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News and Notes.

A MOVEMENT IS ON FOOT IN THE Philippines to organize an independent Catholic Church which shall forswear allegiance to Rome.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN IS SAID to be scheming to create a combine with \$400,000,000 capital, to control all the anthracite coal mines in the United States.

ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED COLD weather prevailed in the Northern States during the first part of last week. At Boston the mercury registered 8 degrees below zero; at Portland, Maine, 15; at Saratoga, 30.

MRS. EDDY HAS ADVISED HER followers, the Christian Scientists, to cease to attempt the cure of infectious or contagious diseases. The law must have its way in quarantining and stamping out infections and contagions, and Mrs. Eddy's foolishness must get out of the way.

WE AGREE WITH THE GAZETTE, of this city, in protesting against public hangings. It is said a petition will be presented to the legislature to allow the public to witness the hanging of two men at Clarksville, convicted of the murder of Sheriff Powers. The petition should not be granted. Such exhibitions degrade and demoralize us. The law which allows executions for criminal assault to be public ought to be repealed.

THE PINE BLUFF PRESS-EAGLE reports that "several of the oldest and most popular passenger conductors in the Cotton Belt service have been discharged in the last few days, the charge being lodged against them that they are frequenters of Pine Bluff pool and gambling rooms." The principle is being recognized by business corporations that the practice of

drinking or gambling so affects the entire character of a man that one addicted to these vices is disqualified for positions of trust.

HER ALFRED KRUPP, THE GREAT German inventor of the Krupp gun, died Nov. 22nd. There was peculiar pathos in his death and burial. His death was the result of a scurrilous attack upon his character, made by an enemy, through a secular paper. The Emperor of Germany followed his hearse on foot to the burial to testify that one of Germany's noblest men had fallen, and to extend the shield of the German Empire over his good name."

A BILL HAS PASSED THROUGH both houses of Congress and awaits the President's signature, which provides for the promotion of education in the United States without regard to locality, race, sex or creed. It is understood that it is to provide the way for John D. Rockefeller and others to expend a vast sum of money in promoting education, especially in the South; not by building institutions, but aiding those which exist. The act names as incorporators of the fund, Daniel C. Gilman, George F. Peabody, M. K. Jessup, R. C. Ogden.

IN THE MIDST OF INTERNAL troubles the little State of Venezuela is confronted by foes from without. The two great powers, England and Germany, have jointly brought demands against her for satisfaction for ill treatment of their citizens, and the payment of the debts due them. The ultimatum of the two powers was delivered on the 8th inst., and answered on the 10th by a flat refusal from President Castro. The combined fleet of the two powers thereupon promptly proceeded to capture the Venezuelan fleet and to blockade her ports. It is not supposed that any considerable force will be landed, but that the ports of entry will be guarded and Venezuela forced to terms, or the sum of money demanded will be collected by seizing upon the tariff duties of merchant ships. Probably the case will be referred to the Court of Arbitration at the Hague,

A Good Law.

A decision has been handed down from the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana which gives that State an admirable local option law. Six years ago a law was enacted which gave the majority of voters right to sign a remonstrance against a saloon, and made such remonstrance when filed, mandatory, so no license could be granted. The Supreme Court has decided that it is legal for the voters to authorize one or two of their number to sign their names to any and all remonstrances, thus making one signing effective for all time, so long as the list, at any particular meeting of the Court, has on it a majority of the voters in a ward or township. This gives the Anti-Saloon League delightful work to do in Indiana.

Dr. Joseph Parker.

On the 28th of November, the great preacher of City Temple, London, was called from labor to his reward. He was seventy-two years of age. He was a congregationalist, and since 1884 pastor of City Temple. His preaching attracted great congregations. His pen was ever busy and many works of value have proceeded from it. The most important are these: Emmanuel (1859); Hidden Springs (1864); Wednesday Evenings at Cavendish Chapel, and Homiletic Hints (1865); Ecce Deus, and Essays on the Life and Doctrines of Jesus Christ (1868); Springdale Abbey (1869); The Paraclete (1874); The Gospel by Matthew (1869); Ad Clerum (1870); Pulpit Notes (1873); The Priesthood of Christ (1876); Adam, Noah, and Abraham (1880); The Inner Life of Christ, three volumes (1881-82); Apostolic Life, three volumes [1882-84]; Weaver Stephen, and Odds and Evens in English Religion [1885]. Besides these he undertook, in 1885, a series of discourses on Holy Scripture, entitled "The People's Bible," to be completed in twenty-five volumes.

Dr. Parker's popularity rested more upon the dramatic setting and literary embellishment of his thought than upon the thought itself. He said in an impressive way what others had said before

him, and what Christians at large believed. In the sphere of the practical enforcement of truth, Dr. Parker was a great preacher. In the field of theology and exegesis, he added little to the instruction of the Christian scholar.

Hugh Price Hughes.

This great preacher and philanthropist died Nov. 18th. Mr. Hughes had obtained reputation as a preacher by the time he was twenty-one years of age. He first cultivated a literary style, and thus sought to make his preaching attractive; but becoming satisfied that such preaching was less effective in reaching the consciences of men and in winning souls to Christ, he resolved to be more direct. He says: "The question was forced upon me for decision, whether I would follow my literary tastes or seek to win souls." The settlement of this question was, with Mr. Hughes, a sincere and full consecration to that work, which has set his name in the memorials of the church above all who have prostituted the pulpit to win personal distinction. When Mr. Hughes looked about for the best field for winning souls he saw it around his own home in London. "Here in London," he said, "there are more Jews than in Palestine, more Germans than in Berlin, more Irishmen than in Dublin, more Scotchmen than in Edinburgh." For fifteen years past Mr. Hughes has been known to the Christian world as the founder and leader of the West End London Mission. He associated with him in this work an able helper in the person of Mark Guy Pearce. St. James Hall was the central station of their work. The hall will accommodate five thousand. It is said that often four thousand were turned away for lack of room. The order of service was preaching in the morning, a lecture upon some moral issue at three in the afternoon, and preaching in the evening.

The spirit of Mr. Hughes was earnest, his labors unrelenting, zeal for souls consumed him. He died at the early age of fifty-nine, leaving a great example to the preachers of this generation.

Educational Notes.

University of Tennessee.

The university Day and Commencement number of the University of Tennessee Record has just been issued. The leading article is entitled "Events in the History of the University Since University Day, 1902." This article contains an interesting account of the exercises of University Day, the June jubilee, the ninety-fifth commencement, and the opening of the present session. Other articles are: The "Battle of Guilford Court House," and address delivered by Col. J. B. Killebrew, of Nashville, on University Day; the address of Capt. William Rule, when he presented the Triplett memorial tablet to the University; President Dabney's speech of acceptance, and Mr. Jas. G. Johnson's address on "Lawyers of the University of Tennessee," which he delivered at the banquet of the Alumni Association last June.

The State School and Moral Training.

W. E. SIMPSON.

A prominent Methodist minister is quoted as having recently said that our free schools are a curse to the State. Ministers of other denominations have given utterance to like sentiments. Only a few years ago an able Baptist divine, in delivering a commencement sermon, made the prophecy that the day would come when the people of Arkansas would regret that they had ever had a State University. These statements are the products of prejudice, the outgrowth of an unreasoning sentimental enthusiasm for our church schools. Such expressions hinder advancement in the cause of education, and create a prejudice against the church and lack of respect for the ministry.

Such assertions are usually predicated upon the hypothesis that the public schools are taught by those whose average morality is below a reasonable standard, and hence that our youth are not receiving the moral instruction and training that they should. It will be admitted that there are teachers in the public schools who are not "morally qualified" for their responsible positions. But are there not unworthy men in every calling, the holy ministry not excepted? On the other hand, there are many men and women in these schools who, for strength and loftiness of character, will compare favorably with the teachers of the denominational schools. In the faculty of our State University there have been, and are, men of sterling Christian life, and the new president, Dr. Hartzog, is, I am informed, an able minister of the Gospel. The great teachers of the nation, directing the machinery of free school systems, are Christian men. The professional ideals and the professional literature that appeal to

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every earnest teacher in the land are constantly urging him to be exemplary in his life, and not to neglect the moral instruction of his pupils. I dare to make the assertion that a large majority of the public school teachers in Arkansas are persons of good character and exert a good and elevating influence upon their schools.

If the youth in our public schools are not receiving the moral training that they should, it is not the fault of the State. "Intelligence and virtue"—the latter as much as the former—are the premises upon which the State of Arkansas argues the necessity for a system of free instruction. The law requires that every person licensed to teach shall possess not only requisite scholarship but also good moral character. The State is no patron of creed, but it demands through statute and organic law the moral training of those committed to her tutelage. And the county examiner of every county, and the school board of every district, may demand the same. The opposition to the use of our English Bible in the free schools has come, largely, from foreigners and Roman Catholics, not from our teachers. It is significant of the sentiment of the profession of teaching that this year the National Educational Association and the Summer School of the South recommended in their declarations of principles a more extensive use of the Bible in all our secular schools.

Why cannot those preachers who now and then denounce our common schools use their influence to make them better? The churches may continue to establish their schools, but the children of nine-tenths of their members will, nevertheless, be educated in the public school. The public school may be a feeder to the denominational schools just as truly as it is to the higher institutions under State control. If the school, in any district, is not what it should be morally, let pastors and people go to work and make of it such a school as they desire. They can do this. If the school law is enforced, and children receive from their parents the moral training that they should, the mass of them will make good citizens.

I do not question the right of the church to be engaged in the work of education. Her schools in the midst of heroic struggles have accomplish-

ed and are accomplishing wonders. They are giving us, we hope, ministers of the Gospel who are broad-minded citizens as well as good preachers. But our public schools are improving, and most of us know that they are a blessing and not a curse. Our leading public school men are working to make the system of public instruction in Arkansas equal to that of any State of the Union, and I suggest that the preachers referred to would not be disloyal to their denominations, if they should give these men their sympathy and support.

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A Thanksgiving Dream.

By Alma E. Gulley

Last fall I had a terrible dream,
And, O how awful it made me feel!
Isn't it queer how things can seem?
Just like it all happened—so very real.

'Twas before Thanksgiving, and
mother had said,
"Tomorrow's the day we must all
thank the Lord
For being so bountifully clothed and
fed—"
And back in the corner I hung my
head
And thought—but said not a word.

This is what I thought to myself,
"The Lord knows,
'Sides my few little blessings and
bushels of woes,
And things I must have, like victuals
and clothes,
There's nothing to make me glad.
For He knows I don't get half of the
things—
Not a third of the things—I want
so bad."

For that very morning I wanted a
dress;
A beautiful new one, though I confess
I didn't need it, and was naughty I
guess—
But I must tell you about my dream.

O, it was bad, and I thought it was
true;
I dreamed I was sitting in mamma's
chair,
And I felt just like I always do,
When somebody knocked—I didn't
know who—
But I said, "Come in," for 'twas
lonesome there.
(The others had gone to church, you
know.)

And in walked a woman so very old
She was bent nearly double, and
leaned on a staff;
She was so little I felt quite bold.
Tho' 'twas impolite, I just had to
laugh;
But she said, "Come, child, I want
no chaff,
My business I'll straightway unfold."

"I'm Secretary and Agent, too,
Of a society called 'The Ungrateful
Band.'
If I'm not mistaken you're one of this
crew,
We're going to have a meeting with
you."
Then she put a paper into my hand
And said, "Read this—you'll under-
stand."

I read these words, "We, the under-
signed,
Do hereby affirm that we cannot find
Half enough in this world to satisfy
The longings of body or soul or mind.
Therefore, be it resolved, since what
we have
Is so little compared to what we
crave,
That we cannot be grateful this side
of the grave.
Pay no attention to Thanksgiving
Days,
Improve if you can in your same good
ways
Of grumbling and frowning and tears
not a few.
This is the law of 'The Ungrateful
Crew.'"

I saw my name underneath, and I
said,
"I am sure I do not belong to this
band."
I felt so ashamed I hung my head.

But the woman drawled out, "I under-
stand,
I remember when I was young like
you,

I was sorry and tried to beg off, too.
So confess it out—you'd just as well,
For your grumbling and pouting and
frowning all tell,

That you belong here, and never de-
spair,

If you improve as much with every
year

As you did with the last, why I haven't
a fear,

By the time you are grown, but you
can be

The President of the society.

And before I could say a word, there
came

A great crowd of people into the
room,

There were folks of every nation and
name,

And the place was filled with an
awful gloom.

Some of them were dirty, and some
were clean,

Some were fleshy, and others quite
lean;

But well-dressed or shabby, great or
small,

There were ugly frowns on the faces
of all.

"Here's a new member," the old wo-
man said;

Then they looked at me till I wished
I was dead;

And all together in a whining tone,
That went clear through me, they
said, "Here's one

Who says the Lord knows, 'sides her
victuals and clothes,

Her few little blessings and bushels
of woes,

She has naught to be thankful for,
which is true.

Of course we can see she has a good
home,

Where sorrow or grief rarely ever
come.

And father and mother and sisters
and brothers

Are very devoted, each to the others.
She doesn't know what some children
know,

To go barefooted in sleet and snow.
She's healthy and hearty and very
well fed,

And never was sent with a kick to
bed.

We know her parents take all the care
To train her right, but what is the
gain?

She says she knows it isn't fair,
The way she is treated, and we de-
clare

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Then all was dark, I saw nothing more,
I was so frightened I fell to the floor.
Then I heard papa say, "My! what a mishap
To come to a girl just taking a nap.
But it's time to sleep, so let's off to bed,
And remember, my child, what your mother said—
That tomorrow will be Thanksgiving Day, when
We must all praise the Lord." And I said, "Here's one

Weldon, Ark.

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Increase of Lynching.

A few years ago the defenders of mob law told us that the existence of mobs, defying established order and qualified officials, assuming at once the sacred functions of court, jury and judge, and dealing out summary punishment to untried and uncondemned criminals, resulted from the slowness of our courts, brought about by technicalities introduced by the legal profession, or other causes. Thoughtful and serious minded people have never exercised any strong faith in these assumptions; but rather have been inclined to consider them as a cloak concealing a real threat for blood. During recent months the attitude of the mob towards law and order has grown perceptibly antagonistic, extending its operations of summary punishment into criminal fields hitherto untouched. It is not difficult to see that this spirit, if not checked, will, within a few years, overthrow civil authority and create a modern "reign of terror." This spirit is growing, the daily news reports indicating the direction of the wind.

A news report of yesterday makes very clear how weak is the charge brought against the courts, and reveals the real spirit of the mob. A negro at Forrest City, Ark., who was held for the unpardonable sin, was taken from the jail by an infuriated mob, bound to a stake and burned. The judge of that district had telegraphed the sheriff that he would arrive the following day and proceed with the trial. That the negro would have been convicted goes without question. That he would have been sentenced to death, and hanged according to the sanction of law is a certainty; and that within a few days. Under these circumstances where was the need of summary punishment, and what excuse will the mob now render for their action?

But a news report of today brings a more harrowing story. A negro had been tried and found guilty in the court at Hempstead, Texas, and while waiting for the conclusion of the trial of his accomplice, whose conviction was assured, the mob broke loose, overpowered court, jury and judge, including the sheriff and his assistants, and capturing the two negroes took them to a telegraph pole, where they hanged and shot them to death. In the latter case the mob had previously assured the court that rash measures would not be indulged, and the court with all possible speed was executing judgment. That the two negroes would have been ushered into eternity according to law, and that immediately goes without question. But what excuse will the mob render?

Both of the above towns are communities of a marked degree of cul-

ture and refinement. This is especially true of Forrest City, with which I am personally acquainted. They have good schools, numerous churches, splendid homes, and a prosperous country. The white people are decidedly in the majority, the administration of justice in their hands. They are supposed to be the exponents of truth, the manifestation of justice and righteousness. What is true of these two communities is true of other communities where mob law has reigned, and therefore we can arrive at but one conclusion: That there is an increasing disregard for established order on the part of the people.

The two cases cited above demonstrate this fact so that further argument is not necessary. But it is objected that the mob is composed of a lawless class, and not of the best class of citizenship. That they are a lawless class is demonstrated by their actions, and that they are permitted to have their way is evidence that they are greatly in the majority, or else the better class are living in a state of apathy as to the absolute need of upholding and maintaining the strong arm of civil authority. Or, it may be true that they look with some degree of sympathy and endorsement upon the action of the mob. In either case they are encouraging a disposition which in time will endanger the peace and safety of their homes, and the prosperity and stability of their country.

It is no argument to say that the mob acts only in cases where chastity has been abused. The spirit of the mob is the spirit of anarchy, and if fertilized with the sympathetic endorsement of the people and the silent recognition of courts, it will be a matter only of time until its operations will be extended into other civil and criminal affairs. In some places this has already come to pass, and from these examples the same spirit at other points takes courage and waits only for slight provocation before acting.

But it is objected that only negroes are thus dealt with! The presumption is that the life of a negro is worth nothing in the sight of God. This cannot be, without making the negro a beast, or God a despot; neither of which is true. The negro is a moral agent, and as such he should receive at our hands justice according to law—the law of our country, and the law of God. Besides is it not plain that if the lives of negroes be treated lightly by infuriated mobs, that the lives of white people will receive the same treatment in course of time? It is not a question of race, nor of color, but one of obedience to civil authority.

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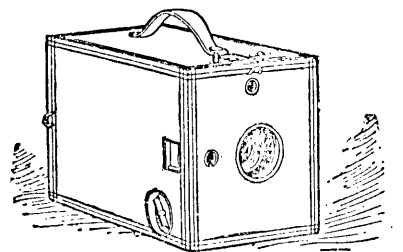
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Literature and Review

Tennyson and Browning. III.

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How far Tennyson at first realized the principles last suggested is not easy to determine; but any one can readily testify for himself their practical use in the poetry of his later period. The limitations of logic and the presence of element in the human consciousness that works its own way to its own ends are once and again set forth by him:

"I found Him not in world or sun
Or eagle's wing or insect's eye,
Nor through the questions men may
try,
The petty cob-webs we have spun.

Possibly only years of experience brought this result. We have a glimpse of earlier problems and what they meant for him in his son Hallam Tennyson's work. The influences of the age we are given a glimpse of in Sneath's "Mind of Tennyson." But the earnest student and seeker for help and sympathy, light or inspiration will find no way to know the mind of Tennyson comparable to reading his poems in the order of their publication.

Of that period of intellectual unrest of the early century, with its breaking with traditions, its realization that old statements of supposed truth were inadequate—which to the superficial thinker always means false—we cannot give here the details. Suffice it to say that in one respect it resembles all periods of disintegration and reformation. The impression at first prevails that all faiths must go—are gone. As Browning puts in the mouth of one of his characters, exultant over the passing of the ancient:

"Gone now! all gone across the dark
so far!
Sharpening fast, shudding ever,
shutting still,
Dwindling into the distance dies that
star!"

And thus speaks Matthew Arnold over the passing of ancient faiths, which he compares to the apparent loss of faith in his own age—

"For both were faiths—and both are
gone!"

Or again a world-weary soul cries out:

"Your creeds are dead—your rites are
dead!
Your social order, too!
Where tarries He, the Power, who
said,
'See, I make all things new!'"

The past is out of date,
The future not yet born,
And who can be alone elate.
While the world lies forlorn?"

It may be remarked that Arnold—often misjudged, especially by the clergy—marks clearly the idea that the period is one of transition, not extinction. But such are the periods that try men's souls far more than the periods of sheer de-

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cadence; as one may freeze to death with relatively little pain; but the revival of one almost frozen is accompanied often with great suffering.

Now pages might be filled with this voice of soul-pain of the age; but the space is limited. Enough for the present to point out Tennyson, like Arnold, Clough and others, eventually saw and expressed the truth that the great struggle of the age meant transition; no more. We have its expression in

"Our little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be,
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And Thou, O God, art more than they."

Strikingly beautiful is the expression of the same idea in the latter part of the "Passing of Arthur"—the earliest of the Athenian cycle—in the colloquy of the despairing Bedivere and the dying Arthur:

"Ah, my Lord Arthur! whither shall
I go?
For now I see the good old times are
dead,
When every morn brought forth a
noble quest,
And every quest brought forth a noble knight."

But now the whole round table is dissolved,
Which was an image of the mighty world.

Then slowly Arthur answered from the barge,
'The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world,
Comfort thyself—what comfort is in me?
I have lived my life, and that which I have done
May He within Himself make pure!'"

These very brief quotations illustrate at once the struggle of the age, and the fact that leading men of various tendencies of thought saw clearly the real meaning of the period; that the goal of the movement was but another statement of faith, not merely extinction, as a few jubilant skeptics, a sneering Strauss or two, and many faint-hearted, short-

sighted, or narrow-minded Christians believed. It was the seeming life and death struggle in the stress and those of a period like this that taught Tennyson to "cleave ever to the sunnier side of doubt, and cling to Faith, beyond the forms of faith."

The limits of logic in his later years Tennyson put sharply in his "ancient sage."

"Thou canst not prove the nameless,
O my son,
Nor canst thou prove the world thou movest in,
Thou canst not prove that thou art body alone,
Nor canst thou prove that thou art spirit alone,
Nor canst thou prove that thou art both in one,
Thou canst prove thou art immortal, no,
Nor yet that thou art mortal—nay, my son,
Thou canst not prove that I, who speak with thee,
Am not thyself in converse with thyself,
For nothing worthy proving can be proven,
Nor yet disproven."

If we might be pardoned a brief digression from the bare theme of the sketch, it would be at this point, though one is seldom thanked for moralizing or making special application of his principles. But since the object of this sketch is not to discuss the great poets from a mere literary standpoint, but to suggest the value of our poets as religious teachers, no apology need be offered for a remark or two.

Referring to a number of the most prominent clergymen of the land, whom we had the privilege of hearing at different times, I said to an intelligent middle-aged Presbyterian clergyman, an intimate friend, "Have you heard any really great preaching from any of them in the past two years?" He answered, "No. I have heard many bright things, much fresh putting of practical principles and non-debatable ground, but no great preaching from any of them."

"What is the matter?" "Well, Godbey, it strikes me these men do not know where they are at.

They are clear as ever about individual principles, but there is nothing to string them on, to give unity to the whole." "So you mean they have lost faith?" "No, I should not put it that way at all."

But the case is clearly put. A vast amount of new material for religious constructive thinking is forcing the conviction that many traditional opinions and statements are not tenable. Effort is made to readjust theological formula to include new data. There are in short many unmistakable signs of another period of intellectual transition. Uneasiness is abroad. The immemorial method of treating intellectual pioneers with suspicion, because the follies of a few sciolists who fling up the hands of their faith at the snap of a toy pistol. Books are abroad which should be read and digested—of which, however, many are afraid, though needlessly. There are books that are not generally read or reviewed, though intelligent ministers here and there value, or privately approve.

Now it is just as well occasionally, that men or an age should not know their whereabouts. Real, earnest efforts to verify bearings result. Fools may be asking questions that wise men cannot answer; yet both the fools and the wise may be the better for the questions. And if we are, as seems probable, confronting transition and restatement, we shall find the work of Tennyson in relation to such a past movement of incalculable use for the future. He can help us to teach hundreds of struggling souls that God is not includible in the limits of a logical formula; that one does not creep through the convolution of a syllogism into the kingdom of heaven. These may pass away, but faith and truth abide forever.

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Dec. 21—Samuel the Judge. 1 Sam. vii. 2-13.

Golden Text—"Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only." (Verse 3.)

Place—Mizpeh, in the territory of Benjamin, about four or five miles north of Jerusalem.

Time—About 1120 B. C., at least twenty years after the events of our last lesson.

The work of Samuel constituted one of the great turning points in the history of Israel. They had been under the judges for some three hundred years. This is a long time, to be sure, in the life of a nation, but it represents merely the youth of the Israelitish nationality. During all this while there was much of the unregulated vigor that belongs to youth; they were wild and untamed; there was much that was good that they stood for in the world, but there were also many inconsistencies, many sad turnings from the Lord, followed by many deserved punishments.

Samuel was the last of the line of the Judges. It was under him that the nation was prepared for the transition into a monarchy, and it was by his hand that this was effected.

Samuel was also the first of the line of official prophets. He was not the first, by any means, who did prophetic work in Israel, but he developed the office till it became a distinct office, a great separate and leading function in Israel, so that it took its place alongside the priesthood and the monarchy as a distinct institution in the life of the nation. He was the founder of the schools of the prophets, which guaranteed the perpetuity of the office, and made it indeed the most powerful factor in the life of the nation.

We saw in our last lesson to what low condition Israel had fallen during the judgeship of Eli, a good but indulgent man, who also held the high priesthood. Eli's sons were a disgrace, priests though they were; the people were cursed with the worship of the gods of the Phenicians, Baalim and Ashtaroht. Of course life was much debased, but there were bright spots, as the home of Samuel's parents, for example. It was this condition that Samuel must face in his work as judge and prophet. The very Ark of God had been captured by the Philistines, and had been carried into the enemy's land, so low had Israel fallen in their sins and their slavery. God had vindicated his sanctity against the Philistines by afflicting them while the Ark remained among them, and they had sent it back to the land of Israel, when it had at last found a resting place at Keriathjearim, where it had been for

twenty years at the time of our lesson.

But the people had at last, probably through the influence of Samuel himself, begun to mourn for the Lord. Samuel seized upon the first signs of repentance, and began to preach vigorously a reform. He called upon the people, as the ever indispensable condition of retrieving their external fortunes, that they should put utterly away their idols, and turn to the Lord. He then gathered them to Mizpeh, a place about four miles north of Jerusalem. It was one of those great national and representative meetings in which the nation took formally a new direction; it recorded formally and most solemnly the fact of their turning to the Lord. For any one familiar with Bible history it is not necessary to follow the story. It follows, as by the law of cause and effect, that Israel was delivered from bondage, and entered upon a new era. This is the one lesson of the whole history of Israel, the one lesson that history was meant to teach to the world.

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Dec. 26—David Livingstone.

Acts xiii. 47.

"For so hath God commanded us, saying: I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou mightest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."

Paul quoted this Scripture from Isaiah xlii. 6 as a justification of his preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Christ was to be a light to the Gentiles, and "for salvation to the ends of the earth."

In a secondary sense, Paul himself, as an agent to fulfill this prophecy, in preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles, was a subject of that prophecy, and so it may be applied to him, and to all faithful ambassadors for Christ, who have gone into heathen lands bearing the word of life. It is in this light that David Livingstone is presented in our lesson study.

David Livingstone was born of poor parents, at Blantyre, Scotland, 1813. Very early in life he displayed a deep religious devotion, and set himself, against great disadvantages, to prepare himself for missionary work. In 1840 he offered his services to the London Missionary Society, and, being accepted, proceeded to Natal, South Africa. Here, and on several other mission stations, he labored for nine years, sending much valuable information to the London Geographical Society. In 1849 he made his first journey of exploration in search of Lake Ngami, which he discovered August 1, that same year. In 1853 he crossed the continent from Zambezi to the Congo. Thence he proceeded to Leando, where he arrived in June, 1854. In September he returned, crossing the continent once more, this time from Leando to Quilimane, on the Indian ocean, where he arrived May 20, 1856. He then made a visit to England, where in 1857 he published his *Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa*. In 1858 he returned to Africa, and, supported by the government, and assisted by several scientific associates, he started from Quilimane on an exploring expedition up the Zambezi. This expedition employed Livingstone five years. During this time his wife, who accompanied him, died at Shufanga, April 27, 1862. In 1864 Livingstone returned to England, and in 1865 published "*A Narrative of An Exploration of the Zambezi*." Shortly after this he again left England, starting on his third great journey, on which he died at Chitambos village, Velala, May 1, 1873. His body was brought to England and buried in Westminster Abbey.

Livingstone was not an adventurer who loved romance and sought to make a name in the world. He was a missionary of the noblest type. Africa was ever on his heart, and from the time that in his enthusias-

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The preachers have been praying that the Bishop might have wisdom to make the appointments; let them now pray that they may have grace to accept the appointments and do their duty.

Make it a point to be in your seat at the church services. It means everything. The presence of others helps you. You would not feel comfortable if they staid away. The preacher accomplishes nothing without a congregation. Don't say you are present in spirit. A congregation of spirits would not inspire the preacher, or one another. You may hardly make your neighbors believe you are present in spirit even when present bodily. Do not therefore put their faith to a greater strain.

Sins of the Composer.

Many egregious mistakes come from the handling of type in the composition rooms. One of the worst we have heard of was in the printing of a reporter's account of a belle at a ball. He wrote, "Her dainty feet were encased in fairy boots," and was horrified to read, "Her dirty feet were encased in ferry-boats."

This came under our own observation. A preacher wrote of the discouragements in the early years of our China mission, but closed with the statement, "But the day is dawning." Instead of this he read in the paper, "But the dog is drowning."

Kindle the Fire at the Centre.

In all of our churches there is a proportion of members who experience true fellowship with God. The church generally may be composed of people who have little of religion but the acceptance of a Christian creed and a profession which represents their convictions of duty more than their attainments of experience. These have a church life which is earnest and busy, but which is hardly a spiritual life. They are jealous of the social standing of their church; they are proud of an elegant service; they pet an eloquent preacher, they count their wealthy members.

To this class of hearers and to people of the world the preacher addresses his Sunday sermons and reckons that the church is accomplishing its mission according to the size of the Sunday congregations. He is sorely taxed to sustain a popular pulpit.

Meantime the most devout and

spiritually minded of the membership are not fed. Men and women who have fought life's battles in the faith of Christ for fifty years yearn for closer fellowship and deeper spiritual truths and more direct heart instruction than they find in the great congregation. They need most that sort of heart-talks which are only drawn forth from one who knows the deep things of God.

The Saturday morning meetings, which the presiding elders used to hold, assembled such as these. It was such a congregation as might be gathered in a parlor. The preacher knew what themes to present to his audience. It was an elect company. But those men and women were pillars in the church of God. A meeting with them made the preacher think of the mount of transfiguration.

Our class meetings used to gather such companies, and our quarterly love-feasts. Now that Saturday meetings and love-feasts are no longer held in our great churches, some of the faithful ones are still met at the prayer-meetings. But even the prayer-meeting declines in the strain of the pastor to meet the demands of the pulpit on Sunday, and the aged Christians of deepest experience feel that there is no longer a place for them in the church which they love and which so many memories have made sacred. "Times," they say, "are not as they were once." The church seems to have gone away from these faithful souls. The minister has forgotten them.

We plead for these neglected ones. The church greatly needs them, needs to be brought in touch with that spiritual life which they experience. They need to be held in the very center of influence in the church. This can only be done by meetings especially suited to them. They are lost in the great congregation, and the popular sermon does not feed them.

We acknowledge the need of special meetings for the young, but are forgetting the needs of the old. We treat them as if they had outlived their day, and are no longer needed in the church, which has lived and triumphed through a past generation by their labors, their faith and their prayers. We neglect them at the loss of the church. A wise pastor who seeks to strengthen the faith of his people and quicken their spiritual life will have need of the men and women who have struggled and fought through life's temptations and sorrows until they have reached that land of Beulah, whence they see already the light of the holy city.

Tithing.

Here is a batch of literature sent us by Thomas Kane & Co., Chicago. Its aim is to enlist all Christian people to give one-tenth of their income for religious work. As

this writer has given a tenth of his receipts to the church or to charity since he was a boy of sixteen, he feels free to write upon the subject. The law of tithing is claimed to be of divine origin and authority. Moses enjoined it upon the Israelites. Among them it had a simple basis. One of the tribes, that of Levi, was consecrated wholly to the Lord's work. They were forbidden to hold property or follow secular business. The tithe was levied for their support. It made them equal with their brethren. If one-eleventh part of all the Christian people were devoted to God's work, exclusive, now, the justice of a tithe levy would be clear. But such a state of things does not exist. The old law does not, especially, apply.

The apostles of our Lord saw that in the establishment of the church of the New Dispensation, the Mosaic laws could not be insisted on. Those laws were for a nation, organized under other laws, which made this law of tithing only the complement of the others. In the church of Christ, composed of a few people here and there, gathered out of all nations as his followers, and subject to the laws of various nations, the controlling force could not be statutory but moral only, and effective, so far as the consciences of men were reached.

As to conscience, many Christian people feel constrained to give a tenth, many give more, most far less. The Jew gave for work among his own people, as one now pays a school tax for his own benefit, and the benefit of his own people. Some narrow Christians give the same way, now, to build their own churches, support their own preachers; others feeling the obligation to send the Gospel abroad, give more. Some, who were held to be money-makers, have given their fortunes at the last to the cause of God.

But, as respects giving to the cause of God, there are no fixed and exclusive channels for such giving. The man who makes his own home sweet and attractive contributes, as surely to the public good, as if he gave to make some other home happy. He who expends means to give his own children a Christian education gives to the cause of Christ. There is, in our time, a vast amount given for charity and for bettering the conditions of men, which is not given to the church, or through the church; nor has the church a right to require that what Christians give for God's cause shall be given wholly into her coffers or through her hands.

The church, if she would command the contributions of the people, must show herself worthy to receive them. A laborer who receives one thousand dollars a year may feel pressed in his conscience to give something to send the Word of God to the heathen, but he will hardly feel that he is especially bound to

follow the leading of men who, though claiming to have renounced all for Christ, serve Christ's cause only for sumptuous salaries. Those who lead the Lord's people, demanding self-denial of them, must inspire the people to give by showing that these gifts are not wasted.

We are calling upon the church, and not calling in vain, for money. This money is given to the Master's cause, to enable His servants to carry on their work. They must lead in devotion the people whom they represent.

Field Editorials.

Thank you, Bishop Hoss, for making me an editor as well as agent for the "Arkansas Methodist." I shall begin with a shotgun and small shot. My first notes shall be a short review of our late conference at Benton.

We were delighted to have Bishop Hoss to preside over the conference, although in "the class of the first year" and trying "his prentice hand" on us, he did so well we are willing to advance him to the "second year" and ask that he be continued in charge of the conferences in Arkansas. He presided with dignity without stiffness, firmness without partiality. His sermon Sunday morning was a masterly effort, said by many to be the most helpful conference discourse they ever heard.

We had the pleasure and profit of having with us quite a number of the connectional officers. Dr. Winton, editor of the Nashville Advocate; Dr. Ward, missionary secretary; Dr. Watkins, superintendent for the connectional superannuate, fund; Dr. Atkins, Sunday-school secretary, and Dr. Hammond, secretary of Board of Education, were present and reported their respective interests. They all made fine speeches and put the claims which they represent clearly and strongly on the hearts and consciences of the brethren.

We were delighted at the reports of our various conference boards. The mission board reported a marked advance in the collections. The Camden District, under the leadership of Rev. R. R. Moore, reported assessments for foreign missions paid in full.

The joint board of finance also reported a considerable increase in the collections under its control. For which let us thank God and increase our efforts to keep the ball moving.

Perhaps in all our wide connection there has not been made a more encouraging report than that made by the board of education. The improvement and enlargement of our educational work in Arkansas have been so great in the last few years as to call forth strong words of commendation from the Bishop and he knows for he has kept himself posted.

Our wide-awake, efficient, enthu-

siastic orphan agent, Rev. T. H. Ware was conspicuously present. No interest of Methodism in our State is of more importance just now than our Orphan Home. Brother Ware is the man—shall I say the providential man?—for this important place. We beg the brethren to throw open their pulpits and homes to this man of God as he pleads for the orphans and help him in this great work.

It looked awhile as if a destructive storm had struck the body, but it was only sheet lightning. The air soon cleared up. The brethren became serene and the appointments were received in the spirit of the Master. The preachers have gone forward to their charges. They are at work, looking and asking for the blessings of God on their labors. We pray that this may be a year of great spiritual prosperity and power.

J. R. H.

Vanderbilt Notes.

S. R. Twitty made a business trip to Arkansas for two or three days this week.

In company with R. M. Holland and A. W. Wasson, we attended church, on Sunday night last, at Hobson's Chapel. From our old friend, Rev. A. M. Trawick, the pastor, and his intelligent congregation we received a warm and generous welcome. Brother Holland, who was elected to deacon's orders at the recent session of the Little Rock Conference, will be ordained in this church in the near future. In addition to his other kindnesses, Brother Trawick very graciously promises to give us Arkansas boys an occasional opportunity to exercise our ministerial gifts and graces—a bold thing to do unless he is sure of the patience and enduring qualities of his congregation.

In the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Wednesday night, Dr. O. E. Brown addressed the theological students on the "prayer-life." It was a strong message, calculated to make the most careless think. He spoke of the enormous significance of a call to preach, and in the light of that divinely imposed responsibility pointed out the necessity of continuous earnest prayer. We felt more than ever the need of a ministry possessed with the "prayer-passion."

Elbert Hubbard (Fra Elburtus), the originator and manager of the "Roycrofters Shops," and the author of the "Filistine Magazine" and "The Message to Garcia," delivered his noted lecture in Nashville last Thursday night, December 11. Mr. Hubbard is decidedly original, and gave us a lecture full of interest and information.

My visit to the conference lingers in memory as a pleasant dream. It was good to meet the brethren and shake their hands again. I trust we may all forget the unpleasant features connected with it, and remember it by that Sunday morning

love-feast, or the bishop's sermon. My prayers follow the brethren as they begin their year's work.

Hutchinson.

Rev. J. J. Alexander Dead.

Dr. Godbey—Those lines leave me indeed sorrowful. Rev. J. J. Alexander departed this life the 4th. Please insert in the "Methodist." I ask the prayers and sympathy of all the brethren. Yours in Christ,

Mrs. M. E. Alexander.

Preacher Wanted.

I need a preacher for Mulberry Circuit in the Fort Smith District. Three appointments, good school, new parsonage and opportunity for large development will afford a good, earnest, energetic preacher a most desirable field of usefulness.

Henry Hanesworth.

P. E. Fort Smith District, Arkansas Conference.

Note From Brother Thomas.

Rev. James Thomas writes us from Texarkana: "This is a difficult field, but some one must take it, and I suppose none are better environed than myself for the task. Our children are educated and we are strong and able to endure hardships. The brethren here will do their best and we will doubtless build a church."

Brother Thomas has done a great work in Little Rock. God's blessing has attended his labors in a special manner wherever he has served the church. We pray that he may be abundantly prospered in his new and important field.

District Stewards' Meeting.

The district stewards of the Texarkana District will meet at De Queen, 2 o'clock p. m., December 23, instead of 10 o'clock a. m., same day, as first announced.

B. A. Few, P. E.

Mrs. H. H. Watson.

On Friday last the funeral of Mrs. H. H. Watson, wife of Rev. H. H. Watson, took place from Winfield Memorial church. For more than a year Sister Watson had been in the city confined to her room and dying of consumption. For a year she saw the end of life approaching. Her work was done, and she was expecting the call to enter into rest.

For years Sister Watson had borne the privations of the itinerant's wife. She had entered heartily into work for the church while able to work. She made many friends in all the charges which her husband served. She was an unusually brilliant woman, and highly cultured. It was her request that Rev. James Thomas should conduct her funeral. A telegram to Brother Thomas, at her death failed to reach him. The funeral was conducted by the editor of the Methodist, assisted by

Brother Ramsey, the new pastor of Winfield church. The body was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

Church Notes.

In its chapters on Church History and "The Great Missionaries of the Church" our Epworth Era is giving the young people of our church very valuable information.

The Northwestern University of the M. E. Church has enrolled 4,000 students this year, an increase of 800 over last year.

The M. E. Church is trying to close its twentieth century offering with a subscription of \$3,000,000 for the support of her superannuated preachers.

Married.

ARNOLD-WILSON.—Mr. Marvin Arnold and Miss Lee Wilson, in Bethlehem church, Johnson county, Ark., December 7, at 7 p. m., Rev. P. B. Summers officiating.

KIRKLAND-EVERETTE.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Cabot, Ark., December 14, 1902, Mr. J. O. Kirkland and Miss Cora Everette, W. W. Christie officiating.

LASSITER-GLOVER.—At the home of the bride's father, J. M. Glover, in Lonoke county, Ark., December 7, 1902, Mr. S. B. Lassiter and Miss Mary Glover were married. W. W. Christie officiating.

DICKSON-BLAND.—On the 3d inst., at 7:30 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents, Perryville, Ark., Mr. Frank Dickson to Miss Rosa Bland, J. H. Smith officiating. Miss Rosa is a very prominent member of our church at this place, and Mr. Dickson is a very successful merchant here. Many good wishes to them.

HOLMES-SHUMAKER.—December 8, 1902, at the residence of Mr. E. P. Garrison, El Dorado, Ark., Mr. John P. Holmes, of Westson, Ark., and Miss Bessie Shumaker, of Warren, Ark., Rev. J. A. Sage, officiating. Mr. Holmes is the youngest son of the late Rev. John P. Holmes, of the Little Rock Conference, and Miss Shumaker is the fair daughter of one of Warren's best families.

Personal.

The address of Rev. F. F. Harrell is Bearden, Ark.

The postoffice of Rev. F. R. Noe is changed from El Paso to Beebe, Ark.

Thomas Nast, the great cartoonist, died of yellow fever in Ecuador, Sunday, 7th inst.

Rev. W. B. Ricks, of Helena, is to be married, soon, to Miss Neal of Lebanon, Tenn.

Our assistant editor, Rev. A. H. Godbey, will spend the winter at the Chicago University.

Rev. R. R. Moore says: "We are

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all right in the district parsonage at Prescott, and our work starts off well."

Dr. Edward Thompson, General Manager of the Sunday League of America, was a pleasant caller last week.

Dr. Walker Lewis, the new pastor of our First Church, Little Rock, is expected to arrive in this city Wednesday, 17th.

Rev. T. Y. Ramsey is now comfortably esconced in the Winfield parsonage. He has hearty Christian welcome to his new charge.

Rev. W. H. Milburn, who has served the Senate of the United States as chaplain for many years, has resigned because of ill health. He is in California.

The Northwestern University has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the great Vienna surgeon specialist, Adolph Lorenz. It is stated that his operation upon the daughter of Mr. J. O. Armour, of Chicago, has proven entirely successful.

Texarkana Dist.—Preachers' Meeting.

The Preachers' Meeting of the Texarkana District will convene at De Queen, at 9 o'clock a. m., January 14, and close at noon January 16th.

Rev. J. C. Rhodes, pastor of Fair View Church, Texarkana, will preach the opening sermon, 11 o'clock a. m., January 14th.

The following subjects will be discussed: 1, Revivals; 2, Pastoral work; 3, The "collections" and missions; 4, Church and parsonage building; 5, Our educational interests; 6, The circulation of our literature; 7, Temperance or prohibition.

All the local preachers are urged to be present and take part in the work of the meeting.

B. A. Few, P. E.

Dec. 15, 1902.

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Christian Life.

Tis Foggy.

BY B. F. M. SOURS.

'Tis gray with fog; the dull alarm
Rings past the rocky shore;
'Tis thick and dark; the morning
sleeps;

Gloom gathers more and more.
The sullen sea is hidden now,
And O, loved mariner, where art thou?

Upon the trusted path of steel
The mighty engine flies;
The engineer with boding fear
Listens!—before his eyes
The foggy wall is hiding all—
A thousand souls behind him call.

Upon another path a youth
Is hastening along.
His eyes are full of strength and fire;
Upon his lips is song.
But doubt obscures the better way,
And O! his footsteps go astray!

'Tis foggy; how are we to know
The hidden path of life?
A hand of love from heaven above
Would lead from scenes of strife.
Seek then, my friend, that heavenly
Guide.

And be secure whate'er betide.
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Do You Read Good Books?

The most needful thing for spiritual growth next to reading the Word of God is the reading of good books. The companionship of the wisest and best of men and women is found in the books through which, in words well weighed, they tell us their thoughts and experiences. We make happy progress in knowledge and goodness in the society of the wise and good. Our hours of rest may be made occasions of spiritual benediction, if we give proper attention to our reading.

The Foot-Path to Peace.

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falseness and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ, and to spend as much time as you can with body and spirit in God's out-of-doors—these are the little guide-posts on the foot-path to peace.—Henry Van Dyke.

The whim of today is the impulse of tomorrow—the wish of next week—the good or bad taste of next month—the habit of next year—the instinct of your descendants.—Alice W. Rollins.

Don't take up everything. The Lord seldom gives one great outside mission: He never gives half a dozen at a time.—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.

For Singers and Speakers.

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A Grand Rapids gentleman who represents a prominent manufacturing concern and travels through central and southern Michigan, relates the following regarding the new catarrh cure. He says:

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"I have a little son who sings in a boy's choir in one of our prominent churches, and he is greatly troubled with hoarseness and throat weakness, and on my return home from a trip I gave him a few of the tablets one Sunday morning when he had complained of hoarseness. He was delighted with their effect, removing all huskiness in a few minutes and making the voice clear and strong.

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—Goldsmith.

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For the Young People.

Why Cats Wash After Eating.

You may have noticed, little friends,
That cats don't wash their faces
Before they eat, as children do
In all good Christian places.

Well, years ago a famous cat,
The pangs of hunger feeling,
Had chanced to catch a fine young
mouse,
Who said, as he ceased squealing:

"All genteel folks their faces wash
Before they think of eating."
And, wishing to be thought well bred,
Puss heeded his entreating.

But when she raised her paw to wash,
Chance for escape affording,
The sly young mouse said his good-
bye,
Without respect to wording.

A feline council met that day,
And passed, in solemn meeting,
A law forbidding any cat
To wash till after eating.
—Selected.

Here is a story which may show
our young friends the folly of hal-
loween jokes. Last halloween this
terrible tragedy occurred: "Late in
the night Mrs. McLain heard some
one moving around the outside of
the house. She called to whoever it
was, demanding an answer, but the
noise only continued with no word
from the person she thought a rob-
ber. Mrs. McLaine, fearing that
she was about to be attacked by the
thief, secured a shotgun and fired
into the darkness from a window.
There was a sound of a falling body
at the front door. She opened the
door and was greeted by the stare
of the eyes of her dead son. Wil-
liam was in Hallowe'en disguise and
had just returned from a frolic with
some of his friends. He was evi-
dently playing a joke on his mother
by refusing to answer her calls.

A Brave Boy.

George Sadewski is a brave boy.
Last week he was returning home
from Milwaukee to his parents at
Manotowock, Wis., and suspecting
he had smallpox, would not endan-
ger his parents and brothers and
sisters by going home, but spent the
night in a box car, in freezing
weather, and next morning reported
to the health officers and was sent
to the hospital. George has nerve,
and sense, and a kind heart. We
hope he will get well. He has the
elements of a man in him.

Our Letter Box.

Kingsville, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a lit-
tle girl, eleven years old. My papa
takes the "Arkansas Methodist." I
like to read the children's letters. I
think none of the children have
written any letters from this place.
I will not go to school any this win-
ter. We all went to church, last
Sunday. Brother J. F. Armstrong
preached. Brother House is our
preacher in charge. I hope to see
this in print. Your friend,

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Barney, Ark.

Dear Dr. Godbey—As my papa
takes the "Methodist" and is a
Methodist from top to toe, and as I
like to read the children's letters
so much myself I will write. I live
way out in the backwoods country, 25
miles from the county seat, and 45
miles from the capital of the state.
As I have not seen any letter from
this part I thought I would write
one. I am a little girl 10 years old
and I have five sisters, and we go to
school. We have a four-months'
school this winter. Mr. Anthony is
the teacher. I study fifth grade.
Dear cousins, we have an evergreen
Sunday-school at our church. Our
superintendent, Uncle Ruben
Brown, died November 23, and his
body was laid in the McNew Ceme-
tery. May the Lord bless the fam-
ily of our dear old superintendent.
We will all miss him so much. We
are going to have a prayer and
praise meeting at our church Christ-
mas week. We want to start right
for the New Year, and with our
new preacher. Brother Floyd is his
name. I saw it in the "Methodist."
Dear Dr. Godbey, for fear this falls
in the wastebasket, I will close.
Lurah B. Blessing.

Dear Brother Godbey—I thought
that I would join your happy band
of cousins. My papa takes the
dear old "Arkansas Methodist," and
I enjoy reading the children's let-
ters, and I wish more of the girls
and boys would write. It looks like
we all could afford to write to the
best paper we have. My papa is a
farmer. He raises corn and cotton
and potatoes and peanuts and we all
help him to work. I have three
brothers and two step-brothers. One
of my brothers is married and three
of my sisters. My pastor's name is
W. J. Stone, and I like him very
much. I think he is a good man.
He preached his last time for us
the second Sunday in November. I
will be 17 years old the second day
of January. Well, I will close,
with best wishes to the cousins. If

I see my letter in print I will write
again.

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the case of the other aches and pains for
which you claim it is a remedy, had I
had occasion to test it.

I trust this indorsement (though un-
solicited) may help others to the same
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Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRED C. FURTH,
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See adv. on page 15.

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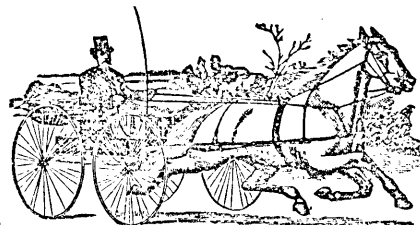
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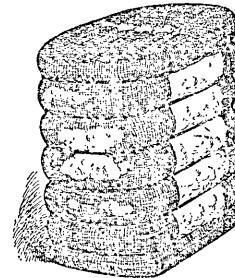
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Warning Order.

Franklin Bros., Plaintiffs, }
vs. } Justice Court.
C. W. Baker, Defendant. }
The defendant, C. W. Baker, is warned to
appear in this Court within thirty days, and
answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, Frank-
lin Bros.
December 3rd, 1902.

J. Harp, J. P.

Warning Order.

A. Karcher Candy Co., Plaintiff, }
vs. } Justice
Baker & Baker, Defendants. } Court.
The defendants, Baker & Baker, are warned
to appear in this Court within thirty days, and
answer the complaint of the plaintiff, A.
Karcher Candy Co.
Dec. 3rd, 1902.

J. Harp, J. P.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, } ss
County of Pulaski. }
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Samuel J. Patton, plaintiff, vs. Ina Patton,
defendant.
The defendant, Ina Patton, is warned to
appear in this Court within thirty days, and
answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Samuel
J. Patton.
December 2nd, 1902.
Chas. M. Connor, Clerk.
John Barrow, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, } ss
County of Pulaski. }
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Sarah J. Ellard, plaintiff, vs. Thos. A. Ellard,
defendant.
The defendant, Thos. A. Ellard, is warned
to appear in this Court within thirty days, and
answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Sarah
J. Ellard.
December 9th, 1902.

Chas. M. Connor, Clerk.
By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
E. S. & L. C. Maloney, Solicitors for plain-
tiffs.
Gus Fulk, Attorney ad litem.

Our Church at Home.

PERRYVILLE, ARK.—We have been here nine days. Find plenty to do. We were on the road ten days in the rain, quite a lot, water bound three days. Our move cost us over \$50, but, thank the Lord, we are here and among a good and clever people. The outlook is good and we expect great things. J. H. Smith.

OLD FOGY KNEW.

Experience Teaches People.

"My parents considered coffee simply a harmless beverage for old and young, so when a mere baby I commenced to drink it, and when I reached womanhood, found myself troubled with nervousness, headache and an irritable temper and to obtain relief, I drank more and more coffee, thus adding fuel to the fire.

I grew worse until life was one black night of pain. My nerves were shattered, body wrecked with suffering, my stomach gave out and utterly refused to digest the most simple foods, and finally I lay for weeks starving and longing for food, but unable to eat more than just enough to keep me alive.

While in this state, my next door neighbor brought in a fragrant cup that I supposed was some new grade of coffee, and although I had suffered so terribly from its effects, the temptation was too strong to resist, and I drank it with relish. I noticed it had a rich, agreeable taste and I drank it without distress. She repeated the kindness two or three mornings.

I began to congratulate myself that it was not coffee that hurt me after all. I was assuring my friend of this one day when she astonished me by saying that I was not drinking coffee, but a pure food drink called Postum Coffee, made from nourishing grain for building up the system and nerves instead of tearing them down.

I then began to drink Postum regularly and to get well slowly but surely. Today I am a strong, hearty woman; my nervous system is entirely rebuilt and with a reserve force of strength in time of need; I sleep well and awake refreshed and feel bright for each day's task, with no indigestion or stomach trouble, and a good, strong, active brain ready for any mental strain or toil. There is no doubt on earth that coffee nearly killed me.

A friend of mine was obliged to resign her position as school teacher because of extreme nervousness caused by coffee drinking. I induced her to use Postum in place of coffee, and at the end of four months she began teaching again, her nervousness gone and feeling and looking ten years younger; her sallow complexion having become a beautiful, healthy bloom." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

DAVIS, I. T.—We are starting well in Davis Station. Have a delightful people and we are expecting a good year. T. M. Jackson.

MANSFIELD, ARK.—We arrived at Mansfield November 28, was kindly received and are comfortably domiciled in a nice parsonage (by the way, Mrs. Key, who is not given to complimenting either persons or things, says it is the nicest parsonage we have ever occupied), furnished with dresser, washstand, center table, two bedsteads, mattresses and springs, cook stove and dining-room furniture, etc. Blessings on my predecessors, and the good people of Mansfield for these comforts.

And what do you think? Two weeks in advance of Christmas old Santa Claus, his wife and family came in on us last night unheralded and without giving us the slightest intimation of their coming, numbering I suppose between fifty and one hundred persons, and from the number of packages of the necessities of life we found on the table in the dining-room, every one of them must have brought a donation. After the introduction of the preacher and his wife to the strangers by Dr. J. W. Sorrells, that noble layman, who personated Santa Claus on this occasion, the doctor led in singing "Near, My God, to Thee," and called on the pastor to lead in prayer.

They then dispersed as joyously as they came. God bless them all personally, together with the homes that they represented. Doctor, from what I can see, and have learned since coming on the ground, this is certainly a very pleasant as well as a very important, and difficult pastoral charge.

It consists of Abbott-Mansfield and Old and New Hartford. All railroad towns, the extreme points being thirteen miles (Gwynn), or "New Hartford," is a mining town of three years, and I am told that they have a population of from fifteen hundred to two thousand.

Only those who have had the pastoral oversight of mining towns, know of the difficulties of such a field.

My daily prayer shall be that God will use me for his glory, and the good of this entire people. Doctor you and Sister Godbey come and see us, and help us. We will extend you a hearty welcome.

S. S. Key.

MENA, ARK.—We made a good beginning here last Sunday for the new conference year, with appreciative audiences. As the South Mena Sunday-school of about 70 pupils, which we organized last January, has been put upon the new Mena Circuit, Brother Woodfin has taken charge of it, and I will begin extra mission work next Sunday p. m. in Hall's addition to Mena. Brother

Woodfin preached a good sermon for our people last Sunday a. m. and now, with his help, we hope to see many souls saved and our church greatly edified here this year. Pray for us. J. R. Sanders.

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An Enthusiastic Meeting.

Last night the new board of stewards of the M. E. Church, Soult, for Mena station, met in Dr. Maxwell's office to organize and begin work for the new conference year. Rev. B. A. Few, P. E., being present, called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by the pastor. The following officers were elected: R. C. Maxwell, president; W. E. Anderson, secretary; S. C. Reynolds, treasurer.

A general spirit of enthusiasm prevailed and more systematic and liberal plans were projected for the year. Monthly meetings will be held and weekly and monthly settlements made.

Quarterly Meetings.

Helena District—First Round.
Forrest City Station.....Dec. 14, 15
Wynne StationDec. 21, 22
Marianna StationDec. 27, 28
Haynes Ct., at Millbrook....Jan. 1, 2

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Helena StationJan. 4, 5
Bledsoe Ct.Jan. 10, 11
West Wynne, at Smith's Chapel...

.....Jan. 17, 18
Wesley Ct., at ColtJan. 18, 19
La Grange Ct., at La Grange Jan. 21, 22
Laconia Ct., at Laconia ..Jan. 24, 25
McCrory and DeView, at Faykes...

.....Jan. 31 Feb. 1.
District Stewards will meet in Forrest City Thursday, January 15, at 1:30 p. m.

W. C. Davidson, P. E.

Arkadelphia District—First Round.
Central Avenue, Hot Springs

.....Dec. 6, 7
Arkadelphia StationDec. 13, 14
Holly Springs Ct.Dec. 21, 22
Social Hill Ct.Dec. 27, 28
Clark CircuitJan. 3, 4
Amity CircuitJan. 10, 11
Okalona CircuitJan. 17, 18
Lono CircuitJan. 24, 25
Malvern StationJan. 25, 26
Dalark Ct.Jan. 31, Feb. 1

A district preachers' meeting will be held at Arkadelphia January 5-7. Sermon Monday night by Rev. M. W. Manville and Tuesday night by Rev. Lewis Powell. A suitable programme will be arranged, beginning Tuesday morning, January 6, at 9:30.

District Stewards' meeting January 6 at 1:30 p. m. The District Stewards are invited to constitute a part of the preachers' meeting and take part in all the discussions. A full attendance is desired, and Arkadelphia will extend a cordial welcome to all who may come.

J. R. Cason, P. E.

Paragould District—First Round.
Gainesville Ct.Dec. 20, 21
Paragould Ct.Dec. 27, 28
Walnut Ridge StationDec. 29, 30
Boydsville Ct.Jan. 3, 4
Piggott and RectorJan. 4, 5
Corning StationJan. 8
Reno Ct.Jan. 8
Knobel Ct.Jan. 10, 11
Paragould StationJan. 14
Pocahontas StationJan. 17, 18
Pocahontas Ct.Jan. 18, 19

The District Stewards will please meet at the Methodist church in Walnut Ridge, December 29, at 10 a. m. We would be glad to have a full attendance. Pastors invited to attend.

M. B. Umsted, P. E.

Searcy District—First Round.
Searcy StationDec. 17
Newport StationDec. 21, 22
Auvergne and WeldonDec. 23
ArgentaDec. 28, 29
CatoJan. 3, 4
BeebeJan. 17, 18
El PasoJan. 24, 25
West SearcyJan. 31, Feb. 1
District Stewards, please meet me at Higginson December 26, at 2 p. m. Please come. M. M. Smith.

WYNNEWOOD, I. T.—I have been very kindly received and am well pleased with my new field. The health of myself and family is improving all the time. I still love my native State. Yours truly,
S. F. Goddard.

ADONA, ARK.—Bishop Hoss, at Harrison, read me out for Adona Circuit, so I did not have to move. as I supplied the work last year. However, I moved from our old, dilapidated parsonage at Ada to a rented house at Adona. I have been very kindly received on my return to the work. We are starting off very nicely with this year's work. The board of stewards have increased the assessments for the preacher's salary one hundred dollars over the assessment for last year. Our first quarterly conference is gone. Brother Cantrell, our beloved P. E., was with us in good trim and did us splendid work. I think we will soon be ready to begin work on our new parsonage. There is a fine future for this work, if properly developed. We are expecting a good year.
D. U. Cline.

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People that don't know about food should never be allowed to feed persons with weak stomachs.

A little over a year ago a young woman who lives in Mercer, Me., had an attack of scarlet fever, and when convalescent was permitted to eat anything she wanted. Indiscriminate feeding soon put her back in bed with severe stomach trouble and inflammation of the kidneys.

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The food did me good from the start, and I was soon out of bed and entirely recovered from the stomach trouble. I have gained ten pounds since my recovery and am able to do all household duties, some days sitting down only long enough to eat my meals. I can eat anything that one ought to eat, but I still continue to eat Grape-Nuts at breakfast and supper and like it better every day.

Considering that a year ago I could stand only a short time and that a glass of water seemed 'so heavy,' I am fully satisfied that Grape-Nuts has been everything to me and my return to good health is due solely to it.

I have told several friends having nervous or stomach trouble what Grape-Nuts did for me and in every case they speak highly of the food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

LACEY CIRCUIT.—As Brother Curry has been returned to this charge, we are not disappointed but pleased from the fact that Brother Curry is a good preacher, and did remarkably well this year. Consequently we expect greater things next year. So let us do all the good we can to all the people we can, in all the ways we can. Let us pull together for our pastor and beloved Methodism.

Every Methodist on Lacey Circuit should be profoundly grateful to the "powers that be" for the return of Brother Curry to this charge. We should be very good to him. Inasmuch as the ecclesiastical wheel consigned him to good old Lacey Circuit. So let our watchword ever be, "Go Forward." Amen.

Edward F. Reynolds.

BEEBE CIRCUIT.—We are on the move. Rev. H. T. Gregory is advertised to preach at Vilonia next Sunday. You know he is noted for promptness.

Please state in paper that my postoffice address is changed from El Paso, Ark., to Beebe, Ark., and oblige your friend and brother,
F. R. Noe.

MOUNTAIN HOME STATION.—Conference wisdom said for us to leave Greenwood, which we had learned to love so dearly, for Mountain Home. So after a very long, hard move we are here snugly domiciled in the parsonage. But my library and a number of other things are on the other side of White river somewhere. The teamster stalled and had to leave half of our goods. The roads were fearful.

It is unnecessary to say that the Mountain Home people received us kindly. They are as hospitable people as I have ever seen, and, better still, very loyal to the church. The official board meets regularly with the pastor and plans with him on all the church work. The stewards feel that their promise is as sacred as their oath, so what they promise they pay.

Last night they stormed the parsonage, about fifty of them, in a most generous donation party. Such deeds of kindness make the preacher feel humble, and at the same time inspire him to try to do the best year's work of his life.

Brother O'Bryant, our new P. E., makes a good beginning. O'Bryant is one of our strongest young men. Brother Hackler starts off well in his fourth year on the Mountain Home Circuit. He is a true and faithful preacher. We are expecting the Harrison District to do a great year's work under the leadership of Brother O'Bryant and the pastors.

J. J. Galloway, P. C.

COAL HILL.—I met a cordial reception on the Altus and Coal Hill charge. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the pastor. The outlook for a good year is hopeful. Yours truly,
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Last September, at the urgent request of a friend (who had been afflicted as myself), I was induced to try your remedy. I was then suffering fearfully with one of my old turns. To my surprise and delight the first application gave me ease, after bathing and rubbing the parts affected, leaving the limbs in a warm glow, created by the Relief. In a short time the pain passed entirely away. Although I have slight periodical attacks approaching a change of weather, I know now how to cure myself, and feel quite master of the situation. RADWAY'S READY RELIEF is my friend. I never travel without a bottle in my valise. Yours truly,
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Warning Order.

State of Arkansas, ss
County of Pulaski. In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Nettie Ellerkamp, plaintiff, vs. John Ellerkamp, defendant.
The defendant, John Ellerkamp, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Nettie Ellerkamp.
December 16th, 1902.
Chas. M. Connor, Clerk.
By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
A. N. De Meers, Solicitor for plaintiff.
W. M. Lewis, Atty. ad litem

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From Bishop Galloway.

FROM OUR MISSION ROOMS.

Soochow, China, Nov. 6, 1902.

Dear Dr. Lambuth—We leave here this afternoon for Huchow. Have spent nearly a week in this city. On Wednesday afternoon we had the commencement of the medical college, when three graduates received the degree of M. D. It is said by every one to have been the most notable day in the history of modern Soochow. The governor, provincial treasurer, chief justice and many other officials were present, with the Japanese consul, the commissioner of customs, and many distinguished guests. Our chapel was crowded with the elite of this aristocratic and literary city. The wives of millionaires in gorgeous dress were out in large numbers. Essays on appropriate subjects were made by the graduates. I delivered an address, interpreted by Dr. Parker, and the governor presented the diplomas with a word of congratulation and counsel. After the exercises at the church all the distinguished guests were entertained with refreshments at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fearn. His excellency, the governor, seemed greatly pleased with the occasion, expressed in generous words his appreciation of the work we are doing, and said he would be glad to aid in every way possible. He has already promised a liberal contribution to the Soochow University. That the medical college should have commanded such distinguished and official recognition and our work and workers have had such influential endorsement, is a most grateful thought and a stupendous fact. A new morning has dawned upon China. The mists are clearing away and the whole land will one day be flooded with light. Now is the church's magnificent opportunity. Gates that were hermetically sealed, are beginning to open, and others that stood against us have fallen from their hinges. We need men for the field and men for the schools. We need women to go into these open homes and women to teach the children to know our Lord.

I wish you could have been in Soochow on that great day. What a magnificent display of Chinese official and aristocratic life, as one chair after another arrived with runners and outriders in brilliant oriental dress. Such emphatic and cordial endorsement we have never known in China. You can well imagine my eyes dilated with wonder as I had only a few hours before read an account of Dr. Muirhead's bitter experience on his first visit to Soochow, barely escaping with his life, and of your father's frigid lonelines who came shortly after. Now how changed! There on the same platform with once despised "foreign devils," sat the chief execu-

tive of more than ten millions of people, and by his side I sat at the table in Dr. Fearn's home. Through his interpreter, who speaks excellent English, I said: "Your excellency, it was a very small matter to you personally to present the diplomas to those young people, but it was a great event in their lives, and they will never forget the high honor you have done them." He replied: "It was my great pleasure, and I beg again to assure you of my interest in the work you are doing." He then asked for the names of the graduates, which were written for him on red paper in beautiful Chinese characters, and inquired as to the number of years they had been students, of what cities they were natives, etc., etc. Truly and fraternally. Chas. B. Galloway.

Woman's Work.

News Items.

1. The Woman's Home Mission Society is a legatee of the late Mrs. Lindsey Wilson. She wills the Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., \$2,000. The parsonage loan fund, \$5,000. If any money remains after these have been paid, the Board of Church Extension and the Louisville church are to share alike. We do not know when the will is to be settled. She requested that it be within the next six months. This is the second bequest the W. H. M. Board has received within the last two years. Mrs. Lindsey Wilson is the daughter of the late Marcus Lindsey, a pioneer preacher of the Louisville Conference.

2. We rejoice in visible fruits of our labors, in that five young Japanese men, pupils of our school in San Francisco, have been converted to Christ and received into our church.

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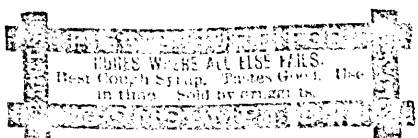
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R. J. Raiford.

JAMESON.—Victoria Virginia Jameson (nee Gaines) was born September 1, 1841, and died near Park, Ark., October 18, 1902. She professed faith in Christ in early life and died in triumphant faith. Hers was a religion that cheered her amidst all the cares and toils of life, and they were many, for she labored almost constantly that she might minister to the wants of her family. She was indeed a mother in Israel. Not only will her husband and children miss her, but the whole community, for she seemed like a mother to all. She took a kindly interest in this young preacher, and seemed tireless in her efforts to make every one comfortable who partook of her hospitality. She leaves two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren, besides her husband and a host of friends to mourn her death. But look up, dear ones, and be always prepared to meet her, for she is waiting over there. Her pastor.

W. H. Cloninger.

CORDER.—Emelius Grandison Corder was born at Lukfata, Choctaw Nation, May 25, 1859; died at Hocha Town, Choctaw Nation, October 14, 1902. He professed religion at 17 years of age, joined the M. E. Church, South, the same year, was licensed to preach October 23, 1880, was very efficient as a local preacher for fifteen years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business for a year at Chapel Hill; then went to Choctaw Nation, where he engaged in farming. This occupation he pursued until his death. Brother Corder was a wonderful man in many respects. He was a splendid exhorter and seemed to be especially adapted to the administration of the young people he ministered to. He could stir a revival among them sooner than anyone in my knowledge, and amidst all the checkered scenes of his life, he was firm in that faith he professed in Christ as his Savior. He was in charge of a Sunday School in the nation until he was taken sick. He was twice married, the first to Miss Kate Hankins, April 1, 1884, with whom he lived but three or four years, till the good Lord saw fit to take her to Himself. There was born to this union three children, all of whom are with their mother in the sweet by and by. The second marriage to Miss Lena Crews, December, 1888. To this union was born seven children. All are living. Brother Corder was conscious to the last, and expressed hope in his death. He leaves a sorrowing wife, seven children, an aged and godly mother and an affectionate sister to mourn their loss. Brother Corder had many fa-

vorite hymns, among them was, "And death is only a dream." So may it be. May wife and children find grace sufficient for them to meet husband and papa in the better land. A Friend.

STANLEY.—Mrs. Harriet B. Stanley was born January 20, 1812, in East Tennessee. Early in life she moved to West Tennessee, and from there came to the Andrews' Chapel neighborhood, Drew county, Ark., where she lived until death, September 17, 1902. Her death was the result of a fall she got while walking across the floor. She was left a widow twice. At 12 years of age she professed religion and joined the Methodist church, which relation she held sacred, and lived a faithful life. She was indeed a Christian character, using the sacred word as a constant guide, and having read it through once this year, she had begun a second reading. She loved to talk of the goodness of God during the dark days of war, widowhood and other trying times of life. Just a short while before her death I had a long talk with her, and cheerfully she spoke of her expectation of that "home over there." As we talked she looked far away over the fields as though she might catch sight of some heavenly messenger. Scores of relatives and friends mourn her death, but she is comforted with "well done good and faithful servant."

J. O. Walsh.

KINSWORTHY.—Mrs. M. J. Kinsworthy, oldest daughter of John and Lucinda Russey, was born in Franklin county, Tenn., October 22, 1821, and died near Brownstown, Ark., August 8, 1902. She was married to Mr. John Davis in 1839. To them were born four children, three of whom still live. They came to Arkansas and settled on a farm in what is now Howard county, and where Center Point is located. Mr. Davis died in 1846, and in 1849 she was married to Mr. Ezekiel Kinsworthy, after which they moved to Hempstead county, Ark., near Washington. From there they moved to Sevier county, Ark., near Brownstown. To this second marriage were born four daughters, all living. Mr. Kinsworthy died in 1882. The widow remained at home for a time, but the daughters having married, and she being advancing in age, thought best to spend the remainder of her life with her children. She embraced religion in early life, and joined the Methodist church, and lived an earnest, faithful Christian. She was not demonstrative, nor did she seek to lead, but with meekness and quietness, and the Lord's help she built a character of which her friends and kindred are not ashamed. After the clouds of war, with some of its results had swept away, it became my duty to reorganize the Methodist church at Brownstown in 1872, and Sister Kinsworthy became one of its members. In her home, around her fireside, and at her sumptuously prepared table the itinerant minister always found a welcome. Thus she wrought, and in a ripe old age passed to her reward on high. May her example be followed by the dear ones who linger on this side of the last crossing. Her former pastor,

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After several pieces of music, recitations and social greetings, we offered prayer for God's richest blessings upon all, and everyone went away with a merry goodnight.

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