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News and Notes

ENGLAND HAS 214,000 SOLDIERS
in South Africa and 12,000
more on the way.

THE CONVENTION HALL AT
Kansas City will be rebuilt in
time for the Democratic National
Convention on the 4th of July.

A PETITION BEARING 70,000
signatures has been presented to
the German Chancellor, begging
for intervention in the Boer-British
war.

THE LATEST REPORTS REPRESENT
Gen. Roberts as checking the
movements of the Boers and putting
them on the retreat. There
are rumors that Russia is about
to interfere.

THE DUKE OF YORK HAS RECEIVED
from a resident of Cork a
thousand packages of shamrock
seed to be sown on the graves of
Irish soldiers who have fallen in
South Africa.

THE COURT OF APPEALS DECIDED
by a vote of six to one that
Beckham — Democrat — successor
of Goebel, is the legal Governor
of Kentucky. The case has gone
to the U. S. Supreme Court, and
is filed for hearing on the 30th
inst.

MRS. BAKER EDDY, THE FOUNDER
of Christian Science, is reported
to be afflicted with cancer.
According to her theory of disease
this cancer she has is only

an idea. Her mental machinery
has unfortunately slipped a cog;
wonder if she will be able to right
it.

AN EQUESTRIAN STATUE FOR
General Washington, executed by
Daniel C. French, an American
sculptor, is to be erected in the
Place d'Iena, Paris, near the
Trocadero. Also a statue of La-
fayette, by Mr. Paul Wayland
Bartlett, also an American, will
be erected in the Place du Carou-
sel on the 4th of July, 1900.

AGUINALDO SAYS THE RULE OF
Spain in Manila was a hundred
thousand times more mild than
that of the United States. A
Spanish paper, commenting on
this, says it was six hundred
thousand times more mild, for
Spain, in 1896, paid Aguinaldo
\$600,000 to stop his rebellion,
and the United States in 1899
smashed his rebellion without
paying him a cent.

SECRETARY ROOT WAS MUCH
pleased with Gen. Wood's admin-
istration in Cuba, and the pros-
pects of the island. The elec-
tions, which are to be held in the
six provinces respectively, will
create in each a board which will
exercise legislative power regard-
ing local affairs, subject to the
approval of Gen. Wood and his
council. It has been announced
that these elections will be held
in May, but as the time approach-
es, it is doubted if right prepara-
tion can be made so early. The
chief difficulty is regard to the
Spaniards who, under the treaty
of Paris, were allowed a year in
which to enroll themselves as cit-
izens. The enrollment progress-
es slowly and can not be hurried.
There are about 80,000 Spaniards
in the island, one-half of whom
are expected to enroll.

The classes granted suffrage, as
fixed by Gen. Wood, are persons
who have served in the Cuban
army, all who can read and
write, and such as own not less
than \$250 worth of property. All
the Cubans look to full independ-
ence, as the attainment of their
hopes, and our government, must
in all fidelity, aid them to that re-

sult as soon as possible. It is be-
lieved that the restriction of the
ballot as above stated will be a
strong incentive both to educa-
tion and industry. The number
of voters in Cuba, under these
limitations, is estimated at 300,-
000.

THE PASSAGE OF THE PORTO
Rican bill on the 11th inst ended
one of the hardest fought battles
of our National Legislature for
many years. As it first passed
the House the bill imposed a 15
per cent tariff of the regular
Dingley tariff rate on all exports
and imports of our trade with
Porto Rico. This money was to
be used for the island in sustain-
ing expenses of education, and
government generally. It was ar-
gued that the island could not, at
present, pay these expenses by
direct tax. That change was to
be made as soon as possible, so
the tariff law was to be operative
for only two years. The Demo-
crats generally saw the shadow of
imperialism in this bill. They
saw the nose of the camel thrust
into the tent, and had visions of
a military government sustained
over the Porto Ricans by a tariff
on their commerce, and more
than this, the Philippines were
looming up before them as the
great problem of the nation.
The Democrats therefore insisted
that the constitution covered
Porto Rico, giving her all the
privileges of United States terri-
tory, and that the tariff was un-
constitutional. The Republicans
made much of the fact that the
provision proposed was tempo-
rary, to meet an emergency, which
it was fully within the power of
Congress to provide for in the
most expedient way. The strong
protest against the passage of
the bill which came from the
merchants of Porto Rico, they
represented as the work of syndi-
cates which had already brought
up the sugar and tobacco of the
island and had big profits in view
in securing free shipment to the
United States. After long debate
in the Senate the bill was amend-
ed so as to relieve from tariff du-
ties exports from Porto Rico to
us, and also certain food stuffs

exported from us to Porto Rico,
also a plan of civil government
was attached to the bill. In this
form the bill passed the House at
the date stated by a vote of 161
to 153.

ADMIRAL DEWEY HAS CONSENTED
to become a candidate for the
presidency. His platform is free
trade with Porto Rico, and self
government for the Philippines
under United States protection;
and as for home, government the
platform of the Democratic party
as announced in 1892. Both par-
ties are taking what comfort they
can from Dewey's candidacy.
The Republicans hope to see the
Democrats divided, and the Dem-
ocrats are pleased with Dewey's
condemnation of the McKinley
administration. Ex President
Cleveland sees in Dewey's election
a solution of our difficulties.

Booth Tucker's Visit to Little Rock.

The coming of the commander
of the Salvation Army of the
United States to Little Rock had
been well advertised, and a very
fine audience of intellectual and
philanthropic people came out to
hear him at the Capital theatre,
for the Salvation Army has come
to be respected as an agency aid-
ing and saving the people who
have most need of aid among us.

But Mr. Tucker's visit was dis-
appointing; because his wife, who
was also expected, did not come;
and because the audience looked
for a stronger deliverance from
the leader than they heard. His
so-called sermon on Noah and
the flood was a series of gro-
tesque and absurd pictures which
a sensible audience could scarcely
regard as short of a caricature.
It certainly seemed the perform-
ance of a mountebank to most of
us, and not calculated to help
anybody's faith, either in the Bi-
ble or religion.

Mr. Tucker may have adminis-
trative ability for his work and
true consecration to that worthy
cause in which he is engaged, but
he is a poor teacher of gospel
truth if what we heard Friday
evening is a fair sample.

Renew your subscription.

Educational Notes.

TWENTIETH CENTURY NOTES.

April 2d the authorities of the University of Chicago gave out an official announcement that the friends of the university had met the conditions upon which Mr. Rockefeller last year offered that institution \$2,000,000. By this the university comes into possession of \$5,000,000—over three times as much as the total sum called for by our church with which to strengthen our many weak, struggling institutions. This is another witness to the tendency heretofore spoken of to concentrate wealth in a few large universities and to leave the small college to struggle on in poverty and in many cases to die. This is a menace to the small colleges, and their friends are sounding notes of alarm. The small college is almost synonymous with the Christian college. It is at least a condition that calls for the prayerful consideration and the energetic efforts of the church. The small college cannot exist short of substantial equipment and modest endowment.

No other section now offers such an opportunity for rendering society a genuine service than does the south. Here colleges and universities are poor and small sums will put them in positions of commanding importance. Speaking of this matter, the editor of the Review of Reviews recently wrote as follows: "What they (southern colleges) need today especially is money for laboratories and modern paraphernalia, together with modest sums

for endowments. *The higher education in the south today is in a position where, generally speaking, one dollar would accomplish more for the advancement of the country in prosperity and culture than ten dollars added to the larger institutions of the north.*"

After a visit to the south Mr. Benj. F. Trueblood, of Boston, writes: The public schools of the south have made fair progress, both for the negroes and the whites. But higher education for the whites has been much hampered from lack of means. Out of more than fifty millions of dollars given to colleges and universities last year in the United States, only about half a million went to the south. Negro education in this regard has fared much better than the white. The southern people, I find, have not been lacking in interest in higher education. They have kept their colleges up, and have struggled bravely on in their poverty. Every college which I saw was longing for funds with which to increase its facilities. Even the state institutions have had but moderate appropriations because of the general poverty of the country."

The late Samuel Seibert, of Maryland, bequeathed \$8,000 to the Lutheran Theological Seminary, \$4,000 to Pennsylvania College and \$10,000 to Susquehanna Lutheran University, all of which institutions are Lutheran and in Pennsylvania. There is a valuable suggestion in Mr. Seibert's will. After he had made small bequests to his immediate relatives, the larger part of his estate was bestowed on educational institutions. He acted wisely, because relatives ought to be able to take care of themselves, and money bestowed upon such a cause as Christian education will serve society far better than in the hands of relatives. Generally speaking, money received gratuitously is not appreciated and is soon squandered. It is therefore much wiser for a man to give a larger part of his wealth to the trustees of some Christian college to be invested in young manhood and womanhood for generations to come.

The Nation's Curse.

The Chief End of Man.

An exchange says it costs the people of the United States \$225,000,000 annually for getting born; \$300,000,000 for getting married; \$75,000,000 for getting buried, and \$1,425,000,000 for getting drunk.—Searchlight.

Call For 1,000,000 Voters.

The American Young People's Christian Temperance Union has undertaken to secure pledges to support prohibition from one million voters before the next presidential election is held. The pledge is as follows: "We, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to vote in the year 1900 for only such persons for national offices as shall represent a party whose platform shall contain a plank demanding the immediate and total destruction of the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

This pledge to be binding in the event of one million signatures being secured before the presidential election of 1900."

Those who will co-operate in this movement are requested to cut out this pledge, paste it at the top of a sheet of paper, get as many voters to sign it as possible, giving postoffice and street address of each, then mail the paper to W. G. Dean, secretary Young People's Christian Temperance Union, 1119 Temple street, Chicago, Ill.

Cannot Sell Liquors.

By a recent decision in Texas, sleeping car companies are debarred from selling liquors. The question was submitted to the attorney-general, who has disposed of it by holding that, owing to the nature of their business, sleeping car companies cannot comply with the requirements of the liquor tax law, hence cannot lawfully engage in the business of selling liquor in the state.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

True Way of Progress.

The Michigan Christian Advocate gives this suggestion:

"How the cause of temperance would be forwarded by a great spiritual revival! And the cause of purity and the home-life and the political life! A spiritual revival bringing into our church 2,000,000 new members, 1,000,000 more into the Baptist, 300,000 into the Episcopal, would do more for temperance than twenty years of warfare and more for politics than fourteen civic federations could do."

Nothing would aid every moral cause so much as a great revival in the churches. There is not much moral force outside of the churches, nor is there any moral force in the church without spiritual power.

Prohibition in Kansas.

In answering the question, "What has prohibition done for Kansas?" the Kansas State Temperance Union says: "It has reduced the annual consumption of intoxicants from above 15 gallons per capita, the average throughout the United States, to less than one gallon in Kansas. It saved an average of over \$6,000,000 in liquor sales which otherwise would have gone to the saloon. It has reduced the internal revenue collections from above \$1.25 per capita, the average throughout the United States, to less than 20 cents in Kansas. Last, but not least, it saves more than 1,200 souls from drunkards' graves.—Searchlight.

Is Your Brain Tired?

Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. Y. S. Troyer, Memphis, Tenn., says: "It recuperates the brain and enables one to think and act." Makes exertion easy.

Grip claims victims. Dr. Miles' Restorative Wine defeats them.

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CONSTIPATION, TAKE

BOND'S LIVER PILLS

One is a Dose. Gentle, Effective

DYSPEPSIA

George S. Scally, of 75 Nassau St., New York, says: "For years I have been troubled with rheumatism and dyspepsia, and I came to the conclusion to try your pills. I immediately found great relief from their use; I feel like a new man since I commenced taking them, and would not now be without them. The drowsy, sleepy feeling I used to have has entirely disappeared. The dyspepsia has left me, and my rheumatism is gone entirely. I am satisfied if any one so afflicted will give Radway's Pills a trial they will surely cure them, for I believe it all comes from the system being out of order—the liver not doing its work."

Radway's Pills

Cure all disorders of the stomach, bowels, kidneys bladder, dizziness, costiveness, piles, sick headache, female complaints, biliousness, indigestion, constipation, and all disorders of the liver. At druggists or by mail 25c per box. Radway & Co., 55 Elm street, N. Y. Be sure to get "Radway's" and see that the name is on what you buy.

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Memphis, Tenn.

Per P. P. Van Vleet, President.

Price 25c. Sold by all druggists.

BOOKS AT HALF PRICE

We have a few books which we desire to dispose of. They are new and in good order but slightly shelf-worn. We offer them post paid at less than half price, to-wit:

Mother, Home and Heaven—75c., worth \$3.

Character Sketches—\$1, worth \$2.50.

Grand Father's Bible Stories—85c., worth \$2.

History of War With Spain—\$1, worth \$2.25.

Touching Incidents—50c., worth \$1.

1 Family Bible, perfectly good, but a little soiled, \$1.25, worth \$3.

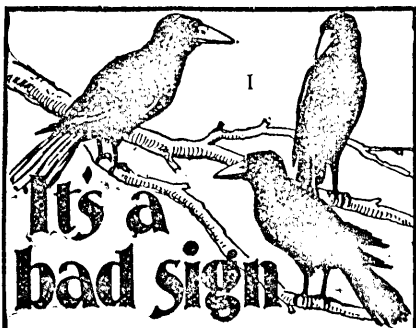
1 Large print Teacher's Bible, \$1, worth \$3.

1 Star of Bethlehem, 75c., worth \$2.

1 Child's Bible, a little damaged, 75c., worth \$2.50.

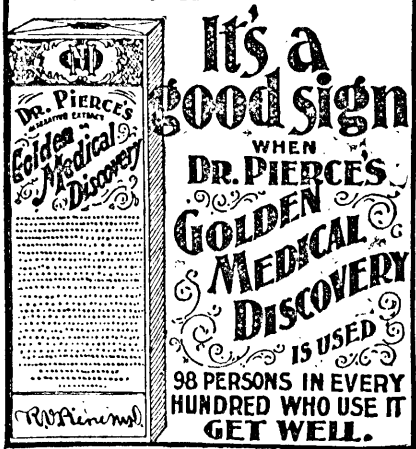
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Henry's Commentary—We will send, by express, a full set (six volumes) of Mathew Henry's Commentary for only \$7.20. Godbey & Thornburgh.



When you have that obstinate-lingering cough which will not be shaken off.

"I have used three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery since my correspondence with you," writes Mr. A. P. Novotny, of New York, N. Y., (Box 1437). "I feel that I am in need of no more medical assistance. When I started to take your medicine I had a regular consumptive cough, of which I was afraid, and everybody cautioned and warned me concerning it. I was losing weight rapidly, was very pale and had no appetite whatever. Now my condition is changed entirely. I do not cough at all, have gained eight pounds in weight, have recovered my healthy color, and my appetite is enormous."



Contributed.

A PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Members of the Springfield Circuit:

Dear Brethren and Sisters—I desire, by the kindness of the editor, to address you through the columns of the "Arkansas Methodist" relative to the collections ordered by the annual conference. I can in this way lay the matter more definitely before you, and give you better opportunity to reflect upon it.

The assessments for these claims on our charge are as follows: Foreign missions, \$45; domestic missions, \$45; conference claimants, \$16.80; church extension, \$20; education, \$15; bishop's fund, \$7; delegates' expenses to general conference, \$4; making a total of \$152.80. This circuit can easily pay this amount and be made better thereby, both financially and spiritually. We have nearly 250 members, and if every one will resolve to give something during the year we will make a decided improvement over the past. And if each one will now resolve to do his full duty toward these claims we will go far beyond the assessment.

Every one of these claims is worthy of your support. Indeed they should be considered as sacred by every Methodist. Let no one reject a single one of them but alike give them your prayers and means.

A few words of explanation of each may not be out of place.

Foreign Missions—We have men preaching the same gospel that has saved you and me, to lost ones in China, Japan, Corea, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba. The church is doing a better work in these fields than ever before, with still greater opportunities ahead. We have in these fields 362 Christian workers, with 9,503 members, 275 organizations, with 10 churches self-supporting; 102 houses of worship and 57 parsonages. There are 1,000 pupils attending our boarding schools, 483 attending day schools. The total value of missionary property is \$390,000. Besides this the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has property and a number of workers in those fields, and is doing a noble work.

Here is an opportunity by rightly using the means that God has intrusted you with to save many souls from darkness and sin, and thereby lay up treasures in heaven.

Domestic Missions—We have 13 home missionaries in the Arkansas Conference. Four of these are in the Morrilton district. These are on charges that will not support a preacher in full, so each of them is paid something from the domestic mission fund. These men should be paid quarterly, but so far there has been very little collected for them, and they are in great need of means just now. A small amount just now from each of my members would help one of these preachers in a close place and make his heart glad.

Conference Claimants—This fund is for the support of the old, wornout preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers. After our preachers have spent their

strength in the ministry and become bodily disabled to longer do effective service, and having no means of support by reason of the fact that the best part of their lives has been given to an unremunerative occupation, they are paid a small amount from this sacred fund in proportion to their need. Their widows and orphans without means of support likewise share a part of this fund. These men have in other days ministered to you, and are now depending upon your liberality for a livelihood in their declining years.

Church Extension—The church Extension Society was organized for the purpose of assisting in the building of houses of worship. From March 31, 1894, to March 31, 1899, the board helped in the building of 1,345 churches, expending \$270,000. There are very few circuits in the bounds of the Arkansas Conference but have one or more churches that at some time have received help from the Church Extension Board. We ought to be very liberal towards this claim.

Bishop's Fund—It is through this fund that our bishops receive their support. We have ten of these chief pastors who have oversight over the entire church at home and abroad, and who travel throughout its bounds. The work of our bishops should be greatly appreciated. It is due to this fund that the church that every itinerant preacher always has a work, and every church always has a pastor. If a work is left vacant at any time by death or otherwise, the bishop at once supplies the place with another preacher. Herein lies the utility of connectional Methodism.

Education—We need, as Bishop Candler says, "Not less education, but more of the right sort." This collection is for the maintenance of Christian schools and colleges. Not only should the mind that God has given us be cultivated, but it should be directed in the right channel, then we can better give account at the last day. This is the purpose of a Christian college. The world is going to educate, we can't prevent it if we desire. The only safety for the church is, as far as her means and influence goes, to make that education thoroughly Christian. This is the greatest possible safeguard against national infidelity. It is

also the greatest safeguard for the morals, religion and future usefulness in the church of your boys and girls. Your money invested in some sanctified mind will turn to your account a hundredfold in the day of judgment.

General Conference Delegates—The general conference meets every four years. Delegates are sent from each annual conference to this body. We raise a fund to pay their board and their traveling expenses in making the trip. This assessment is always small and can be easily paid.

During the year 1894 you paid on all these claims \$63.70, but there has been since then a great decrease each successive year (save one), and last year there was only \$10 reported on these collections. We want to make not what was done in the past, but the full measure of our duty the standard of our giving. Already we have definite promise of double the amount paid last year, and there is good prospect. I think, of doing what will be expected of us.

I want to ask each of my catechism boys and girls to raise one missionary chicken. Several have promised to do so, and I hope none will fail.

The total of the assessment for conference collections is 46 per cent of the salaries of P. C. and P. E. This is no doubt the proper basis in which to contribute to these claims. So I will ask you if you are assessed \$1 for preacher's salary, please to pay 46 cents on these collections. If \$2.50, pay \$1.15. If \$5, pay \$2.30. If \$10, pay \$4.60, etc. You cannot but see the propriety of this.

Perhaps at some future time I will tell you how you can easily pay all, or even more than is expected of you. If you can, please pay a small amount monthly during remainder of the year then, in the fall it will be easier to pay your assessment in full.

Please pray over each of these claims, and then give as the Lord has prospered you. Pray also for your pastor in his labor among you, and pray daily for a gracious revival at every point on the work.

With blessings from your pastor,
L. A. Campbell.

JONES-COLSON: April 1, 1900, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. L. H. Jones, of Wild Cherry, Fulton county, Arkansas, to Miss Cammie M. Colson, of Mountain Home, Baxter county, J. S. Hackler, officiating.

LASATER-Houser: March 28, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Wm. F. Houser, Mr. Albert Lasater, of Jenny Lind, and Miss Dixie Houser, of Blaine, Ark., Rev. W. H. Cloninger officiating.

WRIGHT-CLOWER: March 28, 1900, at the Methodist Church in Gurdon, Ark., by Rev. J. M. G. Douglass, Mr. Fred E. Wright and Miss Lula M. Clower. The bride is a daughter of the late Rev. J. S. Clower, of the Little Rock Conference.

THE STARVATION PLAN

Of Treating Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles is Useless and Unscientific.

The almost certain failure of the starvation cure for dyspepsia has been proven time and again, but even now a course of dieting is generally the first thing recommended for a case of indigestion or any stomach trouble.

Many people with weak digestion, as well as some physicians, consider the first step to take in attempting to cure indigestion is to restrict the diet, either by selecting certain foods and rejecting others or to cut down the amount of food eaten to barely enough to keep soul and body together, in other words, the starvation plan is by many supposed to be the first essential.

All this is radically wrong. It is foolish and unscientific to recommend dieting to a man already suffering from starvation because indigestion itself starves every organ, nerve and fibre in the body.

What people with poor digestion most need is abundant nutrition, plenty of good, wholesome, properly cooked food, and something to assist the weak stomach to digest it.

This is exactly the purpose for which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are adapted and the true reason why they cure the worst cases of stomach trouble.

Eat a sufficient amount of wholesome food and after each meal take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to promptly digest it.

In this way the system is nourished and the overworked stomach rested, because the tablets will digest the food whether the stomach works or not, one grain of the active digestive principle in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets being sufficient to digest 3,000 grains of meat, eggs or other albuminous food.

Dr. Harlandson and Dr. Redwell recommend these tablets in all cases of defective digestion, because the pepsin and diastase in them are absolutely free from animal matter and other impurities and being pleasant to the taste are as safe and harmless for the child as for the adult.

All drug stores sell this excellent preparation and the daily use of them after meals will be of great benefit, not only as an immediate relief, but to permanently build up and invigorate the digestive organs.

Which Way?

Are the children growing nicely? A little stronger each month? A trifle heavier? That's good.

Or is one of them growing the other way? Growing weaker, growing thinner, growing paler?

If so, you should try Scott's Emulsion at once. 'Tis both a food and a medicine to all delicate children. It makes them grow in the right way—taller, stronger, healthier.

50c. and \$1.00, all druggists.

Married.

GATLING-GRANT: February 12, 1900, Mr. J. H. Gatling, of Bearden, to Miss Fannie Grant, of Bearden, Rev. T. J. Shaddock officiating.

MARTIN-BIGGS: February 10, 1900, Mr. D. W. Martin, of Fordyce, to Miss May Biggs, of Holly Springs, Ark., Rev. T. J. Shaddock officiating.

MOSLEY-GATLING: March 15, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. B. Mosley, of Bearden, to Miss Maggie Gatling, of Bearden, Rev. T. J. Shaddock officiating.

JENKINS-M'GINNIS: April 4, 1900, at the residence of Mrs. J. A. McGinnis, Clark county, Arkansas, by Rev. J. M. G. Douglass, Mr. Claude W. Jenkins and Miss Daisy McGinnis.

Contributed.

"SEED THOUGHTS."

P O F:

Actuated by the belief that they would prove interesting and helpful to the many readers of the "Methodist," I have culled the following, which will serve as seed-thoughts from "Danger Signals," that truth revealing book from the pen of Rev. E. A. Tabor. Every page of the book is laden with facts calculated to stir the heart and fire the mind of every reader. There is not a dull or unimportant sentence in the whole production.

"The only salvation for this nation is the possession of, and the being possessed by, the Spirit of Christ."

"We certainly shall not escape unless we Christianize America in spirit and in truth. Nominal Christianity is a delusion and a snare."

"Our country is imperiled because our young men are rapidly becoming the main feeders in every department of vice, immorality, and crime."

"One of the first and most appalling features confronting us is the widespread corruption among our political leaders."

"Neglecting to cultivate an unselfish sense of duty, always takes the heroic out of human nature."

"Prejudice is one of the greatest curses in the path of our ship of state and the greatest menace to our republican form of government."

"Party fealty is highly commendable when it goes hand in hand with conscience, but is reprehensible when it parts company with personal conviction."

"Already the situation is such, that we need not paint hells for the future, we have them all around us."

"Hitherto God has visited with his fury nation after nation for their sins; and how can we as a nation hope to escape?"

"According to recently published figures, there are in the United States seventy persons whose combined wealth is \$2,700,000,000, an average for each of nearly \$40,000,000."

"The average young man seems deluded with the idea that he must begin life at least where his father left off."

"On a careful investigation it is found that the cost of constructing the 50 large penitentiaries and the 17,000 county jails in the United States has been \$500,000,000."

"And this carousing element are spending annually, through the 232,295 legalized hell-traps, a large slice of our national wealth!"

"Lincoln said that where he had to choose between a dollar and a man he chose the man."

"It may be humiliating to test our best efforts by the Ten Commandments, or the sermon on the mount, and find how far short we have come, yet such a course is the only safe one."

"Yes, under the divine law sin spells sin, and whatever is sin in a woman is also sin in a man."

"The saloon is but the open

doorway to hell, which leads through every other immorality known to the calendar."

"Society does not consider that the foul leper who betrays one innocent girl is infinitely more dangerous as a contaminating influence than the girl he betrayed, however low she may have descended."

"Like produces like. Hence no child is an unaccountable, chance production."

"Of the 12,600,000 families in this country more than 50 per cent of them are homeless."

"It is said that seventeen churches are built every day in the United States, and that two-thirds of the members of these churches are women."

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"Mad-dogs are roaming the streets and biting our youth to death, and all we do is to attach a license-tag to the brutes."

"Every boy should be reared to know that he could and should be as clean and pure in his life, as refined and elegant in his manner as he would have his own sister to be."

"The trouble is we turn our boys loose as wild young colts into the cockle-burr patch, and then wonder at the fact that they come home covered with these burrs."

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"Not only should the church honestly face and definitely study every phase of all these problems which concern our young men, but better still she must heroically grapple with them."

"To whom shall the poor and down-trodden, the weak and helpless go for relief if not to the church of Christ?"

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MORAL CONSCIENCE IN POLITICS.

In his farewell address the "father of his country," among other patriotic expressions, used the following sentences: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity."

The hope of a nation is in the moral conscience and life of its citizenship. When, therefore, all moral considerations are eliminated from politics, whatever else may be left, the hope of the government has departed. While the minds of the people are aflame with thoughts of "trusts" and kindred subjects, it is of the greatest importance that some attention be given to moral features involved in political issues to be settled in the exercise of their votes and influence. When we examine the "statutory law" of the state, we find a code of morals honorable to Arkansas. That which is written in statutory law is not the only test by which morality in government is to be determined. A more practical test of up-to-date conscience appears in moral character of candidates preferred for official and representative positions. As Christian citizens we cannot reasonably object to be represented in our moral conscience by the moral character of the man for whom we vote. It is but a reasonable demand that those asking the support of Christian citizens should be requested to do so from the level of good citizenship.

One definition of a good citizen is a man who obeys the laws of his state. There is a clause in state law against profanity. Therefore, in proportion as a man is profane he is below the level of good citizenship. The same is true of drunkenness, gambling and Sabbath-breaking. If it be possible for a candidate who is guilty of all these to succeed in obtaining the highest political recognition the fact unquestionably argues the importance of a general revival of moral conscience in politics.

J. R. Cason.

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LEAGUE CONFERENCE

For Searcy District, at Cabot, May 31.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock—Devotional services, Rev. N. E. Gardner; 9:30, calling roll and appointment of committees; 10, remarks by district league president; 10:30, intermission for social converse; 11, preaching, Rev. A. C. Graham.

Thursday Afternoon, 2 o'clock—Devotional services, Rev. I. E. Thomas; 2:15, reports from leagues; 3, Is the League filling the mission for which it was instituted? Delegate from Augusta League; general discussion; 4, The League in its Relation to General Church Work, delegate from Searcy League; general discussion.

Thursday Evening, 8—Address of welcome, Cabot League; response by Revs. Fred Little and A. H. Williams.

Friday Morning, 9—Devotional exercises, W. T. Locke; 9:15, devotional meeting of the League; delegates from Weldon League; general discussion; 9:45, literary meeting; Best Method of Conducting, and Literature Comprehended, delegates from Argenta League; general discussion; 10:15, charity and help department, delegate from Cabot League; general discussion; 11, preaching, Rev. A. M. R. Branson.

Friday Afternoon, 2—Devotional exercises, Rev. Geo. Wilkerson; 2:15, the Junior League, Dr. J. W. Fuller, Searcy; general discussion; 2:45, the League's relation to the Sunday-school, delegate from Beebe; general discussion; 3, the League's relation to the Twentieth Century movement, address by Dr. H. R. Singleton, to be discussed by all leagues and pastors of the district.

Friday Evening, 8—Address by Rev. James Thomas, state president.

Saturday Morning, 9—Devotional exercises, Rev. H. T. Gregory; 9:15, reports of committees; 9:45, election of officers; 10:30, collection and selection of place for next meeting; 11, preaching, Rev. F. C. Sterling.

Each league is requested to elect and send three delegates with the pastor. All preachers are members and, brethren, let me insist that you come. Cabot is ready to entertain you. The importance of these questions is to be realized when we note the progress of the enemy's forces. We want to grow in grace and in knowledge at this conference. Come. K. R. Durham, Pres. Searcy Dist. League.

Mrs. Nellie Colvin, Dist. League Secretary.

Current Comment

May Aid the General Conference.

The editor of Zion's Herald thinks the right observance of the call to prayer issued by the bishops would correct some evils that disturb the general conferences.

"The bishops' call to prayer, if heeded as it ought to be, will put an end, for a time at least, to the shameless self-seeking and scandalous political practices which are so seriously blighting the church. If at this hour we are to come face to face with our Lord, we must put all selfish and un-Christ-like practices entirely away. If we are to ask great things of God, with any reasonable hope of a favorable response, we must desire it more than to be elected to General Conference or to any position of honor in the gift of that body. If we are to live in a spirit of special prayer for an entire week, we must call a halt in this making of slates and electioneering practices in connection with the coming General Conference. If we would know the mind of the Master in this matter of self-seeking, we have only to turn to Luke 9:46 and read his rebuke to the disciples: 'Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me; for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.'"

Dr. Hillis Withdraws.

The Rev. Dr. Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, has asked of the Chicago presbytery permission to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Presbyterian Church. His purpose, no doubt, is to unite with the Congregationalists; Plymouth is a Congregational Church. The reason for his action is want of agreement with the peculiar doctrines of Calvinism. For some of his utterances on these points he has been severely criticised by certain theological professors, who have said that if he holds the views expressed he should withdraw from the Presbyterian Church. He seems to think so himself, and has asked permission to leave.

But the reports intimate that he will not be suffered to leave in peace, carrying his membership and ministerial orders in good standing. The case has been referred to a committee, which has been given two weeks to consider the matter.—Pittsburgh Advocate.

Danger Ahead.

What the M. E. Church, South, raises is to be devoted to the cause of education. We have been weaker in this respect than in others, and education is more far-reaching in its results than any other enterprise in which we can engage. We might distribute it among the poor. In twelve months it would be exhausted. We might give it to the worn-out preachers, and our widows. There would not be enough to last five years. But if, as it is proposed to do, we put it into schools and

colleges, and through them into the brains and hearts of our young men and women, it will go on down the ages blessing generation after generation. In so deciding our General Conference acted wisely.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

Negro Bishops.

The Michigan Christian Advocate insists that the coming General Conference of the M. E. Church should elect a colored bishop. The argument is chiefly that a colored bishop is needed for the colored contingent of the church. We think the ground is well taken, but it is certainly a right conclusion if this be true that the Negroes should be organized into a separate church. The Church, South, solved this Negro problem long ago, by organizing her colored members into a separate church. To this our M. E. brethren will come at last.

The Michigan, in its argument for a colored bishop, confesses the fact that the Negroes themselves are inclined to separate organization. It says: "A negro bishop in the church would serve as an example, an inspiration and a help to all young Christians of that race, and would tend to hold with us such classes as are now inclined to go into other denominations."

Immoral Plays.

Attention has lately been called to certain immoral plays, and the authorities in some cities have prohibited them. It is now announced that Mayor Diehl and Superintendent Brown, of this city, have decided that a certain play, the very name of which condemns it, shall not be given here. Leading citizens protested, and the result is prohibition. All honor to the protestants and to the public officials for this effort to protect the public morals and to save the good name of the city.

In commenting on this case, Mayor Diehl is reported to have spoken of some things which make one ashamed of his race. They are the more humiliating, because unquestionably true. The substance of his honor's statements was that immorality is the greatest attraction; that to advertise that a play is immoral is to insure for it crowded houses. Knowing this the agents seek, as far as they dare, to get out the impression that the play is obscene. That always fills the house. If a play is modest and pure, it is tame and unattractive. The mayor is quoted thus:

"I don't believe any of this talk of the theatrical manager that they will stop the play if it is immoral. The theatrical man is hunting for the money, and, no matter how sad it is, it is a fact that the people will rush to see a play which is advertised as immoral."

"We had an instance of that not long ago. — was produced here, and the people crowded to see it. Then — came along, and the report got out that it was immoral, and it, too, drew crowded houses. Then the Kendals came along with a beautiful play full of good sentiments, and there was hardly a corporal's guard at any of the performances."

What a sad comment on human

nature—that part of it, at least, that frequents the theater!—Pittsburgh Advocate.

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Literature and Review

The Homiletic Review, an international monthly magazine of religious thought, sermon literature and discussion of practical issues. Funk & Wagnalls, New York, London; \$3 a year.

This publication has all the variety of matter indicated in its title, and that from very able writers. The April number has four articles of very great value. The first is by Bishop Vincent, of the M. E. Church, and is entitled "The Century's Progress in Sunday-school Work." The second, which is of especial interest, deals with the general progress of the work of Christian missions, and their fruits during the century just closing. This is by Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. The next paper is from the distinguished Cunningham Geike, D. D., LL. D., and presents Isaiah as a preacher of Moral and Religious Reform. The fourth is of "Some Elements of Power in Spurgeon's Preaching," by Rev. James C. Fernald, of New York.

Besides these leading articles there is much other matter of value in this issue.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine, Lee & Lucecock, St. Louis; \$1.50 a year.

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The Christian Forum. This is a new publication. The first issue is on our table. We are much pleased with the contents of this number. The articles are in defense of orthodox Christianity and very able. A paragraph from the preparatory announcement will set forth the character and purpose of the *Forum*:

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Ainslee's Magazine for April is an excellent number. "The islands of the Pacific," by Arthur I. Street, presents matter which, at this time, because of our own island possessions in the Pacific, is of especial interest. "The Net Results in Alaska," by Warren Cheeny, is a very interesting and instructive paper. "The Indian Congress" and "The World's Telegraph" are contributions of no less importance. Street & Smith, New York; \$1 a year.

Werner's Magazine.—This publication is devoted to literary criticism, and especially to the drama and dramatic art. Students of thought expression may learn much from it. We find the article on Edgar Allen Poe of special interest in this month's issue. New York, 43 East Ninth street; \$2 a year.

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JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Golden Text—"He hath done all things well." (Mark vii. 37.)
Time—A. D. 28.

Places—John sent his messengers from the prison of Machærus, on the eastern shore of the Dead Sea. When they reached Jesus he was probably in the neighborhood of Nain.

John the Baptist was about the last man of his time that was prepared for such an experience as our lesson portrays. His antecedent training was such as to totally unfit him for complacent waiting in a dungeon. He had been in the wilderness till the day of beginning his ministry. The unfettered freedom of the desert; freedom from all the things that hamper men, freedom from all the cares that engage men, cares for food and raiment and houses and lands and money, and freedom from the conventionalities of ordinary life; living out under God's broad open blue sky, breathing God's own pure and untainted air, feeding upon God's free provision of locusts and wild honey; all this was poor preparation for the close walls, the darkness, the fetid atmosphere of a loathsome dungeon of a hateful tyrant. Nor had his short public career put him in any better frame for such an experience. That career had opened with a sudden burst of power that had startled the whole nation, and from that time to the hour of his imprisonment by Herod it had represented the stirrings of the mighty life of a dauntless reformer. The sun which had risen in such majestic splendor and seemed to be moving with such resistless power, was suddenly arrested long ere it seemed to reach its zenith, and went into a sad and mysterious eclipse. So it seemed to John as he lay for months languishing in the dungeon of Herod Antipas, one of the most pusillanimous tyrants that ever cursed the throne of an afflicted country, Herod by turns cajoling him and bullying him, in order to extort from him the retraction of a charge which John had thundered against him. Chucked away in this dungeon, in the impregnable fortress Machærus, away down on the southeastern border of Herod's kingdom, the weeks dragged wearily along.

Meanwhile the faithful disciples of the once great leader bring him reports of the mighty doings of Jesus, up in Galilee, for Jesus has reached the high tide of a mighty and successful prophet. This adds to the puzzle of John. He had proclaimed this Jesus as the long expected Messiah, and proclaimed it with such intensity that his own life was without significance, nay, his life was the most miserable of delusions, if he had gone wrong in this matter. Still, if he were the Messiah, it was altogether strange that he, John, who had so faithfully heralded him, who had led the very van of his great and triumphant move-

ment, a movement that was to topple over thrones and shake kingdoms, it was strange that he was left in such a case. It was stranger still that in all the tedious lengths of the months that he had been languishing there no word of assurance or sympathy had come from Jesus.

Whoever will thus attentively consider the situation must be convinced that John's doubts were deep and real and awful. The fire had died out of the eagle's eye, his wings hung drooping, and the future was dark. So it had happened to Elijah, as he lay under the Juniper Tree; so it happened to Moses once; so it happened to the brave spirit that guided the fortunes of the Reformation, Martin Luther; so it happens to perhaps all great workers for God, at one time or another.

This is a great lesson. We have not space to show how tenderly, how graciously and with what certainty of success Jesus dealt with the doubts of John. When the messengers whom John had sent to him returned, the clouds lifted forever from that great soul; he saw life, his life, from the wider point of view, and neither Herod's dungeon or the headsman's axe could awake a tremor within his breast. His great work was done, his unending reward was soon to come.

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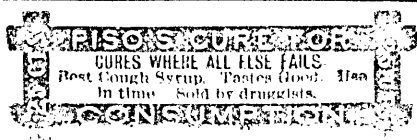
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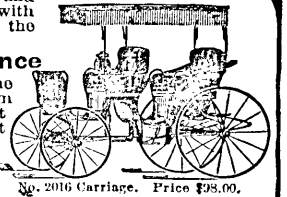
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MATT. XXII. 1-14.

The kingdom of heaven is ever presented to us in the Master's teachings in a two-fold aspect. One is the outward or visible organization of the kingdom—the church; the other is the kingdom in all the elements and facts of spiritual life in the soul. In the one case we see those who formally claim to accept Christ as a king. They have made their profession; they have taken their vows; they have sworn allegiance. But not all of these are true; not all are loyal at heart. Hence we need to speak of the visible and the invisible kingdom, and hence of the visible and invisible church. The distinction is clear, and the facts which require the distinction manifest. People who know religion only in profession and form may think it quite absurd to talk of an invisible church, but spiritually there is a church of the true and the saved in Christ, the people clothed in Christ's righteousness, which are fully discerned only by the Master.

Both aspects of the kingdom are presented in the parable. The servants, or ministers of the gospel, invite people. Their invitation ought to be joyous; for true religion is more than earthly gain. Amid the struggle and disappointment of carnal life God spreads a feast. It is provided by his Son. It is the Son of God that saves. The feast is in his honor. "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who made a marriage for his son."

The invitation to this feast is most likely to be rejected by men who are intent upon worldly gains and honors, and most hopeful of success, too much employed to be religious. There is a warning in the picture. It is not gross sin, as men count sin, but only worldliness which keeps men from the kingdom of heaven—land and wives and oxen. Let these be our chief concern and care and spiritual life is never attained, never even chosen.

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To be without this, though enrolled in the church, is to be conscious of our unfitness for that society. It is to find no joy in spiritual things.

But the servants did not keep out the man who presumed to enter without a wedding garment, nor can the ministers of the gospel keep such out of the church. They deal with outward forms. Doctrines, professions, vows, sacraments are in their hands. All these gates they guard, but through all the false professor enters.

Do not require that the church be free from false professors. It has never been so. The preacher, like John the Baptist, cries, "There cometh one after me who is mightier than I, whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor."

The visible church is a mixed company. The kingdom of heaven in its outward form is like a field of wheat and tares; like a net that gathered fishes of every kind; like ten virgins of whom five were wise and five foolish; like a wedding company where a man was found who had not on a wedding garment.

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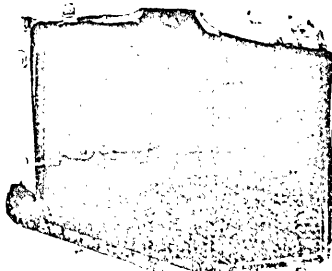
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INSPIRATION.

What shall we understand by inspiration? By what marks shall divine inspiration be known?

"Inspire" is from the Latin "inspiro," to inbreathe. It represents an influence imparted by another—or coming into one from without. The leader of an army inspires his soldiers by his word and example. A sublime scene in nature inspires us, when it stirs in our minds sublime thoughts. We speak of the inspiration of the occasion when, in some great crisis, we are sprung to exertions of mind or body, extraordinary, or when, in the presence of others, the enthusiasm of the multitude possesses us and controls us.

We have now two ideas involved in inspiration—influence from without, and an elevation of our own intellectual or emotional experiences above the level of their normal condition—an influence coming upon us which makes us something more than our common selves.

The second question is of divine inspiration. We must not only find man exalted above himself in action and utterance, but we must find that such inspiration has no accountable cause in natural scenes, circumstances and influences, and can only be accounted for by that which it claims for itself—the direct manifestation of God. But to be able to attribute it to God it must be, in our thoughts, worthy of a God. Its aim and influence must be good, for the position man holds in creation declares him the favorite of the Creator. It must evidence divine attributes such as infinite power and wisdom. In itself, therefore, and in the circumstances which attend it the superhuman and the supernatural must appear, and evidences of goodness must so blend with these that the superhuman and the supernatural which do appear, can not be attributed to an evil demon, but must be regarded as from a loving Creator.

Such evidence of divine inspiration is claimed for the Bible.

But, before we advance, that we may save confusion of ideas in regard to this inspiration for which we argue in the Bible, we need to observe that divine inspiration has various forms. It

is the impartation of a supernatural knowledge in some cases; in others it is desire or affection stirred by the Holy Spirit; and in other cases, the impulse of a special guidance in action.

Prophecy examples the first kind of inspiration mentioned. For it declares events which were yet hidden from the possibility of human knowledge in the darkness of the future. The fulfillment of these prophecies was indubitable proof that the prophets delivered, as they claimed to do, truths made known to them directly by the Spirit of God. This is the highest kind of inspiration. The Psalms of David may be taken as illustrating the second kind of inspiration—that which consists of emotions stirred by the Holy Ghost. David wrote hymns of praise and thanksgiving, of penitence and confession. He drew these out of the experience of his own soul. Experiences which only the spirit of God could inspire, and which, therefore, voice the mind of the Spirit. They are found in wonderful harmony with spiritual experience in all ages. Our hearts thrill responsive to those sentiments because they are our own experiences.

The Psalms of David, therefore, represent, for the most part, feelings which are common to devout souls. They were not supernatural in him more than in us. He felt them and gave them utterance. They announce the influences of God's Spirit, indeed, and in a very unmistakable way, for they are just such experiences as the Spirit still produces in men. Sometimes David is a prophet, but for the most part he is but a devout worshiper, leading the praises and the prayers of Israel leading where all true worshipers may follow, and guided by that inspiration which all true worshipers may feel.

Moses is an example of the last character of inspiration named. Moses wrote history. For the most part he wrote what he did himself. Four of the five books attributed to him are a history of his own life and leadership of the people of Israel, and the circumstances that attended them. Did Moses need to be inspired to sit down at night and write what he did during the day, as Caesar wrote his commentaries on the Gallic war? Surely he needed nothing save the impulse of a special guidance in action. We believe that there was, as we say, a providence in this matter. God

moved Moses to write this history. But comparatively little in the history suggests any supernatural knowledge inly revealed. As to experiences without, he was constantly moving amid the supernatural and receiving revelations from God. At times we confess no man appears in such direct and intimate communion with God as Moses. He gives us the history of creation—what transpired before man was upon the earth. He gives us the law which he claimed to receive direct from God. He gives us great doctrines which were revelations of God to him.

In each of the forms of inspiration referred to, we have evidence of direct divine agency and they give a three-fold witness to the Bible as the word of God.

The doctrine of verbal inspiration, that the language itself in which the Bible was originally written was dictated by the Holy Ghost, it seems to me can not be maintained, nor of any value if it could be.

The writers of the sacred scriptures were compelled to express their thought in language familiar to the people. They exhibit all the personality of style common to other authors. If the original words of scripture were dictated by the Holy Ghost, that does not avail us who read the Scriptures now not in the original, but in a version which comes to us through translators who were certainly not inspired. If the Scriptures had verbal inspiration they have it not now. The translation which we have of the New Testament to-day, is made from a comparison of old translations and manuscripts in which the diversities of readings is reported by the translators themselves to be about 150,000. These diversities of language seldom materially affect the sense, but they show us how absurd it is to speak of verbal inspiration in the Bible as it is known to us.

Another fact which we must consider is the scriptures of the Old Testament were compiled in their present form at a comparatively late period in Jewish National history. Ezra is credited with this work. He gathered together the sacred writings and it is supposed made, in some places, notes and corrections in the way of historic statements. I may instance the history of Moses' death which closes Deuteronomy. This book of Deuteronomy is one of the Books of Moses, but we know that Moses did not write the account of his own death and

burial. Some one had to take up the pen as it fell from Moses' hand to make even his own history complete.

I have suggested the limitations of inspiration that it may be understood what we undertake to hold. We do not plead for verbal inspiration, nor do we hold that every sentence of the received canon of scripture was written by an inspired man. That there have been interpolations both in the Old and New Testament is not disputed or questioned. What then ought we to find in this Book which we claim to be a revelation from heaven? We ought to find a system of doctrine too high and perfect for human invention. We ought to find a consistency in all parts of the book and a continuity in the unfolding of that doctrine. We ought to find it evidencing its perfectness as a complete system of divine truth by its power to overthrow all other systems. It ought to be stamped with the characters of universality and perpetuity—a religion for all men and for all time. It ought to give proof of its divine nature in blessing and saving mankind.

You will say that theses are points for time to test. They may have force with us who mark the results of the Bible religion through thousands of years, but at first men needed other proof that the Bible was the Word of God. Its power to overturn other systems, its adaptation to all men, its perpetuity and saving power were all for experience and time to test, for those that truly received it. Those who heard it first must have received it on other testimony.

The consistency of the Bible appears in the declaration that this need of the human mind was anticipated and other testimony was given—the testimony of Miracles.

The record tells us that all the revelations of the Bible were sealed by the testimony of miracles. God communed with man directly, to give him knowledge of his will and purpose. He inspired prophets to speak in His name, and to them He gave witness in miracles before the people. Noah and Abraham learned of God by his direct manifestations to them. He gave Moses power to perform miracles that he might claim faith of his people. He revealed himself in miracles continually through the forty years journeying in the wilderness. He gave all his prophets power to perform miracles.

Miracles are therefore placed among the first evidences of inspiration.

With miracles we have nothing to do. They are not the evidences upon which we believe the Bible, for we have not witnessed miracles. We do not believe the Bible on the testimony of miracles. I should rather say we believe miracles on the testimony of the Bible.

We believe in miracles because the Bible tells us of them. The case of the first believers must have been just the reverse of ours. They believed the revelation on the testimony of miracles.

The scriptures are consistent in representing miracles as necessarily connected with the divine revelation as its first proofs.

Church Notes.

The Annual Presbyterian Union for the Little Rock Presbytery will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, Twentieth and Arch streets, this city, opening Friday next at 8 p. m., and continuing through Saturday.

There was no preacher's meeting of the Little Rock District Tuesday. Brothers Thomas and Thompson are gone to attend the World's Missionary Conference at New York. At all our churches in this city something like an Easter celebration was observed. Music and exercises for children were generally distinctive features of the service. At First Church a young people's meeting for the Sunday-school was observed. At Winfield the regular service was held, with large attendance. Bro. Workman baptized some children and received three members at Asbury. Bro. Watson preached a short sermon and received ten members at Hunter Memorial. The church was tastefully decorated. Dr. Hunter preached for the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. They were greatly pleased.

A Sad Note.

We have this from a dear brother, in whose sorrow many will sympathize:

"Dear Bro. Godbey: I am now at Lake Village, on my way home from Conway, where I have been for ten days in attendance upon a sick son—Tommie. He died and, I trust, went home to heaven, on last Monday. I laid him away in Carmel graveyard, to await the resurrection, and I go home with a sad heart. Tommie was a noble, good son, and was loved by all who knew him. His great desire was to go home and see the dear ones, but was

willing to die and go home to heaven. His grief-stricken papa, ROBT. H. POYNTER."

Death of Mrs Barrett.

Sister Barrett died of pneumonia Wednesday, April 11, at 10 a. m., and was buried Thursday at 4 p. m. Rev. M. M. Smith and myself conducted the funeral services. Sister Barrett was a noble woman. The whole community is in deep sympathy with Brother Barrett in his great bereavement.

The smallpox is on the increase and in a more dangerous form. This, together with the measles and pneumonia, is doing fatal work among our citizens.

SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.

District Conferences.

The Prescott District Conference will convene at Prescott, June 28, at 9 a. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Wednesday, by Rev. J. S. Brocke. Committees of examination: License to Preach—C. Pope, A. C. Benson, J. A. Parker. Admission on Trial—A. D. Jenkins, J. R. Rushing, F. N. Brewer. Deacons' and Elders' Orders—H. D. McKinnon, M. W. Manville, J. S. Brocke.

J. H. RIGGIN.

The District Conference for the Pine Bluff District will convene at Redfield, Wednesday night, June 30; opening sermon by W. P. Whaley. Programs will be in the hands of the preachers in ample time. See that all the Quarterly Conference Records are present.

Committee on license to preach: W. P. Whaley, J. R. Dickerson, B. F. Scott.

Admission on trial: J. A. Anderson, A. P. Few, J. Y. Christmas.

Deacons' and Elders' orders: J. M. Hawley, E. L. Beard, C. W. Drake.

T. D. Scott, P. E.

Dear Brethren:—As previously announced, the Morrilton District Conference will convene at Atkins, Arkansas, beginning with sermon at 8 p. m., 25th inst. Every delegate elect ought to make an earnest effort to go and certainly every local preacher should be there with his license for renewal. Come brethren, don't fail. Let unceasing prayer be made for the blessing of God upon us. Yours truly,

WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

Special Rates.

I wish to notify all delegates and visitors who expect to attend the Missionary Conference at Dardanelle, that Hon. H. C. Townsend, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, St. Louis, Mo., says that he takes pleasure in giving rates from all points in Arkansas to Russellville, on account of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Arkansas Conference, M. E. Church, South, which meets at Dardanelle, May 18-21, at one and one-third fare on the certificate plan, delegates to be returned from Russellville, to points on their line, provided there are fifty in at-

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Mrs. Lucy Thomas, Dardanelle, is railroad secretary.

All officers and delegates are requested and expected to reach Dardanelle, May 17, in order to be present at the opening at 9 a. m., May 18. There will be a preliminary meeting of the officers at 3 p. m., Thursday, May 17.

Thursday, May 10, is the day set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, that the power of the Holy Spirit may be upon us at that time, and direct in all our plans, and that we may pray that the Spirit may operate, upon the

hearts of others who are not enlisted in this great work, that they may be warmed into action. May we not hope for a delegate from every auxiliary and juvenile society.

MRS. O. H. TUCKER, Pres.
Conway, Ark., April 14.

The St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and the K. C., F. S. & M. R. R. have agreed to give a special rate of one and one-third fare to those attending the Paragould—Batesville District Epworth League Conference, at Walnut Ridge, April 24-27. Get certificate when you buy your ticket, and you can return for one-third fare.

W. M. WILSON, Pres.

Personal.

Mrs. L. Robinson, of McAlmont, was a helpful caller Tuesday.

Bro. J. C. Law, of Claremore, I. T., formerly of Hamburg, Ark., called Wednesday and renewed his subscription.

Dr. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) is to be the next moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in England.

Christian Life.

IT PAYS.

It pays to wear a smiling face
And laugh our troubles down,
For all our little trials wait
Our laughter or our frown.
Beneath the magic of a smile
Our doubts will fade away,
As melts the frost in early spring
Beneath the sunny ray.

It pays to make a worthy cause,
By helping it, our own;
To give the current of our lives
A true and noble tone.
It pays to comfort heavy hearts
Oppressed with full despair,
And leave in sorrow-darkened lives
A gleam of brightness there.

It pays to give a helping hand
To eager, earnest youth,
To note, with all their waywardness,
Their courage and their truth;
To strive with sympathy and love
Their confidence to win;
It pays to open wide the heart
And "let the sunshine in."

QUALITY IN WORK.

It is delightful to see many come out on the Lord's side and there is a moral influence in numbers that creates encouragement and enthusiasm, but there is a great deal in the quality of a small result. When at one camp meeting John Dempster was the only convert, and at another Matthew Simpson, the saints wore long faces and were ashamed and sad, but those boys proved to be of incalculable good to the cause of Christ.—Christian Advocate.

HELEN KELLER'S TRIUMPH.

Surely, no other human being has ever encountered so many and great obstacles in acquiring an education as Helen Keller. The hardships of students combating poverty or delicate health, or compelled to receive instruction in a foreign tongue, are as nothing compared with Miss Keller's handicaps in taking her examinations preparatory to entering Radcliffe College this fall. No particle of their severity was abated for her. Indeed, on the contrary, they were made unintentionally difficult. To sit in total darkness and silence, with no idea of the time, with no touch of a friendly hand—for neither Miss Sullivan, her constant companion, nor her master, Mr. Keith, was allowed to communicate the questions to her—these were sufficiently difficult conditions. But her labor was unnecessarily increased by the college authorities. They had the examination papers written out in Braille characters by a man who had never seen Helen, and who, it was discovered too late, used a different system of writing for the blind from that to which she was accustomed. Helen Keller did not hesitate or draw back even at this, but puzzled out the unfamiliar, punctured points as best she could, and wrote her answers on her typewriter, passing triumphantly in every study, even "with credit" in some. Her intellectual achievement is, however, almost overshadowed by the girl's indomitable moral courage in surmounting difficulties. Does she not put to shame every

slothful and easily disheartened soul?—Congregationalist.

THE BANE OF IRREVERENCE.

The Herald and Presbyter, in speaking of the evil influence of the spirit of irreverence, says:

"No man is great, in any real sense of the word, who does not possess and cultivate the spirit of reverence for sacred things. He may own money and houses and lands, and yet, if he has not sense to perceive and reverence what is sacred, he is a coarse, rude and brutal being. One of the most trying and saddening things to a devout man or woman is to meet the manifestations of irreverence, in the rude handling of what is sacred, or in the disobedient and inattentive attitude toward the ordinances and commandments of God. A church-going and Sabbath-observing people become a refined and gentle community, with the marks of good breeding on their persons, their homes and their streets. An irreligious, church-neglecting community becomes coarse, rude, boisterous and disgusting. There is no question as to this. Religion is the great instrumentality to refine, soften and elevate our race."

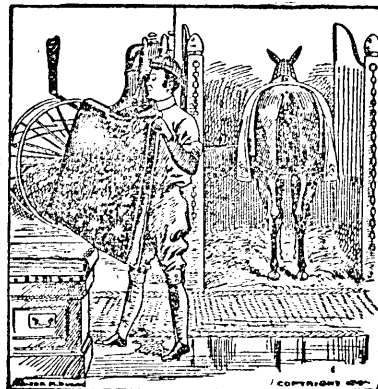
We have long felt that one of the great needs of the times is the cultivation of the spirit of reverence for sacred things. If we do not hold sacred and dear the Bible, the Christian Sabbath, the church of Christ, the public sanctuary, and the people of God, we shall surely degenerate into a rudeness and irreverence which shall imperil the dearest interest of the kingdom of God.—The Religious Telescope.

UNSEEN PROTECTION.

A lady was awakened up one morning by a strange noise of pecking at the window, when she saw a butterfly flying backwards and forwards inside the window in a great fright, because outside there was a sparrow pecking at the glass, wanting to reach the butterfly, says the Presbyterian Review. The butterfly did not see the glass, but it saw the sparrow, and evidently expected every moment to be caught. Neither did the sparrow see the glass, though it saw the butterfly, and made sure of catching it. But all the while the butterfly, because of that thin, invisible sheet of glass, was actually as safe as if it had been miles away from the sparrow.

It is when we forget our Protector that our hearts fail us. Elisha's servant was in great fear when he awoke in the morning and saw the city of Dothan encompassed with horses and chariots and a great host; but when his eyes were opened at the prayer of the prophet, his fears vanished, for he beheld the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for ever more."—Exchange.

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The heavenly world before his sight.

He saw within the gates of pearl,
Such sights as never can be told,
As waves of glory did unfurl
The city, with its streets of gold
And vision after vision passed,
Each one much nearer than before;
All knew the change had come at last,
As he look'd through the open door.

The friends around did something say,
Which roused the fervor of his mind;
"This is my coronation day,
A crown of life I soon shall find."

He bid farewell to all around,
This faithful servant of the Lord;
And in a moment he was found
With Jesus, whom his soul adored.

Ten thousand spirits, pure and bright,
All ready were, their friend to meet;

His soul transported with the sight,
As they did now each other greet.

They sang the "Coronation" song,
"All hail" the one we know so well!
And its sweet rapture did prolong
In "Jesus hath done all things well."

So pass'd the soul of our dear friend
From labor to eternal rest,
But to a life that ne'er will end,
The sweeter labor with the blest.

Farewell, dear friend, "a little while,"

Then we expect to meet you there;
May your pure spirit ours beguile,
Until we reach that world so fair.
—W. Calvert.

Glen Villa, Deer Park.

ARKANSAS WANDERINGS

QUILIAN GRAY.

Dear Little Readers—What would you think if I were to tell you of a city underground in Arkansas?

Well, the older children read while the smaller ones listen. In our grand state are a number of coal mines, to-wit: At Coal Hill, Denning, Jenny Lind, etc., and at each of these especially are cities, one above ground and one under ground. Of course, many of my little friends have seen cities above ground, but not many who do not live in the coal regions can hardly imagine a city under ground, where the streets are dug out and also there are rooms, some large, very large, while others are small, have been made by digging and blasting the coal. Some of these streets are a mile, and others even two or three miles long, while every few feet from each other side alleys open into the main street. All of these streets are coiled overhead with large timbers upheld by strong posts for props to hold up the ground above. Then along the main street and in some of the minor

ones are tram-roads for running the cars of coal to the top of the ground where it is emptied into railroad cars as you see it. But let's look into our underground city. Well, we ask the car-driver to let us ride down and he takes on a load of boys and girls and we go on a down grade for maybe a mile, while the ever-self-take-care mule trots up pretty lively to keep out of the way of the tram car. But look! Every man has a miner's lamp on his head, and were it not for these everything would be pitch darkness. These men work with these lamps on their heads and each visitor is offered one on entering the mine. In some of the mines the employes, and tourists who wish to inspect the mines, are drawn up and down the main shaft sometimes 200 or 300 feet deep by an elevator. The men in the mines are constantly supplied with fresh air from above by means of pumps. They must have it or they would soon die. Sometimes they open gas jets, and let in, not on purpose, either, a flow of poisonous gas which kills many persons. "Indeed the doings of the great God are wonderful and his ways are past finding out."

WHERE THE SPONGE GROWS.

The sponge is one of the curious things found in the ocean. As we buy it at the stores it seems soft and velvety to the touch when wet, and one would hardly suppose it was only the skeleton of a little marine animal.

Little sponges are born from eggs, though a particle cut from the main body will float away and live by itself, fasten to some hard substance and build up a frame, so that in three or four years it will be worth the attention of the sponge-diver. But the diver puts an end to all this quiet life under water, for he plunges down from his boat and plucks the sponge from its fastening.

The sponges were once thought to be marine plants, but now they are classed in the animal kingdom.

Here and there, attached to some rock or bit of shell, there are sponges of all sizes and shapes. Some are branched like odd trees, and others are coarse and brown. Down in the water it seems in substance much like a jellyfish, but on close examination, it is found to be a living creature, growing inside the sponge skeleton which we know about.

There are three ways in which the sponges are gathered. In shoal water they are gathered with hooks attached to long poles. In some cases the natives dive down to the bottom and with a knife cut the sponges from their fastenings. The coarser kinds are obtained by dredging. When sponges are first taken from the water, they have the general appearance of beef's liver, but the color is darker. They are exposed to the air for a limited time, either in the boats or on shore, and then thrown in heaps into the water again, in pens or tanks built for the purpose. Decay takes place in a short time, and they are soon fished up again, and the animal matter squeezed and washed out, leaving

Don't Give up the Ship.

When the demon of disease has pursued you to the very brink of despair, don't give up the ship. When the long, sleepless nights of restless torture and the days of worry and care and pain have shut out the last ray of hope and your tired brain would welcome death as a grateful deliverer, don't give up. Others have suffered as long as you and still have found relief. Mrs. Dora Lesley, South Whitley, Indiana, writes:

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THE EAGLE'S NEST.

There are several kinds of eagles found in this country. Some build their nest on trees, but the larger kinds build on high crags. They do not take much trouble with their nests.

They find places on the face of a cliff which is inaccessible to men, and here they collect a large quantity of sticks with no effort at arrangement. When they have formed a tolerably large platform in this manner, they line just a small part in the midst with grass, and here are laid two or sometimes three white eggs. These eggs are much sought after, and bold, skillful cragsmen frequently risk their lives to obtain them.

From the kind of food on which the eagles live you will suppose that the nest, or eyrie, as it is called, is not a very pleasant spot, even if you could get to it. The lambs, or rabbit or fish which the bird has captured are carried to the nest and torn into pieces for the young, and the remains of dead animals lie thick on and about the nest, making it a very unpleasant place indeed.

The eagle is swift in flight and can readily capture other birds even when flying. Many years ago eagles were taken when young and carefully trained and then used by hunters to capture antelopes, foxes and rabbits. Even now, in some parts of Asia, they are used in this way, and a well-trained eagle is said to be worth as much as two camels.

Because the eagle is so strong and swift and brave, it has been from the most ancient days used as a standard by the different nations. The Assyrians, then the Persians, then the Romans of ancient days, used the eagle as their standard just as we do in the United States.—Selected.

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Our Church at Home

Arkansas Conference.

Dr. Godbey—In a recent number of the "Arkansas Methodist" you state as a rule that every charge has a pastor, and that every pastor has a charge. Here is an exception to that rule. The War Eagle Circuit was left without a pastor. Brother Wright, of Bright Water Circuit, preaches at one of the appointments. This leaves the six other appointments of the War Eagle Circuit, with a membership of over 200, pastorless. Add to this the adjacent territory on the east and it gives an area of about 25 miles, in which there is no preaching by us. And not only this, there is not an M. E. South preacher in this area, except myself, and I am not able to preach. I am told, Doctor, that in the east part of this area, of which I am about the center, and in less than 15 miles of the famous Eureka Springs, there are children grown to man and womanhood who have never heard a Methodist preacher preach. It might have been here that the preachers several years ago on their way to conference, were inquiring for a Methodist family to stay all night with. The story is this: One

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A South Dakota man, W. A. Dawley, Sturgis, explains the condition some men get into from coffee drinking. Let it be understood that coffee seems to agree with some people well enough, but when a person finds it does not agree, it is better to leave it off. He says: "I used coffee about twenty years, and quit it September 30, 1898. I had become almost a complete wreck, thin in flesh and emaciated, dyspepsia and indigestion of the worst order, nerves shattered, no appetite, slept very little, and my blood was so thin that the slightest breeze chilled me through.

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of them rode up to a house to inquire for a Methodist; the evening being cool, he got down and went to the house and asked the lady of the house the privilege of warming himself. She invited him in. While warming he inquired of the lady if there were any Methodists around there. She replied: "Well, I declare, stranger, I can't tell. If my husband was here he could tell you, for he hunts a great deal, and kills all kinds of varmints. But, stranger, you can look there behind that door, among that pile of furs, and if there are any there, I suppose you would know them." Again, Doctor, as a rule the territory in the bounds of an annual conference belongs to some presiding elder's district. Here is another exception to the rule. This area of 25 miles, in which there are over 200 sheep and many precious lambs, without a shepherd, and hence, lies between the Fayetteville and Harrison district, and is bounded on the north by Eureka Springs station, on the northeast by the Berryville Circuit, on the east and south by Huntsville Circuit, on the southwest by Hindsville and Goshen Circuit, and on the northwest by the nameless circuit traveled by Brother Wright, and belongs to neither of these charges by which it is surrounded. The first two belonging to the Harrison District the other three to the Fayetteville district, consequently this territory does not belong to either. Provided, that neither of the presiding elders of the above named districts nor the bishop has appointed one Sat. Tyree an exhorter, to travel this, the War-Eagle Circuit. This Brother Tyree is making monthly visits to four of the appointments, and calls it preaching. He said to a prayer-meeting the other evening: "I have preached twice today and rode about 25 miles." Now, if this brother is not acting under authority, here is another exception to the rule. Doctor, an editor is presumed to know all things. Now, since this charge is not in the bounds of any presiding elder's district, is this exhorter required to report to some one of the adjacent charges? Can he legally pose as a preacher? Is it necessary that I as a supernumary, have my name recorded in some quarterly conference roll? Is it necessary that the membership of this charge, in order to hold their membership in the church, join some other charge? Now, since no charge has a legal right to refuse to accept a P. C. sent them by the constituted authorities of the annual conference, have the constituted authorities of an annual conference a legal right to leave any charge without a P. C.? Is it possible that we, without our consent, have been turned over to the moles, bats, and the Campbellites? I hope not. Brethren, I never have been placed as I now am, where myself and loved ones were without a pastor. I have never seen and felt the need of a pastor so much. How can we endure another six months? We have been here six months. We are 12 miles south of Eureka Springs, in the mountains. As all know, we were all sick more or less of the six years that we lived

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Little Rock Conference.

STUTTGART STATION.—This little church has received us and treated us most royally. We are getting on fairly well without work. Some of us have been sick most of the time since we came here. My two children and myself are just getting up from a severe attack of the measles. Some of my folks thought it rather childish for a man thirty years old to have measles. I tried to preach yesterday for the first time in three weeks. The only comment on my sermon was, "You stood up very well for a sick man."

My folks are building one of the very best parsonages in the conference. We shall move into it in about ten days.

I wish I could tell of a revival like some of the brethren are reporting. We are praying and working for one. W. P. Whaley.

White River Conference.

RECTOR, ARK.—I am glad to say that Mrs. E. is improving and I hope soon to be about the Master's work.

Dr. Earl, our kind Christian physician, thinks she is entirely out of danger.

It has been a long siege, but my people have been faithful. Stewards came with wanted help. Ladies came from most all parts of the circuit to see after wife's wants, and the ladies of Rector never tired in their care for us.

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come and gone. Brother Babcock was with us and preached with much power, so that all who heard him were much pleased with his preaching.

We had good reports, and our bishop's fund was overpaid. We are advancing on some lines of our work, and we are expecting a prosperous year in the end. The church is not what it should be spiritually. At one appointment we have some of those abominable "tigers," but I can't say that they are blind. We need the help of the Anti-Saloon League to give us a lift, and we expect to organize in the county if we can. I am doing some work for the "Methodist," and expect to put it into every home possible.

We have been doing some work around the parsonage, such as fencing the building and a barn, so that now we feel at home. May God bless all of the brethren, is the prayer of a servant.

J. T. Seaton, P. C.

Contributed.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NOTES.

D. H. COLQUETTE.

Rev. W. B. Palmore, D. D., editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, will deliver the literary address and Rev. M. B. Corrigan, D. D., of Camden, will preach the Y. M. C. A. sermon for Hendrix in June. These, with Bishop C. B. Galloway on for the commencement sermon, make for Hendrix a "bill of fare" equal to that of any college.

Sunday, the 7th of April, was the close of the year's work for the Y. M. C. A. The reports of the various committees made quite an encouraging showing on most lines of work.

Our college Y. M. C. A. is supporting a student in the 'Anglo-Chinese College. Also paying fifty dollars towards the support of Rev. John M. Cline, one of the strongest men that ever took a degree at Hendrix College, now missionary to China.

The society has work mapped out on several other lines, all of which is looked after with much diligence.

Rev. Chas. Wesley Lester is the new president. He will be ably assisted by a strong corps of officials and the membership at large in achieving the best results during the year pending.

The meeting still moves on at the Methodist Church. Very good interest manifested. There have been several conversions to date, and some additions to the church. The meeting will probably close with this week's work.

Mrs. Geo. C. Millar is teaching some of the classes that were taught by her late husband, Prof. Geo. C. Millar. She shows herself master of her subjects and imparts knowledge with great ability.

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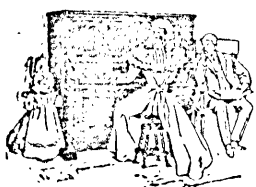
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This conference will be the third of its kind. The first, in 1878, in London, and the second, in 1888, also in London. Every evangelical denomination was represented in the one of 1888, and more than a thousand delegates were present. "This meeting will help to show to our nation the meaning of Christian missions to foreign lands, and to convince the people of their supreme importance."

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HARTSELL.—Margaret Elizabeth Hartsell (nee Love) was born in North Carolina July 5, 1835, and died at her home in Russellville, Pope county, Arkansas, March 6, 1900. Sister Hartsell had been in rather feeble health for a number of years, and when she was taken with pneumonia the last week in February she did not have the physical strength to withstand the disease. She suffered a great deal; but as was her habit, she bore it all with true Christian patience. The triumphant death which was granted her was such as could come only to those who had lived faithfully. She died shouting. She was perfectly rational and called her sons to her side and said, "Meet me in heaven." Sister Hartsell was a member of the M. E. Church, South, over fifty years, and none speak of her except in terms of praise.

She was married to Brother A. J. Hartsell October 6, 1853, with whom she removed to Pope county, Arkansas, immediately, where they continued to reside. To them were born eleven children, five of whom preceded her to the other world, and six remain to share their father's grief.

The large concourse of friends who attended her funeral from the Methodist Church here is sufficient evidence of the high esteem in which she was held by those who knew her best. Husband and children, grieve not for her as those who have no hope. She has gone before and will wait to welcome you home. In sweet memory of her be faithful to her God, and live as she would have you live for his glory.

"Mother in heaven is waiting for you."
R. Luther Broach.

DOUGLAS.—William Arthur Douglas was born near Union City, Tenn., September 18, 1874, and died December 14, 1899, and was buried within sight of where he was born. His parents moved to Boone county, this state, when Arthur was two years old, then, afterwards, to this county, Independence. But Arthur went back to Tennessee just before the war between United States and Spain. He joined the Fourth Tennessee regiment, and went to Cuba on garrison duty, and was there from 8th December, 1898, to 28th March, 1899, and was mustered out at Savannah, Ga., May 6, 1899. As a citizen he gained friends in every position of

life; and as a soldier both officers and privates attested the fact of his true worth, for he was awarded two medals, one gold from his lieutenant-colonel for good behavior and obedience, and one from his captain for marksmanship. He professed religion in September, 1899. It is truly said, "Death loves a shining mark." To know Arthur was to love him. He died far away from home or parents. On a gentle slope that catches the last rays of the sun they laid Arthur to rest in a soil unhallowed by kinsmen, in a grave unbedewed by the tears of the loved ones left behind. Arthur had just arrived at that age of manhood to enter upon the duties, hardships and toils connected with this life, with buoyant hopes and expectations, but alas! "in the midst of life we are in death," and Arthur was taken from this earth as a bud to bloom in heaven. He had just been married a few weeks, and now wife, father, mother, brother and sisters, weep not, for we shall meet again. For Arthur waits over the way and with beckoning hands to bid you welcome in that home where all is happiness for evermore. Farewell, farewell. A friend.

Z. T. Griffin.
Jamestown, Ark.

Mrs. Varnell May Vaughan, daughter of Thos. K. and Mary May, was born at Clarksville, Ark., January 22, 1870. Converted in early life, she joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a consistent member of the same till her death.

She was graduated at the College for Young Ladies, Nashville, Tenn., under the presidency of Rev. George W. F. Price. She was married to Alfred J. Vaughan, of Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1894; after which they made their home at Clarendon, Ark. She was violently stricken down by disease Oct. 18, 1899. When she had improved somewhat, she was carried to Memphis for special medical treatment. From there she was brought to her father's home at Clarksville, Jan. 17, 1900, battling with disease with some hope of recovery, and enduring her sufferings with wonderful patience, sweetness and cheerfulness, alternating between periods of improvement and of decline until March 9, 1900, when her pure spirit joined her sainted mother in that world whose inhabitants never say "I am sick."

"That land upon whose blissful shore
There rests no shadow, falls no stain,
Where loved ones meet to part no more."

If the obituary pen is sometimes embarrassed by apprehensions and uncertainties with regard to those who have crossed that silent sea whose "waves roll dark before our sight," it is not so in this case.

"There is a land mine eye hath seen
In visions of enraptured thought
So bright, that all which spreads between

Is with its radiant glories fraught."
For admission into this beautiful land the sad-seeming sentinel, death, flung wide open the gate to this modest, gentle, Christian spirit. We have the strongest assurance that "her feet were firmly set upon the rock of a living faith."

Forced by the nature of her malady to sit upright day and night, while the weary hours multiplied into days, the days into weeks and the weeks into months, she showed a patience and cheerfulness which reached the point of moral sublimity. The visitor could not in thought associate pain and weariness with the bright benignant smile and gentle, cheerful manner habitual to her.

The writer knew her well when she was a little girl, saw her every day at school for more than a year. The sweet, gentle, refined Christian girl an-

ticated the sweet, gentle, refined Christian woman.

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"There was a light upon her brow,
A holiness within her eyes,
Which showed, though earthly sufferer now,
Her spirit's home was in the skies."

She seemed the very person to whom we might address those words of Bryant:

"Death should come
Gently to one of gentle mold, like thee,
As light winds, wandering through
groves of bloom,
Detach the delicate blossoms from the tree."

When occasionally referring to the doubtful contest between her constitution and disease, and the probability of an early death, she was as calm as if speaking of an every-day experience. A few hours before her death it was thought at the moment that the tide of life had ebbed from the shores of time, never to return. Reviving, she said, "I thought I was gone." "How did you feel?" asked her sister. "O, I asked God to take me to Heaven, and it was all right." She lived a few hours longer, and at 1:45 p. m. one of the gentlest, sweetest spirits I ever knew opened her eyes upon

"The light that hath no evening,
The health that hath no sore,
The life that hath no ending,
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"Calm on the bosom of thy God
Fair spirit, rest thee now.
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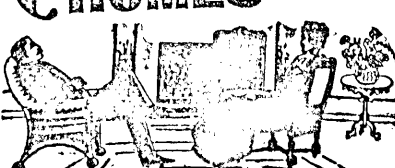
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Fort Smith District Conference, at Booneville.....	April 17
Fort Smith District Epworth League Conf., at Booneville.....	April 17
Paragould District Epworth League Conf., at Walnut Ridge,	April 24 27
Morrilton District Conf., at Atkins.....	April 25
Monticello District Preachers' Meeting, at Dumas.....	April 26
Fayetteville District Epworth League Conference, Springdale,	April 25 27
Monticello District S. S. and League meeting, at Dumas.....	April 27, 28
W. F. M. Society, Arkansas Conf., at Dardanelle.....	May 18 21
Little Rock District Conf., at Hazen.....	May 22
Pine Bluff District Conference, at Redfield.....	June 20
Prescott District Conference, Prescott.....	June 28
Searcy District Conference, at Augusta.....	July 5-7
Paragould District Conference at Pochontas.....	July 10

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W. A. Jackson, Dardanelle.....	10 00
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S. A. Dixon, Lamar.....	50
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Total Ark. Conference.....	\$2351.35

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Last Report.....	\$1918.72
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Total Little Rock Conference.....	\$2025 22

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May—New Edinburg, 5-6; Roe, 12-13; Gillatt, 19-20; DeWitt, 20-21; Sheridan, 26-27.

June;—First Church, Pine Bluff, 2.

3; Bayou Meto, 9-10; Stuttgart, 10-11; Rison, 16-27; Redfield, 23-24; Rowell, 30, July 1.

Riverside and Lakeside churches, in Pine Bluff, announced.

The city marshal of Prescott took to Nashville, last Tuesday, Porter Hines, who was pardoned last summer by Gov. Jones, for selling whiskey at Nashville, on condition that he leave the state for ten years. Hines has been at Prescott in the same business and fell into the hands of the Anti-Saloon League, who had him taken back to Nashville to serve his sentence of about two years.—Gazette, April 11.

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