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News and Notes.

THE MIDLAND METHODIST, Nashville, has been running at \$1 a year. It now changes to \$1.50 a year in advance.

OUR LEGISLATURE HAS VOTED \$30,000 to represent the State of Arkansas at the St. Louis World's Fair.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE, IT IS stated, still continues at San Francisco. Dr. Cobb of the United States Marine Hospital Service has been ordered to go to San Francisco and report the situation.

THE DISCOVERY OF OIL AT Beaumont, Texas, was reported some weeks ago. It is now certain that immense wealth is in the find. The supply seems to be very great, the quality better than was at first supposed. Millions upon millions of capital are moving to the place to develop the new found wealth.

THE FIRST ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE of all the Methodist Churches was held in London, twenty years ago. Ten years later the second was held in Washington, D. C. The third will convene in City Road Chapel, London, September 4th, of this year, and continue till September 17th. Bishop C. B. Galloway will preach the opening sermon.

IT IS THE GENERAL DESIRE OF the people of the State that the Legislature take such action as will secure the completion as soon as possible of the new Capitol building, already begun. This is a work which will benefit the whole State, and it should be accomplished in such a manner, that the new State House may be a credit to Arkansas for a century to come.

SNOW AND SLEET FELL IN SOUTHWEST Missouri and Northwest Arkansas last Wednesday. Freezing is reported as far south as Dallas, Texas. We felt the effect of the storm at Little Rock, but there was no frost or freezing. Reports to date represent that the fruit crop of the State has been but little injured and that the pros-

pects for a good crop are very promising.

ALTHOUGH THE CUBAN CONSTITUTIONAL Convention refused to accept the American proposals, the majority of the body refused to vote an adjournment, and a Commission having been appointed to have an interview with the President, an agreement may yet be reached, although Mr. McKinley has no authority to change, materially, the proposition submitted by Congress.

THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION will be opened at Buffalo, N. Y., May 1, at 12:30 p. m. President McKinley will then be at Jackson, Miss., on his tour to the Pacific coast, and will touch the button, at Jackson, which will cause the immediate starting of the electric machinery at Buffalo.

The Exposition, it is announced, will not be kept open on Sunday. This is wholly on financial grounds, the management reporting that the public sentiment is such, that the Sunday opening would not pay.

THE REPORT OF SIR MICHAEL Hick-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made to the British Parliament last week, shows an expenditure above income of £53,207,000 during the past year. The expenditure on account of the Boer war amounted to £65,000,000, and that of the war in China £3,000,000. The Chancellor advised that a portion of the increased expense of the government be raised by taxation, and recommended an import tax upon sugar and an export tax on coal. The income from the beer tax had fallen off \$20,000,000. The Chancellor thought this due to closeness of finances and the fact that many of the beer drinkers are in South Africa.

THE ARKANSAS BANKERS ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at Helena, last week. Its officers for the coming year are: J. P. Coffin, president, Batesville; Chas. McKee, first vice-president, Fordyce; Simon Seelig, second vice-president, Helena; Dolph Sloan, third vice-president, Walnut

Ridge; T. M. Neal, fourth vice-president, Russellville; J. H. Reagan, fifth vice-president, Prescott; Joe P. Eagle, sixth vice-president, Lonoke; delegate to American Bankers' Association, Major John J. Horner; alternate, Chas. N. Rix, Hot Springs; R. E. Reagan, Van Buren, treasurer; M. H. Johnson, Little Rock, secretary.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF the Federation of Woman's Clubs, of Arkansas, was held at Pine Bluff the past week. Mrs. Frederick Hanger, of this city, was chosen president. The meeting was well attended, and proved for the ladies a very pleasant occasion. Committees were appointed on education, domestic economics, legislation, village improvement, and other work. Seventy-three clubs are in the Federation with a membership of 2,500.

The officers for the ensuing year are:

Mrs. N. B. Trulock, Pine Bluff, president.

Mrs. Wm. M. Neal, Helena, first vice-president.

Mrs. P. D. Scott, Van Buren, second vice-president.

Mrs. P. P. Dowdy, Searcy, recording secretary.

Mrs. F. M. Williams, Hot Springs, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. J. K. Barnes, Fort Smith, treasurer.

Mrs. Joseph Frauenthal, Conway, auditor.

The next meeting will be at Ft. Smith.

OUR SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVED, on the 18th instant, a cable message from Mr. Squires, United States Charge at Pekin, stating that the winter palace of the Empress had been destroyed by fire. It was occupied by Count Von Waldersee after the capture of the Chinese Capital. Gen. Schwartzkopf, Chief of Staff, perished in the fire. The burning of the palace was by accident, but its effect upon the Chinese situation may be serious. It will be so, should it determine the royal family to fix the Capitol at another place. It has been found that some leaders in the Boxer movement which Li Hung Chang ordered to be execu-

ted, have not been punished, because the same Li Hung Chang sent directions to the officials not to execute the order, as it was unreasonable to convict the men on Christian testimony. Such duplicity has come to be expected in all our dealings with the Chinese.

Aguinaldo's Proclamation.

The promised proclamation of the Filipino chief has been issued. It acknowledges the general desire of his countrymen for peace, and expresses confidence that United States rule opens the way to a better civilization for his people. Here is the proclamation:

"I believe I am not in error in presuming that the unhappy fate to which my adverse fortune had led me is not a surprise to those who have been familiar with the progress of the war. The lessons taught with a full meaning, and which have recently come to my knowledge, suggest with irresistible force that a complete termination of hostilities and lasting peace are not only desirable, but absolutely essential to the welfare of the Philippine Islands.

"The Filipinos have never been dismayed at their weakness, nor have they faltered in following the path pointed out by their fortitude and courage. The time has come, however, in which they find their advance along this path to be impeded by an irresistible force, which, while it restrains them, yet enlightens their minds and opens to them another course, presenting them the cause of peace. This cause has been joyfully embraced by the majority of my fellow countrymen, who have already united around the glorious sovereign banner of the United States. In this banner they repose their trust and belief that under its protection the Filipino people will attain those promised liberties which they are beginning to enjoy. The country has declared unmistakably in favor of peace. So be it. There has been enough blood, enough tears and enough desolation. This wish can not be ignored by the men still in arms if they are animated by a desire to serve our noble people which has thus clearly manifested its will. So they respect this will, and now that it is known to me, after mature deliberation I resolutely proclaim to the world that I can not refuse to heed the voice of a people longing for peace, nor the lamentations of thousands of families yearning to see their dear ones enjoying the liberty and the promised generosity of the great American nation.

"By acknowledging and accepting the sovereignty of the United States throughout the Philippine archipelago as I now do, and without reservation whatsoever, I believe I am serving thee, my beloved country. May happiness be thine."

To signalize this important step in the pacification of the country Gen. MacArthur orders the release, on swearing allegiance to the United States, of 1,000 insurgent prisoners.

The Arkansas Methodist helps every department of church work. Let every department make it a point to help the paper.

Educational Notes.

McGill University receives \$150,000 on endowment from William McDonald.

An anonymous gift of \$100,000 has just been made to Teachers College of Columbia University.

The State legislature of North Dakota has just taken a wise step in placing the university on a permanent income basis by ordering an annual tax of one-fifth of a mill on the taxable property. The usual way of dealing with a state university is to make its income depend on uncertain biennial appropriations. This makes the faculty uneasy and often leads to lobbying. The university should be liberally supported and its income permanent.

The Armour Institute of Technology is reported to be amalgamated with the University of Chicago. The university is an expansionist. It has absorbed the Rush Medical College and the Cook County Normal of the city.

Several other institutions are absorbed or are affiliated with the university.

The legislature of Missouri has been quite liberal with the university of the State this year. It appropriated \$172,400. This with the endowment runs the university income for the next two years up to \$632,400. Another interesting item in the appropriation bill is \$4,500 for the State Historical Society.

Dr. Raymond, now president of the University of West Virginia, goes to the University of Chicago as professor.

Our Baptist brethren are now in the midst of an important discussion of the question of policy as regards higher education. The commission appointed to draft a plan has done its work and now it is before the church for discussion and later for action. It is to be hoped that they will thoroughly discuss the subject and that they will agree upon a wise policy for the church. A church attempting to do educational work without a well-defined policy will make many blunders. That has been a trouble with nearly all churches.

Princeton won the annual debate with Yale; Hendrix that with Ouachita.

The universities of Michigan and Minnesota have just abolished all bachelors' degrees except A. B. The Hendrix faculty has taken similar action and hereafter the college will confer the A. B. degree only.

Dartmouth College receives \$15,000 from the State this year. Dartmouth is one of the very few colleges in the United States which are maintained by a co-operation of private and public endeavor. Johns Hopkins is another.

The amounts given to higher education by private individuals in the United States for the last eight years are as follows:

1893	.....	\$29,000,000
1894	.....	32,000,000
1895	.....	32,800,000
1896	.....	27,000,000
1897	.....	45,000,000
1898	.....	38,000,000
1899	.....	62,750,000
1900	.....	47,500,000

Temperance.

Temperance Talk No. 4.

No theories this time. As Gradgrind was wont to emphasize, "Facts, sir, facts!" I've been attending court all week—no, I hadn't any cases, but then if the world is the writer's court all men, to be sure, are his clients. Courts are fine places for temperance observation—and that doesn't apply solely to the fellows on trial either. But these are the ones I'm dealing with in this little talk about "facts."

One of the finest looking boys imaginable was sent "over the road" the other day. His mother was there when they brought in the verdict. The court said, "Mr. Sheriff, take charge of the prisoner." The young man stood up, leaned over his mother a minute, and then went out—and went out to become a number, a number on the gang-list, a cipher on life's list. The poor old woman—his mother—didn't watch him go out; for that matter scarcely anybody watched him—'twas a busy day in court, everybody was busy. A spectator remarked, "If they keep this thing up, the sheriff ought to get excursion rates to the 'pen.'" So they must have been busy some little time. Well, in this prosperous age, in these strenuous days, its fine to be busy—makes a fellow feel good to be busy; makes him feel better to see everybody busy. But somehow I didn't feel hilariously happy when the young man went out and the court called up "next." "Next" was a young man, too—not handsome, but he was a young man like the first young man, and pretty soon, like the first young man, he went out with the sheriff. This one's mother wasn't there—that is, she wasn't there in the flesh. Then came the next "next." His mother was there; she testified that her son (the defendant) hadn't yet grown his first crop of whiskers. The jury seemed impressed by that fact and gave him a term long enough to grow several crops; and so the young man, with a few sparse downy heralds of the yet-to-come-crop on his upper lip, went out—went out to commence reaping a crop he'd grown ahead of the beard. As he went out, "next" came in. "Next" this time proved to be three young men—younger than the rest, and, excepting the first young man, better looking. "Three," says I to myself, "I wonder if they aim to establish a young men's convict association here?" But it wasn't funny; too much facts for fun.

You ask what these young men (all of 'em) were "up" for? Oh, it

doesn't matter. Felonies, that's sufficient, ain't it? But I'll tell you this, and it's what I started out to tell you, too, and it's facts, too, sir—"facts"—some of the defendants admitted it, some didn't deny it. Those young men were either slightly, partially, almost, or wholly drunk when they committed their various crimes. In every case liquor had preceded the act—liquor had lit the way for them to go out, and the poor lads, God help 'em, went out. Oh, the damnable stuff, when it turns on its light, the light of the soul goes out! Is there balm in Gilead? Ah, me, I hope so.

But, speaking about hope, I've forgotten the old woman—the first young man's mother. When her boy went out don't you reckon the pale, feeble, flickering light of hope went out in her broken heart? I reckon so, though I didn't ask her; she seemed so busy rolling and unrolling a little ragged, bedrabbled, wet looking handkerchief I thought I'd better not bother her.

Will Garland.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Contributed.

How About It?

REV. J. F. JERNIGAN.

Is the Rev. George Stewart a Methodist preacher? I ask this question not because I don't know, but to serve me in this brotherly criticism. Your notice, Doctor, of his meeting at First Church, and its results (?) give me a text. You say, "Rev. George Stewart closed his meetings at First Church, this city, on Friday evening last. How many persons entered into the Christian life in their experiences, is not known." What kind of ism is this, Doctor? It looks very much like "know-nothingism." "It is not safe to count converts." Why, Doctor, it has been done all along. Will a man go to war and not know the number of soldiers? If a convert has a chance to count himself, I see nothing imperiled by counting him as the result of revival effort. But it seems that here I find the secret as to why no one "knows." Hear it, Dr. Hunter. Hear it, if thou canst, thou sainted Winfield: "No altar exercises were had." And Methodist preachers have not only quit "calling mourners" but have even quit having as old-timey a thing as "altar services." "The preaching was strong and practical." But I seriously doubt its having the "earmarks" of Methodism. I base my decision on this sentence: "It stressed reformation and right living." Campbellism, is the best word I can think of to fit such preaching. Why did he not "stress regeneration, the new birth, justification by faith and the witness of the spirit?" Is it clear out of fashion now, in cities, Doctor, to preach such grand old doctrine. "It affected public opinion favorably." To be

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THE OUTLOOK

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sure; it likes such smooth-bored sermons. In the salvation of a soul there is both a destructive and constructive work to be done. The old man of the world must be demolished, destroyed, root and branch, and the evidence of a new man inwardly there, then there is a foundation for this constructive work, and only then. "Large audiences attended." All these, and no specific, definite effort made to know what good was done. Where, oh, where are we "at?" Not drifting, but there; cold, dead, as to spiritual influence. Wonder how much of Dr. Mahon's "only emotional" was in this meeting at First Church in Little Rock? But here is the crown: "Many declared their purpose to lead a better life." This is Campbellism, straight, simple and pure, and it only remains for the next step to follow. "Into the church" by immersion," only to lead a better life. That can be done out, and thousands out are leading just as good lives as these superficial, reformed but unsaved members who will in the judgment realize but too late that mere reformation fails to qualify for heaven.

Primitive Methodism.

REV. R. G. BRITTAIN.

Dr. Godbey—With your permission, I will offer a few thoughts on this subject. My acquaintance with the customs and usages of Primitive Methodism, extends back through a period of near seventy years. My acquaintance with the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and her system of divine worship began soon after those doctrines had passed a most critical examination by Shirley, Hill, Toplady and others. In this controversy, Methodism lost nothing, for the invincible Fletcher took up his pen in her defense, drove back her assailants, spiked their last gun, and conquered a peace. On this side the ocean the controversy was renewed, but Drs. Fisk, Bangs and Stringfield soon taught their opponents that Wesleyan Methodism could not be overturned without destroying the Bible, its foundation. And the church, having rest from controversy, her preachers everywhere pressed into the work of saving souls from the wrath to come. And most worthily did they execute their Master's work. They often preached the doctrines of the church, but the great burden of their ministry was Jesus Christ and him crucified. They hung the hopes of a fallen world upon the cross. They labored day and night for the salvation of the perishing. Then Methodism, though young, was a power that was being felt through all the ranks of Christendom. Her ministers were men of one work, never idle, never triflingly employed, they were a noble band of self-sacrificing men, wholly consecrated to the work of him who had set them as sentinels upon the watchman's round. They

were chaste in their language, refined in their manners, neat in their dress, wearing the old strait breasted Methodist coat, with no lapels and fit them as neatly as if moulded upon them. They were abundant in labor, "always abounding in the work of the Lord." In prayer they excelled all men I ever heard. Prayer was the beauty of their lives, the light of their piety, the strength of their armour, and the power that made their ministry terrible as an army with banners.

The kneeling posture was the invariable custom of primitive Methodism. Now, perhaps one Methodist in one hundred kneels in prayer. It is sad to see this old landmark retire from the sanctuaries of our church. I once walked with an old mother in Israel to circuit preaching on Thursday. Three others joined us on the road. We were first at the church, and those pious ladies entered the house, knelt and had a word of prayer, then took their seats and sang that sweet old song, "What Wondrous Love is This, O My Soul?" I had heard that song many times, but never with such pathos as then. The sweetness of the melody was enough to charm an angel's ear, and bid him stoop and listen. Soon a fine audience was assembled and all the members knelt in prayer before taking their seats, and then joined the singing. And when the preacher entered the house his congregation was there praising God in sacred song. After preaching he held class meeting, and all the heads of families were asked, do you hold family prayer? and every answer was in the affirmative. A family altar adorned every household and every household was consecrated to

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God. Pastoral visits were benedictions to the families. A chapter was read, a hymn sung and a faithful prayer offered up to God for parents and children. Those holy men left the sunshine of grace and odors of love in every home. They preached with wonderful power, and wonderful results followed the word preached. Their sermons were not written, but were far better than written discourses. Seventy years ago a Methodist preacher would have been ashamed to read an old manuscript to his congregation for a sermon. We used to preach to our congregations, now we write to them. It does my soul good to think of the old time Methodist preachers. Men whom God held as ministers in his right hand, and on whom, his divine anointing rested. And the astonishing success that attended their ministry made manifest the truth of their high commission. O, I have heard them describe the joys of heaven in language that made Christians rejoice and shout the praise of God. And I have heard them describe the sufferings of the lost, in language fearful and alarming as the rocking thunders of Sinai.

Then the Methodist Church was in a perpetual revival, Zion travailed and sons and daughters were born to God. O, for the faith of primitive Methodism! "Revive us, Lord, revive us; All our help must come from thee."

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Rev. Moses B. Hill.

Rev. Moses B. Hill, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to China, died at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. J. W. Kerr, Brownsville, Tenn., March 8, 1901, and was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery at Brownsville in the afternoon of the same day. Memorial services were held at 11 o'clock the following Sunday, at the First Methodist Church, by Revs. Leith Duckworth and Thomas J. Newell.

Brother Hill was the son of Rev. Moses B. and Elizabeth Hill, and was born November 24, 1859, at Center Point, Ark. He was converted early in life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

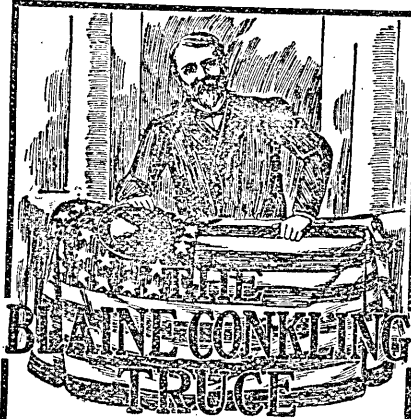
He was licensed to preach in his nineteenth year, but, continuing his studies, he managed, by industry and careful economy, to secure a college training and theological course at the Vanderbilt University. Having offered himself for mission work, he was sent to China as a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the fall of 1888. At the meeting of the China Mission Conference, which occurred shortly after his arrival on the field, he was appointed to the Nantziang Circuit, and a week later was settled in his new home and earnestly engaged in preparing himself for his work.

The difficulties he had overcome in early life, in the struggle to secure a first-class education, had given him just the discipline he required for the severe and protracted labor necessary to the acquisition of the Chinese language.

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In 1894 he was most happily married to Miss Emma Kerr, a missionary of the Woman's Board, who was at that time associated with Miss Lochie Rankin at Nantziang. She has proved a most devoted and helpful companion to him and is now left alone to care for the two sons bereft of their natural protector.

Brother Hill was struck down with paralysis on the 16th of July, 1896. It soon became apparent to all that he must return to America. The change to his native land for a time seemed beneficial and he indulged himself in the hope that he would soon be able to return to the work he loved so well. So earnest was he in this desire that at one time he pleaded with the Board to send him out and proposed to deposit a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the home passage in case his health again gave way. But his friends saw what he could not him-

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Literature and Review

Brother Babcock's Address to His Preachers.

(Publication requested.)

To the Preachers of the Jonesboro District:

Dear Brethren—We have met this morning in the capacity of a preachers' meeting to spend two days in considering the needs of Jonesboro District and our relation to those needs. Our district has every natural advantage for rapid and extensive growth. Fertile soil, great forests of timber, an increasing population, three trunk lines of railway with branches here and there which will soon encompass the district; all these things present a field of usefulness which should stimulate us to our most heroic efforts. The work of the past year was crowned with a large measure of success as evidenced by an increase in collections and membership. Unfortunately, however, our annual minutes show a decrease in almost every particular. The uniform decrease as shown by the minutes results from the fact that the small district of last year was compared with the larger district of the year before. The same method of comparison gave to the Paragould and Batesville Districts a large increase because these districts were greatly enlarged. The true method of comparison would have been to compare the territory of the Jonesboro District of last year with the same territory of the year before. This I have done and will give you the results of the comparison, as follows:

	Dec'se per Min.	Inc'se per Min.	Inc'se by True com
P. E.	\$ 62.29	.....	\$ 182.59
P. C.	1021.07	.....	878.57
Bishop	1.88	.....	31.62
Conf. Claims	52.35	.....	108.55
Foreign Miss.	37.26	.....	64.40
Domestic Miss.	27.45	.....	25.55
Church Exten.	11.78	.....	36.50
Education .....	.....	1.82	8.60
Delegates Exp. ....	.....	.....	4.96
Totals	\$1163.85	\$67.23	\$1341.34
	67.23	.....	1096.62
	\$1096.62	.....	\$2437.96

In other words, there was an aggregate decrease according to the minutes on the claims above mentioned according to the minutes of \$1,096.62; whereas, there was an aggregate increase of \$1,341.34. Thus the minutes misrepresent us by the sum of those two amounts, \$2,437.96. Again, the minutes show a decrease of members of 188. Whereas, by adding the number of additions by profession of faith, 207; and by certificate and other, we have 450; subtract deaths, removals, etc., 194; and we have as the net increase, 251. Add the net increase of Lake City Circuit, not reported, 112, and we have a net increase, 363. In other words, the minutes misrepresent us by the sum 188 decrease and 363 increase or 551 members. By comparing the net increase of the several districts we have the following result:

Searcy District, net increase....	71
Helena District, net increase....	151
Batesville District, net increase....	185

Jonesboro District, net increase. 363
Paragould District, net increase. 489

If we remember that the Paragould District has four more pastoral charges than the Jonesboro District we will see that our district is not far from the head of the list.

When we remember also that almost a complete failure was made on Shiloh, North Jonesboro, Cotton Belt and Lorado charges it will be seen that the pastors on the remaining charges had to do heroic work to hold the district to its present place in the conference.

In moneys expended for churches and parsonages our district stands at the head of the list even according to the showing of the minutes, as the following shows:

Batesville District, \$920.30; Searcy District, \$1,867.69; Paragould District, \$2,901.21; Helena District, \$3,007.25; Jonesboro District, \$5,225.78.

Another comparison will show that the Jonesboro District is not the least of the districts albeit any one in reading the minutes would think so. The sum of the salaries of presiding elder and preachers in charge and the collections ordered by the annual conference was last year on the Helena District, \$15,866.99; Paragould District, \$12,235.48; Jonesboro District, \$13,588.82.

The minutes show a decrease in Sunday-schools of 15, when it ought to be four, and of 745 scholars, when it ought to be 103. The different methods of reporting our Sunday-school work, however, make anything like a satisfactory report almost impossible. The number of leagues was increased from 3 to 6. This was a larger relative increase than in any other district though we have fewer leagues in our district than any other. This ought not so to be. I have appointed the Rev. Frank Barrett as district league president and he has consented to push the work of league organization in the district. Call on him if you need his services.

The above facts are brought out at this time and to you because an unintentional injustice has been done to the work and workers of the district in our annual record. The facts give us ground for encouragement and hope, and should stimulate us to renewed effort and larger plans for the year upon which we have entered. I suggest that in order to avoid an incomplete and inaccurate report at our next conference that at their meeting we appoint a statistical secretary for the district whose duty it shall be to prepare the statistical report of the district for the statistical secretary of the annual conference.

The first need of the district to which I call your attention is:

A true conception of the importance of the claims ordered by the annual conference and a more generous response to the assessments placed upon us. The preacher in

charge is the official representative of our connectional interests in his own charge. Upon him devolves the responsibility of raising the collections. Connectional Methodism cannot be promoted except through the pastors.

These connectional claims are relatively small. As compared with our numerical and financial strength they are very small, and as compared with the New Testament standard of duty they are insignificant. That Jonesboro District with a membership of 4,346 should only be assessed for all these claims, \$2,104, or less than 50 cents a member is surely a reflection both upon our intelligence and our piety. That we should fail by nearly \$800 to pay the amount is a more serious reflection still. To say that 19 pastors cannot collect the full assessment from 4,346 members for the great causes which these assessments represent is to say that we are not worthy the places we occupy. For my part, I think the time has come to wipe away the reproach from ourselves and our people. We ought at this meeting to promise God and each other that this thing shall be done and make the promise good in our reports to the annual conference of 1901. What Jonesboro, Nettleton, Luxora, Blytheville, Lake City and Mitchels Point did last year each charge can do this year.

Second. We must have a revival in every charge. This is our greatest need. We all know it and feel it. For this we pray and preach and labor. The responsibility for the salvation of souls rests as an unchanging and untransferable responsibility upon the preacher. He is the herald, the ambassador, the light-bearer, the under shepherd. The preacher must be before all and above all things a soul saver. A man of ordinary intelligence and diligence can get the collections, but it takes the very highest qualities of a redeemed and valorous manhood to save souls.

It will be a sad day for us if it should come to pass that Methodist pastors lost the power of soul saving and can only go around, hold things together, until a substitute can be employed to do the work of soul saving. As pastors we must remember that soul saving is our first and highest function. When we lose this gift we can no longer walk worthy of our high calling. A revival in my charge should be the burden of the pastor's heart, the objective point of the pastor's labors, the purpose of the pastor's preaching and the burning desire of his daily prayer. I hope that at this meeting we may devise some plan of co-operative effort which will bring to the district a widespread and all powerful revival of religion. With consecrated hearts, willing hands and tongues of fire we may unite our efforts and re-enact the heroic deeds and bring again the pentecostal outpouring which characterized

the early days of American Methodism.

Third. We need the esprit de corps among us. We ought to cultivate such an intimate acquaintance with and fondness for each other and our work that each man will be an example, a comfort, a stimulant to the other. There can scarcely be anything more helpful to us and our charges than the flowing together of our thoughts, beliefs, and affections, and then the outflow upon our people of this confluent tide of our better selves which has come to us from the river of life. We ought to read the best books bearing upon our work and adopt the best methods for the accomplishment of the high ends of our ministry. The organization of a reading circle is contemplated at this meeting and if accomplished will contribute largely to this result. Lastly, we must take heed to ourselves as well as to the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers. "We must study to show ourselves workmen that needeth not to be ashamed. There is more in the man than in the land. A good preacher will build up the church anywhere, but a poor preacher will build it up nowhere. If a work declines upon our hands we have reason to blame ourselves more than the people. It will be our wisdom to keep ourselves right with God and in harmony with the great designs of our Gospel mission. We should ever remember the apostolic injunction, 'Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine, continue in them so that thou shalt both serve thyself and them that hear thee.'

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The Sunday-School.

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May 5—Jesus and Peter. John xxi. 15-21.

Golden Text—"Lovest thou me?" (Verse 17.)

Time—Somewhere inside of the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension, A. D. 29.

Place—The shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The training of Simon Peter under the hand of the Master is one of the most interesting studies in the New Testament.

Peter was a man of rugged nature. He was a man of great impulse. He had been a fisherman on the sea of Galilee, and as that sea, usually so calm and placid, was sometimes swept by the sudden gusts that descended from the slopes of its surrounding mountains, and lashed into a furious storm, so Peter, usually well poised, was often as truly swept by sudden storms of impulse. He was open and frank, and as honest as a man of such a nature can be. No man among the apostles was so often betrayed by his impulses, for such natures will speak out what is in them. Jesus told him, on the occasion of his call to the apostolate, to launch out into the deep and let down his net for a draft of fishes; Peter as good as said that he had very little faith in it, but would so at the bidding of Jesus, and then in a few minutes he is clear on the opposite extreme, expressing a faith that has run even into superstition, is so impressed with the divinity that stood before him that he is in great dread, saying: "Depart from me, O Lord." His noble confession of Jesus, in one breath, and his rebuke of Jesus, in almost the next breath, is another instance illustrating the same trait. His leap into the sea to walk to Jesus on the water, and his almost immediate failure of faith, so that he began to sink, is another. His drawing of his sword in defense of the person of Jesus and his utter denial that he ever knew him, in an hour or two after, is still another illustration. These will serve to bring before you the leading feature of Peter's nature.

Evidently a man of this sort needs to be sobered and steadied. But if he be perfectly honest in his intentions, and will persevere, his experience will bring him lessons. Peter's lessons were many. His most terrible lesson came on the night of the betrayal, and denial. In the early part of that night he had most earnestly assured Jesus that though all men should forsake him, he never would even if it cost him his life. He was perfectly honest in that declaration, and if things had gone according to his program, he would have shed his blood in the defense of Jesus. But the trouble with all such natures in

their raw state is that they go off wrong when they are brought suddenly to face new and unexpected conditions, as Peter was when Jesus submitted to the arrest, bidding him put up his sword. He turned instantly to be a coward, and became a pusillanimous one withal. When pressed about the matter, he cursed and swore he did not know Jesus at all.

Jesus knew him to the bottom. He dealt most tenderly and patiently with him. He gave him time. When he rose from the dead, he knew that Peter would hesitate to face him again. So he sent special word to him that he was risen and would meet him in Galilee. For several meetings Jesus did not directly allude to the matter. At the meeting detailed in the section of which our lesson is a part, Jesus brought forward the question of their elation. You will notice an entire absence of any spirit of boastfulness or self-confidence now in Peter, only an earnest, humble protestation of his love. He had learned his lesson. Jesus re-commissions him.

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May 5—Decision of Character. Rev. iii. 14-16; Prov. iv. 23-27.

The Bible tells us (Gal. iv. 18), "It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing."

Two conditions are necessary to success in the best sense; choice of the right path, and earnest following of the path. There is many a life that fails from listlessness. The aim is right but there is no self-denial, no strength of purpose. In the midst of the terrible French revolution Louis XVI, a kindly disposed monarch, was more troubled that he had to give up his hunting in the chateau at Versailles than for any distress of his kingdom, and when captured in his flight at Varennes his chief concern seemed to be to get his supper.

The experience of self-denial is fundamental in the development of character. A man is strong only when he has overcome himself. Courage demands toil and suffering. One's devotion should be adequate to the cause he has espoused. A character that is lukewarm and incapable of strong feeling or earnest action when great issues are impending, can only inspire in us contempt. The Lord is represented as disgusted and sickened with such a character. "I would thou wert cold or hot," bitter indifference would argue lack of conviction, and there might be hope for such. But the lukewarm soul is convinced but has no purpose to strive. It does look like some people were not worth saving. In the spiritual realm as in the material, they had rather starve than work. "Because thou art neither cold nor hot but lukewarm, I will spew thee out of my mouth." What an admirable description of a firmly fixed character is that which is given us in the book of Proverbs. Perfect conformity of conduct with conviction is the perfection of nobleness. The man that will do as he believes and at any cost, is ever a great man. "Keep thy heart with diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." One begins to descend the downward road at the least swerving from his convictions. Then he makes war against his better nature, the brute triumphs over the man. A weak conscience man is weak at every point. "Let thine eyes look right on?" No thought of turning aside, and no dallying with any sort of temptation. No waste of time or of diversion of effort or aim. Strong, brave, true. How well these words agree together. He who is thus described is fixed.

HINTS AND HELPS.

The first part of our lesson the apostle John was commanded to write to the Laodiceans. There was a flourishing church at Laodicea when Paul wrote to the church at Colosse (Col. 2:14, 15, 16), and they seem to have thought themselves in excellent condition, when John wrote (Rev. 3:17, 18).

Christ's address shows how distasteful, how unacceptable to God indifferent church members are. Those that attend service but take no active interest in Christianity. Those that hear preaching and do not heed it, those who hear the prayers but have no amen in their own souls; those who give money for church work, without giving a thought as to its mission, with never a prayer that God may bless it; those who attempt to serve God without putting their hearts into the work, Christ calls neither cold nor hot. They are more dangerous to the church than an open enemy, for the enemy might be captured or put to flight.

Christ expresses his contempt for such members by saying, "I will spew thee out of my mouth." Luke-warm water turns the stomach of the strongest man, lukewarm church members are equally disgusting to Christ and he will as surely reject them.

The second part of the lesson teaches us how we may develop that decision of character that the Bible calls steadfastness and which makes a man acceptable to God.

The pulsations of the heart send the blood through our bodies, carrying nourishment or disease to every tissue. It is, as it were, the fountain of life to the body. It is spoken of in the Bible, and in all literature, as the center of man's emotional nature, because joy, sorrow, love, hate, fear, anger, anxiety, every affection to which man is subject, has a perceptible influence on the beating of the heart. We say certain things make our hearts ache, sink, heavy or light, as the case may be. Whatever a man desires or aspires to, we say his heart is set upon it. In this sense Christ tells us that out of the heart come the issues of life. (Prov. 22:5, 28:26, Ps. 139:23, 24, Matt. 12:35, 15:19, Mark. 7:21, 22, Jas. 1:14, 15.)

Whatever a man allows himself to desire, to love, to long for, that he will seek to obtain. If he allows his thought to dwell upon sinful, forbidden things, he is in a fair way to become an evil man. Whatever a man desires is an indication of his real character.

If the heart is not kept pure, the mouth will betray it. "Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh." We judge of what is in the heart of a sincere man by his words. A wicked man dissembleth with his lips, and it is wonderful how much mischief the mouths of wicked men have made in the world. We all know the trouble a long-tongued woman can make. Hence we are taught to put an ungovernable mouth away from us, to learn to control our tongues (Eph. 4:25-31, Col. 3:8, 1 Pet. 2:1, Prov. 17:20, Matt. 15:15-20).

If some of us were blind we would fall less often into temptation. The lust of the eyes creates

a love of vain things. If men were blind, so much time would not be spent upon dress and display of all sorts, that catch the unwary. If we looked upon our own affairs as intently as we often do upon our neighbor's we'd look straight before us. If David had not suffered himself to gaze at Bathsheba, he had never been guilty of murder. Had Ahab viewed his own vineyard instead of Naboth's, he'd never have coveted it. Our eyes should be kept upon our own belongings and duties. (Psalm 119:37, Matt. 6:22).

A strong man, a good man, should think seriously upon the path his life is leading him in. Whether he is in the upward path that leads from strength to strength to God, or in the downward path that leads to weakness, wickedness and eternal death. If one walks willingly with scoffers, infidels, wicked men the end is surely evil. Cease from evil associations, remove your feet from the haunts of vice. (Deut. 5:32, 33, Deut. 12:32, Prov. 16:17, Is. 1:16, Rom. 12:9.)

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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1901.

A brother thinks that because Jesus called men hypocrites and liars it is proper for him to do it. Well, if he is like Jesus in everything else we will allow this.

"Let everything be done decently and in order."

The preacher who wrote a brother a church letter on a postal card should have been reported to his presiding elder and reprimanded.

The preacher who will displace his church paper by some other simply because he is offered a premium to do it should be called to account before his conference, is not fit to be entrusted with the affairs of the church.

COUNTING CONVERTS.

Brother Jernigan thinks us singular in suggesting that "it is not safe to count converts." Well, what we have observed during sixteen years' service as editor of a church paper has suggested this caution. The ordinary report of an evangelistic meeting runs, "80 converted, 30 joined the church." We always know that such a report does not represent the facts. At that rate we should soon have more converts outside the church than in it. But we do not find them outside. A year after this report we get another. The preacher says: "Of the 30 taken into the church at the big revival last year, not half have any spiritual life." There is such a thing as backsliding but in the main these spiritless members were never converted. Now, the report of that revival should have been: "Thirty added to the church, some of whom we trust will prove faithful." Very recently a revival was reported as resulting in 60 conversions, but we found that only four of these joined the church. Since converted people do not stay out of the church, and many unconverted ones do come in it, it seems unsafe to count conversions. Some preachers are careful to say so. "Many professed conversion." That is better.

THE GREAT HARVEST.

As we suggested in regard to the recent great famine in India, the result has been to give unprecedented influence to the Christian missionaries who during the terrible affliction of the people were among them as ministers of love and life. Bishop Thoburn, reporting of the temper of the people in the province of Gujarat says:

At the beginning of the recent famine, our missionaries in Gujarat, foreseeing that vast multitudes would be reduced to starvation, thought it prudent to discontinue all baptisms, except in cases where unmistakable signs of sincerity were

present. In pursuing this course they may perhaps have made a mistake in some cases, but, on the whole, it is probable that they acted wisely. Now, however, that the famine is over, a different policy has been adopted. All through the dark days of the recent calamity our native preachers and other workers have been faithfully pursuing their calling, while the missionaries have been most devoted, not only in helping the perishing poor, but in keeping distinctly before the people the fact that they were among them as messengers of God. The result is that the door of access to the people stands wider open today to every Christian missionary than at the beginning of the famine. No one can now say that the thronging converts are seeking merely for the bread that perisheth, and yet inquirers are coming forward at a rate never before witnessed in any foreign mission of our church.

I have just received a letter from Brother E. F. Frease, formerly of Canton, O., and now presiding elder of the Gujarat district. He writes that two of our foreign missionaries, D. O. Fox and W. E. Robbins, both of whom have been more than a quarter of a century in India, and are known to be extremely conservative in reference to the policy of baptizing converts in a country like India, have just taken up the work of visiting the many applicants for baptism reported from the various parts of the district, and that in the course of three days in the latter part of February these brethren had baptized about eighteen hundred converts. These baptisms occurred at three different points. The largest number baptized in a single day was between eight and nine hundred. If any two men in the whole Methodist Episcopal Church can be trusted not to do a rash thing, D. O. Fox and W. E. Robbins are the men, and our people in America may be assured that they would not have baptized a single person if they had not believed in their inmost souls that they were doing the will of God in the matter.

This, however, is only the beginning of the work. Bro. Frease, after making a careful estimate, assisted by other brethren in the Gujarat field, has written to me that he thought eight thousand persons, who showed all the marks of sincerity, were waiting to receive baptism as soon as the proper parties could go to them. His estimate was considered a little extravagant by others who did not know the field so well, but he now writes to me that he feels certain that, instead of eight thousand, he should have said ten thousand, and it is very possible that even ten thousand is too low a figure. In other words, we have now reached a point where a more startling responsibility is thrust upon us than we have ever before known in any foreign field.

The Higher Criticism and Revivals.

On this subject Dr. William V. Kelly, editor of the Methodist Review, says:

"It would be utterly unfair to say that all those who call themselves higher critics, even though they have accepted the leading conclusions of Graf, Wellhausen, Cheyne and others, are agnostics or rationalists; indeed, many, if not most, Old Testament critics, in Germany especially, have accepted the literary results of the Wellhausen school, and yet in some mysterious way manage to 'reject the religious and historical superstructure erected on this literary theory.' It is also equally fair to say that such teachings have reached their summit in Germany, and that the tendency now, not only in the churches, but also in the theological faculties of the universities, is toward more conservative views. The extreme ideas preached by many of the higher critics have, as a rule, paralyzed spiritual growth and retarded the revival of religion. Wherever such views have obtained a firm foothold not only conversions have ceased to be numerous, but even church attendance has greatly fallen off, reverence for the Bible as the inspired word of God manifestly decreased and the belief in prayer has been weakened; in fact, the prayer-meeting itself has been either directly discontinued or changed into a semi-social gathering. The cardinal doctrines of Christianity, as held by those who have been famous as evangelists and soul winners, are no longer favorite themes for sermons. Sin, as an awful crime against God and something deserving punishment, is rarely dwelt upon. Calvary has been relegated to the background. The merits of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ are not dwelt upon by the disciples of Wellhausen. Repentance for sin and the necessity for the new birth, spoken of by our Lord to Nicodemus, have little place in the theology of the critical school. Instead of the glorious doctrines which gave, not only to giants like Foster and Simpson, but also to thousands of Methodist ministers less able but equally faithful to Jesus Christ and the word of his truth, such tremendous power in turning men to the Lord, we have now too much of an emasculated theology, which presents Christ as the typical man, the great exemplar in whose footsteps we must follow. There is an awful indifference to what were regarded by the fathers as some of the most important doctrines of Christianity."

Notices.

IMPORTANT.

To Delegates to Meeting of Woman's Board of Missions May 3 to 10: Communications from the different passenger associations announce important conditions upon which reduction in fare will be made to those attending session of the Board in

St. Louis: 1. Every person must secure from ticket agent at purchase a standard certificate properly filled and signed. 2. If through ticket cannot be secured at starting point, a ticket must be purchased to the nearest point where such ticket can be obtained. A certificate must be requested from the ticket agent at the point where each purchase is made. 3. There must be one hundred persons in attendance holding certificates over terminal lines to St. Louis. 4. Half fare permits, or commutation tickets of any description, will not entitle holders to be included in required number. 5. Tickets must be purchased not earlier than three days prior to time of meeting. 6. Return tickets will be limited to continuous passage. 7. All certificates must be in the hands of the secretary not later than the morning of May 6, in order to be countersigned by the special rail road agent, who will be present that day only.

Emily M. Allen,
Recording Secretary.

JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Jonesboro District Conference will be held at Jonesboro, Ark., May 10-14. First service Friday morning, 10th.

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I have perfected arrangements with the following railroads for one and one-third fares on the certificate plan: St. Louis Southwestern, Kansas City, F. S. & G. (Knoble and Helena Branch, I. M.), and the Jonesboro, Lake City & Eastern. Don't fail to secure certificates from the above four railroads when purchasing tickets.

Campbell Bell, Secretary.

HARRISON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Will the brethren who expect to visit the Harrison District Conference please notify me at Green Forest, Ark. We will gladly welcome you. I will suggest to the preachers and delegates of the district, if it is convenient, come on the train, for it is likely that horses will have to be sent to the country to be cared for. We have some smallpox here yet. It is not necessary that you get the smallpox. But come, bringing enough Holy Ghost religion to infest the pastor and the people of the whole town.

J. L. Keener.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The commencement exercises of Arkadelphia Methodist College will be held May 26-29. The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday at 11 a. m. by Dr. J. C. Brown, of Hot Springs. The baccalaureate sermon Sunday night by Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, of Searcy. The address before the graduates and faculty Wednesday, May 29th by Rev. R. R. Moore, P. E. Camden District. G. C. Jones.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Pastors, please send me names of delegates, local preachers, ladies and visitors who expect to attend conference at Lake Village, May 16.

19. We extend welcome in advance to all who come, and will give the best entertainment we can, but will provide homes for those only who notify me as early as May 10 of their intention to come.

A. M. Shaw.

Lake Village, April 17.

GIFTS TO THE SLOAN HENDRIX ACADEMY.

A few days ago Capt. W. C. Sloan, of Smithville, who has already contributed liberally to our academy at Imboden, indicated his purpose to add something like \$1,000 worth of improvements and equipment to the academy. This will put buildings and campus in good condition, and provide ample apparatus for elementary science, and a library of 500 or more volumes. The apprehension of educational need and the wisdom thus manifested by this strong Arkansas pioneer are heartily appreciated and commended. This munificence, the sacrifices of Brother W. M. Wilson in the early history of the academy, and the wise management of the present efficient principal, Prof. W. L. Clifton will certainly bear fruit in a strong and highly useful school.

A. C. Millar.

Hendrix College.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the Methodist, to thank the brethren and friends for their letters of sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement. Their kind words of comfort and sympathy have been appreciated and have helped us on the way. I would like to answer each letter separately, but there are so many from preachers and friends in our home conference and from the Indian Mission conference. While we are lonely and sad, it does us good to know that we have the prayers and sympathy of preachers and friends. Their letters seemed to be sent of God to cheer us amid the darkness and gloom. You have helped us and we appreciate the help. May God's richest blessings be upon one and all.

J. L. Keener.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

The commencement exercises of the Training School at Fordyce will take place as follows: Recitations by the girls, Wednesday evening, May 29; declamation contest, Thursday evening, May 30; senior exercises, American Ideals, Friday evening, May 31; commencement sermon, Sunday, May 26; Rev. A. M. Trawick, Jr. The various class day programmes will be rendered on the afternoons of the last week. All friends are asked to take note of these dates. Their presence at any and all of these exercises will be appreciated.

J. D. Clary, Prin.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES.

All members of the Morrilton District Conference who attend will please report to W. W. Garland at office in rear of Citizens' Bank. If I am not there call at church.

W. W. Garland.

Rev. J. W. Vantrease Injured.

Dear Brother Godbey—Our dear brother, Vantrease, P. C., of the Atlanta Circuit, has recently met with

a very serious misfortune. While driving along the public highway near Three Creeks, his team took fright and ran away. He was thrown from the buggy, his shoulder dislocated and other parts of his body severely bruised. The buggy was completely wrecked. This occurred the 10th of April, and Brother Vantrease is not yet able to go home. He is being tenderly cared for at the home of Mr. J. C. Reed, at Three Creeks. Let the brethren remember him at a throne of grace. Fraternally,

J. A. Sage.

El Dorado, April 20, 1901.

Church Telephones.

WALNUT GROVE.

Good congregations at Walnut Grove and Spring Valley yesterday. Considerable interest manifested. Church revived. Some sinners aroused to action sufficient to draw them to the altar for prayers. Collection small. Some subscriptions. Outlook is better. We hope for great things. Pray for us. Fraternally,

S. C. Vinson.

NEWPORT.

Fine congregations yesterday. Four accessions to the church at morning service. Good attention and much interest shown by members, and especially the unconverted. Many are attending church now that have not for years. The people of Newport, Methodists especially, are appreciating having that cultured and godly man Brother Smith, in their midst. The rain interfered considerably with our prayer meeting Wednesday evening, but we had a good service nevertheless. We enjoyed very much having Dr. Babcock and son, Brother Sidney, with us at that hour.

Lizzie Gullette.

HOT SPRINGS.

The ministers' association met at Central Monday, 10 a. m. Brown, Owen and Robertson present.

Brother Brown filled his pulpit at both morning and evening services. Large assembly at 11 o'clock; services spiritual, sermon practical and much appreciated.

Financial interest continues to improve under the faithful efforts of Brother Townsend. Pastor of Malvern Avenue preached to his people in the morning; a good service. In evening Dr. Ashley delivered a fine discourse to a very large assembly. It was good to be present for the Lord was in the midst of his people.

The workmen have just finished recovering and papering the church, also varnishing the pews. It adds much to the appearance of the edifice.

South Hot Springs preaching morning and evening by the pastor. One accession in the morning and six or eight came forward for prayer in the evening service.

Sunday-school and League doing good work.

Dr. Taylor, father of our Brother Jack Taylor, has been quite sick.

Many visitors have left the city recently.

Much improvement going on, new buildings, both private and public, going up in various parts of the city.

A. M. R.

FORT SMITH.

The revival at Central is growing daily in power. The gospel truth as ably expounded and enforced by Dr. H. Hanesworth and Rev. W. T. Thompson is taking strong hold on the hearts of the people. There has already been a number of conversions. Ten joined the church Sunday, nine of which on profession of faith.

The Central Sunday-school continues to grow from Sunday to Sunday. The untiring efforts of Prof. A. H. Carter and his devoted corps of teachers are producing great results.

Rev. O. E. Goddard reports a good day at First Church Sunday morning. He held no night service owing to the revival at Central.

Rev. S. F. Goddard had a fine congregation at Van Buren in the morning. Indications are pointing strongly to a great revival.

Rev. W. T. Thompson has won the hearts of the Fort Smith Methodists. He has taken a strong hold on the mission work in this city and we expect to see great results in the near future.

We were all made sad in the affliction that came to the home of Brother and Sister Goddard, of First Church, in the loss of their babe. It was a great blow, but they bowed in submission to the Father who doeth all things well.

Fort Smith will send a large delegation to the Missionary Conference at New Orleans.

LITTLE ROCK.

There were large congregations at all the churches Sunday.

One was received into membership at Hunter Memorial and three came forward for prayers.

There was a full house and four applications for membership at Asbury. Eight were received into the church at Winfield.

At First church fifteen or more applicants for membership were enrolled.

Dr. Andrew Hunter preached to a crowded house at Winfield Church Sunday morning on Acts, 16th chapter and 30th verse, "Sirs, What Must I do to be Saved?" The opening hymn was an index to the subject: "How can a sinner know his sins on earth forgiven?" For forty minutes, sitting in a chair, the grand old Irish Methodist delivered a sermon which will be remembered a long time for its strength in the statement of Christian doctrine and for its simplicity and purity of language. Dr. Hunter is now in his 88th year, and has been preaching sixty-four years. This was his first sermon, he said, in this century. He had a message for the old, the middle-aged and for the fifty or more little children who were seated nearest to him about the altar. Eight persons joined the church during the day. The Sunday-school numbered 299, and the league attendance was unusually large. The architect has about matured the plans for the new chapel and auditorium for this congregation. The chapel will be built at once and the auditorium later.

Nashville Notes.

Dr. W. F. Tillett will preach at Clarksville Sunday morning.

Chancellor Kirkland will deliver the literary address for the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton University, will deliver the literary address for Vanderbilt.

Dr. Alexander Sutherland, of Canadian Methodism, will spend Sunday in Nashville on his way to the New Orleans Conference. He will preach in the morning at West End Church.

Dr. Young J. Allen, the venerable missionary to China, spent a few days in Nashville en route to New Orleans. He addressed the students at Wesley Hall on the situation in the east.

The Nashville District Conference was held this week at Waverly Church, Bishop Morrison presiding. The Bishop preached the opening sermon, and he will preach Sunday morning at Waverly and Sunday night at McKendree.

The national convention of the I. W. C. A. was held here this week in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Among the prominent visitors to the convention was Dr. Josiah Strong, of New York. His address on "The Coming Great Revival" was a very thoughtful and timely deliverance.

C. J. G.

Personal.

Canon Farrar is seriously ill.

Dr. Young J. Allen arrived in San Francisco, April 10, on ship China.

Bro. Davis, one of our old stand-by subscribers, living near Beebe, was a caller Thursday.

The Editor of this paper, with his wife, left Little Rock for New Orleans Tuesday morning.

Honor to Mayor Bell, of Pine Bluff. He orders rigid enforcement of anti-gambling and Sunday closing laws.

Rev. W. S. Neighbors will preach the commencement sermon and deliver the literary address at the Millersburg Female College.

Rev. A. M. Trawick went over to Nashville last week to be present at the marriage of his sister to Rev. Wm. Court of St. Louis.

Rev. J. B. Lucy, of the Indian Mission Conference, has been forced to give up his charge, Wetumpka circuit, because of ill health.

Rev. G. C. Rankin, Editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, will preach the commencement sermon for the University Training School, Blooming Grove, Texas.

Rev. J. P. McFerren, D. D., will preach the commencement sermon for the Memphis Conference Female Institute. Dr. G. C. Kelley will deliver the literary address.

Dr. G. C. Kelley, of Nashville, Tenn., will preach the commencement sermon of Soule College. Judge W. S. Bearden, of Shelbyville, will deliver the literary address.

Mrs. Virginia L. Whisner, wife of our Church Extension Secretary, Dr. P. H. Whisner, died April 13, at her home in Louisville, Ky. We sympathize with our bereaved brother.

Mrs. Elizabeth Avis, of St. Louis, died at the home of her son, Wm. H. Avis, on April 14, aged 92. To the last year of her life, Sister Avis was active and sprightly. We have known her as an earnest christian for forty years.

The quarterly conference of Winfield Memorial Church elected delegates to the district conference, as follows: George Thornburgh, W. R. Barrow, Dr. Park, E. D. Ervine. Alternates: Pat Snodgrass, Marvin Hicks, T. F. Campbell.

The following named preachers went to New Orleans under the proposition of the Arkansas Methodist: A. C. Millar, J. H. O'Bryant, J. M. Hughey, W. T. Thompson, J. H. Glass, W. M. Wilson, H. M. Bruce, W. F. Evans, E. M. Pipkin, W. C. Watson, W. M. Crowson, T. O. Owen and J. C. Rhodes.

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Christian Life.

Things That Never Die.

The pure, the bright, the beautiful,
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The impulses to wordless prayer,
The dreams of love and truth,
The longings after something lost,
The spirit's yearning cry,
The strivings after better hopes—
These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid
A brother in his need,
A kindly word in grief's dark hour
That proves a friend indeed;
The plea for mercy softly breathed,
When justice threatens nigh;
The sorrow of a contrite heart—
These things shall never die.

The memory of a clasping hand,
The pressure of a kiss,
And all the trifles, sweet and frail,
That make up love's first bliss;
If a firm, unchanging faith,
And holy trust and high,
Those hands have clasped, those lips
have met—
These things shall never die.

The cruel and the bitter word,
That wounded as it fell;
The chilling want of sympathy
We feel, but never tell;
The hard repulse that chills the heart,
Whose hopes are bounding high
In an unfading record kept—
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand
Must find some work to do;
Lose not a chance to waken love—
Be firm and just and true,
So shall a light that cannot fade
Beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices say to thee—
These things shall never die.

—Charles Dickens.

The Religion We Want.

We want religion that softens the steps and turns the voice to melody and fills the eye with sunshine and checks the impatient exclamation and harsh rebuke; a religion that is polite, deferential to superiors, considerate to friends; a religion that goes into the family and keeps the husband from being cross when dinner is late and keeps the wife from fretting when the husband tracks the newly-washed floor with his boots and makes the husband mindful of the scraper and the doormat; keeps the mother patient when the baby is cross and amuses the children as well as instructs them; cares for the servants besides paying them promptly; projects the honeymoon into the harvest-moon and makes the happy home like the eastern fig tree, bearing on its bosom at once the tender blossom and the glory of the ripening fruit. We want a religion that shall interpose between the ruts and gullies and rocks of the highway and the sensitive souls that are traveling over them.—Helpful Thoughts.

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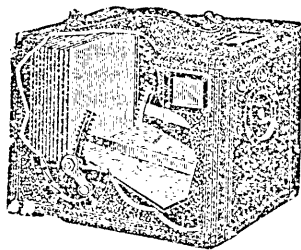
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For the Young People.

Children's Letters.

Tellala, Ark., April 6, 1901.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little girl 13 years of age. I am a little girl 13 years of age. I don't go to school now, but will next winter, I guess. My mother takes the "Methodist," and I like to read the letters the little people write, and I thought I would drop a few lines. Brother McKelvy is on our circuit. I heard him preach last Sunday at Walter's Chapel. Yours truly,

L. E. Patton.

St. Louis, April 13, 1901.

Dear Brother Godbey—In your paper of the 17th of March you say I owe the "Methodist" a letter. So I will try to pay the debt. We have been holding revival services in our church, the Lafayette Park Methodist, for the past two weeks, conducted by Sister Van Cott, an evangelist from New York, and our pastor, Dr. Pattillo, says the church was greatly blessed, many were converted, and a number have joined the church. I am looking forward to my summer vacation very eagerly. I want to get out on the Merimac River to my uncle Philander's farm, and ride the horses and bathe in the river, and go bare-footed and gather wild blackberries. Won't that be fun for a little city girl? Now that the world's fair is certain, our city is growing fast, and I hope I shall see many little Arkansas girls here then. Your loving little friend,

Mary Margaret Lewis.

Could Take Care of Himself.

A few weeks ago the statue of Gen. John A. Logan was unveiled. President McKinley, in his speech said that the highest compliment ever paid Logan was by his father. "The father in his will divided his property between his widow and his children equally, except—and I quote from the will—John Alexander, whose marked abilities are such that he can provide for himself and aid his mother, if necessary. This provision is not made from want of affection, but because of unbounded confidence in his future success." What a remarkable tribute from father to son! That expression of faith was enough to quicken the young man's noblest aspirations and call out the best that was in him. And how worthily he vindicated the confidence! To have inherited, to have deserved, and to have fulfilled that commendation from his father's love and faith was better than any inheritance of lands and tenements, stocks, bonds and money. Beloved of father, wife and children, beloved of his comrades in war and in peace, and beloved of his country, his whole life realized his father's prophecy and its words would adorn any monument to his fame."

A Big Fish Story.

A writer to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate from the State of Washington tells this big fish story: Some years ago the United States government fearing that the salmon would be exterminated, stocked the Columbia river and its tributaries with German carp which are represented as a fine food fish. Today, the State of Washington would give millions of dollars to get rid of them. There is complaint about them on every side. The fishermen despise them and curse volubly when they catch them, for nobody will eat them. But the most serious complaint comes from the farmers who till the bottom lands along the lower Columbia and its tributaries. They complain that the fish eat up their hay crop. While in Portland I inquired carefully about this statement and was told by everyone that it is true.

During the spring when the river rises, because of the melting snow in the mountains, the water inundates the meadow lands and the fish swimming out of the river channel eat the young grass. The receding water leaves millions of carp stranded in the ditches and furrows, from which places the farmers fork them out and haul them away by wagon loads for fertilizers.

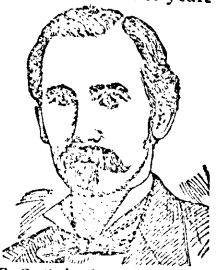
CATARRH

Catarrh has become such a common disease that a person entirely free from this disgusting complaint is seldom met with. It is customary to speak of Catarrh as nothing more serious than a bad cold, a simple inflammation of the nose and throat. It is, in fact, a complicated and very dangerous disease; if not at first, it very soon becomes so.

The blood is quickly contaminated by the foul secretions, and the poison through the general circulation is carried to all parts of the system.

Salves, washes and sprays are unsatisfactory and disappointing, because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. does. It cleanses the blood of the poison and eliminates from the system all catarrhal secretions, and thus cures thoroughly and permanently the worst cases.

Mr. T. A. Williams, a leading dry-goods merchant of Spartanburg, S. C., writes: "For years I had a severe case of nasal Catarrh, with all the disagreeable effects which belong to that disease, and which make life painful and unendurable. I used medicines prescribed by leading physicians and suggested by numbers of friends, but without getting any better. I then began to take S. S. S. It had the desired effect, and cured me after taking eighteen bottles. In my opinion S. S. S. is the only medicine now in use that will effect a permanent cure of Catarrh."



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Our Church at Home.

JONESBORO PREACHERS' MEETING—The Preachers' meeting for the Jonesboro District convened at the enterprising little city of Nettleton, April 2, 1901. Present were S. H. Babcock, F. Barrett, N. E. Skinner, C. W. Hesson, W. R. Foster, J. E. Buchanan, W. E. Bishop, L. T. Taylor, G. G. Davidson and F. C. Sterling. Nine of the brethren were absent on account of sickness and other hindrances. So that it was evident from the start that the excellent and practicable programme could not be carried out as published. But the programme was taken up by those present and carried out with such interest and enthusiasm that the missing links were scarcely appreciable. The strong and stirring paper read by Dr. Babcock on the "Needs of District" set the standard high, which was followed by Brother Skinner with a paper on "Every Dollar of Every Claim," which was suggestive as to methods and forceful in describing the obligations of the pastor as financial agent of the church. The hearty approval with which it was received was prophetic of every dollar of every claim being brought up by the Jonesboro District at our next annual conference.

Brother Hesson's paper on "The Preachers' Working Tools" was thoughtful and well prepared. It will be but a short time until our district will have a good circulating library, so that no workman in its bounds need fail for lack of appropriate tools.

The twin subjects, "The Conditions That Call for Evangelistic Work," and "The Pastor as an Evangelist," were discussed long and loud, but from what could be gathered from the pros and cons, the final conclusion was that the evangelist should be employed if it was found necessary.

The subject of "Sunday-Schools," "Epworth Leagues," "Missionary Societies," were discussed in able

papers by the brethren, and many helpful thoughts and suggestions were of great profit to those younger was a great profit to those younger in years and experience.

Brother Ricks, of Helena, was present and delivered a good address on "Missionary Obligations."

Brother Johnson was present during part of the session and added much to the interest of the occasion.

From the present outlook the district has the brightest future of any in the conference, and the reports on all lines will surpass any that it has ever made in its history. To this end we are praying and working and looking unto "Him that giveth the increase" for results.

F. C. Sterling, Secretary.

SEARCY, ARK.—First Methodist Church—Having been transferred by Bishop C. B. Galloway from Crowley, La., a station of about the same grace, ability and size as our present charge, the ordeal of moving has had little jar to it.

Our first impressions of Arkansas have been delightful. We have been received very cordially by our people. We found that Dr. H. R. Singleton had paved the way for a gracious reception. He did a splendid work at Searcy. The stewards assessed for us \$100 per month, and are paid up to date. We have just closed a protracted service, which began with quarterly meeting and lasted for two weeks. Brother M. M. Smith, our elder, started the service with two rousing sermons, and Brothers Gardner and Toombs were with us and helped in altar work during the meeting. We did our own preaching and had some seventy-five professions of conversion and reclamation and forty-five accessions to the church. We have received seventy members since conference.

We shall write more anon. We are glad to be with you, and give you greeting in the name of our common Lord.

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Warning Order.

Before T. W. Wilson, Justice of the Peace, Big Rock Township, Pulaski county, Ark.

O. K. Badgett vs. C. H. Rahn.

The defendant C. H. Rahn is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff O. K. Badgett.

April 15, 1901.

State of Arkansas } Before T. W. Wilson,
County of Pulaski. } J. P. Big Rock Township, Pulaski county.
J. H. Niemeyer }
vs. }
John E. Moser. } **WARNING ORDER.**

The defendant John E. Moser is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff J. H. Niemeyer.

April 6th, 1901.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, } ss
County of Pulaski. }

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
L. Casey, Plaintiff, vs. J. Loran Casey, Defendant.

The Defendant J. Loran Casey is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, L. Casey.

March 26th 1901.

Chas. M. Connor, Clerk.
Murphy and Mehaffy, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

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Road Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned petitioners will apply to the Pulaski County Court on the 4th day of May 1901, or as soon thereafter as a hearing can be had, to alter or change the road leading from Alexander to Mabelvale as follows: Leaving the present road at the N. W. corner of section 16, township 1, south range 13 west, thence east following the north line of said section to the intersection of the Sardis or Hurricane road, continuing on said Sardis or Hurricane road to Mabelvale.

W. A. Counts.
A Simpson.
John Olsen, et al.
Petitioners.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, } ss
County of Pulaski. }

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
The Peoples Building and Loan Association of Little Rock, Arkansas, Plaintiff, vs. C. L. Sampson, J. H. Eaves, Ollie Eaves, et al, Defendants.

The Defendants, J. H. Eaves and Ollie Eaves are warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, The Peoples Building and Loan Association of Little Rock, Ark.

May 9th 1900.
Chas. M. Connor, Clerk.
Dodge, Johnson, Carroll & Pemberton,
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Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 11th day of April 1901, I took up and impounded near Cato P. O. in Mineral Twp., in the County of Pulaski, Arkansas, a stray black pony mare of the following description: About 8 years old, 14½ hands high, with a small white speck in face, small white spot on back, also a small scar on right ham, harness marks all over it and shod all around, of the value of \$30.

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R. G. Pillow, Clerk.
By Joe Asher, D. C.

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Our Church at Home.

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Our congregations are good. One of the best Ladies' Aid at Black Rock that we have seen. Its membership is more than half that of our entire church membership. Have excellent singing at both places. Our choir at Black Rock is very much like the one we used to have at Dardanelle—good and gifted, always on hand and all at peace, one with another. Who can beat that?

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considerably revived, and twelve were added to the church and a few more are to join at my next appointment.

We are planning now for a meeting to begin here at an early date. We fully expect a successful year. We are trying to do our whole duty, and hence we expect God's blessings. Yours,

A. E. Holloway.

Black Rock, Ark., April 9, 1901.

COAL HILL AND ALTUS—

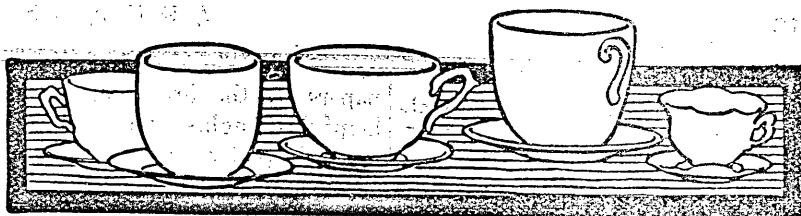
We are still on gaining ground. The smallpox has practically stopped our work at two appointments, but the membership at these places appear hopeful. Our second quarterly conference embraced the first Sunday in April. Our P. E., Rev. J. M. Cantrell, came to us on Saturday afternoon in time to hold the conference. We had had services Friday night and Saturday at 11. The Holy Ghost was with us at every service. Three or four said they had been converted. The collection at 11 Sunday was large for the size of the crowd, and most of it was paid in cash. Let the people everywhere follow this good example. The church needs the collection now, and let our people respond. Nearly all of the collections on this work have been secured. The Bishop's fund is paid and we lack but little of having the Foreign Mission claim paid, while there has been a payment made on Domestic Missions. Won't every member of the church pay something at once, so that these things may be off our hands and that the church may have the money to press its work. We feel like saying praise the Lord for His blessings this year. We also pray for a spirit of consecrated progression to take hold of all the church, so that greater prosperity may attend our Zion. Pray for us that scores may be converted.

W. T. Martin.

Our Training School at Fordyce.

It seems to me that there is not a more important interest in all the southern part of our State than the Training School at Fordyce. We are very much in need of more room, and cannot do the work we would like to do for the want of it. Our people at Fordyce have done a grand work in building for us and have never asked us for help until our last conference. And the conference took action, feeling that it was but just and right, for us to help. We have put out our agent, the indefatigable "Tom Scott," who is making speeches everywhere he goes, and writing for the papers, and many private letters to the brethren, to stir up their pure minds. "Now, it is high time to awake out of sleep," and do something. If the Methodists in our own conference will send in a small amount from each one, the work can be done.

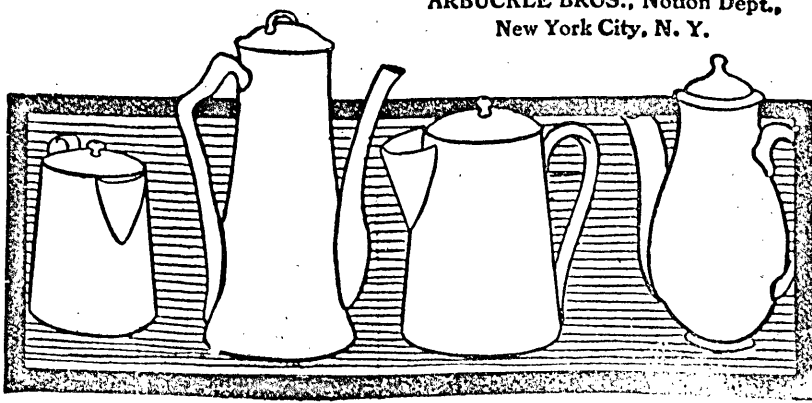
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Woman's Work.

W. F. M. Society—Winfield Memorial.

Rejoicing with Winfield Auxiliary in their steadfast labor of love, and congratulating them on the continued service of their faithful and efficient corresponding secretary, I gladly give the following letter from her, that others may enjoy it, and catch the glow of her fervent spirit, which hopeth all things, and worketh thereto in Christ. Onward, dear young sister.

"God has set a guardian legion very near thee; press thou on."

L. A. H.

"My Dear Sister—Having just been re-elected for the third term as corresponding secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of Winfield Memorial Church, I deem it one of my first duties to write you of our past achievements, and of our future hopefulness. While we as an auxiliary, exult over what we have gained, we lament over what we have lost, for whatever the year in the past records of us as having done, there is also a record of what we have not done, and so, honestly, we must look at both sides. With the beginning of this new missionary year, we as Christian women need to awake to the importance of this work more thoroughly. You remember when Jesus cleansed the ten lepers only one returned to glorify God and give him thanks; and Jesus said: "Were there not ten cleansed?" Where are the nine? So it is with our church women of today. Where are the nine who ought to be engaged in this all important work of "sending the Gospel to every needy creature?" I wish I had the power to make every woman feel that she is derelict in her Christian life, if her heart does not respond to the cry of the heathen world, who are today without the knowledge of a Redeemer.

We as an auxiliary have dropped our mite lovingly into the Master's treasury. The special work was making Mrs. B. J. Brown a life-member at a cost of twenty dollars, and raising fifty dollars on the Twentieth Century fund, which we directed for five shares in the Laura Haygood Memorial School. Our regular dues and other expense funds were carefully looked after. We have gained a few in membership, also lost some of our faithful workers. We have not lost a member by death for which we are truly thankful. I believe the interest for our work is growing among our members, but oh! how very small seems our service, when we stop to see the work yet waiting our hands.

All Christian women should be engaged in this work. It must be done by both God and us. Our own faithfulness is far reaching. Let me commend this one thing to every individual woman: Be faithful in your Christian life, and if you are not interested in missionary cause, you are unfaithful that far. Whether your work be great or small it awaits your interest and activity. However small the service for the Master, recognize it as your especial work and do it heartily. Even now God may be waiting, missing you and me in this work. Shall we retard others because of the low estimate we place on our own work? No, no, a thousand times no, but rather let us be up and doing, wide awake, ever working and praying until this grand Gospel shall make every desert place blossom as the rose, and its dark heathen wildernesses to rejoice over the knowledge of a Redeemer and a personal Savior found.

May our Father bless you ever in your effort in his work. Your sister,

(Miss) Jennie Snodgrass,
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WILKERSON—Eula D. Wilkerson (nee Bowden), wife of R. K. Wilkerson, was born in DeSoto County, Mississippi, February 24, 1867; died in Faulkner County, Arkansas, February 22, 1901. She professed religion early in life and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in her 16th year. She moved to Arkansas with her parents in 1890. She was married to R. K. Wilkerson August 17, 1892, and joined the M. E. Church, South, with her husband. In this church she lived a consistent life until released from all earthly toil and suffering and called to her reward in heaven. She was the mother of five children, two of which preceded her to heaven; three are left behind with the sorrowing father, one of these is a babe of only three months. Brother Wilkerson is one of the very efficient stewards of El Paso Circuit, and for him in this deep sorrow we pray, and assure him of our profound sympathy. Sister Wilkerson was a good neighbor, a good Christian, a loving companion and a devoted mother. She will be greatly missed in the home, as she will in the church and in the community. Dear brother, your wife lives in heaven now, and will with the little ones gone before you, be ready to meet you and the other dear ones at your coming. There will be a happy reunion by and by.

W. T. Locke.

PORTER—Robert Lee Porter, the son of the late Rev. J. H. and Eliza Porter, died February 18, 1901, being about twenty-three years of age. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South when quite a boy, of which church his father was a minister, and in his day, perhaps, the most eloquent pulpit orator in northeast Arkansas. Deceased leaves two brothers and two sisters, Rev. Albert Porter, a minister of the M. E. Church, South, and Edward, a young business man, both of Ft. Worth, Tex. His sister, Mrs. Berry, an amiable woman, lives near Jonesboro, Ark. It is pathetic, indeed, to see one so young, so noble and full of promise die so early in life, but there is a degree of pleasure mingled with regret. We rejoice that our friend lived so well, made such a good record. He remembered his Creator in the days of his youth, before the evil day came, and when it came he was ready to meet it. Having a bright, sunny nature, he seemed always cheerful and happy. He was therefore a general favorite with his friends, both young and old. He was a great lover of music, both vocal and instrumental, and often charmed and delighted his friends in that way, but he is no more with us. He has gone to sing the song of triumph in the better land. Friends, let us meekly bow to the wisdom of our Heavenly Father, who has lovingly taken our friend and brother to Himself. Let us praise God, that through graces he lived so as to make for himself such a good home—a legacy better than much fine gold. Trust in God we may all do our work wholas lovingly taken our friend and go and join him on the other shore.

A Friend.

MONTGOMERY—Maggie M., wife of A. B. Montgomery, and daughter of Geo. B. and Lizzie McCraw, was born in Nevada County, Arkansas, September 12, 1873. Mr. McCraw moved to Prescott, Ark., in 1885, where he still lives. Here Maggie entered school and at the age of 17, with her class of nine, received her diploma May, 1890. She then began the work of a public school teacher, in which capacity she labored earnestly for six years, during which time she left upon the heart and mind of many a

pupil and patron throughout Nevada and Hempstead Counties, the impress of a zealous and sweet-spirited teacher. At the age of nine, while attending a children's day service at Old Moscow Church, conducted by Brother H. W. Brooks, her soul was blessed and made happy in the love of God. Five years later she was baptized and joined the Baptist Church, with her mother at Prescott. She was married March 26, 1896, to Mr. A. B. Montgomery, of Texarkana, Ark., at which place she lived and enjoyed her religion and the sweet companionship of her loving and devoted husband for five consecutive years. Maggie was a loving and dutiful wife, a devoted mother, and a discreet neighbor. She did her life work with a glad heart and a willing mind, and in the fear of God, the consequences of which was a most glorious and triumphant death, which occurred January 18, 1901, when she with an eye of faith, and praised God with uplifted hands, read and gladly accepted the summons, "It is enough, Maggie enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." She leaves a husband and two children, a father and mother and one sister, Mrs. H. M. Bruce, of Mineral Spring, Ark. May God's blessing visit the bereaved ones in these dark hours of adversity. He has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. May He in this instance be a like companion to a bereaved husband and two motherless children.

Henry M. Bruce.

BLEDSON—Mrs. Mahulda E. Bledson, whose maiden name was Ledbetter, was born in Bradley County, Arkansas, October 18, 1861. She was married to N. M. Bledson January, 1879. Shortly after this she was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, and lived a Christian life until February, 1901, she passed to her final reward. She has gone from earth and will be missed by her husband, children, parents, brothers, sisters and many friends. She was ever ready to nurse the sick and cheer the unfortunate. She loved to attend the services of all churches, but now she is gone, the home is broken up without the mother. The once worn hands that pressed the little one's cheeks are cold in death's embrace. Hush! she only sleeps, but by and by she will awake to meet us on the other shore. Cheer up, parents, yet a little while and He will come.

J. F. Lawlis.

KEY—Adda May, the little daughter of Thomas and Julia Key, was born October 25, 1899, and departed this life March 3, 1901. On the 10th day of September, 1900, I dedicated her to God in holy baptism. Little Adda was the center of the love of parents and grandparents, being the first born and the first grandchild. But Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of God," and we bow with humble submission. May God bless the parents and grandparents.

Their pastor,

Geo. W. Logan.

CROSBY—Dennis Coleman Crosby was born in Yourk County, South Carolina, June 21, 1838; was married to Mary J. Whizinant October 21, 1873; moved to Arkansas in 1879, and settled at London, where he lived until his death, which occurred at his home, March 4, at 7:30 p. m. He was buried in the London cemetery by the writer, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Brother Crosby professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at a meeting held by myself at London in August, 1883, in which he lived until death. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, having served in the 15th Texas regiment; was captured at

Chicamaugua and was imprisoned at Fort Donelson. Brother Crosby was an affectionate husband and a kind father, a good neighbor, a useful man, having served as Justice of the Peace for several years, which office he held at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. May God in His infinite mercy bless the widow and the children and help them to so live that the whole family may meet on the bright shores of life eternal, is the prayer of the writer.

G. W. O. Davis.

PEACOCK—Mrs. Katie Peacock (nee Breedlove) was born January 16, 1874. She was born from above and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when about 9 years old. She lived close to Christ all the while. She was not afraid to do any duty and at any time or place when called upon. She will be greatly missed in Mount Tabor Church and by all her friends. We mourn, for few are as good and true as she. She was married to Brother Jesse Peacock on January 7, 1900, and on December 9, 1900, this happy union was severed, leaving the young husband, father and mother, two brothers and a sister, and many friends to mourn their loss. It is heard on every side that she was a Christian, which means true in every relation in life. Her life leaves a sweet savor among us. May all of us meet in that bright land above. Her pastor,

W. C. Hilliard.

FLUTY—Capt. T. C. Fluty, of Bennett's Bayou, Baxter County, Arkansas, died December 29, 1900. He was born February 29, 1826, in Lincoln County, Tennessee; married to Matilda Miller, Carroll County, Arkansas, about 1848. He was living in Ozark County, Missouri, when the Civil War began. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, and commanded a company in the war of the States in McBride's regiment. In these capacities, as in times of peace, he was a distinctive, calm, forceful personality. He was likely converted during Dr. Dye's administration on Batesville district. He united with the M. E. Church, South, in the early seventies. When Brother D. B. Mayfield moved from Independence County to Texas, Brother W. E. Bishop said: "That means \$50 gone out of the preacher's salary on Jonesboro Circuit, \$25 in cash and \$25 in accommodations." A like thing can be said of Capt. Fluty. While he did not pay so much cash year by year, his appointment came up and out and his great barn and many beds were open and spread for all of Methodism in that country, and any others who were at Fluty's Chapel attending church. I have stayed under his roof when there were quite thirty souls, including his own family. This was old fashion, big-hearted, big, broad brotherly love Methodism, a type not often found today. Such a life was not the product of one alone—no—and this unworthy notice of Brother Fluty would be a failure, as no doubt he would have been had it not been his fortune to marry Matilda Miller. Side by side in peace or war this unusually endowed plucky woman stood ready to battle for the cause he espoused. She, too, was generous, and presided in doors while he filled his place on the outside. She, too, has crossed over the river, and on the other side there has been a meeting of the old rebel captain and his devoted wife and Brother Tom C. F., Jr. All these I knew well, and loved them for their moral, spiritual and mental worth. When the dear old soldier was near the crossing he was told by his eldest son that all had been done for him that earthly friends and children could do. Asked him, "Are you

trusting in Jesus," and smiling and joyous he nodded his head, for speech was gone, and thus the life and labors of Capt. T. C. Fluty came to an end. He "wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and laid him down to pleasant dreams."

Jas. F. Jenigan.

LONG—Jesse Long was born in North Carolina October 23, 1835. He was married to Miss Louise Jewett, while at home on a furlough, returning soon to his place in the ranks of the Southern Confederacy, and served out his term, after which he followed farming. Their home was cheered by four children. In 1873 the death of his wife occurred. He was married to Miss Miranda A. Sing. There were added five other children. The Lord summoned to rest the second mother. He was then married to Miss Alice M. Manning, with whom he lived until his death, December 26, 1900. He professed religion at the age of fifty years and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, but did not remain long in that communion. He died in triumph. He was a loyal citizen, a good father and a loving husband. May we all so live that we may hear, as did he, the welcome applaudit, "Come ye blessed of my Father."

Hugh Revelly.

BROWN—Oline E. Brown, daughter of W. P. and L. J. Brown, was born August 9, 1877, and died December 21, 1900. She was a dutiful daughter, an affectionate sister, a docile pupil, whose gentle manners won for her many warm friends. Her entire life was an open page, from which all could read that there was a reality in the religion she professed; that no inconsistencies marred the beauty of her self-sacrificing life. Her father said, when the end drew near, she sang a favorite hymn and gave evidence that she was happy that Jesus had called her home. It seems that in every home the best are taken first; and these dispensations which seem so hard for us to bear are in reality disguised blessings; for they only exchange a life of sad vicissitudes for one of endless bliss, and we are spared to emulate their symmetrical Christian lives. That the friends may be comforted by the knowledge that "Oline's mission" was faithfully filled is the hope of a true friend.

L. A. H.

THOMAS—Jacob H. Thomas was born in Clay County, Ky., in 1855, and departed this life March 18, 1901. Brother Thomas came to Kingsland, this State, about the year 1882. He was united in marriage to Miss Eudora Guice in 1887, who, with three children, survives him. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at this place a few years after he came here. He held the responsible position of steward at the time of his death. He was faithful to his trust. Brother Thomas was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. We feel that a good man has gone out from us, one who will be missed in all the walks of life. In his death the church has lost a substantial member, the community an upright citizen, and the family their best earthly stay and support. But it is written: "A father of the fatherless and a judge of the widow is God in His holy habitation." To him I commend the stricken widow and her fatherless children.

E. L. Beard.



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In Deep Sorrow.

Please allow this statement: That our friends may know of our sorrowful hearts and lonely home. On the 29th of July, 1900, our bright son, Sammie W. Denison, of 15 years, died suddenly of congestion on the 29th of September, 1900, Willie G. Denison, a twin brother of Sammie, was stricken so suddenly and violently. He was not sufficiently recovered to perform manual labor. He was blind for some time and has not fully recovered his sight. On the 19th of December we were called to say farewell to Mr. Abram Land, of Woodruff county, the dear old man is the father of Mrs. Denison and the grand father of our children. His death was an occasion of deep sorrow. Now, in such rapid succession the hardest and most trying shock of life, on the 1st day of April, our bright, joyous son of 18 years, Abie D. Denison, died. His precious life was crushed out by a falling horse. We request all friends to pray earnestly that God will sustain and keep us to the end.

J. M. Denison.

TIME WAS UP.

It was Quit Coffee or Die.

I took his advice at once and discontinued medicines. Slowly the swelling disappeared, and the rheumatism left me, the sinking spells became less frequent, and I got out of bed and around the house. I was completely cured, but it required some time.

For the past three years I have been a perfectly strong, healthy woman, sleep well, with good appetite, good color, active and energetic.

It is a great pleasure to testify to Postum that has made me a well woman again. I have many friends here and in other parts of the state who are using Postum Food Coffee regularly, and I know to their very great benefit.

When a woman is brought to the edge of the grave by poisoning from the drinking of ordinary coffee day by day, and is then made a well woman by leaving it off, her experience is worth something to others that are poisoned in various ways from the same habit.

Mrs. Jeannette B. Brown, 100 Minor street, New Haven, Conn., says: "Four years ago my life hung on a very slender thread with liver, kidney and heart trouble, and a very severe form of rheumatism. I was confined to bed with hands, wrists, feet and ankles so badly swollen that they bore no resemblance to parts of the human body. I had frequent sinking spells from heart weakness when I was thought to be dying and sometimes thought to be dead. My doctor, one of the directors of the State Hospital, a very successful man in his profession, told me to stop drinking coffee and use Postum Food Coffee, as he said coffee was the primary cause of my trouble.

Methodist Calendar.

Searcy Dist League Conf, Argenta...	May 8-10
W. H. M. S., W. R. Conf., Jonesboro...	May 10-13
DISTRICT CONF. DATE.	
Morrilton, at Morrilton.....	May 7
Helena, at Helena.....	May 7
Jonesboro, at Jonesboro.....	May 10-11
Monticello, at Lake Village.....	May 16-19
Little Rock, at Des Arc.....	May 16
Harrison, at Green Forest.....	May 22
Pine Bluff, at Pine Bluff.....	June 26
Prescott, at Nashville.....	June 26

The Forward Movement.

Shall not our great church share in the Forward Movement now being made on both sides of the Atlantic? It looks to the enlistment of a special force of Christian workers, each of whom shall seek to win not less than ten souls to Christ this year. Bishop Thoburn, whom God blessed so graciously in his evangelistic work among the heathen, has asked for not less than one hundred thousand workers in his own church in this country. Already forty thousand have been enrolled who pledge their united and best efforts to win souls. If the full number is reached and all are owned of God in their work, it means a million souls brought to Christ in this first year of the new century. Surely that is not too much to expect? Did the one hundred and twenty disciples in the upper room with tongues of fire upon their heads have nothing to do with the great harvest on the day of Pentecost? Twenty-five souls reached by each of the hundred and twenty meant three thousand in one day added to the Lord and to one another, as the marginal rendering has it. This individual work was characteristic of the disciples of our Lord from the beginning, when Andrew first found his own brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. The history of Methodism is the history of this apostolic Christianity in its simplicity and holy zeal.

Our need is great for skilled laborers for the Master. Let each pastor seek out his best material and train new workers for God, calling at the same time for volunteers who are willing to give God more of their time for such service. What power it would add to every pastor to have ten such workers in his charge, or even five or two! How much of the harvest is remaining ungathered for lack of such laborers! Let none hereafter charge the pastor with neglect, saying, "No man hath hired us," as the reason for standing all the day idle. The wise pastor multiplies himself manifold as did our Lord himself through the twelve and the seventy and the one hundred and twenty. The gladdest of all days to the Son of God was when the seventy returned with the story of their labors and their success. Then followed Pentecost.—Bishop Hendrix, in Christian (Nashville) Advocate.

A NEW

REMARKABLE INVENTION.

Time and again we have called the attention of our readers to the dangers of drinking unpurified water, and that no water should be used for drinking purposes until it has first been purified.

Statistics show that 20,000 deaths, over 500,000 cases of dyspepsia, stomach, bowel, kidney, bladder, heart and blood diseases, all kinds of fevers, typhoid, yellow, scarlet—malaria and kindred diseases, are caused annually by unpurified drinking water.

Is it any wonder we have sickness, affliction and premature death on every hand when our wells, cisterns, hydrants and streams are polluted with sewage, drains, surface water, decayed animal and vegetable matter, lime and other health-wrecking minerals, alkali, fever and diphtheria germs, etc.

A genius of Ohio has invented a new device known as the Puritan Water-Still that is proving a blessing to thousands of users. It is a plain, simple, heavy sheet-metal device, which placed over the kitchen stove, purifies the foulest water by a new process of distillation, removing all impurities, mud, lime, health-wrecking minerals, fever and disease germs, etc., and furnishes plenty of pure, distilled water for family use—clear, soft, sparkling, delicious to the taste, absolutely pure and safe. That millions will be saved is the foregone conclusion. No man or woman can in this day and age but realize the absolute necessity of purifying all drinking water before using.

THOUSANDS A WEEK.

Upon inquiry at the factory, we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over the United States; that their capacity has been tested to the utmost, the demand being so enormous—orders aggregating hundreds daily.

From the thousands of letters received by the makers, it is plain to be seen the world is hungry for pure distilled water, that may be

moves all the alkali and impurities, turns this water into a pure, delicious drink, palatable and satisfying. I would not take \$50 for my Puritan.

Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor Third Baptist church, Owensboro, Ky., writes: "Have received the Puritan Still. Perfectly delighted with the water we get from it. Seldom have I ever invested \$5, the profits on which have been greater or results more satisfactory. It furnishes not only clear, sparkling, but absolutely pure drinking-water for my family of nine, and I consider its use a great preventive of disease and believe it should be in every home in the land."

Dr. R. W. Thomas: "Filtering is like perfuming sewer gas. Distilled water is the only water to drink with perfect safety."

Dr. L. M. Walley: "The death rate in this neighborhood from typhoid, heart, kidney, bowel troubles and other diseases is alarmingly large. Our impure water supply is the cause. I advised every one of my families to obtain a Puritan, not only as a protection from disease, but because I believe that distilled water is the only water that old or young should touch."

Other remarkable cases are those of Emma Edwards, who was cured of dyspepsia and stomach troubles of six years' standing; Ralph Curry, an old war veteran of '61, who was cured of dysentery and bowel troubles contracted during the war. Also Mrs. Margaret A. Thompson, who suffered for years with liver and heart troubles and was entirely cured by drinking large quantities of distilled water.

Austin Flint, M. D., New York City, highly recommends distilled water, as also does Mrs. Mary R. Melendy, M. D., who says: "To insure a permanently smooth and brilliant complexion, use only distilled water. The skin and hair of babies and children are as delicate as silk and should never be touched with hard water. It keeps the blood pure, the bowels regular, prevents colic, cramps, etc."

The Kalston Health Club says: "Well water is, at its best, a hastener of all the ills that flesh is heir to. We can prove that all typhoids, nearly all malarial, contagious and organic diseases, are due to the water we drink. There is no doubt that distilled water is the best medicine that can enter the system."

Dr. R. N. Tooker, Chicago: "For flushing the kidneys, stimulating the sluggish liver, eliminating waste matter from the system pure distilled water furnishes the long sought desideratum."

C. P. Catheart, M. D., Kansas City, Mo., says: "Distilled water is a powerful solvent and at the same time a delightful drink; prevents disease; cures rheumatism by dissolving the acid crystals."

James H. Jackson, M. D., physician in chief of the Sanitarium, Danville, N. Y., says: "The purest water in New York State is inferior to distilled water."

The Syracuse "Clinic," Sept. 1, 1899, says: "Thousands are using distilled water free from bacteria or earthly salts, with delight and profit. Properly distilled and aerated, it is delicious."

Dr. David H. Reeder, of Chicago, says: "Now as we have learned that pure distilled water is one of the most powerful solvents, is not man wise when he decides to follow the example of the Creator and distill for himself a supply of water that can not be contaminated with soil or disease germs, and provide himself with a safeguard against both disease and old age?"

More evidence is certainly unnecessary to convince all that a device that produces distilled water should be in every home. After investigation we can say that this "Puritan Water Still" is well, durably and handsomely made of the best material throughout, and with proper care should last a lifetime. It is so simple to operate that even a child could easily do it safely. It is amply large enough for family use. May be easily carried in a trunk when traveling; weighs only about four pounds.

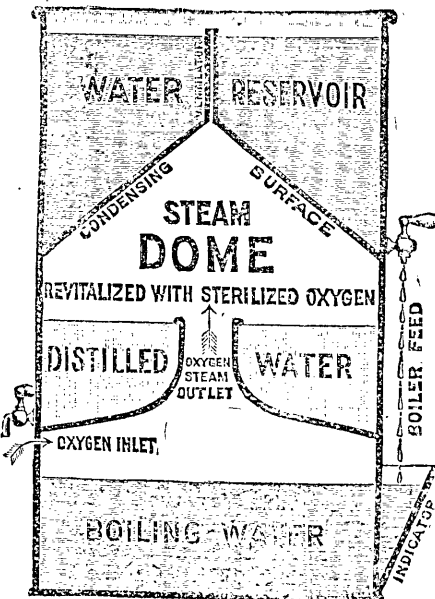
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drunk without fear or reproach. Some of these letters give a vivid picture of water as we get it, and below we give a few extracts that show the wonderful benefit derived from distilled water:

Rev. Part O. Herbert, a man above reproach, pastor Christian church, at Burlington, Kan., writes: "I consider the Puritan a blessing to humanity, a necessity in every family, and hope to live to see it in use in every home in the land. It certainly is a most important invention, as it produces absolutely pure, delicious drinking-water for my family of four persons from water which before distillation was unfit for drinking purposes."

Frank W. Johnson says: "For five years past I suffered from kidney and bladder troubles. Little thinking it was caused by our drinking water. I spent about \$100 doctoring, receiving but little benefit. Since I received the Puritan and drink only distilled water, I have felt like a new man. My kidney and bladder troubles are no more and I have not had a pain or ache for nine weeks."

Mrs. J. R. Stacey says: "Our hydrant water is muddy. The children and my husband were sick so much I thought it must be the water. I got one of your Stills and now we all drink distilled water. It is delicious. Have had no sickness, and the children are doing fine on it."

A prominent physician, Dr. Lilly says: "Thank God, every family can now have pure water, purified by distillation. It is truly the 'elixir of life.' Will prolong life, prevent old age, almost ever disease, and save doctor bills."

Miss Lura Wilson says: "Our well and cistern water when distilled, is perfect ly lovely."

One father's rheumatism and kidney troubles were cured by the Puritan Still. "Out here in the alkali country, your Puritan Still is just what every body needs. This water seems to dry up our hard, hardened bones and causes almost every disease. Even the horses die of kidney disease, and we are all thin. Distillation re-