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News and Notes

THERE IS REPORT OF EXCEL-
lent crops in Cuba.

THE FRUIT PROSPECT IN ARKAN-
sas is excellent.

THE TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL
Episcopal Council of the diocese
of Arkansas will be held in Lit-
tle Rock, Wednesday and Thurs-
day of this week.

A PORTION OF THE CITY OF WA-
co, Texas, has been swept by an
overflow of the Brazos River.
Several lives were lost and all
along the river much property
has been destroyed.

THE FEDERATION OF CHURCHES
in Pittsburg has inaugurated a
plan for building tenement hous-
es in that city, with the purpose
of providing more healthy quar-
ters, physically and spiritually,
for the poor.

REGARDING THE COAL MINER'S
strike in Cumberland district,
Md., a Washington correspon-
dent to the Chicago Record says
they were contented and happy,
making on an average \$100 a
month, many owning their own
homes and having money in the
bank, when the agitators began to
work among them to make them
discontented and brought on a
strike in which many will lose
what they had saved.

A CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD
at Montgomery, Ala., May 8-10,

for discussion of the various as-
pects of the race problem. The
topics discussed will embrace
politics, sociology, education, in-
dustry and religion. No partisan
issues or interests or sentiments
are to be admitted. The confer-
ence will be composed of South-
ern citizens, the people who know
the Negro best and who have the
problem to settle, practically.
Hon. H. A. Herbert, formerly
Secretary of the Navy under
Pres. Cleveland, will preside.
His opening address will be on
"The Problems That Present
Themselves."

BY ORDER OF MR. GATES, MAN-
ager, twelve mills of the Ameri-
can Steel and Wire Company
were to be shut down; cause, as
was claimed, over-production;
real cause, exorbitant prices put
on the goods, which has checked
buying. The directors took
counsel, revoked the order of
Mr. Gates, and reduced prices
slightly. This should be a hint
to other manufacturers that the
unreasonable advance of prices
will surely check purchases and
the cry of over-consumption will
be heard, manufactures will stop,
employees be thrown out of busi-
ness, trade paralyzed, and hard
times brought back again.

Henry Clows, banker, New
York, says of iron:

"Prices have been abnormally
high, owing to the extraordinary
conditions of supply and de-
mand. Some moderate recessions
in value are highly desirable; be-
cause they would immediately at-
tract a large body of orders, not
justified at present figures. Such
action would really place the iron
trade upon more normal and
more stable conditions than at
present. But no important
changes are yet in sight."

PRESIDENT SNOW NOW DE-
clares that the Mormon Church
will not support for office men
who practice polygamy. Certain-
ly, it dare not. But will the
Mormons exclude from their
church those who practice poly-
gamy? By no means. Will the
Mormon leaders renounce polyg-

amy as a doctrine of Mormonism,
taught and practiced by Joe
Smith, their founder? No.
Would we have had even this
promise of President Snow, that
Mormons will keep the law, if
Roberts had been allowed a seat
in Congress? We would not.

AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE
British-Boer war there began to
be circulated the report that in
the last extremity the Boers
would destroy the gold mines at
Johannesburg, which are owned
chiefly by British subjects. A
notification from the British Gov-
ernment that judgment to the
utmost would be visited upon
the Boers if such a thing were
done, brought forth assurances
that the mines should not be dis-
turbed. But late reports tell of
a terrible explosion in the mines,
killing many workmen and wreck-
ing property. Sixty dead bodies
have been taken from the debris
and the British Government has
notified all its subjects to quit the
Transvaal within forty-eight
hours.

A CANVASS HAS BEEN RECENTLY
made in Philadelphia, to ascer-
tain the church relations of its
people. The showing of a city of
1,300,000 is as follows: Roman
Catholic, 75,490; Methodist (in-
cluding Methodist Episcopal,
Methodist Protestant, Wesleyan
Methodist), 38,804; Presbyterian
(including Reformed, United and
Cumberland), 31,075; Episcopa-
lian (including Protestant and
Reformed), 30,184; Baptist, 27,-
293; Lutheran, 19,270; Jews, 8,-
538; Reformed, 7,223; Friends,
1,925; Congregational, 1,071;
Christian, 814; evangelical asso-
ciations, 485; total, 240,682.

Besides these there were twen-
ty-three small denominations of
which none had as much as four
hundred members. It appears
that in Philadelphia about one
person in five is a member of the
church.

PREACHER'S MEETING.

Brother E. N. Watson opened
the meeting with prayer.

Reports showed that at Hunter
12 members had been received
since last report; six at Ashbury;

three on Mabelvale circuit; seven
at Winfield; 12 at First Church.
Brother Thomas reported encour-
aging work.

As respects financial matters,
representations are cheerful. The
District will reach its apportion-
ment for the Twentieth Century
Fund. Brother A. R. Calhoun,
colored, pastor of Miles Chapel,
spoke of his work. He repre-
sents the C. M. E. Church in
America.

Present at the meeting: Thom-
as, Thompson, Workman, Tra-
wick, Christie, Godbey, Watson,
E. N. Watson, Calhoun.

Brother Calhoun is pastor of
Miles Chapel in this city. This is
a church of the Colored Metho-
dist Episcopal Church of America,
which is the church organized by
us shortly after the war for our
former slave members. This
church has had our support and
sympathy and should have it.
Brother Calhoun is trying to lift
the debt from his church. The
preachers' meeting commended
his effort and subscribed for him
a paper of recommendation.

Troublesome "Points."

The desire for a revision of the
Westminster Confession of Faith
in some of its features is just now
finding expression in a number of
quarters in the Presbyterian
Church. It looks as though the
matter would come up in the next
meeting of the General Assembly.
Some of these advocates of revis-
ion affirm that but a very small
minority of either the ministers
or members of the church accept
the teachings of the creed on
election and reprobation. How-
ever this may be, it is clear that
a very large and influential num-
ber desire a change. But it is
scarcely possible that it will be
made now. Churches are prover-
bially conservative, and none
more so than this great Presbyter-
ian body. It has moved slowly in
this matter, and will do so in the
future. But it will in time elimi-
nate the objectionable teachings.
If it were writing its creed to-day,
not one of them would go in, and
so we conclude that in time they
will come out.—Pittsburg Chris-
tian Advocate.

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Educational Notes.

NOW OR NEVER.

BISHOP C. B. GALLOWAY, D. D.

In the language of the English parliamentarian I wish to raise the question of "urgency" in the consideration of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund. The time for debate has passed; the hour for final decision has come. "Closure" must be invoked, and the voice of the Church be recorded. And in the "division" it is ardently hoped that not one negative response will be heard. The earnest desire is that every pastor in Southern Methodism will make faithful and grateful report for every soul committed to his care and cure. If that is conscientiously done, success is absolutely and abundantly assured.

What we do must be done quickly. The time for immediate and heroic action has come. Longer postponement means certain and humiliating failure. *The next six months will determine the fate of this movement in Southern Methodism.* With the closing months of the Conference year come the annual strain to raise the assessments for current connectional expenses. If this Thank Offering Fund has not been secured before that time, the new century will dawn, with the record against many a pastor and his people, *nothing done.*"

The following words, from Rev. Dr. Mills, specially charged with the direction of this great movement in the Methodist Episcopal Church, are as forceful as they are fervent and felicitous: "The time of reaping is

a time of peril as well as of opportunity. A few days of idleness when the fields are white, and the harvest has perished. We have come to the greatest reaping time our Church—yea, our world—has ever known. If we are listless and indifferent in the face of such unparalleled opportunities, the Lord of the harvest will drive us as idlers from his field. A Church too blind to perceive and improve such an opportunity is doomed."

Such a kindly warning may well be rung out through all our American Methodism. We cannot allow this memorable year to pass unimproved—this great connectional movement to expend itself in jubilant boasting and good resolutions. To do so would be a crime against duty and a travesty upon glorious opportunity.

There may be a few preachers in Southern Methodism who see little or nothing in this great movement, and have no heart to urge its triumphant success. But I am sure they are very few in number. The great body of our ministers, with the vision of seers and the soul of true apostles of God, are in heartiest accord with this grand opportunity of the Church, and feel most profoundly the humiliation of possible failure. To such alone do I make affectionate and earnest appeal.

Do not wait for better opportunity or the aid of some strong deputation, to begin the canvass in your charge. The field is large, and the men at command to assist in this movement are few. They could not and ought not to be disengaged from other work to devote themselves to this alone. Let every pastor, feeling keenly the responsibility laid upon him by the Church, ask divine help and organize himself at once for victory. The man who stands next the people is best able to win and open their hearts to this providential enterprise.

Rev. W. L. Watkinson, an ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference, and the connectional editor, one of the most brilliant preachers of the world, in a recent sermon preached in behalf of the Twentieth Century Fund, used this striking illustration: "When a young Greek soldier complained that his sword was short, a veteran instantly answered him: 'Then add a step to it.' And I say to you who find yourselves short of time, short of money, short of strength, short of opportunity, 'add a step;' in other words, make up for deficiencies of material, opportunity, and instrument by an intenser resolution, enthusiasm, and sacrifice." That illustration is as suggestive as it is beautiful. It is the heroic and determined spirit back of the sword that measures the sweep of its valiant swing and the number of its brilliant victories. Many of the mightiest men of history have more than made up for all natural or other limitations by an inflexible and all-conquering purpose. In this way every one of us may become more than a conqueror.

Local claims must not be allowed to push this great connectional interest aside. If so, we will suffer discount, if not discredit. One presiding elder who has a mind to know what Israel ought to do, writes me

as follows: "The opportunity to do great things is slipping by. Nearly every charge has some local claim that just now urges response. I wish all my brethren could and would realize the value and advantage of this movement in education." Local interests in the end will be best conserved by strengthening our connectional strongholds. On the other hand, we may imperil the Connection by expending all our energy on local enterprises. If these local interests are allowed to absorb pastoral attention to the ignoring of this movement, the proposed Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund will become a travesty on connectional enterprise, and a positive tragedy of ecclesiastical statesmanship. But such a result is not to be an imagined possibility. We can and will succeed. Some pastors have already done nobly, and many others are now diligently carrying out wisely formed plans. Let me urge every preacher and presiding elder in Southern Methodism to immediate action. My dear brethren, if the movement is to be worthy of our great Church, it is *now or never*. —Nashville Advocate.

The Nation's Curse.

THE NEED OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Editor Arkansas Methodist.

In a recent issue of the Methodist there appeared the following statement in an editorial relative to the Anti-Saloon League and its work:

"Now, to our way of thinking, it is just as much a disgrace for the officers of the law that the citizens have to take in hand the enforcement of the law against illegal whisky selling, as if they had to rise up and enforce the law against theft."

The above statement is illogical and will not stand the test of analysis, for the following reasons: Because there usually exists between the buyer and seller in the illegal sale of whisky, a mutual confidence, which, as a rule, can only be betrayed by the intervention of a third person; while on the other hand when theft is committed, the persons involved being the thief and the victim, the person offended against stands ready to expose and have the thief arrested as soon as detected.

Therefore we must necessarily conclude that it is much easier to apprehend a thief when the victim stands ready to expose him, than to apprehend the person who unlawfully sells liquor when both the buyer and seller will often perjure themselves to shield the crime. The article referred to is calculated to do a great injustice to many efficient and worthy officials in communities where Anti-Saloon Leagues have been and will be organized. The distinction between the opportunities for exposing the two offenses is too marked to need comment. Should human nature ever reach the period when men refuse to disclose and prosecute thefts of their property, then and not until then will we need an Anti-Thief League.

To suppress the illegal sale of liquor, it is necessary that the officers should have the co-operation of a healthy public sentiment, and the organization in any community of an Anti-Saloon League will be hailed with delight by every officer who is opposed to whisky and who desires to enforce the law. He should not be given to understand that he is to be thrust aside because he is regarded as unworthy of public confidence and unwilling to do his duty. The writer has been connected with municipal government and knows something of the disinclination of men to testify or co-operate with the officers in suppressing the illegal sale of whisky, when the same person or persons will often criticise the officers for failing to enforce the law which would be absolutely impossible without the critic's evidence or assistance. They realize that the law is being violated and that some one is responsible for it, but it does not dawn upon them that they are the ones who are derelict of their duty.

The Anti-Saloon League is destined to do a great and noble work, and above all things there should be a mutuality of sentiment between it and the officers, and because an occasional officer will not do his duty they should not be condemned as a whole. Unless the officers receive co-operation instead of criticism the Anti-Saloon will fail to accomplish what should be its mission.

J. E. Callaway.

[The writer of the above makes some very pertinent suggestions regarding the difficulties of enforcing the law against illicit sale of liquors. Yet in a long experience in the temperance work we have learned that in many places the sole difficulty is in the complicity of officers with the violators of the law. The editor of this paper has been one of the directors of the Anti-Saloon League from its organization, and hopes for it great results.—Ed.]

HAPPY LITTLE GIRL.

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LETTER FROM TEXAS.

REV. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Springtime is here with warmth and beauty. Flowers greet the eye and all nature seems to lavish its measures upon us. While the winter was very mild with no severe cold weather at all, the spring has been very backward one. Much rain has fallen throughout the State and the grass is fine and stock of every kind has done well. The loss has been very light, while prices have kept up. The wheat and oats crop is remarkably fine, with no calamity to befall it in the future, the yield will be great. The farmers have been troubled to get a stand of corn. Excessive rains falling after it was planted destroyed the grain. From every indication it seems certain that we are to have an abundant fruit crop of every kind, added to this the garden truck, and melon crop, we Texans ought to live well this year. There has been, as your readers have doubtless already seen, a disastrous flood on the Colorado Valley especially below Austin; caused by the breaking of the great dam at that place. But all the tributaries of the Colorado have been greatly swollen and much damage to crops and stock occurred above Austin. Fortunately there is yet time to replant the crops and it may be that a good yield will reward the farmers in the end.

Many successful revivals have already been held in our conference. Two meetings in this place resulted in over one hundred additions to our church, while many other meetings have been held equally as fruitful as these above mentioned. Waco, Georgetown, Clarendon and El Paso. I mention only these. The spiritual outlook is very hopeful, while the financial promise is very encouraging. Two districts report one dollar per capita already paid on the Twentieth Century fund. An advancement in salaries, and the early collections in full ordered by the Conference in some charges is a very encouraging feature in our Conference. A revival in every charge and full collections is the aim of the presiding elder and pastors of this district.

Dr. Rankin, editor of the Texas Advocate, is moving things. He has the courage of his convictions and is ready to declare them. This does not set well with some people, and hence a little breeze is brewing. Our Advocate was never better and its circulation is increasing. Dr. W. Lambuth visited me recently, and left a blessed impress upon me. His earnest, childlike prayer at my bedside was a benediction. My good brethren do not forget me as they pass around and it is very cheering to be thus remembered. Some of them send me books to read. How thoughtful of them, to thus remember me as I wait upon my bed for deliverance.

The smallpox, measles, mumps and la grippe have prevailed extensively in many sections of our State for months past. The death rate has been very small, and with the exception of the above mentioned

contagions the health of the country is very good. We are having an influx of magnetic healers and other humbugs tramping over our State. I have been flooded with quack advertisements proposing to cure everything. To such as I have answered, my proposition has been cure me and I will pay you only. One response has come to this offer and after two months of rubbing and thorough manipulation of my body I was left no better than in the beginning. I write this to warn others from investing in such treatment, as I know it is a humbug of the first order. Long ago I learned to pay nothing for remedies that are new. No cure, no pay, is my motto and I stick to it. Our town is still growing. Many new buildings are going up and the oil field enlarges, while a large cotton mill is now under contract.

The season for district conferences is at hand and for the next three months the thirty-eight in Texas will be held. It is to be hoped they may be occasions of great spiritual good to the church at large. Prof. Nunn, a layman of experience and influence, has just been elected to the presidency of the Polytechnic College, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. W. F. Lloyd now at Walnut street, Louisville, Ky. Our schools are all reported as doing well with good attendance. Rev. Lewis P. Lively, now a superannuated member of the North Texas Conference and for more than twenty years an earnest itinerant in Arkansas, is now giving the readers of the Texas Advocate his early recollections of Methodism in Arkansas. To me his reminiscences are very entertaining, as I knew him fifty-two years ago, when in the full enjoyment of his powers. He is still able to preach, and in his best days, he was to my mind a great preacher. Old men who were once active and now forced to wait in feebleness the end, live much in the past. The reason for this is they have nowhere else to live and hence they live over the past, in thought at least. The magnificent new building at Georgetown is nearing completion and when paid for will reflect credit upon all who have aided in its erection. I trust the Methodists of Arkansas will rally to the support of

The Young Mother

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Galloway College and relieve the pressure resting upon it. The brethren of our conference who were formerly from your State are doing well, though some of them are superannuated, and are waiting for their final transfer. I trust I may be able to write again some day. Adieu for this time.

Corsicana, Tex., April 17, 1900.

For Sick Headache

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FROM FORNEY HUCHINSON.

It will perhaps be a surprise to many of my brethren to see that I write from Nashville, and yet quite a number of them have no doubt heard ere this of my serious illness and enforced rest. My trouble was purely nervous and seems slow to disappear. I have already spent a month waiting to get well. My improvement has been steady, but not at all rapid. My right arm still hangs by my side almost helpless. I am waiting willingly but with much anxiety the final result.

In the meantime my work at Des Arc and DeVal's Bluff is under the wise and able pastorate of Bro. T. W. Hayes. The big-hearted people of that charge can confer no greater favor upon their retired pastor than to appreciate and love Brother Hayes. However, that exhortation is entirely unnecessary, for those dear people have never learned to give their pastor anything but the very best of treatment, at least, that's the only part of their education this preacher has had to deal with. Many kind letters and sweet flowers have come to me as tokens of remembrance and love from them since I have been here. They will never be forgotten. My prayers ascend daily for the good people, God first allowed me the privilege of serving.

I can not say with the older brethren that like an old war horse, the notes from the field make me fret to be in the battle, for I do not yet claim to be a veteran, but I can honestly say that I long to be able to carry forward my part of the Master's work. It seems strange to me that in my first engagement I should be borne to the rear; that at this early day I must stop to rest. This is not said in a complaining spirit. It's a dispensation of Providence. I am wholly unable to understand, but one to which I willingly and readily submit.

Will my brethren in the field receive from me this exhortation? Work to-day, to-morrow is not yours.

While I wait I pray that upon you all may rest the richest and choicest benedictions and blessings of our God, and that this may be a great year for the cause of Christ.

The Chancellor, Board of Trust and Faculty of Vanderbilt University have arranged to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the University on the 21, 22 and 23 of October next. The completion of a quarter century and the

completion of the new large dormitory, Kissam Hall, the gift of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, have determined the date of the occasion.

The first public exercise will occur on Sunday, Oct. 21, at eleven o'clock, in the University Chapel, and will consist chiefly of a sermon on the occasion by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, Mo. At three o'clock p. m. on the same day and in the same place, Bishop R. K. Hargrove, of Nashville, President of the Board of Trust, will deliver a Memorial address on the Founders and Organizers of the University. While the title of the address is intentionally somewhat general and inclusive, especial reference is had to the three deceased members of the Vanderbilt family who have contributed munificently to its needs, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, his son, Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, and his grandson, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt and to Bishop Holland N. McTyeire and Dr. Landon C. Garland, its efficient organizers and respectively first President of the Board of Trust and first Chancellor.

On Monday morning, Oct. 22, at 10 o'clock, in the Chapel, the delegates from sister colleges and universities will be formally received and addresses of welcome and response will be delivered. Following this ceremony, there will be an address by United States Senator, W. V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, an alumnus of the university and graduate of the law school. In the afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, there will be an intercollegiate game of foot ball on Dudley Field, under the auspices of the Vanderbilt University Athletic Association. At 8 o'clock p. m., in the Chapel the scientific address will be delivered by Prof. E. E. Barnard, of Chicago University, who is likewise an alumnus, holding the degrees of B. S. and D. Sc.

The exercises of Tuesday morning, October 23, will begin at 9:30 o'clock, with the university procession, consisting of the Chancellor of the University and Orator of the Day, Delegates, Board of Trust, Faculty, Alumni and Students. At 10 o'clock the educational address will be delivered by President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale University. Following the educational address will come the report on twenty-five years of university work by Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, and the presentation of Kissam Hall by the donor Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt. From 6 to 8 o'clock p. m., at a place to be announced, there will be a reception to delegates and visiting alumni; and the exercises will close with a university banquet in Kissam Hall.

Nashville, Tenn., April 20, 1900.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE—ITS PAST AND ITS FUTURE.

J. M. GANNAWAY.

(Read at Ft. Smith District League Conference at Boonville.)

The history of Methodism is certainly one of the most fascinating lines of study of which I have any knowledge.

Never quite a success as a student, so in this line as in many others I have been able to really appropriate only a small proportion of the truths and facts obtainable and keep them on call, so to speak, as would be so desirable to a lover of our great church and the still greater cause for which it stands.

To begin with, the humble home at Epworth, England, is entitled to distinct credit as the birthplace and I may say the nursery of this great movement, for it was there that that remarkable woman, Susanna Wesley, laid the foundation, by the systematic and careful training of the boys who were to go down in history as leaders, of a movement that would grow and spread till all the world would feel its influence, and countless thousands be brought to Christ under the teachings of its adherents.

Leaguers, know that at that fire-side was instituted the first Epworth League.

I wish I had time, I would quote its constitution and by-laws as outlined by Mrs. Wesley herself. I refer you for this information to McTycire's History of Methodism, Chapter III.

Certain it is that the purposes for which the modern league was organized were faithfully carried out, viz: Piety was promoted; the children were educated in the Bible and Christian literature, and were encouraged in works of grace and charity.

But let us come to the little band of students who associated themselves into a club or society after which our league is more directly patterned. The Wesley brothers drew around them other students who desired to know more of God's will concerning them, and to do the same. In the midst of a worldly set they dared to attend to their Christian duties and to abstain from practices that were hurtful.

They sought to do all the good they could, both directing others in spiritual things and performing deeds of mercy and kindness to those in need. A few years ago the Christian young people of this country began forming societies intended to do much the same kind of work. The United societies of Christian Endeavor developed into a powerful agent in enlisting the talents and the hearts of the young people of various churches and did much toward leading them to consecrate their lives and their services to Christ. Our General Secretary, Dr. Du Bose, says in this connection:

"This no doubt stimulated and caused to culminate a tendency already active in the several communions of Methodism."

In both the M. E. Church and our own church about a decade ago this

movement began to be felt and to be worthy of recognition and serious consideration by the powers that be.

In May, 1889, a convention of representatives of these societies in the M. E. Church was held in the city of Cleveland, O. It was there that the name Epworth League was agreed upon to apply to all such societies in the church, there having been previous to that time, many names, such as "Methodist Young People's Alliance," "Oxford League," "Young People's Christian League," etc., etc.

In the same year, according to the Epworth League Hand-book, a number of societies, previously existing in the M. E. Church, South, were organized in a co-operative union, with a distinct constitution and plan of work.

In the spring of 1890 the General Conference in session in St. Louis, was petitioned to authorize the organization of such societies and a plan and constitution were submitted. Favorable action was had on these petitions and the leagues were placed at first under the control of the Sunday School Board.

It was thus, as Dr. Du Bose says, that the M. E. Church, South, was the first to incorporate its young people's societies into the organic ecclesiastical body, preceding by two years the similar action by the General Conference of the M. E. Church. The Canadian Methodists, too, are organized on like plan, and neither they nor the Southern Church were able to find a more appropriate name than "Epworth,"—certainly a happy conclusion, facilitating as it does the tendency toward affiliation, fraternity and international intercourse among the young Methodists of the world.

Married.

JETTON-BARNES.—March 15, 1900, Mr. H. A. Jetton, of Mt. Holly, to Miss Edna Barnes, of Camden, Ark., Rev. J. W. Vantrease, officiating.

DOSS-WALKER.—April 19th, 1900, Mr. J. N. Doss, of Atlanta, to Mrs. S. C. Walker, of Magnolia, Ark., Rev. J. W. Vantrease, officiating.

MINTURF-BREWER. — Near Pickayune, Ark, April 15th, at 3 p. m., Mr. Robert McInturf and Miss Ellie Brewer, Rev. F. N. Brewer officiating.

GATLING - MOSLEY.—March 28, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. George Mosley, Mr. Thomas Gatling to Miss May

Mosley, Rev. T. J. Shaddock officiating.

HANDFORD-HIGGINS.—At the residence of Mr. C. R. Handford, in Batesville, Ark., March 31, 1900, Mr. R. S. Handford and Miss Vinnie M. Higgins, Rev. R. A. Holloway officiating.

WOOSELEY-CLARK.—At the residence of Dr. W. A. Clark, in Bald Knob, April 17, 1900, Mr. H. W. Wooseley, of Paragould, Ark., to Miss Hattie Clark, Rev. K. R. Durham, officiating. Mr. Wooseley is a Christian gentleman of fine business qualities and Miss Clark is a splendid young lady and a consistent Christian. God's blessings upon them.

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"There is no doubt that the average girls' college would be more useful to girls themselves, and to American domestic life in general, if the practical components of a woman's life entered a little more into its curriculum," writes Edward Bok in the May Ladies' Home Journal. "Girls are turned out by our colleges with diplomas telling us how efficient they were in the physiology class, and yet they have absolutely no practical knowledge of their own healthful dressing or hygienic eating. I must confess that in my editorial experience I have come across more atrocious chirography in letters from college girls than I would have believed possible. Some day our girls' colleges will wake up to the fact that for a girl to be able to write an intelligent letter, properly punctuated, and in a handwriting which does not drive a man clear to profanity, is likely to be of more value to her than the gift to glibly decline a Latin verb. It is a better

mixture of the practical with the less useful that is needed in the management of girls' colleges. As it is now, the college gives a girl only mental resources. It should go further, and give her also a fund of practical knowledge from which to draw when she becomes a wife, a mother and a homekeeper. That is the field for the women's colleges—not, by any means, becoming mere practical outfitters, but adding the practical to the mental."

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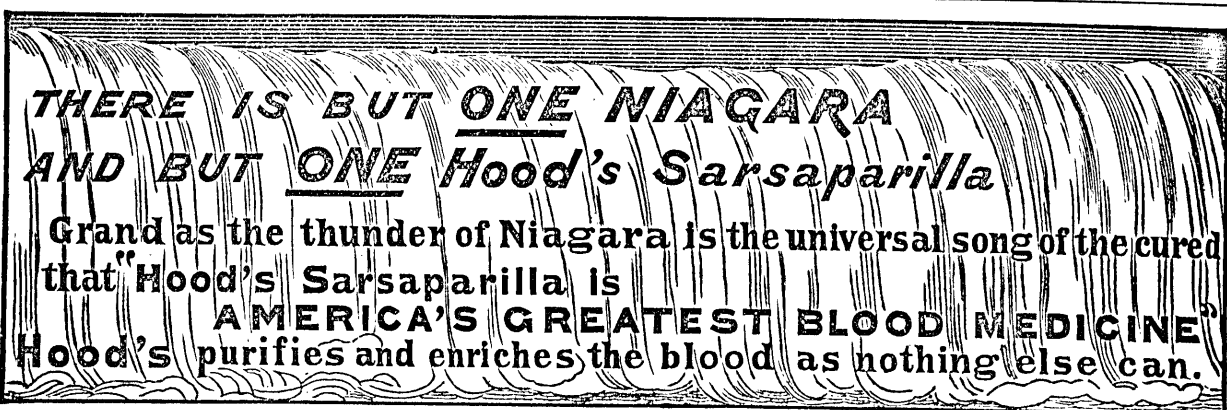
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Current Comment

The Bull and the Boar.

(A Fable.)

Long time two beasts lived neighbors close—
A bull and a boar,
And the bull had proved to be bell-
cose

Often and o'er.
The bull would come in the boar's
sight
And dare the boar to come and fight;
The boar was simply holding his
right
And nothing more.

Years passed and those beasts lived
neighbors still—
The bull and the boar;
But the bull desired the boar to kill
More and more.
The bull remembered one time they
met
When the boar's tusk in his side was
set
And the wound then made was tender
yet—
Tender and sore.

They eyed each other and stood
apart—
The bull and the boar,
But neither was willing a war to
start—
They'd warred before.

The bull he belloved and shook his
head
To scare the boar, but the boar in-
stead
Charged on the bull and his tusks
ran red
With bullish gore.

The conflict was on it was plain to
see
As ne'er before;
The bull was as mad as he could be
And so was the boar.
"I'll get you yet," the bull he cried,
"I'll see if you do," the boar replied,
And he gave him another dig in the
side
That made him roar.

They fought and they fought for
many a day—
The bull and the boar,
And the fight was mostly the boar's
way
Twelve weeks and more.
But the bull was big and his strength
was great
And his heart was hot with the fire
of hate;
At last he fell with all his weight
On the little boar.

"Fair fight—let up, onlookers said,
"Let's peace restore;"
But the bull he only shook his head
And horned some more.
Between the thrusts he madly cried,
"He stuck his tushes in my side,
But worse than that he hurt my
pride—
This little boar."

And the fight went on to one event
Twixt bull and boar.
The boar fought till his strength was
spent
Then fought no more.
The great big bull at last withdrew
And all the world went bellowing
through:
"I've done what I set out to do—
I've killed the boar."

"And why, O bull," onlookers asked,
"Did you kill the boar?"
And then this reason the bull un-
masked
With a mighty roar:
"I killed the boar because his ground,
Tho' small in limits measured round,
Was richer than any I had found;

And when I wanted his wealth to
share
He showed his tushes and raised his
hair
Which made me mad and then and
there
I swore, as only a bull can swear,
I'd kill the boar."

—T. Berry Smith.

March 17, 1900.

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Church Troubles.

A few years ago there was a
movement to revise the "Confession
of Faith" of the Presbyterian
Church. The discussion regarding
the matter, which was carried on in
the church papers showed that there
were very many influential minis-
ters in the Presbyterian ranks who
had no sympathy with some of the
articles of the confession. But it
also brought out the fact that there
was also a contingent among the
ministers of rigorous Calvinists, and
that revision meant division of the
church. So the revision was aban-
doned.

In the troubles which are now
perplexing the Presbyterians, the
division of view which prevented
revision of the confession comes
forward in a new form. Leading
ministers openly denounce and re-
pudiate Calvinism. The integrity
of the church seems to demand their
expulsion from her ministry. But
when it comes to dealing with them
it is found they have many friends
that Presbyteries and the general
it is found they have so many
friends that Presbyteries and the
general assembly are almost help-
less. There is bound to result even
greater disharmony from every at-
tempt to deal with the cases.

Dr. Hillis's Deliverance.

Among the recent utterances of
Dr. Hillis, which have so stirred the
Presbyterian Church against him,
this is probably the most offensive
passage:

"Today one of our greatest de-
nominations still includes that tre-
mendous statement in its Confes-
sion of Faith, saying that certain
men and angels are foreordained to
everlasting death, being 'particular-
ly and unchangeably designed, and
their number is so certain and defi-
nite that it cannot be either in-
creased or diminished,' and every
young man who enters the Presby-

terian Church has to solemnly swear
to believe and teach this frightful
view. And every attempt to revise
and expel that statement from the
creed has been successfully combated
by a majority that wishes to re-
tain the doctrine. It would seem
that if men believed it, reason would
be shaken to its foundation. It
would seem as if a man would pre-
fer to be burned at the stake rather
than hold, or assert, or charge such
infinite cruelty upon the all merci-
ful and all loving God. The day the
scholastic wrote that chapter in the
Confession of Faith they got the
devil confused with God. What!
Read the story of Christ's life, love,
suffering and death, and then
charge God with 'particularly and
unchangeably designing' the major-
ity of his children to eternal tor-
ment? I would rather shake my
fist in the face of the Eternal, and
fling every vile epithet toward his
stainless throne, where eternal Mer-
cy sits with the world's atoning Sa-
viour, than lift my hand with that
creed toward God's throne and affirm
that I taught or believed it. For
the man who does believe that hid-
eous doctrine the hour of judgment
has now come. His sun is already
darkened; his moon is turned to
blood; his stars have refused to give
their light. But, for the common
people driven toward utter denial
and atheism by such false theology,
there has risen the light of science
to reconcile contradictions, to en-
force righteousness, to convict of sin
and to recover men unto belief and
love for God revealed in our Sa-
viour, Jesus Christ."

Literature and Review

Sunday Closing.

Not many of the younger genera-
tion remember the hard fight that
was fought in 1876 for and against
the opening of the gates of the Cen-
tennial Exhibition on Sunday. The
discussion of the matter in connec-
tion with the American exhibit this
year in Paris, revives memories of
the battle that was waged at the
Continental Hotel in Philadelphia,
a quarter of a century ago, when the
Centennial commission met to re-
consider their earlier decision to
close the Centennial on Sunday.
The story of the fight is one of ab-
sorbing interest. The tide of battle
seemed at one time to be all in one
direction, and again to sweep
strongly the other way. The cli-
max, when the vote was taken, was
an impressive one, and never to be
forgotten.

H. Clay Trumbull tells the story
of this dramatic occurrence in the
Sunday School Times of April 28.
He was in close intimacy and con-
sultation with Gen. Hawley, presi-
dent of the commission, and with
several others of its members, dur-
ing the entire time that the settle-
ment of the affair was in progress.

Facts that Call for Faith—Gregg.
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Inspiration—Bampton. Lecture
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JESUS AT THE PHARISEE'S HOUSE.

Luke vii. 36-50

"Thy faith hath saved thee."
—(Verse 50.)
Time.—A. D. 28. Place.—
Not known.

In this lesson we have two types of sinners, the Pharisee and the woman of evil life. The Pharisee did not acknowledge himself as a sinner at all, save in the way that all men are sinners. He had little or no real consciousness of sin. He lived by the standard of his sect, was proud of his righteousness, strict in his observance of the ritual and law, was regarded as holy by the people, was blind to the real state of his heart, and he utterly despised the woman who came that day to his house, because she was a sinner. Still he had some good in him; he had been observing Jesus, had seen his works, was perhaps questioning whether he might not indeed be the prophet for whom his nation was looking, and so he had invited Jesus to his house—the original Greek indicates that he had invited him repeatedly. He desired to know more about him, and doubtless meant to follow him if he found him to be what he thought the Messiah ought to be.

When Jesus entered his house, he did not bestow upon him any of the marks of special honor or special courtesy, such as furnishing water to wash his feet, or performing that service himself, and furnishing oil with which to anoint his head. If he had regarded Jesus as the Messiah, he would have received him with these marks of respect, or if he had conferred these distinctions on him, he would have put himself in the attitude of recognizing Jesus as being more than an ordinary man at least, perhaps a prophet. He was not ready to do that, he was rather in a cold-hearted way investigating his claims, treating him meanwhile with ordinary civility.

The woman who came in during the meal realized in the depths of her soul that she was a poor lost and undone sinner. She had heard of Jesus, had doubtless learned that by his grace and power the possibilities of a new life had opened up to the helpless and the fallen, possibly she knew instances of it. She felt how hopeless was her case if she did not get the help from above. She was an outcast, and no man or woman held out a hand to her in her wretchedness. She was sinking down to deeper and yet deeper depths of degradation, and her final ruin seemed inevitable unless she got help from one that was mighty. She would go to Jesus; would go as a sinner, with deep penitence of soul, which she felt; she would take with her the tokens of a deepest reverence, would anoint his feet with precious ointment, having bathed them with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. She had no words with which to speak her penitence, but her conduct would loudly yet humbly proclaim it.

The fact that Jesus would allow

her to touch him awoke astonishment in the Pharisee, and was decisive as to his claim to be a prophet. But Jesus went forward beyond the mere fact of allowing her to touch him—he pronounced words that brought her into the kingdom of his Father even, and he justified the whole of it by the parable of the Two Debtors. The parable defended the conduct of the woman, it impugned the conduct of the Pharisee and it justified the conduct of Jesus. Let it be remembered that the penitent tears of one poor lost sinner are a thousand times more precious to him than all the formal worship of all the Pharisees in this world.

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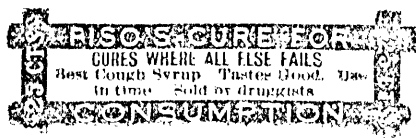
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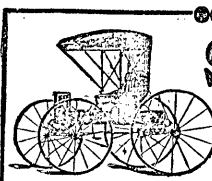
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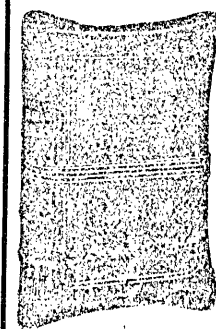
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THE CONVERSION OF THE GENTILES.

Isa. xi 10. John x 16. Acts x. 45-7.

The doctrines which they taught are in striking proof that the prophets of the Old Testament wrote under the influence of the Divine Spirit. The Jew was intensely exclusive in his spirit.

Special revelations of God have always been turned to a cause of self-righteousness by most who have received them. The call of the Jew to receive the oracles of divine truth, and to stand in covenant relation to God, was turned, by most of these people to food for pride and intolerance. But the prophets partake not of that spirit. Their utterances rise above the natural and as we may say, national pride of the Jew. They see in God's revelations to Israel teachings for the whole world. They see in the promised Messiah a Savior for all men. They do not speak as men in the flesh, but as men of clear spiritual vision, and in rapport with God. Isaiah, who here declares that the Gentiles shall seek unto the Redeemer, the son of Jesse, elsewhere represents the Jews themselves as despising and rejecting him.

It is well to place after the declaration of Isaiah that of Jesus Christ where he declares to his disciples, who were Jews, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold." During his personal ministry Jesus had been bound by no restrictive creed, and limited in his work to no nationality. The Roman Centurion, the Samaritans, the Canaanitish woman, are all examples which show us how the Master broke through the prejudices of his people.

Our last reference shows us the scene in the house of Cornelius when the doors of the church were formally opened to the Gentiles. After the example which Jesus had set it required a special vision from God to induce Simon Peter to go to the house of Cornelius and preach to him and his household, Salvation through Christ. That preaching was owned of the Holy Ghost, and the Apostle following the lead of the Holy Ghost proposed to take the Gentiles into the church. "Who can forbid water that these should be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

But the Jews who came with Peter were astonished that God should thus show mercy to the Gentiles.

The doctrine that the Gospel is for all the world we do not have to argue to-day. The great commission to "preach the gospel to every creature," the marvelous work of Paul among heathen people, the especial blessing which God is bestowing on our labors among the heathen and the very spirit of the Gospel itself all urge us forward to call all kindreds and tongues and peoples to trust in Christ.

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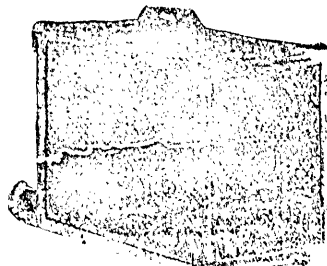
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J. E. GODBEY, D. D., EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 1900.

Is there not need for an Arminian Presbyterian Church?

When you hear a brother finding fault with his preacher, you may conclude that he has not paid his dues.

Our exchanges are reporting many revivals, and nearly all of them under the conduct of the pastors of the churches.

In the great Ecumenical Conference of Methodists, to be held in London, September, 1901, the M. E. Church, South, is assigned seventy delegates.

After an address by Bishop Candler at the Baltimore Conference, held in Washington City week before last, \$35,000 in cash and subscriptions was raised for the Twentieth Century Fund.

No man becomes a heretic while intent upon leading sinners to Christ. The man who truly leads most sinners to Christ is the one whom the church should reckon sufficiently orthodox.

We are asked, "What is the best evidence of worldly tendency in the church?" We answer: When the attendance at the church sociable is larger than the attendance at the prayer-meeting, there is a worldly tendency in the church.

It is very little that any of our preachers receive for their service. Four-fifths of them would be disgraced if they were regarded as serving for the miserable salary they get. It would be a reproach upon their manhood. Is it not better, then, in reporting work, to say little on this subject? For a preacher to report that he is getting on well because the claim is paid up, when he only gets \$75.00 a quarter, looks like little business. The conversion of souls is the only thing which can dignify the situation or justify the effort, the only thing which ought to satisfy a preacher of the gospel. Let the key-note always be the salvation of souls.

During the past week Bishop Granbery delivered the annual course of Col. lectures at the Vanderbilt University. The subject was Christian Evidences, treated under the following heads:

1. "External and Internal Evidence;" Sunday, April 15, 3 p.

m., Vanderbilt University chapel. 2. "Comparison of Heathen and Christian Experience;" Monday, April 16, 11:30 a. m., Wesley Hall Chapel. 3. "Comparison of Israelite and Christian Experience;" Tuesday, April 17, 11:30 a. m., Wesley Hall Chapel. 4. "The Crisis of Conversion and Religion as a Continuous State;" Wednesday, April 18, 11:30 a. m., Wesley Hall Chapel. 5. "Conflict and Progress;" Thursday, April 19, 11:30 a. m., Wesley Hall Chapel. 6. "The Transcendent Value of the Evidence from Experience." This last is reserved for Sunday, May 13, 3 p. m., Vanderbilt University Chapel.

It is very gratifying to see the thought of our leading men turned to the foundations of faith. A restatement of Christian evidence is the great need of theology today and the re preaching of these evidences is what the church needs to hear for the strengthening of intelligent faith.

MORRILTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Morrilton District Conference was held at Atkins, April 24, William Sherman presiding. Rev. Wm. Thompson preached the opening sermon. The reports from the charges did not indicate much advancement in the work. There is a lack of organization, lack of church literature, lack of family religion, and the ideal of Christian duty and life are too low. There are only two Epworth Leagues on the district outside of the stations. Prayer-meetings are few, there are not many Sunday-schools and few of these have been organized into missionary societies as the Discipline directs. Collections are very small. The preachers are very poorly paid, and the fact that the church is in a sluggish state cannot be denied. Sixteen years ago we heard the reports of this district at a conference held here at Atkins; the reports from much of the work are today about as they were then. On part of the district there has been good progress, dating back through years. The church advances as the country improves. Spirit and hopefulness in things temporal seldom fails to be attended with like activity and hopefulness in church work.

Dr. H. M. DuBose, general secretary of our Epworth Leagues, was preaching when I stepped into the church, Tuesday morning. His text was, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, etc." The sermon was clear and bright and

sparkling as a mountain stream. Dr. DuBose has a bright face, a loving heart and the manners of a perfect gentleman. The conference will remember long and pleasantly his visit. His lecture on League work Thursday evening was instructive and inspiring. The presiding elder showed thorough acquaintance with the work and the manner of inquiry touched every phase and interest of it. We have seldom seen such thorough work done in a district conference. Brother Sherman conceals no bad feature of the work, but confesses it candidly, faces it bravely and labors to establish better things.

The number of students sent to college was especially inquired after, as well as the contributions for the schools. One preacher reported that his people had plenty of money for tobacco, and would spend much more for it than the church asked for education; nevertheless, the Twentieth Century collection would fail in his charge. But in regard to this collection we have a new item in our report from this conference. The missions are leading. Rev. G. L. Horton, on Adona mission, has gotten nearly double his apportionment. Conway mission, served by C. H. Gregory, has subscribed its full apportionment. W. M. Taylor, of Perryville made a good report.

There was nothing peculiar in the reports regarding spiritual life. Active, enterprising people are zealous in religion. The indifferent and idle are the same way about religion. But, in spite of any apology that it is possible to make, the brethren felt that the low state of the church on the district was a cause for humiliation and prayer, and a resolution was adopted that the third Sunday in July be made a day for special prayer at all the churches of the district for a revival of God's work.

Brother O. E. Goddard followed the talk with a sermon upon the need of a revival and the way to secure it. A very gracious meeting is in progress in Brother Goddard's church. It goes on in the absence of the preacher, led by the lay members.

The subject of family prayer was especially considered. The feeling is that there must be an improvement in this matter.

After a thorough inquiry into the matter of missions, the conference secretary, O. E. Goddard, spoke on the subject.

Mrs. Moose and Mrs. Tucker

represented the Woman's Missionary work. The district is much behind in the matter of missions.

The conference adopted a resolution to discourage all methods of raising missionary money other than such as appeal to the conscience.

The conference renewed the licenses to preach of W. L. Thompson, J. C. Floyd, W. C. Parham, W. M. Hall, J. M. Denison, W. U. Witt, J. Wilbank, C. Bost, P. W. Austin.

License to preach was granted William Lee Ferguson, and Paul H. Greeson.

Twenty-four votes were cast for lay delegates to the annual conference, electing:

W. M. Clifton, J. M. Jenkins, J. R. Charles, W. A. Isgrigg; Alternates: G. M. Gibson, T. H. Higgins.

Church Notes.

The Richmond and Baltimore Christian Advocates have been consolidated, under the name of the Richmond and Baltimore Christian Advocate. Rev. Samuel K. Cox was appointed editor for the Baltimore Conference. Another editor will be appointed for the Virginia Conference.

The Cumberland Presbyterian paper and the Arkansas Baptist were reduced in subscription price from \$2 to \$1.50; but, after a fair trial, both were raised to \$2.00 a year, for the reason that they could not be published at \$1.50 a year without loss to the owners. Some of our people think the ARKANSAS METHODIST is too high at \$1.50, but the fact is that it is the cheapest conference organ in the South.

Dr. Gray, editor of the "Interior," of Chicago, a strong Presbyterian paper, thinks that Dr. Hillis is being denounced as a heretic, for views which the great majority of his brethren in the ministry hold. He says:

"Three-fourths of the ministers and nine-tenths of the members of the Presbyterian Church reject the clause in the confession which Hillis attacked and for which he was denounced by certain theologians and religious newspapers." Dr. Gray has no doubt that the church will take an early opportunity to vote a new creed, and that it will be carried by a large majority.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church convened in the Auditorium Hall, Chicago, Wednesday, May 2. Our exchanges say the trend of sentiment looks to the election of three or four general superin-

tendents and two or three missionary Bishops. The delegates are either boarded, as arranged for by the committee of entertainment, or furnished two dollars a day and left to arrange their own board. Many prefer to take the two dollars a day and care for themselves. Our readers may expect condensed reports of proceedings.

NASHVILLE NOTES.

Dr. G. C. Kelly is in New York attending the missionary conference, and Drs. Hoss and Kern occupied his pulpit at Tulip street yesterday.

Mrs. E. M. Witherspoon, widely known for her rescue work in New York, lectured at McKendree yesterday afternoon in the interest of Rescue work in Nashville.

Rev. J. G. Rice, pastor of the South Street Church, died last Tuesday. He was one of the oldest members of the Tennessee Conference, this being his fiftieth year in the ministry. He was appointed last year to preach a semi-centennial sermon before the next conference, and he had begun work on the sermon.

The coming of Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis was a rare treat, even to this city so richly blessed with resident and visiting talent. His lecture Thursday night on "John Ruskin's Message to the Nineteenth Century," was in no feature disappointing. Friday morning he visited Vanderbilt and lectured an hour to the theologues in the chapel of Wesley Hall. He said he had a growing love for the ministry because Christ passed by lawyers, statesmen, generals, kings, and all world arts and powers and chose to renovate the earth by bringing truth to bear upon the consciences of men. The gruel and petticoat gospel of Humanitarianism will never transform the world. Inspire men and they will feed and clothe themselves, and the best stimulus is the Bible. When he began his ministry he swore off from commentaries as a man swears off from whiskey, and made his sermons from the common people and what the common people read and ought to read. The physical burdens of the ministry have killed most men who have tried it. A preacher ought to take six or eight magazines and read a book a week. He is to be a specialist in the science of living and the art of character building.

Dr. Hillis is about forty-two years old, his hair is black and his face is as free of care-lines as a beardless youth; yet the majestic harmony of his great soul evidently carries strains born in Gethsemane. He is a cyclone of power, and our strongest and most spiritual men feed on his eloquence.

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PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Monticello District Preachers' Meeting met at Dumas, April 25, 1900. The opening sermon was preached by Brother J. A. Baker. His sermon was good, instructive and very helpful. The attendance was not large, only twelve out of the seventeen preachers present. They were kept away by high water and sickness. The entertainment was elegant, and hard to surpass. Bro. Cason was present and presided; he manages to get every one deeply interested in the program, and the preachers and people are delighted with their new presiding elder. The discussions on the subjects given in the program, showed careful study and preparation. The preaching was spiritual and so helpful to the preachers and the large congregations that gave us their presence at every service. We closed our preachers' meeting, regretting that our time was so short that we could not continue our discussions. The preachers' meeting closed and the Sun day school conference convened, and the number of young ladies and gentlemen present will make the occasion interesting and full of profit. We will let their secretary, our Brother C. H. Lyman, tell you of this great gathering. The District is in a prosperous condition and constantly improving. Brother Tyson, our new pastor, here from Georgia, is a fine man and is deservedly popular among his people. May blessings rest upon the pastor and his good flock at Dumas.

W. A. STEEL, Secy.

Important.

The annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society will convene in Hope, May 11, at 2:30 p. m.

Every Auxiliary is expected to send a delegate, and Mrs. J. R. Sanders, Hope, should be notified immediately whom to expect. Every delegate and visitor is urged to secure a certificate on buying a ticket to Hope. A good meeting may be expected.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Cor. Sec. L. R. Conf. Soc'y.

Notice.

A full attendance of delegates and visitors is desired at the sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Little Rock Conference, which will be held in Hope, Ark., dating from May 10th to the 14th. Pastors, especially, urged to come. Be sure and send your names to Mrs. Jno. Saunders, so that homes may be provided for you. Arrangements have been made for reduced railroad fare on all roads. Don't neglect to get certificate when ticket is purchased.

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Training School.

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Commencement Sermon, May 27, Rev. M. B. Corrigan. Recitations by girls, May 29, 8 p. m. Contest in Declamation, by boys, May 30, 8 p. m. Senior exercises—An Evening with American Authors—May 31. The class-day exercises of the various classes will be held at 3 p. m., on the following dates: May 19, May 22, May 24, and May 26. Fraternal-ly,

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Personal.

Rev. T. H. Ware was in the city, Tuesday.

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Brother E. B. Waddell, of Redfield, called and helped our financial condition a little on Friday.

Revs. W. E. Thompson and James

Thomas have returned from the missionary conference in New York.

Revs. J. J. Douglass, J. W. Berry and S. L. Cochran have sent in new subscribers during the past week.

Rev. Fred Little, our representative from the White River Conference, was quite ill at the missionary conference, New York.

Rev. Frank Barrett, of Jonesboro, preached at First Church, this city, last Sunday morning and night. The congregation was greatly pleased by the services.

Admiral Dewey entered Chicago on Monday last, to be a guest of the city for three days. A great demonstration will be made. Thursday, Dewey goes to Jacksonville, Ill.

Mrs. O. B. Wellborn, wife of the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, died Wednesday, the 25th ult. We extend assurance of sympathy to our bereaved brother.

Rev. W. F. Wilson, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District, will preach the Commencement Sermon for the Spaulding Institute, Muscogee, Indian Territory, May 20. Also, that of Hendrix Academy, Orchard, Arkansas, May 30.

Gen. John B. Gordon, Commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, is reported to have delivered an exhortation and called penitents, in one of Abe Mulkey's revival meetings. The call was responded to by more than a hundred seekers of religion.

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I have not lived in vain. And though I could live to preach Christ a thousand years, I die to be with him, which is far better."

When John Holland passed away it was about 6 in the evening, the shadow of night was gathering around, and it was growing darker and darker. When near the last moment he looked up and said to the family: "What is this? What is this strange light in the room? Have they lighted the candles, Martha?" "No," said she. He replied: "Then it must be heaven. Welcome, heaven."

"How sweet the hour of closing day,
When all is peaceful and serene;
And when the sun, with cloudless ray,
Sheds mellow luster o'er the scene;
Such is the Christian's parting hour,
So peacefully he sinks to rest;
When faith endured with heavenly power
Sustains and cheers his languid breast."

Between the dates of Sept. 23, 1822, and March 20, 1900, was passed the earthly existence of a true Christian, Sister Martha E. Glenn, nee Hassell. August 31, 1837, she was married to W. W. Glenn and came to Independence County, Arkansas, the same year. At the age of 77 she passed away, having been a citizen of the State for more than sixty years. Early in life she professed religion and united with the Methodist Church. The consistency and devotion of her life for three-score years demonstrated the genuineness of her profession. She was conscious of having "passed from death unto life" and had an experience in the things of God.

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She often spoke of the assurance of his favor which came to her heart at the time of her conversion, and which had been such a solace in affliction and sorrow.

By diligently searching the Scriptures, and daily communion with God, she was strengthened for the duties of life, and enabled to walk in the straight and narrow way.

Sister Glenn was devoted to the church, working and praying for its prosperity. She found such delight in the service of the sanctuary that it was almost a privation when

she was unable to attend.

As a wife she was faithful and devoted, and after the departure of her husband she looked forward with delight to the hour of their reunion.

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Such was the close of her life.

Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit, rest thee now;
E'en whilst with us thy footsteps trod,
His seal was on thy brow.
Dust, to its narrow cell beneath;
Soul, to its place on high:
They who have seen thy look in death,
No more need fear to die.

After an appropriate service at the church, conducted by Bro. Farris and myself, we quietly laid her body to rest by the side of her husband in the Batesville Cemetery, there to await the resurrection of the just.

The three surviving children, John W. Glenn, Mrs. Lizzie Hickerson, and Mrs. T. R. Taylor, are all members of the household of faith and citizens of Batesville.

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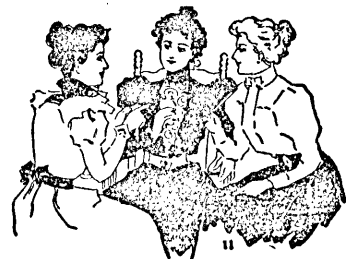
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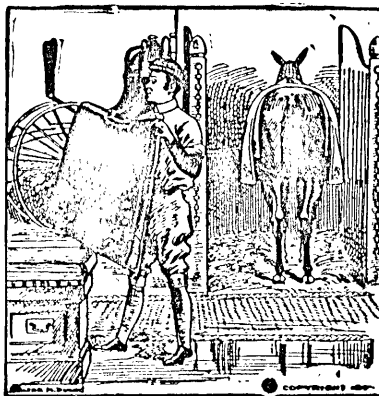
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ARKANSAS WANDERINGS

QUILIAN GRAY.

(By Quilian Gray.)

To My Dear Young Friends.—Good Morning:

Suppose we talk of the birds I have seen in Arkansas. Many of you have seen the crow. Did you ever think how much was in the expression, "As the crow flies?" He goes straight to his point of destination, without even turning to the right or the left. Oh, we boys and girls, ought to learn from the crow to walk in the path of duty and never turn aside for pleasure or any other temptation which Our Heavenly Father would disapprove. And then I have seen many parrots. They have such beautiful feathers, rich plumage, but it is because they can talk that they are so highly prized. Sometimes they are like we young folks, however, they don't say the right things at the

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right time. I heard of a parrot which had been taught to whistle and talk, and seeing a cat near his perch he called the dog and cried out "Sie him; sie him, Dash." The dog came at once, but the cat dodged out and was soon out of sight. Dash looked around but the parrot kept crying out "Sie him, Dash," when seeing nothing else to pounce upon, he jumped upon the parrot and made havoc with his feathers. When the dog walked away, the parrot after adjusting the remnant of his feathers said to himself: "Poll talk too much." Do we young folks do like Poll?

Then I have seen some very sweet singers among the canaries. And from them I have tried to learn a lesson: "In every condition there-with to be content." Poor little canaries in prison, and yet they sing so sweetly that they make the world around them much happier. If these dear little prisoners can afford in so short a life, of but three or four years, to give out so much sweetness to the world cannot we study to make others happier and better during our stay of, perhaps, many years here?

And then there's the hawk, so well known to every farm home as the bird-robber. Say, boys, when you have any temptations to follow in the steps of the "James Boys," the Dalton gang, or others who have made the world worse and sadder by their acts and influence, stop and say, "I don't want to be the hawk of humanity."

Then there's the blue-jay and the red-bird which often remind us of the dude and dudine among us. But the birds cannot degrade themselves quite as low as some of us boys, for they can't smoke cigarettes or take drams. Wouldn't the blue-jay be a show with a cigarette in one claw and a walking cane in the other, while he makes a scape-pipe of his nose through which the smoke and his nervous, moral and intellectual strength escapes? Don't smoke, don't chew tobacco, don't drink drams, don't dip snuff, because these are a part of the bad habits of every low character among us. Don't take this step downward.

HOW ONE CAT CAME BACK.

The Rev. John Stringer, a Methodist pastor in Pennsylvania, then residing at Strasburg, had a pet cat, Bob. Bob was taken into the family when almost starved, and a wretched little kitten. The children tenderly brought him to plumpness and strength, and he grew up in greatest comfort. It would surely seem as if he never would feel like separating from friends so kind.

But the itinerant preacher had to move, and his new charge was Catasaqua, fully seventy miles across two counties. The family took several different railroads to reach it.

The great question for Bob whether he would stay in the old home or travel with the family was quickly decided by the children. "Oh, we can't leave Bob! Dear old Bob wants to go with us, and we do not know who would care of him here!"

So a large basket was fitted up for him, and he was securely fastened

Look for the Warning.

Heart disease kills suddenly, but never without warning. The warnings may be faint and brief, or may be startling and extend over many years, but they are none the less certain and positive. Too often the victim is deceived by the thought, "It will pass away." Alas, it never passes away voluntarily. Once installed, heart disease never gets better of itself. If Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is used in the early stages recovery is absolutely certain in every case where its use is persisted in.

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in it. During his long journey he could not see where he was going, and when he reached the new home he was put into the cellar for several days. Extra care and petting was expended upon him to attach him to his new surroundings, and with his long stay in the family it was confidently believed that he would be content.

But when he found the door open he went out and examined the place. What mattered it that it was a larger and finer town, with enterprise, wealth and great stir? He longed for his country town, far away, and disappeared.

Nearly a week afterward he was found by a neighbor at the old Strasburg parsonage. It was incredible that he could find his way back, but there was no mistake about it being Bob. He promptly responded to his name, and by many unmistakable indications he was positively identified. He had traveled on foot for seventy miles by some instinct which is beyond our present knowledge.

How could he know a way which he had traversed in a closed-up basket for seventy miles, and in swift railroad trains, how could he know even the direction he had come, the distance traveled, or have the slightest clue to the return, is inexplicable. This story is absolutely true, and suggests new wonders in animal psychology.

No human being could have found his way back with so little data outside of his own mental resources as Bob had. Will not some of the bright boys and girls observe the family cat more carefully and discriminatingly gather facts about its mental powers. Be sure that every fact is unmistakably true. Examine it and test it very thoroughly. Doubtless many similar wonderful instances of the cat's intellectual powers could be gathered and fully verified.

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Dr. Brooks's Book.

Rev. James A. Anderson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., in writing of Dr. Brooks's book, "Scriptural Sanctification," says:

"Your book was a distinct blessing to me intellectually and spiritually. It cannot fail to do good wherever it is read. Its chief value to me was that it made clear what I had read a hundred times, and what I after some sort believed to be true—that there is no power in us at any stage to cleanse our natures, that all purification must come by the submission of faith and through the agency of the Holy Ghost. It may seem strange to you that any Methodist preacher should ever be mixed up on this point. But, in my humble judgment, it is exactly here that the whole doctrine of holiness is least clearly understood, notwithstanding the distinct announcement of this truth ever since the days of Mr. Wesley. Mixed at this point, we may expect to flounder even in the most conscientious effort after holiness; clear here, we ought to find it easy to perfect holiness in the sight of God. It is the difference between knowing how and not knowing how the thing is to be accomplished."

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Woman's Work.

MEETING AT NEW ORLEANS.

My Dear Sisters—I wish many of you could have enjoyed with me the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, South, held in Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans, April 11-18.

So much labor and so great enjoyment have rarely been crowded into one week.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and suspended above the pulpit, in large gilt letters, was the suggestive motto of our Home Mission Society: "Our Country for Christ."

Mrs. F. A. Lyons, president of the Louisiana Conference Society, gave the felicitous address of welcome.

The attendance of delegates was good, and a number of visitors were also entertained by the hospitable people of the quaint Crescent City.

Miss Bennett, president; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, general secretary, and Miss Allen, recording secretary, served with distinguished ability. They, with other members of the board, pleasantly recalled the meeting held in Little Rock four years ago, and made kindly inquiries after friends in Arkansas.

Reports from the various conferences showed progress in all departments of our work. The increase in membership was 4,000, and in financial receipts \$6,000.

In her able address, Miss Bennett said the great message to the women of the Home Mission Society is: "Pay ye your tithes unto the Lord," and that they cannot make a thank-offering to the Twentieth Century fund until these tithes are paid.

In order to hasten the raising of the \$25,000, our part of the \$1,500,000 pledged by Southern Methodism, a motion was carried that a committee of three, including its president, be formed in every auxiliary to solicit subscriptions from members and friends.

Miss Mary Helm, editor and agent, reported gratifying increase in the number of subscribers to "Our Homes," the official organ of the society. A vote of thanks was tendered for her wise and able management of the paper. The service of prayer and praise led by this gifted and consecrated woman lifted all hearts nearer to the Redeemer of mankind.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, financial agent, said 370 girls had been saved from everlasting shame through the Rescue Home in Dallas, Tex., and her tender appeal for unfortunate women touched every heart in the

HEART DISEASE.

Some Facts Regarding the Rapid Increase of Heart Troubles.

Heart trouble, at least among the Americans, is certainly increasing and while this may be largely due to the excitement and worry of American business life, it is more often the result of weak stomachs, of poor digestion.

Real organic disease is incurable; but not one case in a hundred of heart trouble is organic.

The close relation between heart trouble and poor digestion is because both organs are controlled by the same great nerves, the Sympathetic and the Pneumogastric.

In another way also the heart is affected by the form of poor digestion, which causes gas and fermentation from half digested food. There is a feeling of oppression and heaviness in the chest caused by pressure of the distended stomach on the heart and lungs, interfering with their action; hence arises palpitation and short breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the blood, making it thin and watery, which irritates and weakens the heart.

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audience.

Mrs. J. J. Tigert, superintendent, said the baby roll is growing in favor. Several babies were enrolled as life members during the meeting and were formally introduced to their elder sisters. One of these was little Patsy French, seven months old, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. French, of the New Mexico Conference. When the beautiful blue-eyed baby was introduced, the little face, wreathed in smiles, seemed to say she appreciated this honor conferred by her mother's co-laborers.

Miss Mary Bruce, superintendent of schools in Florida for Cubans, gave an interesting account of those at West Tampa, Ybor City and Key West, in which 440 pupils were enrolled.

She said Bishop Candler rendered valuable assistance in securing the gift of a fine lot from the citizens of Key West for our new school building there.

Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, superintendent, reported considerable advance in the department of systematic and proportionate giving. This was due to her unceasing labors, and a message of loving remem-

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brance and commendation was sent her by telegraph.

One afternoon the members of the board called on Bishop and Mrs. Keener, and were graciously received in their rose-embowered cottage home. Bishop Keener said New Orleans is the richest spot in Southern Methodism. That it has given fifty-one itinerants and four bishops to the church, and that one of its missions has had a continuous revival for a number of years, penitents being converted at every service. He said the Mexican mission was started in Carondelet Street Church from which three conferences have been organized, and he showed us pretty pictures of the Mary Keener Institute in Mexico. Pointing to portraits on the wall, he said: "There are our children who have gone before us." Our beloved senior bishop and his devoted wife are lonely now, but, by faith, they see the happy reunion to come with the dawn of the perfect day that shall never end.

Our annual sermon was preached by Rev. O. E. Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., from the text: "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick," and a masterful discourse it was.

Sunday night Dr. J. J. Tigert gave a fine sermon on the duty of obedience to the Master.

Prof. Dyer, of Vanderbilt University, was the speaker for one evening, and his forcible address on "City Missions" will bring forth good fruit.

A long trolley ride given by the New Orleans ladies enabled us to glimpse many points of historic and legendary interest in and near the city.

The grand old oak trees with sweeping draperies of gray moss seemed to whisper tales of tragic duels in days of old, and again to tell of hearts and hands plighted in troth under canopy of shade to this good hour. Fairest flowers bloomed everywhere and the glad Easter morn was full of rejoicing.

A charming reception was given in our honor by Mrs. R. M. Walmsley in her magnificent home on First street. There many things beautiful delighted the eye and courtly hospitality made the afternoon memorable in the annals of pleasure.

The half dozen visiting ladies from Arkansas were cordially received, and her two delegates were honored with double duties. Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of White River Conference, was made assistant recording secretary of the meeting, and the corresponding secretary of the Little Rock Conference Society

was appointed chairman of committee on parsonages. Donations to the amount of \$2,000 were distributed to 22 parsonages, and the board of church extension was requested to grant all loans if possible. The next annual meeting of the board will be held in St. John's Church, St. Louis.

The Little Rock Conference sent a good report to New Orleans. Let us send a much better one to St. Louis. Sincerely yours,

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Our Church at Home

HOLLY SPRINGS. — Dear "Methodist": Second quarterly meeting over. Held Thursday, April 19th. Brother Ware, the presiding elder, and also Brother Few, of the Princeton circuit, on hand, and each gave us a real good sermon. Who can tell how much a circuit preacher enjoys the visits of his P. E. and other brethren of the ministry? This has been a short quarter, hence the collections were a little short.

Foreign mission money nearly all paid, and some on home missions.

Two new Sunday-schools organized during the quarter. We now have six Sunday-schools and four churches. Love to all of God's people. Geo. W. Logan.

Holly Springs, Ark.

BENTONVILLE CIRCUIT. — Dear Dr. Godbey: As nothing has been said about our work this year, through the "Methodist," I will. Our second quarterly conference is just over, and our presiding elder, Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson, was with us and preached three very fine sermons. Brother Willson is in great favor with the people of Bentonville circuit. The reports at our quarterly conference were good. P. C.'s and P. E.'s salary paid up to date. Collections ordered by the annual conference well up. We have done four months of the hardest work of our ministerial life, and we believe the Master has owned and blessed our labors in the awakening of the church in this part. We were somewhat discouraged at the beginning of the year, but thank God we are greatly encouraged now. We are praying and expecting the Lord to do great things for us this year. Pray for us. We have done but little for the "Methodist" up to the present, but expect as we make our next round to get some new subscribers, and do some close collecting with the old ones. Yours cordially, Z. W. Lindsey.

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Were I not to pay some tribute to the memory and in a feeble way attempt to express my appreciation of the life and character of this now sainted friend and brother, I would ever reproach myself for the neglect of a plain duty and conscious obligation. I knew Brother Eidson intimately for about fourteen years—all of his ministerial life. His early advantages were limited, but nature did a great deal for him. Then grace supplemented his native ability and strong character until he was, despite the lack of early training, an eminently useful man.

He was a far better theologian than many whose advantages had been far better than his. He also kept abreast with the current events of the day, specially political matters. Being a man of decision of character and strong convictions you had no trouble in locating him in either politics or theology and no man ever attacked his positions in his presence that didn't learn very soon that he was there and was of a different opinion. An editor once said of him, "John Eidson may not cross his t's and dot his i's as carefully as some others, but he is as often and nearly correct as any of them."

He was a man—and all men unfortunately are not built that way—of sufficient breadth that he could differ from you, and contend with you, and not in the least be estranged in his feelings or affection for you. Some of his strongest friends and most ardent admirers were men who differed from him in religion or politics. One reason for this was to be found in the fact that he was perfectly candid. He was not found under the surface but like an open book could always be known. Brother Eidson was about the only preacher I ever knew that could advocate political measures and the claims of his selection of a man for an office and not be accused of "dabbling in politics."

It is not surprising therefore that this servant of God, his church and country should be able, by grace, to successfully meet the last enemy in the last battle of this life, and though the body had to yield to the demands of death, his spirit could say "because I live ye shall live also," and "to be absent from the body" is but "to be present with the Lord," and peacefully pass to Him who "brought life and immortality to light," "lead captivity captive," and said, "He that believeth in me shall never die." Brother Eidson's itinerant labors were confined to a few works and a comparatively small territory, but this indicated the wearing qualities of the man. He never wore out, was always wanted back, nor did the church ever suffer under him.

Brother Eidson was an economist; he had the ability to make a little go a long way. Don't suppose he ever received more than \$100 for a year's work—possibly never that much, but he supported a wife and several little children, and I never heard complaint that they didn't

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have the necessities of life. Have no idea he ever left a charge owing any man anything but to love him. I remember that one year after serving a hard mission he loaned a brother who had filled a good station \$50 to move with. About my good friend and brother I have written this brief notice. Much more could be said. An honest man, a true Christian was he. We will plant the evergreen upon his grave in hope of the unfolding glories of the resurrection, commend his spirit to him he served so faithfully in this life, and shed the tear of sympathy with his bereaved family. Farewell, brother, but not forever. M. M. Smith.

Fort Smith District, third round. S. Anderson, P. E.

May: Mansfield circuit, at Abbott, 5, 6; Huntington and Jenny Lind, at Jenny Lind, 12, 13; Central Church, 13, 14; Greenwood circuit, at Oak Grove, 19, 20; Hackett circuit, at Mt. Olive, 26, 27.

June: Paris and Charleston, at Paris, 2, 3; Charleston circuit, at Pleasant Ridge, 9, 10; Mulberry circuit, at Mulberry, 23, 24; Van Buren circuit, at East End, 24, 25; Alma circuit at Rudy, 30, July 1.

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THE GREAT ECUMENICAL MISSION CONFERENCE.

REV. P. C. FLETCHER.

NEW YORK, April 23, 1900.

At this writing the great Ecumenical conference on Foreign Missions is in full blast. It is indeed an inspiring body of consecrated men and women, who have come together from every part of the globe to consider the great interests of their Master's Kingdom.

The conference is composed of over 2,500 missionaries and delegates; of this number over 300 are workers in foreign fields. It is by all odds the greatest religious conference in the history of the world. A similar conference was held at Midway, England, in 1878, and also one in London in 1888, but the one now in session in this city far exceeds the previous two in point of size and general scope and interest.

The first meeting of this conference came together at the Carnegie Hall, on Saturday afternoon, at 2:30, at which time a few speeches were made, giving an outline of the work to be accomplished. The second meeting was held at the same hall on Saturday night. This was indeed a brilliant and impressive service. The vast auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity, thousands being turned away for want of even standing room. Bishop H. C. Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, opened the service with prayer. The addresses of welcome then followed. The first was delivered by President William McKinley in behalf of the United States. His remarks were beautiful in their thought, generous and sympathetic in their spirit and delivered with an ease and grace altogether pleasing. The President was followed by Governor Roosevelt in behalf of the city and State of New York. These addresses were responded to by ex-President Benjamin Harrison in a manner both impressive and unique.

Sunday over 300 of the pulpits of the city were occupied by the Ecumenical missionaries and delegates. It is safe to say this great city never enjoyed a richer feast of gospel good things than she fell heir to on last Sabbath. This writer heard able and inspiring discourses by Rev. Dr. William Ashmore, of China; Rev. Dr. George Panvis, of Princeton College; Rev. Dr. R. W. Thompson, of London, England. We shall long hold in remembrance the rich truths they dispensed.

The personnel of the conference is indeed striking, and I have been impressed with the spirit of genuine optimism displayed by all who come from the foreign fields. Not one word of pessimism have I heard. All seem hopeful of a glorious future. Among the representatives from foreign lands are such men as J. Hudson Taylor, of China; William Perkins, of London; Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of India; M. L. Gordon, of Japan; Henry Richards, of Africa; T. M. Lindsay, of Scotland; H. G. Underwood, of Korea; George E. Post, of Syria; C. T. Wilson, of Palestine; John G. Paton, of New Hebrides; Joseph King, of Australia,

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etc. About thirteen services are held daily at the hall and the various churches. This enables over 150,000 people to hear the great problems of missions discussed. Every church where a meeting is held is usually packed with eager listeners. Questions of the greatest moment are being discussed. The light is being turned on by men and women of rich experience in missionary work.

The Arkansas delegation from our three conferences has arrived and are domiciled at the Hotel Albert, on Eleventh street, between Broadway and University Place. The White River Conference is represented by Rev. Fred Little and Rev. W. B. Ricks; the Little Rock by Rev. W. P. Evans and Hon. H. M. Greason; the Arkansas by Rev. Dr. A. C. Millar. We have not seen Rev. Jas. Thomas, Rev. W. E. Thompson, and Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, but we understand they have arrived and that they come as delegates at large.

The conference will last till Monday night, May 1st, at which time a farewell reception will be held.

P. C. Fletcher.

AT MARION.

I, we, Mrs. J. and I, are glad to report an auxiliary organized with twenty-two members and eight honorary members. This is the first society ever organized here for missionary work. And as it takes thought, prayer, plans and a faithful execution of the same, it may serve to help some other to do as we did, or do as they choose as to method of organizing. We prayed around our family altar for guiding grace, and just after a service like this, Mrs. J. said: "I have a plan." "State it," said I. "Take my visiting cards and write a personal invitation to each family or ladies in the families and you go and deliver them." "I said this is it," and right here in the preacher's study where I am now telling this I took twenty-six of these cards and as I wrote the following: "Mrs. or Miss." "Please attend a ladies' meeting at 3 p. m." I asked God to send the Holy Spirit with each of these cards. Then I

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took my pony and buggy and my dear little Paul D. as my deliverer and right well did he perform his task. It was, and is yet, an inspiration to me to sit in my buggy, or wait at the gate to see the different impressions and expressions made by the little hand, the card, and the word, "there's a card my mammy send you." I said to my dear wife when I returned, "it is a success, I could see it in the faces of nearly all the ladies." We met at the hour set, and secured ten names and four honorary, right along came the names next day till twenty-two had enrolled as members and eight honorary and the enrollment is not ended yet. Well, we rejoiced. A touch of our pen brought to us our efficient, consecrated, elect Sister Hawthorne, from Jonesboro.

Sister M. E. Lamb would not come on account of hindrances like exposure to small-pox, etc. We were organized by Sister Hawthorne and the following officers: Mrs. J. F. Jernigan, president; first vice, Mrs. C. L. Lewis; second vice, Mrs. Lizzie Heintz; third vice, Mrs. Julia B. Blann; corresponding secretary, Miss Elise Holloway; secretary, Miss Mary Berry; treasurer, Mrs. Ike Ivey; solicitor for Woman's Advocate, Miss Jennie Bassett. Please excuse this detailed account, but after all it will interest thousands of your readers who, if they had seen a dry adjective or a worn out adverb where these living nouns and spirit-ed verbs occur, would have passed it by unread. More, there are two other appointments on the Marion circuit and it is possible for an organization at each one. When we

do will let you know. May God bless all the noble, good women who are at work at home and abroad, also our dear brothers in lands beyond the deep blue sea. If we don't Christianize the heathen, he may heathenize us. There is, as to distance, just a door between us. We have our hands on the inside knob, he on the outside. Who will open, and enter first? "The genius of man has annihilated distance," said Dr. A. R. Winfield in 1881 at Beebe. Jas. F. Jernigan.

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At Rest.

NICHOLS—Judge William N. Nichols was born in East Tennessee, Sept. 8, 1822, and died Oct. 7, 1899, near Altus, Ark.

His father died while he was but an infant; his mother after awhile was married to a Mr. Lesley. They soon removed to Mississippi Territory and settled among the Chickasaw Indians, where young Nichols was brought up. His mother being a religious woman with much practical sense, used all the means to give him the rudiments of an English education, which he greatly improved. Being in a frontier country, and trained to business by a stepfather of uncommon push and industry, he developed habits of industry and economy that remained with him through life. In 1845 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ward, which proved a most happy union for fifty-four years. There were born to them twelve children, most of them being reared to full maturity.

Judge Nichols early professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church where he remained to the day of his death. How well he performed the duties of a member, hundreds of Methodist itinerant preachers know. He was, most of his life, an official in the church, and few men of my acquaintance have been more prompt and faithful.

Brother Nichols always had plenty in store. His crib never lacked corn, nor his smoke house meat. His table was abundantly supplied. His house was hospitable, it seemed, to excess. Few men ever enjoyed the company of friends more than he, especially at the table presided over by his wife. Ministers of all names were cordially welcomed to his friendly roof, particularly the Methodist, from the boy preachers to Bishops and editors of his church papers. His home was never without his official church paper, having taken the Arkansas Methodist from the day of its first issue.

Judge Nichols was in every way a well-rounded man, a man of solid piety; sound patriotism; true to the church and loyal to the state.

He was a Freemason and was devoted to its precepts and practices through many long years and received burial honors by the fraternity.

When the end of his days was found to be near by he did not become alarmed, but looked at its coming as

calmly as he did at the coming morning. He talked about it as if an ordinary event. In the matter of moral preparation he was ready long before; also with his temporal affairs. No administrator was needed, he had attended to that already. A few simple directions about his funeral was all that was to be done and when that was understood then he laid himself down in a bed of pains and suffered the gradual dissolving of his life cords, without regret or complaint.

He was buried on Sunday in the beautiful cemetery he gave to the church, and called by his own name. A very large concourse of friends came to do him honor and witness the disappearance from earth of one whom they had learned to respect and love.

I. L. Burrow.

BREATHWIT.—The subject of this short notice, Hugh Marvin Breathwit, was born Sept. 3, 1879, and died after a short illness at his father's home in Kingsland, Sept. 9, 1898. Hugh was the youngest of a number of boys and was the pet of the family. He was always bright, dutiful, obedient and cheerful. It was a great stroke to the family when he was taken away. He was carefully laid away to await the resurrection.

The whole town and community was thrown into excitement yesterday when it was known that at a very early hour William Breathwit had died. He was perhaps the oldest man in Kingsland. He was born in Ireland, Feb. 23, 1830, and came to America with his parents while an infant. The family settled in Alabama and lived there till 1851 when he came to Arkansas. He had lived in what is now Cleveland County for forty-eight years. By diligence and attention to business he not only made a good living for his large family but accumulated some property. He was converted at the age of 16 and joined the Methodist Church. For many years he held his membership at old Mt. Olivet Church, on the Rowell Ct., where he was one of the pillars of the church, serving as steward and other important positions in that church. He moved some years ago to Kingsland, where he died March 31 of heart failure. We preached his funeral assisted by Bro. Beard to a congregation as large as could crowd in the church and laid him away to rest.

He was a kind father, a true husband and a quiet good citizen. The family have lost their stay and the church a friend. We pray that God may deal gently with the widow and comfort the children and that the whole family may unite in the city above.

R. W. McKay.

HOGUE.—Thomas Newton Hogue was born in Saline County, Arkansas, Feb. 1, 1855; was converted and joined the Methodist Church, at Loss Creek, in early childhood.

He was happily married to Miss Sarah J. Elrod, Oct. 2, 1877. This union was blessed with eight children, three of whom preceded him to the glory world.

In 1892 he moved with his family to Brookston, Tex., and engaged successfully in farming till the good Lord called him from labor to rest, March 24, 1900.

Bro. Hogue, while filling an humble sphere, made life a success. He embodied many qualities of extraordinary manhood. He was a good citizen, kind neighbor, devoted husband and father. He loved the church and considered it a high privilege to do any work she might assign him.

His convictions of right and duty were strong and he had the courage

to maintain them against all opposition.

Family prayer was considered essential in his home and was no small factor in the development of his own sturdy manhood, and the beautiful Christian character of his children.

In his last illness of more than two months, the writer visited him frequently, and always found him cheerful, patient, and strong in faith. He spoke frequently of his aged father and longed to see him once more. The last few days he seemed to realize that his end was near, and said his only regret was in leaving his two little boys. The morning of the day that he died, he shouted and sang, "How happy are they who their Savior obey."

The large concourse of weeping friends that followed him to his last resting place was indicative of the position he held in the hearts of the people.

It is the verdict of all who knew him, that "a good man" is gone. As his pastor we feel a personal loss. The community and the church will greatly miss him.

J. F. Archer.

HOGUE-SHEPPARD.—Carrie Elizabeth Sheppard was born in Saline County, Arkansas, Nov. 12, 1885. While yet tender in years, her parents were taken from her, but she found a home with the family of her uncle, T. N. Hogue. Jennie, the youngest daughter of Bro. and Sister Hogue, was about her age, and the lives of both began to move out on parallel lines.

Carrie was with her mother long enough to receive the impress of her spirit, and under the genial influence of Bro. Hogue's Christian home, soon began to develop into a lovely Christian womanhood. She gave her young life to Jesus and joined the Methodist Church, of which she lived a consistent member till our Father transferred her to the church above. Jennie, being reared by the same tender hands and walking by Carrie's side from day to day manifested the same sweet, gentle spirit. It is hard to tell which life received the greater impress from the other—they seemed rather, to just merge into one. Their love was like that of David and Jonathan, and in their last sickness made frequent inquiries of each other and exchanged tokens of love.

They loved the church and Sunday School and never complained, as do many, of the services being too long.

They were both taken about the same time with typhoid fever and after an illness of three weeks the "silver cord was loosed," and Jennie was gone to be with the angels. She had never known the contaminating influence of the world. Like the little flower that closes its petals with the setting sun, she closed her young life, only to bloom and shed its richer fragrance in the paradise of God.

Our Father above, whose hand had molded these two young lives would not separate them; so just one week from the day that Jennie left us, He called for Carrie, and we laid her by Jennie's side in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Feb. 23, 1900.

These girls, by their amiability, gentleness, and bright happy lives won the love of all who knew them, and their deaths cast a gloom over the entire community.

Carrie had been only a few months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopper, of Denison, who spared neither pains nor money to make her happy, and in her last sickness to alleviate her sufferings. And when she left them they felt that the light of their home had gone, but it was only that it might

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shine the brighter in our Father's home above.

May he who "tempereth the winds to the shorn lamb," have the bereaved one under his tender care, till they all shall meet in the sweet bye and bye.

J. F. Archer.

Brookston, Tex.

BARLOW.—James A. was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, Feb. 17, 1851, came to Arkansas Feb. 22, 1873; licensed to practice law, 1877; converted and joined the Methodist Church, South, 1880. He was married to Miss Mattie Klugh Mobley, Dec. 14, 1881; died March the 13th, 1900.

Brother Barlow was a man above ordinary ability, a natural orator. He was prepared to speak on any subject without previous notice. He was very eloquent in prayer and possessed a power far above the ordinary. The last time he attended church he led the closing prayer with such eloquence the writer was lifted in spirit far above the things of time and beheld the beautiful city where the saints will be paid for all earthly loss and the wearied pilgrim will rest forever.

His death was very sad but not unexpected. His health had been failing for several months and for two weeks before his death he had been very ill. But had recovered sufficient strength as he thought, to stand a trip to Jonesboro. He reached the depot at Jonesboro safely but died in the bus while en route from the depot to his mother-in-laws, Mrs. Dr. Joyner. His funeral was preached by Rev. Frank Barrett, of Jonesboro, and his body was laid to rest in the Jonesboro cemetery. This writer visited him several times during his last illness and talked to him of his hope of heaven. He expressed himself ready to go but if it was the will of the Lord he desired to live for his wife and children, but if it was the Lord's will for him to go he was ready. To the devoted wife and five children: Look to the Lord for grace in this your greatest trial and sorrow for God has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan. Weep not, your husband and father is not dead but sleepeth and some day this sleep will have awakening and if faithful you will meet again on that beautiful shore where parting will be no more.

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

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
Fayetteville District Conference, at Elm Springs.....	June 28 to July 1
Searcy District Conference, at Augusta.....	July 5-7
Paragould District Conference at Pocahontas.....	July 10
Batesville District Conference, at Barren Fork.....	July 11

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U. S. Liquor Licenses.

The following is a list of those who have taken out U. S. liquor licenses since our last report, January 3, up to April 28. There were a number of persons who unintentionally violated the revenue laws by selling a cider which had alcohol in it. They did not know that the cider which they purchased was not pure, and were forced to take out license to cover past transgressions. We have omitted all those so far as we have been able to ascertain their names.

Allen, R. E., Arkadelphia.
Ark. Club, Hot Springs.
Beck, F. P., Jonesboro.
Baker, R. A., Waldo.
Bradshed, J. A., three and one-fourth miles west of Harrisburg.
Bradley, H. M., Riverside.
Baird & Mason, Paragould.
Burton, A. J. & Co., Paragould.
Bell, J. L., Eleyville.
Bunch, Jno., Cinda.
Baker Bros., Stamps.
Brooks, J. C., Ola.
Blakely, J. T., Hartman.
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Carl & Carl, Siloam Springs, (Malt L.)
Claiburn, W. B., Humphrey.
Crew Bros., Fayetteville.
Cox & Co., Reedville.
Cravens & Brasher, Neeley.
Carlson, Thos. A., Tamo, (Grady P. O.)
Candiff, I. T., Goshen.
Collins, S. E., Lone Rock.
Cox G., Waldron.
Cowan, T. J. & L. J. Robinson, Stuttgart.
Chronister, F. G., Bee Branch.
Collins, W. M. & Co., Collins.
Dalton, Kit, Osceola.
De Souza, C. C., Surrounded Hill.
Donahoe & Cook, Smithdale.
Dye, W. D., Sarassa.
Davis, Chas. H., Mosher.
Davis, Ligo, Pike City.
Dutton Saloon Co., Dutton.
Daugherty, H. C., Garner.
Davis, Ben, Near Plum Bayou.
Eason, G. L., Greenway.
Elam, W. F., Kingsland.
Ferguson, E. J., Wilton.
Frazier, J. A., Waldron.
Gates, J. N., Hatfield.

Gatlin, Jno. A., Jonesboro.
Gill, W. L., Saratoga.
Grubbs, E. M. & Co., Longview.
Gibson, R. H. (March 27) Russellville.
Gray, Jno., Pedlo.
Gray, J. N., Delight.
Hanna, H. G., near Lake Dick.
Hale, T. H., Arkadelphia.
Hart, F. M. & Co., Hamburg.
Henley & Rogers, St. Joe.
Hutchison & McMurry, Shawnee Village.
Hall, Jno. R., Williford.
Jacobs, Fritz, Murfreesboro.
Joplin, O. K., St. Thomas.
Johnston & Co., Murfreesboro.
Kennard & Hudson, Junction City.
Kellar, A. J., Pike City.
Lovejoy, A. & M. F., near Pig-gott.
Lyons, J. E. & Co., Casa.
Love, A. C., Mountain Home.
Laster, Jack, Weldon.
Lloyd, G. C., Gilmore.
Love & Carson, Batavia.
Massengill & Swindle, Hope, (Oct. 21.)
Misho, G. H., Clear Lake.
McPherson & Co., Noble.
Millham, Jno. B., near Benton.
Norman, W. C., Prescott.
Orr & Dye, Smithdale.
Owen, A. M., Phillips.
Oldham, P., Pike.
Parnell, E. S., Junction City.
Pace, C. H., Waldo.
Paine, G. M., Conway, (Jan. 17th.)
Purvey, Joe, Jonesboro, (Feb. 12th.)
Parkman, D. M., Hurd's station.
Paxton & Riekey, Pettigrew.
Reiss, Paul, Atkins.
Rankin, A. A. & Co., Alma.
Rice, B. F., Crawford.
Rudolph, H. H., Grannis.
Reynolds, W. L. & Co., Atkins.
Ridd, N. W., near Dorcy.
Richardson, Reuben, Hurd station.
Sparks & Carroll, Locksburg.
Spillman, Jas. A., Jonesboro, (Dec. 28th.)
Screeton, J. J., Hazen.
Scoggins, C. L., Settlement.
Stills, Chas., Duff.
Salyers, J. T., Lake City.
Tindall & Evans, Evening Shade.
Thomasson, R. L., (Apr. 19.) Arkadelphia.
Vincent, P. & Co., (Jan. 25), Paragould.
Varnell, W. A., Kingsland.
Vaughan, L. F., Shawnee Village.
Vick, R. E. (Mch. 27) Russellville.
White, J. L., Arkadelphia.
Waldo Club, (L. M. Fecklin, Mgr.) Waldo.
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County of Pulaski.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Chas. W. Dalley, Plaintiff, vs. Nellie A. Dalley, Defendant.
The Defendant, Nellie A. Dalley, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, Chas. W. Dalley.

CHAS. M. CONNOR, Clerk.
By WILL H. BASS, D. C.
April 24, 1900.
JOHN BARROW, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pulaski.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
P. W. Crawford, Jr., Trustee, et al., Plaintiffs, vs.
Geo. W. Webster, Annie Webster, Kate Webster Sullivan, Lizzie Heller, and Raymond Webster and Ephram Webster, minors over the age of 14 years, Defendants.
The defendants, Geo. W. Webster, Annie Webster, Kate Webster Sullivan, Lizzie Heller, and Raymond Webster and Ephram Webster, minors over the age of 14 years, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the cross complaint of P. W. Crawford, Jr., Trustee, et al., against Geo. W. Webster, et al.
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