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## News and Notes.

BUSINESS CONTINUES VERY BRISK and increases as the holidays approach.

OUR CITY COUNCIL HAS LIMITED the speed of automobiles to eight miles an hour.

THE EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS closed and the regular session opened December 7 at noon.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY has been ratified by the junta of the new republic of Panama.

THE BRITISH TRADE WITH South Africa now exceeds \$235,000,000 yearly, and is rapidly growing.

THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK greatly needs a convention hall or auditorium and good public library

AN UNUSUALLY SEVERE STORM FOR this season has been prevailing over the north and northwest for the last two days.

THE SUPREME COURT of Nebraska has issued a mandamus on a test case forbidding the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION TO nominate a candidate for the presidency will meet in Chicago, June 21. There is now no doubt that Roosevelt will be nominated.

THE STRIKE OF MINERS AT CRIPPLE Creek continues. A conference between Gov. Peabody and President Mitchell developed nothing in the way of settlement. The governor holds Teller county under martial law, and is ready to suppress by force any riotous conduct.

THE LARGEST IMMIGRATION TO the United States is now from Austria-Hungary. From this country 15,399 immigrants came in the month of August last. Italy comes next, then Russia. These three countries furnish the majority of emigrants to the United States.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE regarded a defiance of his authority and insulting treatment by the Turks, United States Consul W. R. Davis, left his station at Alexandria last week and retired to Beirut.

Whether there was just cause for this action is not yet known.

A CONFERENCE OF COLLEGE STUDENTS will be held at Ruston, La., December 23-30. Delegates are expected from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. W. R. Weatherford, a graduate of the Vanderbilt University, will be in charge and Dr. W. R. Lambuth will attend to present missionary work especially

THE REPORT OF THE DEAD LETTER office for the year ending June 30, 1903, shows that the total receipts were something over 10,000,000 pieces. The money found in opened letters amounted to \$48,634, but this sum included also money (generally coin) found loose in the mails and turned over to the dead letter office. The drafts, checks, and money orders found represented a face value of \$1,498,563.

THOUSANDS ARE passing from under our influence every year, because our church literature is not in the homes of our people; because children do not see in their parents any special pride in the fact that they are Methodists; because, in some instances, young people are allowed, without parental concern or direction, to select the church and Sunday-school they wish to attend.

WE TAKE THIS ITEM FROM THE Wesleyan Christian Advocate: "Of the members of the cabinet at Washington Secretaries Hay and Wilson are members of the Presbyterian Church; Secretary Shaw, of the Methodist Church, and Secretaries Hitchcock and Cortelyou of the Episcopal Church, as is Postmaster General Payne. Among the judges of the supreme court, Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Peckham and Brown are Episcopalians; Justice Brewer, Congregationalist; Justices White and McKenna, Catholics; Justice Holmes, Unitarian; Justice Harlan, Presbyterian, and Justice Day attends church with his Lutheran wife."

WE ARE NOW TOLD THAT RUSSIA and Japan have come to agreement. Russia may hold Manchuria if she will consent to Japanese supremacy in Korea. We are told that France on the side of Russia, and England

on the side of Japan, consent to this settlement. The powers still claim to aim at preserving the integrity of the Chinese empire. They will probably insist that the Chinese empire does not include Manchuria. It is known to most that the Manchus conquered the old Chinese empire and that a Manchu ruler has long held the throne. The Chinese would be glad to eliminate the Manchu element, and to unite the old empire under a Chinese emperor. But to our thinking everything tends to the partition of China among the powers notwithstanding their protestations that they do not desire this.

TO THE MIND OF THE PRESIDENT there is no longer any obstruction to the building of the Panama canal. He says in his message: "When the congress directed that we should take the Panama route under treaty with Colombia, the essence of the condition, of course, referred not to the government which controlled that route, but to the route itself; to the territory across which the route lay, not to the name which for the moment the territory bore on the map. The purpose of the law was to authorize the president to make a treaty with the power in actual control of the isthmus of Panama. This purpose has been fulfilled."

### THE NEW CANAL TREATY.

In regard to the new canal treaty with the new republic of Panama the president says:

"By the provisions of the treaty the United States guarantees and will maintain the independence of the republic of Panama. There is granted to the United States in perpetuity the use, occupation and control of a strip ten miles wide and extending three nautical miles into the sea at either terminal, with all lands lying outside of the zone necessary for the construction of the canal or for its auxiliary works, and with the islands in the bay of Panama. The cities of Panama and Colon are not embraced in the canal zone, but the United States assumes their sanitation and, in case of need, the maintenance of order therein; the United States enjoys within the granted limits all the rights, power and authority which it would possess were it the sovereign of the territory to the exclusion of the exercise of sovereign rights by the republic. All railway and canal property rights belonging to Pana-

ma and needed for the canal pass to the United States, including any property of the respective companies in the cities of Panama and Colon; the works, property and personnel of the canal and railways are exempted from taxation as well in the cities of Panama and Colon as in the canal zone and its dependencies. Free immigration of the personnel and importation of supplies for the construction and operation of the canal are granted. Provision is made for the use of militia force and the building of fortifications by the United States for the protection of the transit. In other details, particularly as to the acquisition of the interests of the New Panama Canal Company and the Panama railway by the United States and the condemnation of private property for the uses of the canal, the stipulations of the Hay-Herran treaty are closely followed, while the compensation to be given for these enlarged grants remains the same, being \$10,000,000 payable on exchange of ratifications; and, beginning nine years from that date, an annual payment of \$250,000 during the life of the convention."

### A Better Way.

Methodist preachers in these parts have stirred up their evangelistic gifts and are holding their own meetings, with the assistance of their brother pastors.—The habit of sending off for a professional revivalist has about died out. The visible results under the pastor-evangelist are better. The permanent benefit to the church under the pastoral leadership is infinitely better.—*Alabama Christian Advocate.*

It is a sad error when a man mistakes his own stubbornness for divine courage.

### A New Year's Gift.

What better gift can you make for the New Year than to send your church paper, the Arkansas Methodist, to some family in your church who is not able to take it. We send the paper free to all our superannuated preachers, and there are some of our subscribers who yearly make a present of the paper to some of the Lord's poor. We do not wish to profit by the charity of others and such as will send the paper a year to some other person can have it for \$1 cash in advance. Send the name with the money and the paper will be sent and discontinued when the time paid for expires.

**TWICE WON**

**Wife Fell in Love With Husband  
"All Over Again."**

The wife of a well-known attorney at law of Seward, Neb., tells the tale worth reading: "My husband was a soldier in the civil war and was, as he called himself, 'an old coffee cooler' and had always drank very strong coffee.

"About a year ago he complained of a feeling of faintness every time after climbing his office stairs and was also troubled by terrible headaches that almost drove him wild.

"He gradually grew weaker and weaker until his affliction culminated in nervous collapse and for weeks he seemed to be fading away from us in spite of all our efforts.

"The physicians pronounced him strong and well with no organic trouble whatever and there seemed to be nothing the matter except the complete giving out of his nervous system.

"The doctors decided that coffee was at the bottom of all his trouble and ordered Postum Cereal in its place. He improved daily since he quit coffee and began drinking Postum and now says he feels better than he has felt for 20 years, headaches are gone, no more fainting spells and is gaining in flesh every day and he seems so much younger and heartier and happier than he has for years that I have fallen in love with him over again.

"Now for my brother's case; a few years ago he had a peculiar trouble. His tongue was swollen and sore at the roots and covered underneath with festers.

"He thought his affliction was of a cancerous nature and his doctor was of the same opinion. He could scarcely eat anything and became so poor and run down he was simply a nervous wreck. He consulted various physicians but none were able to diagnose his case or help him in the least.

"At last a doctor to whom he applied said he believed my brother was coffee poisoned and advised him to quit coffee and drink Postum. He gave him no medicine but told him to give Postum fair trial and return to him in six weeks. My brother had used Postum only about ten days when the festers disappeared from his tongue and at the end of two weeks the soreness and swelling were gone and he began to pick up in flesh and spirits.

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**Educational Notes.**

**Cecil Rhodes Scholarship for Arkansas**

Dr. Henry S. Hartzog has been appointed chairman of the committee of selection for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship for the State of Arkansas. He has been authorized by the Oxford authorities to make the following announcement:

The first election of scholars in the United States under the Rhodes bequest will be made between February and May, 1904. The elected scholars will commence residence in October, 1904.

A qualifying examination will be held within this period in each State and Territory, or at centers which can be easily reached. This examination is not competitive, but is intended to give assurance that all candidates are fully qualified to enter on a course of study at Oxford University.

It will therefore be based on the requirements for Responsions—the first public examination exacted by the university from each candidate for a degree.

The Rhodes scholars will be selected from candidates who have successfully passed this examination. One scholar will be chosen for each State and Territory to which scholarships are assigned.

The requirements of the Responsions examination, as stated in the statutes of the University of Oxford, are as follows:

Candidates must offer the following:

- (1) Arithmetic—the whole.
- (2) Either Algebra. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, greatest common measure, least common multiple, fractions, extraction of square root, equations containing one or two unknown quantities, and problems producing such equations.

Or Geometry. Euclid's Elements, books I, II. Euclid's axioms will be required, and no proof of any proposition will be admitted which assumes the proof of anything not proved in preceding propositions of Euclid.

- (3) Greek and Latin grammar.
- (4) Translation from English into Latin prose.
- (5) Greek and Latin authors.

Candidates must offer two books, one Greek and one Latin, or unseen translation. The following positions of the under-mentioned authors will be accepted:

Demosthenes—(1) Philippics 1-3 and Olynthiacs 1-3, or (2) De Corona.

Euripides—Any two of the following plays: Hecuba, Medea, Alcestis, Bacchae.

Homer (1) Iliad 1-5 or 2-6, or (2) Odyssey 1-5 or 2-6.

Plato—Apology and Crito.

Sophocles—Antigone and Ajax.

Xenophon—Anabasis 1-4 or 2-5.

Caesar—De Bello Gallico 1-4.

Cicero—(1) The first two Phil-

ippic Orations or (2) the four Catinian Orations, and In Verrem, Act I; or (3) the Orations Pro Murena and Pro Lege Manilia, or (4) the treatises De Senectute and De Amicitia.

Horace—(1) Odes 1-4, or (2) Satires, or (3) Epistles.

Livy—Books 21 and 22. (After Michaelmas, 1903, Books V and VI.)

Virgil—(1) The Bucolics with Books 1-3 of the Aeneid, or (2) the Georgics, or (3) the Aeneid, Books 1-5 or 2-6.

Papers covering this range of study will be prepared by examiners appointed by the Cecil Rhodes trustees, and will be sent to each center, where, at a date publicly announced, the examination will be held under proper supervision, and the papers returned to the examiners.

A list of those who have successfully passed this test will as soon as possible be furnished to the chairman of the committee of selection in each State or province, or to the university making the appointment, and from this list the committee or university will proceed to elect the scholars.

The committees and the universities making appointments will be furnished with a statement of the qualifications which Mr. Rhodes desired in the holders of his scholarships, and they will be asked in exercising their right of selection to comply as nearly as circumstances will permit with the spirit of the testator's wishes.

They will also be asked to furnish to the trustees as full a statement as possible of the school and college career of each elected scholar, with the special grounds of his appointment, together with suggestions, if desired, as to the course of study for which he is best fitted.

It has been decided that all scholars shall have reached at least the end of their sophomore or second year work at some recognized degree-granting university or college of the United States.

Scholars must be unmarried, must be citizens of the United States, and be between nineteen and twenty-five years of age.

Where several candidates present themselves from a single college or university, the committees of selection will request the faculty of the college to decide between their claims on the basis of Mr. Rhodes' suggestions, and present to the committee the name of the candidate chosen by that college as its representative in the final election.

Candidates may elect whether they will apply for the scholarship of the State in which they have acquired the above-mentioned educational qualification, or for that of the State in which they have their ordinary private domicile, home or residence. They must be prepared to present themselves for examina-

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Candidates for scholarships should, during the month of January, 1904, notify the chairman of the committee of selection in the State or Territory for which they apply, or the head of the university appointing to the scholarship, of their intention to present themselves for examination. The decision of the committee of selection or of the university making appointment shall be final as regards eligibility.

Any inquiries about Oxford, its colleges and the courses of study there, should be addressed to F. J. Wylie, Esq., the Oxford agent of the Rhodes trustees. The presidents of American colleges are requested to send to Mr. Wylie, for the information of the trustees, copies of their annual calendar, and such other college literature as they may think useful.

Copies of Oxford Responsion papers for past years can be obtained from the Oxford University Press, 91 and 95, Fifth avenue, New York. The Students' Handbook of Oxford can be ordered at the same address. It gives full information about the examinations of the university, subject to changes made since the last edition was issued.

"Oxford As It Is," a small pamphlet prepared by Mr. Louis Dyer, of Harvard and Balliol Colleges, for the use of American candidates, gives all essential information in a condensed form. It can be ordered from Macmillan & Co., Fifth avenue, New York.

"Oxford and Its Colleges," written by Mr. J. Wells, of Wadham College, and "Oxford and Oxford Life," edited by the same gentleman, may be recommended for those who wish to gain fuller information about the university and its colleges. University News Letter.

## Temperance.

### Raising the Corruption Fund.

The central organization of the liquorites of New York adopts this plan for raising "the defense fund": The national convention of the saloons assess the state's part at \$750,000. The money is to be raised by a tax label to be "attached to every bottle of liquor and every barrel of beer"; \$5,000,000 are needed to prevent drastic legislation against this "chief industry" of the country, and every state in the Union is included in the assessment. One of the principal promoters of this scheme said recently: "It is a business men's organization formed for strictly business purposes, but when a political party attacks our interest we can play politics and henceforth we propose to do it. The saloonkeepers are not alone in this business. Wholesale dealers, brewers, those who supply mineral waters, and everybody associated with the business is in the plan."

### ON FOOD

#### The Right Foundation of Health.

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"Very soon the yellow coating disappeared from my tongue, the dull, heavy feeling in my head disappeared and my mind felt light and clear; the languid, tired feeling left, and altogether I felt as if I had been reborn. Strength and weight came back rapidly and I went back to my work with renewed ambition. Today I am a new woman in mind as well as body and I owe it all to this natural food Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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### Law for Drunkards.

In New Hampshire they have a law which enables a husband, wife, parent, guardian, employer, town mayor or one of the "select men" to give a written notice to saloonkeepers and the rest not to sell or deliver liquor to a specific individual addicted to the habit of drinking. The names of such habit-ridden unfortunates for whom such notices are given are posted in public places. If any one buys liquor for these persons, that one may be likewise punished. Penalties are provided for disregard of these notices. Haggie away, gentlemen, in some way or other; the tree has been bringing forth only evil fruit; let it be cut down and cast into the fire.

### Comparison of Costs.

Some one has made a comparison between the cost of a modern battleship and a modern college. The Oregon, the most expensive fighting machine in our navy, cost \$6,575,032.76, besides the cost of maintenance. The cost of the entire plant of Harvard University is \$5,300,000. The cost of a battleship is equal to that of fifteen well-equipped colleges, which every year send forth hundreds of graduates to be leaders and benefactors of the nation. The people pay for equipping the battleships; let not Christian peoples forget to equip their colleges, those battleships of Christian civilization, whose highest explosives are ideas.—Central Advocate.

### Particeps Criminis

Mida's Criterion, easily chief of the liquor trade journals, in physical appearance, ability of management and editorial character, correcting some popular misconceptions as to the effect of a liquor dealer's federal tax receipt, says: "It should be impressed upon the public mind that the federal government does not issue a license to sell liquors. It merely exacts the payment of a tax and gives a tax receipt, which by no means authorizes the holder to violate any state or local law. The holding of a federal tax receipt does not exempt one from prosecution if he attempts to sell in any state or district where the trade is prohibited. It merely exempts the holder from prosecution by the federal authorities, whose concern is the collection of tax." It should also be impressed upon the public mind that the acceptance of money from one who declares his intention to do business as a criminal in the state where he resides, and the issuance to him of a federal "tax receipt" ethically puts the federal government into a conspiracy against that state and make it an accessory before the fact, as to the crime proposed. The federal government ought to be above such business.—New Voice.

Last week at Dallas, Texas, a local option association for the State,

non-political in its nature, was organized, the purpose of which is to promote local option in Texas, and to enforce the local option laws where the liquor traffic has been voted out by the people. That association can see to it that "prohibition prohibits."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

## Contributed.

### Texas Notes.

Dear Brother—I have been here but a short time, but for some reason the friendly face of "Arkansas Methodist" has failed to put in an appearance. I'm really afraid it is because you have carried me on the "dead-head" list so long you have got tired. Well, I can't blame you, for a series of years you have dealt kindly with me, but it does look a little hard to forsake an "old friend" in the midst of a "boll weevil" scourge, but "such is life." Bishop Duncan steered our great conference through with as little friction as it was possible for a human being to have done. He is a grand old man, deeply pious, wise, versatile and as witty as a full-fledged Irishman, and somehow never compromises the dignity of a hightoned Christian gentleman. I like him. While he guarded well the material interests of our Zion, he constantly stressed the spiritual side of the question. "Brethren, are you having conversions? Are souls being saved through your ministry? If not, you need to tarry at Jerusalem." Oh, how glad many of us were to hear such. It was like "good news from a far country." Some of us, you know, are not in condition to carry up "big reports" in material things, and yet have scores of conversions, and do like a little encouragement and recognition of this precious, vital fact, even while in this "vale of tears." Still, I'm not one-sided, I trust, in these matters, for some of our great men at great places are doing great things along material lines, thus supplementing weak places, so we little fellows can stay in the field and save souls that otherwise might be lost. Thank God for my kind of a place to do good. Our collection for our superannuates was immense, but our list on the "honor roll" so-called is also being increased. Our good old Bishop gave, as I thought, some valuable "caution" touching this question, to which some of us older brethren said "amen." Poor old fellows! We need lots of grace to go down gracefully and sweetly, for I'm in the "ring," but on Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye. Past sixty, I begin to "scent the breeze" in the near future, and yet for the life of me I can't see where the failure is. Stout, fat, straight as an Indian, I eat and sleep finely. Seldom ever missed an appointment in 33 years; live on

short grass and keep fat and cheerful. It seems to me I'm just at my best. "Oh, wad some power the gifte gae us," etc. Well, I'm not there yet, but have a nice little work, church, parsonage, etc., in this little railroad town of 1,200—awfully scourged, of course, by weevils, but they hurt nothing but the cotton, the people having lots of feed stuff. Fat hogs, cattle, chickens and gobblers, etc., remain. In fact none of us are much afraid of starving, but some of us are honest and can't pay our debts and, worst, poor mortals, we can't "carry out our plans." We need more religion more than anything else. I'll quit and finish next time, to which you'll say "amen." Yours in hope, "Finch" M. Winburne.

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Our friends should send us cash for our needed improvement. All the cash we get, not demanded for running expenses, will go to enlarge our quarters.

Direct all contributions to G. H. Kimball, City Hall, Little Rock.

**Christmas Off-ring.**

We call upon all readers of the Methodist to make a Christmas offering to our Methodist Orphanage at Little Rock. In the church, the Sunday-schools, the family circles, let the orphans be remembered. We ask for a cash collection. It will be acknowledged in the Methodist. Send to G. H. Kimball, Secretary, City Hall, Little Rock.

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- Chosen Vessels..... .75

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**The Feast is Over.**

Dear Doctor.—I mean our annual conference, it is a feast in all that the term comprehends. It is a moral, intellectual, and spiritual tonic. It builds up the whole system from head to heel. Some things may go a little awry, to the slightly inclined ury-eyed, but to the man who looks on straight lines, and goes where he looks, most all things go right. It is not more than the truth to say that Bishop Hoss was at his best in the chair, and in the pulpit. I happened to fall in with him enroute to conference, and felt inwardly moved to be polite, and took his biggest grip, and it was disposed to pull down on account of its contents. And so impressive was the massive affair, that I said, "Bishop, I am inclined to believe the newspaper reports I see of you." "What is that?" "Why, I see the papers say you are preaching great sermons all around at the conferences, and this grip is in evidence to support my belief." This is no small part of an annual conference if the president is not at his best, all other interests fall below their measure to some extent. We had a good conference—a helpful one. By comparison, in my estimation, it was as good as any of the other twenty-nine I have attended. My first was Searey, in 1874, and as my mind unrolls this scroll of unwritten items, I will give the bishops as they have come in among us, and gone out from us. In 1874, Kavanaugh; 1875, Doggett; 1876, Keener; 1877, Kavanaugh; 1878, Doggett; 1879, Pierce; 1880, Granbrey; 1881, Mc-Tyler; 1882, Wilson; 1883, Granbrey; 1884, Hargrove; 1885, Granbrey; 1886, Galloway; 1887, Galloway; 1888, Key; 1889, Hendrix; 1890, Fitzgerald; 1891, Duncan; 1892, Wilson; 1893, Keener; 1894, Hendrix; 1895, Fitzgerald; 1896, Fitzgerald; 1897, Hendrix; 1898, Morrison; 1899, Galloway; 1900, Galloway; 1901, Key; 1902, Hoss; 1903, Hoss. This is all from memory, but I think it is correct. I think it was a wise act for our next conference to go to Augusta. It has not been there since 1877. The old town has gotten the "second blessing" as to material prosperity and will no doubt give the preachers and visitors a royal entertainment. But now, doctor, I come to the thought that was in my mind when I began this letter. It seems like it has been a month since conference, and while I don't want to tell it, it seems that I "must needs do so," not as a reflection, but as a kind of pedestal to build my call on. The Methodist has not put in its appearance yet, and this is Saturday, the 12th, and as it is the medium of communication in church matters in our state, and it is the next thing to seeing our preachers face to face, can't there be an arrangement for a semi-weekly, a tri-weekly, or even a daily

issue of the paper, and thereby give us a perfect daily account of our church, and other movements of interest in our church, and throughout the world? In a weekly church paper the news is a week old before we get it. I may be entertaining and following a folorn hope, but it does seem to me that 80,000 Methodists can have this, if they will. Our motto is, "forward," and our orders are, "march." Once more. What about Galloway College? Will the preachers throughout the three conferences continue to send in their \$100 men. I am a little pained to know that some have imputed a selfish motive to me, in the interest I have taken in the matter. But I feel as clear of anything of this, as I did when, in 1890, I stood up at Paragould at a district conference and made a speech that eventuated in the building of the district parsonage at Jonesboro. Brother, don't, don't, but "lay to and give a helping hand" for I assure you as long as the columns of the Methodist are open to me, and this debt is unpaid, I expect to raise my voice and push my pen in its behalf. I stick to my "dead mule" text. It can be paid in a day, if you will all do your duty towards it at the same time. I close this much longer paper than I at first thought of, with an earnest, fervent prayer for every preacher and his charge in the state. Our best is not much, but it is what God and the church requires.

Jas. F. Jernigan.

Waldron, Ark., Dec. 12, 1903.

**Letter From Alabama.**

M. H. WELLS.

Everything tended to make the recent session of the North Alabama Conference pleasant and memorable. We have had a year of great material and spiritual prosperity. The farmers have been liberally rewarded for their toil and are in fine spirits. They have responded to the appeals of the church very generously. The mining and manufacturing industries have had great thrift. Not a serious conflict has occurred between capital and labor. All is peace and harmony. From this bounty the pastors collected for all purposes nearly a half million dollars. While the plus sign followed nearly every report we were surprised and mortified to find the assessment for Foreign Missions short. This will not occur again unless all signs fail. It has been a year noted for building and repairing churches and parsonages. In one district thirteen new churches were built. The ten districts furnish the ten presiding elders with comfortable homes. The church in this country sets a great store by these chief men. The Home Mission Society cares for the parsonages.

But one item of business caused any friction and discussion. This was heated and lengthy. The board of education asked control of the

North Alabama Conference College and that the trustees be increased from thirteen to twenty-one. Heretofore the trustees have all been clerical members. The board wanted to give the laymen a place and voice in the management. The conference accepted the wish of the board by a vote of 137 to 37. It is quite likely that radical changes will be made in the management of the school and years may be required to bring harmony.

Revivals have been general and genuine. In many instances the pastors held their own protracted meetings. This is a healthy and promising sign. We are also returning to the good old methods of "the fathers." Men, women and children are being "powerfully converted."

But one death occurred among the members. But few were retired and eleven young men were admitted on trial.

Connectional brethren in numbers attended. They received elegant entertainment and were attentively heard. It is well for these special men to visit the conferences and give out gathered information. But it ought to be a great emergency when a special collection is allowed. The preachers are the usual victims. Guided by wise economy, they rarely have a dollar to spare. The time is coming to them all when their services will not be in demand and their salaries stop. It may come to pass in the next fifty or hundred years that preachers will be retired on a salary that will meet the actual necessities of life. The little now received meets the demands of two or three months.

Tuscumbia is one of the oldest towns in the State but for the first time an Annual Conference was cared for by them. It was done in the most approved style. The fact is, it reminded one of the good days "before the war" when the coming of an Annual Conference was an occasion. The time may come when the conference will be obliged to care for itself, but that date is far away in this region. Three towns asked for the next session. Talladega won the honor.

Bishop Smith is popular with this conference. He is a manly and saintly brother. He will make a popular and useful Episcopos.

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Literature and Review

Jacob and Laban and Hammurabi.

A. H. GODBY.

Many interesting parallels between elements of Genesis and Deuteronomy and the Hammurabi code have been pointed out. I shall not undertake to repeat them here. The following interesting facts have hitherto escaped notice.

In the sections of the code dealing with marriage and property, three distinct settlements are continually present. 1. The *tir hatu*, or "betrothal present" (?) presented by the groom to his prospective father-in-law. 2. The *seriktu*, or "dowry," which the bride receives from her father, or his estate. 3. The *nuduner*, or "marriage juncture," settled by the husband upon the wife at marriage with the first named: the "betrothal present." All these are intended eventually for the children of the new family. (Observe Rachel and Leah complain they have been robbed. 14-16 Gen. xxxi. This was possible, if no bonds had been given; and they could have no legal recourse.)

Let us note, beforehand, that the Hebrew traditions relate that Abraham and his kin emigrated from Babylonia apparently in Hammurabi's time, or just before; that they stopped in the plains of Aram near Haran for a season; that the inscriptions of Hammurabi indicate that his authority extended over much, if not all, of that region.

Turning now to the code, we find that a man could not always give a satisfactory "betrothal present," for his bride; yet an equivalent must be given. In section 138 and 139, relating to divorce, we learn what this equivalent was. Among the heavy penalties, for divorce without good cause, we read that the husband must pay to the wife a sum equal to the betrothal present he paid to her father. In 139, we learn that one who had brought no betrothal present (in cash or goods) must pay to the wife one mina of silver. In other words, one mina of silver is regarded as the equivalent of a betrothal present for a penniless suitor.

Let us now see what this means. Sections 273, 274, are devoted to the statement of the scale of wages or hire for laborers of all kinds. Farmers and herdsmen command the highest wages; skilled artisans come very close after. The best artisans and herdsmen get 5 SE (pronounced "shay") or grains of silver per day, 180 SE make one shekel; 60 shekels make one mina. A shekel then, as Babylonians observed a seventh day in some degree, means six weeks' wages for a good workman; a mina means, *seven years' wages for a skillful workman*; the price the penniless Jacob paid for his bride. Comment is unnecessary.

Notice next the dealings of Jacob and Laban in the matter of herds. In the code sections 264 and 265, we read:

"If a herdsman, to whom oxen or sheep have been given to pasture, receives his hire, according to agreement, is satisfied (in that particular), and allows the cattle and sheep to decrease in number, or lessens the birth rate, according to his contracts he shall make good the birth rate and the increase."

"If a herdsman, to whom oxen or sheep have been given to pasture, has been dishonest, or has altered the specifications (as to his duties and wages) or has sold them, they shall call him to account, and he shall restore to their owner oxen and sheep tenfold what he has stolen."

Observe now, that when Jacob was newly arrived in Haran, he did not know the laws of the land, and Laban swindled him badly. Jacob had no written bond, apparently, naming which of Laban's daughters he was to receive. This left Jacob without recourse. Witnesses and documents were essential for all transactions. Section 128 reads: "If a man has married a wife, but has not arranged the proper contracts, that woman is no wife." See Genesis xxxi, 31. Under letter of law, Laban could have taken his daughters, but another law would then compel restitution and duplication of all he had gotten from Jacob. It seems clear that Jacob spent the second seven years studying the law, and preparing to get even with Laban. Compare the quarrel-scene, Genesis xxxi, 36; Jacob's methods, xxx, 30, xxxi, 12, with above sections.

If Jacob changes the terms of his bargain, he is liable to heavy damages. But he so manipulates matters that Laban is the one who changes the specifications! True, Jacob had greatly diminished Laban's flocks; but he could always point to his bonds, and show that this was Laban's doings, not his! Jacob does more; assumes an air of magnanimity. The law did not hold him responsible for animals slain by wild beasts. He reminds Laban that he never reported such losses to him, but voluntarily assumed them. Further, Rachel, by theft of valuable images, being family jewelry, in a sense, as well as gods, has intentionally scored a point against her rascally father, in compelling him to bring a charge of theft against Jacob. Hear Laban rave, "My ducats! Oh, my daughter! Justice! find the girl!" Here Laban is again against the law. Sacrilegious theft is a capital offense, as Jacob recognizes. (Genesis xxxi, 32.) But a pre-eminent feature of the code is its discouragement of litigation. To sum up its many specifications on that point, an unproven accusation of any sort brings upon the accuser the penalty attached to the crime charged. Laban must prove that theft or lose his life.

Observe then: 1. Laban has charged a capital crime upon Jacob, and has not been able to prove it.

2. He has charged Jacob with robbing him of his herds; and his bonds show this is his own doing.

3. Alteration of the terms of a bargain means a heavy fine; ten-fold the difference in result; and Jacob charges him with doing this ten times; and he has witnesses to prove it.

The two Shylocks meet. Jacob then waits till Laban has thoroughly enmeshed himself in his charge, a capital one; then suddenly turns upon him and demands an instant trial before witnesses. (Gen. xxi, 37.) "Now, infidel, I have thee on the hip!" Is there any more dramatic scene?

Laban is fawningly obsequious at once; pretends he could not think of having any trouble with his own son and daughter, and wants an agreement that there shall be no prosecution, or further trouble. Jacob, like Antonio, pretends magnanimity, though the old Shylock has been robbed of his daughters, of his property, and been made unconsciously to lay himself liable to the death penalty for a capital charge. So the two smile and part company. Jacob never technically broke the law; Laban, who "skinned" Jacob at first by superior knowledge of the law, is made to break it repeatedly. We have all the elements of the oft-told, much-traveled tale, that Shakespeare has made immortal in "The Merchant of Venice," and may have in the tale of Jacob and Laban the original of the story.

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#### Dec. 20—The Birth of Christ. Matt. ii 1-12

Golden Text—Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins Matt. 1:21.

It had been prophesied by Micah that the Divine Ruler of Israel should be born in Bethlehem (see Micah v. 2). Bethlehem was the city of David and appointed as the place where Christ of the seed of David should be born.

"In the days of Herod the King," This was Herod the Great. Two other Herods followed him in the government of Judea, his son and his grandson.

The wise men of the east are supposed to have come from Persia or Arabia. They are called Magi, a title given to Persian sages. They studied the stars and supposed that the stars ruled the destinies of men. Some meteoric light, perhaps it was, which guided them. God accommodates his manifestations to devout souls, to their forms of faith. They came to Jerusalem naturally expecting the appearance there of the great King.

This troubled Herod. He knew the Jews expected the appearance of a king of the seed of David. His appearance he supposed meant his own overthrow. All Jerusalem was troubled as well as Herod. This was probably because the fact of Jesus' birth and the place where he could be found must now be known. For we have these facts. The Magi had come a long journey and therefore some time had transpired since Jesus was born. Jesus had been brought up to the temple and presented before the Lord, and Simeon and Anna had recognized him as the Christ. When Herod found that the wise men did not return to him he slew all the children about Bethlehem from two years old and under, and we are told that this action, as to the age of the children slain, was determined according to the time when the star appeared, which he had carefully inquired of the wise men.

We shall conclude that Jesus was near two years old at the coming of the Magi; that it was already known to the priests at Jerusalem that he was believed to be the Messiah; that knowing the character of Herod the secret had been kept from him, and that while Her-

od was troubled to hear of the birth of the "King of the Jews," the people were troubled because Herod had forced the revealing of the secret from the chief priests and elders.

Everything indicates that Herod felt that a secret had been kept from him. He called the wise men privily and inquired diligently what time the star appeared. He summoned the chief priests and elders and demanded of them where Christ should be born.

The scheme of Herod to slay Jesus was balked by the flight of the wise men into their own country another way and the flight of Joseph and Mary into Egypt.

We look back at this record of our Savior's birth with confidence and with joy and thankfulness today. Jesus has been delivering his influence on the world for nineteen hundred years. That he is indeed the Savior of men we know. He has proven his claim. More and more the heart of the world and the faith of world is turning to him. He is the light of a new era in the world's history, the light of a new hope and a new life.

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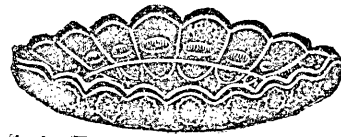
3. The Christian sentiment of the nations calls for arbitration to take the place of war in settling the differences among nations, and the Hague court for national arbitration has been brought into existence.

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Our preachers in Arkansas are all entering upon their new fields of labor or returning to new labors in their former charges. Give us short notes of your receptions and poundings, brethren. Let every one speak, but no one long.

Comparing the "Arkansas Methodist" with our exchanges we think that no other paper except the Texas Advocate has more reports from the field, and the Texas has three times as much field as we have to report from. Yet we hope to give fuller reports this conference year. We solicit them. We ask the pastors to report all matter of interest, but make reports very short. Shorter reports and more of them will be better for our church at Home department.

### Close Communion.

Dr. E. J. Forester, in the Christian Index, a Baptist paper, presents the following argument for close communion:

"It is marvelous how many and how shallow are the objections raised against our practice with regard to the Lord's Supper. . . .

Another common objection is expressed thus, "We expect to commune in heaven—why not on earth?" This objection is based upon a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature and design of the Supper. It is based upon the idea that the Supper is an ordinance that brings those who observe it into communion with each other. It puts into the ordinance the idea of communion between the participants in the celebration; and that is to import an idea not warranted by Scripture.

As has already been shown in these papers, one of the three great ideas which the Scriptures put into the Supper is "communion;" but it is "communion of the blood of Christ," and "communion of the body of Christ." The meaning of "communion of the blood," and "communion of the body" of Christ, is "participation in" the body and blood. So far, therefore, as the Supper is scripturally a "communion," it is a participation in the body and blood of Christ, and not a communion between the participants; and it is participation in the body and blood in the sense that it signifies that the participants spiritually feed upon Christ, the spiritual bread."

While we dissent from the above as a full statement of the nature and purpose of the Lord's Supper, feeling well assured that not only communion with Christ but communion of Christians in mutual

faith and fellowship was also intended by the sacrament, yet the ground taken by Dr. Forester surely does not justify close communion. If the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is not a communion of professing Christians with each other then why should professing Christians be excluded? If no recognition of mutual faith and oneness of spirit is meant, then why draw the line between those who personally profess faith in Christ? And if it is with Christ alone we commune who shall deny any believer in Christ that privilege?

### Football, 1903.

The football season for 1903 closed on Thanksgiving. The season had been one of unusual activity all over the country, and the interest everywhere in the games to be played on Thanksgiving Day was at its highest. The final games between the different institutions, in many cases, were to be played on that day, and great honor was to come to the successful teams. The papers the day following gave long and glowing descriptions, in the most artistic language, of the magnificent victories won on the "grid-iron!"

For the information of parents who have sons off at school, and any others who are interested, we append the following note, giving the names of nineteen young men who, up to the games on Thanksgiving Day, have lost their lives as the direct result of football games the present season.

Wilson Ackroyd, Penllyn, Pa., broken neck; James Boswell, Winnipeg, Man., dislocated neck; B. Jeffrey, Norwich, N. Y., internally injured; Gustave Decker, Chicago, broken neck; J. R. Haughton, South Bend, Ind., internally injured; John Nelson, St. Paul, Minn., fractured skull; Robert E. Lewin, Baltimore Medical College, heart disease; John Withnell, St. Louis University, internally injured; Walter Edmunds, New Castle, Pa., internally injured; W. F. Connolly, Elmira, N. Y., ruptured intestines; Daniel Meany, Boston, ruptured artery; Edward Cox, Newark, N. J., internally injured; Thomas McCauley, Brooklyn, concussion of the brain; Raymond McVeigh, Brooklyn, concussion of the brain; Frank Shanklin, Indiana, internally injured; H. Gustavel, Akron, O., internally injured; Charles Hope, Corning, N. Y., fractured spine; Harvey Chase, Kirkwood, Mo., internally injured; John Witnell, St. Louis, broken neck.—Central Methodist.

Besides the above mentioned fatalities one student was made insane by a stroke on the head and thirteen were maimed for life, while hundreds suffered slighter injuries.

This seems to us too great a cost to pay for this sort of athletics.

But how shall the rage for football and baseball be checked? One match game between the Princeton and Yale clubs the past year brought \$40,000 gate fees. When more money is made by a ball player than is paid as salary to the governor of a State, or the president of a university what can we expect but that the highest aspiration which the college and university will develop in many a capable and gifted young man will be to become a successful sport? The number killed outright does not compare with the injury done to thousands in turning them to unworthy aims in life. It begins to appear to us that the colleges are not bidding for the most worthy young men, as students nor holding before such as they have the most worthy ideals in the prominence they give to these sports.

### "Behold How Good and How Pleasant."

The return of Rev. James Thomas to the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, was the occasion of congratulations by Dr. Jos. Bogen, rabbi of Mt. Sinai congregation. He and his people most generously gave Brother Thomas and his congregation the use of their synagogue, this contributing very greatly to the success of our work. Sinai and Calvary have been well represented by the Jew and the Christian teacher during the past year, and the warmest fellowship has prevailed between them and their congregations. Here is the rabbi's letter and the response:

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 3, 1903.

To the Pastor and the Members of the First Methodist Church, South, of Texarkana, Ark.:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to extend to you my most cordial felicitations to the return of your beloved pastor to this charge for the coming year. The selection of the Bishop was a wise and happy one, for which the whole community feels grateful. Under the wise leadership of my good friend and colleague you have accomplished more in one year than many an old congregation could hope to accomplish in a decade. The church now in course of construction will stand as a lasting monument to you and your pastor's zeal and energy. It is only meet, that he who has laid the cornerstone to that magnificent structure should also cap the key stone to it, to the glory of God, whom we all revere and worship.

Dr. Thomas is a reformer for whom my congregation and myself entertain the profoundest respect, because he endeavors to unite us all in friendship and love, erasing intolerance and prejudice from the American vocabulary.

Such is the work of the true moral reformer.

May Providence bless his and your work.

With the assurance of my most distinguished consideration, I have the honor to subscribe yours most respectfully,

Dr. Jos. Bogen,

Rabbi Mt. Sinai Congregation.

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 4, 1903.

Dr. Jos. Bogen, Rabbi, and the Members of Mount Sinai Congregation:

Your note of congratulation to our pastor, Rev. James Thomas, and to the congregation of the First Methodist Church of this city is received.

We appreciate all you say concerning the work and worth of our pastor and feel, with you, that our entire citizenship will say amen, and amen to his return to us.

We take this occasion to say that the success of our work has been made possible by the broad spirit of yourself and your congregation, for we could not have had such a compact organization but for the gracious use of the synagogue for the past year.

We can never know how to express our appreciation for it all.

Again for our pastor and whole congregation I wish to repeat our appreciation of your personal worth as a citizen, as a Christian leader and pray God's blessings upon you and yours. Yours most respectfully,

Thos. H. Simms,

Secretary Board of Stewards.

### A Noble Woman.

The secular press reports state that when Mrs. Jas. L. Blair, of St. Louis learned that her husband had embezzled many thousands of dollars upon which he had luxuriated with his family, she cried out in an agony: "Then all our horses, our carriages, our silver, all my jewels, even my clothes are stolen from others?"

Mr. Blair had secured his estate to his wife as many other people have done and the wife has generally kept all she could hold, but not so with Mrs. Blair. As soon as she recovered from the shock of the revelation she said: "Everything we have I must sell at once for what it will bring and give back the money." This she proceeded to do. The summer house, city property, all must go. Not only this but she must at once get down to her proper level in the world.

The children were brought home from college and positions secured for them in places where an honest living could be made. She herself has entered the profession of music teacher. What a noble example! There is in this woman's very nature the true spirit of a Christian. She held high position as a club woman and was president of the lady managers of the world's fair. For one when I attend the fair next year, if I am so fortunate as to be able to attend, I shall be more curious to see this good and great wo-



man than all there is in the show. "An honest man is the noblest work of God."—Western Christian Advocate.

#### Strong Speech.

Dr. Lafferty generally uses strong words but seldom have we seen anything equal to this. Speaking of Bishop Hendrix's sermon at the Virginia conference, he says: "With what repulsive features did the Bishop present a traitor to the holy cause in the preacher conspiring to murder the good name of a comrade on the firing line—a veteran in victorious campaigns. The picture rose before the noble band in all its gargoyle and gorgon hideousness with scorn for a heart whose selfishness seemed soaked in the soot of perdition. The cell that collects the Iscariots in Gehenna will be the cesspool of Satan."

#### A Red Shirt.

McKendree won the bishopric by his sermon before General Conference at Baltimore in 1806. There can be no doubt that he "serged" during the delivery, for his red flannel shirt worked out from between his waistband and the bottom of his vest till it looked like a big scarlet snake wrapped around his middle. He would have been a "sight" at Dallas as a candidate. One man was elected Bishop there, who couldn't "get to" speak on the "Claim." Another one did speak on it, but it was as ticklish a business as a cat tipping along the top of a wall with broken glass sprinkled in the mortar. His genial spirit was as fine as the fur on a Maltese and that won in the teeth of the "Claim" blowing furiously in his face.—Lafferty.

#### Golden Wedding.

Rev. B. A. White, reports from De Ann a very happy occasion in the golden wedding of James W. and Matilda Clay.

J. W. Clay was born Dec. 19, 1833, and his wife, Matilda Sutton, May 24, 1829. They were married 8th of November, 1853. They reared a family of five children and have twenty-nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Brother White describes the ceremonies of the occasion as marked with devout thankfulness to the Father of Mercies and says:

"The benediction was then pronounced and dinner was announced and we need not say that we had a feast of good things. May the good couple live yet many years to bless the church and society with their Christian influence."

#### Union of Presbyterian Churches.

Last spring the United Presbyterian church, which embraces most of the palm-singing Presbyterians in the North made overtures to the Associate Reformed Presbyterians in the South, for the securing of an organic union between the two bod-

ies. The synod of the Associate Reformed Church convened at Winnsboro, S. C., the first week of November. On Friday, November 6, Dr. H. F. Wallace presented the invitation of the United Presbyterian Church. The moderator, Dr. C. B. Betts, responded in happy vein. A resolution was then offered, "That union with the United Presbyterian Church is desirable upon a proper basis." The vote on this was, yeas 82, nays 22. The union promises good. Both bodies are counted as true and faithful witnesses for the truth.—Christian Observer.

#### Church Notes.

A great temple seating 5,000 people and costing \$750,000, is to be built for the Temple Baptist Church at Los Angeles, Cal., of which Rev. Robert Burdette is pastor. The building will be modeled after the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City.

Our churches of Little Rock welcome back their former pastors. The people did not want to give up a single one of them.

Dr. Dye has planned for a missionary work in Little Rock under the management of Rev. F. E. Dodson. The Henderson Chapel, on the west side of the city, is to be taken into the city work and made the center of operations.

The Virginia Conference raised \$51,034.41 for missions this year. It reports 94,308 members; a gain, this year, of 1,011. It paid for the support of presiding elders and pastors, \$210,203.27.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has more than 3,000 missionaries, nearly 7,000 native workers and nearly 200,000 church members in foreign fields. There are 11 schools of theology, 63 high schools, 1,341 day schools, with an enrollment of about 63,000 scholars, 18 well-equipped printing presses and hospitals and orphanages.

In every respect the Little Rock Conference makes a gratifying report this year. It received on trial a fine class of young men. It had more men than places, and so some good men were transferred.

Instead of one district for the Denver Conference Bishop Galloway has made three. There are but 16 pastoral charges. The presiding elders are also pastors. This arrangement would be best for some other conferences. When our general conference provided for larger districts many favored trying smaller ones, making the presiding elder a pastor. Thus a large number of men would be saved for the pastorate, many weak churches provided with preachers whose salaries would be supplemented by what they might receive from the districts, and a larger cabinet provided for the Bishop.

There was an increase of more than 2,000 in the South Georgia

Conference the past year.

The last general statistics of our church show an increase in the number of traveling preachers of 176 and a decrease of local preachers of 166 the preceding year. The gain in membership was 18,506 last year. We have reason to believe it will be much larger for the year now closing.

Rev. W. F. McMurry, pastor of our Centenary church, St. Louis, has undertaken to raise \$50,000 to endow the church, so that it may hold its place and continue its work for the poor and transient denizens of the down-town district.

On an assessment for \$16,500 for missions the South Georgia Conference raised \$20,029.

#### The Kitchen Cabinet.

The "kitchen cabinet" at conference should not be taken too seriously. Upon the whole, it is an innocuous institution. As a rule, it is merely a bit of innocent and inevitable speculation about the matter uppermost in the minds of the preachers—the appointments for another year. If it stops with simple good-natured guessing, as it should, it serves as an admirable safety valve for the overcharged feelings under circumstances tense with nervous excitement."

The above is from the Alabama Christian Advocate. It is the wisdom of a bishop to make himself accessible and to invite communication with the preachers and laymen. He is not fitted with intuitive knowledge of things which he needs to know. If for any personal attachment or because of any personal prejudice he fails to learn the truth he has a serious account to render to the chief shepherd. Since these things are true brethren should not criticise a bishop for hearing influential and well-informed men, ministers or laymen. It is his duty to get all the information he can. It is his duty to view all impartially. In administration he has no right to be a respecter of persons.

#### Notices

Conway, Nov. 30, 1903.

Dear Mr. Godbey—Will you please allow me to say, through the Methodist, that I shall be able to give, at the beginning of the second term, December 29, to as many as three young men, work which will pay nearly, if not all, their expenses, at Hendrix College. I give this notice because I know that over our state there are earnest, aspiring young men who seek such places. Respectfully,  
Stonewall Anderson.

#### Correction.

We notice that in last week's Methodist it is said "Rev. Frank Barrett reported about 80 Arkansas Methodists taken at Batesville." It should have read Searcy. This error was corrected in the proof but was missed in the revision.

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#### Personal.

Bishop Granbery is reported to be in very feeble health.

Some one please give us post office address of H. J. Brimhall.

Bishop Hoss is expected to occupy the Episcopal residence at Dallas about January 1.

The White County Citizen says that Rev. Frank Barrett was warmly welcomed back to his charge at Searcy.

B. Fay Mills, who, in 1897, turned Unitarian, now returns to his old faith and takes up the work of an evangelist again.

The blind preacher of Tennessee, Joe Ramsey, is assisting Rev. Lewis Powell in a protracted meeting at Central Avenue, Hot Springs.

Rev. Casper S. Wright, preacher in charge of our Central Church, at Fort Smith, made us a pleasant call last week. Brother Wright expresses himself as pleased with his new field of labor.

Rev. D. J. Weems, agent of Galloway College, called on his return from a two weeks' trip. He reports \$1,100.00 received for the college on this trip, besides what he did at Searcy, \$600 of this cash. Give him the right of way, and let us pay the Galloway debt in 1904.

Rev. E. L. Armstrong, a superannuated preacher residing at Corsicana, Tex., long confined to his bed by affliction, writes to us: "I delight in reading, and the Methodist is much appreciated, as it takes me back to my boyhood days in Ouachita county, though I left there fifty-four years ago. I am trusting in the promises of the Lord, and by faith I read my title to an incorruptible inheritance in heaven."

Several marriages took place in the editor's neighborhood while he was at the conferences:

Emma May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Leifer, was married Wednesday, December 2, to Mr. Hiram Knox Ford, of Little Rock. The Leifers are neighbors to this editor. The marriage took place in Detroit.

Miss Nettie Zena Mathews, one of the young ladies of Hunter Memorial church, was married to Leroy Jesse Bean, Denver, Colo., November 28.

Miss Lena Biers was married to Mr. Hugh McDermit, of Batesville, Ark. She also was a member of the Hunter church. These two will be missed very much.

Christian Life.

The Sabbath.

The author of this poem was a bishop of the church of England and nephew of William Wordsworth.

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright; On thee, the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune, Sing "Holy, holy, holy," To the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation, The light first had its birth; On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth; On thee, our Lord, victorious, The Spirit sent from heaven; And thus on thee, most glorious, A triple light was given.

Today on weary nations The heavenly manna falls; To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls, Where Gospel light is glowing With pure and radiant beams, And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest, We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest; To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son; The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One. —Bishop Wordsworth (born 1897; died, 1883.

He only may reasonably expect an answer to prayer who joyfully does his part toward making an answer possible.—Every Day Religion.

Most Christian people would do well to give more time to prayer and meditation. It is spiritual communion with God that must furnish the right impulse to good works and keep alive in all our struggles the spirit of sincere service and saving faith. service that is joyful and thinks not of merit, faith that does not repine, or falter or fear.

The Battle of Life

Dean Stanley said, "There is always the wine-press to be trodden before we drink the juice of the grapes—there is always the battle to be fought before the victory is ours." And after all our rebellions we know that it is better so. Would you wipe from your memory the victories you have gained over self, over the world, over temptations that tried you to the limit of endurance? Do you remember the feeling of strength that succeeded the time of doubt and uncertainty while the question "What shall I do?" hung in the balance? You were not left alone to settle it. The father kept before you the right solution, but your human nature cried out for a different one, and so the warfare went on until the divinity within you overcame and the victory was yours. The next battle was not so hard because you had won the conqueror's wreath at the close of the greatest struggle. Would you

be as strong today if you had never met a foe worthy your greater efforts to overcome? The best things in character are not the accidents of birth—the things that are born with us and are a part of our nature, no matter how noble they may be. They are only the helps that will be needed to brace up the structure when the earthquakes come that will shake it to its foundation. We can thank God for them and take courage in our equipment, but the best things are those, that, not having naturally, we labor for until they are ours by conquest. Our very struggle to maintain them makes them priceless, and knowing so well what life was before they were a part of it, we wonder how another can abuse what has cost us so much to acquire. Every victory is a beacon-light that shines forward on the way we must go and lights up the battlefields of the future so that we can go forward in the confidence of a strength that has overcome even greater foes than those awaiting us.

Was there ever wine so sweet as that which flows into the cup of the tired worker who has labored all the day at the press? Around him flows the sweet odor of the grape whose life has been crushed out and flows in a purple stream sweet as the nectar of the gods. The great purple clusters seemed to cry out against the cruel power that would render them but an unsightly mass—yet the master of the vineyard knew that only by this process would he be able to extract their sweetness.

The battles go on in life and wine-presses are being trodden. It is better so because it brings out the latent power in us needed to make us strong. Why should we complain at those things that the father has seen fit to make the means of our development, the foundation of our greatest happiness? These should not be confounded with the afflictions of life, for afflictions are many times merely our own mistakes wrought out in full. "God does not willingly afflict, but he does willingly provide tests for strength of mind and character and in love furnishes us means to labor whereby we may reach the full stature of a noble, well poised life.

"He holds me when the billows smite,

I shall not fall: If sharp, 'tis short, if long, 'tis light,

He tempers all."

—Selected.

Do not pray for rest in this life, but for work, and strength to do it.

When a man's ways please the Lord he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Bible.

Job came out of his trial as "gold tried in the fire," and stronger for God than ever before. But Bildad the Shuhite hardly had the audacity to take the credit to him-

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(Rev. Frank Barrett's mother)

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**A Gentleman.**

I knew him for a gentleman  
By signs that never fail;  
His coat was rough and rather worn,  
His cheeks were thin and pale—  
A lad who had his way to make,  
With little time for play;  
I knew him for a gentleman  
By certain signs today.

He met his mother on the street;  
Off came his little hat.  
My door was shut; he waited there  
Until I heard him rap.  
He took the bundle from my hand,  
And when I dropped my pen,  
He sprang to pick it up for me—  
This gentleman of ten.

He does not push and crowd along;  
His voice is gently pitched;  
He does not fling his books about  
As if he were bewitched.  
He stands aside to let you pass;  
He always shuts the door;  
He runs on errands willingly  
To forge and mill and store.

He thinks of you before himself,  
He serves you if he can;  
For, in whatever company,  
The manners make the man.  
At ten or forty, 'tis the same;  
The manner tells the tale,  
And I discern the gentleman  
By signs that never fail.  
—Margaret E. Sangster, in "Our Little Men."

**The Children's Library Society**

We are going to organize a society of readers among the children of subscribers for the "Methodist." They are our friends and patrons and we confine our offer to them. The offer is simply this: We will publish lists of books for young people and the publishers' prices, and will allow any of the children of our subscribers to buy for cash at 10 per cent discount any book in the list, and we will send it by mail.

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We remember the life on the farm with especial pleasure. We did every sort of work that any farmer's boy does, and hunted possums and coons at night. The farmer boys are fortunate. The best men come from the farms.

**Simple Pleasures**

An effectual advancement towards the true felicity of the human race must be by individual, not by public effort. Certain general measures may aid, certain revised laws guide such advancement, but the measure and law which have first to be determined are those of each man's home. We continually hear it rec-

ommended by sagacious people to complaining neighbors (usually less well-placed in the world than themselves) that they should "remain content in the station in which Providence has placed them!" There are, perhaps, some circumstances in life in which Providence has no intention that people should be content. Nevertheless, the maxim is, on the whole, a good one, but it is peculiarly for home use. That your neighbor should, or should not, remain content with his position, is not your business; but it is very much your business to remain content with your own. What is chiefly needed in England at the present day is to show the quantity of pleasure that may be obtained by a consistent, well-administered competence, modest, confessed, and laborious. We need examples of people who, leaving heaven to decide whether they are to rise in the world, decide for themselves whether they will be happy in it, and have resolved to seek not greater wealth, but simpler pleasure; not higher fortune, but deeper felicity; making the first of possessions self-possession, and honoring themselves in the harmless pride and calm pursuits of peace.—*Ruskin.*

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**Our Letter Box.**

Kinard, Ark.  
Dear Brother Godbey—Our school was out today. We had a big time. We had songs and speeches. I study third reader, spelling and primary arithmetic. I have one brother and one sister older than me. They go to school with me. My teacher's name is Miss Esther Horne. She went home this evening. I will close, asking a question: How old was Seth when he died? Yours,  
Isa Mary Kinard.

Furrow, Ark.  
Dear Brother Godbey—I see several little letters in the "Methodist" and I love to read them. I am a little girl 12 years of age. I have been going to school for some

time. My school was out the 18th of September. My teacher's name was Miss Emma Clement. I loved her so much. She was so good. I go to preaching every first Sunday. Our preacher's name is W. W. Christie. He is a fine preacher. I have no pets. I have two sisters younger than myself. I have no brother. We have no Sunday-school now. I live on a farm. I help mamma do up the clothes.  
Ollie Wileford.  
Cabot, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—Our ages are 12 and 13; our names are Rosa Wood and Ruby Nelson. Our papa takes the dear old "Methodist" and we enjoy reading the children's letters. We go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Our teacher's name is Mrs. Georgia Botts. We go to preaching also. Our preacher's name is Brother A. F. Skinner. Our weights are 97 and 98. We will ask a riddle: Love I stand, love I hold in my right hand; love I see in that oak tree; if you unriddle this you may kill me. We will close.  
Rosa and Her Cousin Ruby.  
Clarksville, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I never have seen a letter from this part of the country, I will write one. I am a little girl nine years old. My papa takes the "Arkansas Methodist" and I enjoy reading the children's page. For pets I have two dolls and a cat. I have one sister in heaven and two brothers and one sister living. I live in the country. My papa is a farmer. I will answer the question: How many days did the children of Israel wander in the wilderness? They wandered there forty years.  
Ruth Clemmons.  
Hardy, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—Brother Wilkerson is our preacher this year. School closed here Friday. We have no Sunday-school now, but hope to have soon. I am in the fifth grade, and my sister is six years old, and she is in the third grade. I have got three little kittens for pets. If this misses the wastebasket I will write again. Yours truly,  
Ruth A. Porter.  
Eleven years old.

Thornsberry, Ark.  
Dear Brother Godbey and Cousins—I am a little girl nine years of age. My father takes the "Arkansas Methodist" and I love to read the children's letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My mother is my teacher. I have five sisters and four brothers, and one brother in heaven, and I am a going  
But that a man may rest he must to try to be a good girl and meet him there. Your friend,  
Annie Holland.  
Batesville, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—We have had one of the best big meetings here this year I was ever at. The

meeting was held by Brother Spence, assisted by Brother T. Gray. The meeting ran on nine days and resulted in fifty-three conversions. It was indeed one of the grandest meetings I ever attended. I believe thirty-seven joined the church and others will join in two weeks. Well' F. A. Lark is writing again. I wish he would continue to write. I enjoy reading his letters so much. Say, Brother Lark, do you remember a little old ugly girl that used to go to school to you by the name of Samantha McCook? I well remember going to school to you.

Dear cousins, I used to go to school to F. A. Lark, and during the protracted meeting he would teach until 11 o'clock and then preach until 12 o'clock or after, and we scholars knew better than to misbehave during services, too. We knew what we would get afterwards. Wish I could hear him preach one of his big sermons now. Fall has come and the people are busy picking cotton, preparing to start in the first of school. How many of the cousins have picked cotton? As this is my second attempt I will not weary the cousins.

I'll not tell my age, although I'm one among the children.

Hoping that F. A. Lark will continue his writing, and that the cousins will write more, I will close for fear of that dreadful wastebasket. I remain your loving cousin,  
Samantha McCook.  
Batesville, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I wish that more of the cousins would write. It is raining today. It has been raining all day. How many of the cousins have my birthday, October 12? I will be 13 years old. Brother Fred Lark, come again, for we do enjoy reading your letters. I wish that I could see your little girl and also you and see if you look like you did when I went to school to you.

I have joined the church this year. The Lord has blessed many of the cousins this year.

I have but two pets, a cat and dog. Our preacher's name is Brother Spence, and he is a good preacher. I see that Alberta Stephenson asks how many of the cousins liked to ride horseback. I like it fine. I will answer Melvin Semmons' question, how long did the children of Israel wander in the wilderness? Answer, forty years.

I will close by asking how many of the cousins like to go to singing? I do for one. From a cousin,  
Lou McCook.

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**Our Church at Home.**

ROGERS, ARK.—I received notice by telegraph at Lake Village, on Monday, November 24, of my appointment to Rogers Station, in the Arkansas Conference. I felt compelled, however, to attend the Little Rock Conference and make my reports. I need hardly say that the joy of greeting the brethren was tinged with sadness as I realized that it would be my last meeting with them at least for a time. It was a harmonious and inspiring conference.

Leaving El Dorado the first day of December I took up the journey to my new field of labor, going via Camden, Texarkana, Fort Smith and thence over the Frisco road to Rogers. The Rogers people inferred from a letter I had written to Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, my P. E., that my family and I would reach here the night of December 2, and had planned a warm and loving reception. They met at the parsonage in large numbers and filled the larder with all things needful, had the table set with a good supper and the coffee pot on the stove, carried in bed clothes and dishes, placed a load of split wood in the wood-house and sent a delegation to the depot to receive us, but no preacher arrived. About this time the preacher was trying his best to exercise patience while waiting in a dirty, cold depot at Fort Smith for a train to take him to Rogers, where he arrived next morning at five o'clock, and Mrs. and Miss Preacher were visiting friends in Chicot county, utterly unconscious of the loving ministrations and open hands and hearts expectantly awaiting their arrival. We do truly feel that we have fallen into good hands. A man who would not do his best for a people who have treated him so royally as a stranger should retire to a cloister. While we regret very much not having arrived as expected, we shall ever remember the kindly act, and especially while regaling ourselves upon the large store of provender laid up in the pantry.

Rogers is a thriving, clean, pretty city of about three thousand inhabitants (all white). We have a modern brick church with seating capacity of about four hundred and had it nearly full at both services yesterday, notwithstanding the fact that a very interesting and successful revival is in progress at the M. E. Church. Our membership is 155 and the women are organized into both Foreign and Domestic Mission Societies, a good Sunday-school, an up-to-date Epworth League and a Juvenile Missionary Society. We are expecting and praying for a good year. Yours in the Lord, O. J. Beardslee.

BEARDEN AND THORNTON  
—We are back for a second year.

Have been well received. Stewards will meet 10th and fix our salary. Preached at Bearden Sunday morning and evening. Had good services. Married a couple 3d. A number of our good women met at the parsonage Monday evening, December 7, and organized a "Woman's Home Mission Society."

The outlook is encouraging for a good year. I hope to make this the best year of my life hitherto. I am in hearty sympathy with our brethren and their families who have to move.

I will write again when the usual donation comes; it has not come yet. Yours truly,

F. F. Harrell.

**TEXARKANA DISTRICT.**

Work on the district moving off nicely. De Queen stewards assessed \$1,000 for salary of their pastor, W. A. Steel. This puts De Queen in company with 12 of the best charges of the conference. We expect higher salaries at a majority of the points this year.

B. A. Few.

JACKSONPORT, ARK.—On last night we received our annual pounding at the hands of the good people of Jacksonport. This is our third year here. Fraternally,

I. E. Thomas.

Dec. 9.

ROE CIRCUIT.—I am now starting on my third year in this charge. We have a very pleasant field in which to labor and a good people to serve. The Lord has blessed us in the work the two past years. We have had 79 accessions to the church and in the year just closed everything was paid in full, and some of the claims were more than full. On Wednesday night, after I returned from conference Tuesday, there was a company of 25 people visited the parsonage and I think every one had a bundle. They brought flour, sugar, coffee, lard, canned goods and a great many other things. These poundings are kept up here all through the year. Acts of kindness like this, shown by the good people, are not only helpful to the preacher in a financial way, but make him feel that they are interested in the work that he is trying to do. We are hopeful for a good year.

M. O. Barnett.

HUMPHREY, ARK.—If there is anything the citizens of Humphrey should be proud of it is our Sunday-school, and if there is anything the Sunday-school should be proud of it is our new library. By the untiring earnestness and efforts of Mrs. Crill, Mrs. Osborn and others, we have succeeded in starting a small library of fifty books. Last Friday night a box supper was given at the school house for the purpose of buying a case for those books. The young men and boys readily contributed and \$12 was soon collected. We have a small but

a very interesting Sunday-school, with Brother C. M. Acklin, who makes an excellent superintendent. We hope our young people will soon get interested in reading good books, as they are perishing for something of this kind. One boy (about 13) is what some people call a "book worm," and he is highly delighted with the new books. We are glad Brother Beard, our pastor, was returned to us, as he is doing good work. Brother Beard remarked some time ago "that Humphrey had the best Sunday-school on his work." We hope yet by earnest efforts of our pastor, teachers, and what they can get from the library, that our girls and boys as they become grown will reap valuable benefits by having been connected with a Sunday-school. Good books, and good Christian people are badly needed here. There are many good citizens in and around us, but making "money" is the chief aim, and so many think that to be a successful man in this life, one must make money. The idea of making a dollar is so instilled into the minds of our boys and girls that there is scarcely room for anything else, so they do not forget to bring their nickels and pennies to Sunday-school. Last Sunday our collections were \$1.07 of a school of about forty. So a Sunday-school can be partly run on a financial basis. We hope to be able to report some good results springing from our library as good literature is partly the hope of this country.

W. A. Armstrong.

Humphrey, Ark., Dec. 14, 1903.

AT CROSSET.—A piece of good news. Brother Shaw and his people at Crosset are happy. The mill company gave the church the land on which to build and subscribed twelve hundred and fifty (\$1,250) dollars toward a new church building. They will begin to build at once. Brother Shaw is doing a fine work. The preacher and people gave the young presiding elder a cordial welcome. Thanks. We hope to enlarge the circulation of the Methodist. I hope every official will take it.

W. M. Hayes.

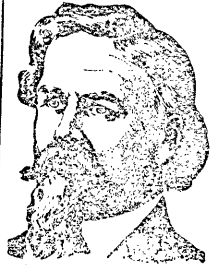
FAIRVIEW, TEXARKANA.—Last Wednesday night we arrived at Fairview, our new charge. We were met at the depot by Brothers Berge and House, and taken to the parsonage, where we were met by the Woman's Home Mission Society, who had the rooms beautifully lighted up and neatly prepared, and a good supper on the table ready for us. It was certainly a warm and cheerful welcome. The pantry was also well filled with many good things, which donation was continued with other articles up into next day. We went over to the church after supper, where we met about forty people out to prayer meeting, and we enjoyed a very spiritual service. The prospects for a good year are encouraging. We are so glad to have also such good co-workers in

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 Jonesboro Sta. ....Dec. 19, 20  
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 Nettleton ....Dec. 26, 27  
 Lake City Ct., at Lake City....Dec. 31  
 Monett Ct., at Monett.....Jan. 2, 3  
 Harrisburg Sta. ....Jan. 9, 10  
 Harrisburg Ct., at Pleasant Valley...  
 ....Dec. 11, 12  
 Vanndale Park, at Vanndale....Dec. 16, 17  
 Earl and Parkin, at Earl....Jan. 19, 20  
 Crawfordsville and Earlon at Craw-  
 fordsville ....Jan. 23, 24  
 Marked Tree at Mark Tree....Jan. 26, 27  
 Golden Lake Ct., at Golden Lake...  
 ....Jan. 30, 31  
 Osceola ....Feb. 3, 4  
 Luxora, at Luxora.....Feb. 6, 7  
 Lutherville Sta. ....Feb. 13, 14  
 Barfield, at Promised Land....Feb. 15, 16  
 Blytheville Ct., at Manila....Feb. 20, 21  
 Trinity, at Cross Roads....Feb. 23, 24  
 Shiloh, at New Hope.....Feb. 27, 28  
 Cotton Belt, at Kelly's Chapel.....  
 ....March 2, 3  
 District stewards will please meet  
 me at Jonesboro, December 31, at 2  
 p. m. to assess presiding elder's salary  
 and also the benevolent claims ordered  
 by the conference. Please come.  
 M. M. Smith.

Camden District—First Round.  
 Camden Sta. ....Dec. 19, 20  
 El Dorado Sta. ....Dec. 27, 28  
 Stephens and Waldo, at Stephens...  
 ....Jan. 2, 3  
 Lewisville and Stamps, at Lewisville  
 ....Jan. 9, 10  
 Junction City ....Jan. 17, 18  
 Buena Vista, at Union....Jan. 23, 24  
 Fordyce ....Jan. 27  
 Ward Hills ....Jan. 30, 31  
 El Dorado Ct., at Bethel....Feb. 6, 7  
 Atlanta, at Pleasant Grove....Feb. 13, 14  
 Bearden and Thornton, at Thornton  
 ....Feb. 20, 21  
 Victoria, at New London....Feb. 27, 28  
 Magnolia Ct., at Christie....Mar. 5, 6  
 Camden Sta. ....Mar. 8  
 Hampton ....Mar. 12, 13  
 Onalaska and Eagle Mills....Mar. 19, 20  
 Smackover ....Mar. 26, 27  
 J. H. Riggan, P. E.

Searcy District—First Round  
 Searcy Sta. ....Dec. 12, 13  
 West Searcy Ct., Gum Springs....  
 ....Dec. 19, 20  
 Beebe Ct., at Beebe.....Dec. 26, 27  
 Augusta Sta. ....Dec. 29, 30  
 Auvergne and Weldon Ct., at Wel-  
 don ....Jan. 2, 3  
 Newport Sta. ....Jan. 9, 10  
 Wyville Ct., at Wyville....Jan. 12, 13  
 Argenta Sta. ....Jan. 16, 17  
 Cato Ct., at Antioch....Jan. 19, 20  
 Cabot Ct., at Cabot....Jan. 23, 24  
 El Paso Ct., at Cypress Valley....  
 ....Jan. 30, 31  
 Bald Knob Ct., at Kensett....Feb. 6, 7  
 West Point Ct., at Griffisville....Feb. 9, 10  
 Heber Ct., at Heber.....Feb. 13, 14  
 Bethany Ct., at Copper Springs...  
 ....Feb. 20, 21  
 J. D. Sibert, P. E.

Paragould District—First Round.  
 Paragould Ct. ....Dec. 19, 20  
 Lorado Ct. ....Dec. 26, 27  
 East Paragould Ct. ....Jan. 2, 3  
 Black Rock and Powhatan Sta., Jan. 6  
 Walnut Hill Ct. ....Jan. 7  
 Mammoth Springs and Imboden Sta.  
 ....Jan. 8  
 Smithville Ct. ....Jan. 9, 10  
 Piggott Ct. ....Jan. 16, 17  
 Rector Ct. ....Jan. 18  
 Knobel Ct. ....Jan. 23, 24  
 Corning Sta. ....Jan. 25  
 Reyno Ct. ....Jan. 26  
 Gainesville Ct. ....Jan. 30, 31  
 Paragould Sta. ....Feb. 2  
 Maynard Ct. ....Feb. 6, 7  
 Pochontas Ct. ....Feb. 8  
 Pochontas Sta. ....Feb. 9  
 Portia Ct. ....Feb. 13, 14  
 Walnut Ridge Sta. ....Feb. 15  
 Alicia Ct. ....Feb. 20, 21  
 Tuckerman and Kenyon Sta.....  
 ....Feb. 21, 22

The District stewards will please  
 meet at Walnut Ridge, January 12, at  
 10 a. m. I hope that the preachers  
 will look after the collection ordered  
 by the conference at once. Let us get  
 them in hand by the close of the first  
 quarter, and give the stewards the  
 year to work for the preachers. We  
 should have a thousand conversions  
 this year. Plan and pray for it.  
 M. B. Umsted, P. E.

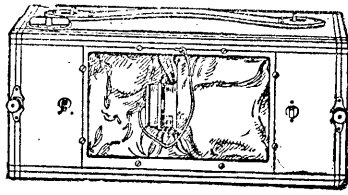
Monticello District—First Round.  
 Snyder ....Dec. 6, 7  
 Croyder Ct., at Bethel....Dec. 13, 14  
 Hamburg Sta. ....Dec. 13, 14  
 Monticello Sta. ....Dec. 19, 20  
 Warren Sta. ....Dec. 20, 21  
 Lacey Ct. ....Dec. 26, 27  
 Arkansas City and Dermott....Jan. 2, 3  
 Collins Ct., at Collins....Jan. 3, 4  
 Watson Ct., at Pea Ridge....Jan. 9, 10  
 Mt. Pleasant Ct., at Andrews Chapel  
 ....Jan. 16, 17  
 Portland and Wilmot, at Wilmot...  
 ....Jan. 23, 24  
 Tillar Ct., at Tillar....Feb. 6, 7  
 Lake Village, at Lake Village....  
 ....Feb. 13, 14  
 Hamburg Ct. ....Feb. 16, 17  
 Jersey Ct., at Jersey....Feb. 20, 21  
 Palestine ....Feb. 24, 25  
 New Edinburg ....Feb. 27, 28

Dear Brethren—Please make it a  
 special point to be present. I am  
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**JACKSONVILLE.**

The city Board of Missions of Jacksonville, Fla., reports gratifying results. A reading room, in which is placed twenty-one monthly and twelve weekly magazines and several daily papers, is filling a long-felt need. An average of twenty-five persons daily frequent the room to avail themselves of this opportunity of choice reading matter. A daily noon prayer-meeting results in much good, and these people are found praying and praising God for answered prayer.

**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION.**

Mr. W. P. Blasengame, Thomasville, Ga., has recently given to the City Board of Thomasville a thirteen-room house and proceeds from fifty acres of land. It is called the Vashti Blasengame Industrial Home for Girls, in memory of his mother. Mrs. W. H. Johnson says: "I find that nearly four-fifths of our fallen girls are orphans or have only one parent." Many of these outcast children are left orphans when too old for the Orphans' Homes. They were neglected and turned aside with no one to guide their erring feet until no way appeared before them except that of shame and disgrace. This new movement is for this class of girls—a work of prevention rather than rescue. No need is greater today.

**ANOTHER OPEN DOOR.**

The Thomasville Board desires to make this the property of our Board as soon as we can accept it. They now consider it ours and a branch of our work. The Home is in charge of Miss Annie Heath, one of our new deaconesses. Every room in the house has been furnished by different ones, some in memory of loved ones. Horses, cows, pigs and money came in unsolicited, and already God's approval is stamped upon this new step. Oh, that we might rise to our privileges and open wide the door of this refuge for many helpless, motherless girls who need a home and training for life's duties!

**VICTORY.**

Reports from the deaconesses assure us that victory is on our side. They have many crooked paths and have come face to face with obstacles which seemed like walls of granite, but our Lord has helped them through and they rejoice in their service for Him.

Dear Friends and Co-workers—The last quarter of the fiscal year of our Woman's Home Mission Society began December 1. We now have less than three months in which to make up for short-comings, that we may close the year creditably March 1, 1904.

A few questions may help us to realize how necessary it is for every member to bestir herself during these next weeks.

Has every member paid her monthly dues, and how many have paid into the treasury the extra dollar over and above dues, so urgently asked for by our Woman's Board?

Has every subscriber secured her subscription to "Our Homes," and how many have tried to put this valuable paper into the hands of her friends?

I heard an intelligent lady say the October number was worth the fifty

cents charged for a year's subscription.

Has every member done what she could to minister to the sick, to comfort the sorrowing and to help the needy ones, and how many have adopted tithing, one of the cardinal principles of the Woman's Home Mission Society?

If we have not striven to do all these things we are not the whole-hearted, zealous workers we ought to be.

Nor can we count ourselves worthy members of this great organization for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom unless all now try to atone for past negligence or indifference.

Will we do this? I believe we will. We have a good reputation to sustain, and, more than that, our desire is to be true to the obligation laid upon us.

Every now and then we have new cause for thanksgiving.

Our band of workers is growing, and our friends are being multiplied.

At the Little Rock Conference in El Dorado we were well represented by Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, and our pastors are learning more of the value and the methods of our work.

One pastor on the way to his new field of labor writes for literature, and says he is going to enlist his people in missions.

By the way, the leaflets for this quarter were mailed in November to every auxiliary in the Little Rock Conference, and if any failed to receive them, I hope they will notify me at once. In a few instances I had not the address of corresponding secretary, so sent leaflets to the president.

Our auxiliaries are sending in their pledges made at our last annual meeting for the Dallas Rescue Home, and I doubt not every dollar will be paid by March 1.

A number of auxiliaries have sent boxes of valuable clothing to the families of preachers serving in the hard places.

One of our auxiliaries was the first auxiliary in Southern Methodism to pledge a deaconess scholarship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Best of all there is manifest a new desire for spiritual growth and an abiding faith in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of mankind. In bonds of love and faith,

Mrs. W. H. Pemberton,  
 Cor. Sec. L. R. Conf. W. H. M. S.  
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**Letter From China.**

October 31, 1903.  
 Anglo-Chinese College,  
 19 Quin San Road, Shanghai.

Dear Dr. Godbey—I send you here-with the appointments, and a few of the statistics of the China Mission Conference, which closed at Soochow its eighteenth sitting the first of the week. Brother W. B. Burke was elected president and I kept a record of the proceedings again. I think it is generally conceded that it was one of the best conferences we have had for a long time. There are very few changes among either the native or foreign brethren. Changchow on the Grand Canal, about sixty miles further inland from Soochow, is opened, and medical work under the direction of a resident foreign physician is to be begun at Sung Kong. A Boys' Boarding School was authorized at Huchow.

Our work in all directions shows a fair and hopeful increase, and I remember no notes of real discouragement.

But it is not of the conference that I feel most inclined to write, but of ourselves, and of the gracious favor of God, and of the many kindnesses of our friends in and outside our mission. Since about the middle of June until less than a month ago our home has been a private hospital. Our physician averaged a visit a day. First I was prostrate for more than two months with typhoid fever, and made several futile efforts at recovery. In the midst of my worst came our little daughter. Then came a time of long, wearing, waiting and suffering—leaving out of count my back-sets and long convalescence—until Mrs. Cline could overcome the effects of her constant watching at my bedside. Not to recount uncomfortable details of past sufferings, about two weeks before conference we got able to get away to Soochow, where the change and the many kind services of friends soon made us like new creatures.

Along with all the rest, we had an abundant share of dengue fever, which has been so prevalent this autumn. But these things are passed, and I think I have never before quite so understood the feeling of gratitude. We never before understood so well that we had so many and such sympathetic friends. Suffering gives opportunity for the display of many a good feeling in people that we did not know they possessed. I should like to mention those who have been kind, but the list would be too long—even of those who were especially serviceable, the list would embarrass your space.

Suffice it to say, we are exultantly glad to be alive and at work. "To be or not to be" forms no part of our mental gymnastics. I never loved life and living more, nor did I ever have more cause for it. If this note violates propriety in the profusion and confusion of superlatives, adjectives and adverbs, let my friends strain a point in the matter of forbearance with one who, for the time being, lives day by day in "large sections," and looks at daily mercies through a glass of high power. We are almost ourselves again, and I must confess that I feel very much like a boy with a new toy, handling this almost new thing we call health.

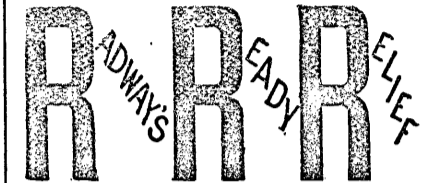
Our work this year will be the same we have had for three years past, namely, teaching, preaching, etc., in connection with the Anglo-Chinese College. We have put in much of concentrated and conscientious effort here, and feel strongly attached to the teachers and many of the student body.

Our college at Soochow seems to be doing well. Mr. R. D. Smart, son of

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According to the reckoning usually followed in granting furloughs to the home land, we shall hope to see our Arkansas friends during the coming year. We have not allowed our tastes to be so much corrupted that we can't look forward to the good things in store with strong desire; and have found or experienced nothing among our many good things so good that home is not much better. Not that we love China less, but home is home always, the very best place in the world.

Those who have had patience enough to follow me thus far will please accept an apology for the trial I have given them. A message of love and genuine regard to friends and brethren. I might add, as letters to the papers usually end, and say truly, that the "Methodist" is a welcome visitor. It is the first paper we open.

Let any friends who may desire to address us remember that domestic postal rates prevail here so far as Shanghai is concerned, not at other places in China. Sincerely,

John W. Cline.

P. S.—A young lady, an officer in one of the Epworth Leagues in Arkansas Conference—Ozark seems to me to be the place—wrote me a letter concerning promises of prayer. The letter reached me while I was sick, and the letter has been lost. I appreciated the letter very much, and have looked for it diligently. It was a great comfort to me. I hope the writer will send me another. I promise to try to evidence my appreciation by a prompt answer. I have had assurances from many that they are praying for us, and it strengthens our hearts.

John W. C.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT—W. B. BURKE, P. E. Poo-tong Circuit, Lok Ts-tsaung. Sung Kong, H. T. Reed, Yau R-dian. Sung Kong Circuit, A. C. Bowen, and one to be supplied by Koo Nyan-ju. Sung Kong Medical Work, J. B.

Fearn, M. D.  
 McLain Training School, H. T. Reed, Principal.  
 Tsang-sen Circuit, Tsen Vung Ming. Kau-li Circuit, Tsian Te-faung.  
 Nan siang and Kading, Daung Mok-san, Dau Nyang-chung.  
 Anglo-Chinese College, A. P. Parker, John W. Cline, J. Whiteside.  
 College Chapel, A. P. Parker, one to be supplied by Zia Hong Le.  
 Review of Times and Kyau Pase, Y. J. Allen, Editor.  
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 First Church, D. L. Anderson, Li Dzong Den, Dzung Yong Chung.  
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 Kwang-san Circuit, Dai To-sung.  
 Chang Shu Circuit, J. A. G. Shipley, Li Yoeh-fong.  
 Wu-sih Circuit, To-Kiung.  
 Chang-chow Circuit, R. A. Parker, and one to be supplied by Yui We-nyung.  
 Soochow University, D. L. Anderson, N. Gist Gee, R. D. Smart.  
 Soochow Hospital, W. H. Park, M. D., B. D. Lucas.  
 Hospital Chaplain, B. D. Lucas.  
 Absent on leave, W. B. Nance.  
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 West Huchow Circuit, E. Pilley, Van Zang-tung, and one to be supplied.  
 Van Zing Circuit, Tra Suh-te, and two to be supplied.  
 Saung-ling Circuit, Dzung Zing-san, and one to be supplied.  
 Oa-tung Circuit, to be supplied by Sung Hsang-z, and one to be supplied.  
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 Buffington Institute, J. L. Hendry, Principal.  
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 Pai Chai College, C. G. Hounshell, vice-president.  
 Songdo Circuit, W. G. Cram.  
 Song-do, North Ward, W. G. Cram.  
 Songdo Medical Work, J. E. Sawdon, M. D.  
 Wonsan Circuit, R. A. Hardie, J. L. Gardine.  
 Wonsan Medical Work, J. B. Ross, M. D.  
 Absent on leave, C. T. Collyer.  
 KOREA DISTRICT WOMAN'S WORK—MRS. J. P. CAMPBELL, AGENT.  
 Carolina Institute (Seoul), Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Miss Josephine Hounshell.  
 Songdo South Ward, Woman's Work, Miss Fannie Hinds.  
 Songdo North Ward, Day School and Woman's Work, Miss Sadie Harbaugh.  
 Wonsan Lucy Cunningham School and Woman's Work, Misses Carroll and Knowle.  
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 McTyiere School: Helen Lee Richardson, principal; Orien S. Alexander, Science department; June Nicholson, English Department; Margaret Mitchell, Music.  
 Clopton Lambuth School, Minnie B. Bomar.  
 Palmetto School, Clara E. Steger.  
 Trinity Day School, Emma M. Gary.  
 College Branch Day Schools, Susie W. Parker, Mrs. John W. Cline.  
 Woman's Work—Moore Memorial, Ella D. Leveritt.  
 Sung Kong—Hayes-Williams Bible School, Julia A. Gaither. Girls' Boarding and Day Schools, Alice G. Waters. Agent of District, H. L. Richardson.  
 SOOCHOW DISTRICT—W. B. F. M.  
 Laura Haygood Memorial School, Martha A. Pyle, Principal; Ida Anderson, Assistant.

Woman's Hospital, Margaret H. Polk, M. D.  
 Woman's Work, First Church, Ida Anderson.  
 West Soochow Day Schools, Virginia M. Atkinson, Mary M. Tarrant, Mary Culler White.  
 Davidson Memorial Bible School and Industrial School, Virginia M. Atkinson, Mary Culler White.  
 HUCHOW.  
 Virginia School, Lochie Rankin.  
 Anglo-Chinese School, Lochie Rankin.  
 Woman's Work, Lochie Rankin, Mrs. J. L. Hendry, Mrs. T. A. Hearn.  
 Agent of District, Virginia M. Atkinson.  
 SUMMARY.  
 Local preachers, 15; members, 1,863; infants baptized, 76; adults baptized, 361; Epworth League members, 848; Sunday School scholars, 2,496.  
 Contributions—For missions (Mexican), \$243.63; church extension (Mexican), \$354.20; pastors, \$1,559.18.  
 Educational—Students in boys' Boarding Schools (Parent Board), 395; students in day schools (Parent Board), 119; total, 514. Students in girls' boarding schools (Woman's Board), 312; students in day schools (Woman's Board), 999; total, 1,311.  
 John W. Cline, Secretary.

At Rest.

Obituaries, if brief and correct, will be published as written. If not brief they will be condensed. Poetry and resolutions will not be published. Writers must sign their names. Members must reach this office in three months after death of the subject.

In Memoriam.

In the death of Brother S. H. Babcock, we, as the "Class of '92" feel an especial loss and can but give expression to our feelings in some slight tribute to his worth. We feel that we can do this because we knew him.  
 We remember Brother Babcock first as we saw him at the opening of Gal-loway College, when, with the anxiety of a sick wife at home resting upon his mind, he shouldered the responsibility of a new college, plans for which had been unsettled by the death of her first president-elect. As the college was filling up with girls, the furniture coming slowly in, the hour for opening drawing near, we remember how he was here, there and everywhere, bringing order out of chaos, and at the same time comforting the already homesick girls with whom he came in contact.  
 We remember him again when he was passing through the valley, when with hushed voices we repeated the message, "Little Mack is dead." In this hour of his own grief he forgot no detail necessary to our comfort, and we felt an unseen power was sustaining him.  
 We see him, too, when the spirit of mischief had overruled our better-selves, and he stood before us with tears in his eyes and grief in his voice as he said, "The only rule in this school is *Do Right*."  
 We remember him last on that bright June morning, when the joy of our realized ambition was marred by the thought of a separation from those whom we had learned to love so dearly, when he gave to us each a word of counsel and an admonition to future usefulness.  
 As we remember all these things, and in our widely separated homes put our signatures to this writing, we can but feel the influence his life has

had on ours, and as that influence helped us to be better girls and better students, may the memory of his daily living while with us help us to be better women, better wives and better mothers.

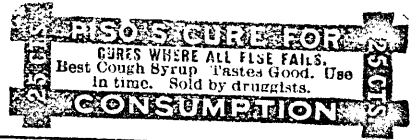
Not one of us has been taken in the eleven years since we left our alma mater, and as he led us to the door of life with its responsibilities, may we follow him to the gates of heaven.

We send to each member of the family and especially Sister Babcock our loving sympathy, and pray that the Comforter may sustain them.

- Lizzie Thornburgh Workman,
- May Day Carruth Owen,
- Jimmie Duncan Arnold,
- Della E. Ansley,
- Beulah Godden Thompson,
- Hattie May Stanley Hughey,
- Lula Cox Morris,
- Iola Price Chase,
- Clara Williams Dowdy,
- Stella Lippman,
- Ida Chatterton Turner,
- Georgia Walker Shannahan,
- Laura Skinner Polk,
- Ione Murrell Park.

CROCKETT—Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Crockett (nee Spraggins) died at the home of her mother, Piggott, Ark., November 18, 1903, after many months of suffering. Sister Crockett was born February 22, 1870; was married to Mr. Crockett in 1892. Two sweet little girls came to bless their home. She professed religion in her seventeenth year, and lived a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, until in death she was translated to the Church Triumphant. Sister Crockett was a dutiful daughter, a loving wife, a devoted mother, a true friend. She manifested in a remarkable degree the spirit of unselfishness. Her constant thoughtfulness for the welfare and happiness of others was always apparent. She was a constant sufferer for months, and everything that loving hands and medical skill could do was done, but to no purpose. The insidious disease fulfilled its deadly work. She spent several months at Mineral Wells and at the sanitarium at Dallas, Texas. When her condition became hopeless she came home to die among her loved ones. She passed away without a struggle, November 18, and "is not," for God took her. Her last words were, "Lord take me." We laid her body to rest by the side of her father in the Hillsboro Cemetery, near Rector. It was a sad company that turned towards home from that fresh mound. Our hearts were made to bleed at the grief of the mother, sisters, brothers and the many relatives and friends. May they "sorrow not as they that have no hope." The spirit of Sister Crockett has gone home to God. Truly,  
 L. C. Craig.

FAWCETT—Mollie Fawcett (nee Harris) was born in Lonoke county, Ark., March 5, 1864; was married to H. S. Fawcett, December 27, 1882; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, with her husband in August, 1885. She lived a consistent Christian until November 19, 1903, when she fell on sleep. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother and a true friend. She was loved by all who knew her. She made home pleasant by her cheerful disposition. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn their loss. She was sick for about two months before her release from her sufferings. She suffered a great deal during her last illness, but did not murmur or complain. About one hour before breathing her last she said to the doctor: "Doctor, I am dying but am not excited." She told her husband to call the children. She talked to each child separately and



bade each one good-by. She then said to her husband, "Hugh, you have been a good husband, but I must leave you. Do the best you can for the children. I hate to leave you. I am going to heaven to meet our little ones who have gone there." She then gave her hand to all of her friends who were present and told them to meet her in heaven. She will be missed at old Bethlehem church. One more vacant seat here, but one more saint in heaven.  
 L. M. Powell.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1903.

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MENA.—It was with regret that we left Okolona. We had been there for three years, and three more pleasant years have never been spent by this preacher and family. No better people can be found anywhere than were they. I never expect to find a place more congenial than was that. No man ever loved a people better than I loved them. Notwithstanding all this I was moved. The methods by which I was moved were legitimate. No one connected with my removal should be censured. I make this explanation because certain conditions existed. I was moved simply because the appointing powers thought it best. Neither the wishes of the people nor the wishes of the preachers are to be the supreme cause of preachers being moved, but it should be the needs of the church. The needs of the church should be considered as a whole and not locally. I think Okolona was exceedingly fortunate in getting Brother White. I feel sure that he will succeed. The conditions at Mena are altogether different to anything that I have had heretofore. I regard this as a very important charge. As I see this place, they are not so much in need of a strong man at any one place, but an all around man. Good preaching is always in order, but that alone will not succeed here. There must be much pastoral work done here if we have success. This is a large town and many come here with their church letters in their trunks and will keep them there unless looked after by the pastor. The organizations of the church are more difficult to run successfully here than in an old town. Another thing must be carefully avoided—mistakes. A mistake here means more than in an old town. My predecessor, Brother J. R. Sanders, has done a good work here. The people loved him very dearly. They regret very much to give him up. They reluctantly gave him up, but have given us a cordial welcome. A large congregation was at church the first Sunday and Sunday evening to hear the new preacher. I went back to Texarkana Tuesday to meet my family. Wednesday, when we arrived back at Mena quite a number of the ladies met us. We were carried to the home of Brother Few, the presiding elder, and a nice warm supper was awaiting us. After supper we came to the parsonage and found a warm room to enter. After some moments the people commenced coming and continued to come until the house was full. The pounding was thankfully received and the hour greatly enjoyed. With the

Lord's help I expect to give these people my best service. Yours, F. P. Doak.

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Warning Order.

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