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## News and Notes

AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED LAST week in coal mine No. 4, Pleasant Valley, Utah, killing about 200 persons. The disaster resulted from the igniting of powder stored in the mine.

CAREFUL PREPARATIONS ARE BEING made by American astronomers for observing the total eclipse of the sun on the morning of May 28th. The eclipse will be total along a path of about fifty-five miles in width.

ON THE TWELTH OF APRIL, according to an ancient custom, Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, entertained twelve of the oldest, most venerable men near him, and at the close of the meal he took a basin of water and a towel and washed and wiped their feet, in commemoration of Christ's washing the feet of His disciples at the last supper. He is the only eastern ruler who continues to observe this ancient custom.—Central Christian Advocate.

THE AMERICAN GARRISON AT Catubig Island of Samoa, held by thirty American soldiers, was attacked by several hundred Filipinos. After five days resistance within the walls of a church, the roof of which was burned over them, the garrison was relieved by the coming of a lieutenant and eight men from Lavan, who engaged and drove off the besiegers. Twenty men of the garrison were killed and about 200 of the rebels. The Filipinos have been emboldened by the results of

this battle to assume the offensive in that section. On May 1st, 400 rebels attacked the garrison at Catarman, in North Saonar, near Catulig. They were driven off with loss of 155 killed. Two Americans were wounded. The garrison was removed to Lagan. There are rumors that Aguinaldo is dead, as neither his wife nor any of his lieutenants have heard from him for a long time.

Reports come today—Tuesday—which state that Aguinaldo has joined General Tino in the north of Luzon.

### Notes From The General Conference.

The twenty-third delegated conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was called to order by Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., in the "Auditorium," Chicago, at a few minutes past 9 a.m. Wednesday, May the 2nd. He announced the hymn, "O for a heart to praise my God," at the close of which the assembly repeated the Apostle's creed led by Bishop Warren, then Bishop Foss offered prayer. After the prayer H. H. Lowry led a responsive reading of Acts 1. 1-14. Then came the hymn, "O where are kings and empires now," after which Dr. H. A. Gobin led in prayer. Another hymn was sung; then Bishop Bowman said "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost we close this service. May God's blessing be upon us all. Business will now proceed in charge of Bishop Merrill."

Bishop Merrill took the chair and the roll was called by Secretary D. S. Monroe and 502 delegates responded to their names.

Dr. Monroe, who has served four preceding General Conferences, was elected secretary of this.

After adopting the rules of order to govern the body, the report of the vote of the annual conferences on equal lay delegation was called for and the secretary reported that it stood for the proposition, 9,270, against it, 1,524.

The general conference, on hearing the report, took action at once to concur in the will of the

annual conferences; 507 votes were cast, all of them for concurrence. The conferences, anticipating the change of the rule, had elected provisional lay delegates; these were admitted to seats. Mrs. McMahan, of Griggsville, Ill., who had been elected a provisional delegate, sent to the conference a paper stating that in order that the body might not be disturbed by the question of a woman's right to sit as a member, her credentials of election would not be presented.

After fixing the membership of the conference the standing committees were elected and the regular business began. There will be little of importance to note for some days, as the order will be receiving reports, memorials and petitions and referring them to their proper committees.

The Episcopal address was a very able paper and we shall make some notes from it next week.

### PROGRESS! PROGRESS!! PROGRESS!!!

The M. E. Church has at last settled the question of equal lay representation. The Daily Advocate, reporting from the General Conference now in session in Chicago, says:

"The church has honored itself, and put itself in alliance with the progressive tendencies of the age, and with the file leaders of Christendom by conferring upon its laymen in its great law making body equal legislative powers with its clergy. It is as it should be."

Yes, "It is as it should be," but in finding it out the M. E. Church has been more than thirty years behind the M. E. Church, South. We remember, also, that in the matter of extending the pastoral term, the M. E. Church, South, led the way. We predict that our Northern friends will, ere long, abolish the probation system, as the Church, South, did thirty-four years ago, and then we shall hear another exultant note of progress.

But is it not strange that the slow-moving, conservative South has made such changes in advance of our Northern brethren,

and with far less ado about it?

The explanation is in the fact that the spirit of progress sometimes gets too rampant to make any headway. Where "progress" is the watchword there sometimes gets to be so many leaders that few are left to follow, and where many aspire to command few are disposed to obey and a forward movement is much talked about but hard to organize.

The progress which the Church South has been able to make without friction or flourish of trumpets is due to the fact that most of her people are not too egotistical to be led.

### PREACHER'S MEETING.

Present: Thomas, Workman, Watson, Christie, Trawick, Thompson, Godbey.

Bro. Thomas had returned from Bryant circuit. He said the circuit is in good condition and all the interests of the church are well up. The pastor, Bro. Harrell is a quiet, steady worker who neglects nothing.

Bro. Christie said that the presiding elder was with him at Mabelvale Sunday night. The twentieth century collection was \$109.66. Previous subscriptions on this charge with this last gave an aggregate of about \$375, which is seventy-five dollars more than the apportionment. Other collections will be secured.

Bro. Workman reported work going well at Asbury. That is a working hive.

Brother Watson reported good congregations on Sunday and good prayer-meeting attendance. At Winfield Memorial the week's work was good. The Sunday-school has outgrown its accommodations. There were three additions to the church by letter and one applicant.

Brother Godbey filled the pulpit at First Church, Pine Bluff, Sunday.

Brother Thompson had a large attendance at First Church. He received three members.

Brother Thomas expects a large attendance at the district conference at Hazen. It will open Monday night with sermon and sacrament, and will close Friday noon.

## Educational Notes.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY NOTES.

Vanderbilt University is rejoicing over the recent bequest of Mrs. J. Furman. This quotation from her will is expressive of a beautiful thought: "The bulk of my estate came to me from my deceased husband, who accumulated the same through years of toil and economy, and I desire that the same shall be used to aid the mental and moral education and development of the young men of our country." Then she directs that with \$100,000 "Furman Hall" be erected on the campus of the University, and, after providing for certain monuments, that the residue "be turned over to said Vanderbilt University, to be held as a sacred fund, and not encroached upon for any purpose, the interest thereon to be used in such manner as the chancellor of said university shall deem most advantageous to the institution." The total bequest, it is estimated, amounts to about \$200,000. All Southern Methodists rejoice in this timely assistance to the Central University. The heirs of the Furman estate, however, have announced their purpose to contest the will. It is to be hoped the will was so framed that no technicality will hold. Mrs. Furman has wisely selected the object and field on which to bestow her property—higher education and the South. The South presents now the ripest field for beneficence to higher education. Small gifts to worthy colleges in the South now will be more product-

ive of results and will bring the donors more prominently before the public than large gifts in the East and North. Is it not time some handsome gift was being announced in Arkansas?

"The giving of money for Christian educational institutions is confirmed by God's spirit and Providence, in signs following" today. Take the history of Robert College, Turkey, an American Christian college, planted on the Bosphorus, in sight of Constantinople, by the money liberality of Christopher R. Robert, a Christian merchant of New York City; for nearly fifty years increasing its gospel light yearly "into regions beyond," of Mohammedan darkness. Ask every embassy of civilization today at the court of the sultan and know its record of saving and civilizing power.

Take the history of one gospel graduate of a Southern Methodist college forty years ago; his preparation, his consecration, and his life henceforth given for Christ's witness in the mightiest intensity and immensity of heathendom. Then note today the swinging "open doors" of that empire of darkness, and then ask Li Hung Chang if that college graduate, by consecration of his scholarship in literature and ministry, has made proof of his ministry, has made proof of his ministry in bringing the light of the west to China. If Emory College had no other credit for the investment of the money of Georgia Methodism, the witness of Young J. Allen would still be her endowment."—Nashville Advocate.

management of any parties from passing into the hands of the criminal classes.

A committee has been appointed to draft a program and plans and they will in due time be promulgated. Let it be spoken of in all the leagues, and let our ministers in the various churches mention the fact and create a desire on the part of the people to come. Little Rock will put on her best attire and give a joyous welcome.—Search-Light.

### The Anti-Wine Room Crusade.

The following from the Central Christian Advocate of St. Louis tells a story of complicity with crime on the part of municipal officers which is found in many a city in this land besides St. Louis:

Two or three weeks ago, as we noted at the time, the police commissioners of St. Louis assured the representatives of the Anti-Wine Room Crusade that they would do all in their power to suppress the wine rooms of this city, which are vile resorts and have started on the downward path many a young man and woman. The commissioners even summoned before them ninety of the proprietors of these places and informed them that unless they put an end to immoral practices in their establishments the full force of the saloon laws would be employed against them. But notwithstanding this the wine rooms have not appreciably decreased nor has their character noticeably improved. Those at the head of the Anti-Wine Room Crusade, convinced that the police department has really no intention of correcting this great evil, adopted resolutions last week in favor of calling the attention of the governor of Missouri to "the failure of his appointees in the city of St. Louis to perform their recognized duties," and of directing the attention of the grand jury to the "flagrant violation of duty on the part of the present officials, urging upon the ministers of the city to keep before their people the purpose of the crusade, and calling 'upon the citizens of St. Louis of all party affiliations who believe in morality and the protection of our youth to express emphatically against the inactivity of our public officials, and above all at the next opportunity to stand at the polls for the election of men pledged in word and character to stamp out and keep stamped out the wine-room evil.'"

We wish the noble men and women who are at the head of this crusade Godspeed in their work. They have undertaken a very difficult task, but they will win if they receive, as they should, the earnest support of the people.

### Saloons in Manila.

The Christian Uplook says:

The following will throw some light on the subject: "As one result of American occupancy of Manila," says the 'Wine and Spirit News,' the organ of the liquor trade, "the liquor business has reached enterprising proportions, and is now considered as one of the leading, as well as one of the respectable, kinds of business. Says one correspondent: 'On the Escolta, the principal street, only a quarter of a mile long there were but two places

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where intoxicating liquors were sold when we entered the city, whereas now there are eighteen. There are three hundred licensed places in the city where liquors may be obtained, licenses costing three dollars per year. The income of the largest, the Alhambra, is stated on good authority to be \$700 per night. Already the street cars are topped with large signs detailing the exquisite qualities of certain whiskies. One quarter of the daily issue of the principal English newspaper published is devoted to extolling the perfection of a brand of beer, while the largest drug store in town devotes a whole column to advertising its fine line of liquors, with no mention of its medicines." This is an appalling statement, and one that challenges the attention of every man who loves the fair name of his country, be he Christian or unbeliever. This monstrous evil should be checked at once, and checked effectively. If the President has not the requisite authority, Congress should see to it that the power is speedily placed in his hands. No Christian church in all this broad land can afford to keep silence while this gigantic wrong is permitted. Let the churches speak out.

### The Brewery Deal.

Under the above caption the Arkansas Democrat informs the public that this means the addition of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the capital invested in local enterprises. And adds: "It will be pre-eminent a home enterprise, and its various ramifications will add very materially to the wealth and business of the community. No effort will be spared to increase the business." If these hundreds of thousands of dollars were invested in a cotton factory, or some other industry to manufacture and supply the people with articles essential to their comfort and happiness then



## Secrets.

Women can keep secrets. They often keep secret for a long time the fact that they are suffering from drains, inflammation, ulceration, or female weakness. But they can't keep the secret very long, because the hollow eyes, cheeks that have lost their freshness, and the irritability which comes from sorely tried nerves, all conspire to publish the story of suffering. The usual motive for such secrecy, dread of indelicate questions and offensive examinations, is removed by Dr. Pierce's methods. Diseases of the womanly organs are perfectly cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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## The Nation's Curse.

June 13th and 14th, 1900

At a council held by our friends it has been decided to have a convention of the Anti-Saloon Leagues of this state and of the friends of the movement in the city of Little Rock, on June 13th and 14th. It is their plan to have every league in the state represented and in those counties where no league has been organized it is their plan to have the Christian and temperance sentiment of the community represented.

Their purpose is to expound the principles and policies of the Anti-Saloon League, discuss the methods now in vogue or those to be put in operation, and to lay out general plans for a state campaign. The policy of the workers and leaders is to so organize the state that we make ourselves felt in the fall in every county throughout the state. We want to double the number of counties that go for prohibition, and we want to make prohibition prohibitive. We want to teach that virtue is respectable and that religion is honorable. We want to teach that all law-breakers are criminals, and that no virtuous man will violate the laws of his country deliberately. We want to rescue our institutions from the possession of the lawless and put them in the hands of the law-abiding, respectable citizens. We want to create a moral public sentiment that will prevent the political

all would admit that it would add materially to the wealth and business of the community. Such enterprises would put iron in the commercial arteries, and give health and vigor to every line of legitimate business, without hurt or harm to the moral tone of the community. But in this brewery deal the people of Little Rock and the state should be commiserated rather than congratulated. It is frankly admitted, that there is so much wealth added to the general stock. But the brewery is an institution that fattens him who invests in it, while it robs and impoverishes him who patronizes it. It is a business so called that prospers at the expense of every honest industry.

These are not idle assertions. I have not made them thoughtlessly. I am prepared to demonstrate this truth. Prior to 1881 Kansas had breweries and distilleries representing the investment of vast wealth, since that time Kansas has been under prohibition. The adoption of the prohibitory amendment shut up every brewery and distillery. Nebraska remained under license, retaining her brewing and distilling industries.

If breweries add materially to the wealth and business of a community, it is a plain and incontrovertible proposition that Nebraska would grow richer, while Kansas became poorer. But how stands the case?

"In 1880 high licensed Nebraska had a per capita wealth of \$851, in 1890 the per capita wealth had increased to \$1,205. A gain of 41.6 per cent in ten years. This is a very creditable showing, but is greatly discounted by prohibition Kansas, which started with a per capita wealth of \$763 in 1880 and increased it to \$1,261 in 1890, a gain of 65.27 per cent in ten years, thus outstripping Nebraska in the total per capita wealth and in the gain during the decade."

"Large sections of Arkansas and Mississippi were under prohibition by county option during the whole period from 1880 to 1890. Louisiana was a licensed state, and had in 1890 just about five times as many liquor dealers in proportion to population as either of the other two states. The per capita wealth in these states was relatively small in 1880, and the gain has not been rapid as in the states of the North.

All three, however, show gains in the per capita wealth for 1895, but in Arkansas and Mississippi under local prohibition the gain has been 13.2 and 12.5 per cent respectively, while in the licensed state of Louisiana, with its great city, New Orleans, the gain has been but 9.1 per cent.

The above figures are based upon census reports of wealth and population for 1880 and 1890. Prohibition Hand Book, pages 111-112. Thus it is seen that Arkansas, under partial prohibition, has increased in wealth far more rapidly than Louisiana, with hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the liquor traffic, which she regulates for revenue only. Besides Louisiana has her great sugar industry, which in turn is fed from the federal treasury, with munificent bounties, thus adding immensely to

the wealth of the state.

These are cold, stubborn facts, not made to order by prohibition cranks, but compiled by the sworn officers of the government without reference to their bearing on prohibition. Let the advocates of the brewery and the saloon explain them if they can in the interest of these agents of want and woe.

This brewery that is to add so much wealth to the community is a menace to every home in Arkansas. Its coming will make the fight against license all the more difficult for the licensed saloon is their most efficient distributing agent for this reason; they will pay out their money to carry for license. If the liquor traffic was swept from the state in a day, as with a besom of destruction, society would be richer in everything that makes for the betterment of the people. There would be less political jobbery, the body politic would be healthier and purer. The courts would administer justice more certainly and impartially. There would be fewer convicts in the penitentiary and more toilers on the farms and in the factories; there would be fewer inmates in the insane asylum, and more students in the colleges; there would be more happy homes, with contented, joyous mothers, and healthy, laughing children, and less squalid poverty. The courts would do less business and the merchants, tradesmen and mechanics more.

Let every citizen who loves Arkansas—who would promote her material, educational and moral interest, vote against license and make breweries and saloons impossible.

B. L. Beard.

Kingsland, Ark.

## Contributed.

From the Nation's Capital.

S. A. S.

While Secretary Hay was gratified by the action of the sultan of Turkey in officially authorizing the rebuilding of the American missionary houses at Harpoot that were burned several years ago, he was not satisfied with the sultan's attempt

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to evade the demand made upon him for payment of the amount of damages, by saying that the damages would be paid when his treasury was in a condition to pay similar claims made by several European governments. For more than a year the sultan has been promising to issue that order for the reconstruction of missionary buildings, but putting it off on some excuse or other, principally his alleged fear that the starting of work upon the buildings might cause the natives to attack the missionaries. He probably hoped that the issuing of the order at this time would result in lessening the pressure this government was putting upon him for the payment of the \$100,000 damages. If he indulged the hope, he knows before this that it was a vain one, as Secretary Hay instructed the American secretary of legation at Constantinople, who in the absence of Minister Straus, who is in Washington, is in charge, to repeat the demand for payment of the money and to make it clear to the sultan that nothing short of that would be satisfactory to the United States government. Secretary Hay is confident that he money will shortly be paid.

Miss Clara Barton called at the department of state to explain to Secretary Hay her connection with the ambulance corps from Chicago, the members of which cast away their Red Cross emblems as soon as they arrived in South Africa and became fighting men. Of that action, she said: "These men have practiced gross deception; broken a pledge and violated a confidence which they sought. The humane world will not hold them guiltless." Miss Barton told Secretary Hay that her only connection with this corps as president of the American Red Cross had been to give a letter, at the solicitation of a Mr. Judd, of Holyoke, Mass., granting the corps the use of the Red Cross flag and emblem, and asking right of way and good treatment for the expedition and for the men, as long as the members lived up to the rules of the Geneva convention. Before giving the letter, Miss Barton ascertained that each member of the corps had made oath separately before a notary that he was going to South Africa to work under the Red Cross and in the ambulance service. Dr. Hubbell, who accompanied Miss Barton, said that he had been consulted as to the character and quantity of medicine and supplies that the ambulance corps would be likely to need for its work, and that he had no reason to doubt the honesty of those in charge of it. Miss Barton is too well known for any one to attach the slightest blame to her in this matter, over which she is justly indignant.

Dr. T. C. Easton, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, said on a subject now being discussed, not only by Presbyterians but by members of all denominations, at the close of his Sunday morning sermon: "I believe that the old Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church should not be meddled with or changed. It represents the principles of the faith at the time of its foundation. It is a book for the

fifteenth century, and not a nineteenth century book. I believe that the creed should be canonized and a shorter and working creed given us to use. By no means change or lay aside, for it is sacred, and then destroy the old creed."

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE—ITS  
PAST AND ITS FUTURE.

J. M. GANNAWAY.

In 1894 at the General Conference of our church at Memphis, the league was given a more definite shape by forming of it a separate department, electing a board of control and a general secretary and editor. The publication of an Epworth League paper was authorized.

The Epworth Era, with Revs. S. A. Steel as editor, was therefore established in August, 1894. The greatest growth of the league, if I am not misinformed, was at about this time. Conferences of all kinds and degrees were held in its interest, from the city unions on through district, conference, state and international conferences. At the great meeting of the leaguers of the three Methodisms held at Chattanooga in 1895 was reached perhaps the height of the wave of enthusiasm on which the movement had been borne. Here gathered twelve thousand Methodists from all parts of the country and discussed all phases of the work. Here a baptism of the Holy Spirit fell on preachers and laymen. Young men and maidens received such a blessing as they never before experienced. This spirit was communicated to the leaguers at home by the returning delegates. Methodism was advanced and truly God was glorified.

It has been the aim of the church to accord to the league a definite place in its machinery and to provide for its proper acknowledgment and for receiving definite reports of its work.

It is a question with me if that is as yet fully accomplished.

Arkansas came early to the front and called together her delegates for a state conference. They met at Little Rock, in the summer of '93, and discussed plans, ways and means. They met again the following year at Morrilton with increased desires for light as to handling the society. There was wise counsel and much good was done. From year to year it was designed to meet, and the conferences were held until the climax of enthusiasm was reached in a great mass meeting held at Little Rock in the summer of '96, at which there were in attendance about two thousand delegates and visitors. One effect of this immense gathering was almost that of consternation. I trust I may not be called irreverent for saying so.

The movement had grown till it was considered by some absolutely unwieldy and it was freely remarked that there would never be a repetition of that occasion. There have been state conferences since then but the attendance has been limited. In fact it was said, and with some truth, too, that no other city in the state could entertain such a gathering.

The idea of the different conferences in the state separately taking up the work seemed to gain favor after that and already the system is assuming shape and will ultimately, if I am prophet enough to foresee the future of the league, result in

a firmly established department of our work correlated as the Sunday-school is, and it will be as easy to find a church without a Sunday-school as to find one without a league. Already the system is mapped out in so far as to call for reports from each officer of the league, the summary thereof to be reported to the quarterly conference and to the District League Conference, and in turn through the conference league secretary to the annual conference.

This secretary, appointed by the annual conference, will have supervision of the work in his territory and the work will recover from what may at present be termed a reaction from the boom period, or period of excessive enthusiasm through which the organization has passed.

If I am inaccurate as to facts of the past, and ignorant as to plans for the future, I shall be only too glad to be corrected and informed by some one who has had more time and opportunity to look into the subject.

#### Program of Annual Meeting W. F. M. S., Arkansas Conf., Dardanelle, May 17-21.

Thursday, May 17, 3 p. m.—A meeting of the executive committee. 8 p. m., a prayer and praise service.

Friday, 8:30 a. m., devotional service. Organization. Report of corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. V. Harlan. Treasurer's report, Mrs. Frank Parke. Report of district secretaries. Devotional exercises. Adjournment.

Friday, 2 p. m., devotional service; 2:30, reports from auxiliaries; 3, hour for committees; 4, map talk on China, Miss Gary. Adjournment.

Friday, 8 p. m., song, prayer, scripture, song. Greeting, Mrs. J. A. Groom; response, Mrs. May Castleberry, Van Buren. Greeting, juveniles, Miss Rubie Cox; response, Miss Sarah Rollon, Quitman. President's address; paper, "Systematic Giving," Mrs. J. H. Glass, Dardanelle. Work of Bible Women in Foreign Lands, Miss Gary. Song; benediction.

Saturday, 8:30 a. m., devotional service. Unfinished business. 10:45, "The Twentieth Century Fund," Mrs. V. V. Harlan; 11:15, "Our Periodicals," Mrs. V. Johnston, Dardanelle; 11:30, prayer service; 12, adjournment.

Saturday, 2 p. m., devotional exercises; reports from committees; election of officers; prayer service; adjournment.

Saturday, 8 p. m., devotional exercises; juvenile entertainment; "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box,"

Mrs. Ori Jamison, Clarksville; "The Problem on Missions," Mrs. J. S. Garner, Lamar; benediction.

Sunday, 11 a. m., sermon, Rev. J. H. Glass, Dardanelle station; 3 p. m., mass meeting for children and young people; talk from Miss Gary; recitation, "The Famine," Miss Bessie Burrow, Morrilton; paper, "Some Points and Questions on Juvenile Work," Mrs. H. Hanesworth, Fayetteville; song; benediction.

Sunday, 8 p. m., song; prayer; Scriptural lesson; song; recitation, Miss Scottie Jamison, Clarksville; paper, "Go or Send," Mrs. Frank Parke, Fort Smith; address, Miss Gary, Soochow, China; song; benediction.

Monday, 8 a. m., devotional service; unfinished business; minutes; praise service; adjournment.

#### A SPRING DISEASE.

#### More Catarrh at this Season than in any other.

The fact that catarrh is more prevalent in spring than any other time of year is easily accounted for by the sudden changes, the warm sunny day succeeded by the snow or sleet of the next.

Repeated colds in the head resulting from our fickle spring climate, very easily drift into nasal catarrh, which is at first simply an unhealed cold, which finally, if neglected causes inflammation and thickening of the mucous membrane of the nasal cavity which gradually extends into the throat and bronchial tubes and to the stomach causing catarrh of stomach.

Douches of salt water or douches of any kind very often aggravate the trouble by still further irritating the delicate membranes.

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#### A. M. C. NOTES.

Rev. J. H. Collard, from the Northwest Texas Conference, assisted Brother Moore in a protracted meeting the first two weeks in April. There was a great revival, fifty or sixty conversions, and many backsliders reclaimed. Some of the converts were already members; most of the others have joined our church. The college pupils were very largely represented in the meeting and the faculty with hardly an exception were actively engaged. Christian education is not an empty name in Arkadelphia. We rejoice and are glad.

The health of the teachers and student body is good. A gracious providence has kept us from the dreaded pestilence and delivered us from all our fears. The attendance is larger than ever before at this time of year.

Commencement embraces June 3-6. The Rev. W. B. Thompson, pastor of the First Church, Little Rock, will preach the commencement sermon June 3. Rev. J. A. Anderson, P. C. of the First Church, Pine Bluff, will preach the baccalaureate sermon (at night). Rev. J. H. Riggin, presiding elder of the Prescott district, will deliver the address before the Gamma Sigma and Ypsilon Phi Literary Societies. Rev. Chas. J. Green, A. B., Wesley Hall, Vanderbilt; Mr. Arthur Seaggins, Ph. B., of Nevada county, will address the Alumni Association. Of course, Brother Godbey will attend as usual and we will have a large chair on the rostrum to receive the portly form of the Hon. George Thornburgh, who forgot to come to our last commencement.

Rev. W. F. Evans, our conference agent of the Twentieth Century fund, visited us recently and presented its claims. A fine subscription list was started which he and Brother Moore will press upon the attention of our people. Arkadelphia will continue to give a good account of herself when it comes to raising money for Christian education.—Arkadelphia Methodist.

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## Current Comment

### Rule on Worldly Amusements.

There were petitions before the general conference of the M. E. Church, which met in Chicago in May to strike from the Discipline paragraph 248 in which various forbidden amusements are mentioned. This has caused the usual misrepresentation on the part of secular papers that the church is inclined to lower the standard of her requirements in this matter. But the difficulty seems to be that when we go to interpret the general rule forbidding such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord by making a list of such the list always proves incomplete. New diversions are always coming forward many worse than those specified in the list. So this filing of a bill of particulars never meets the needs of the case. If the church is committed to a list then the argument at once is made that she must stand by the list and has no right to go beyond it. So the very list of prohibition is made a cover for transgressors who are doing even worse things than those forbidden. Here is what the Pittsburg Christian Advocate says on the subject: "What is claimed is that all these questions are covered in a broad, wise and comprehensive way in the General Rules, and that it is unwise and embarrassing to attempt to file a bill of particulars; and that

when such a bill has been furnished, and it proves to be partial and imperfect, omitting many things as obnoxious to the spirit of the rule as any that are included, it should be modified or repealed. That is their position.

"It should be understood on all hands, in the church and out, that no class of persons seeks the lowering of the standard of the church as to dram-drinking, card-playing, dancing, theatergoing, etc. Its voice must always be raised against such things. But there are many who do not believe it wise to put such legislation in the Discipline as that under consideration, which accomplishes no good, and works serious embarrassment in many cases."

## Literature and Review

### Magazines for May.

**Success.**—A monthly journal of inspiration, progress and self-help. —McGraw Marden Co., publishers, Cooper Union, New York; \$1.

The title of this magazine is fully justified by its contents. The articles are such as will keep their readers best informed in regard to public movements and characters and the conditions of success in life.

**Ladies' Home Journal.**—Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia; \$1.

The great popularity of this publication attests its merit. It is published monthly.

**The Cosmopolitan.**—John Brisbane Walker, Irvington, N. Y.; \$1.

This magazine has been on our table for two weeks past. It is always in time and brings a great variety of choice reading. One of the most popular family magazines.

**Current History (Illustrated).**—Current History Co., Boston, Mass.; \$1.

A magazine of current history containing an epitome of what transpires in politics, inventions, arts, etc., from month to month.

**Review of Missions.**—Much space is given in this issue to the famine in India. The distress of starving millions appeals to Christian benevolence and common humanity in all civilized lands with a mighty call.

The opening century in China is a very thoughtful view of the agencies at work to change the conditions political, social, economical and religious of this vast empire.

In the editorial notes China's prospects and pressing needs are forcibly presented. Dr. Lambuth was born in China, and spent there a great part of his life and his opinions are worthy of regard.

**Werner's Magazine** for May is a very interesting number. "The Moral Issues of the Transvaal Question" and "The British Policy in South Africa" are articles of especial interest. Channcey M. Depew contributes a valuable paper on "The Government of the Philippines;" 45 East Nineteenth street, New York; \$2 a year.

The **Missionary Herald**, with its usual complement of interesting matter gives an account of the Boxers in the provinces of Shantung and Chili in North China. The Boxers are a secret organization for

the purpose of opposing Christianity. They direct their attacks against native Christians especially, though one foreign missionary, Mr. Brooks, an Englishman, has suffered death at their hands and others have been driven from their work. The representatives of our government in China have been prompt to do all in their power for the protection of American missionaries, but they are obliged to operate through Chinese officials who for the most part are unfriendly to Christianity.

The **Herald** represents the work of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions and is published by Charles E. Sweet, Boston, at 75 cents a year.

The **American Illustrated Methodist Magazine** for May contains, among others, an article on "The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," by Levi Gilbert, D. D. The General Conference is the supreme legislative body of the Methodist Church. Representing about three million constituents distributed over the world in one hundred and twenty-four annual conferences, it naturally attracts wide and general attention.

"William Law, of King's Cliffe," is given first place in this number of the Magazine. His personality is second only to that of Wesley among the religious characters of the eighteenth century, and his influence on Wesley, Wilberforce, and others was remarkable. A revival of the study of Law's works has been one of the incidents of the latter part of the nineteenth century, and various editions of these by distinguished men have recently appeared.

The Magazine maintains a high character and is especially suited to our Methodist homes. Published monthly by the Methodist Magazine Publishing Co., 223 North Second street, St. Louis, Mo.; \$1.50 a year.

**Songs of All Lands.**—By W. S. B. Mathews, author of "How to Understand Music" and "A Popular History of Music," editor of Music Magazine, and of many music textbooks. Boards, quarto, 157 pages. Price, 50 cents. American Book Company, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago.

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**South America—A Geographical Reader.**—By Frank G. Carpenter, author of "North America" and "Asia." Cloth, 12mo., 352 pages, illustrated. Price, 60 cents. American Book Company, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago.

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**Reminiscences.**—By R. A. Young, D. D. Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.; 60c.

We have read this book with a lively interest for it is a lively book. Dr. Young celebrates his seventy-fifth year in the production of this volume, but the sketches are drawn by the hand of a master and the coloring is bright and fresh as the spring time. Many old memories were revived while reading its pages and we were also introduced to new and delightful acquaintances. Long live our genial friend, the author and his spicy and entertaining book.

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MAY 20, 1900.

### PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew xiii. 1-8, 18-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The seed is the word of God." (Luke viii. 11.)

Time—A. D. 28. Place—A fisherman's boat, anchored near the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Why did Jesus teach in parables? First, it was a process native to the oriental mind, which has always used such methods of speech. The Old Testament, as well as the Gospels, abounds in parables. It was the method largely used by the prophets, from Nathan, the prophet, all the way down. The people to whom Jesus spoke were more likely to get the truth by this method than if he had reasoned it out to them. He took the familiar things of everyday life, things that the truths about them to illustrate the truths of the kingdom.

In the second place, there were some truths which he desired to put on record, but found it necessary to veil for the time being. The people to whom he spoke would not have tolerated these truths if they had fully comprehended his meaning. For instance, he desired to teach some lessons about the rejection of the Jews and the calling of the Gentiles. Such teaching, if fully grasped, could only awaken the resentment of a large class among the people who were not minded to repent, and it may be fairly said that scarcely anybody could have then understood it. But what would have been the effect upon the Christian movement if it had appeared that Jesus himself was blind to the coming facts about the destruction of the Jewish nationality? So he left upon record his teachings on the subject in the veiled form of parables.

Let it be always remembered in all efforts to understand a parable that not every feature of the parable is to be strained. Each parable was given to illustrate some main truth. As some one has said, you must not attempt to make the figure to go on all fours. Get the leading idea of the parable, let alone the minutiae which is the mere setting of that idea. The leading thought in the parable which constitutes our present lesson is the effect of the word of God on various hearers, it illustrates how different people will treat the gospel message. Some are like the seed that fall by the wayside, on hard and unbroken ground. The truth hardly gets settled in their hearts at all. They hear it spoken, but the wicked one catcheth it away from them before it finds a lodgment. These are people who attend church, it may be, and the word enters their ears but never their hearts.

Then some are like seed which fell on stony ground. They receive the word, but they are so shallow, that the effect is but for a short time. These are our modern people to whom religion is chiefly an emo-

tional excitement, and not a matter of fixed and everlasting principle. They get mightily stirred up during some revival, and are soon back where they were, when the revival is past.

Next comes the seeds that fell among thorns, where the soil was good enough, but where there was too much that was not soil, and so the thorns spring up and choke them out. These are people who really have depth enough of nature, but they are tangled up with cares of business and society till the word of God is choked out of their lives. There be a few of them in this poor world.

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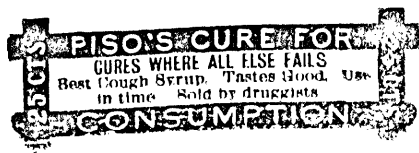
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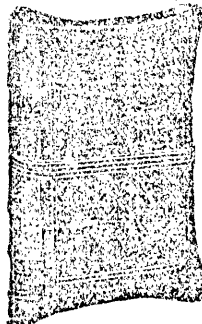


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## VISION AND SERVICE.

Ex. xxiv. 15-18; xxxii. 19, 20, Matt. xxii. 1-8, 14-20.

God has given many revelations in dreams and in open visions. By this means great truths have been impressed, and inspirations given for the guidance of life. Paul tells the story of the vision which came to him on his way to Damascus and says: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." That vision opened a new life to him. It saturated his being with divine influence which impelled him to count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ.

Moses, upon Mount Sinai, had a vision of God which made his own face glorious and made his life glorious. The vision was a revelation broad and grand, of God's watch-care over Israel, and his far-reaching purpose in connection with that people.

There was another vision or scene which came to Moses and stirred his soul to its depths. It was that which he beheld when he came down from the mount, with the tables of the law in his hand. Then he saw the golden calf, which Aaron had made, and the people worshipping it in sensual revel. Then he dashed the tables of the law to pieces on the rocks, and entered the camp as an avenger of Jehovah. "Who is on the Lord's side?" he cried, and when the sons of Levi gathered to him he said, "Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate through the camp and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor, and the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses, and there fell that day about three thousand men."

The vision of the transfiguration stands forth among the most notable revelations. It adumbrated to the disciples the consummated glory of the heavenly kingdom. It was a power to lift the disciples to a sublime faith and a courage more lofty. Thirty years after it Peter declared, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of his majesty, when there came such a voice unto him out of the excellent glory. This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came to him from heaven we heard when we were with him in the holy mount."

This vision sent its light and power down through all the years appointed to the disciples for toil and suffering and kindled to glory the clouds of earthly affliction. When Jesus came down from the mountain he, like Moses, beheld a far different scene. There, at the foot of the mountain, was a dark throng, among whom were many afflicted ones, and conspicuous among them a lad frantic under the power of a devil, and whom the grief-stricken father implored Jesus to heal.

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The reader will recognize a similarity in the two twin pictures which the lesson presents, Moses with God on the mount, Moses at the foot of the mount beholding the idolatries of Israel; Jesus and his disciples in the glory of the higher world on Mount Tabor and amid scenes of sin and suffering when they came down from the mountain.

The suggestion of the lesson is that there is a place and time for heavenly visions and a place and time for service, and that to strengthen and inspire us for service is the purpose of our glorious visions.

Surely the vision of Sinai was sufficient to give Moses a clear vision of all which God purposed to accomplish through him, and such a conception and sense of the divine presence and power that all the danger and suffering which lay before him was as nothing to the end that should be attained. The vision of the transfiguration also gave the apostles power and courage.

The end of this life is service. Let us remember that visions and reveries and poetic fancies are a means of grace to us to strengthen our hearts for sorrow and our hands for work.

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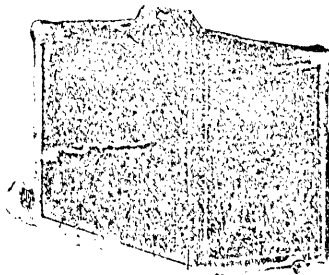
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 1900.

## ECHOES FROM CARNEGIE HALL.

The "Methodist" had arranged for correspondence from the great Ecumenical Conference of Missions, and Rev. P. C. Fletcher will perform his work well. But the voices of all the world come to our editorial sanctum through our exchanges and it is a better place to hear than was Carnegie Hall during the conference. So much do we owe to the newspaper press.

We cannot serve our readers better, for a few weeks, than by culling from the vast amount of matter which our exchanges contain some of the best thoughts and most interesting facts given to the public by the conference.

The Christian Observer thus describes the conference: "Sixteen hundred and sixty-six delegates from almost every evangelical denomination in this great world, seven hundred and fifty missionaries from the lands of heathen darkness in Africa, Asia, Europe, America and the islands of the sea, and perhaps a hundred specially invited guests, men active in the great movements for the uplifting of humanity—about twenty-five hundred in official attendance, and it may be ten thousand or more of visitors—constitute the Ecumenical Missionary Conference, the first ever held in this country, the greatest in the history of the world. The gathering of these great hosts of earnest Christian men and women, many of whom have come thousands of miles, attests the extent and fervor of the interest in the movement for carrying the Gospel of the blessed Lord to the uttermost parts of the earth, and preaching it to every creature."

The formal opening was at 2:30 Saturday, the 21st, when ex-President Benjamin Harrison took the chair and the great assembly of six thousand sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and Dr. H. C. Mabie, of Boston, offered prayer.

The chairman's address was terse and bold—a clear, high-sounding note. One paragraph must serve to suggest its tone:

"The gigantic engines which are driving forward material development are being speeded as never before. The din of the hammer and the axe and the hum of wheels have penetrated the abodes of solitude—the world has now few quiet places. Life is strenuous—the boy is started in his school upon the run, and the pace is not often slackened until the panting man falls into his grave.

"It is to a generation thus intent—to a generation which has wrought wondrously in the realms of applied science—that God in his word and by the preacher, says: 'All these are worthy only, and in proportion, as they contribute to the regeneration of mankind.' Every invention, every work, every man, every nation, must one day come to this weighing platform and be appraised.

"To what other end is all this stir among men—this increase of knowl-

edge? That these great agencies may be put in livery and lined up in the halls of wealth to make life brilliant and soft; or become the docile messengers of a counting-house or a stock exchange; or the swift couriers of contending armies, or the couriers who wait in the halls of science to give glory to the man into whose hand God has given the key to one of his mysteries? Do all these great inventions, these rushing intellectual developments, exhaust their ministry in the making of men rich and the reinforcing of armies and fleets? No! These are servants, prophets, forerunners. They will find a herald's voice; there will be an annunciation and a coronation."

Following Mr. Harrison's speech were brief responses by representatives from England, Germany and Austria.

Saturday evening the meeting was in the nature of a general reception. President McKinley, Gov. Roosevelt, Rear Admiral Phillip and other great men of the state were on the platform, besides bishops and distinguished men of the church. Bishop Potter offered prayer. President McKinley's address was characterized by an exchange as "faultless, brief, strong, profound, reverential." To the missionaries he paid this noble tribute:

"They have been the pioneers of civilization. They have illumined the darkness of idolatry and superstition with the light of intelligence and truth. They have been messengers of righteousness and love. They have braved disease and danger and death, and in their exile have suffered unspeakable hardships, but their noble spirits have never wavered. They count their labor no sacrifice. 'Away with the word in such a view and with such a thought,' said David Livingstone; 'it is emphatically no sacrifice; say rather it is a privilege.' They are placing in the hands of their brothers less fortunate than themselves, the keys which unlock the treasures of knowledge and open the mind to noble aspirations for better conditions. Education is one of the indispensable steps of mission enterprise, and in some form must precede all successful work. Who can estimate the value of these workers to the progress of the nations?"

After the president's speech the audience sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and enthusiasm reached the highest pitch.

Gov. Roosevelt followed the president in a speech bearing testimony to the civilizing and humanizing work of the Christian missionaries. He reminded the audience that the wonderful development of the English speaking people had its impulse in Christianity. He said: "Oh, my brothers, what we all need to learn is the spirit of charity and co-operation with all who are engaged in taking the gospel to the benighted nations which are still where our fathers were a thousand years ago. The missionaries make great sacrifices and sustain great toil, but do not pity the worker. Rather pity the man who pities the workers. We give them not commiseration, but our hearty admiration and good will."

The response to these speeches

was made by ex-President Harrison, who said: "It is quite in harmony with the work of these two executives of this great nation and this great state that they should be here to encourage the work of the missionaries in establishing Christianity in all the world. It is in and out of this sacred word of God that come the truths which make life sweet, and give it possibilities which otherwise would be out of thought. It is only the gospel that makes the world fit to live in, and unites men in the support of laws and institutions which uplift the race. Not to philosophy or science, but to the Bible and the church of God must we look for the hope of the world's progress. 'Thy neighbor as thyself,' is the platform which only affords hope of the world's deliverance from destructive selfishness. We do not estimate missionary work by the numbers on the church-roll. The gospel furnishes the bonds which bind the society of the world together in civilizing co-operation."

The work of the conference began on Monday, the 23d. The program was for eight days, including about seventy meetings. Great meetings were held daily in the forenoon and evening at Carnegie Hall, Central Presbyterian and Calvary Baptist churches, where the subjects applicable to all mission fields were discussed. Besides these meetings a great number of meetings for the discussion of all phases and fields of work were held at various churches in the afternoons. No delegate could have heard one-fourth of all these discussions, but each missionary had some opportunity to choose in regard to his own needs and desires.

"From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise."

The singing of this hymn opened the meeting at Carnegie Hall at 9:30 Monday. The general subject of the morning was the evangelical work of missions, after half an hour spent in devotion. At 10 a. m. Dr. Judson Smith took the chair. Augustus H. Strong, D. D., LL. D., president of Rochester Theological Seminary (Baptist), opened the discussion, speaking of the "Authority and Purpose of Missions." The speaker knew no authority but Christ, no purpose but Christ. The missionary goes forth under Christ's command, and impelled by Christ's spirit to enthrone Christ as lord of all. He said: "Pascal, the French philosopher and theologian, said once that 'Jesus Christ is the center of everything, and the object of everything, and he that does not know Him knows nothing of nature, and nothing of himself.' In the spirit of Pascal's aphorism I make but one reply to the questions proposed to me today. What is the authority for foreign missions? I answer: Christ. What is the purpose of foreign missions? I answer: Christ. He is the source of all authority, and the object for which all authority is exercised."

"Paul was the first great foreign missionary, and he tells us the purpose of foreign missions, when he says: 'For me to live is Christ.' But Christ multiplies Himself through the self-multiplication of the individual Christian. He has kindled

his light in our souls that we may give that light to others. How long it has taken us to realize that the command to "Go" is addressed not to official servants, but to all Christians, and that Christ's purpose is to make every convert a missionary! Crescit eundo is the motto of his army—it grows as it goes. Every enemy subdued is to become a recruiting officer, and the whole population is to be enlisted as His forces sweep on. Christian love begins at home but it does not end at home. Like the circles set in motion when you throw a stone into calm water, it widens evermore in its gifts and its regards, until it encompasses the globe."

J. Hudson Taylor, founder and superintendent of the China Inland Mission, followed, speaking of "The Source of Power in Foreign Missions" with a fervor and directness which reached all hearts. He said: "We have given too much attention to methods—not enough to the source of power. He illustrated the power of God by an incident in his own experience. In November, 1886, he and a few friends felt the need of that power. They spent eight days in waiting on God in prayer, the alternate days being spent in fasting and praying. They prayed for one hundred missionaries before the close of 1887 to go to China, and they asked for fifty thousand dollars in addition, and that it be sent in large sums. God heard their prayers. Before the close of 1887, six hundred Christian workers had offered themselves, and a hundred of them were sent, and God gave them also £10,000 (\$55,000) in eleven contributions. The living God is available power. The evening meeting at the hall was devoted to a review of the work of the century. Mr. Eugene Stock, of London, editorial secretary of the church missionary society, presented the century's statistics. We can only excerpt this summary:

"The statistical summary of foreign missions throughout the world shows that the entire number of societies engaged directly, indirectly and in special departments of effort exclusive of women's auxiliaries is 449; their income reaches more than nineteen millions of dollars, of which two and one-half millions come through woman's societies. They employ 15,460 missionaries, 4,053 ordained natives, and 72,999 other natives as preachers, teachers, and helpers. There are nearly 32,000 stations and sub-stations; eleven thousand churches with one million and a third of communicants, eighty-four thousand of whom were added last year; and more than fifteen thousand Sunday schools, with eight hundred thousand scholars. The native contributions during the year have been \$1,841,757. The entire number of native Christians is four and one-half millions. The native Christian community being 4,114,236, who are in nominal adherence to Christianity.

Educational statistics show 20,374 institutions from the day school to the college, with more than a million of pupils. Bible translations into 421 languages or dialects, an annual circulation of Bibles and



tracts of fourteen and one half million volumes and tracts. More than six and one half millions of treatments have been given to two and one half millions of individual patients in 355 hospitals, 753 dispensaries and in homes, and additional medical relief and care have been given in orphanages, asylums, homes and schools."

Dr. Arthur Pierson spoke of "The Superintending Providence of God in Foreign Missions." From his speech we take the following:

"How then came this mission century? Three great forces co-operated: The obscure Moravians, the despised Methodists, and a little band of intercessors scattered over Britain and America. There had been a few missionary spirits in Saxony for about a hundred years, who had caught fire at Huss's stake, Spener's pietism, and Zinzendorf's zeal. Three principles underlay their whole life: First, Each disciple is to find his work in witness for God; second, his home where the widest door opens and the greatest need calls; and third, his cross in self-denial for Christ.

The Holy Club of Lincoln College, Oxford, touched by Moravian influence, took on a distinctively missionary character; holiness became wedded to service and evangelism became their watchword. In America, Jonathan Edwards, unconsciously joining John Wesley in preparing for modern missions, sent forth his bugle-blast calling God's people to a visible union of prayer for a world-wide effusion of the Spirit, and it found echo in England, and Carey resolved to organize mission effort. Modern missions thus came of a symphony of prayer, and the monthly concert made that prayer spirit widespread and permanent.

"Other Christians followed the lead of the Baptists, and regiments began to join the missionary army. Now as to the history of the century, there was a rapid opening of doors, cannibalism in the islands of the sea, fetishism in the Dark Continent, exclusivism in China, Japan and India, intolerance in papal lands, and ignorance, idolatry, superstition, depravity everywhere, reared impassable walls, with gates of steel. But as the little band advanced, the walls of Jericho fell, and the iron gates opened of their own accord. India, Siam, Burma, China, Japan, Korea, Turkey, Africa, Mexico, South America and the papal states, were successively and successfully entered. Within five years, from 1853 to 1858, new facilities were given to the entrance and occupation of seven different countries, together embracing half the world's population."

Little Rock District Conference convenes at Hazen 22-25 inclusive. Opening sermon will be preached Monday night by Rev. L. M. Daly, after which we have the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The following committees will take notice of appointment:

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son, W. M. Crowson, G. M. Hill.

I trust the brethren will all be present Monday night at the opening service and that the spirit of the Lord may be with us at this conference. I have arranged with the Choctaw, which includes the Hot Springs railroad, for one fare round trip rates. Tickets on sale from Monday, May 21, to close of conference.

You will observe, brethren, that we begin Monday night and adjourn Friday at noon so as to obviate the necessity of any ministers returning home during the session. The school men will all take notice and be present.

We shall inquire diligently into all the work of the church.

James Thomas,  
Presiding Elder.

#### NASHVILLE NOTES.

Dr. Tigert preached at Tulip Street Church Sunday morning, Dr. Kelley being still at the missionary conference.

Dr. Tillet was out of the city several days last week stirring the conscience of Methodism on the Twentieth Century thank offering.

The May meeting of the connectional boards are bringing together the usual number of representative Methodists. Among them we note the presence of President A. C. Millar.

Moyses, the bogus "Capt. Clarke," who recently brought himself to notice by his matrimonial tactics in New Orleans, today entered upon the second chapter of his fame-making career. The scene will be laid in the chair factory of the Tennessee penitentiary and will last three years.

Prof. A. K. Spence, of Fisk University, died suddenly last week. He was a native of Scotland, a Greek scholar of recognized ability, an enthusiastic promoter of the famous Fisk Glee Club work, and a sweet-spirited Christian.

The eleventh annual state convention of the Christian Endeavor met today at the First Presbyterian Church. After the annual sermon tonight Dr. John Matthews will conduct an old fashion love feast.

The Epworth League board has decided to hold a Southern League Conference July 26-29. The place has not been decided upon. The book agents' report of the branch house at Dallas: "It exceeds our expectations." The net profit for the year is \$1,121. The Sunday-School Board took steps to extend its work.

The Board of Education recommended that Bishop Galloway, the president, request the college of bishops, at its meeting next week, to write an episcopal letter to every preacher in the church, requesting that the letter be read to every congregation in Southern Methodism, the purpose to be inspiration on the Twentieth Century movement.

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## Personal.

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Col. V. Y. Cook, of Elmo, was a pleasant caller Thursday.

General Booth Tucker, of the Salvation Army, was seventy-one years old April 10.

Dr. E. E. Hoss is our fraternal messenger to the General Conference of the M. E. Church.

Rev. James A. Anderson, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, is at Hot Springs for his health.

Dr. J. D. Hammond will preach the commencement sermon of the Florida Conference College.

Dr. Joseph Parker, the eloquent preacher of City Temple, London, was seventy years old April 9.

Judge Rose, of this city, delivered the oration before the Kansas City Bar Association, last week.

Brother J. W. Davis, of Beebe, one of our oldest and most punctual subscribers, called Thursday to renew.

A cablegram last Monday week announced, at Nashville, the death of Miss Laura Haygood, Superintendent of our Woman's Missionary work in China. Our whole church mourns this loss.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix is our fraternal messenger to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He will sail on the Umbria, of the Cunard Line, June 23 and be absent from this country till the first of September.

Dr. Alonzo Monk, pastor of Centenary Church, Chattanooga, will preach the commencement sermon of the Martha Washington College, and Dr. S. A. Steel, of Richmond, will deliver the literary address.

Rev. W. E. Thompson, pastor of First Church, was to deliver the oration at the annual memorial of our Confederate dead to-day, Tuesday—but the rain is pouring and we fear the speech is spoiled. Our readers may be sure it was a good one.

Dr. Hays, of Morrilton, has had a hard battle. Feeble health for himself, and sickness generally in the town, with much smallpox, have stood in the way of church work. Yet, at a recent visit, we found a good congregation and an excellent Sunday-school had been held against these difficulties.

Brother Tucker says in a private note that the people took such good care of ye Editor at Atkins, that he forgot to say anything about it in the METHODIST. Ah! but we remember the brotherly care none the less, and my good host at Atkins I am sure is not grieved, for he meant it all for brotherliness and remembers that "It is written in the book," "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them."

Dr. Z. T. Bennett, of the White River Conference, was a visitor in this city last week, and also attended the Canadian District Conference at Muskogee. Dr. Bennett is one of the foremost men in our Church in Arkansas, and has many friends throughout the Church. We were glad to have him with us and hear him preach. The ladies were especially delighted with his sermon at Muskogee.

Captain Jenkins and J. O. Clarke, Esq., of Quitman; Thos. Turney and W. A. Turney, and R. E. L. Flowers, of Okeburne county, were callers Monday. Brother Flowers had been reported to the United States officials as keeping an illicit still, but when the case was presented to the United States Commissioner there appeared to be no grounds whatever for such a charge. Brother Flowers is one of the best men in Okeburne county.

## Christian Life.

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Canst thou not bear thy lot?  
List to His voice within thee speak,  
And listening, murmur not!

"Ah, child below'd, I know thy pain,  
Thy heartache and thy fears,  
With thee I walk this earth again  
And share thy falling tears.  
Canst thou not for earth's "little  
while"

Bear just a small, frail cross?  
Remembering still God's loving smile,  
Makes heavenly gain of loss.

"Thou canst not see, thou canst not  
know,

O, weary, restless heart,  
How every ill will joy bestow,  
Eternal rest impart.  
So lay thy head upon My breast,  
And feel My love for thee;  
Sad soul, there hush thee unto rest,  
And find repose in Me."

To Make a Church Prosper.

A successful city pastor of another denomination has issued to his people the following circular entitled "To Make a Church Prosper." All pastors and peoples may read it with profit.

Why should there be a decaying church in the world? There is a sure way of prosperity. It has never failed, and never can. A few simple rules observed by all the members of any church will insure good days. If the church is decaying, the decay will soon be arrested. If it is standing still, it will soon begin to grow. If it is already flourishing, it will grow more rapidly.

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6. Think of the services through the week, speak of them to others, and pray that they may be attended with divine blessing.

7. Pray for each member so far as you may know them, especially for the sick and poor.

8. Pray for the pastor. His usefulness will be greatly increased by the daily prayers of all the people. His preaching will improve wonderfully under such conditions.

9. Note the absence of members, not to criticise or find fault, but to show them proper attention in case they are sick, to encourage them if they are cast down, to restore them if they are wandering.

10. Speak to strangers, and invite them to come again.

11. Accept gladly any work assigned you, but never show a spirit of envy when others are promoted in the church.

12. Never encourage strife, but be a peacemaker.

13. Never speak the faults of others to your neighbors, and never to those who have made mistakes, unless it be for the purpose of correcting them, and then be sure and do it in love.

14. Give cheerfully, according to your ability.

15. If able, take a church paper.

16. If the pastor or some one else is struggling under a heavy load, take hold and help.

17. Never insist on having your own way against the majority, and never insist on overriding a minority with careless indifference.

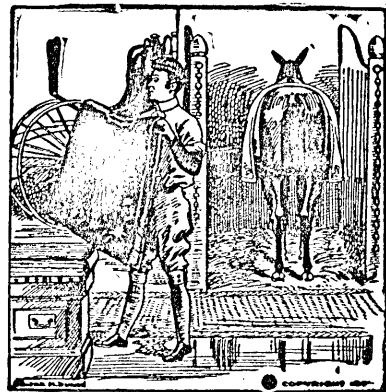
18. Make some unconverted soul a special subject of daily prayer. Persevere in prayer, together with judicious effort, until that one shall be brought to Christ. Then begin at once to bring another in the same way by prayer and personal effort.

19. If you know persons who might be gotten into St. Paul's Church or Sunday-school report to the president of the Pastor's Aid Society.

If we knew that such simple rules as these would give us a good harvest, or insure physical health, or make us rich, as well as we know that they will make the church prosper, would we not all begin at once to observe them? These things we can all do. No special talent is required. By so doing ye shall bear much fruit.

## Common Justice.

In a beautiful article on "Mr. Moody With His Boys and Girls," the Youth's Companion (April 19) gives us an insight into the great, loving, noble heart of that sainted evangelist. One incident has special point. It is told of Mr. Moody by his son, Paul. When that young man was a boy he was awakened one night and found his father standing by his bedside, with tears in his eyes, asking his forgiveness for hav-



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ing unintentionally wronged him. Before the boy had gone to bed, his father had spoken sharply to him for what he had thought was a disobedient action. He had not learned of his mistake until the son was asleep; but he could not find rest himself until he had confessed his error, and asked his boy's forgiveness.

This was only a little thing, but it was simply common justice. Yet how seldom is it seen in our homes. What disturbs the hand that rocks the cradle affects the world. This cry for justice is everywhere. The trouble between employers and laborers is not so much for bread and gold as for common justice. The breach of nations, with the horrors of war, is not from innate hatred, but because of national injustice; and the rancor and bitterness, and often separation and crime, in our homes, is chiefly because there is so little common domestic justice. If parents, unions, trusts and nations sought to do justly, and were ready to make amends for injustice, our homes, country, and world would be filled with peace, love and happiness.—Christian Guardian.

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## For the Young People.

The children are greeted this week by an old friend, Marcus L. Gray. They will remember that more than a year ago he wrote about a trip to London. We are glad he will give us a few letters about his trip to New York.—Ed.

### NEW YORK LETTER.

Many of my young readers have never been to New York City, but some of them at least hope to visit the city some day. This is my third trip to New York, and I am here to attend the World's Conference of Foreign Missions. It took me a day and a night and a day to come from St. Louis, Mo., to this place, and our train made but few stops on the way. If you have never seen Illinois, Indiana and Ohio you have failed to see some very fine country. There are many pretty towns on the line of travel, and hundreds of fine farms. I saw Cincinnati by night, and that means that I did not see much of it. In the train I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with an elderly lady who was on her way from St. Louis to Boston. Learning as she did that I was on my way to attend the missionary conference, she related a story of how a certain pastor showed his people how those who attempt to do good may be quite awkward about it. A few good people, so the story went, decided to send a box of clothes to the family of a destitute minister who had a number of small children, boys and girls. When the box came, the children were clothed, hit or miss. A pair of pantaloons touched one of the boys at the knees, and the dress for one of the girls was so long that it drug the floor by a dozen inches. A cap came down over the little boy's ears. When the children had all been dressed thus, as best could be done, the preacher marched them into the church where the people had assembled to worship. It was a sight to the congregation, and while they beheld with wonder the preacher announced: "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these!"

### HIGH MOUNTAIN.

I like to see the mountains which God has lifted up to direct our thoughts to him who created all things. The mountains of West Virginia are worth going far to see. How they gradually rise toward the skies. In some places our train ran up grade for twenty miles or more, two large engines working their hardest to take us up. Then for many miles we went down, down, down. My young readers will find that life has some heavy grades, when it takes all that is best within them, to reach the height of success. Character once gained, the rest of the journey is easy.

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At Piedmont, W. Va., I saw the mills which make our postal cards by the carload. They take pine trees, chip them into small pieces, grind the mass into a pulp, and roll it out in sheets of paper. Many women are employed in making and printing the postal cards, and the cards, when finished, are shipped

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### A VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA.

Two years ago I made an effort to visit a family in Philadelphia, a family which I had not seen for thirty years. At that time I was on my way to attend the World's third Sunday-school convention in London. This time I succeeded in finding the kinspeople for whom I was looking. They were themselves in England at the time I endeavored to find them. My visit revived memories of thirty years ago. I find that it is a good thing to show your relatives some consideration, as well as other people. Do not forget the cousins who were kind to you when you were much younger.

### THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

I must reserve something about New York for the next letter, and say something now about the missionary conference in session here. Great throngs of delegates are here from all parts of the world. The ends of the earth have come together in the closing year of the century. Ex-President Harrison took the chair in the great auditorium of Carnegie Hall Saturday afternoon, April 21st, 1900, the great audience sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Dr. H. C. Mabie, of Boston, offered prayer, and thus this historic conference was opened. At another time I must tell of the address by President McKinley and Gov. Roosevelt. Suffice it now to say that the audience was immense, and that foreign missions received high recognition from President McKinley.

Marcus L. Gray.

New York.

### CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Methodist—I am a little girl ten years old, and my papa takes the Methodist paper, and one of my brothers is a Methodist preacher on the Gaither Mission, and Brother J. J. Holland is our preacher, and we all like him.

Vinnie Cline.

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## Woman's Work.

### Our Annual Meeting.

To the Members of the W. F. M. S. of the Little Rock Conference:—Dear Friends and Co-workers:—On April 19, there was a meeting of the executive committee of our conference society at Malvern. June 6-10 was the time fixed for our annual meeting. It is to be held at Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock. As this meeting is to be so soon after our board meeting at Paris, Texas, we hope to have some of the distinguished women of this meeting present. We also hope to have Dr. W. R. Lambuth, one of the secretaries of the General Board, to preach the annual sermon and deliver a lecture on his recent visit to China to us on Sunday, June 10. In fact, our program this year is replete with good things. I have secured one and one-third rates, on the certificate plan, over all the railroads leading into Little Rock.

Now, to every society, whether alive, dead or sleeping, I urge you; yea, I do entreat you, to send a representative to this meeting. Elect your delegate at once, if you have not already done so, and send name and the society they represent to Miss Jennie Snodgrass, 615 W. 14th St., Little Rock, in order that a list of the delegation may be placed in the hands of entertainment committee of local auxiliary.

On Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, June 6, the devotional exercises will be conducted by Rev. A. M. Trawick, after which will be the addresses and responses of welcome, followed by the President's annual address.

Friday night is Young People and Juvenile's night. This is an evening always of great interest. This year this program will be exceptionally fine. The first business session is Thursday, 9 a. m., June 7. This session will be opened with a love feast, conducted by Dr. Hunter. There are many papers on various phases of the work to be interspersed all through the sessions, from Thursday till Saturday. I have simply hinted at some of good things in store for us. If you do not look forward to our annual gathering this year with great interest, it is beyond my power to enlist you.

I leave May 23 for the Board meeting at Paris, Texas. Pray for me as your representative, that I may be so enlightened by His spirit that I will do the work that I am sent to do as unto the Lord. Talk our own annual meeting and pray much for its success. Yours in the work,

MRS. JAS. THOMAS,  
Cor. Sec'y, Conf. Soc'y.

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As they build their summer home,  
Blades of grass and buds are springing,

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### WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, } ss.  
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 Ephraim 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 Ephraim Webster,  
minors over the age of 14 years, are warned to  
appear in this Court within thirty days and  
answer the cross complaint of W. L. Terry, filed  
in the case of P. W. Crawford, Jr., Trustee, et  
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## Our Church at Home

KINGSLAND, ARK.—Dear Dr. Godbey—Brother McKay, of Fordyce, was with us last Sunday and preached an excellent discourse on the Twentieth Century movement, which was well received. I distributed collection cards after the matter was clearly explained, but thought best not to take them up at that time. However, a good Baptist brother returned his, subscribing \$5 and directing to Hendrix. Brother McKay lectured in the afternoon on primary education to a good audience. I preached at night. Good sized audiences at each service. I expect good results. Sincerely,  
E. L. Beard.

Our meeting at Winthrop was a success. We are organized in a neat comfortable house of worship deeded to the M. E. Church, South, with a membership of between 30 and 40 members. Six family altars erected. A weekly prayer-meeting entered, a woman's weekly prayer-meeting organized, a Sunday-school organized and starting off well. We have had a hard struggle to build the church, the only one in the town, but thank the Lord our people can now worship God under their own vine and fig tree. The fact is demonstrating slowly in this county that we can not thrive as a church out of doors, or in a house that belongs to somebody else. Since I have been in the ministry I have preached a great deal out of doors.

### MEAT OR CEREALS.

#### A Question of Interest to All Careful Persons.

The arguments on food are interesting. Many persons adopt a vegetarian diet on the ground that they do not like to feel that life has been taken to feed them, nor do they fancy the thought of eating dead meat.

On the other hand, too great consumption of partly cooked, starchy oats and wheat, or bread, pastry, etc., produces serious bowel troubles, because the bowel digestive organs, (where starch should be digested), are overtaxed and the food ferments, producing gas, and microbes generate in the decayed food, frequently bringing on peritonitis and appendicitis.

Starchy food is absolutely essential to the human body. Its best form is shown in the food "Grape-Nuts," where the starch is changed into grape sugar during the process of its manufacture. In this way, the required food is presented to the system in a pre-digested form and is immediately made into blood and tissue, without taxing the digestive organs.

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and in uncomfortable houses, used as makeshifts. I have learned, however, several years since that people who are willing to put up year after year with a makeshift house to worship in can put up with a makeshift membership, and a makeshift preacher and a makeshift religion, and I have decided some years since that life is too short and time is too precious for us to be trying to build up the church and get people saved in a community that will not build a house for God. The Methodist was not altogether overlooked during the meeting, evidently by the accompanying list, and we trust more to follow. J. H. Bradford.

### Married.

M'KEEHAN-MOORE.—At the residence of Mr. J. M. Moore, March 25, 1900, Mr. J. W. McKeehan to Miss Josephine Moore, Rev. J. L. Johnston officiating.

BALLEW-SWEAT.—In the M. E. Church, South, at Weldon, Ark., May 2d, Mr. Joe Ballew and Miss Alice Sweat, Rev. A. C. Graham, their pastor, officiating.

YOUNTS-ROBERSON.—April 28th, 1900, in the home of their pastor in Little Rock, Ark., Mr. W. C. Younts to Mrs. Jennie Roberson, Rev. W. C. Watson officiating.

DOUGLASS-ROSCHERB.—At the residence of the bride April 19th, 1900, Mr. William Douglass and Mrs. Maggie Roscherb, all of Batesville, Ark. Rev. R. A. Holloway officiating.

GRACE-BAGETT.—April 24th, 1900, at the home of the pastor of "Hunter Memorial" Church, Little Rock, Ark., Mr. R. S. Grace to Miss I. S. Bagett, of Texarkana, Rev. W. C. Watson officiating.

ORTMAN-M'DONALD.—At the residence of the bride's parents in Batesville, Ark., April 24th, 1900, Mr. C. H. Ortman and Miss Gladys McDonald. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. Holloway.

BROWN-KIRKPATRICK.—April 18th, 1900, at the residence of the bride's mother, Little Rock, Ark., by Rev. W. C. Watson, Mr. Jas. A. Brown, of Sweet Home, Ark., to Miss Sallie Bell Kirkpatrick.

BROWN-TOLSON.—April 3, Rev. O. H. Keadle, officiating minister, in the parlor of the City Hotel, Rison, Ark., Mr. Alex Brown, of Pine Bluff, and Miss Barbara Tolson, of Lehigh, Cleveland county, Ark.

### Contributed.

#### Important Notes From Washington.

Notwithstanding the publication of much gossip on the subject, there has been no change in the relations between Turkey and the United States during the past week. This government is awaiting the reply of the sultan to its reiterated demand for the payment of the money claimed on account of the destruction of American missionary property, which is expected within a reasonable time. There has been much misrepresentation, both of the general attitude of this government towards American missionary work in

foreign lands and of those engaged in foreign missionary work in connection with the claim against Turkey. It has been stated in the secular press that the "American missionary element" was trying to force this government into making war upon Turkey to enforce the payment of this claim, and a New York daily yesterday printed the following as part of a dispatch from Washington: "While recognizing the necessity of protecting the missionaries, both the state department and the naval service would prefer that the missionaries remain at home." These publications are untrue. They slander our missionary workers and our government. President McKinley is not only a believer in but a supporter of foreign missionary work.

The following is taken from the annual report of the United States Consul Fowler, relating to the missionary troubles in Shantung and northern China: "Since Christmas there has been nothing but trouble, riots, murder and acts of the most diabolical nature have been committed upon the native adherents of the missionaries. The situation grew so bad that the Germans sent inland a strong military force, burning down one or two villages, and taking back with them several of the leaders of the villages as hostages for future peace. On several occasions Americans and Germans escaped by diplomacy and pluck. The indemnity for these outrages has just been paid, and now the whole western part of the province is in a ferment, and much care will be necessary to pass the winter without the loss of foreign life." S. A. S.

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A man talks about owning his business. But, as matter of fact his business owns him. His whole life is regulated by the demands of the business. The time at which he rises, his breakfast hour, the time given to meals, are all determined by business obligations. He rushes through lunch because he "can't spare the time from business" to eat leisurely. He won't take a rest because he is needed at the store or office. He is in fact an absolute slave to business. The results which follow this slavery are to be seen on every hand. Men dyspeptic, irritable, nervous, with drawn faces, and hollow eyes, sit at the desk or stand behind the counter until they collapse in a fit of sickness, or are taken away by heart failure. Those who cannot escape the exactions of business will find a friend in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It strengthens the stomach, increases the action of the blood-making glands, increasing the vitality and physical vigor. It makes men strong and prevents those business breakdowns which so often terminate fatally.

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## Missions.

"In Perils in the City. In Perils in the Wilderness."

Rev. Jackson B. Cox, presiding elder of the Guadalajara district, writes from Ciudad Guzman, Mexico:

I came to this place yesterday after two days' staging. The first day out from Guadalajara I had a light chill but am about all right again. I suppose I was a little bilious, so that the loss of sleep, the cold morning and the hot sun during the day, together with the jolting of the diligence made me a little sick. I thought possibly I was taking smallpox. In parts of my district there has been a terrible scourge of that horrible disease. I have never been exposed to it in all my life before like I have since the first of February of this year. In our district conference Brother Portugal and I baptized a baby whose face was struttled with smallpox. I did not know that it was sick until after they had presented it for baptism. After the service I asked what was the matter with the baby and was quietly informed that it had "nothing but smallpox." A short time after that a little girl came up and was standing in two feet of me, when I noticed her, and her face was literary full of scabs. Then a few days later I visited a family of one of our members, shook hands with all the family, as is the custom, and after sitting down I noticed that one of the children was full of sores just drying up. Again, I was informed he had "nothing but 'viruelas.'" I know of several other times that I have been exposed. Now, I have not been reckless, as good Bishop Duncan would say, for I have taken all the precautions. I know how to take, unless it be to neglect the work the church has put in my hands. And when I say the church I also believe the Lord has given me this opportunity of working for him. These four years have been the sweetest years of my life. I do not mean by this that I have not had my sad moments, for I have wept over my work at times, but the Lord has been most gracious to me and protected me through all the dangers, and permitted me to work for these poor people.

That our Mexican brethren have been put to the test during my four years in this district, there is no doubt in my mind. There has been a general upheaval, as you well know, but we are in better condition than we have been since I came here. Those who have stuck to us are more in earnest than ever. What we need now is a genuine revival all over the district. For this we are working and praying. I ask all the brethren not to stop praying for us until you hear that showers of blessings have fallen on Guadalajara district. Just today I received a letter from one of my pastors in which he tells me that he is holding revival services and that his congregations are larger than ever before. He is a young man, born and reared in the town where he is pastor, and is doing excellent work in this his first year's ministry. God bless Is-

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aac Rebollo, the boy preacher.

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At Ahmaloleo, where twenty-six years ago they killed Rev. John Stevens, I was holding services last week, when just as I had taken the bread and wine, and arose and invited the brethren to come forward, two strange men walked rapidly forward and as they came near me one of them put his hand under his clothes evidently to draw a knife, when quick as a flash two of the brethren sprang behind them, ready to expose their lives for me. Seeing that I was in front and the other two men behind them, they at once began to protest their innocence, and backed off and sat down. In less than fifteen minutes the police had them locked up for safe keeping. I most likely owe my life to those two brethren, who forgetting their own danger came to my rescue.

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hard, not because of direct persecution but because of the strong grip the Romish church has on the people. The pastor, F. C. Perez, is gradually making friends and getting a few new persons to help him. The new railroad now being built south from Guadalajara is to pass by this place. By the grace of God we must hold our grip on what we have gained and work and pray and plan for the future salvation of this city.

Brother Portugal is gold, twenty-four karat at that. Our Sunday school at Gaudalajara, together with our Epworth League, is doing excellent work. His preaching is genuine gospel preaching, and will undoubtedly give good results. Brothers Villalobos and Sandoval are doing faithful hard circuit riding. So far they have been faithful in their work and bid fair to do a good year's work. I know you will be pleased to know that Brother Inis Acosta is doing well in Tepic. Up to date he has been moving things down there as they have not been moved since I have been on the district. At Santa Maria Brother V. Aguayo is doing well.

The work there was on a standstill for two years, but is beginning to take on new life. To sum up, I regard the work on the entire district, with the exception of Tequila, to be on a slow but genuine forward move. I have not a word to say against the work of a single man in my district.

Miss Case and Miss Wright are working nobly in the college in Guadalajara. They are a genuine help in evangelical as well as in educational work. They have twenty girls in the school. Five more than have ever been there before, if I mistake not. They could have forty

or fifty just as easily if they had the money to support them. Two poor girls walked a hundred and twenty-five miles in order to enter college, and there are two others in the same town who would be glad to walk to Guadalajara, if only they had the means to pay their board. For five dollars each a month, Mexican money, Miss Case would gladly take them.—Missionary Review.

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## Woman's Work.

A Word from the Ecumenical Conference.

When all our hearts are so earnestly stirred, as to our part of the great educational thank-offering for Twentieth Century, I send you dear sisters a word from this conference of the world, embracing the earth in its representation. Just one sentence from the opening address by ex-President Harrison carries such wealth of saving spirit and so much of the love of Him who came that every dark place might have of His light, that I clip the little golden paragraph, asking Brother Godbey to give it in our "Methodist," for every lover of missions, and every one who prays "Thy kingdom come." Giving is the special grace for the rest of this year. It involves and includes the glory of our Lord, in all things, that as the new century enters we may lift up unbroken columns of adoration, and not one



name among us but has a glad note to swell the song. A little self-denial will make the roll complete, and make us to rejoice with exceeding great joy." Now is your time, beloved. Send on an "incandescent" that it may shine away great darkness.

Women of the Foreign Missionary Societies, "Remember your Lord." These are the words with special bearing on present responsibilities by Gen. Harrison:

"Gifts to education are increasingly munificent. University endowments have been swelled by vast single gifts in the United States during the last few years. We rejoice in this. But may we not hope that in the exposition of the greater needs of the educational work in the mission fields, to be presented in this conference, some men of wealth may find the suggestion to endow great schools in mission lands? It is a great work to increase the candle power of our educational are lights, but to give to cave dwellers an incandescent may be a better one."

May God inspire every one to earnest faith and liberality, and the bestowment of at least one dollar, that light may be shed abroad among the nations who know not our God.

L. A. H.

## At Rest.

**WILLIAMSON.**—J. W. Williamson was born May 20, 1828, near Charlotte, N. C., and died at Pottsville, Ark., March 8, 1900. He had been a member of the Methodist Church about fifty-five years. He was buried at Russellville. We sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." His wife and three children mourn his loss.

He was a "land-mark" of the county and a faithful member of the church. But his work is done and his reward is on high.

O. H. Tucker.

**PAYNE.**—H. C. Payne, son of Nathaniel and Mary Payne, was born August 2d, 1852, in the State of Tennessee, and from there his parents moved to Georgia, when he was small and in 1878 he was married to Miss Ibie Sellers, and in 1880, he came to Independence county, Arkansas, and died, Jan. 17th, 1900, leaving his wife and five children—four sons and one daughter—to mourn their loss. Bro. Payne made a profession of religion when young and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, and in 1884, he united with the M. E. Church, South, and died a member of the same. I was with him Saturday before he died. I prayed with him and talked to him in regard to his future state. He said that he was ready to die. He said there was nothing in his way. He got happy and praised God. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father and a good neighbor and true follower of Christ. My dear sister and children, your husband and father is in heaven, and may God help you all to so live in this world that you may make an unbroken family in heaven, is the prayer of your devoted pastor.

S. W. Register.

**LEGG.**—Harrison Legg was born May 26, 1871; died Jan. 28, 1900.

Another sorrow has come upon one whom it already seems had drained the bitter cup to the very dregs. In Feb., 1899, his lovely young wife died, leaving two precious little children, one an infant, and now Bro. Legg has gone to join his wife, his sister Matie, his brother Sam, his father, and

other sisters, who have preceded him to heaven. But Sister Legg you sorrow not as others who have no hope; your loved ones died trusting in Jesus the one mighty to save, and while your heart is sad and you miss them from your home, you can look forward with joyful anticipation to the time when you shall meet your loved ones in that city "which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God; a city without griefs or graves; without sins or sorrows; without sickness or death and which glories in having Jesus for its King." O blessed assurance, how it cheers the heart, bowed down with the sorrows of earth. Jesus has triumphed over death, hell and the grave, and has robbed the grave of its terrors thereby. Look to him, he will give you comfort; his mission upon earth was to comfort those who mourned, and to bind up the broken hearted. He has kept you thus far he will keep you to the end; trust him.

Mrs. Alice H. Pendergras.

Cabot, Ark.

**ADARE.**—Sister Angeline (nee Atchley) was born June 15, 1844, professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young. Was married to James Adare on July 12, 1874. To them were born six children. One was called home at the age of fifteen months, but trusting in the hand of providence, they remained happy until the 6th of January, when Brother Adare was called home, and even at this time Sister Adare was lying on what proved to be her dying bed, but through the aid of a hopeful mother, five loving children, and numberless friends, she remained with us until March 3d when she passed away without a struggle. Her funeral, with her husband who had preceded her only eight weeks and one day, was preached at White Church by their pastor.

A. L. Cline.

**HATCHETT.**—The subject of this sketch was born February 26th, 1846, in what is now Conway county, Ark., and departed this life at her home in Clinton March 9th, 1900. She died of la grippe from which she suffered eleven days.

She was one of the Pate family, whose history is a part of Van Buren county's history. She was married March 8th, 1872, to John K. Hatchett, with whom she lived a very happy life until death took her from him. To this union were born three children, two of whom survive her.

She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Clinton in 1872, and lived a true and devoted Christian life.

The influence which Sister Hatchett left will live long in the memory of those who knew her, and she, being dead, will continue to speak.

May the good Lord bless all the connection and dry their tears with a gentle breeze of his love, and prepare the two dear boys and others of the connection who are not prepared for the haven of rest.

Clinton, Ark.

W. K. Biggs.

**HEFLIN.**—Delitha Heflin, nee Whitehead, was born March 21, 1830; died March 21, 1900, at Monticello, Ark. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young and was married to Alfred Heflin in 1846; was left a widow when very young, being only 22 when her husband died.

Sister Heflin, as I am told, lived a devoted Christian life, and when she realized that the end was near, she said, "I am ready to go." She died on her seventieth birthday, as the dates above will indicate, and was buried at the Heflin burying ground near Star City. The services were conducted by the writer. She leaves

one sister and brother to follow on. May the good Lord so guide them that they may be enabled to form an unbroken family in heaven to sing praise to the name of Jesus forever.

E. Crook.

Star City.

**BRUNER.**—Sister Mary Bruner stepped from life's rugged sea into the haven of rest March 29, 1900, after a protracted illness with a complication of diseases. Her suffering was great part of the time. Her husband carried her to Little Rock and put her in the hands of a physician, thinking she would get relief. She grew weaker day by day, until the summons came. Sister Bruner had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for some time. She was a good woman, loved by all. She told her husband before taking her flight that she hated to leave him and her precious children, but she was ready to go. Look up, sorrowing ones, to the beckoning hands and follow the dear sister to where there are no orphans or broken ties. Her pastor,

J. H. McKelvy.

**WILLIAMS.**—My brother, D. R. Williams, died at his home at Quitman, Ark., February 5th, 1900, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. He spent more than forty years of his life at Quitman. The people of that community knew his manner of life from his youth up. He numbered his friends by his acquaintance. By common consent he was of irreproachable moral character. He was the soul of honor. Gentle and kind in disposition, tender and loving in his family, faithful and consistent in his religious life. He will be missed by the four surviving brothers, by his devoted family. Sadly, but submissively, we bow to our Father's will. When the immortal hopes burn low in our hearts we shall be strengthened by the thought of our brother in his inheritance with the saints in light. Now the shadows are deep and we "see not the bright light in the clouds, but the wind passeth and cleanseth them," and "at evening time it shall be light."

Beyond death's dark domain there is the paradise of God into which the tree of life has been transplanted and where the river of life "rolls o'er Elysian flowers her amber stream." There we expect to meet our brother "and in that land of joy and song we'll never say good-bye."

J. M. Williams.

Plummerville, Ark.

**PRICE.**—Jane Price was born in the state of Kentucky in 1823, and moved with her parents to Perry county, Ark., in 1827 and in May of the twentieth year of her earthly life she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which it is said by many that knew her many years that she lived a devoted Christian life.

She joined the church militant in 1843, and the church triumphant March 20th, 1900.

I would say to her children and grand-children, be true and faithful to the end and God will have the golden gate swing wide open for you and then the eternal hallelujahs and praise shall begin that shall never end.

We laid her body to rest beside her husband who preceded her 25 years to the glory land.

W. M. Taylor.

**BRAMEL.**—"Peter Bramel was born July 24th, 1822, in the state of Kentucky, professed religion December 27th, 1839, in Wainetown, Montgomery county, Ind., moved to Dallas county, Ala., from Alabama to Lafayette county, Miss.; from Mississippi to Monroe (now Lee) county, Ark., November, 1886; moved to Wheatley, St. Francis county, Ark.,

and have tried my best to live a Christian all the time, but some of the time I was almost ready to give up the race." The above lines were written by Brother Bramel before he died and copied by request of the family. I find in the family Bible record that Brother Bramel married the first time in 1845 in Alabama Miss Sarah Wysinger. Unto them were born four children. After he moved to Arkansas his wife died August 3d, 1864. The same year he and Mrs. C. J. Leslie were married, October 18th. Of this union there were born unto them seven children. Of the eleven children all but four preceded him to the better land.

Brother Bramel died a painless death March 4th, 1900. He has left in this world to fight life's battles his wife, four children and twelve grandchildren. "But they sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Brother Bramel had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years. He was a lover of his church, and was always found at his post trying to do his duty. He had been steward, class leader, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and when he died was trustee of the church. He told the writer two days before he died that he was not afraid to die, but was willing to trust himself in the hands of his Lord, whom he had been serving so long. Well may we say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Glorious promises. Brother Bramel is now numbered with that blessed throng "where the wicked cease to trouble and the weary are at rest." And he seemed to realize that fact, too, for his mission was to do good and be kind to everybody, and especially to his beloved family.

To know Brother Bramel was to love him. The writer had not known him long, but he loved him better every time he met him. His house was the preacher's home.

All who knew Brother Bramel will miss him, but Sister Bramel and her children will miss him most. He was so kind and true to them. He had been a long time member of the Masonic fraternity of the Bell Baxter Lodge, No. 228, located at Wheatley, Ark. His body was taken in charge by the lodge and laid to rest in the grave by them, using their very solemn and impressive ceremonies. The large audience present attested their love for their neighbor, friend and brother. Be ye faithful unto death bereaved ones and receive a crown of life at God's right hand with loved ones who have gone before.

J. K. Pope, P. C.

**BLACKBURN.**—Died, at her home on Woods Mountain, Tuesday morning, March 27, 1900, after an illness of only a few hours, Mrs. Amanda Blackburn, wife of W. P. Blackburn, aged 40 years and 16 days. The fact at first seemed so hard to realize, but a few moments full of bitter reflections brought the consciousness of its reality. She was a true Christian and a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, her presence will be greatly missed there. She leaves a husband and six children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But when we reflect upon her dying words, we should not weep for her, as she said, "The Lord's will must be done." But oh, what a void within the home! Every familiar object speaks of her dear presence. May God help husband and children, relatives and friends to bear the burden and to know "He doeth all things well."

Bettie and Hattie Shropshire.

## METHODIST CALENDAR.

Annual Meeting of the W. H. M. Society, Little Rock Conf., at Hope, May 11	
W. F. M. Society, Arkansas Conf., at Dardanelle.....	May 18-21
Little Rock District Conf., at Hazen.....	May 22
Searcy District Epworth League and S. S. Con., at Cabot.....	May 30
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Monticello District Conf., at Monticello.....	June 28
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
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Prescott, Ark.

## Notice.

Dear Bro. Godbey:—Please announce through the METHODIST that I want all the preachers and delegates who expect to bring their wives or daughters to the District Conference at Redfield, which convenes on the 20th of June, to please notify me at once. My postoffice is Pine Bluff. I do not know yet what arrangements will be made with the railroads in regard to reduced rates, but I will notify the brethren as soon as I can. In Christ,

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