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News and Notes.

THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT has broken off diplomatic relations with Venezuela, and further trouble may ensue.

THE COLOMBIA REBELS CAPTURED the city of Colon as stated last week. This was followed by an effort upon the part of the government to recover the position. A gunboat, the General Pinzon, was ordered to bombard the town. Her commander gave notice to the United States, British and French war ships, that he would open fire. The result was that the United States took possession of the transit across the Isthmus that trade and transit rights might be preserved. Captain Perry, of the battle-ship Iowa, is in full command. The bombardment of Colon did not take place. The obligation of protecting foreign citizens and property made such bombardment impracticable.

On the 29th, the rebels surrendered, life and liberty being guaranteed, to the United States forces, the captains of the foreign war ships co-operating. The government of Colon was turned over to the Colombian authority. Under the existing treaty the United States is responsible for the protection of trade across the Isthmus, and Captain Perry has, therefore, forbidden the use of the trans-isthmian railroad to any party for the transporting of troops. It is thought that the rebellion is about closed.

ONE OF THE MOST DISASTROUS railroad train collisions which has lately occurred took place near the town of Seneca, Michigan, on the night of Nov. 27th. There was a west bound emigrant train upon which were a company of Italians on their way to San Francisco. The train was No. 13, drawn by two engines, 88 and 151, and an East bound train, No. 4, engine 609. G. J. Martin of train No. 4, had been ordered in the same dispatch to pass No. 13 at Seneca, and another train, No. 3, at Sand Creek, a short distance further on. The engineer through some misunderstanding thought both trains were to be passed at

Sand Creek, and shot through Seneca without stopping, and before the conductor could stop the train the collision occurred, a mile from the town. No. 4 had three heavy cars. No. 13 had two engines and seven cars. Three of the cars were telescoped and took fire and the train burned. The secular papers have told a different story of the results in every issue since the occurrence. First in great headlines, 300 lives lost, next 100 to 150, then 80, now 20, with about 45 injured more or less, a dozen seriously. The fondness for detailing horrors characterizes the secular news reporter, and one has to read the papers every day for a week to learn the truth.

WE RECENTLY NOTICED THAT many cases of lock-jaw had occurred in St. Louis, in diphtheria patients, who had been treated with antitoxin serum. The city authorities, the board of health, and the physicians, have all felt a very deep interest in determining the reasons for this unusual result. The tests and examinations with the serum used, and which was furnished by the city board of health, have not developed as definite results as could be desired; but that the serum was carelessly prepared is agreed, and no more will be prepared by the board. It is proven by the results already attained in the use of this antitoxin, that it is almost a sure cure for diphtheria. It will certainly continue to be used, but the physicians will trust only to private companies who have perfect facilities for its manufacture and are guarantors of a pure article.

AN EVENT OF SPECIAL INTEREST in the city of Little Rock, during the week past, was the holding of the Young Men's Christian Association State Convention. The review of work had an encouraging and inspiring influence. The churches were occupied on Sunday by the delegates. There was a great mass meeting for men at the Capital Theatre at 3 p. m., addressed by Fred B. Smith of Chicago. The occasion closed with a banquet given by the local Association at the Capital Hotel.

Many business men of the city took an interest in the meetings, acknowledging that all business interests are largely dependent upon the integrity of our young men. All the railroad companies acknowledge the value of the Y. M. C. A., and contribute liberally to its support. It is hoped that this convention will be the beginning of a forward movement here which will result in a suitable building for the Association.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY RUMORS afloat that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition would in some way evade obeying the mandate of the United States Congress, which conditioned the appropriation of \$5,000,000, by requiring that the directors shall contract to close the gates to visitors on Sundays during the whole duration of the Fair. The following is the reply of Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, to a letter addressed to him upon this subject: "No part of the \$5,000,000 has been paid to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, nor will there be until the company has complied with all the provisions of the act of Congress making the appropriation."—Herald and Presbyterian.

AFFAIRS ARE REPRESENTED TO be progressing very favorably in the Philippines. Hon. Luke E. Wright, who, October 29th, was appointed acting governor by President Roosevelt, because of the ill health of Gov. Taft, has shown himself a very prompt and vigorous officer. More than half the entire population of the islands is now under the civil authority and the employments of peace are resumed, and the work which remains to be done is not that of subduing the Filipinos but organizing a government over them.

A MOVEMENT HAS BEEN INAUGURATED in Mississippi to change a certain clause of the Constitution, and the people will soon be called on to say whether or not it shall be done. It is well known that the Constitution prohibits the citizens of the State from leaving, by will, money or other property to any church, charitable, or benevolent association.

They can not even bequeath anything to school or college owned by an individual, or church, or corporation. If citizens are disposed to do anything for the public good, they must do it while they live.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

DUNN'S REVIEW REPORTS THE cost of living to be 7 per cent higher now than it was a year ago, and 35 per cent higher than in 1897, when living expenses reached the lowest point. The advance of this year is due to the shortness of the crops, increasing the cost of food. Clothing is somewhat cheaper than a year ago. Dunn's estimate is based on the prices of 350 staple commodities which go into the catalogue of living expenses. As compared with the cost of living, wages are not quite so good as in 1897, but there is much more work going forward, and most laborers find employment for full time, and, besides, the tendency of wages is still upward.

THE SOUTHERN MAN USUALLY makes a good showing of himself when he gets a fair chance. It is said that the first five cadets, in order of merit, at West Point, are all Southern boys. They hail from Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland. Mississippi bears off the palm with two of her sons, one of whom is the head of the class. We are also informed that about one-half of the teachers and instructors at West Point are from the South.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

HENRY G. DAVIS, A FORMER United States Senator, proposes a scheme for building a railroad connecting the principal cities of North and South America; 5,000 miles is the proposed length and \$200,000,000 the estimated cost of the road. The accomplishment of such a plan would be a benefit to this country scarcely less than the proposed ship canal.

CONGRESS CONVENED MONDAY, December 2nd, and according to custom both houses opened at noon. Frye, of Maine, presides over the Senate, and Speaker Henderson was re-elected in the House.

Temperance.

Temperance Reform.

It is beginning to be very apparent that the Anti-Saloon League made no mistake when it put Rev. John Royal Harris into the field as organizer for the State of Tennessee. He is prosecuting his work with great vigor and with great success. So much is this the case that the friends of the liquor business are beginning to scent danger in the air, and are already planning to secure a legislature that may be safely depended on to take care of their interests. We desire, therefore, to put all our readers on guard, and to stir them to fresh diligence. Up to the present time no temperance statute has ever been repealed in this commonwealth. Every step for fifty years has been a step forward. If this good record is to be maintained in the future, the gravest diligence will be necessary. The liquor traffic is strongly entrenched in our social organization. Many influences conspire together to increase and perpetuate its power. Vast sums of money are invested in it. Scores of thousands of people, some of them affecting the highest respectability, and some of them hanging like pariahs on the outskirts of society, derive profit from it. It is, moreover, a political as well as a commercial force. Every saloon in our towns and cities is a center of wirepulling for the control of the municipal offices. The audacity with

which money is used by the liquor kings to procure corrupt legislation is a proverb. It is within the memory of our readers that the chief lobbyist of the ring, who used to sit unrebuked on the Senate floor, fled last winter from the State to escape the inquiries of an investigating committee, and kept himself hid out till the session was ended. A repetition of these things may be looked for. There never was a more hideous and loathsome combination than that which exists between the liquor venders, the gambling house keepers, the brothels, and the small-fry politicians. The mere contemplation of it is enough to stir the blood of every patriotic and high-minded citizen. The task of overcoming this nefarious alliance is not an easy one. Let the friends of temperance understand that they have a big job on their hands. They will have to fight for every inch of ground that they win, and then fight to keep it. Heretofore there has been too much carelessness in the election of Senators and Representatives. Temperance constituencies have often been basely betrayed in the capitol. We propose to publish in due time the records of one or two Senators who faithfully served the whisky dealers in the last legislature and are now claiming that they were really the advocates and supporters of restrictive measures. When these records are presented without note or comment a good deal of explanation will be necessary. For the present everybody should lend a helping hand to Mr. Harris. The word is "Organize." If we had any other advice to give, it would be to keep cool, avoid abusive speech, and adopt a practical programme. Aim at what you can get. Take the half loaf rather than do without bread, and keep up the agitation.—Christian Advocate.

The Liquor Traffic.

Next Sunday will be Temperance Day. We hope it will not be forgotten. There is need for us to speak out and emphatically on this subject. In the last few years there has been definite loss in right temperance sentiment.

As a contribution to correct thinking we print the following sent by a subscriber to the Herald and Presbyterian: "In 1874 a new constitution was submitted to the people of Ohio, and they were called upon to decide by ballot whether the liquor traffic should be licensed or whether it should be prohibited in the new constitution. William McKinley, as chairman of the county campaign committee in Stark county, addressed the people as follows:

"We need scarcely remind you that the liquor traffic, which is sought to be legalized by the license section, is one that deeply concerns not only the honor of this great State, but also the material, moral and social interests of all the people. There is not a home or hamlet in the

State that is beyond its influence. Its evils are widespread and far-reaching. Consider what the consequences will be if the license section carries.

"First—We will legalize this great wrong. We will give the sanction of the constitution and the laws of this great, free and intelligent State to this most degrading and ruinous of all human pursuits, so that the men who are spreading ruin and death may say to all protesters: 'Stand aside. My business has received the sacred sanction of the law, and is, therefore, legal and right.' Can we afford thus legally to sanction a great wrong?

"Second—By legalizing this traffic we agree to share with the liquor seller the responsibilities and evils of his baseness. Every man who votes for license becomes of necessity a partner to the liquor traffic and all its consequences."—Canton Repository of June 10, 1874.

Enthusiastic Converts.

There are Thousands of them Who Believe as This Woman Does.

Mrs. Ira Knowlton, of Butte, Montana, is a most enthusiastic convert to the virtues of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets as a cure for obstinate stomach trouble. She says: "I



had poor digestion nearly all my life. It now seems to me that for years I never knew what it was to be hungry, to have a good natural appetite.

"I was troubled with gas in stomach causing pressure on the heart with palpitation and short breath. Nearly everything I ate soured on my stomach, sometimes I had cramps in the stomach which almost resembled spasms.

"Doctors told me I had catarrh of the stomach, but their medicines would not reach it and I would still be a sufferer had I not, in sheer desperation decided to try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

"I knew they were an advertised remedy and I didn't believe anything I read about them as I had no confidence in advertised remedies, but my sister living in Pittsburgh wrote me last spring telling me how

Stuart's Tablets had cured her little daughters of indigestion and loss of flesh and appetite and I hesitated no longer.

I bought a fifty cent box at my drug store and took two of the large tablets after each meal and found them delightful to take, being as pleasant to the taste as caramel candy. Whenever during the day or night I felt any pain or uneasiness in the stomach or about the heart I took one of the small tablets and in three weeks it seemed to me as if I had never known what stomach trouble was.

I keep Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in the house and every member of our family uses them occasionally after a hearty meal or when any of us have a pain or ache in the digestive organs."

Mr. E. H. Davis, of Hampton, Va., says: "I doctored five years for dyspepsia, but in two months I got more benefit from Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets than in five years of the doctor's treatment."

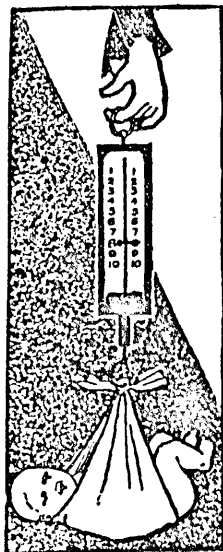
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"I am mother of six children," writes Mrs. C. A. Briggs, of Millwood, Douglas Co., Oregon, "and always took three or four bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' before confinement and never suffered any to speak of; had no after pains; my babies were large—they all weighed more than eight pounds, and I am not a large woman; weigh about 115 pounds. I have had some stomach trouble, but a few doses of 'Golden Medical Discovery' would set me all right. I am hardly ever without your medicines. They are all the medicine one needs, if taken in time, to keep one in perfect health."

"I feel that I owe my little boy's life to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, as he had convulsions, and everything he ate would bring them on. I commenced to give him the 'Golden Medical Discovery' in ten drop doses three times a day. Now he is just as healthy a child as can be found and he grows like a weed."

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Notes From Texas.

REV. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference closed a very harmonious session in this city on the 18th inst. Bishop Wilson presided to the satisfaction of nearly all. The only complaint was that he did not speak loud enough to be heard. The criticism was not just, as the house is large and a throng crowded and jostled each other and kept up a stir and buzz that was disturbing to all. He sent out twelve presiding elders and two hundred and thirty-nine pastors to fill the work; an increase of eleven pastoral charges over the last conference year. Thirteen promising young men were admitted on trial, and a class of twelve were received into full connection; eleven transfers received. One passed on and a number who were anxious to come were declined by the "powers that be." The figures show an increase, net, of 1,571 members and 25 local preachers, while removals by death, certificate and otherwise numbers 9,095. The drought and the opening of the new territory accounts for this large exodus. Reports show a total addition during the year of 15,256, net gain 4,571.

Notwithstanding the drought and great exodus, collections were never better. Presiding elders paid an average of \$1,585 and pastors \$559. Assessed for foreign and domestic missions, \$22,000; paid \$21,880; a deficit of only \$120. Total from all sources for missions, \$11,360 and nearly every collection full or nearly so. The Twentieth Century offering goes away beyond assessments I do not write these figures to boast, but in hope others may be moved to help on the Master's work. Near seven thousand conversions are reported during the year, who came into our church. Our conference made a new departure in sending out a conference missionary secretary. I fear this move is premature and will fail of results anticipated by its projectors, but trust I may be mistaken. The West Texas Conference will appeal to the approaching General Conference to redistrict the State, to equalize the five existing conferences. This cannot be done, and as our conference refused by a very small majority to divide last year, I now hope the General Conference will give the old Texas Conference about two or two and a half districts off of our southern territory. As it is, the conference is too large and unwieldy and is now burdensome to entertain at annual convocations, and many of our talented young men have nothing to do to develop themselves in the business line of Methodist preachers.

We now have 248 clerical and 48 lay members. At this conference over 400 homes were provided for the entertainment of the conference. Our delegation will oppose any move

to interrupt our lines, yet I feel sure a majority of the conference want the lines changed, and would prefer to divide and make two good conferences. Will the Arkansas delegates help us? This old afflicted scribe was unable to look in on the conference, but was kindly remembered each day by brethren who came to greet me. One hundred and twenty-six came in one week. They came from Baltimore to China, and I enjoyed their words of cheer and would gladly have gone out with them to battle as I once did, but alas, I must suffer and wait for deliverance when I am called to go from the pains and sorrows of the way.

Not a member of our large conference had died during the year and some who were on the retired list reported for work while two or three were retired. It is the law to superannuate men who are unable to work. Since the law passed creating a committee on conference relations many are retired who are hardly entitled to the supernumerary relation. Some of them demand certain work, or the presiding elder does not want them and they fall into the hands of this retiring board and are pocketed, etc. We now have thirty-four in this conference, enough to start a small conference, but nearly all are old and wornout men. Drs. Atkins and Pritchett were here during conference. We also had Rev. Ed Pilly, of the China mission, as a visitor. Ed went from us six years ago. I knew him in his boyhood days. He is a good and worthy young man and deserves all praise for the heroism displayed in China recently. W. L. Nelms, James Campbell, Joe P. Putman, John R. Nelson, Horace Bishop and John M. Barcus were elected delegates to the General Conference. Brother Putman is a new man to represent us, but is worthy and well qualified and vouched for.

The Arkansas men amongst us are all doing well. Brother Sam Morris is well, but age is telling upon him. He started in 1848 in the Arkansas Conference. Came to

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Texas in 1869 and has since that date labored with us faithfully. For seven years he has been on the superannuated list. He lives with a son-in-law, who is an itinerant preacher, and helps him in his work.

Brother Evans goes back to Georgetown and Briggs to Goldthwaite. Our schools are doing well, each having an increase of patronage and all moving off without friction. The North Texas Conference is to convene next Wednesday at McKinney. That conference, too, has had a year of great prosperity. This letter is long enough and here I rest.

Corsicana, Tex.

Closing the Conference Year.

REV. J. F. TAYLOR.

The conference year closes and the last week is a busy week. Even the more efficient pastor who is very active during the year is then active. I may be contented but I am not satisfied with any week of service this year. Whether I am sent back to this circuit or not, there are people on it to whom I am due a continuous debt of gratitude. Reflection on such God-given friendship tends to "fill the pool" in the itinerant's future valley of Baca. Number of accessions this year, 52; net gain, 33. We have two new church houses beginning with sufficient enthusiasm to build them. Our Sabbath-schools have done some good work, and we hope that good has resulted from efforts to instruct the children in the home, by the catechism and other work there. We have excellent public schools in this charge. The one at Jersey has considerable patronage of boarding pupils. The school is daily opened with Scripture reading, songs and prayer and the efficient Christian management of the county examiner.

As usual our conference has been bereaved, and this time our Monticello district. Rev. J. J. Bond has passed from this muster of the Lord's hosts. From the moment I heard of an instance of his risk of making private enemies for the public good he endeared himself to me. But every preacher, true to our church and its great Head and Founder, is willing to do the same. The crime of whisky selling was up. This enemy of human race demands intelligent opposition by every preacher and layman. As the mention of Brother Bond brings up this subject, I may say that one of the most flagrant violators of the prohibition law here nearly two years ago was pardoned a few months after conviction by the governor upon petition before remonstrance petition was presented. Perhaps the governor did not know the remonstrance petition was coming. Small attorneys are certainly in want of a job when for the sake of pelf they effect by sly petition methods the turning loose of blind tiger upon the innocent citizen-body. It is the growing conviction that the pardoning power is thus injuriously used.

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The traffic that fattens on the wreck of human character demands to be wiped out and humanity is waiting for the church to arouse and do it. The saintly face of Rev. A. B. Winfield is to be missed among as unusual not to see him in our conference. He was regular; his life was an illustration of fortitude and patience. His earlier ministry in the youth of Arkansas Methodism is an inspiration to his younger brethren, and would read not unlike a chapter in the Acts of the Apostles. Martyr's blood flowed in that Christian hero's veins. "Our people die well." They may go up from the superannuated ranks here but we believe they go into a sphere of eternal efficiency there.

Three of our elect ladies, wives of itinerants, whose names are in the Book of Life, have gone from us into the heavens.

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Contributed.

Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

President Roosevelt went down the river on Friday afternoon and did not return until Sunday evening. Rev. Hermann von Broekhuizen, formerly pastor of a church in Pretoria, later chaplain of the Volksraad and now a Boer emissary to the United States, preached at the church which the President usually attends on Sunday morning.

These two facts in the hands of various newspaper correspondents have been enlarged upon and more or less perverted until a large variety of stories, based on them have been telegraphed to all points of the country. Some have said that the President ran away. Others have said that the President's pastor had laid a trap for him. Others have made the facts a basis for violent diatribes against the President and so on ad nauseum.

The fact is that the President in the two months that he has occupied the White House has accomplished an amount of work that would have incapacitated an ordinary man and that he merely went down the river because the completion of his message to Congress gave him an opportunity to take "a breathing spell." He had had the Sylph "on waiting orders" for some days and he had promised himself the pleasure of a brief rest before taking up the further duties which will attend the opening of Congress.

Again it may be said that there was no intention on the part of the President's pastor to entrap his distinguished parishioner, for on the Friday before he sent to the White House a note advising Mr. Roosevelt of the expected presence of the Rev. Mr. Brockhuizen. As it happened the note did not arrive until after the President's departure, but that was no fault of Dr. Shick's.

The prayer and sermon which the Rev. Mr. Brockhuizen delivered at Grace Reformed Church on Sunday morning were hardly edifying. They were totally lacking in the spirit of justice and temperance of expression which one is wont to expect in the utterances of a minister of the Gospel and the fact that the collection which was taken up for the Boer cause after the sermon amounted to less than thirty dollars would seem to indicate that the reverend gentleman by his extravagance entirely failed to reach the sympathies or intelligence of his auditors.

His statements that "for nearly two years the murder of women and children has continued in my country" and "the cross of Jesus is broken every day in the Transvaal," and his further statement that the land would be made "red with the blood of Englishmen" are samples of his style of oratory.

At a recent meeting of the Anti-

Saloon League of the District of Columbia formal admission to membership was granted to three chapters of the Christian Endeavor Society. Final arrangements were also made for the informal reception to be given to the delegates to the sixth annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League on December 2d. President Jas. L. Ewin, Robert E. Harvey, Mrs. Isabel Helmick, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, D. D., and Mr. Owen P. Kellar were elected delegates to the approaching convention.

The club room which has taken the place of the "canteen" at Fort Meyer is rejoicing in the possession of a handsome five gallon coffee urn, the gift of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the District of Columbia. Especial credit for this handsome present, which cost over fifty dollars, is due to Mrs. Lucius F. Randolph, superintendent of the soldiers, sailors and marines department of the association, whose untiring efforts are largely responsible for the accumulation of the fund which made the presentation possible.

District Stewards' Meetings.

The Morrilton district stewards are requested to meet in Morrilton January 7, 3 p. m. There will be a joint meeting of the district stewards and preachers in Morrilton beginning the night of January 7th and closing the night of the 8th. The brethren are requested to take part in the discussion of the following topics:

1. The Preacher—(1) What He Should be, (2) What he Should Do.
2. Official Members.—(1) As to Their Personal, Moral and Religious Character, (2) As to Their Qualification for Official Position.
3. The Collections—When and How Taken.
4. Religious Literature—(1) Its Benefits, (2) How Can it Best Be Circulated?
5. Soul Saving—(1) In What Sense Are Men to be Soul Winners? (2) How Are We to Secure the Needed Help, (a) Human, (b) Divine?

J. M. Cantrell, P. E.

To District Stewards and Pastors, Fayetteville District—The district stewards will meet Wednesday, January 8th, at 10:30 a. m. in the Methodist Church at Elm Springs. The district preachers' meeting and missionary institute will also be held at Elm Springs, beginning Tuesday, 7 p. m. January 7th, and closing Thursday evening, January 9th.

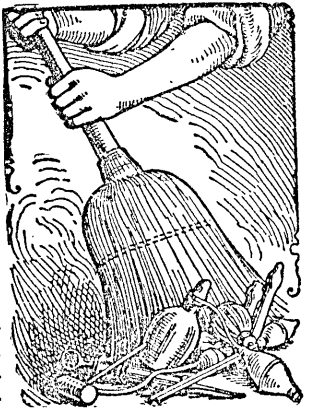
Rev. T. A. Martin will preach Wednesday, the 8th, at 11 a. m. on "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine."

Let the district stewards attend the preachers' meeting if practicable. Superannuated and local preachers are cordially invited to attend.

S. Anderson.

CATARRH

A Constitutional Affection.



Sprays, washes, powders, salves, medicated tobacco and cigarettes, however long and persistently used, do not cure Catarrh. They relieve temporarily the inflammation in the throat and nose, and enable you to breathe more easily and freely, but the continual rush of impure blood to these parts keeps up the irritation and ultimately produces ulceration of the glands, when the breath becomes exceedingly offensive and the soft bones of the nose are frequently destroyed. The catarrhal inflammation extends over the entire surface of the mucous membrane, or inner skin; the stomach, kidneys and lungs are often involved; the whole system soon becomes affected by the rapid absorption of poisonous matter into the blood, and the disease that you had hoped to cure with simple local remedies, assumes a dangerous form.

I had Catarrh about 15 years, and tried during the time everything I could hear of, but nothing did me any good. At last I came to the conclusion that Catarrh must be a blood disease, and decided to give S. S. S. a trial. I could see a little improvement from the first bottle, and continued it three or four months, or until I was cured. Have not taken anything for six years, and am just as well as I ever was.—M. MATSON, Lapeer, Mich.

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Current Comment.

Union of English Methodists.

As far as I could make out nearly all the smaller bodies in this country are willing to unite, if they can secure certain definite concessions from the Wesleyans; and certainly they would be merged into one large church, which would then be by all odds the most numerous and influential non-Conformist denomination in England. The Wesleyans, however, are by no means unanimous in their desire to come to terms. Mr. Hugh Price Hughes, the editor of the Methodist Times, Mr. Percy W. Bunting, the editor of the Contemporary Review, and various other leaders, are heartily in favor of the movement. But such conservatives as Dr. James H. Rigg, the Nestor of British Methodism, Dr. D. J. Walker, Dr. W. L. Watkinson, and Dr. W. T. Davidson, do not think that the time has come for even seriously discussing the matter. Dr. T. B. Stephenson and a considerable middle group are willing to talk it over, but not ready to take immediate action. My own judgment is that to thrust together the different elements with all their varying convictions as to ecclesiastical polity would be like shaking up an acid and an alkali in the same bottle.—Dr. E. E. Hoss, in Nashville Christian Advocate.

Revival in Japan.

The Rev. George Allechin, nineteen years in Japan, brought glad tidings of the great revival in that country: "Hundreds of souls have been born into the Kingdom of God in Japan during the past few months. The thousands that have recorded their names—6,000 in Tokyo, several hundred in Osaka, 300 in Kyoto, 100 in Okayama and so forth—are only enquirers whom we trust will become Christians within the coming year. The work began in this way. For a year or more the pastors, preachers and missionaries throughout the land have felt the need of a deeper spiritual life in themselves and a quickened interest in the churches for the salvation of others. And so the Japan branch of the Evangelical Alliance decided that the opening of the new year would be a good time to begin a forward movement, and that in no more fitting way could the churches commemorate the opening of a new century than by a united, definite, aggressive effort for one whole year for the evangelization of Japan. Two centres were chosen, Tokyo and Osaka, and the whole empire marked off into preaching districts and the cities into wards. Hundreds of

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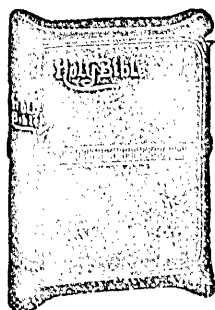
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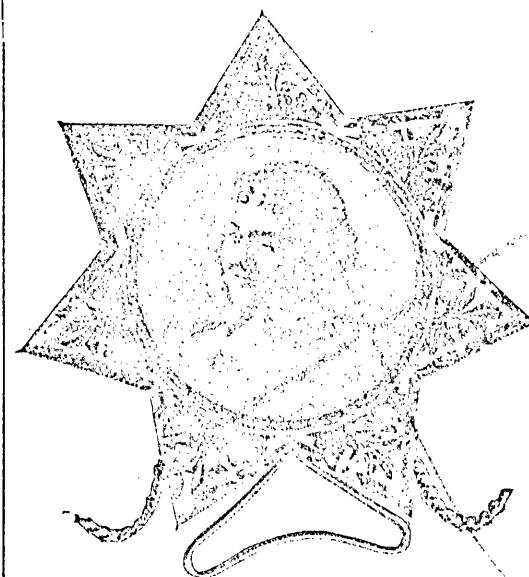
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December 15—The Passover. Exodus xii. 1-17.

Golden Text—"Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us." (I Cor. v. 7.)

Time—1491 B. C.

Place—In the land of Goshen, in Egypt.

The hand of God was mighty against Pharaoh and the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh, while pleading for relief while under the awful scourge of the plagues sent upon his kingdom, hardened his heart as soon as the plague was removed. Indeed he reached a point where it is even said that God hardened his heart. This is what really does happen when a man has persisted in his reprobacy till he has utterly forfeited all claim upon the divine clemency—God proceeds to make an example out of him.

So came the point at which God said to Moses that the final stroke was ready for Pharaoh; the firstborn in all Egypt should be destroyed, the Israelites being excepted. Under this awful blow, Pharaoh would yield, seeing that he was contending against a power that would grind him and all his land to powder.

Moses was therefore instructed to get the people ready to move. They should go out under the line of discrimination observed in the destruction of the firstborn. They were in all their household to slay a lamb on the evening designated, mark their own houses by sprinkling the blood of the lamb upon the door posts; the destroying angel would pass through all the land that night, and slay the firstborn in every house not so marked, and should pass over the homes of the Israelites. The flesh of the lamb they were to eat, with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. They were to have their loins girded and make all other preparation for immediate traveling.

The lamb is the symbol of the Lamb of God; the blood is the type of what is till yet the blood of sprinkling, on account of which the forces of destruction are not permitted to touch those who are under the blood of Christ. The eating of the flesh of the lamb was typical of the strength which comes to those who feed upon Christ; the eating of unleavened bread signifies that there was no corrupting element in the feast; the eating of bitter herbs was in remembrance of the bitter bondage from which they were to be on that night delivered.

The substitute for this ordinance of the passover is now the Lord's Supper, which signifies substantially the same things to the Christian that the passover meant to the Jew. So that while the form was changed, the essential features of the Lord's Supper have been observed since the night of the Egyptian passover, as

they will continue to be observed throughout all ages.

There is then great need of stressing two things, more religion and more intelligent conceptions of religion. We do not need a movement against emotion in religion, or against the idea of the divine communication of grace—far from either; yes, very far from either—but we do need a more comprehensive belief as to what Christian holiness includes in its fullness, so that in seeking it, a blessing will not be mistaken for its fullness and be perverted into self exaltation while still defective in perfection of love and humility. The blessing ought to encourage and help us on to still higher attainments, "perfecting holiness," as our life work, perfecting love, humility, patience and joy in the Lord.

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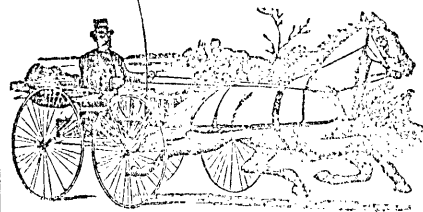
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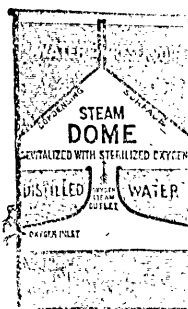
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December 8-The Right Use of Ability.
Matt. v. 13-16.

Our lesson deals with our relations to others. Only that is good which produces good, and diffuses it abroad. Goodness ceases where good influence ceases. A candle is useless when hidden. There is no such thing as a good life self-centered. We are ready enough to see this when one displays inordinate greed and locks his gold in coffers lest he should lose it. It is lost already so far as any good it may do is concerned. But there are those who are not so quick to discern the spiritual miser. Yet some suppose that spiritual life may be self-centered and regard chiefly its own emotions.

Such was the thought of those recluses who separated themselves in cloisters from the common wants and duties of life, and even so secluded, made the solitude greater by separating themselves as far as possible from one another by rules of silence. The Protestant who thinks to gauge his spiritual state by what he calls his inward experiences is in the same error.

He mistakes his pleasant emotions for real communings with God and his peaceful meditation for victory over sin.

Evil is not diminished in the world by hiding from it, but by resisting it. The Christian attitude is fighting, not retreating. In doing for others and bearing burdens for them we get nearest to him who, instead of the joys of heaven, chose the cross and shame.

A good life must show itself. It must invite the needy to gather around it. It must shine as a light for the guidance of others, and shine in good works, which will constrain others to glorify the Heavenly Father.

"Ye are the salt of the earth," says the Master. Salt which does not save is worse than sand. The most useless thing to be conceived is salt that has lost its savor. He who thinks to save himself without saving others is this same savorless salt.

True goodness is conspicuous. The world is looking for it, and longing to find it, and will see and confess it where it shines forth. Those who need help or instruction, are like the Greek philosopher "looking for a man." A good life is as a city set on a hill.

But goodness does not seek praise. To help men without reward from men it seeks. There is as much sheer worldliness in him who affects religious zeal to win the praise of men as in any openly worldly character. He may even be charged as being farther from the kingdom of heaven than the openly profane. He perverts holy things to carnal uses. He makes religion a catpaw to draw in the food of a sordid sensual soul.

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Salt is a great preservative; it checks decay and makes palatable nearly all our food. How necessary it is to our comfort, we do not know until deprived of it. China used sometimes to deprive her prisoners of salt as a punishment. Christianity is the preserver of all that is good in the world. It sweetens society, seasons the relations of life and checks corruption to a greater extent than we realize, because we are accustomed to its influence and have never been deprived of it.

The words and deeds of Christ's disciples should season the minds and consciences of those about them, and "stop the progress of sin." This is but another way of putting the promise to Abraham, "I will bless thee and thou shalt be a blessing." If, however, by scandalous living or other sinfulness one loses this power to season or bless, no ordinary means will restore it, and the Christian, or the professor is unfit for the Master's use (2 Pet., 2:20, 21). Around salt works there is often found salt so full of impurities as to be unfit for use.

Christ is the source of light, and his disciples shine just in propor-

tion to their nearness to him. They do not receive light to hide it. A light in a house is to dispel darkness and to enable the inmates to distinguish objects, and to carry on their work; hence the light is not put under or behind things that would obstruct its rays, but in a place most convenient for its purposes. I heard a man say that the "bushel" was a symbol of commerce and Christ meant to teach his followers they must not hide their lights under or in their business. A good light does its work without noise, and in the place it is put. We must learn a lesson from this. Christian living is never noisy—it doesn't need a great noise to announce its presence. Young Christians are so often impatient and discontented because of the place they are in, and think they could shine so much brighter if they were differently situated. God knows where our light is most needed, and we ought to be glad to shine anywhere. If we fail to give a bright light where we are, we might give even a feeble one somewhere else. We are not to shine for our own glory. Doing good deeds to gain the applause of men is not Christlike. We are to shine, that God may be glorified in the benefit to others.

One house and one light on a hill might be hid, but Christ said his followers were like a "city set on a hill." A city is a community of interest. It is not a few houses built at random in which every man does as he pleases. It is under a government which plans for the benefit and protection of all its citizens, and furthermore it benefits all the surrounding country. When Christians have the same unity of purpose, they cannot be hid, nor can their benefit to a country be estimated.

Owning Books.

In a newspaper was printed recently a letter from a book-lover asserting that books are of little use to those who only borrow them or receive them as gifts. He objected, as Ruskin also did, to cheap books, and said he was "almost convinced that if the cheapest books cost five dollars, or more, the world would be better off."

No doubt this is an extreme statement and would have to be expressed more cautiously, to be true. Yet there is some truth in the idea that books may be too plentiful and too easy to buy. There is, possibly, a likeness between libraries and schools in this respect. The boy or girl in a big school is not so likely to form friendships as if in a smaller school. Where there is too wide a choice, there is less intimacy. So in the library. A large library is not so likely to become familiar and valued as a smaller collection well chosen.

The very company of books is educating. As one sits before the book-cases, and glances at his favorite volumes, it is as if each said a

word or two, or suggested a thought. Thus a boy's eye may fall upon his copy of "Tom Brown at Rugby," and in his mind rises the remembrance of the great hare-and-hounds run in which Tom and East and the Tadpole struggled so pluckily, and at last held that delightful little interview with Dr. Arnold; or visions of East's tricks on old Martin. There is no need to open the book—one breathes its healthful air at the mere sight of its title. So from each old favorite there comes a friendly greeting, and we recall the pleasant hours spent in its company.

—St. Nicholas.

PINEY WOODS.

Healthful but Not Always Curative.

To go to the piney woods is a help, but if one carries along the bad habits of food and drink that have caused sickness, the piney woods will not produce a recovery.

Coffee drinking caused blindness in a Virginia gentleman, and his remarkable experience is worth reading. "I have been a coffee drinker since my earliest remembrance. If I missed coffee at a meal it brought on headache. This should have shown me that I was a victim to a drug habit. Finally, wakeful, restless nights came on. After dinner I was always drowsy and after sleeping would waken stupid and morbid, and felt as though I had been drugged, and when this feeling wore off nervousness and restlessness would set in until I drugged myself with coffee again.

At last my eyesight began to fail. Some of the best optical specialists agreed that I had an affliction of the optic nerve, and after two or three years treatment my eyes slowly lost their power and I became almost sightless.

I was advised to go to a pine woods near the sea in a most isolated place. This I did and lived there for two years without any visible benefit. I gave up all hope of recovery until last Spring a friend expressed the belief that the coffee I drank was the cause of all of my trouble. He had been a slave to it and had been unable to find relief until he quit and took up Postum Food Coffee.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1901.

A good many of our preachers are on their way to heaven chewing tobacco, but they make the way slippery for other folks.

A brother writes us: "We had thirty-two converts at H. and only one joined the church." Well, the remaining thirty-one will never be known as Christians. They have failed in Christian duty at the very outset. The apostles of our Lord recognized no Christians who were not members of the church, and of such as were not obedient to the requirements of the church Paul says: "Let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican."

A sincere fanatic turns to a designing imposter at length. Fanaticism is shortlived. One, under the influence of strong emotion, makes professions which he would not make in a calm moment. But, having taken a ground publicly, he seeks to hold it, and rather than recant becomes a hyoprite. Especially is this true if he have become a leader and teacher. Then to condemn himself and disappoint and offend his followers is too great a price to pay for integrity, and so he drifts forward striving the more desperately to impose his shams upon others as they become more apparent to himself.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION.

RECEPTION.

The church at Batesville gave the conference a public reception on Tuesday evening. This is to be credited to Dr. Bennett, we suppose, for we remember that was the order when he was host for the conference some years ago at Paragould.

Addresses of welcome were made by Mrs. J. P. Jones, for the Woman's Missionary Society, responded to by Rev. W. B. Ricks; by Miss Lavinia Jelks, for the Sunday-school, responded to by Rev. A. E. Holloway; by C. F. Cole, for the Epworth League, responded to by Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker; by Will Powell, for the board of stewards, responded to by Bishop Key. This was followed by handshaking and introduction of strangers. All very pleasant.

CONFERENCE WORK.

The conference convened at 9 o'clock in the Methodist Church, Wednesday, November 27, 1901, Bishop Joseph S. Key in the chair.

Dr. Z. T. Bennett was elected secretary, F. M. Daniel statistical secretary, W. M. Wilson and N. E. Skinner assistants.

The call of Question 20, under which the character and labors of all the preachers annually pass review, was not interrupted by charges

or complaints against any brother, and only one had fallen out of the ranks by death.

The question, "Who are admitted on trial?" brought forward the following named brethren, who had been duly recommended and who were, on examination, received: W. L. Oliver, Paul Greeson, both very promising young men.

The preachers who had completed their two years' probation and passed examination on their studies, and were therefore eligible to full membership in the conference, were W. W. Gibson, S. H. Babcock, Jr., G. S. Morehead, James Wilson and I. A. Thomas.

The Bishop in his address to these brethren placed especial stress upon obedience to the rules of Discipline as a condition to successful and acceptable work. We must make the church solid and develop an esprit de corps which will make us an army, pressing the powers of darkness with our full strength. As to success in the ministry, it depends upon careful attention to many apparently small things—visiting from house to house, instructing the children, giving especial attention to the sick, keeping out of debt, being punctual in all appointments and engagements, always employed and never triflingly employed.

HARD TIMES.

The affliction of last summer's drouth has fallen more heavily upon the White River Conference than upon the other two conferences of the State. There were consequently some sad stories of deprivation told in the reports of the preachers.

R. H. Grissett, of Ash Flat Circuit, said that the farmers on his circuit had not raised a bushel of corn to the acre. Great numbers of them had left their homes and gone abroad to find sustenance for their families. After prayerfully considering the situation he and his wife determined to remain at their work. They divided the family and sent some of the children to the homes of their kinsfolk, shut up their house and went out among the people, who generously shared with them their meagre store, and so they strove to minister to the people in spiritual things in their great destitution. The brethren raised a collection for Brother Grissett.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Delegates to the General Conference were elected on Friday. The secretary reported 109 members in the body entitling the conference to two clerical and two lay delegates. The first clerical ballot elected R. C. Morehead, the second Z. T. Bennett. Their alternates are M. M. Smith and S. H. Babcock.

The first ballot of the laymen elected F. M. Daniel, and the second lay delegate chosen was R. M.

Henderson. Their alternates are J. J. Baugh and C. L. Sharp.

STATISTICS.

Local preachers, 108; members, 23,487; gain, 1,034. Infants baptized, 479; gain, 144; adults, 1,760; gain, 757; Epworth Leagues, 35; loss, 13; league members, 1,151; loss, 488; Sunday-schools 232, gain 4; scholars 12,568, gain 525; collected for conference claimants \$1,630.58, gain \$23.83; foreign missions \$2,719.18, gain \$240.18; for church extension, \$650.55, gain \$41.87; contributed to the support of presiding elders \$5,022.93, gain \$125.63; for preachers in charge \$36,175.14, gain \$1,652.32; for the support of Bishops \$669.49, loss \$15.80. Value of churches, \$233,711; gain, \$8,036; parsonages, 71; gain, 1; value, \$45,850; gain, \$2,835.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The evening service at the Methodist Church was in memory of the dead. It is the custom of all our Arkansas conferences to mention in their memoirs, not only the ministers of the conference, whom God calls to himself, year by year, but also ministers' wives who have died. This year the death roll received four additional names: Rev. W. B. Roe, Mrs. W. B. Hays, Mrs. J. F. Jernigan and Mrs. W. D. Ellis.

The service in memory of these sainted ones was very beautiful. The selection of the hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," "Soldier of God, Well Done," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was in excellent taste, and the rendering of the music by the choir was exceedingly beautiful. The brethren spoke in loving tribute to the memory of the dear ones. They have all left a sacred influence upon the church below which shall abide while they rejoice in the church triumphant above.

VISITORS.

The only connectional officers at the conference were Dr. J. D. Hammond and Dr. J. D. Barbee.

Rev. James Thomas, of the Little Rock Conference, was present a day or two. J. R. Cason was before the conference to represent the interests of the Arkansas Methodist Orphans' Home. Hon. George Thornburgh, of Little Rock, was in attendance also in the interest of the Home. J. M. Workman represented the business interests of the "Arkansas Methodist." Edward Thompson, D. D., representative of the Sabbath Observance League, was present and addressed the conference. He made a telling speech, showing the necessity of union of effort on the part of all good citizens to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath day. He gave statistics to show how rapidly Sabbath desecration is increasing. He set forth the work of the League and showed that the Christian press and pulpit must take up this cause, most essential to religion.

THE CHOIR.

At our conferences the church choir is seldom conspicuous. All our preachers sing, and generally the old songs and old style of singing take the field. There was much of such singing at Batesville, but the church choir was not swept out of sight. When the choir was once heard the preachers desired to hear it again. We have heard all the choirs in our leading churches in Arkansas. There is not a better in the State than that at Batesville. It is a choir of Christian singers whose taste in devotional song is equal to their talent, and who are in perfect accord with their pastor, following with deference the least suggestion of his will. Brothers Glenn and Holmes have for many years taught the young people of Batesville to sing. They have been brought up to it. The choir as now constituted consists of John W. Glenn, J. A. Holmes, C. D. Metcalf, Frank Hawley, Don Casey (cornetist), Miss Nora Glenn, organist; Mrs. J. W. Glenn, Mrs. W. P. Jones, Mrs. W. P. McDermott and Mrs. I. N. Barnett. Several other excellent singers reinforced the choir. They sang at all the regular services of the conference. Their selections were most appropriate and the rendering could hardly be surpassed. We all fell in love with the choir. Such a choir is a great benefit to a church.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Dr. Bennett had made careful preparation for the entertainment of the conference, and the good people of Batesville gave every proof that they esteemed it a privilege to have the servants of the Master as guests in their homes.

This editor and his wife were assigned to the care of President Eugene Long and wife. Dr. Long is in charge of the Presbyterian College. The kind hospitality of these Christian friends has endeared them to us very greatly.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday was a bright day. The seven churches of Batesville, including two Negro churches, were served by our preachers. A large number of visitors came in from the country and there were good congregations.

The love-feast at the Methodist Church was conducted by J. M. Talkington. The time was given chiefly to the old veterans and superannuates. Their testimonies were inspiring, and the tide of religious emotion rose high.

The Bishop's sermon was upon the immortality of the soul. The brethren named as received into full connection were ordained deacons.

The afternoon sermon was by Frank Barrett. It was an eloquent and stirring sermon. No sermon preached at the conference moved the audience more. After the sermon Percy R. Knickerbocker, W. M.

Wilson and Hershel V. Johnson were ordained traveling elders, also a local brother whose name we did not obtain.

CONFERENCE PERSONALS.

George Brinsfield, of Wild Cherry, Izard county, came to the conference at Batesville in the buggy with Rev. W. W. Gibson. Brother Brinsfield will be one hundred and one years old May next. He is as vigorous as most men at eighty. He attended the meetings of the conference day and night. He superintends a Sunday-school and says he has walked to the church and not missed a Sunday during the year.

Rev. H. T. Blythe, of Blytheville, was at the conference. He is eighty-six years old, and is known and loved by all the preachers. He has been a faithful servant of the church and the Lord. He has been a preacher for forty years.

The name of E. N. Pitts was called and it was stated that he had been suspended for six months at last conference, and since had withdrawn from the church. In the same connection it was stated that L. C. Craig who located at the last conference, had also joined another church. Their names were ordered stricken from the roll and the surrender of their credentials asked for by action of the conference.

Rev. S. D. Evans, one of the superannuates who has done long service for the church, came to the conference bringing his wife, who was almost blind. Sister Evans felt that no greater blessing could come to her in her affliction than the privilege of attending the conference and renewing the experiences and associations of life's brighter years.

Appointments.

HELENA DISTRICT—W. C. DAVIDSON, P. E.

Helena Station—W. B. Ricks.
LaGrange Circuit—S. L. Cochran.
Marianna—R. A. Holloway.
Haynes—K. R. Durham.
Wheatley—W. P. Talkington.
Wesley—J. H. Griffin.
Wynne Station—J. K. Farris.
West Wynne Circuit—Supplied by J. B. Barrentine.
McCrory—F. E. Taylor.
Cotton Plant and Howell—C. B. Littleton.
Brinkley—S. H. Babcock, Jr., and W. W. Hendrix, supply.
Clarendon—W. B. Hays.
Holly Grove—H. B. Cox.
Blackton and Turner—Paul H. Greeson.
Forest City—W. H. Dyer.
Laconia Circuit—W. L. Oliver.
Conference Missionary Secretary—W. B. Ricks.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—S. H. BABCOCK, P. E.

Jonesboro—R. C. Morehead.
West Jonesboro—E. N. Bickley.
Nettleton—G. G. Davidson.
Harrisburg—J. D. Sibert.
Harrisburg Circuit—To be supplied.

Cherry Valley—Supplied by R. W. Shemwell.

Vanndale—N. E. Skinner.
Marion—S. F. Brown.
Crawfordsville—J. T. Self.
Marked Tree—Jas. Wilson.
Golden Lake—A. M. R. Branson.
Osceola Station—W. F. Rhew.
Luxora—Z. D. Lindsey.
Blythesville Station—F. C. Sterling.
Blythesville Circuit—J. D. Rutledge, A. J. Johnson.
Monette Circuit—To be supplied.
Lake City—W. F. Walker.
Shiloh—L. F. Taylor.
Trinity—W. M. Watson.
Lorado—B. A. Phillips, supply.
Cotton Belt—To be supplied.

SEARCY DISTRICT—M. M. SMITH, P. E.
Searcy Station—P. R. Knickerbocker.

West Searcy Circuit—P. B. Wallis.

Augusta—Fred Little.
Auvergne and Weldon—W. C. Toombs.

Bald Knob—T. J. Taylor.
West Point Circuit—E. M. Davis.
Mt. Pisgah Circuit—H. T. Gregory.

Heber Circuit—G. S. Morehead.
Beebe Station—W. M. Wilson.
El Paso—F. R. Noc.
Cabot Circuit—A. F. Skinner, W. A. Pendergrass, sup.

Mineral Circuit—W. T. Locke.
Argenta—Frank Barrett.
Bethany—J. E. Ware, supply.
Newport Station—J. W. Smith.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—F. A. JEFFETT, P. E.

Paragould Station—M. B. Umsted.

Paragould Circuit—A. C. Griffin, T. B. Williamson.

Gainesville Circuit—H. E. May.
Boydsville Circuit—J. R. Edwards.

Piggott—J. F. Jernigan.
Knobel Mission—H. V. Johnson.
Corning—W. E. Hall.

Reyno Circuit—W. S. Southworth.
Walnut Ridge—T. W. Fisackerly.
Pocahontas—A. C. Graham.
Siloam—W. D. Ellis.

Walnut Hill Circuit—W. I. House.

Mammoth Spring and Hardy—J. M. Talkington.

Imboden and Portia—A. C. Cloyce.

Black Rock and Powhatan—A. E. Holloway.

Alicia Circuit—J. M. Thrasher.

Tuckerman—N. E. Gardner.

Smithville Circuit—F. P. Jernigan.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—J. I. MAYNARD, P. E.

Batesville—Z. T. Bennett.

Salem—H. H. Hunt.

Bexar—W. W. Gibson.

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TRANSFERRED.

C. W. Hesson to St. Louis Conference.

J. H. Dye, to Little Rock Conference.

H. C. Edmondson to North Mississippi.

J. T. Seaton to St. Louis Conference.

A. H. Williams to North Mississippi.

Personal.

Revs. W. W. Christie and J. C. Rhodes called Friday.

Rev. Jerome Haralson writes that he has been appointed to De Leon, Texas, and is able to resume work.

We have for sale Peloubet's Notes on the Sunday-school Lessons for 1902—\$1.25. Godbey & Thornburgh.

Mrs. Crawford, of this city, and Mrs. Nash called Monday. Mrs. Nash will move back to Magazine at once.

Rev. J. M. Cantrell and son were in on Monday. Brother Cantrell attended the men's meeting Sunday afternoon.

The minutes of the Arkansas Conference were out in good style in ten days after the Conference closed. This is prompt work.

A note from Rev. W. F. Laseter tells us that David Crump, a leading citizen at Crockett's Bluff and member of the M. E. Church, South, died Nov. 29th.

Rev. John Spurgeon, father of the great preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, is a Congregational preacher, and is now ninety-one years old. He is still vigorous in body and mind.

Rev. A. H. Williams, who has been transferred to the North Mississippi Conference, is a very genial Christian gentleman, and a good preacher. He has also an excellent family. He leaves many friends in Arkansas.

Our old friend, Brother Spoddy, called Wednesday. This good old Christian warrior is now seventy-five years old, but is an active traveling man (drummer), having Arkansas and part of Kentucky for his territory.

Rev. W. H. Dyer, who has been transferred from the Arkansas Conference to fill the station at Forest City, is an excellent preacher and an energetic worker. He is a valuable acquisition to the White River Conference.

Rev. J. R. Cason, Financial Agent of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, called Monday. He is now ready to take up the work of securing funds to support the Orphanage. He will be glad to correspond with any one in regard to orphan children.

A note from Rev. W. A. Steel informs us of the death of Miss Mary Gordy, sister to the wife of Rev. W. R. Harrison, pastor at South Hot Springs. She had made her home with Brother Harrison's family for years, and was a devout Christian.

"Brother Godbey: Mrs. Doreas Neil, of Jamestown circuit, is more than an octogenarian. She reads the Arkansas Methodist eagerly every week. Not long since she read a good letter from her old pastor, Dr. Andrew Hunter, after which she laid the paper down, and, wiping her spectacles, her eyes sparkling with gratitude, said: 'That letter alone is worth a whole year's subscription to the paper.'"

F. R. Noc.

Christian Life.

Take Time to Serve God.

It is said of a certain railway engineer that his duties call him at a very early hour—three o'clock in the morning. He is a Christian, and, knowing full well that soul-life must utterly perish without reading and study of the Bible and prayerful devotion, he rises at two o'clock in the morning. More than that—led of the Holy Spirit, without effort or affectation, he finds many an opportunity of pointing the wayward back to the cross, and sometimes of exhorting cold-hearted Christians upward to sunlit heights of holy living and heavenly happiness. He is a happy man. You may be so, too. Religion is not a cunningly devised fable. Our Redeemer is mighty to save, strong to deliver, limitless in love, longing to make you happy. Believe him now. Do like that early-rising engineer—take time to be religious. Read and study your Bible every day. Talk to God every hour in the day. Believe what he says. Do what he tells you to do. Get the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Join the forward movement for a million converts for Christ. Put at least ten names upon your prayer list. Lay them on the altar for God. Do not give up until they are converted. —F. W. Robertson.

Are There Few That Be Saved?

The Master's words impressed his hearers with the feeling that the conditions of personal salvation were not easy. He told them at once that the cold, formal, calculating righteousness of the Pharisee was of too low an order for admission to the kingdom of heaven. The mere testimony-bearers were also plainly excluded—"Not every one who saith 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter." Then they were frequently surprised to hear that it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into the kingdom. And finally, with possibly greater surprise, they heard that favoritism would not help them get in—"It is not mine to give." "You must be able to pass the spiritual tests for yourselves."

After all this their anxious question was most natural: "Are there few that be saved?" The answer is striking and characteristic: "I say unto you, strive to enter in." He avoids, as he always did, all questions of vain speculation, and turns the question back on the questioners themselves: "Are you striving with all your might to make your entrance sure?" "Are you rich in God?" That is the personal, practical question, and it is the only one that is of much consequence. It grows very plain as Christ talks to his friends, that nobody is saved who is not spiritually fit to be saved. "Many"—he means, of course, everybody—"are called; but few are fit"

—or are chosen. The whole basis of the selection is spiritual fitness. Nothing counts at the eternal assizes but fitness. "What is excellent, as God lives, is permanent." But just how much fitness is required? How may a man know that he has attained unto eternal life and will be chosen among the few? He knows precisely as Christ knew that he was the Son of God—by a consciousness of relationship to God. A soul that is really rich in God and possessed of spiritual life knows it. It is not a thing of guesswork or remote hope, but a thing of rooted and grounded assurance. In fact, a man may become no whit less sure of his salvation than he is of his personal identity, and he not only may be, but he should be, thus sure. A life which is lived in this power of an endless life, which feels that its career is endless, is quite a different life from the halting, uncertain one which is never sure of its permanent root in God. There comes at length to the soul the sense of the reality of God and the certainty of his love in such a high degree that it seems an impossibility ever to be separated from him or to be lost to him. It is when such a union with God has come to us that the real joy of living begins, and we can perhaps faintly appreciate how far Paul had traveled on the divine highway when he said, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." Imagine Paul questioning whether he was to go on or not! He could not conceive that his life was to stop, or that his union with his Lord could come to an end. What could separate?—not death surely.

Well, the best evidence of an endless life is the attainment of a spiritual state in which it seems impossible to conceive an end to the life, impossible to believe that the union of love will be broken, impossible to think that the light God has kindled will go out, as impossible as to mistake our own identity. Are there few who have such an overwhelming assurance? Then all the more it should be our deepest concern to "strive" for such an assurance.—American Friend.

As the conferences approach their annual sessions, a word in behalf of our honored superannuates may not be amiss. Venerable men, of unsullied records, they come to their period of rest crowned with the garlands of the conqueror, and worthy of the richest rewards of the church for which they have imperiled their lives and given their all. The pitance which they receive is unspeakably below their merit and does not meet their necessities in many notable cases. It is unworthy of the great cause for whose prosperity they have faded their youth and worn out their vigor, and should be increased by larger demands upon the church.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

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After the prolonged separation of a year when girl school chums meet again, they are apt to put off all conversation of intimate and private matters until bed-time. Then reviving dormitory days of old they open their hearts and tell the secrets accumulated in twelve long months. And some of these confidences are very sad. It is sad when the girl who was a crack at tennis, could pull an oar and swing a golf club has to admit that she has given up all those things because her back aches so incessantly. The pity is that such break-downs are so common among young women. They



will continue to be common and to increase in frequency until the girl is taught that the stability of the general health is founded on the local womanly health.

A WOMAN'S WEAKNESS

may be gaged by her womanly health. "Female Weakness" is not a scientific term, but it is a popular term, expressing the result rather than the condition of womanly disease. Weakness must inevitably follow disease of the delicate womanly organs. Irregularity is often the beginning of more serious ailments. Drains that are at first considered chiefly as disagreeable, will in the end drain away the vigor and vitality of women. The prompt use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription would save many a woman from years of weakness and suffering. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

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bear anything to touch me. My feet would keep cold and I could hardly do my work. I would work awhile and then lie down awhile; was completely run-down. Suffered from disagreeable discharge and also severe pains at times. After using five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, three of his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and one vial of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, and following the advice you gave regarding the 'Lotion Tablets,' I can truly say that I am cured."

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For the Young People.

The Preacher and I.

MAY OLMSTEAD.

We've got a bran' new preacher.
I think he's awful nice.
He says that little children
Should be quiet as young mice.

Young mice do lots of squeaking—
I saw him wink his eye—
But I can have good manners
When I'm a mind to try.

I had to entertain him
For just about one hour,
Mamma went to see about
The chicken and the flour.

I told him that it wasn't fat,
But mamma said 'twould do;
She'd roll the flour on so thick
The bones would not show through.

I told him how my puppy—
We all call him Rover—
Licked the butter till we had
To just mold it over.

I told him my papa said
That "preachers had fine hair."
He said "just one more like me
Would make a lovely pair."

In Japan.

The hotel where I am now sitting on the mats writing this, is the place where I always stop when coming to Yawatahama. But when I came this time I found a new servant girl bringing my meals. Last night as she was on her knees carefully and politely placing before me the usual little table with my supper on it, I noticed that she was looking through her upper eyelashes at me with a bashful, wondering expression. I suspected that she had never seen a foreigner before and in reply to a question from me she acknowledged laughingly that I was the first she had ever seen. She said I talked like a Japanese and ate rice with chop sticks like a Japanese, but did not look like one. After eating as much of her rice and fish and seaweed soup as I thought my stomach could well manage, I cut a slice of bread from my lunch-basket, spread some butter on it and began to eat in true school-boy style. The waiting girl, who all this time was sitting on her feet before me, looked on in mute interest until her curiosity got the better of her, then she asked me what that was I was eating. I explained that the hard-looking white substance was bread and that the oily yellow stuff was butter and told her what each was made of, for she had never seen either before. She thought it was all very interesting and I thought so, too—that a hotel waitress had never before in her life seen bread and butter.

Some of us foreigners furnish a good deal of amusement to the Japanese. They think I am a wonderfully tall man, although I am just six feet. I have a good friend who refuses to walk through the streets with me in the day time because the people laugh and make so many disparaging remarks about his height in comparison with mine. So when we start out to go anywhere he either

or goes fifty yards ahead or behind me or takes another street altogether. One thing they envy us, however, is our whiskers, especially the mustache. If they wish to picture an ideally dressed gentleman at the present day they put him in a frock coat, and make him wear a heavy black mustache. It is said that shopkeepers and restaurants always charge a higher price to a Japanese who wears whiskers, especially if he has on foreign clothes, because these are the marks of a gentleman who is supposed to have more money than the average person.—Will P. Turner, in Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Politeness.

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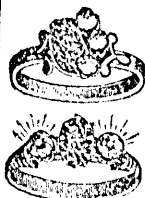
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WRITE RIGHT.

"Scatter Decent, Helpful Things."

Good, philosophical Ras Wilson once said to a new reporter, "Young man, write as you feel, but try to feel right. Be good humored toward everyone and everything. Believe that other folks are just as good as you are, for they are. Give 'em your best and bear in mind that God has sent them, in his wisdom, all the trouble they need, and it is for you to scatter gladness and decent, helpful things as you go. Don't be particular about how the stuff will look in print but let 'er go. Some one will understand. That is better than to write so dosh'ing high, or so tarnashun, deep, deep that no one understands. Let 'er go."

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CHIDESTER CIRCUIT.—The Chidester Circuit was left out of the appointments as published in the "Methodist" last week.

Many Methodist people take no other paper, and the inquiry is being made as to the disposition of Chidester Circuit.

This circuit is now placed in the Prescott District.

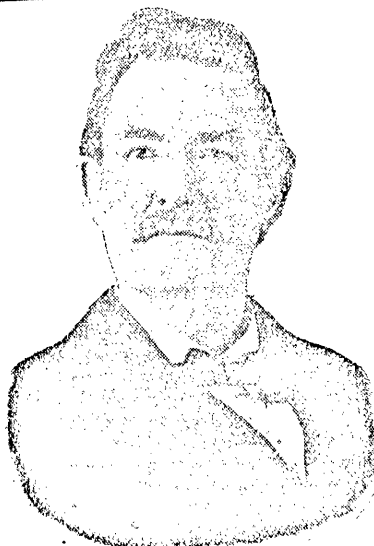
Also in list of ordained deacons I notice you left off A. E. Wilson.

Your brother, O. H. Keadle.

We thank Brother Keadle for this correction.—Ed.

CENTRE POINT.—We were returned the second year to this charge. The people have given us a royal and hearty welcome, and have shown the appreciation in the usual way, by giving us a generous pounding, for which we are very thankful, and pray the blessing of a kind providence (who has enabled them to so generously donate to us) upon each of the donors. We start upon the conference year hopeful of a good year. Pray for us. Yours fraternally,

J. J. Colson.



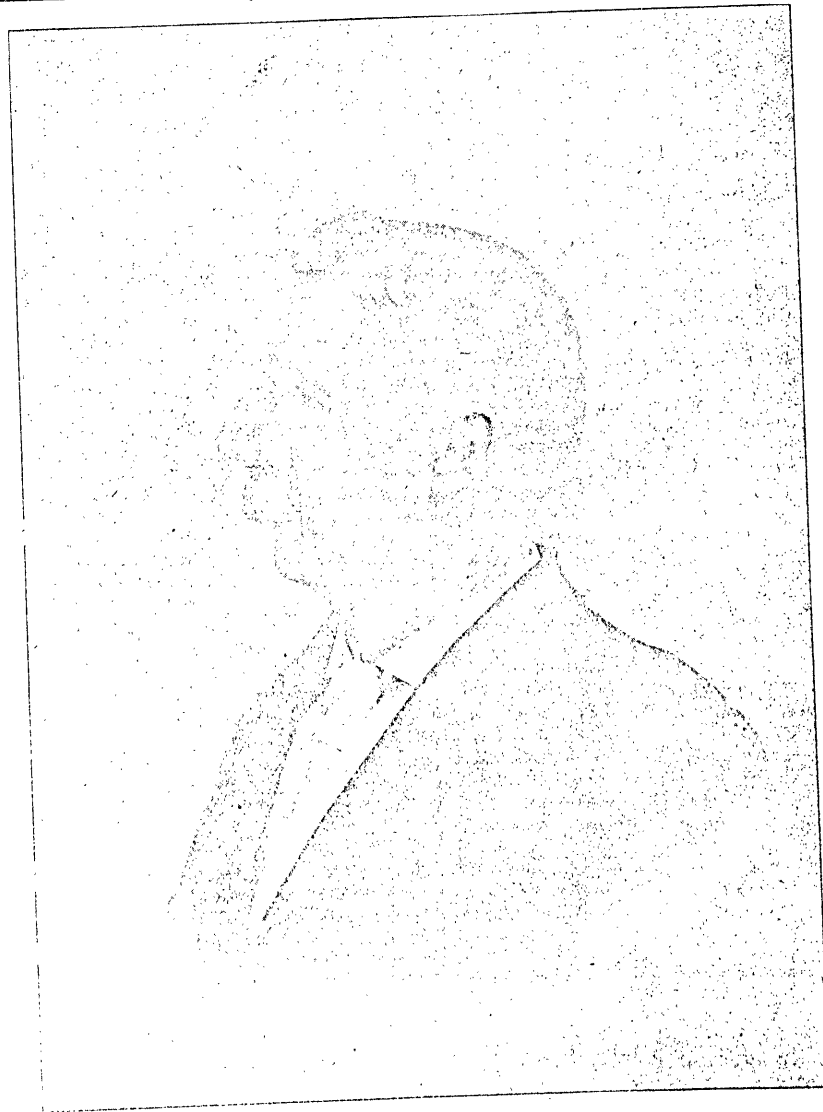
Merrill Memorial.

Few men have been more loved by their ministerial brethren and parishioners than was the late Rev. Pierce Merrill. He was a noble man and did an abiding work. We are arranging to put a large memorial window in our church at Eureka Springs to his memory, and we want the inscription to read, "To the memory of Rev. Pierce Merrill—1851-1901." "Presented by the Arkansas Conference." How appropriate that such a memorial should be erected where so many of our Methodist people gather every year. How appropriate that the conference which so loved him, should have a hand in it. Will not every pastoral charge contribute at least \$1 to this sacred enterprise? Will not each pastor present the matter to his people at once and forward the result to my address? Only a word will be necessary. A contribution from any of his friends will be appreciated. Don't delay. If it were for you and he were living, how promptly and cheerfully he would respond.

P. C. Fletcher.

Eureka Springs, Ark.

P. S.—I will acknowledge the



Dr. E. H. Stevenson.

The accompanying cut is an excellent likeness of Dr. Elam H. Stevenson, one of the leading laymen of our Arkansas Methodism. He was born in Tennessee and has resided in this State about twenty years. He is one of the foremost physicians of Fort Smith, and enjoys a large practice. He is also connected with many of the financial enterprises of that growing city.

From early manhood he has been a devoted member of our church, and for years an enthusiastic worker. He is the chairman of the official board of Central Church, of which he is a charter member. At the recent session of the Arkansas Conference Dr. Stevenson was elected a delegate to the General Conference, on the first ballot. In the hands of such laymen the interests of our church are safe.

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In his record of "The Progress of the World" for the past month the editor of the Review of Reviews analyzes the results of the November elections, giving special attention to the municipal campaigns, from New York to San Francisco.

Thanks.

Fayetteville, Nov. 26, 1901.

Dear Dr. Godbey—Please allow me through the "Methodist" to acknowledge receipt of the many comforting and assuring letters received since Mr. Merrill's death. Would like to answer them all personally, but find that impossible now. When we are passing through the deepest sorrows and most severe trials, it is

comforting to be remembered by our dearest friends. No one can fully realize what it is—only those who know from experience. God's promises were never so sweet and comforting before as now, and I never felt so dependent. The responsibilities are so great, but he has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. O, that I may fully rely on these promises and have his blessed guidance at all times. My prayer is to be fully resigned to his will, and be able at all times to say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." I ask an interest in the prayers of all our friends for me and my children. Sincerely, Mrs. Pierce Merrill.

Married, at the Methodist Church in Waldo, Ark., on November 10, 1901, Prof. F. M. Groves to Miss Nora Lee Blake, both of Waldo, Ark., Rev. J. C. Rhodes officiating.

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It was the fortune of our great missionary leader, Dr. Y. J. Allen, as he returned to China, from London, to be upon the same ship in which Prince Chun and his suit also sailed for home, embarking at Genoa. The Prince was returning from his mission to Germany to confess before the German emperor the grievous offense against the laws of civilized nations which the Tsung li yamen of China had committed in contriving the murder of the German minister, Baron Von Ketter. There were about fifty Chinese of rank in the prince's company, and Dr. Allen had opportunity of acquaintance with Chun and of conversation with him and his attendants. The problems which now confront the Chinese government, and especially the change which is required in the education of Chinese officials, were subjects of discussion.

Whether from good fortune, or the guidance of Providence, we may count it especially favorable to the furtherance of our Christian faith and civilization that one of the most influential Christian teacher who has ever labored in China had this rare opportunity to instruct men whose places are likely to be so high in official position in China, in coming years.

Dr. Allen reports that the Prince was desirous of learning as much as possible about the western civilization, and was disappointed that a call to return home had prevented him from traveling more extensively in Europe. He also states that the men of the prince's suit were liberal minded in favor of reforms, and ready to receive suggestions.

Most cheering news comes of a great revival in Japan. Dr. Chapman reports that 5,270 people in Tokyo alone have accepted Christ. Mr. John R. Mott telegraphed the International Y. M. C. A. headquarters in New York, the other day, that more than one thousand Japanese students had accepted Christ within the past few weeks. This fact was worthy of being cabled around the world. Let Christian people everywhere pray that the great revival may go on until Japan shall become a Christian nation. There is cause for great rejoicing in the tidings that has already reached us.—Herald and Presbyterian.

Here is the problem that faces the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

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2. It is absolutely impossible, with the present force of missionaries, to even speak the name of Christ to these people; and unless the number of workers is augmented, the larger part of those for whose evangelization our church is responsible will go down to Christless graves, never having heard the good news.

3. At least 1,000 missionaries must be raised up, sent out, and supported in this generation, if we are to evangelize those to whom Christ commands us to give the gospel, and for whom providential openings have made us responsible. This may seem a large number, and yet it would take only one in ten of the local and traveling preachers of the church; only one in six, if all were taken from the traveling preachers. As a matter of fact, many of the 1,000 should be women and laymen.

4. To send out these 1,000 missionaries will require \$1,500,000 each year. But the entire amount can be paid out of the estimated tithe of Southern Methodist incomes and leave a balance of \$28,000,000 for other church purposes, which is five times as much as we now contribute to all purposes. It would require only one dollar per member.

5. Our church can surely do as much as any other church is now doing. The Moravians have one missionary for every sixty-six members. The same rate would give us 22,300 or 21,300 more than would be necessary to evangelize the 50,000,000 heathen for whom we are responsible.

6. We can never approach anything like the above requirements except by a movement which would seem so stupendous that many would be awed by its magnitude. But it is

not a more stupendous movement than God demands of us.

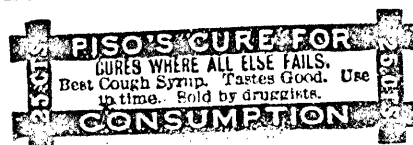
Mere numbers or sums of money will not insure the work being done, neither will it be accomplished without largely increased numbers of missionaries and money for their support.—Epworth Era.

"Go FORWARD, our new missionary paper, tells us of the opening of a hospital in connection with our mission in Monterey, Mex., September 20th last. The beginning is small but the needs are great.

W. H. Nixon, M. D., reports this and says: "We have entered the field, and have in so far been obedient to the heavenly call. It now remains to be seen whether or not we shall prove ourselves capable of carrying the work on to the high success that the circumstances indicate as necessary. Others have tried before us, but have failed. Shall we fail also? Must we fail? No; it is not necessary that we should fail. Men have not doubted our right here; but there has been a shimmer of doubt lurking about in the local atmosphere as to our ability to do the work we have undertaken. They have said Methodists can not do that kind of work. But Methodists can do any kind of work in all the wide provinces of God's kingdom, when they set their hands, their heads, and their hearts to it. And this, all of this, is what we need now. And we must be absolutely assured that, as others have tried and suffered themselves to fail before us, so, if we do not come up to the mark of the requirements, God will just pass the work on to some one else.

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Their pastor,
AMOS E. WILSON.

HICKEY.—Mrs. Addie Hickey, daughter of Jasper and Frances Hays, was born in Union District, South Carolina, February 21, 1854, and died in Marlanna, Ark., November 10, 1901. She lived for many years at LaGrange, Ark., where on December 20, 1882, she was married to Mr. W. M. Hickey. Of this union six children were born, three of whom preceded their mother to the spirit land. In the summer of 1874, she professed religion and united with the M. E. Church, South, of which she was a member till time of her departure. Mrs. Hickey was devoted to her family, and was so full of energy that she often overtaxed her strength. For several years she had been in poor health, and her last illness was protracted for several weeks, during which she was submissive and patient. She expressed to the writer a willingness and readiness to go at the Master's bidding. She died in peace, and was buried at LaGrange. The funeral was attended by many relatives and friends. May the Lord help and comfort the bereaved family.

R. A. HOLLOWAY.

BOWMAN.—Bro. V. R. Bowman was born at Richmond, Little River county, Ark., July 27, 1855, and departed this life in peace at Rocky Comfort, October 19, 1901. He joined the Methodist Church in 1879, and has since lived a consistent faithful Christian life. In 1881 he was married to Miss Virginia C. Perry, whom he leaves with nine children to suffer their great loss. While they toil on here in sorrow he and three others will await on the other shore and keep the mansion prepared for them. Bro. Bowman stood at the front in his church, and in the orders of Masons and Knights of Honor. He was of course a good citizen and the people everywhere spoke in terms of praise of him. "That is a good man" was a common expression about Bro. Bowman. May God watch over his loved ones and help them to meet him in heaven.

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WRIGHT.—Mrs. Minnie (Venable) Wright, wife of John Wright, was born in Faulkner county, Ark., December 4, 1882, and died at her home near Plumerville, Ark., October 20, 1901. For five years she had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South. Her young husband, father and mother, and relatives grieve over their loss, but not as those who have no hope. Minnie was a noble woman and they know where to find her. A happy meeting awaits us all in the sweet bye and bye.

W. S. BRISTOW.

TAFF.—Francis Asbury Taff was born in Meggs county, Tenn., in 1823. He was converted in his sixteenth year, and was licensed to preach when quite young. He came to Arkansas about 1857, and joined the Arkansas conference in 1858 or 1859. His early ministry was productive of great good. The venerable James Cox says, "Wherever I have gone in Arkansas I have found many persons who were converted under the ministry of Brother Taff." He was twice married, his second wife was Miss Margaret Sorrells, who was the mother of his three children, F. A., Jr., a probationer of the Arkansas conference when he died in 1899, Samuel and Mrs. Susie Frazier. Sister Taff is old and blind, but is cheerfully waiting the coming of her Lord. After traveling several years, Brother Taff located. In 1881 he was readmitted into the Arkansas conference. He served most of the circuits and missions in western Arkansas, and accomplished much good. October 1, 1901, he died in the full triumph of the gospel he loved so well to preach, being 78 years old. Brother Taff read quite a good deal, especially biographies and church history, and remembered with great accuracy what he read. He preached well. His daily life was a living epistle "known and read of all men." He was very punctual and conscientious in meeting all his promises and obligations. Having been intimately associated with the family for twenty years, I am prepared to say there was no truer man to his church and God than F. A. Taff. He knew the doctrines and polity of the church, and stood for their defense. But his course is finished. "Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

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SUTTON.—Mrs. Martha A. Sutton passed out of the body to the realms of eternal bliss on the morning of September 26, 1901. She was born December 4, 1850. She professed religion in her girlhood and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived until her death. She was united in marriage to Geo. B. Sutton January 20, 1869, who is left to follow on. Mrs. Sutton was the mother of six children, four of whom survive to mourn her departure. It may truly be said of her, she was a devoted wife, a fond mother, a loving sister, a true and trustworthy friend, and a consecrated Christian. She loved God and she loved her church, and always showed a good degree of concern for the material support of her pastor, and contributed of her means in proportion to her ability. Her last illness was severe, but not protracted, and yet she was patient and resigned—was never heard to murmur against the providences of God. She lived and died

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Quarterly Meetings.

Harrison District, first round, O. E. Goddard, P. E.

December—Green Forest, 1, 2; Bellefonte Circuit, at Mt. Zion, 7, 8; Carrollton Circuit, at Carrollton, 14, 15; Berryville Circuit, Concord, 21, 22; Lead Hill Circuit, at Lead Hill, 28, 29.

January—Valley Springs Circuit at Valley Springs, 4, 5; Yellville Station, 11, 12; Yellville Circuit, at Wares Chapel, 18, 19; Mountain Home Station, 25, 26.

February—Mountain Home Circuit, at Fair View, 1, 2; Leslie Circuit, at McGuire's Chapel, 8, 9; Lone Rock Mission at Lone Rock, 15, 16; Eureka Springs Station, 22, 23.

March—Kingston Circuit at Kingston, 1, 2.

The district stewards will meet in Harrison December 18, at 2 p. m.

Mena District, first round, B. A. Few, P. E.

December—Janssen, 1, 8; Mena, 14, 15; Bright Star, 21, 22; Rocky Comfort, 28, 29.

January—Horatio, 4, 5; DeQueen, 5, 6; Cherry Hill, 11, 12; Mt. Ida, 18, 19; Richmond, 25, 26.

February—Star of the West, 1, 2; Umpire, 8, 9; Lockesburg, 15, 16; Dallas, 22, 23.

The district stewards will please meet at DeQueen 10 a. m. Wednesday, December 18.

Prescott District, first round, 1901-2, W. F. Evans, P. E.

December—Fulton, 4; Washington, 7, 8; Center Point, 14, 15; Genoa, 21, 22; Gurdon, 28, 29.

January—Chidester, 4, 5; Harmony, 5, 6; Emmet, 11, 12; Hope, 12, 13; Mineral Springs, 18, 19; Antoine, 25, 26; Murfreesboro, 26, 27; Nathan, 28.

February—Prescott, 1, 2; Spring Hill, 8, 9; De Anne, 15, 16; Nashville, 22, 23.

The district stewards will meet at Prescott Thursday, December 12th. All the pastors are earnestly requested to be present with the district stewards that we may plan a successful campaign for the year.

Camden District, first round, R. R. Moore, P. E.

December—Camden Circuit, at Ten Springs, 7, 8; Camden Station, 8, 9; Onalaska Circuit, at Onalaska, 14, 15; El Dorado Station, 21, 22; Bearden and Thornton, at Little Bay, 28, 29; Fordyce, 29, 30.

January—Magnolia Circuit, at Christie, 4, 5; Magnolia Station, 5, 6; Walnut Hills, at Walnut Hills, 11, 12; Lewisville and Stamps, at Lewisville, 18, 19; Atlanta Circuit, at Atlanta, 25, 26.

February—Junction City, 1, 2;

Smackover, at Norfleet, 15, 16; Lapile Circuit, Corinth, 22, 23.

March—Stephens and Waldo, at Stephens, 1, 2; El Dorado Circuit, 8, 9.

District stewards will please meet in Camden Wednesday, December 18, at 3:30 p. m. at the Methodist Church. R. R. Moore, P. E.

Morrilton District, first round, J. M. Cantrell, P. E.

December—Morganton Circuit, at Harrison Chapel, 7, 8; Quitman Station, 8, 9; Quitman Circuit at Bethesda, 14, 15; Mt. Vernon Circuit, at Bethlehem, 15, 16; Plumerville Circuit, at Plumerville, 21, 22; Morrilton Station, 22, 23; Perryville Mission, at Dixie, 28, 29.

January—Conway Mission, at Fairview, 4, 5; Conway Station, 5, 6; Atkins Circuit, at Pottsville, 11, 12; Russellville Station, 12, 13; Sunnyside Circuit at Pisgah, 18, 19; Adona Circuit at Avery Chapel, 25, 26.

February—Springfield Circuit, at Springfield, 1, 2.

I make this special request of all the official members in the bounds of the Morrilton District: Brethren, please be present at the first quarterly conference and pray that we may have times of refreshings from the presence of the Lord.

Fort Smith District, first round, Henry Hanesworth, P. E.

December—Central Church, 1; Van Buren Station, 8; First Church, 8 p. m.; Mulberry Circuit at Dyer, 14, 15; Van Buren Circuit at Alma, 15, 16; Mountain View Circuit, at Rudy, 21, 22; Fort Smith Circuit, at Spring Hill, 28, 29; Fort Smith Mission, 29, 30.

January—Greenwood Circuit at Greenwood, 4, 5; Hackett Circuit, at Hackett, 5, 6; Mansfield Circuit at Mansfield, 11, 12; Huntington, 12, 13; Booneville Station, 18, 19; Magazine Circuit, 25, 26.

February—Paris Station, 1, 2; Charleston Circuit at Grand Prairie, 8, 9; Branch Circuit at Branch, 9, 10; Waldron Circuit at Fairs Chapel, 15, 16; Belva Circuit at Belva, 16, 17; Canthron Circuit at Canthron, 22, 23.

The district stewards will please meet at First Church at 1 p. m. Tuesday, December 3, 1901. A full attendance is desired. Brethren will please notify me of the time of their arrival so that homes may be provided.

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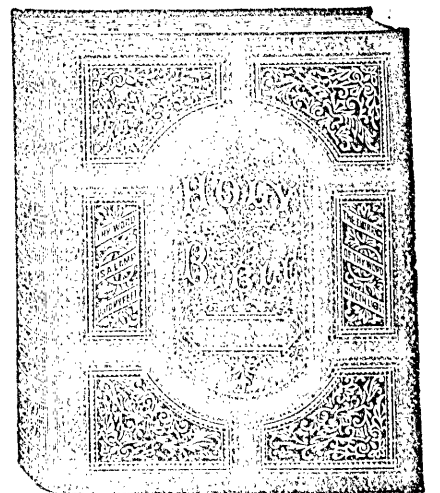
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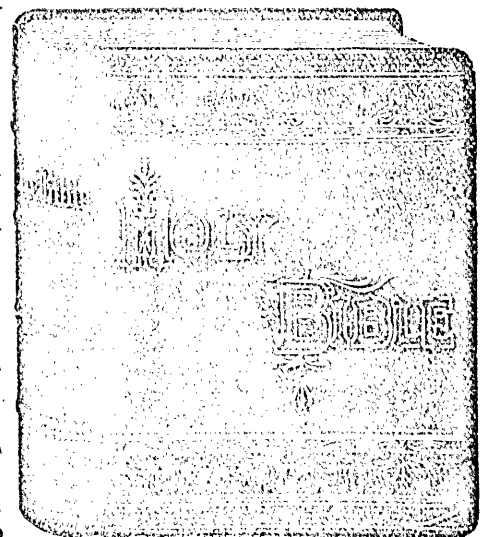
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