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News and Notes.

THE PRESIDENT HAS RECOGNIZED the independence of the isthmus of Panama.

CONGRESS MET IN EXTRA SESSION last Monday. The president's call limits its work to action regarding the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

TEN NEGROES ARE ON TRIAL IN the United States court at Texarkana for whitecapping. The prosecuting witness was also a negro who was beaten nearly to death for testifying in revenue cases.

HON. J. G. CANNON, OF ILLINOIS, was elected speaker of the fifty-eighth congress, which met Wednesday. Hon. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, was the favorite of the Democrats. This makes Mr. Williams the leader of the Democrats in the House.

THE COURT OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION has decided against the claim of William J. Bryan for \$50,000 in the Bennett will on the ground that a statement in a private letter can not be construed as a will. Mr. Bryan has taken an appeal.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM Kimberly, Africa, a copy of the Kimberly Advertiser of October 1. It takes note of Dr. Palmore's visit to the diamond fields, and of his work in behalf of the Jerusalem exhibit at the St. Louis fair next summer. Everything goes well in preparation for the exhibit.

TWO MORE MEMBERS OF THE Armenian Revolutionary Society were shot in London on the 6th inst. The act was public in the light of day. The assassin shot twice at a third member and missed him. Seeing he was cut off from escape he drew another pistol with his left hand and killed himself. As the assassin of Sagouni, president of the society, was left-handed, it is thought he was this same man.

MURDERS, THEFTS, DIVORCES, SUICIDES, football, lynchings, hangings, these constitute the menu served up by the secular papers day by day and these papers take the place of the church paper in the homes of our people. And yet, should the church paper publish a single re-

port of a baseball game, a horse race, a scandal, it would be at once rejected as unfit to be taken by a religious family. Can any one deny this statement?

IN THE TILMAN CASE THE VERDICT was a most outrageous one, and had no semblance of reason or justice in it. The bar of public opinion should make it too hot for the health of the jurors or judges who perpetrate such farces upon the American people. We feel that we can do no less than to raise our voice in protest against such trials and verdicts, and we hope that our State will never again be disgraced by such a mockery of justice.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

ALYCHING OCCURRED AT BRINKLEY Sunday morning before daylight. Hallie C. Cadle, who killed Policeman J. C. Cox on Saturday afternoon, was taken from prison and shot. Cox was a man of excellent character. Cadle was from the country and was drunk and Cox was trying to get him to go home and avoid arrest. There is here a striking example of the extent to which the idea of lynching obtains in the country. Cadle was a white man, crazed by drink. There was no especial excitement. The man who committed the murder was safe in prison. The lynching was in all respects a very deliberate affair, and there was as little excuse for it as could well be.

PANAMA HAS DECLARED HER INDEPENDENCE of Colombia. The cause of this action is the rejection of the canal treaty by the Colombian congress. So far the revolution has cost no blood. It was well concerted. The officers of the Colombian government were seized and imprisoned, the flag of the new republic raised and independence proclaimed. The new government is in charge of a junta composed of Jose Augustin Arjamo, Frederico Boyd and Thomas Arias. Members of the cabinet have been appointed.

The United States gunboat Nashville is on the ground and the commander forbids transportation of troops of either party on Panama railroad. The Atlanta and Dixie will join the Nashville on the gulf side of the isthmus. Their charge is to "protect American interests and avoid bloodshed, if pos-

sible." The general opinion is that the revolution will be successful, and if successful the Panama canal scheme will be carried through.

THE METHODIST HAS ALL ALONG told its readers that Russia's promises to evacuate Manchuria were not to be trusted, and that she would find excuse for holding the country because of the turbulence of the Chinese. It has so turned out. The latest report is that Russian troops have reoccupied Mukden, and that she is demanding the dismissal of the taotai of Mukden and the execution of one of the mandarins who recently punished Chinese bandits, who were in Russian employ. Russia has great interests involved in holding Manchuria, and in gaining a controlling influence over Korea, and is steadily moving to that end. Her diplomacy and promises are used to delay an open rupture with Japan until the island empire is helpless.

THERE IS SOME IMPROVEMENT in the stock market in New York. The shares of the United States Steel Company, however, continue very low. Railroad earnings are good. There is a tendency toward higher interest. The heavy shipments of cotton in the South and the need of more money in some Western banks makes a pressing demand for money. Among the farmers there is prosperity and a bright outlook. The coming presidential campaign is not expected to involve financial policies.

As respects conditions in Arkansas, they were never more prosperous or promising. For some years the farmers have done well. They have paid off old debts, gotten better furniture for their houses and improved their farms. Nearly all the towns of the State are having a brisk trade.

IN VIEW OF THE RECENT WAR rumors the comparison of the strength of Russia and Japan is especially interesting. Russia's military budget for 1903 includes estimates amounting to \$160,000,000, which is an increase of about \$3,600,000 over that of last year. The peace strength of the army is at present 1,076,458 enlisted men and 38,412 officers. In case of war this force would be increased several times. In speaking of our army maneuvers a Russian here recently boasted that there were

more officers in the Russian army than enlisted men in the United States. Japan's budget for the fiscal year called for an expenditure of \$23,000,000. Her army consists of 135,533 enlisted men and 8,116 officers. These figures give an idea of the great odds against Japan in a conflict with Russia. Germany's strength in time of peace is 576,579 enlisted men and 24,358 officers and France's active army is composed of 528,992 enlisted men and 28,712 officers. These armies would be more than doubled by the reserves in time of war. Great Britain has, exclusive of India, 201,965 enlisted men and 8,085 officers in the regular army. Mexico, the only independent nation on our borders, has 25,931 enlisted men and 3,310 officers. This is a larger army than we had previous to the Spanish war.—Washington Correspondent.

The Elections.

The elections of last week though of an off-year, give some indications in which democrats take comfort. In New York Geo. B. McClellan, the Tammany candidate for mayor, defeated Seth Lowe, the fusionist, by 70,000. The chief charge against Lowe's administration from a political standpoint was that it had been in the interest of the republican party. So the democrats rallied to McClellan and the party in New York is again regarded as solid. Lowe has given New York the best government it has had in a generation, and the methods of Tammany Hall will be more favorable to foreigners, and the lower stratum of society, and may give place to bribery and corruption as in former years.

The election in Maryland, which has given a safe democratic majority is regarded as especially indicative of the policy of the democrats in the coming presidential campaign. The issue of white rule in the Southern States was made prominent and strongly endorsed, and the results increase the probability that Gorman may be a presidential candidate.

The election in Kentucky is regarded as standing next to that of Maryland in significance. Fourteen thousand majority was given for the re-election of the present democratic governor, Mr. Beckham.

In Ohio the overwhelming defeat of Tom Johnson puts an end to his prospects as a presidential candidate, and encourages the ambition of Hanna.

LET YOUR STOMACH HAVE ITS OWN WAY.

Do Not Try to Drive and Force it to Work When it is Not Able, or You Will Suffer All the More.

You cannot treat your stomach as some men treat a balky horse; force, drive or even starve it into doing work at which it rebels. The stomach is a patient and faithful servant and will stand much abuse and ill treatment before it "balks," but when it does you had better go slow with it and not attempt to make it work. Some people have the mistaken idea that they can make their stomachs work by starving themselves. They might cure the stomach that way, but it would take so long that they would have no use for a stomach when they got through. The sensible way out of the difficulty is to let the stomach rest if it wants to and employ a substitute to do its work.

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The American Church in the Twentieth Century.

What will be its character? (1) "It will interpret its mission in large terms as to society as well as to the individual." This is seen by the institutional idea and the organization of young men's and young women's Christian associations. (2) "It will organize its working forces for more aggressive service." Note the Epworth League, Christian Endeavor societies, Brotherhood, etc. (3) Whilst loyal to truth it will place more emphasis on life. "The loosening of dogmatic bonds is one of the most remarkable legacies which the nineteenth century leaves to the twentieth. No church can escape this age-spirit." (4) "It will seek for union where it can be had without prejudice to truth or to effective service." The Presbyterians united in 1869; the Methodists of Canada have formed one church; the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South have agreed to federation and to the use of a common hymnal, catechism and order of worship. The Protestant Episcopal Bishops in 1866 invited union on the basis of: (1) The Holy Scriptures, the only rule of faith. (2) The Apostles' Creed as the baptismal symbol, and the Nicene Creed as a statement of Christian belief. (3) The two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper. (4) The historic Episcopate. The replies sent to these overtures were, on the whole, distinctly unfavorable to the project. This was due to the fact the churches addressed construed the fourth principle as reflecting upon the validity of the ordination of their ministers, and requiring reordination. Thus the matter rests. "It is evident that the reunion of Protestant Christendom, if it comes to pass, must be around Christ and not around the Episcopate. History has demonstrated that. But the love of God in the heart of believers, and their union in Christ, must eventually lead to a manifestation of that union in relation to one another. One hundred and fifty different sects is not an ideal representation of Christian brotherhood. The problem of church union faces the church of the twentieth century."—Bishop Hurst, in the History of the Christian Church.

A Bad Beginning.

Annalists are showing that bad as was the record of royal assassinations in the nineteenth century, the twentieth has begun worse than its predecessor. In the nineteenth century the first victim was the Czar Paul I, of Russia, in 1801. The next, Sultan Selim III, 1808. In 1831, Count Capo d'Istria,

president of Greece; 1854, Duke Charles of Parma; 1860, Danilo I, Prince of Montenegro; 1865, Abraham Lincoln; three years later, in 1868, Michael Obrenovitch, Prince of Serbia; 1870, president Salnave, of Hayti; 1875, President Moreno, of Ecuador; 1876, Abdul-Aziz, supposed to have died a natural death but proved afterward to have been assassinated; March 13, 1881, Alexander II, of Russia; July 2, 1881, dying September 19 of the same year, James A. Garfield; 1890, President Merendez, of San Salvador; 1894, President Carnot, of France; 1896, Nasr-ed-Dim, shah of Persia; 1897, Borda, president of Uruguay; February 9, 1898, President Barrios, of Guatemala; September 19, 1898, the Empress Elizabeth, of Austria; 1899, President Heurieux, of San Domingo. Humbert, of Italy, was shot by Bresci July 29, 1900; William McKinley by Czolgosz at Buffalo September 6, 1901; King Alexander and Queen Draga, of Serbia, were the last victims.—New York Christian Advocate.

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Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

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A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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Bishop Fitzgerald on the Class-Meeting

Certainly our studies of Wesley's work suggest the revival of the class-meeting. We believe the Texarkana District is ahead in report of class-meetings, so far as our work in Arkansas is concerned. But the matter had attention on the Batesville District. Here is what Bishop Fitzgerald says about it:

In general terms it may be confidently affirmed that if we as Methodists desire above all things to "spread scriptural holiness over these lands," and to conserve the acquisitions we make on that line, the class meeting, properly conducted, is the most effective agency we can employ for the attainment of these gracious results. The fundamental idea of the class meeting is the conservation of the spiritual life of the church, to build up our people in experimental religion. Only God knows how many men there are in the church waiting for a call to the class leadership, whose growth in grace and in the knowledge of heavenly things would be an astonishment even to themselves after they had entered upon the discharge of its duties. And who could undertake to say how many thousands of our church members, men and women, after having been enrolled in the class meeting membership and led to feel an interest in its exercises, would quickly find their Christian lives blooming in new beauty and blessedness. Among our young people there is a great multitude who under wise leadership in the class meeting would be saved from going into forbidden paths, and be led to turn away from the trashy and filthy stuff that solicits their reading instead of the Bible, that word which is a light to their path and a lamp to their feet. And there are—let me whisper it kindly in the ears of the faithful—there are I won't say how many of our preachers who, coming into their pulpits from the class meeting, fresh from fellowship with God and communion with his people, would thenceforth be no more troubled by the so-called higher criticism, or any other form of modern unbelief or conceitedness, than were the apostles of the primitive church after they had been touched with the tongue of fire.

Pardon the suggestion of another gracious result that would follow the restoration of the class meeting. It would, I think, have a tendency to check the multiplication of new societies within the church—societies for this, that, and the other special purposes. What we now need is not more machinery, but more power.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Increase of Divorce.

The report of County Clerk Weidner for the year ending the 1st inst. was forwarded to the secretary of state yesterday on the sub-

ject of divorce cases and other litigation. It shows that last year on the 1st of July there were pending in Hamilton county 800 divorce cases. There were filed during the year 342 suits, disposed of during the year 382, thus gaining 40 cases over the number filed. The number pending the 1st inst. was 760. Of the total number, including those pending last year and filed during the past year, 368 were filed by husbands and 774 by wives. There were granted to husbands 92 decrees, refused 3 and dismissed 6. Granted to wives 256, refused 3 and dismissed 2. Alimony allowed to wives 77. Children awarded to husbands 20, and to wives 130.

The causes on which husbands filed suit and for which decrees were granted were as follows: Unfaithfulness, filed 28, granted 11; absence and neglect, filed 260, granted 70; cruelty, filed 27, granted 9; drunkenness, filed 49, granted none; fraud, filed 2, granted 2. By wives: Unfaithfulness, filed 47, granted 6; absence and neglect, filed 241, granted 195; cruelty, filed 56, granted 46; drunkenness, filed 440, granted 7; fraud, filed 2, granted none.

The Hot Foot Bath

There is a remarkable efficacy in the hot foot bath in relieving pain and bringing about recovery. It is strange that so simple a thing should have been so universally forgotten. When a person comes home at night with a feeling of discomfort all over, bones aching, no appetite for supper and a general feeling of discomfort all over, bones aching, no appetite for supper and a general feeling of discomfort, including a headache, in nine cases out of ten there will be prompt relief if no supper is taken except some hot drink, and the hot foot bath is used for half an hour before bedtime. The feet may be inserted in water as hot as can be borne, to which more hot water is added at regular intervals, keeping the temperature always at the utmost degree of heat that is bearable. In a little while a feeling of well-being suffuses the whole body, the blood is drawn from the aching head, which is relieved almost as if by magic. The perspiration starts from the pores, and after a good rubdown and a change of underwear the patient is prepared for a most refreshing night's sleep and awakes in the morning feeling like a new person. Drugs are powerless to effect such prompt results without unpleasant after effects.—Selected.

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Pyramid Pile Cure is for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a package or will be sent at once in plain wrapper on receipt of price by Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich.

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Warning Order.

State of Arkansas } ss
County of Pulaski }

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

Mary L. Valentine and Mark Valentine, Plaintiffs, vs. Daniel Glazer, William Glazer and Mary Glazer, Defendants.

The defendants, Daniel Glazer, William Glazer and Mary Glazer, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, Mary L. Valentine and Mark Valentine.

October 22d, 1903.

Chas. M. Connor, Clerk,
Cantrell & Loughborough, solicitors for plaintiffs.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas } ss
County of Pulaski }

In the Pulaski Chancery Court

J. D. Castner, Plaintiff, vs. Annie E. Castner, defendant.

The defendant, Annie E. Castner, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, J. D. Castner.

October 29, 1903. By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
U. L. Meade, solicitor for plaintiff.

Jas. M. Shackelford, attorney for non-resident defendant.

Marvin's Sermons, Bishop E. M.

Marvin 1 50
Revivals of Religion, Hubert.... 50

Contributed.

Vanderbilt Notes.

Prof. A. M. Harris, of the chair of elocution, is favoring the students of Wesley Hall with a series of dramatic readings on Saturday evenings in the chapel.

Dr. J. H. Stevenson, our Hebrew professor, preached the annual sermon before the Woman's Home Missionary Society of West End Church, Sunday, November 1. It was a clear, forceful presentation of that eminently useful phase of Christian activity.

It was my privilege, as an officer of the theological branch of the Vanderbilt Y. M. C. A. to be the guest at luncheon of the city association, Thursday evening, November 5. The purpose of the meeting was a consultation with the cabinets of the various college associations, looking to a union of them all under the leadership of the city association. From the speeches made and the spirit which prevailed, I judge such an arrangement can be readily effected.

We have seldom seen so many men at church as were gathered in McKendree on last Sunday night. It was a service for men only conducted by Dr. H. M. Hamil, of Sunday-school fame. A plain, straightforward Gospel address was made on the prodigal son. A call for those desiring the prayers of the church was responded to by quite a number of young men.

A recent conversation with Prof. Cunningham has impressed me more than ever with the importance and usefulness of the correspondence school of our church, connected with Vanderbilt University. Altogether there are some two hundred and fifty taking the various courses. Among these, Arkansas has fourteen representatives, eleven of whom belong to the Little Rock Conference. It is to be hoped that after the matter is presented at our conferences many more of our young preachers may take advantage of this rare opportunity. By dropping a card to Prof. J. L. Cunningham any one interested may supply himself with a bulletin containing the necessary information.

Forney Hutchinson.

"How Can We Stop It?"

Dear Doctor—The editorial under the above caption is a timely production. That the salary of a preacher is a most important consideration goes without challenge, but that it is the consideration is a point to be denied. This commercial rating of men and places is largely responsible for the "tags" on preachers and on places. Time is here for "us to call a halt," for we are up squarely against this proposition. If Methodism is to be continued, and it must be, we cannot foster the idea that circuit

preachers are failures because they do not get \$1,000 or even \$500 a year. If the "tag" business continues we will be short on efficient circuit men, long before we are so many that the circuits will all have grown into stations, and strong appointments. I feel safe in saying this rigid and tenacious way of holding on to charge-lines during the session of the conference and cabinet, comes in for its share of the "tagging" ailment. Circuit station and district lines are only established for convenience during occupancy, and there is not an appointive place in Methodism the whole creation round that is not vacant once a year. There is not a pastor from conference organ editor to the humblest mission rider, who is not out of a place once a year." Question 20 must be asked and answered in the negative before any of us "tagged" or untagged" can feel assured of a place for another year. And this idea of a "bear in the hole" and "a bull after the man" may do for politicians, but it will not do for Methodist preachers who are brethren, and laboring in a common cause. Let not the man of high degree despise the man of low degree, and let not the man of low degree envy the man of high degree. Let no schism be in the fold nor in the flock. Let my people be your people, and your people be my people; my failure your failure, your success my success; my God your God, and then if "tagged" at all, our "tags" will all be the same, and soul-winning will determine our value and place us accordingly.

Jas. F. Jernigan.

Tupelo.

From the Nation's Capital.

Canal negotiations will no doubt be brought to a standstill by the news received by the State department that Panama has just declared her independence of Colombia and a revolution on the isthmus is now in full progress. United States warships are being hurried to Panama and Colon to protect American interests and to insure an open transit across the isthmus. All the political parties of Panama are united in their efforts to sever connections with Colombia and the Colombian troops have joined the revolutionists. Two generals who arrived from Bogota were arrested and imprisoned in the name of the Panama republic. The secession of the isthmus was not a surprise here, as such an event has been frequently discussed. Panama has a very loose geographical connection with Colombia and the interests of the two States conflict in many ways. Finally when the central government at Bogota rejected the canal treaty and thereby delayed the construction of the water route which the inhabitants of the isthmus so much

desire, there was much talk of secession, and of treating thereafter directly with the United States. No doubt this small republic will soon be clamoring for recognition by the United States and our State department is somewhat embarrassed to know just how to receive the demand. This country cannot afford to encourage revolutions in South America, but at the same time, if Panama succeeds in maintaining independence, we are bound sooner or later to take official cognizance of the fact. There seems little doubt that treating directly with Panama would very much expedite the building of the canal, and most people in this country will sympathize with the little republic, which declares its independence, because the central government wantonly disregarded its interests, in a matter in which we ourselves are also interested. Furthermore it is within the bounds of possibility that Panama, once gaining her independence, would appeal to the United States to guarantee it, or even to annex the territory. She is a small State, 25,000 people, to exist by herself, and when once we build the canal, we could not permit even her sister republics to attack her. The outcome of the affair may be an American protectorate over Panama, and this will cause much discussion, both in this country and in Europe.

Advices have been received at the State department that Japan and Russia have come to an agreement regarding Manchuria and Corea, whereby Russia is to be unmolested in the possession of the former and Japan is not to be interfered with

in her plans in the latter. Such an agreement may have a serious effect on the interests of the United States, as we have commercial agreements with China which it will be difficult to realize while Russia is in control of Manchuria. The treaty granting us, among other things, the opening of the ports of Mukden and Antung has not yet been ratified by the senate, but Secretary Hay has had a conference with Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations and it is believed that they came to an agreement that the senate should take up the treaty as soon as possible. It is certain, however, that the United States will protect her rights in Manchuria and our relations with Russia have always been such as to warrant the assumption that she will come to a satisfactory understanding with us. Whatever her motives may be, Russia's desire to maintain good relations with this country is a fact upon which our State department can always count. The present agreement between Russia and Japan looks as if all the blustering war talk on the part of Japan was to end in a simple division of spoils.

C. A. S.

Warning Order.

State of Arkansas,
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S. Rebekah Nixon Charter, plaintiff, vs Job F. Charter, defendant.
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Literature and Review

Mithraism as a Rival of Christianity.

It has been a very common conception that the early Christians, in propagating the Gospel, had to contend with religions which if not effete were rapidly becoming effete. The general conception has been that the hold which idolatry had upon the people of the world was gradually growing weaker, that the thoughtful and reflecting men were feeling more and more deeply the need of something beyond their dumb idols.

And the conception, with many men, has been that Christianity came to the people in the first two centuries, as the only spiritual religion offered to satisfy the cravings of their souls.

From the Open Court Publishing Company, of Chicago, we have received a book,* "The Mysteries of Mithra," which raises the question whether in the days of the early Christian Church a new claimant for worship and adoration was pushing its way from Asia into Europe. The book is in many passages a hard one to read; the author of M. Franz Cumont, delights in many places in using big words, and in tossing his sesquipedalian expressions into a conglomerate agglutination.

Its aim is to show how the worship of Mithra spread in western Asia and in Europe during the early centuries of the Christian era. If this be so, then there lies before us the picture of Christianity, endeavoring not only to supplant an effete idolatry, but also to resist the invasion of an incoming superstition, which had some of the distinctive features of Christianity, just enough of them to awaken the confused idolater.

The worship of Mithra originated in the East; not in Mesopotamia, but in Commagene, in Persia, or in India. Mithra is one of the Mazdean divinities—standing next to Ormazd himself. His worship extended from the Indies to Asia Minor. He was esteemed as the "god of light, invoked together with heaven." And yet in the sacred poetry of India, not a poem is addressed to him. Modern impressions as to his worship in India are derived from incidental allusions in its literature. Our knowledge of him comes from Persia.

The traditions are that "Mithra is the creator to whom Jupiter Ormazd committed the task of establishing, and of maintaining, order in nature." The parallelism with Christ is obvious. In the pictures Mithra is represented as an adult emerging from a rock. Our author continues:

The tradition ran that he "generative rock," of which a standing image was worshiped in the temples had given birth to Mithra on the banks of a river, under the shade

of a sacred tree, and that shepherds alone, ensconced in a neighboring mountain, had witnessed the miracle of his entrance into the world. They had seen him issue forth from the rocky mass, his head adorned with a Phrygian cap, armed with a knife and carrying a torch that had illuminated the sombre depths below. Worshipfully the shepherds drew near, offering the divine infant the first fruits of their flock, and their harvests. But the young hero was naked, and exposed to the winds that blew with violence. He had concealed himself in the branches of a fig tree, and detaching the fruit from the tree with the aid of his knife, he ate it; and, stripping it of its leaves, he made himself garments. . . . Although the shepherds were pasturing their flocks when he was born, all these things came to pass before there were men on earth.

The great achievement of Mithra was his conquest of the bull. This characterizes most of the monuments of him, and by this we may identify particular temples as erected for his worship. It is a matter of little importance to us. But after this, we reach other events which bear a resemblance to Scripture:

Meanwhile the first human couple had been called into existence, and Mithra was charged with keeping a watchful eye over this privileged race. It was in vain the spirit of darkness invoked his pestilential scourges to destroy it; the god always knew how to balk his mortiferous designs. Ahri-man (the spirit of evil) first desolated the land by causing a protracted drouth, and its inhabitants, tortured by thirst, implored the aid of his ever-victorious adversary. The divine archer discharged his arrows against a precipitous rock, and there gushed forth from it a spring of living water to which the suppliants thronged to cool their parched palates. But a still more terrible cataclysm followed, which menaced all nature. A universal deluge depopulated the earth, which was overwhelmed by the waters of the rivers and the seas. One man alone, securely advised by the gods, had constructed a boat, and had saved himself, together with his cattle, in an ark which floated on the vast expanse of the waters.

Turning from these travesties on the revelations of sacred writ, we gather up a few of the doctrines set forth by the priests of Mithra:

Like all the oriental cults, the Persian mysteries mingled with their cosmogonic fables, and their theological speculations, ideas of deliverance and redemption. They believed in the conscious survival after death of the divine essence that dwells within us, and in punishments and rewards beyond the tomb.

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In addition the Mithraists observed Sunday as a sacred day, and December 25 as the birthday of the Sun (at least since the fourth century) and they observed a sacred supper which was to bring salvation with it not dissimilar to our sacrament.

One other feature of this matter is important. It is that the votaries of the Mysteries of Mithra, coming from Persia, were engaged in spreading this superstition at about the time when Paul and his successors were publishing the Gospel. Plutarch tells us that "in his time (46 to 125) A. D., the Mazdean sect already enjoyed a certain notoriety in the Occident;" and our author says that by "the end of the first century the name of Mithra began to be generally bruited about in Rome" and "began to spread through the Roman empire under the Flavians and the Antonines" that is in the second and third centuries. In his accompanying map, he locates Mithraic shrines or temples in northern Africa, in Turkey, in Europe, along the Rhine, in Italy, France and Eng-



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But lo, just at this time we see the emissaries of evil projecting among these same people a counterfeit, a travesty, of Christianity containing just enough teachings as to purity and blessedness after death, to attract the attention of men, and yet (of course) lacking the Redeemer and lacking the Holy Spirit who alone can change the heart. Can we imagine, at this late day, how greatly the difficulties of the early Christians in evangelization were hindered by the projection among the nations of this counterfeit religion! — Christian Observer.

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November 15—David's Trust in God. Ps. xxiii.

Golden Text—"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Ps. xxiii. 1.)

Time—Somewhere from 1040 to 1025 B. C.

Place—This is also uncertain, though probably in Jerusalem.

In order to realize the force and beauty of the twenty-third Psalm it will be necessary to call up to your mind's eye the meaning of a shepherd in the east. A flock of sheep in our country, in a well fenced meadow or pasture near to the farm house, does not specially need a shepherd, and seldom or never has one. But the Hebrew word for pasture is the same as the word for desert—it is the wide outside waste, with its clumps of bushes, its ravines and gorges, its meager vegetation, its thickets where wild beasts are apt to lurk, its dry and stony soil, with precarious supply of water, its robbers, and its sudden storms. In David's time these dangers were rather more than at present, for wild beasts and robbers were more numerous.

It is plain that a flock of sheep turned out upon such a waste would greatly need the care of a shepherd. It is also clear that the shepherd must be a brave and strong man, devoted to the interests of his sheep, for no otherwise could he find pasture for them, and protect them against their enemies.

Now, then, says David, I am a sheep, defenceless within myself, turned out upon the wild wastes of this world, where dangers lurk all about, where enemies are likely any hour to attack me, where I have not power to even provide myself with food without the guidance of God, where the way is oftentimes uncertain and I know not how to go, where storms break upon me and I need to be led to shelter, where I am sometimes astray and need to be brought back; I am in such a

condition that I am taxed to the last limit to find enough to live on—there is peace and plenty. Instead of the rushing torrents, the waters are calm and gentle in their flow in the winter time, flowing still in the time of the summer heat. In the time of weariness, and such times come to all, he restoreth my soul, reinvigorates and refreshes me. In times when I am come into the region and shadow of death, when I am on the border land of despair, when my soul is overwhelmed within me, I still fear no evil, thy rod and thy staff still comfort me. I rely upon thee even then.

The figure changes at the fifth verse, and David becomes the guest of the Lord, with a table prepared before him, even in the very presence of his enemies, who are powerless to do him any hurt while he partakes of its rich provisions. He has there refreshment, and every comfort, signified by the words, "thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." So secure and blessed is his lot that he is fully persuaded that only goodness and mercy shall follow him all the days of his life, and he will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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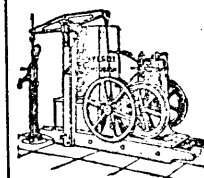
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Psalm xxxiii. 1-22.

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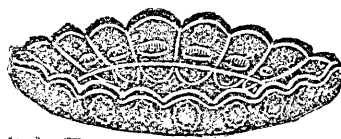
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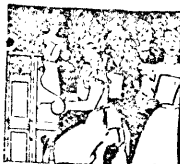
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An evil minded man is known by his insinuation of evil motives in others.

We ask all the preachers to make the best collections they can for the "Methodist" and bring their reports to conference.

Good food and right exercise will do more to keep a church healthy than any amount of bitter medicine. Pastor is a better title for a preacher than doctor.

If the preacher claims to come to the pulpit with a message from God, how persuasive and Christ-like should he be in order that the message may be received.

A spiritual baptism at the conference is the best preparation for a good year's work. That such a baptism may be realized, ambition must be banished, anxiety for place cast aside, and the preachers must desire nothing for themselves and everything for the cause of Christ.

Debate and controversy are methods adopted by men who cannot prove their points. It is easier to attack an opponent with ridicule or even to show flaws in his arguments. One who can prove his point will not be turned aside to notice the views of others. Direct proof answers all opposers.

The color line has been run through the schools, the churches, the railroad cars and stations, the street cars, and the only place where social equality with the negro is fully recognized is the circus. There the negro seems to have the best of it. The black belt of our Southern States is the paradise of the show man.

Bad men are of two classes—those who know themselves adrift on the waves of passion and ruin, and likely to be destroyed, and those who are deliberately set to prey upon others for selfish gain, whether by vices or pretenses of religion. The first class welcome the messenger of salvation, the second despise him; the first came to Jesus in penitence, the second crucified him.

Sociability in a church is very commendable. Social gatherings for the church under right restrictions do good. Acquaintance helps co-operation in counsel and work. But church socials should not be for special classes. They should regard all church members, and help to acquaintance and sympathy with all, nor should they foster the spirit of clannishness, or tend to set one church against another.

It has been debated and determined by the General Conference of the Methodist Church that we do not need a special order of evangelists in our ministry. Hence evangelists have no independent recognition in the church. For this reason the "Arkansas Methodist," to be true to the responsibilities of a church organ, publishes no reports from evangelists of their own work, but it has always published the reports of the pastors, and whatever the pastors chose to say on their own responsibility about evangelists that have served them. This method is in harmony with the position which the church occupies and while it does injustice to none, safeguards the interest of the church in the best way.

As Conference Comes On.

It is a time of deep interest. The preachers review the year's record. Few are satisfied. A sense of shortcoming is felt by the earnest pastor whose yearning desire for victories for the Master have been but half fulfilled. The hearts of men seem cold and hard to him whose chief concern is to win them to Christ.

Many preachers expect to go to new fields. There is always something romantic in this. The young preacher is sure that with his experience and a little stock of sermons he can do better if allowed to move. Most of the young preachers would rather move every year. That is best. Every one, young or old, enters upon a new work with the thought of doing better work than ever before.

For many of the churches frequent changes are not good. The church that wants a change every year is in a bad state. There are generally factions there—at least a restless spirit that is not good. It is often a wise administration to hold the same man four years on such a charge, though little progress may be made. It helps to check restless spirits and draw together the people who are truly religious; for all truly religious people love a faithful pastor, and an humble consecrated servant of the Lord. The man who disdains sensationalism, who does not bid for great congregations, or the flatteries of the worldly proves a great blessing to a church in settling its work on a spiritual basis, putting spiritual men in its official board, and establishing the right idea and sentiment regarding the church and its work.

The more that preachers set themselves to be popular the more difficult the churches become to please. We must hold the people by their consciences or lose them. No preacher can play the orator fifty-two times a year. The preachers who have held great churches for a generation were not of that type.

As bread and meat make up the

staple of our daily diet, so homely truths presented in simple style make up the intellectual and spiritual food which people who have good spiritual appetite and digestion prefer. This is the style of preaching which characterizes him who seeks to win souls, and not applause. It is the style which, when fairly tested, suits all churches best and lasts longest.

But the care and confidence of the people double the strength of the preacher. It is absurd to suppose that any preacher will prove an ideal preacher to all. The church members have need to remember that the interest of the church is in their hands, that harmony and co-operation will carry the church forward even against many defects in a minister. Methodist Churches have no justification for division in regard to their pastors. They do not elect them, and they will be removed when in the judgment of those best qualified to judge impartially it is deemed best. The faithful support of the preacher, while he is with you, is best for the preacher, best for the church, best for you. Give the new preacher a warm welcome and let him always feel that you are a helper and a friend.

The Collections.

The foreign mission collection, the domestic mission collection, the church extension collection, the superannuate collection, the education collection, the collection to pay expenses of General Conference delegates, the collection for the support of Bishops; these, all, are upon the preacher. For these he is steward. For these he shall be called into judgment.

Well, all these collections are needful, essential, indispensable. The mission collections represent the evangelical spirit of the church, and are the "sinews of war" for pushing forward the conquest of Gospel truth over error and sin at home and abroad. When Jesus sent his disciples to preach to the Jewish church he said, "Take neither purse nor scrip; the laborer is worthy of his hire." And, although these disciples were not very popular preachers, yet, to the credit of those they served they testified that they "lacked nothing." But when Jesus sent them with a charge to all nations, he said, "Let him that hath a purse take it." We can not expect a heathen people to support a Christian ministry. The purse must go with the sword in the conquest of heathenism. Our mission money must be collected. Church extension is but a branch of Home Mission work. It is an agency wisely planned for extending Christ's cause.

The Bishops are not extravagantly paid. They do not receive as much salary as several pastors of

our church. The M. E. Church pays a dozen editors more than we pay our Bishops.

As to our superannuates, it is a shameful pittance they get. These battle-scarred veterans deserve better of the church they have served so long and so well.

Yes, all the collections must be taken. The pastors know that, and especially regard the fact. The conference minutes will not report their prayers, their pastoral visits, their self-denials and toils. But they will report the collections. Ah, the collections! They are the pastor's peculiar burden. Note how almost every preacher, who sends a note from his work to the "Methodist," hopes to come up with full collections.

The old preachers used to say "lift the collection." We like the phrase. It is suggestive of strain—of heavy work. Ah, what a strain to lift the collections. The preacher begins at the first of the year. He goes around. He asks for subscriptions. He reports, "I have my collections subscribed." By the middle of the year he begins to collect. He is tender with his people. "Only the missionary money now." Presently it is "the conference and Bishop's claim." Some subscribers pay. Some say "Call again." A quarter before conference the struggle grows earnest. "Good subscriptions" are still unpaid. If, at last, the assessment is brought up, what a joy, what a victory. "At conference with everything in full."

What does "everything in full" mean? It means less than a dollar a member. And such a struggle to get it. What can we do about it? We are not going to abuse the church members for stinginess. We are all beholden to the laity of the church. They listen, the year round, to some very poor preaching and pay for it besides. "Herein is the patience of the saints." It is for the love of the church they do it. But it will be better for all concerned if church members will pay early their full share on the conference collections, relieve the preacher's mind, save his trudging round, and let him devote his time to his sermons and pastoral work. He ought not to have to take any subscriptions, and he ought not to have to go around to collect. Most of the members have learned what is about their share of these assessments. Turn it in early or drop the preacher a card to tell him it will be forthcoming. "You say 'All will not do this.' But you can do it as easy as not, and every one who does it lightens the preacher's burden that much. Why should the preacher go around to collect the money? The tax collector doesn't go round. The storekeeper doesn't go round. Almost any preacher would give \$25 to be relieved from this burden. Not a cent of this money goes to him. You meet the

preacher at church. Hand him the money. If you do not do this the people will presently say, "The preacher comes round now and then, but he comes after money." So the preacher's hands are tied with these collections. We have known charges in which things were managed as we suggest. The church members understand what collections must be raised. There is little variation from year to year in the assessments. The plan of systematic giving on the part of the members and that without solicitation, would greatly relieve the pastors. We have come to a pass where they must be relieved. "It is not meet that they should leave the ministry of the word to serve tables." They are being forced to do it, to an extent that hinders the spiritual efficiency of their pulpit and pastoral labors. The General Conference may not be able to devise a plan to relieve the trouble. It can be relieved by the members easily, and to the spiritual benefit of all concerned, if they only deal with these claims as with other debts.

At Stuttgart.

We were here from Wednesday night to Monday noon. Three hours delay of the train in coming made us too late for the church service that evening. The circus at Pine Bluff, a fight among the negroes on the train in which one was killed, held us at Altheimer and demoralized everything. We never saw but one circus. That was forty-eight years ago. Long years after, while a pastor in St. Louis, we met with the old circus clown, Dan Rice, once far-famed. We asked him to go and hear Moody preacher. He said, "He could do me no good. I'm such a fool. I wasn't born a fool but I have studied to make myself a fool. and I have succeeded. I think a man who has been endowed with good sense could not insult his Maker more than to set out to play the fool." Dan was in profound earnest. He said at length, "I wish Moody could help me," and he went to the meetings. He asked for prayers, and was truly penitent. He professed to be converted, but in three months was in the old way, overthrown by drink. Poor Dan! He had made himself a fool forever. He heard the roar of the cataract and made one struggle for life before he went over the fall. We never had any desire to see another circus after the first, for we came away fully convinced that the clown was far from being the only fool in the crowd.

There were few at church Thursday evening. A preacher ought not to complain of small congregations, except to gently exhort Christians to be faithful to the Master's work even though the leader be heavy and irksome. It is a comfort to know that Paul himself had occasion to say "Forsake not the

assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." We have wondered if he, sometimes, thought there was a poor turnout to hear him preach.

Our congregations on Friday night and Saturday night were good, and on Sunday morning and evening there was not room enough in the church. Good intelligent listeners they seemed to be.

Stuttgart is a prosperous town and is surrounded by a prosperous country. Our impression on first seeing this prairie nine years ago was that there was no better opening for investments than here. It was not a mistake. This land is not fit for cotton, but for wheat, oats, potatoes, grass and fruit it is superior, and the farmers are prosperous. Business is brisk in Stuttgart, and strictly on cash basis. The people are making money. There are several churches here, quite enough as to number, but they are behind the character and demands of the town. We have a good membership, and need a better church. Prompt action in this regard would be a great benefit to us and to the town.

We visited the Hendrix Academy which Brother J. I. Porter is especially supporting, and thereby showing good public spirit as well as good judgment in building up the material and moral interest of the town. President C. M. Aker, assisted by Prof. Orear and wife, is doing good work and the people speak confidently of success under his leadership. The academy property—school dormitory and campus—is well kept. The school has an increasing patronage. It is an institution which all good citizens should wish to see prosper. Brother Rorie has had a very pleasant work at Stuttgart, and has been gratified at the progress the church has made. It has strengthened under his pastorate and he is held in high esteem.

There is sufficient financial strength among the members to provide for themselves an excellent house of worship. Such a step would insure a strong church in a few years. With a commodious auditorium, and rooms for Sunday-school and prayer meetings much better work could be done.

We lodged at the parsonage and at the home of Brother Mack Price, who put his carriage at our service, and spared nothing to make us welcome and comfortable.

The weather was delightful, the people very kind and cordial, and we have seldom had a more pleasant visit than this to Stuttgart. We trust that something was done for the Master's cause.

The Rescue Home.

The Florence Crittenton Home will be opened in this city as soon as a trained matron arrives from

the East, which will be in a few days.

The officers and members of the executive board, which will direct the affairs of the home, are: President, L. B. Leigh; vice president, Mrs. George Thornburgh; secretary, Mrs. H. M. Bennett; treasurer, R. E. Wait; Judge George L. Basham, Judge W. C. Ratcliffe, Rev. Walker Lewis, Rev. Ben Cox, Rev. S. G. Miller, Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Mrs. W. P. Feild, Mrs. T. T. Cotnam, Mrs. D. G. Fones, Mrs. H. P. Edmouson and Mrs. J. H. Hine-mon, Mrs. H. B. Orr, Mrs. W. R. Tabor, Mrs. Roy L. Thompson and Mrs. Bernie Babcock.

The canvassing committee, consisting of Rev. Walker Lewis and Rev. Ben Cox and R. E. Wait, will resume the canvass in a few days for the \$4,500 which is desired.

Rev. A. O. Evans.

Editor "Methodist"—I regret to learn that Rev. A. O. Evans will leave the Northwest Texas Conference this fall, and again take work in the Little Rock Conference, his home conference. Brother Evans was a most successful pastor of the church at Georgetown for two years. He looked carefully after every interest of the church and built up several enterprises. A splendid new parsonage was one result of his work, and during the last year of his ministry the church supported a missionary in China.

He was moved from Georgetown to Weatherford, one of the best appointments in the conference. Brother Evans is a man I should be glad to have as pastor at any time.

R. B. McSwain.

Georgetown, Tex.

Dear Dr. Godbey—It is impossible for me to meet the publishing committee next Tuesday and meet other important engagements. I have appointments for every day next week, and I would have to miss at least four of them if I went to Little Rock. I am sorry not to be with you, but think I ought to stay with my work here. Cordially,

F. S. H. Johnston.

Bentonville, Nov. 4.

Meeting of Board of Trustees.

There will be a meeting of the Little Rock Conference Board of Trustees at El Dorado November 25, at 3 p. m.; place of meeting to be announced.

J. E. Godbey,

President Board.

Personal.

Rev. L. E. N. Hundley was a caller Saturday.

Mrs. Booth Tucker was killed in a railroad wreck last week.

Rev. W. H. Cloninger, of Dardanelle, was a caller Friday.

Rev. R. A. Holloway and Brother W. C. Cross were callers Monday.

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Dean Rhobottom, of Trinity Cathedral, this city, opened and closed the services at First Church, Oct. 27.

Rev J. H. McCoy has been succeeded by Rev. Henry Trawick as editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate.

Rev. W. S. Bristow writes to tell us that Rev. E. Z. Sullivan, a local preacher in our church at Cauthron, died Nov. 9.

G. H. Kimball has been appointed superintendent of public works and city engineer for the city of Little Rock, to succeed J. F. Kiser, resigned.

Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District, reports between 800 and 1,000 additions to the church this year, and a large net gain.

Rev. Julian C. Brown has expressed his intention to locate at the forthcoming session of the White River Conference. He will probably make Hot Springs his home.

Louise B. Pierson, third daughter of Rev. A. T. Pierson, former pastor of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church at Detroit, entered into rest Nov. 2, in Calcutta, India, of typhoid fever. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her.

Rev. H. H. Watson, of the Little Rock Conference, has been transferred to the Indian Mission Conference and stationed at Vinita. Brother Watson has served the best charges of this conference, and has many friends who regret his going from us. Vinita is an excellent charge.

Rev. H. Hanesworth, presiding elder of the Fort Smith District, writes: "An excellent meeting is in progress at First Church. Began on Tuesday. Eleven accessions up to last night (Thursday). Brother Sitton is helping the pastor. Indications are that much good will be done."

We see in the Muscogee Phoenix, a report of a beautiful wedding, in which Robert F. Payne, a prominent business man of Fort Smith, and Miss May Brewer were the contracting parties. Miss May is the daughter of our friends Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Brewer, formerly of Newport, Ark. We extend congratulations.

Christian Life.

My Daily Care.

I do not think that I could bear
My daily weight of woman's care,
If it were not for this;
That Jesus seemeth always near,
Unseen, but whispering in my ear
Some tender word of love and cheer.
To fill my soul with bliss!

There are so many trivial cares
That no one knows and no one shares,
Too small for me to tell,
Things e'en my husband cannot see,
Nor his dear love uplift for me—
Each hour's unnamed perplexity
That no one knows so well.

The failure of some household scheme,
The ending of some pleasant dream
Deep hidden in my breast;
The weariness of children's noise,
The yearning for that subtle poise,
That turneth duties into joys,
And giveth inner rest.

These secret things, however small,
Are known to Jesus, each and all,
And this thought gives me peace.
I do not need to say one word;
He knows what thought my heart
hath stirred,
And by divine caress my Lord
Makes all its throbbing cease.

And then, upon His loving breast,
My weary head is laid to rest,
In speechless ecstasy;
Until it seemeth all in vain
That care, fatigue, or mortal pain
Should hope to drive me forth again
From such felicity!

—Selected.

HARD ARGUMENTS

Coffee Uses Them Whether One Likes or Not.

The ill effects of coffee are present in many coffee drinkers but some people pay no attention to the warning signals like dyspepsia, insomnia, nervousness, fluttering of the heart, etc., until coffee finally uses a knock down argument which means collapse on the part of the coffee drinker.

"I am 30 years old and have drank coffee since I can remember until four years ago when I broke down completely with nervous prostration and indigestion. I simply cannot describe the agony I suffered.

"Doctor told me he could not help me if I did not leave coffee alone so I bought some Postum to give it a trial. At first I did not know how to make it and was disappointed in the taste, but after reading the directions on the package carefully, made it right, and then I thought it better than coffee. At that time I weighed 140 pounds and now I weigh 185 pounds, that's quite a gain isn't it? I never have indigestion now and the headaches are all gone and I am otherwise entirely well and strong.

"I never had any troubles that were not due to drinking coffee and these disappeared and health came in their place when I shut off coffee and drank Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Judging by Appearances.

We have almost daily examples of the mistakes of judging by appearances. An act seems to bear but one construction, and that against the character of a certain person. Or a report comes to us which seems to be so well authenticated and is told with so much attention to details, that mistake seems to be out of the question. And yet, when all the facts are in, a single circumstance which was overlooked changes the whole complexion of the act or of the story. At one of the Waterloo banquets the Duke of Wellington, the hero of the famous battle, handed around for the examination of the guests a presentation snuff-box set with diamonds. All at once it disappeared. Some one suggested that every one present turn his pockets inside out for careful inspection. All the guests agreed to this but one old officer, who refused, and when the point was insisted upon left the room. Of course suspicion fell upon him, and he was given a very decided cold shoulder. The next year the Duke at the banquet happened to put his hand into the pocket of his coat, and there found the snuff-box. He went at once to the old officer and apologized. He found him lying in a wretched garret. Asked why he had not consented to have his pockets examined when the box was missed, the officer replied: "I was carrying home some pieces of meat for my family, who were then almost dying of starvation, and I didn't want to have any one know how poor we were." When the great Duke heard the story he cried like a child, and did all in his power to atone for the wrong which had been done; but of course he could not entirely, but he learned well the lesson not to judge by the outward appearance.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Quiet thinking seems quite out of fashion, and many know more of what is passing on the other side of the globe than of the working of their own souls. The weariness so many feel in being alone, the hours often called so "interminable" by young people, and even those in mature life, when by chance they have no friend to chat with through the afternoon or evening, the long hours and weariness of the Sabbath to so many, if detained from the public services of religion, evince a deep want somewhere, a want of inward resources and of an independent spiritual life that augurs but ill for the true well-being and growth of the individual. To live spiritually, to make the unseen real, to feel the constraining influence of spiritual motives and affections, "the still hour," the hour daily of communion with God, is absolutely needed. For if faith without works is dead, faith without prayer and

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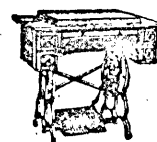
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For the Young People

Margie's Thanksgiving.

"With salt and potatoes and meal for bread,
We needn't be hungry today," she said.
"Though I can not stir from this queer old chair,
I look at the cupboard and know they're there;
And mother has left this lunch by me;
How thankful I am for it all!" said she.
"With coal for the stove and a quilt for the bed,
We needn't be chilly today," she said;
"For as long as my arms and back don't tire
I can reach very well to feed the fire;
And mother'll be home to an early tea;
How ahtnkful I am for it all!" said she.
"There's only one thing that I really dread,
And that is the pain in my back," she said.
"But it's better, a great deal better, I know,
Than it was at the first, three months ago;
And the doctor is ever so kind to me;
How thankful I am for it all!" said she.
"And by and by, when the winter is dead,
He thinks I'll be almost well," she said;
"And I'll have some crutches and walk, and then
I can get the dinners for mother again;
And O, how glad and happy we'll be!
How thankful I am for it all!" said she.

—E. S. Bumstead.

In China the soldier carries an umbrella and fan and rattle-box.

A Strange House Pet.

In tropical countries it has long been customary to have a pet snake to keep the house free from rats and mice, and the Washington Post says that the practice has been introduced into this country. One dealer in birds and animals particularly recommends purchasing a Mexican bull snake.

The snakes, he explains, differ from the Florida variety in being a light yellow, whereas, the latter are coal-black. These snakes are non-poisonous, and are far superior to cats as vermin exterminators. You can turn one of them into a house or barn overrun with rats, mice, cockroaches, and the like, and in a marvelously short time the place will be rid of them. All that is necessary when winter comes on is to provide a warm place for him to crawl into and hibernate until spring.

The snakes have become quite popular in Washington, and many people are keeping them about their barns and stores in place of lazy, overfed, and indifferent cats. The repugnance that every one feels for a snake soon passes away when he has a reptile that is perfectly harmless, that can be trained to answer a call or whistle, and that will eat

out of a dish when vermin becomes scarce and he has nothing to prey upon.—Morning Star.

Raising Boys.

Dear "Methodist"—In this week's issue I see an article from Brother J. J. Galloway asking to hear from Brother A. H. Lark about how he managed his boys. It is my privilege to know Brother Lark and I want to put in a word here along that line. I haven't raised any boys to maturity, but I thank God I was "raised." I wasn't left to "grow up." There never was a greater falsehood given out as a reason for not going to church than "my parents made me go when I was a child." If the speaker is not knowingly telling a falsehood then he is unwittingly casting a reflection upon the piety of his parents. Children are quick to discern, and will seldom misjudge our piety. Attending church is to some extent a habit. Then we owe it to our children to form in them that habit. Some children have to be compelled to attend day school. Did you ever hear a man say "I was compelled to attend school and acquired a distaste for knowledge and now I never read or try to learn anything"? No! If a grown man tells you he was turned against church by having been compelled to attend when a boy, put it down as a sure thing, he is either dishonest in his reason or his parents were inconsistent in their lives, and he acquired a dislike for the inconsistent lives he saw day by day, and judged the whole church by that standard.

A life like Brother Lark's could only inspire in his boys a desire to follow the same "Great Leader" that father follows.

Don't commit the crime against your boy of letting him have his way about going to church, but compel him to go—go with him and, by the help of God, live a godly life before him, and when he is a man he will thank God for such a father and mother. Layman.

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Our Letter Box.

Chambersville, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I thought I would write the "Methodist" a letter. I have not seen any letter from Chambersville. My brother takes the "Methodist." I like to read the children's letters very much. I am a little girl eleven years old. I am not going to school now. My teacher got sick. His name is Mr. Hadnett. My studies are, spelling, reading, arithmetic and grammar. Our preacher is Brother Canfield. I went to Thornton to see my brother and two of my cousins

MACBETH, on a lamp- chimney, stays there.

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MACBETH, Pittsburgh.

came home with me, and we had a nice time, while they were here. I have one pet. It is a cat. His name is Nigger. My doll's name is Mellie. I will close for this time. With much love to all the cousins from your little friend,

Grace Mark.

Egger, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little boy 13 years old. We have a good Sunday-school at Cherry Hill and we have a good literary school. I am in the sixth grade. My papa is the pastor of the Cherry Hill Circuit. I haven't any pets except a sweet, blue-eyed baby brother about eighteen months old. I have three little brothers and one little sister alive and one baby brother in heaven. We had a good children's day at Cherry Hill. For fear of the wastebasket I will close. Arba A. Campbell.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little girl eleven years old. Grandma takes the dear old "Methodist" and I love to read the cousins' letters. I am going to school. Miss Rena McLendon is my teacher. I like her real well. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Mamma is my teacher and of course I like her. Brother H. M. Harris is our preacher. Brother Godbey, our camp-meeting begins Friday. Can't you come and preach some for us? I have an uncle that is a preacher. His name is Rev. F. N. Harvey. He and his family visited us last week and every one of them got sick, but they are all better, and he has gone home. I have one little brother and one little sister. They are my pets. I will close for fear of the wastebasket. Your friend, Etta Echols.

Van Buren, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—My papa takes the dear old "Methodist." I enjoy reading the children's page very much. I am 11 years old. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Mollie McLaughlin. Our preacher's name is Brother McAnally; we like him very much. Dr. Galloway is our superintendent. Will close with love to the dear

cousins. If this misses the wastebasket I will try again. Your little friend,
Ruth McCarroll.

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Our Church at Home.

MAGAZINE CIRCUIT.—Presiding Elder Hanesworth came on time to our fourth quarterly conference. There was a full attendance of the members. Reports show that there have been over 40 conversions and 62 accessions during the year. We have secured a good parsonage, organized two leagues and one Sunday-school. The conference assessments are in excess of last year and the preacher's salary only \$100 short. If this were paid how it would help the preacher in the "pinch of the game." More books could be bought and read next year.

The year's work is done and we hasten to Dardanelle, where I joined the conference 22 years ago. Love to all friends.

O. H. Tucker.

SHILOH CIRCUIT.—As the end of the conference year draws to a close, I thought I would write a few lines from Shiloh Circuit. This has been a year of peace and prosperity with us. We have had some good meetings, have had 29 con-

HAPPY DAYS

When Friends Say "How Well You Look."

What happy days are those when all our friends say "How well you look."

We can bring those days by a little care in the selection of food just as this young man did.

"I had suffered from dyspepsia for three years and last summer was so bad I was unable to attend school," he says. "I was very thin and my appetite at times was poor while again it was craving. I was dizzy and my food always used to ferment instead of digesting. Crossness, unhappiness and nervousness were very prominent symptoms."

"Late in the summer I went to visit a sister and there I saw and used Grape-Nuts. I had heard of this famous food before but never was interested enough to try it, for I never knew how really good it was. But when I came home we used Grape-Nuts in our household all the time and I soon began to note changes in my health. I improved steadily and am now strong and well in every way and am back at school able to get my lessons with ease and pleasure and can remember them, too, for the improvement in my mental power is very noticeable and I get good marks in my studies which always seemed difficult before."

"I have no more of the bad symptoms given above but feel fine and strong and happy and it is mighty pleasant to hear my friends say: 'How well you look.'" Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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versions, 23 accessions to our church on profession of faith, and several reclamations and church revived. Brother T. J. Taylor and his accomplished wife came over from Trinity Circuit and helped in a meeting at Shiloh Church, which was a real revival to the church, and sinners were convicted and converted, backsliders reclaimed and the revival fire felt by all.

Brother Taylor is fine help in a revival. Our fourth quarterly conference has come and is gone. Dr. J. D. Sibert was with us and preached Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He preached Sunday to the church and after the sacrament he took up a collection on conference claims and helped the P. C. up about 12 notches, and on Sunday night he gave us an evangelical service, which moved things 15 penitents at the altar and one conversion. Brother Sibert is a soul-stirring preacher and I think will make a good P. E. I hope the Bishop and his cabinet will see fit to try him next year. I'm working and praying to close a successful year. I think we will pay up in full on Shiloh Circuit, for which let us give God all the honor and praise. Bless the Lord, I'm happy on the way. Success to "Methodist." J. E. Buchanan, P. C.

LOCKESBURG CIRCUIT.—When I wrote my last field note, I think I had held four protracted meetings. Since then I have held a meeting at Rock Hill, resulting in 10 conversions, 13 accessions to the church and the church being greatly revived. From there I went to Ben Lomand, where we united with the Baptist and C. P. Churches in a meeting, beginning on the fifth Sunday in August and closing Saturday following. The churches were revived, but no conversions.

Saturday afternoon I came home. On Sunday, September 6, I preached at Lockesburg at 11 a. m., at Bellville at 3 p. m. Went to Brownstown, about 15 miles. Preached at night, thus beginning a meeting there in conjunction with the pastor of the C. P. Church, which meeting we continued until Thursday, when I became quite sick. Friday I came home with high fever, and did not attempt to preach again or even go to an appointment until the second Sunday in October. I also preached the third Sunday in October, but the effort resulted in return of fever, and I have been able to do but little since.

We have, however, had on the circuit this year about 80 conversions and 71 accessions to our church by ritual and certificate. I also think we will be able to go to conference with a full report on finances. Am quite sure we will, if I can stay on my feet. Up to this time, however, for the past two months I have been able to stir out for only one or two days in the

week. But notwithstanding my inability, the people of Lockesburg and the surrounding county through the efforts of Rev. W. F. Clardy, have expressed their appreciation by presenting me with an extra fine tailor-made suit of clothes for conference. In addition to this, last Wednesday, Mr. Dave Slayton, a merchant here (not religious) presented me with a splendid pair of shoes. I am now closing my third year at Lockesburg and can truly say I have never served a better people. As I learn more about them my love for them grows stronger. They are not only big souled but big brained, but on account of my health, I may be moved. If I am the preacher who takes my place may count himself exceedingly fortunate. The spirit that predominates at Lockesburg is the same that predominates at almost every place in the bounds of the work. Hoping to go to conference with a light heart and a full report, I remain as ever a servant of God and the church,

W. M. Crowson.

ALPENA PASS, ARK.—We are having one of the best meetings at Rights Chapel I have ever seen. About 20 conversions up to date. Meeting still going on, interest good. The people are moved all over the country from Osage to Carrollton as never before. I can't tell when it will ever close. Last Wednesday night there were 12 conversions in one hour's time. All the Carrollton Circuit needs to make it one of the best circuits in the Harrison District is a strong, energetic itinerant preacher. Fraternally,

H. C. Morris, P. C.

PARK AVE., M. E. S., HOT SPRINGS.—More than two months have passed since I hailed from the West. Owing to the bad health of Brother Christmas Brother Cason asked me to take charge of the Park Avenue congregation, in order to relieve Brother Christmas. I found here a noble band of workers, who love and sympathize with their afflicted pastor and his family. May God bless Brother Christmas and his family.

Today I am rejoicing over the goodness of the Lord so bountifully manifested to me during the six weeks I have served this charge. Surely he has blessed me wonderfully all along the way. I have just closed a good revival here. There were twenty conversions and twenty-three accessions to the church with others to follow. Brother Harrison, of South Hot Springs, rendered me valuable assistance. This congregation has prayed long for a revival. Their prayers have been answered. May God continue to bless these good people. There is a fine Sunday-school here, and also a Ladies' H. M. S. Sunday and with a large membership of young people. This promises much for

the development of the young Christian character of the church. We now need more room. The present house cannot accommodate the congregations. I hope to bring up a good report to conference.

Yours for Christ,

Jesse L. Leonard.

As it Goes on Small Circuits.

Dear Brother Godbey—Only a short time until the meeting of our Annual convocation to discuss and rediscuss the interests of our great and growing church. Already we see the call for collections in full. In some places this may and will be possible; in others the efforts of preachers are failures along these lines, and they have to go up to conference and report collections behind. There are reasons for this failure in many instances that can not be explained on the floor of the conference or to the different boards satisfactory. The preacher is often gauged by his collections, and his power as a money gatherer. Conditions are such in some cases as to prevent the full collections, from the fact that the people have so many claims to meet they absolutely refuse to pay anything on the collections. Take a small circuit in point of membership as the one your scribe has the honor to serve, and the conditions are these: In a membership of less than seventy-five, scattered over a large area of country, most of whom are poor people, during this conference year we have raised and expended \$1,326.50 for building two beautiful churches, and we are still struggling to pay small indebtedness on each building. These houses were not projected nor built because the people wanted a new house merely, but because they had none, and needed a home. They are proud of their success, and justly so, for they are buildings to be proud of. One, in a community where they have had a parsonage for years, but had no church buildings. Too much praise cannot be given to these people for their heroic effort. We have worked hard and, praise the Lord, our work has not been in vain. The assessment for the pastor has suffered, because of these conditions. Up to this late hour only a week or two until conference, and not half of the pastors' salary paid, and only a small amount on the collections. The reason is plainly seen in the above figures. Men and women are human, and there is a point to which they go, and will go no further. Some one may say, "Why, in those rich bottoms you ought to be able to collect all that is assessed against you." They have never been in the bottom country, because they have been afraid of the malaria, and do not know what they are talking about. We have a rich farming country, and as good people as any preacher serves. Kind, hospitable,

liberal, glad to have you come and stay as long as you like, the best people to have no religion I ever saw. But opposed to missions and conference collections. "You better get your own salary," is said to you on all occasions when talking about collections. "I cannot give to these things," they tell you. You say convert them to liberality along these lines, but listen: Preachers abler to instruct, harder workers on these claims of the church, better men along all lines of church work perhaps than the present incumbent have failed, and while we have succeeded along other lines, they have failed in, I am beginning to think that after all, if collections for conference funds have not been what some of the more enthusiastic brethren think they ought to have been, along the lines of the material upbuilding of the interests of the church, they have been greater. Six church buildings in five years, with only a small indebtedness on two, is not a record to be ashamed of, and yet I am not boasting of being a church builder, but only stating facts that are worthy of consideration. When we come to talk about the work of the ministry, and the weighing of men in the balances of money gatherers for specific purposes, I fear in the minds of many the "looking at the seen" of collections is greater than the "looking at the unseen" churches and parsonages dotting our beloved Zion, built by the efforts and prayers and tears and hard struggles of the men who are in the thickest of the fight, while those who are wont to criticise are resting in ease singing "Got all my collections in full." I do not write apologetically, but simply in the interest of justice and equity. Every man ought to be rewarded according to his deserts. This much and no more. These thoughts are offered not in a spirit of complaint, nor to meet any possible failure, nor to forestall any murmuring in reference to small collections, but simply and solely to try and show the other side of the question.

R. T. Davis.

Grady, Ark.

Church Notes.

These were transferred from the Tennessee Conference: W. R. Keathley and G. W. Blanton to the West Texas Conference, J. Rush Goodloe to the Indian Mission Conference, W. H. Williams to the Northwest Texas Conference, Gilby C. Kelly to the Virginia Conference, Idus E. McKeller to the South Georgia Conference, P. D. Gardner to the Columbia Conference.

The house to house visitation at Van Buren resulted in the finding of: Homes visited 622, individuals 2,730, number of Methodists 318,

Baptists 149, Episcopalians 136, Catholics 119, Cumberland Presbyterians 105, Disciples 105, Presbyterians 41, Hebrews 19, Lutherans 6, Adventists 4, Christian Scientists 3, Friends 3, Freewill Baptists 2, United Baptists 2, Primitive Baptists 1, German Reformed 1.

How many boys and girls in the Sunday-school and out of it and non-church members not given.—Herald.

At Crittenton's testimony meeting in this city it developed only three professed religion after 20 years of age, all the rest before, and what a lesson for Sunday-school workers and pastors.—Arkansas Sunday-school Herald.

A correction of the above will not destroy its force. Mr. Crittenton asked those who had been converted after the age of 50 and none rose. He asked for those who had been converted after 40 and two stood up and Mr. Crittenton himself made the third. He then asked for all who were converted before they were 20 and nearly the whole congregation stood. Mr. Crittenton did not call for those converted between 20 and 40, but nearly all stood, saying they were converted before 20.

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LAMB-CLARK.—At the parsonage of the M. E. Church, South, at Bono, Ark., October 25, 1903, Mr. George Lamb to Miss Lillie Clark, Rev. T. J. Taylor officiating.

JONES WALKER.—At the residence of the bride's parents, October 18, 1903, Mr. Walter Jones, to Miss Mollie Walker, of Sheridan, Rev. W. F. Laseter officiating.

CAMPBELL-PRICE.—At the parsonage in Washington, Ark., November 1, Mr. H. O. Campbell, of Malvern, Ark., to Miss Susie Price, of Ozan, Ark., H. D. McKimmon, officiating.

CUMMINGS-COFFMAN.—In the Methodist Church, Beville, Ark., October 21, 1903, Mr. Elmo Cummings and Miss Martha E. Coffman, O. H. Tucker officiating.

LUSBY-TATE.—November 8, 1903, in Hot Springs, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Lewis Powell, Mr. William H. Lusby and Miss Loella Tate, both of Hot Springs and both members of the Methodist Church and workers in Epworth League.

For Sabbath Observance.

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, seeing the increasing desecration of the Lord's Day, appeals to members of every church to unite to restore the rest and sanctification of the Sabbath, the blessed inheritance of our forefathers, by a strict observance of it themselves and the distribution of literature on the subject.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

How fast our time does go! Can we realize this is the last month of the third quarter? Only three more months to wind up the year. Can we look our Master in the face and say, "I have done what I could?" If we cannot, let's double our energies and work. Work as never before. We must remember the record is being made "up yonder" as well as here.

"A Message to the Auxiliary," on first page of November number of "Our Homes" should be answered by prompt action. Let the thank-offerings collected during week of prayer be forwarded at once to conference treasurer, that this amount may soon reach the general treasurer. Thereby relieving us from debt to our workers.

SETTLEMENT WORK.

The idea of settlement work is growing among us. Miss Taylor has charge of this work at Birmingham, Ala.

In Nashville, under Miss Clyce, this work has long been a success. She says the phenomenal growth under her leadership has been due largely to three prime factors—a ripe field, a working church, a mighty God.

In Atlanta the work has grown to amazing proportions under Miss Rosa Lowe. Miss Haskins is doing fine work in Dallas, Texas, in the settlement home. That is now more than a year old.

Miss Heath, a deaconess, has begun this work in Thomasville, Ga.

Miss Bruce, with her own home in the midst of an entirely Cuban and Italian element at Ybor City is doing a work that cannot be estimated by our small minds. A settlement home of her own with the nations at her doors, what possibilities are hers and ours!

The Lewisville settlement home opened October 19. This is our newest settlement. Miss Ogilvie is full of hope and courage, and is planning for much good work along the usual lines.

NOVEMBER QUESTIONS.

(A) What authority has the Home Mission Society for its existence?

(B) When did the General Conference authorize the existence of Aid Societies?

(C) Does the Discipline still call for "Aid Societies"?

(D) If not what does it call for instead?

The International Committee of Methodist Women.

At the last Ecumenical Conference, held in London in 1901, there was held a meeting on Friday, September 13th, to consider women's work in world-wide Methodism. Wesley's Chapel in City Road was crowded to listen to the representatives of the great work which is being accomplished by the vast army of Methodist women throughout the world. There were few evening sessions that had so large an attendance as at this enthusiastic gathering.

The testimony of the women of Methodism, English and American, Continental and African, made manifest the far-reaching effects of their work. At the close of the meeting, the following resolution was read and adopted by the audience.

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the women of the Eastern and Western sections of Methodism, beg leave to present the following memorial: In view of the great and increasing work of the women of our churches, we respectfully request you to take such action as will secure a place on the programme of the fourth Ecumenical Conference for the presentation of the work of the women of world-wide Methodism."

A further effect of this historic meeting was the formation a few days later, on September 16, 1901, of an international committee of Methodist women, with Mrs. Hugh Price Hughes, president of the Eastern section, and Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, president of the Western section.

The Western section is composed of the following twelve branches of Methodism:

Methodist Episcopal Church,
 Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
 Methodist Church in Canada,
 African Methodist Episcopal Church,
 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church,
 Colored Methodist Episcopal Church,
 African Union Methodist Protestant Church,
 Union American Methodist Episcopal Church,
 United Evangelical Church,
 Primitive Methodist Church,
 Free Methodist Church,
 Methodist Protestant Church.

The work of the international committee of Methodist women is to collect information of the work of all women in the above twelve branches of Methodism. To obtain this information at the close of 1902, correspondence was begun with representatives. Letters were sent to prominent officials of these twelve branches of Methodism, asking that some women interested in the Christian work of these churches should be nominated as members

of the international committee, who should furnish statistics giving knowledge of the work of the women. From four of these branches we have obtained quite complete reports, viz., the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (furnished by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and Mrs. S. C. Trueheart); the Methodist Church of Canada (compiled by Mrs. F. C. Stephenson), the Methodist Episcopal Church (furnished by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Mrs. J. B. Robinson and M. E. Year Book), and the United Evangelical Church (given by Mrs. W. H. Grubler). We would earnestly urge the officials of the other branches of Methodism to nominate a woman of each church to serve on this international committee, and to forward such names to the secretary of the committee for the Western section, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

While the statistics submitted are in a measure incomplete, yet the results are not unworthy the very first attempt ever made to tabulate the Christian work of the women of Methodism. In truth, we present them with praise and thanksgiving for the goodness of God in so "establishing the work of our hands."

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson,
 President,
 Mrs. R. W. MacDonell,
 Secretary,
 Of the International Committee of Methodist Women.

W. F. M. S. Department.**Little Rock District**

Dear Sisters—The third quarter of the fiscal year is nearing its close. Are we ready to give the report of the work in a satisfactory manner to ourselves? Can we recall the events of the past few weeks and feel a consciousness of having done our whole duty?

"She hath done what she could!" In its broadest sense, can we appropriate that declaration and peacefully fold our hands? I fear not. But the year is not ended. We still have a margin upon which we may make a redemptive record. God help us to make a united effort to gather in at the eleventh hour many sheaves for the Master. Our numbers have not increased this year as we so fondly expected they would. Many new phases of evangelization are possessing the church—lo here and lo there, the calls come; but clearer and diviner than the rest is the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature!"

When I view the small membership of the W. F. M. S. on the Little Rock District and note the difficulties with which they meet and the success they have attained, I am more than ever convinced that God is at the helm and that final

triumph will be awarded to the faithful.

With this thought comes the indomitable spirit of perseverance. We must not falter in this great work, but lift high the royal banners of Israel until all men everywhere have given allegiance to their King.

Please let me have your reports promptly by the last day of this month. Make your statements clearly that I may fairly represent each society in the district to our conference secretary. God bless each one of you and encourage your hearts by ministrations of his grace. Give liberally with the divine assurance that you will be rewarded, both here and in the paradise of God. Your sister in Christ,

Elmira F. Snodgrass,
 District Secretary.
 Little Rock, Ark.

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SIBLEY.—On last Friday night, October 2, 1903, death entered the home of Uncle Henry and Aunt Nancy Sibley, taking from them their precious darling boy Jimmie Marvin, who was born November 20, 1887. He was their youngest child, and the idol of all their hearts. There are three boys and one girl left to mourn the loss of such a dear brother, who has gone on before them. Jim Marvin was loved by all who knew him, and always met every one with a smile. His associates and schoolmates all loved him and will miss him so much. He was very dear to all of us.

Etta and Laura Ault.

PAGE.—Florence, infant daughter of William and Lula Page, was born January 7, 1902, and departed this life August 4, 1903. Little Florence was an affectionate child, and brought sunshine into the home during her brief stay, but her going out cast a shadow over the home. To the bereaved ones we would say, Press on, and by any by you shall meet your precious darling where no more sickness, sorrow, pain nor death can come, but there shall be one glad eternal day.

Harry L. Simpson.

SMITH.—Lois Hawley Smith, daughter of Dr R. N. and George Alice Smith, was born February 12, 1903; baptized by this writer May 24, 1903; died September 13, 1903. These dates outline the life of one of the sweetest children I have ever known. Always bright and smiling, she was the joy of the home. Jesus took her to himself, and while her parents' hearts were made sad, they look through their tears to the blissful home, where they expect to meet their darling when life with them is over.

George M. Hill.

Dermott, Ark.

FUQUOY.—On October 1, 1903, Myrtle L. Fuquoy passed to the home of the good from her parents' residence. Myrtle was a bright sweet child, just 3 years and 9 months old. She was born December 3, 1900. She was not only loved by those in her own home, but by all who knew her. We are all very sad since she has gone away. We do not think of her as being dead, but that he heavenly Father has taken her home to dwell with him. We all know where to find this sweet, loving child. Cheer up, sad hearts, we may all meet again in heaven.

W. W. Nelson.

SIMPSON.—Mrs. Nancy E. Simpson (nee Askew) was born March 7, 1864, and died August 26, 1903. On the 4th day of January, 1882, she was happily married to Brother W. P. Simpson, who with six children survive to mourn their loss. A good woman has gone to her reward. In her home life she was a model of industry, frugality and thoughtful care. No slipshod housekeeping was ever indulged in while she was mistress of the home. Like every true mother her children were the objects of her supreme care. She watched over their conduct, ministered to their wants and diligently instructed them in the ways of righteousness and salvation. The heart of her husband safely trusted in her, and to him she was a helpmeet in every sense of the word. She was a kind and helpful neighbor and

was especially diligent in ministering to the sick and suffering. Shortly after her marriage she united with the M. E. Church, South, in which she was ever afterward a loyal and useful member. Her last illness was comparatively brief and her death was wholly unexpected. But while the summons came suddenly it found her with her "Lamp trimmed and burning," and ready for the final call. The church and community join with the husband and children in deploring their great loss. But our loss is her gain.

J. A. Sage.

GUTHERSON.—J. R. Gutherson was born October 18, 1834. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1875 or 1876. He died of dropsy October 5, 1903, and was buried ten miles south of Honey Grove, Texas. Four of his children were present at his demise. He was a Methodist twenty-eight or twenty-nine years, a consistent one. He had the courage of his convictions and boldness on suitable occasion to declare them. He had well defined views. He was an affectionate husband, a kind and an indulgent father. He was a good neighbor and a noble citizen. He is missed from our presence, and we are left to mourn "not as those who have no hope." We say farewell, but not forever. He appointed a place for our meeting. In his death this scripture is fulfilled, John 17:24. Farewell, Brother Jim, I will see you again on that bright morning.

E. N. Watson.

SIBLEY.—James Marvin Sibley, son of Henry and Nancy Sibley, was born November, 1887, and died October 2, 1903, at the age of 15 years. This noble son of promise was regarded by those that knew him best as a model boy. He was an obedient son, an aggressive student of more than ordinary mental force and of unblemished moral character. He was not a member of the church, but had expressed his faith in Christ and his purpose to join the church soon to his pastor. But the sad messenger came at an unexpected hour. He was suddenly taken with congestion and died the same day. This unexpected death was a great shock to the entire community. The burial service was conducted by Rev. McPherson Miller, at the family cemetery, near Honey, Ark., on the 3rd of October, 1903, which was witnessed by an unusually large attendance.

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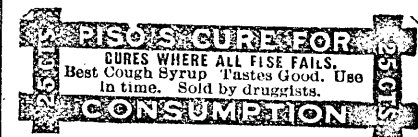
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MAYS.—Mrs. Martha B. (nee Lea) daughter of Alanson N. and Susan Lea, was born in Caswell county, N. C., January 5, 1837; came with her parents to Dallas county, Ark., in 1847. She was first married to C. H. Grant in 1888, who died in 1895. September 5, 1897, she was married to R. D. Mays, with whom she lived happily until October 17, 1903, when she departed this life in blissful hope of heaven. She professed religion at Tulip at the same time the writer did, in April, 1851, and from that glad day to her last on earth she adorned her profession as a Christian woman. She was received into the Methodist church by Rev. Andrew Hunter. Having officiated as pastor many years ago at the interment of several members of this family, I was called to conduct the funeral services of the subject of this sketch. She was known and loved by a large circle of relatives and friends, who evidenced the high esteem in which she was held by attending her funeral. Her active Christian life, her love for all God's people and the lively interest she took in all church institutions gave assurance that death to her had no sting, the grave no victory. We think of her now as having rejoined the dear family above; only one survivor, and he too is on the way. One family complete in heaven—so we believe it will be. We can only commend the bereaved and sorrowing husband and only brother to the God of all comfort. His grace is an unfailing comfort and bids us exult in blessed hope of immortality and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J. E. Caldwell.

Tulip, Ark.

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Notices

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

All applicants for admission into the Little Rock Conference will please meet the committee at 9 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, 24th of November, in the Methodist Church in El Dorado.

A. M. Robertson, Chairman.

The class of the first year will meet at the court house in El Dorado 2 p. m. November 24th.

J. W. Harrell.

Applicants for admission into the Little Rock Conference will please meet the committee on examination at the Presbyterian Church in El Dorado, Tuesday, November 24, at 2 p. m. Bring pencil and paper.

C. J. Greene,

Acting Chairman.

There will be a meeting of the Sunday-school Board of the Little Rock Conference at El Dorado Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p. m. All members of the board are expected to be present.

H. M. Bruce, President.

Camden, Ark., Nov. 7, 1903.

Dear Dr. Godbey—I have arranged for all delegates and visitors to the Little Rock Conference who have to spend a night or pass a meal hour in Camden to get half rates at the Ouachita Hotel. Brother Belser is one of our stewards and will give you \$1 per day rates. Meals, 25 cents. The Cotton Belt train going south reaches here about 5:30 a. m. and 5:55 p. m. Going north, 10:35 a. m. and 11:20 p. m.

The train going to El Dorado leaves Camden at 11:45 a. m. Only one train each way. It returns at 2:55 p. m.

Very respectfully,

W. F. Evans.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The committee and class of the first year will please meet in the M. E. Church, South, Dardanelle, Ark., at 9 a. m. November 17, 1903.

Wm. Sherman, Chairman.

The class of the third year, Arkansas Conference, will please meet the committee at 8:30 a. m., November 17th, in the Methodist Church, Dardanelle, Ark.

Stonewall Anderson, Chairman.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

The members of the class of the third year in the White River Conference are requested to meet the examining committee at the Methodist Church in Walnut Ridge on Tuesday, December 1, at 10 a. m. Come prepared for written examination.

Frank Barrett,
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Dear Brethren of the White River Conference—Several have written us that they would bring their families to conference. After thorough canvass we are compelled to say that we are unable to take care of children, and will not be responsible for the entertainment of the wives of any of the members of the conference who do not notify us by November 15th. Visitors will have to look after themselves unless special arrangements are made with their friends or committee on entertainment. Let all connectional men notify me what days they expect to be present. Please remember the reception December 1st, 7 p. m. Yours truly,

T. W. Fisackerly, P. C.

Rev. E H Wallis Dead.

Dear Dr. Godbey—Our pastor at Heber, Brother E. H. Wallis, died Tuesday morning. I have not yet learned the particulars, but suppose the trouble was "heart failure," as he died suddenly. He had done a fine year's work, was loved of his people and died at his post of duty.

M. M. Smith.

Searcy, Oct. 28, 1903.

This notice should have appeared last week.

On the Honor Roll.

Dr. Godbey—The following charges are worthy of being placed on the honor roll, having contributed one hundred or more to the Galloway debt: Jonesboro, \$172.50, Dr. Brown, pastor; Paragould, \$155, Brother Moorehead, pastor; Piggott and Rector, \$100, Brother Craig, pastor. Fraternally,

D. J. Weems, Agent.

To the Young People and Juveniles of the Foreign Missionary Societies, Little Rock Conference: The time is flying so fast that I write again to ask you, who have not responded to our day school in China, that we agreed to support next year, will write me soon how much you will contribute toward this fund. Remembering that it is not to interfere with any other specials. Already I have heard from some which I thank very much for not waiting until the last moment. They are as follows:

Stephens Juveniles, \$5.

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Little Workers Mission Band, First M. E. Church, South, \$15.

Now, my little friends, don't be the last to come on this list. When I hear a society has promised to give to any work I know they will prosper, for you must all have an object ahead to work for and to. Then the interest becomes centered, and all will be ready to work. Wake up and let us hear from all the societies in this conference. From

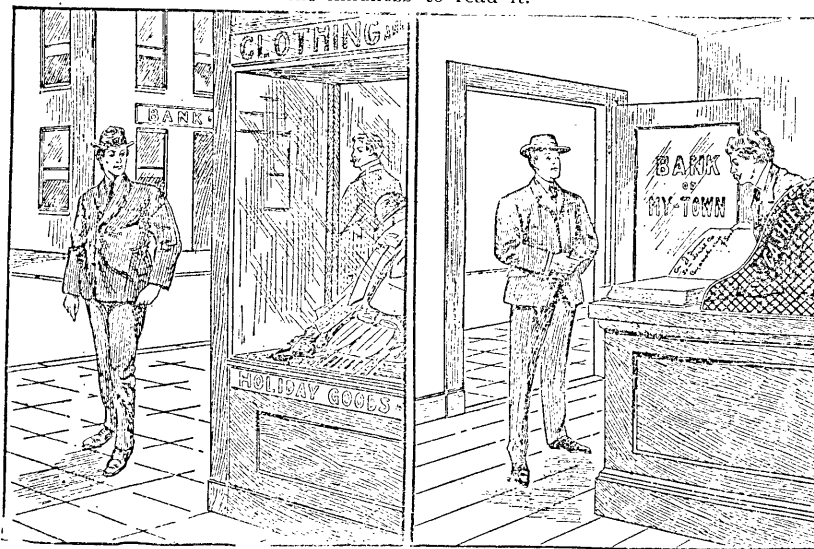
The Day Before Christmas

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Looking Backward

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Mr. Makeit, the Merchant, speaks: "Come in, Mr. Hardup, and buy your Christmas things. I suppose you want something nice this year for your wife, for yourself, and the children."

Mr. Hesitate Hardup replies: "I have no money. The Southwestern Company offered me a job about two months ago to sell their great new book, *Courage and Comfort*; or, *Sunday Morning Thoughts*, written by the once cowboy preacher, now scholarly author and wealthy publisher, Dr. J. B. Cranfill; with illustrations by the distinguished artist, Frank Beard, of the Ram's Horn. They wrote me they had agents last year who made over \$300 in the two months before Christmas, and that, too, selling an old book, which they had been offering for years. They said they confidently believed that with this book I could do even better; but I didn't take the agency, for fear I couldn't succeed; and, as I said, I have no money to buy Christmas presents."

Mr. Makeit: "I am sorry, Mr. Hardup. You ought to have accepted their offer. I have known of The Southwestern Company for years, and know they are reliable."

Mr. Hardup: "I have heard that just before Christmas is the best time to sell books, and do wish I had been at it the

past two months."

Mr. Levelhead Fullhand speaks: "How does my account stand?"

Mr. Saveit, the Banker, replies: "Balance to your credit, \$216.20."

Mr. Fullhand: "Correct. Here is \$240 more which I have saved from my holiday delivery of *Courage and Comfort*. I want to deposit it to-day. By the way, Mr. Saveit, have you seen my book? It is one of the greatest and best ever written, filled with true lessons truly taught, bright stories brilliantly told, great thoughts of a great mind plainly presented. It contains over 500 pages with more than 50 full-page illustrations, and is new from cover to cover. The binding, you see, is handsome grosgrain silk finished cloth of the popular olive green, library shade, with cover stamp in ink and gold. The price to subscribers only \$2.50."

Mr. Saveit: "I'll take a copy, Mr. Fullhand, and am much obliged to you for bringing the book to my attention. Is it your purpose to continue work for The Southwestern Company next year?"

Mr. Fullhand: "Yes. I have never done any work that pays so well, and it is my intention to begin again immediately after Christmas and put in full time next year."

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all to work for him, and then Satan will not have a show.

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