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News and Notes.

MRS. BALLINGTON BOOTH, WIFE of Gen. Booth, commander of the Volunteers of America, sometimes jokingly called the "Salvation Army number two," who was the guest of the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Sanger for several days, delivered the address at this week's Y. M. C. A. mass meeting. She said in part: "I am glad to face such an audience as this, and to be able to realize more fully than ever before that I am not to utter my own words or speak my own thoughts and theories, but to bring you a message from on High that has meant everything to me, and has brought joy, strength, power, and life to thousands. It is a message that the angels of Heaven would gladly deliver, a message of Christ's love, power, and wonderful friendship to the sons of men. It is both yours and mine, if we will claim it. Christianity is life itself. The man who has not found that life is dead. What God wants is Christians who will be Christ followers, in whose business and work the imprints of Christ can be seen. Under such conditions as these infidelity would be lost in the shadows."

Bar-Rooms in the Capitol.

"How long will Congress allow two saloons to be maintained in this noble and beautiful building?" This question was asked a Washington gentleman by a friend whom he was escorting through the Capitol. There was no delay in the answer—"Until the moral sentiment of the country unites in demanding their abolishment." It was a correct answer, too. Thousands of individuals deplore the existence of those two Capitol bar-rooms, which are, it is not stretching the truth to say, conducted under the auspices of Congress, but they have so far failed to unite in sufficient numbers to make their demands for stopping the sale of intoxicants in the U. S. Capitol heeded by Congress. There are total abstainers in Congress—many of them—but there are few willing to take an active part in fighting the Congressional saloons. Representative Little, who has just again introduced his

bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the Capitol, has made the fight almost alone in several Congresses. He introduces his bill and it gets referred to a committee, but he has never been able to get it even voted upon. It would be something to force a vote and put the Senators and Representatives on record for or against the Congressional saloon. The same moral sentiment that forced Congress to vote to abolish the army "canteen," can, if exerted in the same way, force it to abolish the Capitol bar-rooms, and it should be done.—Washington Correspondent.

The Distress in the Yangtze Valley.

We published in our issue of December 11th, the appeal of our missionaries in China in behalf of the sufferers from the floods in the Yangtze. This from the North China News gives further information. The need is urgent, and response will strengthen the Christian cause. Send contributions to W. R. Lambuth, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.

The letter from Mr. Pearson, honorary secretary of the Yangtze Flood Relief Fund, and the very touching and graphic account by Mrs. Woodberry of Miss Mitchell's Soup-Kitchen at Wuhu, both of which have appeared in our correspondence columns, will, we trust, arouse fresh interest in the fate of the tens of thousands whom this summer's floods in the Yangtze have condemned to a condition of pitiable destitution. The story of the good work that has been done and is being done by Miss Mitchell, with the aid of her assistant, Miss Voak, is one to stir the most cynical to responsive action. The genius for organization that Miss Mitchell has shown, the ability and self-sacrifice with which she and Miss Voak are carrying out this work of charity from which most men would shrink, show how true nobility comes to light when the hour for it strikes. The hour has struck indeed, but it has not been marked as it should have been in this wealthy community. It is true that Shanghai is always having calls on its purse, and that these are never disregarded; but we cannot believe that Shanghai has realized how deep the suffering in the Yangtze Valley is, and

over what a wide area it is spread. We have spoken of tens of thousands, but we might truly have said that there are a million of hard-working, peaceable, simple folk in the Yangtze Valley this winter who will actually starve to death but for the assistance that the distracted officials and sympathizing foreigners and Chinese can give them.

Last year's outbreak has aroused in many people, we know, a disinclination to do anything for the Chinese. But even those who feel this disinclination most strongly must acknowledge that the Chinese of the Yangtze Valley cannot reasonably be included in this condemnation. The arguments which we used two months ago in drawing attention to the destitution on the Yangtze have lost none of their force. "Under the control of the two great Viceroy, whose anxieties now must be overwhelming, these suffering people kept quiet all through last year's madness, and we were saved the experiences of Teintsin and Peking." In the provinces now inundated not a hand was raised in 1900 against the missionaries or other foreigners, although the Yangtze Valley is known to teem with members of secret societies, and it is the home of the wide-spreading Kolao Hui. These people are our customers. They grow the produce we export, and with the proceeds they purchase our imports; but this trade must stop if, when the unwelcome water has at last drained off the land, there are no farm laborers, no farms standing, no cattle, no implements with which to till the soil. If we could go up ourselves to Wuhu and Kukiang, and see with our own eyes something of the devastation that has been wrought, none of us surely could resist the impulse to put his hand in his pocket and do his part in relieving the great mass of misery. But we can be confident that there is no exaggeration in the accounts that have reached us from those who have seen for themselves what the uncontrollable Yangtze did last year.

"Then banks came down with ruin and rout—
Then beaten foam flew round about—
Then all the mighty flood went out.
So fierce, so fast the current ran,

The heart had hardly time to beat
Before a shallow seething wave
Sobbed in the grasses at our feet.
The feet had hardly time to flee
Before it brake against the knee,
And all the world was in the sea."

And we have to conceive the desolation so pathetically painted by Jean Ingelow multiplied a hundred times or more.

It is only natural that the Committee which is collecting funds for the relief of this distress should be somewhat disappointed with the response that has been so far made here. It is difficult to pick out exactly how much foreigners here have given, for many firms have paid their contributions to the Chinese committee, but the total is far below what the Chinese here have contributed, and it is encouraging to see how generous the Chinese have been. We ought to give all the help we can to the provinces over which Liu Kun-yi rules, for, innocent as they are of any participation in last year's outrages, they have been singled out to provide an inordinately large share of the indemnity money. Of the eighteen millions of taels which the nineteen provinces of China have to find, these three provinces are to provide nearly five millions, and no allowance is made for the blow their prosperity has received. Mr. Pearson's letter and those of Mr. Merrill show that the money so far collected is not being squandered in mere almsgiving, but is being employed, as in India, in paying for reproductive work, work that should mitigate the severity of future floods, and that does not demoralize the recipients of relief as mere almsgiving does.

These unfortunate and innocent people, the victims of a natural calamity against which they could not provide, must not be allowed to starve while we have dollars to spend freely on amusements, two of which dollars will keep one man alive throughout the winter. Chinese in the Yangtze Valley subscribed freely and liberally to the relief of the famine in India last year. Now in their turn they are asking help of us: and it is our duty to respond promptly to their appeal. Has not Liu Kun-yi deserved this, and more than this, at our hands?—North China News.

Educational Notes.

Chancellor Kirkland's Address.

Chancellor Kirkland, in his opening address to the Vanderbilt students, said:

"There is nothing to be gained by sending to college a young man whose heart is not in his work. Fountains of water are of no value to him who is not thirsty. Libraries avail nothing to the man who cannot or cares not to read. The starry heavens have no message for the blind in eyes or heart. The world of sound has no meaning and the sweetest strains give no pleasure to the deaf. So great lives can only appeal to those who have the elements of similar greatness in them, purity of heart to those who know to value it."

There is truth in this; but, there is truth also in a contrary statement. Love of learning, must, at some time, be awakened in one who shall be greatly profited by the schools, as love of godliness alone can appropriate, rightly, God's revelations of truth. But men are not born with the love of godliness in their nature, and love of learning is seldom exhibited unless there has been some teaching to awaken it. It is well to preach to sinners, trusting to arrest their sinful courses, and careless boys may be sent to school with some hope of reform. Adam Clark was a very indolent, careless boy at school and if his teacher had not made him mad, by dubbing him "Adam the Dunce," he might never have waked up to study. Sir Isaac Newton was a dull student until a bigger boy thrashed him, and being too puny to hope for a physical retaliation, Isaac resolved, if possible, to put that boy below him in the class. The boy found it out, at length, and struggled against defeat, but young Newton fought the battle to a finish and a full victory, and in so doing learned to think well of his own intellectual powers and to use them for high aims.

What the Chancellor said was a mighty good thing to say to the young men. It was that side of the truth they needed to hear. But for the parents at home it is not best to say, "If your boy does not love to study don't send him to college."

There are many examples of reformation in this matter. It is worth while to hope for a boy who may be at present dull and careless.

But the Chancellor's speech is noble and we make some further quotations from it. Having stressed manliness as the central aim of life's plan he proceeds:

"This true and noble life of which I speak must express itself differently for each one of you. It is not to be confounded with any distinct profession or pursuit. It is available alike for the lawyer, the doctor, the scholar, the engineer. It is a principle underlying conduct, controlling action, and points to the

fact that life is larger than any trade, pursuit, or profession. This is a lesson that ought to be very distinctly impressed on your minds through the associations that come to you as members of a great university body. While we have departments for the special training of physicians, dentists, lawyers, pharmacists, ministers, engineers, still we try to maintain in every department a spirit of universal culture that subordinates the special to the general, that recognizes manhood as the greatest attainment of all, and character as worth more than technical skill. One hears so much today about practical education that we are almost led to forget that there is anything higher than a mercantile use of every profession. Intellectual and even moral attainments are reckoned in the coin of the realm and are valued as available assets in the market of the world. Such a view of education is essentially selfish and belittling. Life has other problems than the maintenance of life. This University, with all its books, apparatus, equipment of every kind, its corps of teachers, is put here not primarily to help you make a living, but to help you make a life. But, after the adoption of the ideal, there still remains the question how it can best be realized. What are the means by which the highest type of life can be secured? 'Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?'

(To be Continued.)

Temperance.

The Anti-Saloon League and Its Work.

Having secured the abolition of the canteen at United States military posts, the temperance workers of the country now propose to secure the disfranchisement of the saloons, or "buffets," as they are called by their friends, in the national capitol.

It has long been a source of mortification and distress to religious people that in the capitol of the nation two public bars should be maintained during every session of Congress. As might be expected, the scenes in and about these drinking places are anything but edifying and their influence not only upon those whose solemn duty it is to make the laws of the country, but upon those who visit the capitol and particularly upon the young, cannot but be pernicious.

So hedged about are these saloons by congressional influence that the facts are difficult of attainment, but it is generally believed by those who are in a position to know that a large amount of the liquors dispensed is charged up to the government under the name of "Apollinaris water," the members of Congress always having demanded an unlimited supply of that mineral water on the ground that the Potomac water, with which the city of Washington

is supplied, is unfit for drinking purposes.

Whether these charges be true or not, the most ardent advocate of the saloon cannot sincerely maintain that the influence of public bars in the national capitol is a good one and many of those who refuse to align themselves with the temperance cause will not hesitate to vote against the continuance of the Senate and House saloons if the proper influence is brought to bear on them. Once before an attack upon their existence was made and was almost successful, and, with the impetus which has been gained by the abolition of the "canteen," there is reason to believe that the present campaign will meet with success if properly managed.

During the recent convention of the Anti-Saloon League in this city a resolution calling for the abolition of the saloons in the capitol was received with enthusiasm and I understand that the legislative section of the League will exert its efforts in that direction in the immediate future. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union can be counted on to lend valuable assistance in this praiseworthy undertaking and it will have the unqualified support of every temperance organization in the country.

In order to make the campaign successful, pressure should be brought to bear, not so much upon Congress as a body, but upon the individual members, who should be made to understand that their individual constituents demand the reform and will hold them accountable for their votes and efforts in that direction. While it will not be a very difficult undertaking to secure the introduction of a bill providing for the abolition of the saloons, in the House, it will require a great effort in the Senate, as the members of that body are not elected by the people. The great struggle, however, will come in preventing such measures from being "buried in committee," that being the plan which their opponents will adopt in order to save the members from having to declare their position by an open vote.

The League elected officers, as follows: President, Rev. Luther B. Wilson, D. D., M. D.; vice presidents, D. Stuart Dodge, New York; Bishop J. W. Hamilton, D. D., California; John D. Long, secretary of the navy; Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, Ohio; Judge James A. Pollock, North Dakota; Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D., and Rev. Father James M. Cleary, Minnesota; general superintendent, Rev. Howard H. Russell, D. D., Massachusetts; legislative superintendent, Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, Washington, D. C.; secretary, S. E. Nicholson, Baltimore, Md.; corresponding secretary, James Ewin, Washington, D. C.;

treasurer, Daniel H. Carroll, Baltimore, Md.

During the convention Brig. Gen. S. A. Daggett, U. S. A., gave an interesting account of army life in relation to the canteen. He said that most of the recruits were men unaccustomed to the use of liquor, but as soon as they were assigned to companies they were informed that the profits of the canteen went to the company and that if they had its welfare at heart they would spend their money there. As a consequence, they soon became habitual users of liquor, unless they were men of exceptional character and determination.

The General also dwelt at length on the necessity of a post-exchange or club room where every form of innocent amusement could be indulged in and urged the League to do all in its power to make these club rooms attractive. He said that properly conducted they could be made the most effective safeguard against the saloons outside the government reservations.

A delegation of influential and representative workers called on Secretary of State Hay, and presented a petition urging the secretary to open negotiations with foreign nations looking to the adoption of a treaty which should provide severe penalties for the sale of liquor or deleterious drugs to semi-civilized and uncivilized nations. The Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., president of the Christian Endeavor Society, was among the spokesmen of the delegation and warmly advocated the Gillett-Lodge bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the New Hebrides. Rev. S. L. Baldwin urged the secretary to take steps to release China from treaty obligations to maintain open ports for the admission of opium. Hon. Chas. Lyman headed the deputation and Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts explained the petition and emphasized the fact that England has been urging the adoption of such a treaty in regard to the islands of the Pacific ever since 1884. On the same day, Dr. Clark had an interview with the President on the subject. While not committing himself definitely, the President appeared to approve of the movement and promised to give it a portion of his already overburdened time.

An enthusiastic public meeting was held on this subject in the Foundry Church. It is believed that the officials are so well disposed towards the movement that its sponsors will, by continued but tactful agitation, secure the accomplishment of their aims.—Washington Correspondent.

Contributed.

East Texas Conference Notes.

REV. B. H. GREATHOUSE.

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Wilson proved himself to be one of our wisest and most conservative chief shepherds. The East Texas Conference made the best report in all its history. The collections for all purposes—preachers' salary excepted—are full in several districts and nearly full in the whole conference. Considering the fact that last year was a very dry year and crops were cut short raising corn to a dollar a bushel and other things in proportion, this is a most marvelous report. The conference elected a new delegation—clerical—to General Conference. A. J. Weeks, a young P. E., and V. A. Godbey, of Tyler, The great church at Tyler which was twenty-three thousand dollars in debt when I went there five years ago, was dedicated by the Bishop on Sunday during the conference session. I had the pleasure of standing up with the official board and presenting the church for dedication. I have been returned to Palestine Station, which is satisfactory to me, and seems to be so to the people. My two sick boys—one with consumption and the other with paralysis—are improving and will live on my little ranche in Cherokee county, where the physicians think they will recover.

I am glad you have been putting cuts of leading laymen in the "Arkansas Methodist." Such men as Dr. J. B. Stevenson and O. M. Clark deserve to be honored in every possible way. I have been the pastor of both of them and rejoice

to know they have lost nothing of their old time fidelity to God and the church. You will be glad to know we have many such laymen in Texas. May God bless all such men. What could the church do without them?

Anti-Polygamy Amendment.

A largely attended meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Interdenominational Union was held in Washington last week in the interest of a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy. Dr. Nicolls, of St. Louis, a member of the Presbyterian Revision Committee, now sitting in Washington, presided and introduced the speakers, among whom were ministers of the Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches. The speaker who was accorded the closest attention was Rev. N. E. Clemenson, pastor of a Presbyterian Church at Logan, Utah, who came from a Mormon family and who has spent his entire life in that State. He said: "This movement against polygamy is interdenominational. No appeal is made to political parties, as we wish to avoid politics. It is by no means sectarian, as it is not an effort to suppress or oppose the Mormon Church as a religious body, as this would be entirely foreign to American sentiment. We are simply an interdenominational council for Christian and patriotic service, looking toward the suppression of a crime which the present laws of the United States do not effect. Congress itself does not and cannot affect polygamy. The law making polygamy a crime is only operative in the Territories of the United States, but not within the boundaries of any State in the Union. There would be no need to amend the Federal constitution if the State of Utah would enforce its laws against polygamy; but it will not. Therefore the aim of this council is to secure an amendment to the Federal constitution so as to enable Congress to legislate on the subject and admit of the Federal courts hav-

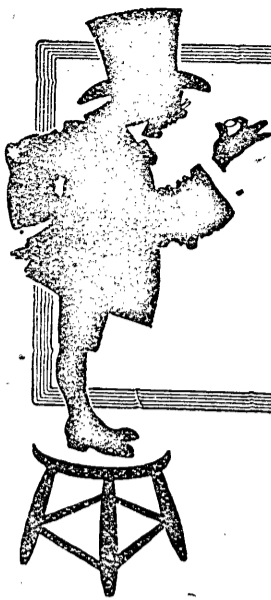
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ing jurisdiction over it." He did not leave his hearers in any doubt about present conditions among the Mormons, as he said on that subject: "Polygamy is more secure there now than ever before. Utah having violated its condition of statehood, will never take action as a State to remove the evil. The only way to remove the growing cancer of polygamy is by constitutional amendment, and this action must be taken at once. The wrongdoers are powerful in strength and may possibly secure power that will prevent the amendment of the constitution." Bishop Satterlee, who had intended to attend but was prevented, sent a letter of regret, in which he said: "I most earnestly trust that the amendment will be carried, and it is surely in line with all of our American traditions. The government is formed for the protection of family life. The family is the unit of civilization, and polygamy therefore is undermining the one form of government which God has made a divine institution. Men may say that there is no danger of the spread of polygamy, but no one can forecast the future. When divorces prevail to such an alarming extent, and are still on the increase, it behooves us to safeguard the marriage relation with greater care than ever before, and we should never forget that one of the chief causes of the downfall of the ancient Roman empire was the breaking up of family life." The meeting unanimously adopted the following resolutions: "Whereas, we believe that polygamy as taught by the Church of the Latter Day Saints is still a part of their belief and practice, and that the laws of the State of Utah as administered by the government of that State are inadequate to suppress it; and whereas, there is no way by which this offense can be reached as through the constitution of the United States; therefore be it resolved, that this meeting mo-

ily endorses the amendment to the constitution prohibiting polygamy within the domain of the United States, and urges the passage of this bill by the Congress now in session." — Washington Correspondent.

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Dardanelle District Meeting.

The preachers and district stewards for the Dardanelle District met at the Methodist Church in Dardanelle, Ark., December 11, 1901. Rev. Wm. Sherman, the P. E. of the district, presided over the meeting. The following pastors were present: J. J. Holland, Geo. W. Hill, P. B. Summers, W. T. Martin, J. J. Douglass, T. B. Clifford, J. F. E. Bates, J. F. Ethison, J. R. Ashmore, O. H. Tucker, W. H. Cloninger. The following district stewards were present: A. J. Clemens, Richard Haver, G. L. Carter, J. J. Briggs, Daniel Jeffers, G. H. Kimball, J. H. Basham, Henry Johnson. In the forenoon of the first day, "How can a revival be brought about?" was discussed. In the afternoon the question was, "How shall a revival be managed after it is started?"

In the discussion of these questions it was agreed that living close to God, doing personal work, keeping the church members in an attitude of work, following the direction of the Holy Spirit, singing spiritual songs in the spirit and at the proper time, will bring about and maintain a revival.

In the forenoon the P. E. conducted religious service and J. F. E. Bates in the afternoon. There was a consecration service at 3:30 p. m. led by O. H. Tucker, and preaching at 7 p. m. by W. T. Martin.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting convened at 9 a. m. Religious service was conducted by J. J. Douglass.

The question for the morning session was, "How can we raise the assessments?"

It was agreed that there must be education along this line, and that public and private effort must be made.

There was preaching at 11 a. m. by Geo. W. Hill.

AFTERNOON.

The district stewards met at 1:30 p. m. Religious service was conducted by the P. E. The stewards made their annual assessments.

By a rising vote the meeting returned thanks to the people of Dardanelle for entertainment, and welcome and thanks to T. B. Clifford, pastor of the church at Dardanelle, and a recent transfer to our conference.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, first, That it is the desire of this body that there be held, early in the year, a missionary mass-meeting in every pastoral charge, under the supervision of the P. E.

Second, That the Presiding Elder take with him one or two preachers and laymen to these meetings and preach and pray and discuss the missionary work.

Third, That gladness and an earnest effort be made to secure

the entire assessments by the first of April.

W. H. Cloninger.

O. H. Tucker.

Resolved, first, That we, the preachers and laymen of the Dardanelle District feel the great need of a revival of religion in our charges.

Second, That we will make an earnest prayerful effort for a revival in every church in the district.

Third, That we will mutually pray for each other.

Fourth, That we will urge the people to fasting and prayer for a revival.

Geo. W. Hill.

O. H. Tucker.

North Mississippi Conference.

REV. A. H. WILLIAMS.

Dr. Godbey—The North Mississippi Conference, now convening in Winona, is quite a strong body. More than 150 pastors, about 45,000 members.

Many valuable churches and a great work accomplished during the year just now closing.

Considerable discussion prevails at the present session, but business moves steadily and with dispatch.

Bishop Morrison is making fame as a presiding officer, and his sermon on Sunday was truly a great and most helpful effort.

The church building at Winona is new and well arranged, costing probably \$15,000.

The town of 3,000 people has lights and water with numerous splendid homes and good trade. A most cordial and elegant hospitality is being dispensed to the conference and visitors.

Dr. Boswell, once of the Arkansas Conference, is a prominent figure here, and his New Orleans Advocate passes current, and is popular as the local organ of this Methodism.

Among the leaders here are Drs. Sullivan, Dye, Augustus Thomas and some dozen of others unknown to me just now by name.

Drs. Cameron and Porter have long stood to the forefront.

Drs. Kennell and Honnell are among the latest and most beloved superannuates, and have been for 40 or 50 years most successful in the pastorate.

Since adjournment I may be allowed to say that my charge is Gun-nison Station, in the delta section, Greenville District, Dr. T. W. Dye, P. E. A cultivated and worthy congregation. Two thousand dollar parsonages are not infrequent in this well equipped conference.

My own is hardly so good as that, but "among the best of the conference," said a North Mississippi preacher.

My friends may think of me if they wish as in sight of Arkansas, and next door east of the "father of waters."

"Much crowded," was the Bishop's statement at conference beginning. God's hand, we trust, has directed, and we accept our place here "as from the Lord" and "by his help."

We trust for blessings and to be in the way of duty.

Greenville, Miss.

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance earnestly requests the aid of all who are interested in the preservation of the Christian Sabbath to help in circulating their leaflets on "Social Sabbath Breaking," by Margaret E. Sangster; "A Talk on Sunday Observance," by Rev. W. R. Richards, D. D.; "The Sign Ray Hung Out," a leaflet for children, by Mrs. Myra V. Norys.

Copies of these leaflets will be sent on application to the Alliance, Mrs. Darwin R. James, president, room 711-156, Fifth Avenue, New York.

He who submits to be ruled rightly will find at length that obedience to right and duty have become crystallized in his own nature. Thus will he attain to self-government, and wisdom to govern others.

Twentieth Century Educational Problems by Rev. A. C. Millar, A. M., President Hendrix College.

President's Room, Western Reserve University, Adelbert College, Cleveland, O., Nov., 1901.

My Dear President Millar—It is very good in you to send me your new book. I have already examined it with a great deal of interest. The reading of it is inspiring, whether one is especially interested in colleges or not. For myself I have been particularly impressed with the last chapter. What a great vision of hope and service is thus opened to us! With warm esteem, ever yours, Charles F. Thwing.

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Current Comment.

What Will We Do With It?

BY BISHOP WARREN A. CANDLER.

In a speech before the convention for social study, in Washington, D. C., on October 30, Dr. L. G. Powers, chief statistician of the census, is reported to have said:

"When completed the present census will unquestionably show that the visible material wealth of the country has a value of ninety billions of dollars (\$90,000,000,000), and that of this vast amount twenty-five billions (\$25,000,000,000) have been added since 1890."

He is further reported to have said of this vast accumulation:

"It is the aggregated savings of a people who have fed, clothed and housed more than any equal number of human beings in any other land or time, and yet it is a saving better than all the people of the western continent had been able to make from the discovery of Columbus to the breaking out of the civil war. It is a saving which represents more houses and buildings, more furniture in homes, more implements and machinery to assist man in his work, more and better means of communication, more good clothes, good books and personal adornment than the entire race had saved during all the countless ages of struggles from Adam to the declaration of our American independence."

Remarking upon this stupendous showing, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says:

"In all the elements of material greatness this country is advancing by leaps and bounds. In aggregate wealth the United States is far in the lead of the United Kingdom, which stands second among the nations in this respect. When the country's wealth for 1900 is reported, a few months hence, it will undoubtedly be found to be up to or above the \$90,000,000,000 mark. This is a greater aggregate of wealth than was in the entire world at the birth of the United States in 1776."

These amazing statements show:

1. That our nation is the richest that is or ever was on the planet.

2. That our wealth is recent wealth—not ancestral estates, but fresh treasure recently dug from the earth and brought to light by American industry and ingenuity.

3. That enormous as our present wealth is, we will be far richer soon. In 1860 we had scarcely a capital of \$30,000,000,000, but, despite the losses of a destructive civil war, we have in four decades doubled our capital twice, and lived luxuriously

in the meanwhile. In the last of the four decades we laid by nearly as much as we had in 1860; nearly as much as the nation had accumulated during the first seventy-five years of its history.

Where does all this wealth-getting lead? If with a capital of \$65,000,000,000 in 1890 we accumulated so rapidly that in 1900 we owned \$90,000,000,000 what will be the sum of our holdings in 1910? Can it be less than \$125,000,000,000? And what then? Is it not quite within reason to say that if our nation be not overtaken by some overwhelming disaster, the national wealth in 1950 will exceed \$200,000,000,000?

But how about the probabilities of disaster?

Nothing in nature threatens us. In that direction every prospect pleases. Seas and mountains and rivers and valleys and seasons are our servants, pledged to faithful and unchanging service.

But what of other perils? There is no other peril outside of ourselves that need make us afraid. Our danger is in ourselves, and if disasters overtake us, they will be the disasters incident to degeneration.

All the nations which have risen and perished have died as suicides. They died not while their veins ran full and strong with the warm currents of healthy blood, kept pure by poverty and struggle. They staggered under self-inflicted blows inspired by brains heated by the intoxication of luxury and hearts corrupted by the surfeiting of wealth.

And we do well to take warning. The disaster which threatens us is wrapped up in this very wealth which we vainly imagine is our invincible defense. We are in danger of the doom which always befalls "the nations which forget God."

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Tickets to the Grave.

The "Cemetery Association" of Del Rio, Texas, has discovered a scheme to help its business. It issued tickets which, with fifteen cents, entitle the holders to a can of alum baking powder—one of the cheap powders sold from fifteen cents to twenty-five cents a pound—keeping secret, of course, the fact that it contained alum.

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If good for dyeing, why not good for dying?

Dr. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, says he would not favor union with the M. E. Church if he were a Southern Methodist.

The Epworth Era suggests that Roosevelt is making a good President but a poor politician, but says the country will profit by the fact.

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January 5—The Promise of Power.
Acts i. 1-11.

Golden Text—While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up to heaven.—Luke 24:51
Time—Spring of A. D. 30.

Place—The ascension was from the Mt. of Olives; the place of the prayer-meeting that brought Pentecost was an upper room in the city of Jerusalem.

The Book of Acts, upon the study of which we now enter, has been called The Gospel of the Holy Ghost. The central fact in the Acts of the Apostles comes out in our present lesson—the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the church. The whole book is really occupied in showing what the apostles did and how they did under this new influence. The four gospels are a record of facts, in which the foundations of the kingdom of God are laid—outward facts, apprehensible by the senses, seen of all who cared to see. They are also an enunciation of great germ principles. It is the special function of the Acts to show how these facts and principles are transmuted into the terms of personal experience under the power of the Holy Ghost. It will hence be seen that what the apostles did or would have been likely to do under certain circumstances as seen in the Gospels, they would not do under the same circumstances in the Acts. The conduct of Peter on the night of the betrayal and the conduct of Peter before the Sanhedrin when arrested shortly after Pentecost is an illustration of what we mean. A new power had come upon these men, a power which made them different men, changed the entire standpoint from which they looked at life, at the church of God, at their own relation to these and to almost all things.

Jesus had several times spoken to them of the coming of this power. They had never understood what he meant. He renews the promise as they are on the way to the place of ascension. They were still inquiring about that (political) kingdom for which they had been looking all the while. He tells them that they cannot understand the times and the seasons which the Father had placed in his own power or prerogative; that the thing for them to do was simply to go to Jerusalem and wait—that they would then get an answer to all their inquiries about the kingdom; that they should then be qualified for all their work as witnesses to him in all places throughout the earth, beginning at Jerusalem.

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The Christmas Number of Scribner's Magazine is especially notable for charming fiction and novel and effective art features. The old-fashioned Christmas story does not prevail, but in its place has come the story of bright and cheerful social phases, delicate sentiment, wit and humor. The best work of the best writers is used in these special numbers rather than Christmas tales written to order. In this number appear such authors as Thomas Nelson Page, F. Hopkinson Smith, William Henry Bishop and Arthur Cosslett Smith.

Artistically this Christmas number contains many effective features. Maxfield Parrish, who has a place of his own among artists as a designer in color, furnishes the beautiful Christmas cover and in addition the frontispiece (printed in color) and other illustrations in black and white to accompany one of the stories.

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Joint Meeting.

Dear Dr. Godbey and Women of the Pine Bluff District—With hearts full of gratitude, we will try to tell you of the "joint meeting of the W. H. M., and W. T. Missionary societies, held at Lakeside church, Pine Bluff, October 23-25. For about two months we had planned and worked and prayed for our meeting, trying to have every auxiliary in the district represented, and arrange the programme to bring out each department and field of work.

Realizing our own weakness and incapacity, but feeling it the duty of the district secretaries, to hold the district meeting, resolved to do our best and leave the rest to Him who has promised to help those who trust him.

Brother Anderson preached the opening sermon Wednesday evening, 23d; Gal. 6-9: "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." In this he showed us more clearly our duty and also our greater responsibility, with our enlarged facilities. Brother Scott preached Thursday evening from John 14:12. Both sermons were most excellent, and we sincerely thank the brothers for their advice and encouragement. Brothers Poynter and Hawley were with us, and have our thanks for kindnesses rendered. Mrs. Thomas, of Little Rock, conference corresponding secretary, W. F. M. Society, was with us Thursday and we certainly appreciate her loving words of counsel and encouragement.

Were disappointed that none of the conference officers of W. H. M. societies could attend.

There were 15 Home and 16 Foreign Auxiliaries in the district with delegates from ten Home and three Foreign and reports from three others, five not heard from.

The programme was carried out. All who had work assigned them prepared papers or selected readings.

There were most excellent papers on the different departments of Home Mission and Fields of Foreign Missionary work. All showing much care and thought on the subjects selected.

A letter from one auxiliary told of one dear sister who was 50 years old, and walked three miles to the meeting of auxiliary. Another letter reported a new organization of

nine members, and sent sisterly greetings.

The meeting from beginning to end was full of spirituality. We felt the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Every meeting opened and closed with devotional services.

The consecration service, led by Mrs. Mills, district secretary F. M., Thursday a. m. was a sweet, solemn hour.

There were many mistakes made we know, but hope to do better next year.

We shall try to have the minutes printed, if so trust they may be read and studied.

Let us begin with renewed energy to work for our blessed Master, and be more prompt in sending our reports to conference treasurers, corresponding secretaries and district secretaries. Respectfully,

Mrs. B. R. Donelson.

GAS AND TROUBLE.

Comes From White Bread.

While it is true that we build up the body from food, it is also true that different kinds of food have different effects on the body and produce different results.

For instance, it is absolutely impossible to live on white bread alone, for it contains almost nothing but starch, and an excess of white bread produces gas and trouble in the intestines, while, at the same time, the other elements required by the body for building up brain and nerve centers, as well as muscular tissue, have been left out of the white bread, and we see from experience the one trying to live on white bread alone gradually fails in mental and nervous power as well as loss in muscle.

Such a diet could not be kept up long without fatal results. A lady in Jacksonville, Fla., was crippled by an accident two years ago. Being without the power of exercise, an old stomach trouble that was hers for years, became worse and it was a serious question regarding food that she could digest.

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December 29—Difficulties in the Way of Evangelizing the World.

Lesson Text: J. nah i. 1-3; Matt. xxiii. 37, 38; Mal iii. 8-10.

The lesson which is presented for our study today suggests three principal difficulties in the way of evangelizing the world. These difficulties are (1) the reluctance of those who should bear the message, (2) the hardness of those who hear the message, (3) the general worldliness of the church.

According to the Bible history Jonah was the first of men who received of God a distinct commission to bear to heathen people the call to repent and trust in Jehovah. The difficulties in the way of accomplishing this mission at once were presented. It was a perilous and unpaid service to which he was appointed. The priests, who ministered in religion at home, had their portion in all offerings brought to God's altars, and the tithes were levied for their support. Jonah must leave all the congenial conditions of life among his own people to render hard service where his labor would peril his life.

But there was another consideration in the mind of Jonah, which influenced him still more to turn away from his mission. It was his hatred of the people to whom he was sent. The Ninevites were his enemies and a peril to the national existence of his own people. He did not want them saved. He was glad that their sins had come up before God, and, if keeping them in ignorance of their impending doom would insure their destruction he was ready to brave God's judgments to accomplish such a result. He felt that it would be a standing reproach to him among his own people to be known as, in any sense, the saviour of the Ninevites. So Jonah refused to go and set out for

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Tarshish, thinking to flee from the presence of the Lord. We can not dwell upon the history of his arrest and how he was driven into Ninevah at last, as by a goad. He still hoped, since he was compelled to preach, that nobody would believe him, and so his foes get what he thought they deserved. He was angry when he found that God's judgments were turned away, and frankly confessed that his reason for fleeing to Tarshish was the fear that his preaching might save the people. "Was not this my saying, while I was yet in mine own country? Therefore I fled before thee unto Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil."

The second difficulty, which we have named as hindering the evangelization of the world is the hardness of those who hear the word of God. A conspicuous example stands before us in Jerusalem in the Saviour's time. The lesson shows us Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, and charging her with the accumulated guilt from rejection, not only of the prophets but himself. Here we find no unfavorable circumstance to excuse rejection of truth. There was in Jesus' time no questioning of the divine authority of the prophets. Jesus had given proof enough of his own divine claim. Unwillingness to yield to the claims of truth was the ground of its rejection. The greatest obstruction to the sway of truth is the natural sinfulness of the human heart. Everywhere and in all ages must this obstruction be reckoned with. Under its influence we see great wickedness in the centers of gospel light. In the homes most sheltered and under the best instruction and example we see great depravity of character and life. Often must it thwart all hope and toil. For man is ever a free agent, and whatever work is done for him must still work out his own salvation. If angels can sin in the spheres of heavenly glory men may go away from God under any influences which truth and goodness may throw around them.

Our reference to Malachi presents us the Lord's prophet expostulating with his professed people in regard to their worldliness, which withheld from God's work the resources for advancing it. The tithes which were due to religion were withheld from the Lord's treasury. For men must live in order to labor, and temporal sustenance is required for men who live and labor for spiritual ends. One may send who can not go. One may advance God's cause by his gifts as well as by his prayers. Happy for us that all, in their sphere, may advance the cause of truth. The church is not fully, not generally, consecrated. A few do the work. A few earnest souls win the victories. The slothful are found everywhere. God has made

some people to be no account, as we reckon usefulness, but there are more no-account ones than he has planned for, people who can do but won't. There is always need to be stirring up ourselves and the whole church to increased zeal. We are making progress in this. The church is stirring herself. What has been done is on the earnest of what we can do. Year by year the tide is rising. Many obstructions are being swept away. We look to brighter days and greater victories near at hand.

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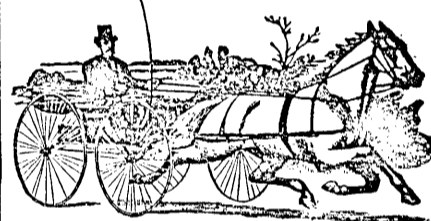


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GROWING IN GRACE.

In conversion one turns from following sin to seek reconciliation to God. So long as any opposition remains in his own will to what he regards the will of God the sense of reconciliation can not be attained; for the seeker knows that, as for himself, he is not reconciled, and while he does not accept God fully he can not believe that God accepts him. There may be, in this state, earnest prayers and great struggles of a soul which feels its bondage and shrinks from a hopeless doom. The sense of freedom comes when the last carnal tie is broken and the moral nature swings unfettered upon the current of God's will, even as a ship loosed from its cable and given with full sail to the wind.

Is this the final attainment? By no means. This is the beginning of spiritual life. One in surrendering all to God simply surrenders all which he sees to be opposed to God's will. He can do no more. But increasing knowledge reveals new duties and calls for new surrenders. Thus growing in the knowledge of Christ one must grow in grace also, else the sense of perfect acceptance with God is broken, burden and gloom and estrangement return. Hence arises a condition in which a reconsecration can alone bring entire peace and love. If this consecration be made it is well. But a crisis and struggle are then made to do what steady growth ought to have done. Progress thus checked, and thus renewed counts its stages as blessing number 1, number 2, and so on. The larger growth is to him who stands fast in the liberty where-with Christ has made him free and is not entangled again with the yoke of bondage, and whose growth in grace is steady and symmetrical as the growth of the child into manhood.

DYING GRACE.

"Suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee." Thus do we pray, in our ritual, for the dead, entreating that the last agony, the parting, and the passing of the world's sweet light may not move us to rebellious thoughts against the Life-giver.

To the itinerant Methodist preacher comes a time when, in the middle of life's afternoon, he needs to pray for dying grace, or, what is much the same, the grace of superannuation. He will not think he is superannuated. Some trusted friend must be appointed by the Bishop to tell him that it is hard to find any work he can do; perhaps it were better now to cease from labor.

The successful man of business retires upon a competence and is grateful that he may safely rest

from business cares and toils. The aged preacher is poor. Accustomed to meagre living he has nothing provided for years of feebleness and infirmity. Besides, his life has been in his work. Seeking the salvation of souls made him happy and was meat to eat which the world knew not of. While he was yet a preacher and pastor, sought by the churches, he had a home and the goodliest of fellowship—fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters everywhere. The call to cease from his loved employ, to break the dear relation of pastor, turn aside and sit down to spend in loneliness the remainder of his days, almost forgotten by the church he has served so long, requires much grace that it may be accepted sweetly. If the entering up an itinerant preacher's life, of one who has ability and learning, and promise of the honors and wealth of the world before him, is a proof of high devotion to the Master's cause, the meek retiring in loneliness and poverty after the long years of service are past is testimony of that grace which crowns and sanctifies the life of the faithful servant in its mellow autumn. The grace of faithful service brings at last the grace of sweet and humble retiring from toil and the quiet waiting till the sun go down.

ASSESSMENTS.

The North Georgia Conference at its last session adopted this resolution:

"Whereas, There has been some inequality in the appropriations of the assessments levied by the different boards, and,

"Whereas, There is need of a uniform basis of distribution, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the conference suggests to the boards as a basis the assessments for pastors of the last year."

The plan which this resolution suggests is followed in many cases. But it is far from being equitable in its general application.

The pastor's salary is no gauge to the financial ability of a church. In every case it is a "sine qua non" to the church's existence, that a preacher be employed. The first and essential thing to do is to provide for the preacher's support. To do this puts many a church to the limit of its ability. In merely supporting its preacher it does far more in proportion to ability than many another church would be required to do under the system proposed. There are churches which are well able to pay five times the amount of the preacher's salary. They pay enough to their pastors. There is no occasion for larger salaries, but they are able to give for the connectional work much more than the entire amount of preacher's claim. It is a fact which a study of the minutes will reveal, that, as our stations strengthen the per capita payment of members required for the preacher's sal-

ary diminishes. Less is paid per capita by members in stations for their pastors than was paid twenty years ago. The decline is far greater in stations than it has been on circuits. Let any one who doubts it examine the minutes of 1900 with those of 1880. Making the pastor's salary the basis for general assessments diminishes all the burdens on the strong churches in proportion as they grow stronger, and increases the burden on all the poor churches in proportion as they become weaker. The churches which are less burdened with the preacher's salary should receive proportionally larger assessments for general claims.

It is a great privilege for a church to have strength to advance the work abroad, and to make its gifts tell for the Master's cause throughout the connection. In accepting the chief burden of connectional claims the strong churches contribute to all the weak and struggling charges. Only thus shall we, in anywise, secure equitable assessments and bring our people to act in full harmony with our connectional system and spirit.

AT EL DORADO.

We were at El Dorado on Sunday last, and lodged in the hospitable home of our Brother McHenry. The occasion was the opening of the new church, which our people have just finished under the pastorate of J. A. Sage.

Rev. R. R. Moore was there to hold his first quarterly meeting, and L. B. Hawley, a former pastor, to join in the service opening the new house of worship. It was very kind and brotherly of Sage and Moore to give us the full day. We appreciate the honor.

The day was very pleasant and the audience filled the house and was appreciative.

We have seen all the best new churches which our denomination has built in Arkansas, during seven years past. There has not been built a more tasteful house, nor one which for the money it cost, \$6,000 or more, is better than this in any way. It is perfectly satisfactory. The painting, papering, windows of colored glass with their beautiful designs, and the perfectness in finish of the pews make the auditorium really the most beautiful we have seen in any of our churches.

We found the town of El Dorado prospering. Many new houses have been built, and among public improvements a very beautiful and commodious court house.

It was a pleasure to dine with the family of Bro. W. H. Goodwin on Sunday, and with Bro. Sage and family at the parsonage Monday, and to be at home Monday night.

God never left one human soul out of his love and providence. No soul ever was or will be damned that did its best with its light and opportunity. A soul lost without deserv-

ing to be lost would upset the universe.—Aticus G. Haygood.

THE MAIL LIST OF THE INDIAN-OKLA METHODIST.

Learning that some misunderstanding is current among the preachers of the Indian Mission Conference regarding our connection with the mail list of the old Indian-Okla Methodist, we will say that we purchased the list of Bro. Lovett at Vinita at the conference last year, upon information that the paper would certainly be discontinued and the mail list sold. We have in our safe the contract which is as follows:

Vinita, I. T., Oct. 27, 1900.

I hereby certify that I have this day sold to Godbey & Thornburgh all my right, title and interest in the paper known as the "Indian-Okla Methodist," published at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, and have contracted to turn over said interest with the mail galleys of said paper to Godbey & Thornburgh for the sum of \$300 to be paid by them on receipt of the galleys or in thirty days thereafter.

This sale is conditioned upon the following provisions:

(1.) That the Indian Mission Conference, at its present session, does not adopt, as its organ, another paper than the Arkansas Methodist.

(2.) That the Arkansas Methodist shall be sent to the paid up subscribers of the "Indian-Okla Methodist," for a time sufficient to cover their payments already made, the difference in price of the papers being reckoned. All dues of the Indian-Okla Methodist at date of this sale being collected by me.

I also agree to turn into the hands of Godbey & Thornburgh whatever advertising contracts I may be able to control.

J. J. Lovett,

J. E. Godbey.

I acknowledge receipt of \$5 on this sale.

J. J. Lovett.

This contract shows that we sought to guard the interests of the Indian Mission Conference, so that in case they adopted an organ the mail list was to be turned back to them.

Shortly after the conference we received from Rev. J. J. Lovett the following letter:

Oklahoma City, O. T., Oct. 29, 1900.
Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D.

Dear Bro.—I am sorry to inform you that the conference adopted either the St. Louis or the Texas Advocate, and left the publishing committee to make the final deal. Hence, our trade is off. I will send you the \$5 when I get home. I am sorry but I could not help it.

Your brother

J. J. Lovett.

Although we did not regard our contract invalidated by the action of the conference, as communicated to us in this letter, since no organ was adopted, still, assuming that an organ would be adopted, we

made no effort to secure the delivery to us of the mail galleys. The conference, we afterwards learned, adopted no organ, the committee not being able to agree, but the mail list was sold to the St. Louis Christian Advocate. We think the matter needs no further explanation on our part than is apparent in this statement of facts. We had left the conference before any action, as to a paper, had been taken, and was dependent upon Bro. Lovett for information respecting its plans. J. E. Godbey.

Church Notes.

The M. E. Church contributes annually for the support of the ministry \$11,216,353, which is \$3.80 a member. It has 11,189 parsonages, valued at \$18,855,263, making the average value of a parsonage \$1,685.16. The number of her churches is 27,230, valued at \$118,109,397. Average value of a church, \$3,565.02. She has 21 theological schools, 52 colleges, 59 classical seminaries, 9 institutions for women only, 49 foreign mission schools, 4 missionary and Bible training schools. The total value of all these is \$33,444,525. For missions, church extension and other connectional work, she gives \$2,229,000 a year. Yet all these agencies for good and many others not here noticed cost the church members less than \$5 per capita yearly. Truly no agency for good is so mighty and costs so little as the church.

Mr. J. D. Hamilton, treasurer of our board of missions, reports that of twenty-four conferences reported to him all but three have made an increase over last year's collections. Five conferences have paid in full, viz: Holston, Montana, Los Angeles, New Mexico, and Northwest Texas.

Nashville Notes

The work of Vanderbilt University was suspended on Friday, 20th, for the holidays. Most of the students will spend the vacation at home. The work of the university will be resumed Tuesday, Dec. 31. Chancellor Kirkland and Dr. F. W. Moore, the popular and efficient professor of history in the university, have recently been visiting the preparatory schools of Tennessee.

The officers and friends of Vanderbilt have recently been greatly interested in the proceedings of the circuit court, where what is known as the Furman will case has been on trial. The late Mrs. Mary H. Furman of Nashville bequeathed \$125,000 to Vanderbilt University. The Furman heirs contested the will, and the case was decided in favor of the proponents. The contestants have made a motion for a new trial. It was stipulated in the will that a building costing not more than a hundred thousand dollars to be known as Furman Hall in honor of her husband, should be erected on the campus. It is proposed to de-

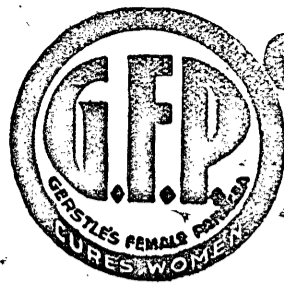
vote the Furman Hall, if realized, to the scientific schools, and to convert the present science hall into a library building.

Admiral Schley has been invited by the citizens of Nashville to visit the city. He has signified his acceptance, reserving the privilege of fixing the date of his visit in accordance with his own convenience. It is thought that he will come early in the new year. Elaborate preparations are being made for the Admiral's entertainment. It is proposed to give him an ovation surpassing any ever before attempted by the city. The adverse finding of the court of inquiry has increased the determination to show to Admiral Schley the esteem in which he is held by the American people, especially by the people of the south, and in particular by the citizens of Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1901.

Demand For the Bible.

New York, Dec. 13.—The American Bible Society has just issued a report to its constituency, based on the recent visitation of its agencies in the Levant, by its secretary, the Rev. William I. Haven, D. D. This report asserts that there has been a steadily increasing demand for the Scriptures in the more than twenty languages spoken by the people along the eastern shores of the Mediterranean. The principal circulation is in Armenian, Greek and Arabic. The Arabic issues during the past year were over 40,000. The colporteurs of the society travel through Asia Minor and have free access to the people in the towns and villages. Dr. Haven visited Smyrna, where there is said to be a well-located depository, and a center from which work is carried on through the missionaries in the region of the Seven Churches of the early church, named in the second and third chapters of the last book in the Bible. In Beirut, another important center for the work throughout Syria and the Lebanon Mountains, American missionary operations were found to be in a vigorous condition, and the work of the Bible Society steadily growing. "It is the plow-share of all our work," said one of the most distinguished of the missionary body. The distribution of the Scriptures in the Nile Valley and in the Soudan is also a part of the work of the American Bible Society in its Levant Agency. It co-operates with the American Mission of the United Presbyterian Church, which Mission Sir Alfred Milner says is one of the most important agencies at work for the regeneration of Egypt. Thousands of Arabic Scriptures are circulated every year in this interesting country, and special colporteurs have made remarkable journeys along the White and Blue Niles in the Soudan. This oldest agency of the American Bible Society, established, with its head-



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Notices.

The district stewards of the Monticello District will please meet at Dermott on Monday, January 6, at 3 p. m. Cadesman Pope, P. E. To the Members of the Little Rock Conference:

A few copies of the minutes came to me on December 12. I have heard nothing from the publishers since but suppose the copies have gone to all the preachers. A few did not give me their post offices and some sent in theirs too late—after the copy was in the hands of the printer. I still have a few copies retained to supply those who for any reason failed to get any. I trust the errors are not numerous nor very objectionable. J. D. Clary, Sec. Fordyce, Ark.

Missionary Mass-Meetings.

At the preachers' meeting Dardanelle District, it was decided that a missionary mass-meeting be held in each charge in the district under the supervision of the P. E. I make the following appointments:

January—Ozark Circuit, at Gar Creek, 3, 4; Ozark Station, 5, 6; Danville and Ola, at Danville, 8, 9; Gravelly Circuit, at Gravelly, 10, 11; Walnut Tree Circuit, at Walnut Tree, 12, 13; Dardanelle Circuit, at Centerville, 14, 15; Coal Hill and Altus, at Coal Hill, 17, 18; Lamar and London, at Lamar, 20, 21; Rover Circuit, at Rover, 24, 25; Bellville Circuit, at Bellville, 26, 27.

February—Dover Circuit, at Dover, 1, 2; Prairie View Circuit, at Prairie View, 20, 21; Clarksville Circuit, at Breckenridge, 22, 23. The service will begin at 7 p. m. on

the first date announced in each instance, continuing through the second day. Every one who sees this announcement is invited and urged to come. It will be impossible for the P. E. to make a success of these meetings without the co-operation of every preacher in the district. But please insist on your people coming from all parts of the work. Sunday-school superintendents, local preachers, stewards and leading laymen all should be present.

Wm. Sherman, P. E.

Personal.

The postoffice address of Rev. E. M. Davis is West Point, Ark.

The postoffice address of Rev. W. C. Toombs is Weldon, Ark.

Rev. L. M. Powell, P. C. of Hickory Plains circuit, called Thursday.

We thank Rev. C. B. Mosley of the Japan Mission, for a copy of the minutes of the East Japan Conference.

Rev. Horace Jewell has had a successful operation performed upon his eyes and expects soon to be fairly well.

Dr. J. H. Dye came up to the city Monday. His P. E. reports that the Doctor is making a fine beginning at Camden.

Rev. D. H. Colquette sends us a sad note telling of the death of their babe. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Brother and Sister Colquette.

Brother Rowe, of Van Buren County, called Thursday and renewed for his paper. He brought in a load of Arkansas Black apples and sold them for \$1.50 a bushel. That is a profitable crop.

Bishop John H. Vincent, who for the past two years has been resident in Switzerland in charge of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Europe, has been appointed as a delegate to the Wesleyan Conferences in England next June. In July Bishop Vincent will sail for the United States and spend August in his old work at Chautauqua, with which he is still officially connected.

Christian Life.

The Shining Path.

Sometimes the thought of God's great love to me
Seems almost overwhelming in its might;
It fills my heart, and bathes my path in life
With a rich glow of never-falling light;
I think without the knowledge of that love
My day would fade to deepest, darkest night.

What matters it where'er my path may lie?
My Father reigns; and in his loving hand
I'll lay my own, in childlike hope and trust,
Knowing 'twill guide me to that better land
Where I shall dwell with those who love the Lord,
And sing his praises with the angel band.

My Lord, I thank thee for this wondrous love,
Which gladdens and enriches all my way,
And sheds its beams of tender, shining light
Around my steps, e'en when they go astray;
May grace upon my path shine more and more
Unto the radiance of the perfect day!

—Mary Louise Hornibrook.

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Experiences of a Deaconess Guitar.

BY IVA MAY DURHAM.

I suppose in the other days, when my strings knew so well the jingle of gay college songs, that people thought me a very frivolous instrument, and little did they predict a really useful future for me. When I entered this new life I had no idea how thrilling it would all be, but this was the reason of it: A great change had come over "my lady." She found my soul, and for love of her I was glad to become a deaconess guitar. We have good times together, my lady in her black garb and I. I've been dedicated to the glory of King Jesus, and it is so beautiful to belong to God. Would you like to know about a few of the many, many places where we have been?

One night about nine o'clock we went down to a midnight mission in the very heart of the slums. We had such a pitiful audience there; men with manhood gone, wrecked and lost in vice. A thrilling message was given, then "my lady" sang the invitation—

"If you are tired of the load of your sin,
Let Jesus come into your heart."

How those men wept! The altar was soon filled, and that night the

Lion of Judah broke the shackles from sin-cursed souls.

One day one of our nurse deaconesses found a poor woman who was suffering extremely. She was a wretched, friendless outcast, and had no one to care for her, but a little girl about eleven years old. She was in an indescribable condition of neglect, and almost crazed by the opium she had been using for several weeks.

The nurse came home and told us all about the case, and the next day "my lady" and I went with her to do all we could to comfort the sufferer. When we entered the sick room the woman was moaning and raving, sometimes praying, sometimes cursing. "My lady" tried to soothe her, but it was no avail; then she took me up, and as she softly touched my strings I knew she wanted me to be tender. She sang over and over again:

"You've carried your burden, you've carried it long,
O bring it to Jesus, He's loving and strong."

And the poor, tired woman was quieted. A few weeks later the penitent Magdalene accepted "the Jesus story," and the sins, though as scarlet, were blotted out.

One Christmas Eve we went over to a Christmas tree which our kindergartners had prepared for their troop of dear foreign "babies." The tree was beautifully trimmed, and everywhere among the tinsel were toys peeping out. We had the happiest music that night, all singing with good cheer, and when we sung the sweet old cradle hymn of "Little Lord Jesus Asleep in the Hay," all the children joined in.

When we came to distribute the gifts the tiny tots were wild with delight. Some little girls clasped to their hearts a doll of their very own for the first time in their lives, and they were supremely content. When every one had gone I heard one of my sisters say it was the happiest Christmas Eve she had ever known. I suppose it is really true that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I remember so well a meeting we had one Sunday at a rescue home. Our audience was a strange one—all were women who knew the bitterness of the dregs in the cup of sin. We learned the stories of some of them, and they were so full of cruel injustice that we yearned to bring them peace. The message was a gentle one, all radiant with love; and then "my lady" sang the plaintive old plantation melody, "De Massa ob de Sheepfold." As the girls followed the song which told how "de Massa" loves the lost black sheep, and came himself to "let down de babs" for them all to come in, the precious Spirit touched their heavy, hopeless hearts, and at the close of the song eight, sobbing, asked for prayers. It was a glorious hour, for One was in the

midst whose name is Wonderful—the Prince of Peace.

But this life does not always keep us among the "submerged classes." Once, while in parish work for a few days in a strange city, we were entertained in the luxurious home of a very wealthy "man of the world." On our first evening there our host took us into the spacious and elegant music room, where he had often received the noted artists whose productions he had enjoyed. He asked "my lady" to sing. What a contrast our music must have been! But she took me up and struck one simple chord. The hymn she chose was "Christ is All," and again that dear consecration hymn, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

The proud man was touched. He became an ardent friend of our work, and when "my lady" left his home he gave her a handsome check, and a fervent "godspeed."

But perhaps I am tiring you by these reminiscences. In parting, let me say there is nothing so sweet as serving others "for love of Christ, and in His name."—Epworth Herald.

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Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, } ss
County of Pulaski. }

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

William J. Keers, plaintiff, vs. Mary Keers, defendant.

The defendant, Mary Keers, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, William J. Keers.

December 17, 1901.

Chas. M. Connor, Clerk.

By F. A. Garrett, D. C.

John Barrow, Solicitor for plaintiff.



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Good News to the Shepherds

For the Young People.

Making Ready For Christmas Guests.

As the shortening days hurry us toward Christmas, preparations are going on in many homes for the expected holiday guests. The married sister is coming home with her baby, and the brother who is away at school will forget his examinations for a time and be on hand to hang his stocking in the usual corner. We have half suspected, sometimes, that mothers make the preparations for such guests last longer than is absolutely necessary, so as to stretch the Christmas gladness over as much of the month as possible.

You boys and girls should be busy making ready for certain guests without whose presence Christmas would have little meaning. Have you ever seen anyone go through the holiday season without entertaining that guest which is named Content? We have known people who never were satisfied with what they received nor with what they gave. They wish the shade of their new dress had been different, or that the new picture were framed in gilt instead of black, or that the book sent by a distant friend was by some other author. They are sure that the turkey is not as fat as the turkey last year, and they discover that something ails the mince pie and that the cranberry sauce is not sweet enough. When all else fails they find fault with the weather. Oh,

what a dreary mockery Christmas becomes when the heart has closed its doors to content and from the season's joys extracts only bitterness.

Sympathy is another guest we should make welcome at Christmas time. If selfish jollity is ever out of place, it is on our Lord's birthday. In every town and village there are people to whom Christmas pleasure is only a name. The poor, the sick, the lonely old people, the young folks away from home and without friends, the inmates of the poorhouse, the sufferers at the hospital, even those who occupy the jails, should come in for a share of the season's blessings. If each of us should resolve to cheer at least one who is sad or sick or lonely, this last Christmas of the century would be the happiest. Whatever other guests you plan to entertain, be sure that sympathy has a front chamber in your heart.

Good-will is another of the necessary Christmas visitors. We can, if necessary, do without a candle-lighted tree or abundant gifts or a turkey dinner, but alas for our Christmas! if we have neglected to ask good-will to grace the festivities! Christmas has come to stand for many things, but first and above all it means love. Any grudge or bitterness in the heart is as out of place as a cloud in the Christmas sky.

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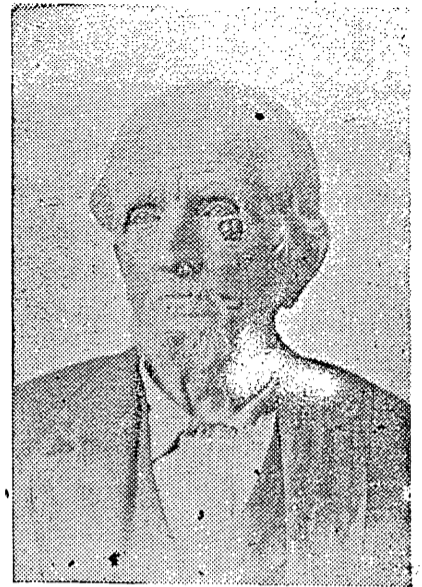
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must be banished before love can be welcomed. Selfishness needs to give up its room to sympathy. We must begin to reckon up our own blessings instead of envying those of other people, if content is to shed its sunny radiance over Christmas day. Let us begin this very hour to make the necessary preparations for giving a royal welcome to these Christmas guests.—Young People's Weekly.

Between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, the time when womanhood begins and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years. Ten years out of thirty! One third of the best part of a woman's life sacrificed! Think of the enormous loss of time! But time is not all that is lost. Those years of suffering steal the bloom from the cheeks, the brightness from the eyes, the fairness from the form. They write their record in many a crease and wrinkle. What a boon then to woman, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It promotes perfect regularity, dries up debilitating drains, heals ulcerations, cures female weakness, and establishes the delicate womanly organs in vigorous and permanent health. No other medicine can do for woman what is done by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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MENA, ARK.—We are about settled in our new home, and are delighted with the outlook every way. We had quite a "pounding" of lots of good things last Monday night and a most hearty welcome extended by a house full of people. Brother B. A. Few is also here and will hold our first quarterly meeting next Saturday and Sunday. Prospects very encouraging for a prosperous year. Mena is one of the most promising cities of its age we have seen. Will write later. We can never forget the good people of Hope, where we spent the last four years so delightfully. Lovingly,

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GURDON.—At our last conference I was sent back to Gurdon for the fourth year. I am expecting to have the best year of the four. The preacher is well pleased and the people seem to be. At the close of the past year the people of Gurdon gave me a nice overcoat and last week the usual donation (or "pounding") made its visit to the parsonage, consisting of many good things. We are losing some of our good people (by removal) from Gurdon, but we are expecting others to take their places. There are already some good Methodists here, but they have not as yet joined. At conference the boundary line was changed, so we have again the original Gurdon Circuit. By the grace of God, I want to, and expect to, do an excellent year's work. Although this will be the "political year," generally a hard year on the church. We are in the Prescott district. This charge has been in the Arkadelphia District ever since there has been an Arkadelphia District. Yet we propose to adjust ourselves to the new district, and be therein content. Our first quarterly meeting will be the 28th and 29th of this month.

J. M. G. Douglass.

CORYELL CITY, TEX.—This brief scroll will remind all who care to know that we are here at the same old stand for another year trying to get ready for business. Lengthy extracts of our conference which met a Corsicana November 14-18 would be almost stale, as it's already gone to record and the world at large. Besides, to the average reader there is a wonderful sameness in conference reports. It is a pleasant thought, however, that in one of the largest conferences in the connection no member had died. Another source of pleasure and gratitude to God is that we had all behaved so well that in every case it was said, "Nothing against him." Considering the mustang element that to some extent exists here in horses and men as well, it seems a little remarkable, don't it? Again, considering the awful drouth through which we are passing the collections generally were superb. The preachers were generally fat and well dressed inasmuch as casual observers would believe they were a high salaried set of fellows, not knowing as Methodist preachers do that some of those shiny suits have been pulled out of trunks and rubbed over for the "occasion," still we shined and looked well. The love-feast on Sunday morning was a feast of fat things. I heard a good Presbyterian lady say to some of the children, "Get ready and go and you will think you have got to heaven." The various pulpits of the city were filled, but like many others I stayed to hear Bishop Wilson. I have been meeting and hearing him almost ever since I was a preacher, always looking feeble, but it's a fact he looks but little older than when I first

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met him, and—well, well, preaches like a scaph. It encouraged me to press on and not get old till I have to. He so lean and feeble and me so fat I'll declare I must do better. A little personal reference will, I hope, not be amiss for the first time, i. e., by conference appointment. I was read out to preach at 3 p. m. to the Sons and Daughters of Ham. Having many acquaintances among the colored brethren, you may guess I had an audience of both blacks and whites. My organist was a mulatto woman and a graduate; the choir was mostly mulattoes. My, my, what singing! But how it inspired me, and such a rousing handshake, it made me feel maybe so I am a preacher. So not having to move I came back and spent Sunday at Waco. The pastor let me preach to the white folks. Another handshake ensued after preaching. A real nice ex-Arkansas doctor and the pastor said "that sounded like the old gospel," it was too good. I said, "Brethren, there is a secret about this you don't understand." Well, as we are old friends, please explain. "Why, its the same sermon I preached to our colored brethren over at Corsicana." So altogether it was a gracious time at both places. If this does not go to the W. B. I'll say more anon. F. M. Winburn.

KINGSLAND.—After reaching Kingsland on the 3d inst. we were kindly cared for in the hospitable homes until we began housekeeping.

We believe that we are among a kind, appreciative people. And as an evidence of their kindness and appreciation Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists assembled at the parsonage on the evening of the 7th inst. with many of the necessities of life for the preacher and his family. At a later period we received substantial help from another appointment. All of which we are very grateful for. And as the good people have ministered to our tem-

poral necessities, we pray God that from him we may receive help, to minister to their spiritual beings.

C. L. and Mrs. M. Williams.

HEBER, ARK.—I am at my new field of labor. I am well pleased here, the people gave me a cordial greeting on my arrival. We are planning for a great year's work for our Lord. Come to see us and we will give you some fine mineral water to drink out in the mountains. pray for me. G. S. Morehead.

HORATIO, ARK.—I want to tell my friends what God has done for me. I can do this best through the "Methodist." Dear friends, God has heard and answered our prayers in the restoration of my health. Brother G. M. Robertson was our pastor when I joined the M. E. Church. I was helpless a great deal of the time. I learned to love Methodists then because my pastor was so good and kind to me. I learned to trust God then. I have been trusting him ever since. He has taken my affliction away. I have given my life to him, saying, Lord, here am I; send me.

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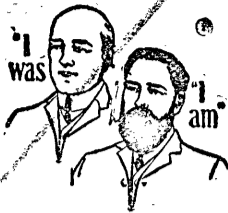
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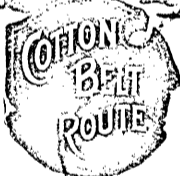
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W. H. M. Society.

Report of conference treasurer for quarter ending December 1, 1901:

Austin Adult—Dues, 10c.

Amity—Dues, \$1.40; contingent, 90c.

Arkadelphia Adults—Dues, \$10.35; life membership dues, \$25; baby roll members, \$1.50; week of prayer, \$6.67; adult mite boxes, \$1.43; baby mite boxes, \$5.50; contingent, \$2.18; station parsonage, \$7.81; supplies given locally, \$4.75; relief of needy, \$26.

Arkadelphia Y. P.—Dues, \$2.60; week of prayer, \$2.70; contingent, 50c.; local mission work, \$1; supplies given locally, \$2.

Benton Adults—Dues, \$5; T. C. fund, \$2.

Camden Adults—Dues, \$4.50; baby roll, 25c; week of prayer \$6.75; baby mite boxes, 33c; contingent, 50c; district parsonage, \$20; local church work, \$8.

DeQueen Adult—Dues, \$5; week of prayer, \$1; baby mite boxes, 55c; contingent, 35c; station parsonage, \$25; local church work, \$6; supplies given locally, \$6.50.

DeQueen Juvenile—Dues, \$3.86; mission work, \$5.85.

DeWitt Adult—Dues, \$2.70; station parsonage, \$5.

DeWitt Juvenile—Dues, 45c.; baby roll, 75c; station parsonage, \$5.

El Dorado Adults—Dues, \$5; station parsonage, \$34; local mission work, \$1.50.

Fordyce Adult—Dues, \$6; week of prayer, \$5.50; contingent, 50c.;

station parsonage, \$3.60; relief of needy, \$34.

Gillham Adult—Dues, \$3.

Gurdon Juvenile—Dues, 71c.; baby roll, \$1.50.

Hamburg Adult—Dues, \$4.70.

Hot Springs Central Church—Dues, \$3.40; contingent, \$1.95; local mission work, \$8.70.

Hot Springs, Malvern Avenue—Dues, \$4.95; T. C. fund, 75c.; supplies given locally, \$3.85; relief of needy, \$1.50.

Hot Springs, South—Dues, \$2.25; baby roll, 50c.; baby mite box, \$1.08; district parsonage, \$21.81; local mission work, \$1.65.

Hope Adults—Dues, \$5.40; week of prayer, \$4.80; angel band loan fund, \$9.30; local church work, \$25.

Lockesburg Adult—Dues, \$4.20; baby roll, \$2.25; contingent, 30c.

Little Rock First Church—Dues, \$16.45; baby roll, \$1.50; special donation (Thompson room), \$3.20; week of prayer, \$7.45; adult mite boxes, \$9.54; baby mite boxes, 60c.; contingent, \$3.83; station parsonage, \$33; local church work, \$37.10; relief of needy, \$15.51.

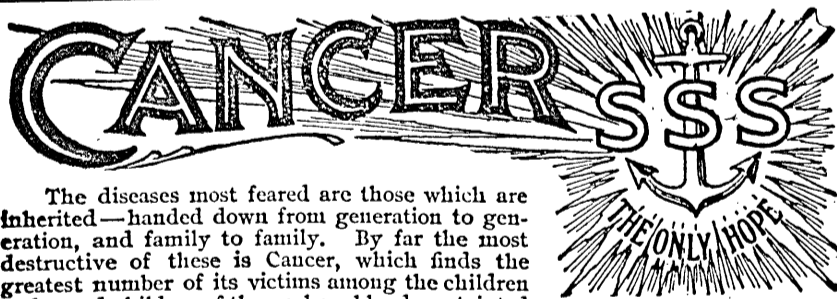
Little Rock Hunter Memorial—Dues, \$7; baby roll, 25c.; contingent, \$1.75; local church work, \$219.85.

Little Rock Winfield Memorial—Dues, \$15; week of prayer, \$7.90; local church work, \$7.70; relief of needy, \$38.50.

Little Rock Asbury Adult—Dues, \$5.15; contingent, 40c.; local church work, \$43.30.

Murfreesboro Adult—Dues, \$2.70; local church work, \$43.15; supplies given locally, \$25.

Murfreesboro Juvenile—Dues, 55c.



The diseases most feared are those which are inherited—handed down from generation to generation, and family to family. By far the most destructive of these is Cancer, which finds the greatest number of its victims among the children and grand-children of those whose blood was tainted with this dreadful malady. You may carry this poison in the blood for years, but as the vital powers begin to wane a slight bruise or cut, wart or mole, sore or pimple may develop into Cancer. From middle life to old age is the time when the slumbering poison is most apt to break out, a sore or ulcer often degenerating into Cancer, and Tumors become more progressive and ulcerate through the skin, the sharp, shooting pains causing the most intense suffering.

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Pike Juveniles—Dues, \$1.60.

Rison Adult—Dues, \$1.

Sherrill Adult—Dues, \$2.10; contingent, 50c.

White Hall Adult—Dues, \$1.80; baby mite box, 30c.; local church work, \$29.15; local mission work, \$13.

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Gillham Adults—Dues, \$4.

Junction Adults—Dues, \$1.80; district parsonage, \$23; rescue work, \$20.

Little Rock First Church J.—Dues, \$3.80.

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Dear Sisters of the W. H. M. S.: Only three months before the close of the year, and I am sure every auxiliary wishes to aid in helping to furnish the S. H. Thompson room in Ruth Hargrove Institute.

Several auxiliaries have sent in their pledge of five dollars made at

annual meeting. A few have not, while others made no pledge.

We hope every auxiliary will contribute something toward this room before the close of the year. Place amount opposite the line of "connectional enterprise and state that it is for S. H. Thompson room."

Our conference contingent money has fallen short the past quarter, and we do hope the auxiliaries will remember us with a goodly sum in next report.

I call attention to the Wolf record book for auxiliaries. It has the printed form for every quarter's report, with all the necessary questions, so there is no chance for errors (cost 25c), besides it greatly facilitates the work of your conference treasurer if every auxiliary will use them.

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W. T. Martin.

CROOKS.—James was born in Shreveport, La., October 25, 1861; moved to Arkansas in early life and located at Columbus, Ark., where he was converted and joined the Methodist Church in August, 1894, and on October 25 of the same year he was happily married to Miss Bettie B. Jones. There were born to this union three children, who still survive him. He suffered about five months but patiently; the end though not unexpected came suddenly when about 10 o'clock December 9th his soul went to meet his God. Brother Crooks was a consistent member of the church, filling many offices and supporting liberally with his means. He leaves a good wife and three little children to mourn their loss.

He was buried from the family residence. The funeral was conducted by his pastor,

J. W. White.

CATON.—Margaret Pritchett, was born in Alabama April 4, 1839. She was converted in her fifteenth year and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She remained a member until December 8, 1901, 48 years. Her last hours were triumphant. She rejoiced in the hour of death. She was married to Robert Bumpers in 1859. They moved to Arkansas in 1878. Brother Bumpers died and she afterwards was married to Drury Caton in 1887. He preceded her to the glory world. Her last years were spent with her only daughter, Mrs. Caleb Wiggins, 8 miles north of Charleston, Franklin county, where she died. She was laid to rest at Mt. Hope graveyard by her relatives and a multitude of friends.

Eugene Woodruff.

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The funeral services were conducted by the writer in her home after which we laid her to rest in old Shiloh graveyard to await the triumphal coming of her Savior.

Seldom if ever have I seen such Christian resignation as was shown by her family in their deep bereavement.

May God comfort her sorrowing parents, brothers, sisters and friends and help them to live so that when the summons comes they, too, may be ready to go. Her pastor,

Amos E. Wilson.

BROWN.—Graddon, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown, fell asleep by the gate of light September 13, 1901, age 3 years and 20 days. Leaving father and mother alone, closed his tired eyes, blue as June skies, and went straight up to the great white throne. This was the second time that God, had visited this home, and taken from them each time the only child. God's ways are past our understanding. Home may seem dark. Home may seem lonely. Home may not seem lively and cheerful as it was when little Graddon was there. Though heaven is made brighter and lighter with another little star. He was the sunlight of his mother's life, the idol of his father, and the pride of his relatives. It was hard to say "Father, not our will but Thine be done." Over his open coffin father and mother were bent, relatives and friends to see little Graddon for the last time here. The funeral services were conducted by Brother D. C. Ross. Little Graddon was transplanted in Bristol graveyard by the side of his little brother. O, God, as time brings his father and mother closer the tomb, may it bring them closer God.

Aunt Ludie.

FEWELL.—On the morning of November 22, 1901, Mrs. Matilda Fewell entered into her heavenly rest. As calmly and sweetly as the little babe falls asleep upon its mother's breast did this aged Christian pass away, trusting to the very last moment in the power of Christ to save. It was my privilege to be with her in her dying hours and listen to her sweet words.

Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present to receive her parting blessing. She told them all good-bye, and said, "Meet me in heaven." Death had no terrors for her, and often we would hear her saying softly to herself, "Oh, death where is thy sting!" Her heart went out in tender sympathy and love to her aged husband, who had traveled with her in the journey of life for over fifty years, and she gave him to her children as a precious charge, told them to love and cherish him in his

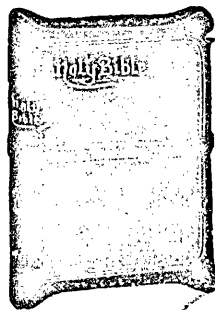
old age and loneliness. She was anxious to depart and be with Christ, and yet not a murmur escaped her lips. With perfect composure she gave directions concerning her burial; told what hymns to sing, made every arrangement necessary, and then quietly awaited her release, which soon came. Dear friends, let us not weep but strive harder each day to so live that when death comes we may be ready as Grandma was, and that for us the pearly gates may open wide.

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January—Benton Circuit, at Salem, 4, 5; Benton Station, 5, 6; Mabelvale, at Mt. Pleasant, 11, 12; Austin, at Mt. Tabor, 18, 19; Bryant, 25, 26.

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March—Des Arc, 1, 2; First Church, 8, 9; Tomberlin, 15, 16; Hickory Plains, 22, 23.

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February—Wesley Circuit, at Wesley, 1, 2; Forrest City Station, 2, 3; Brinkley Station, 9, 10; McCrory Circuit, at McCrory, 12, 13; Cotton Plant and Howell, at Howell, 15, 16; Clarendon Station, 23, 24; Blackton and Turner, at Turner, 26, 27.

March—Holly Grove and Marvell, at Marvell, 1, 2.

The district stewards' meeting will be held in Forrest City at 8 p. m., January 28. In conjunction with this we will hold a district preachers' meeting, the programme of which will be published later. One question that will be brought before the district stewards and preachers at an early hour in this joint meeting, is that of building a district parsonage for the Helena District. I wish to insist upon every one to give the question serious thought and come prepared to represent the sentiment of his charge upon this important matter. All to whom I have thus far mentioned the subject are in hearty sympathy with this enterprise.

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