diligently of the auxiliary in your charge, and build up for Sister Hayes, and for our Christ. L. A. H.

To the W. M. S. of the White River Conference: My Dear Sisters—We are now in the last month of our missionary year. I regret to tell you how little we have done this year, but you have made it my duty to keep you informed. At no time during the eight years I have been your corresponding secretary have the reports been so irregular and the receipts so small. I do not think your interest in this great cause is flagging. You will be grieved to know of Miss Haygood's continued illness. Let your prayers ascend for her recovery. Our own Miss Case is doing well at Guadalajara. At no time has she felt so much encouraged by the results of her labor. Her assistant, Miss Wright, has suffered much becoming acclimated. Our "Advocate" improves all the while. I call your particular attention to the Prayer Calendar and Training School Department. Please see that every subscriber renews, and urge every woman in the church to read it. There are repeated calls for more laborers and open doors are waiting, only we are slow and late.

How can the women go unless they be sent? We must do our part. Last year we sent to the General Treasurer, \$835.90. At the close of the third quarter this year we had barely \$440, so we must urge our collections, use every industry, both adult, young people and junior. If the money is not in Mrs. Robertson's hands by March 2, it will not be included in this year.

Our sisters have gone to foreign fields trusting in us. Let us be true to them and ourselves. Very sincerely,

MARY A. NEILL,
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