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News and Notes.

IT IS REPORTED THAT NEVER BEFORE were so many foreigners of the poorer class leaving this country. The lack of work is said to be the chief cause.

OF THE PRESENT STATE GOVERNORS of the United States the following are Methodists: Bates of Massachusetts, Yates of Illinois, Sayers of Texas, Durbin of Indiana, Mickey of Nebraska, Dockery of Missouri, Bliss of Michigan, Van Sant of Minnesota.

IN PRESENTING THE CLAIMS OF the Central and urging your members or friends to subscribe, do not put the entire emphasis on the fact simply that we are a "church organ," and it is a matter of duty to take it. We are trying to give full "value received" for subscription. If you do not think so, do not insist on the people taking the paper. If we are not a positive help in the spread of religious truth, such as will be a benefit to the church and the home, then we are not entitled to the patronage of the people and do not ask it. But if the paper is a loyal, true, helpful religious paper, representing fully and fairly the best interests of our church in Kentucky, then present our claims, strongly, and if possible get every one, at least, who is interested in Kentucky Methodism, to take and read it, not because it is a duty simply, but because it will be a real benefit to him who reads."

This from the Central Christian Advocate is very liberal, but it concedes too much, for it is interest in church work on the part of the readers which makes a church paper interesting, as a medical journal is interesting to a physician or a journal of education to a teacher. A conference organ is an agency for carrying forward the work of the church in the bounds of that conference. Its value is in representing that work and promoting it. No other paper can take its place. It is not in competition with other papers on the ground of literary merit, or as a journal of secular and general news. It has no competition in its field. People who feel no especial interest in their own church work may think that any religious paper that is ably edited and filled with good religious reading will meet their needs and the needs of their families. But the people who do the work in our churches do

not know how to get along without their church paper.

Herbert Spencer.

THIS GREAT PHILOSOPHER PASSED from the stage of the living on the 8th inst at the age of 83. His death occurred at his home in Brighton, England.

Mr. Spencer was the son of a school teacher and his education was chiefly under his father and an uncle, who was a clergyman. He early showed especial predilection for science and mathematics. He first began to make a living as a civil engineer. But his inclination led him especially to philosophical studies. Although he had an excellent literary style, his first books sold very slowly. Not until he was near 60 years of age was the attention of the world especially attracted to him as a great thinker.

He was an evolutionist and an agnostic. He could hardly be classed as strictly a materialist. In his thought there was a force persistent, eternal, infinite, immaterial, forever delivering itself upon matter, the manifestation of a Power which none know and none deny. Evolution is the method by which the Power works.

Mr. Spencer was always poor. He was modest and retiring in disposition and blameless in life.

Dr. H. Clay Trumbull.

The same day that Herbert Spencer died a man of our own country, known throughout Christendom, entered into his reward. H. Clay Trumbull, D. D., for many years editor of the Sunday School Times, died of apoplexy at his home in Philadelphia. He was seventy-three years of age, and though an invalid for three years past had continued active in literary work. He had been editor of the Sunday School Times since 1875. Few men have done as much for the wise direction and development of Sunday School work as Dr. Trumbull. He was a devout man and ever manifested in what he wrote that his highest conception of Christian work was leading souls to the experience of personal salvation through Christ. C. G. Trumbull, his son, long associated with him in his work, now succeeds him as editor of the Times.

A King's Son in a Kansas School

King Lewanica, ruler of Basutoland, whose matrimonial arrange-

ments allow him an extraordinarily numerous progeny, is educating several of his many sons in England and Australia, and has just sent one to be placed in a school at Winfield, Kan. The boy is boarding with a colored man, and will be allowed five hundred dollars a year for his expenses. This information we take from one of the daily papers. What kind of effect upon the institutions of Basutoland this will produce the next generation will see.—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

The Army Canteen Again.

There will be another effort made to restore the army canteen during the present Congress. It will have the favor of a majority of the army officers, including Gen. Young, chief of staff. But it is a sad confession to make that our soldiers are so addicted to the use of strong drink that in spite of the many evils which attend its use, discipline is more difficult without it. It is stated that a great proportion of the soldiers drink. They were either addicted to drink before they joined the army or contracted the habit after joining it under the old regime of the canteen. If the canteen invited drunkards or made drunkards it was a bad thing for the army. It is not surprising if an army organized under the old system should be restive of a change. The question before Congress is not one of gratifying officers or men, but of raising the moral tone of the army and increasing its efficiency. There is no lack of testimony from army officers that a man who abstains from strong drink is every way a better soldier than one who does not. When it is known that the army is not a place for men who drink, but that the government requires its soldiers to be temperate, we shall have a better army. To promote the real welfare of the soldier and the efficiency of the army should be the aim of the law-makers.

But the officers do not all favor restoring the canteen, and, unfortunately for those who favor it there appears to be few total abstainers among them. An officer who is himself addicted to drink should not be accounted an impartial witness in this matter. There are, among the officers, men of high position, who are total abstainers, and who insist that the canteen is prejudicial to the discipline, health and morals of the soldier—a position which strongly commends it-

self to the common sense of a sober man.

Much Ado About Nothing.

Prof. John Spencer Bassett, of our Trinity College, N. C., in a recent article published in the South Atlantic Quarterly, expressed his opinion that "Booker T. Washington was the greatest man, save Lee, born in the South in a hundred years."

The utterance called forth condemnatory notices from some secular papers, and suggestions began to come from various quarters that a professor with such views would injure the college, and that Bassett ought to resign. His resignation was therefore tendered to the Board of Trustees. After due deliberation the board declined to accept Professor Bassett's resignation by a vote of eighteen to seven, declaring that while they did not agree in opinion with the professor, they recognized his right to hold and express his own opinion, and that the right of personal opinion should not be denied or trammelled by any official action of the governing authority of the college. The senior class also declared their purpose to quit the college if Bassett's resignation should be accepted. The action of the trustees will be almost unanimously approved throughout the South. The only thing which seems to need explanation is the attack made upon the professor for a sentiment or opinion which touched no issue religious, political or social, and represented only his private judgment of the ability of Booker Washington. It is not like Southern people to challenge the right of private opinion in this way. The editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate gives what will be accepted by those who know the recent history of Trinity College as the "true inwardness" of this matter. Enemies of the college (who have of late been warring against it) seized on this incident and raised this outcry as a means of exciting the prejudices of some, and turning patronage from the institution.

Some miscreant undertook, evidently, to assassinate Mayor W. W. Martin, of Conway, on Saturday night last. The bomb which was expected to blow up the mayor's office broke the windows, but Mr. Martin was not hurt. Mayor Martin has been a great benefactor to Conway. He is a terror to evil doers.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

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

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

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All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

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

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Educational Notes.

The School Journal comes to us as an exchange. W. J. McIlwain is making a good publication of it. The Journal begins its eighth year with the present issue. Its circulation grows yearly. It is helping the cause of education, and is a fine medium for interchange of thought among school teachers.

Bible Study Chair at University of Arkansas.

A very able and instructive course of six lectures on "Beginnings of Christianity" has just been finished at the University of Arkansas by Dr. Herbert G. Willett, professor of Semetic languages at the University of Chicago. This course of lectures was given under the auspices of the church of the Disciples of Jesus Christ. This is the beginning of what is hoped to be a permanent feature of the University work. The Disciples of Christ have established chairs at the universities of Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas and Oregon. The object that they have in view is to give the students of the University an opportunity to gain a scientific knowledge of the Bible, and thus develop the Christian life of the entire student body. It is purely a missionary movement and rises above all narrow sectarianism. This is indeed an important movement and one that means much for the Christian life of the students of the University of Arkansas. In the very nature of the case the trustees of the University can not establish such a department in the University, and unless the Christian people of the State take hold of it, that very important feature of education must be neglected in the State University. The university authorities are delighted with the prospects of having this chair of Biblical study added as a permanent feature at the University.

It should be clearly understood that this department of Bible Study which the Disciples of Christ are contemplating founding here at the University has no official connection whatever with the University. They simply wish to give courses free at or near the University where the students so desiring may take advantage of a systematic and scientific study of the Bible. This is indeed a very laudable and praiseworthy undertaking and one that will heartily commend itself to the Christian people throughout the State.—University News Letter.

The above from the University News Letter, issued semi-monthly from our State University at Fayetteville, very plainly confesses that there is a very great need in the University which the State can not supply. The Christian Church is to be commended for the work which it has undertaken.

Temperance.

Ninety Per Cent to Drink.

Judge McAuley, of Kansas City, in committing a "plain drunk," gives utterance to the following: "If I had my way I would not only close every saloon in the county, Sunday and week days, but I would stop the sale of intoxicating liquor in any shape or for any purpose whatever. I would make it a crime to manufacture the stuff. This may be far-reaching, but the sentiment is justified by the sights and experiences in this court room. Ninety-five per cent of the cases tried here are the direct result of whisky; the other five per cent includes morphine and cocaine fiends, and a few petty grievances that come before me for adjustment. The woes that arise from the use of whisky, the ruined men and women, the broken families, the griefs and tears, all aired in this court, are enough to turn gray the hair on a buffalo robe."

The Texas Saloon Man.

REV. J. A. PUCKETT.

Like the other man that is born of woman, "he is of few days and full of trouble."

"He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down; he also fleeth as a shadow and continueth not."

He buildeth him a dive and stocketh the same with strong and poisonous liquids; then he goeth out on the streets and smileth at his fellow man. He enticeth into his joint all that are weak enough to be enticed, and maketh them to feel jolly. This he calleth business. He sendeth them away later with their heads full of giddiness and their pockets devoid of change. This he calleth personal liberty.

He gathereth unto himself gamblers and thugs and openeth the doors of his resort to strange women. He getteth for his business some fiddles and some fiddlers, or other instruments and makers of noise. By such means he allureth into his trap the youths of the land and giveth to them their first taste "of and for" booze. This he calleth good-fellowship.

The people remonstrate with him for these things; but he laugheth in their faces and calleth them cranks and fanatics.

Then the officers of the law swoop down upon his dive, scatter his customers and bid him off to the court; but he payeth the fine with a small part of his profits and returneth to his place of business rejoicing.

Sometimes the people become very tired of him and apply to the court for an election. Then he scrapeth up some shekels and goeth out and hireth a slick-tongued man to talk to his people. The slick-tongued man informeth the people that it is very wrong to deprive the good man of his means of support. That ours is a free country. That

DYSPEPSIA

George S. Scally, of 75 Nassau street, New York, says: "For years I have been troubled with rheumatism and dyspepsia, and I came to the conclusion of try your pills. I immediately found great relief from their use; I feel like a new man since I commenced taking them, and would not now be without them. The drowsy, sleepy feeling I used to have has entirely disappeared. The dyspepsia has left me, and my rheumatism is gone entirely. I am satisfied if any one is so afflicted will give Radway's Pills a trial they will surely cure them, for I believe it all comes from the system being out of order—the liver not doing its work."

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liberty is a very sacred thing, and that a man's rights should never be trampled upon. That prohibition doth not now, nor never did and never will prohibit. That the traffic will fall into the hands of the villainous druggists, and that they will sell many times as much as the saloon men did before. He also maketh the simple to believe that the only known sure cure for snake "pizen" will be forever placed beyond their reach; and that they will die by the hundreds.

The man of the smooth tongue also talketh long and loud of revenue and trade. He declareth that the State will go bankrupt; that the streets of the towns will be turned into hayfields; that capital will take its flight to unknown regions, and, in general, that prohibition clogs the wheels of progress, and will cause the whole country to go to the devil. All this the saloon man calleth solemn truth; but the people steadfastly believe it not.

He then taketh more shekels and goeth out and buyeth many poll-tax receipts. He also sendeth afar off for voters to come and help save the country from ruin. He letteth it be known to them that none shall be the worse off for finance, that none shall suffer for food or be compelled to drink water while engaged in the good work. This he calleth shrewdness; but the people are on to his game.

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GIVE YOUR STOMACH**A NICE VACATION**

Don't Do it by Starving it. Either—
Let a Substitute Do the Work

The old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," applies just as well to the stomach, one of the most important organs of the human system, as it does to the man himself.

If your stomach is worn out and rebels against being further taxed beyond its limit, the only sensible thing you can do is to give it a rest. Employ a substitute for a short time and see if it will not more than repay you in results.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are a willing and most efficient substitute. They themselves digest every bit of food in the stomach in just the same way that the stomach itself would, were it well. They contain all the essential elements that the gastric juice and other digestive fluids of the stomach contain and actually act just the same and do just the same work as the natural fluids would do, were the stomach well and sound. They, therefore, relieve the stomach, just as one workman relieves another, and permit it to rest and recuperate and regain its normal health and strength.

This "vacation" idea was suggested by the letter of a prominent lawyer in Chicago. Read what he says: "I was engaged in the most momentous undertaking of my life in bringing about the coalition of certain great interests that meant much to me as well as my clients. It was not the work of days, but of months. I was working night and day almost, when at a very critical time my stomach went clear back on me. The undue mental strain brought it about and hurried up what would have happened later on.

"What I ate I had to literally force down and that was a source of misery as I had a sour stomach much of the time. My head ached, I was sluggish and began to lose my ambition to carry out my undertaking. It looked pretty gloomy for me and I confided my plight to one of my clients. He had been cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and at once went down to a drug store and brought a box up to the office.

"I had not taken a quarter of that box before I found that they would do all the work my stomach ever did; and as a rest or vacation was out of the question for me, I determined to give my stomach a vacation. I kept right on taking the tablets and braced up and went ahead with my work with renewed vigor, ate just as much as I ever did and carried out that undertaking to a successful issue. I feel that I have Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to thank for saving me the handsomest fee I ever received as well as

my reputation, and last but not least, my stomach."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box.

Contributed.**The Golden Gate City.**

REV. P. C. FLETCHER.

San Francisco is fittingly called "The Golden Gate City" and "The City of an Hundred Hills." The first thing that impresses the visitor is its magnificent distances. A trip from the Ferry House to the Cliff House reveals how beautifully undulating the site of the city is. Thus one gets a charming view of bay and ocean, valley and hill. The towering hills, dotted with residences, present a unique picture. The city's growth has been remarkable. From a mission station of forty-six years ago it has grown so large that it now ranks eighth in the list of the great cities of the Union, third in commercial importance, and is the great metropolis of the Pacific coast.

Through the "Golden Gate" vessels come and go, representing every nation of the habitable earth. Through this narrow passage ebb and flow the mighty tides. Some resistless forces of the old earth's agony seem to have rent the big hills to make this way for commerce. This gateway from the Bay to the ocean was formed by a severe upheaval, or earthquake, thus providing for the waters of the bay and valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin, another outlet. One who has never witnessed a sunset through the Golden Gate can form no conception of the matchless beauty which the scene presents. The great old God of Day has the appearance of a huge ball of fire falling from the heavens into the blue waters of the Pacific, and casting its golden light upon the glinting waves of the mad old ocean. This is majestic loveliness which defies adequate description.

The San Francisco bay is said to be the most beautiful body of water in the world. It is forty miles long and ten miles wide. It covers an area of 450 square miles. This is a magnificent harbor. It can accommodate the navies of the world without crowding them. All about this historic city are a thousand points of interest, which tell of other days and point to a still greater future.

Southern Methodism was among the first Protestant denominations to establish itself in San Francisco. Back in 1851, when the city was nothing more than a village of shacks and tents, Rev. Dr. Jesse Boring was pastor of Wesley Chapel, on Powell street. Since that year some of the leading men of our Methodism have served our church here—O. P. Fitzgerald, E. K. Miller, E. E. Hoss, W. J. Mahon, J. C. Simmons, W. M. Proff-

man, T. H. B. Anderson, C. B. Riddick, J. J. Ransom, John Hannon, and many other strong men of less notoriety. The present pastor is a strong, painstaking, devout young man, who has served our church at Denver and San Antonio, a native Missourian—Rev. R. E. Nunn. The situation is delicate and difficult, but he has already captured the hearts and admiration of his parishioners.

San Francisco is not an easy city to win to the Gospel. Its Sabbath laws are miserable. The principal Sunday amusements are prize fights. Here these human brutes are given an open field. Bishop Morrison, learning of my improved condition and believing that a sojourn on the coast and in this delightful climate would fully restore me to health, very generously appointed me to the pastorate of Alameda Station, a charming charge, embracing a membership of the most delightful Southern people, representing nearly all the old Southern States. We have a lovely church, a handsome eight-room parsonage, situated in the most beautiful portion of the city. Alameda is a fashionable residence suburb of this city, and is situated on an island in the San Francisco bay. The climate is the most delightful in Central California. I have the honor of being the successor of such men as Dr. H. M. DuBose, now of the Epworth Era; Rev. H. R. Singleton, now of the Mississippi Conference; Rev. C. E. W. Smith, "the Martin Luther of the Pacific Conference;" Rev. J. A. G. Shipley, now of Japan; Dr. John Hannon, now of Trinity, Richmond, Va.; Rev. Dr. William E. Vaughan, now of the Pacific Methodist Advocate. These godly men left the stamp of their strong personality upon the work they accomplished. Dr. J. E. Moore, the able and successful presiding elder of the Oakland District, has good, rich Virginia "blue blood" in his veins. He is a charming Christian gentleman, who surrendered his seat in the Virginia legislature to take upon himself the holier duties of the Gospel ministry.

Dr. J. C. Simmons, the patriarch and pioneer of the Pacific Conference, is still young in heart, vigorous in mind, eloquent in speech and active in goodness. He now serves Salinas Station. He is the historian of the conference and the author of several doctrinal works. Rev. W. P. Andrews, "the golden-hearted apostle," after serving our church in these parts for thirty years, is enjoying a much needed rest. Rev. J. A. Wailes, late of Missouri, is doing a monumental work at Santa Rosa, a cultured and beautiful city, where our church is strong and flourishing. Asbury, Oakland, has a strong young man in the person of Rev. W. P. Baird, late of Louisville. Our church is

now planning for the erection of a beautiful temple of worship at Berkeley, the site of the great university of California. Rev. J. C. Wooten, a brainy young "Tarheel-er," is in charge. Rev. F. A. Lark is doing a fine work at Wheatland, so I am informed by those in position to know. This will not surprise those who know him and know that he is the son of one Rev. A. H. Lark.

Though still strangers in this country of beauty and progress, the brethren whom we have met have accorded us a most gracious welcome, which is appreciated beyond measure.

Though I am far from being a well man, I am improving each day. I am able to do full work, in and out of the pulpit, and can eat all I can pay for. The salt breezes from the Pacific make me feel like a new man. I thank God that I am able to work. The darkest day I ever lived was when I thought I could not take up my work soon again. My relation is an unusual one—a supernumerary in Arkansas; a supply in California. As to what I will be next I leave to the hand of Providence to indicate.

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A person afflicted with a serious case of hemorrhoids or piles is handicapped in the race for power and advancement. It is impossible to concentrate the mental energies when this dreadful trouble is sapping the vital forces. To show how easily this success destroying trouble can be overcome, we publish the following letter from a prominent Indiana man.

"When I received the former letter and booklet on 'Piles, their nature, cause and cure' I was in a critical condition. Ulcers to the number of seven had formed on the inside of the rectum culminating in a large tumor on the outside resembling fistula. I suffered the most excruciating pain, could get no rest day or night. After reading the booklet I sent to my druggist but he happened to be out of Pyramid Pile Cure just at that time. However, I obtained a part of a box from my brother-in-law and began their use. Five pyramids completely cured me. I procured a box later, but have had no occasion to use them. I have been waiting to see that the cure was permanent, before writing you of its success. I believe Pyramid Pile Cure to be the greatest and best pile cure on the market, and ask you to please accept of my grateful thanks for this invaluable remedy. I take great pleasure in recommending its use to any sufferer along this line. You may use my name if you wish for reference to any one afflicted with this disease." J. O. Littell, Arthur, Ind.

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Contributed.

From Brother Greathouse.

Dear Methodist—The Texas conference has been held. I was returned to Jacksonville station, which is very pleasant to me and mine. We had a good year here last year and reported a net increase of 111, which is within 18 of the increase of the whole Arkansas conference as reported in your columns. Rev. Jesse L. Massey was returned to Cameron station, where he is popular and doing a fine work as he always does. Rev. W. F. Packard, D. D., was returned to Tyler, which is perhaps the most pleasant change in the whole conference, and no charge has a better preacher. Rev. G. E. Cameron was removed from Henderson to Beaumont. He is a fine preacher, successful and popular. Rev. T. J. Milam is stationed in Mineola, he is one of our best men. Rev. H. C. Shettles is now in Pittsburg. He is doing fine work. I mention these brethren because they are all from Arkansas, and have many friends who read the Methodist.

This conference is aggressive, the assessments ordered by the conference equal one-half of the preacher's salary. In some of our works it is higher than that, and mine is one of them. The boll weevil has greatly impoverished a great part of our conference and the probabilities are the whole conference will be invaded next year.

Our session was pleasant, the two conferences—the Texas and East Texas—coalesce nicely. The brethren dreaded Bishop Duncan a little. Men cannot approach him as they do other bishops. We do not believe he does himself justice. Brethren who know him best do not believe his outward bearing is a real indication of the state of his heart. He is getting old and a little dull of hearing and the burden of his work has nearly wrecked his nervous system. He showed his tenderness when he gave a brother who had to superannuate \$50 and raised about one hundred more for him. The brethren of the conference raised one hundred and twenty dollars for another brother who is being devoured by a cancer and on that account had to superannuate. Some of our best men superannuated, among them was Rev. J. Alexander, of Longview, the pioneer educator of East Texas and one of the greatest minds and purest hearts in our whole communion. The conference regrets very much to see him retire. Our next session will be held at Marshall, it is so near Arkansas we hope you will run over to it.

B. H. Greathouse.

The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ—Stalker 1.00
The Quest of Happiness—Hillis.. 1.50
Those Black Diamond Men..... 1.50
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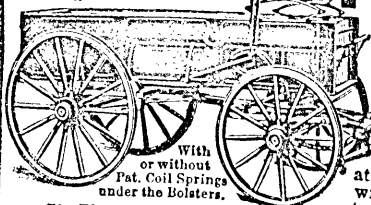
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Of life and love, to still live on!
Ah, brother! only I and thou
Are left of all that circle now.—
The dear home faces whereupon
That fitful firelight paled and shone.
Henceforth, listen as we will,
The voices of that hearth are still;
Look where we may, the wide earth o'er,
Those lighted faces smile no more.

We tread the paths their feet have worn,
We sit beneath their orchard trees,
We hear, like them, the hum of bees
And rustle of the bladed corn;
We turn the pages that they read,
Their written words we linger o'er,
But in the sun they cast no shade,
No voice is heard, no sign is made,
No step is on the conscious floor!
Yet Love will dream, and Faith will trust
(Since He who knows our need is just),
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.

Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!

Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,

The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,

And Love can never lose its own!
There too our elder sister plied
Her evening task the stand beside;
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The secret of self sacrifice.
O heart sore-tried; thou hast the best
That Heaven itself could give thee—rest,

Rest from all bitter thoughts and things!

How many a poor one's blessing went
With thee beneath the low green tent
Whose curtain never outward swings!

Yet, haply, in some hush of life,
Some Truce of God which breaks its strife,

The worldling's eyes shall gather dew,
Dreaming in thoughtful city ways
Of winter joys his boyhood knew;
And dear and early friends—the few
Who yet remain—shall pause to view
These Flemish pictures of old days;
Sit with me by the homestead hearth,
And stretch the hands of memory forth

To warm them at the wood-fire's blaze!

And thanks untraced to lips unknown
Shall greet me like the odors blown
From unseen meadows newly mown,
Or lilies floating in some pond
Wood-fringed, the wayside gaze beyond;

The traveler owns the grateful sense
Of sweetness near, he knows not whence,

And, pausing, takes with forehead bare
The benediction of the air.

All mothers of daughters should write to Mrs. M. Summers, Notre Dame, Ind., for a free copy of her "Advice to Mothers." See ad. in this issue.

Literary Notes.

Three of the most distinguished of living British litterateurs contribute this fall new biographies to the series of English Men of Letters. Canon Aingers's life of Crabbe is already familiar to our readers, and we have just received Mr. Austin Dobson's biography of Fanny Burney, which is as charming as everything by Mr. Dobson about the eighteenth century is sure to be. This month we are promised the life of Jeremy Taylor, by Mr. Edmund Gosse.

The next volume to appear in Professor Van Dyke's series, The History of American Art, inaugurated the other day by the publication of Mr. Lorado Taft's "The History of American Sculpture," will be Mr. Louis C. Elson's "History of American Music," which The Macmillan Company will publish early in the spring. After that will come Mr. Samuel Isham's volume, "The History of American Painting." Mr. Joseph Pennell is writing the volume on "The History of American Etching, Engraving, and Illustration."

Mr. Francis Henry Skrine's book on "The Expansion of Russia" will be published immediately by The Macmillan Company. The volume is not simply a political history, but one in which the progress of the people is very considerably dealt with. The author takes special cognizance of certain forces in the Russian character, especially the colonizing instinct, the nomad instinct, and the blind impulse of a rapidly-growing population to burst from ice-bound coasts and gain access to warmer waters. He says that Russia hesitates to annex Manchuria, lest Siberia be overrun by Chinese emigrants; and he discusses the foreign policy of the present Czar, the designs of Germany, and the latest moves in the Far East.

The first two volumes of Mr. Herbert W. Paul's "A History of Modern England," which The Macmillan Company announced for publication this month, will not appear until January. Mr. Paul has had a good deal of experience as a journalist, a critic, and a member of parliament—the sort of experience that helps to fit a historical student for writing history. His work, which will be completed in five volumes, begins with the last Whig government of 1846. Frankness and downrightness and trenchancy are said to be the author's strong points.

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1. James W. Lambuth illustrates consecration. "Consecration is not wrapping one's self in a holy web in the sanctuary, and then coming forth after prayer and twilight meditation, and saying, 'There, I am consecrated.' Consecration is going out into the world where God Almighty is, and using every power for his glory. It is taking all advantages as trust funds—as confidential debts owed to God. It is simply dedicating one's life, in its whole flow, to God's service."

2. Charles Taylor suggests gentleness. "Gentleness is love in society. It is love holding intercourse with those around it. It is that cordiality of aspect, and that soul of speech, which assure us that kind and earnest hearts may still be met with here below. It is consideration. It is tenderness of feeling. It is warmth of affection. It is promptitude of sympathy. It is love in all its depths and all its delicacy. It is everything included in that matchless grace, the gentleness of Christ."

3. Robert Moffat exemplifies persistency. An Indian convert came to a missionary and told him that he had been making some poetry, which he would like to read. It was found to be several verses in very "common meter," all exactly like the first verse, which ran as follows:

"Go on, go on, go on, go on,
Go on, go on, go on,
Go on, go on, go on, go on,
Go on, go on, go on."

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4. Marcus Whitman shows purpose. "Keep your eye fixed upon the mark, and don't flinch when you pull the trigger. The steady nerve is necessary to carry out the bold

plan. Could the multitude of failures which are recorded every day be thoroughly examined into as to their cause, it would be found that a great portion of them resulted from a want of nerve at just the moment when an unwavering sight and a steady pull would have accomplished the object. Let an enterprise be ever so boldly projected and energetically pushed, if the nerve fails at the last moment, good-by to success."

5. John G. Paton teaches devotedness. When Alexander was offering a sacrifice, a Spartan youth held the censer, and accidentally a hot coal fell upon his hand. The boy never flinched, lest by utterance or movement the sacrifice should be disturbed; for, he said, he was in the presence of Alexander, and he would not have the sacrifice interrupted for him; and thus he bore the pain of the burning coal. Let us remember the Spartan youth, knowing that we are in the presence not of Alexander but of Almighty God.

6. Joseph Hardy Neesima sets forth love for his people. "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love; for love is the seraph, and faith and hope are but the wings by which it flies."

7. William Butler demonstrates courage. Cromwell's Ironsides went into battle praying and singing psalms. Their watchword was, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Every soldier had his pocket Bible of select texts for soldiers, and fed his soul upon the Word of God.

8. William Carey represents industry. "A motto on the walls of the Delphian temple, ascribed to Periander, one of the seven wise men of Greece, was 'Nothing is impossible to industry.'"

9. Adoniram Judson shows resolution. "It was resolution that made Anaxarchus, when his bones were crushed, make sport with his tormentors, saying: 'Break, break, the carcass of Anaxarchus, but his mind you shall never break.' It was resolution that made Job bear his losses and ulcers with invincible magnanimity. It was resolution that made David run through a troop and leap over walls." In his eloquent address on "Lessons from Master Missionaries," Bishop Galloway says: "O brothers of our Elder Brother, brave spirits of the East and the West, pastors and people, missionaries and members, men and women, let us join in one supreme effort to plant our flag in every land and give the whole world the Gospel during the opening years of this new century."

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1903.

He Shall Reign.

Duly, as the Christmas tide returns, we join in the Christian greeting, "Peace and good will."

"Peace on earth"—when shall it come? There was universal peace when Jesus was born.

"No war or battle sound
Was heard the world around."

That was under the sway of heathen Rome. But so long a period of universal peace the world has not known since; nor in all the history of man has there ever been known such vast armies and armaments as the nations are marshaling today. Yet the world believes Jesus of Nazareth to be the Prince of Peace and trusts his promise to establish the kingdom of heaven upon the earth. When the principles which he has taught prevail and he is enthroned as King of kings wars shall cease. Can peace come upon any other condition? Ambition, tyranny, revenge burn with the spirit of war. When they rise in arms, as Justice in behalf of the common good assails and removes the man who is injurious to society, so in the comity of nations seeking only human good, the robber nation, the tyrannous nation must be removed, Jesus must reign until he has put down all rule and all authority and power. The fall of the thrones and the revolution of human governments mark the way of his oncoming kingdom. No government has a right to exist when a better government for its people and the world at large stands waiting to take its place. It is a crime in the strong man to stand passively by while the innocent is murdered before his eyes. War may become the highest duty of a Christian nation. For barbarians subjugation by a Christian power means salvation. Power must compel until right principles impel right action. Until through love of the good man becomes a law unto himself authority does not bear the sword in vain.

Government is of God, for its basis is recognized duty and supreme moral law. Higher ideals call for revolutions, which are not the overthrow but the perfecting of government. And the cause of human weal, the greatest good to the greatest number, can not wait until every man is convinced and every man willing before it moves to give the multitude the blessings for which they are prepared and for which they wait.

Notwithstanding, therefore, that armies were never so great as now, nor battleships so many and so huge, nor weapons of war so varied and so deadly, notwithstanding

all the treasure expended by heathen nations for war in all the world's history is as nothing to the treasure expended in equipments for war by the Christian nations of today, yet we believe the reign of the Prince of Peace is drawing near.

It is not in sheer assertion of strength, nor in ambition for dominion that the Christian nations make war. They have in recognition of the common rights of man lifted up the people they have subdued, and extended over them a beneficent sway. They have made war in the interest of justice and humanity, and if their sway over their subjects at home and abroad has not been ideal, it has yet been a struggle toward the ideal and perfect, making progress as the reign of Christ makes progress in human hearts.

"The work of righteousness shall be peace," but until righteousness is set up and established there can be no peace. The divine King shall "save the poor of the people and shall break in pieces the oppressor."

Already Christian powers dominate the world, and there is not a heathen nation on earth that would not feel the inspiration of a new life if brought under their sway. And to be brought under that sway is their manifest destiny. In that subjugation the sword of the Spirit is having more to do than the sword of steel. Nations that sat long in darkness are desiring and inviting the reign of the Prince of Peace. The government of Christian nations is not feared but invited. The heathen people, seeing the greater power, the superior civilization and happiness of the Christian powers are taking from them lessons which inaugurate for themselves new eras of prosperity and progress. Christianity will one day bring the nations to a common level and unite them in the federation of the world. There are many promises of this. Christianity removes both the spirit and the occasion for ambitious conquests. When common rights, and the general weal are equally regarded every nation will be as much benefited by a sister nation as if both were one commonwealth. The most salutary political polity is a federation of States under one general constitution, but each having its own government organization complete. Such would be the relation of all nations to each other when the rights and the welfare of all are equally regarded and good will to men dictates all rule over men.

Hellen Gould and the Catholic Priest.

For some years Miss Helen Gould has maintained a sewing-school for girls at Irvington, N. Y. It was a work of philanthropy which the community valued at its true worth, and they loved Miss Gould for her love of their children. Once a year the generous founder and patron was wont to

give the girls an entertainment. This year the entertainment fell on Friday. The children had cake and tongue sandwiches and lemonade. It was a day of pure pleasure and happiness to all. There were about two hundred and fifty Protestants and fifty Catholics. And now comes a Catholic priest, who as a shepherd of the Lord's true fold and guardian of the divine Majesty, declares how the church is scandalized and the Creator of all worlds grieved, because the children ate meat on Friday. He has placed a ban upon this godless school. He has called the parents to account and the children to confession. He has written to Miss Gould in severe terms reproving her for an act which the Roman Church does not approve, though three-fourths of the children were Protestants.

Miss Gould will, hereafter, have the Bible read in the school—a thing which the Catholics more condemn than eating sandwiches on Friday. Here is Miss Gould's letter to the priest:

Dear Sir—Miss Gould regrets that you felt it necessary to forbid the children of your parish coming to her sewing school, because at the annual party which was held on a Friday in September, some of them ate sandwiches. Since, however, the ban has largely affected the attendance of the school, she has decided in future to do what she has long wished, but has refrained from doing on account of the presence of the Roman Catholic girls; that is, hereafter a short selection from the Bible will be read at the opening service. She thought it courteous to inform you of this, as she understands the church you represent discourages the reading of the Scriptures by the people. Very truly,
Elizabeth Altman,
Secretary.

Oct. 31, 1903.

The Coming General Conference of the M. E. Church.

There will be about one hundred and seventy-five colored members in the M. E. General Conference to be held in Los Angeles, next May, and about half a dozen women. Dr. H. A. M. Henderson, writing in the Nashville Advocate, of the subjects which will have a prominent place before the conference, says:

"The question of the time limit to the pastorate and presiding eldership (the latter now six years) will be raised, and a possible return made to the five-year rule. The removal of the time limit has certainly brought the dead-line a decade nearer. A man (unless phenomenally gifted) is not now in demand if fifty years old. Some think that the present law tends to the formation of 'rings,' through which the giraffes pass around the high feeding places.

The consolidation of the Book Concern plants in one great facto-

ry will receive consideration. The uniting of germane societies, with fewer secretaries, is likely to meet with favor. A strenuous effort will be made to remove the restrictions on popular amusements. It is possible a return will be made to the old rule—"the taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus." The abolition of the probation system will receive attention. An effort will be made to consolidate the Epworth Leagues of the different church organizations in one society under representative management. Tentative steps will probably be taken for a union of foreign missionary work, and even of the consolidation of all the general benevolent societies under a single common management.

At least three bishops will be elected to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Bishops Foster and Hurst, and the superannuation of Bishop Merrill. A Bishop will probably be elected for Malaysia and the Philippines. Perhaps the connection may be divided into episcopal districts with a quadrennial assignment of a Bishop to each. Undoubtedly steps will be taken to bring the different branches of Methodism into closer fraternization, looking to nearer interdenominational relations, with a tendency toward ecumenical union to be consummated in the near future. Efforts will be put forth to "down brakes" on higher criticism in our colleges and "advanced thought" in our pulpits. A federal union of Methodist colleges and academies, under a single regency and a common board of curators, will be attempted.

The new Hymn and Tune Book for our common American Methodism will be adopted, and soon all our congregations will be singing the same songs to the same melodies, and with (let us trust) the same heart. The provision of a common connectional endowed sustentation fund for superannuated preachers will receive careful attention, and ere another quadrennium is squared, not a single veteran in our ranks will have his pension discounted. The heart of Methodism is beating high on this long-neglected subject, but the year of jubilee has come, and our aged and infirm worthies will have no longer occasion to sigh: "Lord, what a wretched land is this! That yields us no supply."

No Dancing

Governor Mickey of Nebraska will have no dancing at any social functions with which he is connected. He says: "Liberties are permitted in the ball-room not tolerated elsewhere," says the governor; "most of the disgraced women attribute their fall to dancing, for human vultures haunt ball-rooms to presume upon acquaintance and ruin young women. The difference

between the masculine and feminine code of morals is the cause of the sin and sorrow of the under world. A man may stray from the path of virtue and be respectable. Every hand pushes a woman downward. If dancing contributes in any way to pulling the women of our land from their throne of virtue we should not permit it."

We think the governor speaks the words of truth and soberness in the above utterance.

A Sad Opening of Our Conference Year

Dear Dr. Godby—While others are telling of the happy opening of work in their new itinerant year, we, out of stricken hearts, tell how it has happened to us:

Olivia Worthington was born October 7, 1901, and died November 16, 1903, aged 2 years, 1 month and 9 days. Exceptionally bright and beautiful, of a very sweet and pleasant disposition, she filled our home and hearts with sunshine and joy and song. She repeated nearly all the songs that papa and mamma sang, and knew perfectly a number of her catechism lessons. She loved to talk of God and heaven, and only a few days before she died she said to her mamma: "I am going to be good and go to God's place."

Little Willie Pauline, born September 25, 1903; died December 15, 1903, aged 2 months and 20 days. More than ever she became the light of our home, the joy of our lives when little sister went away, but that little light soon vanished, like a taper before a breeze. That joy fled away like the mist of the morning. She was swept away by disease in the short space of four days. Why this heavy stroke we cannot see. Why these precious little jewels should be thus torn from our fond embrace we cannot now understand. But this we do know, they were the Lord's from birth and before, and He hath taken only His own, and thank God we know also that He doeth all things well. Therefore in these, the darkest hours of our lives, we look up to Him for light; in this our greatest grief we flee to Him for comfort, and bowing in humble submission to His will, we say with one of old, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Their father and mother,

J. J. and Mrs. Etta Mellard.
Princeton, Ark.

P. S.—Since the death of our first every member of the family (with myself also) has been dangerously ill. We are convalescent now.
J. J. M.

Vanderbilt Notes

Dr. Tillett attended the two Alabama and the Mississippi Conferences.

Wesley Hall is frequently favored with visits from missionaries fresh from the foreign field, but we rarely have one so thoroughly interesting as that of Dr. Morrison, of

the Congo Free States. Dr. Morrison is a representative of the Southern Presbyterian Board, and is fully alive to his great work. Wesley Hall is decidedly missionary, and we believe it will be even more so since his coming amongst us.

Sidney Casort, after doing some special work in science, has returned to his home at Knoxville, Ark. Sidney is an Arkansas Methodist, and a school boy friend of Hendrix College days. We will miss him.

It was my pleasure on last Sunday afternoon to conduct a religious service for the young ladies of Belmont College. I had a fine audience and splendid attention. This magnificent institution is under the management of two ladies, Miss Hood and Miss Herron. They have about a hundred and seventy-five girls, coming from all parts of the South. Everything about Belmont is beautiful and attractive.

Friday night at about 11 o'clock one of the main buildings (a girls' dormitory) of Walden University, which is located in this city, was burned to the ground. It was an institution for colored people, established by the M. E. Church. The building was quite old, and, it seems, was not supplied with fire escapes. The girls became panic-stricken and many of them jumped from third and fourth story windows. Four were killed outright and several others, it is thought, will die. It is indeed a very deplorable affair.

Christmas is near at hand, and the great bulk of our students will soon be enjoying holidays with the "folks at home." Since we are so far from "law," many of the Arkansas boys will spend the week here. Some will go home, while others, anticipating trips of pleasure and of profit. Holderness will take in an S. A. E. fraternity meeting at Chicago. Barger will attend the Southern Historical Association, which convenes in New Orleans. Gordon goes for a few days to Kentucky, and Holland will make a short trip over into Alabama. We extend to our friends at home a joyous Christmas greeting.

Hutchison.

A Mistaken Life.

Mary J. Lassater died at Van Buren last week, aged 76. She was a member of the Methodist Church and subscriber to this paper. She had long lived alone in a most frugal, perhaps we should say penurious manner. She is reported to have left about \$50,000 worth of property. There are no direct heirs. It would have been wiser in this woman, surely, to have lived in comfort and given her means to charities which would remain to bless the needy through coming generations. But this is only a striking illustration of the error of thousands. Greed overreaches itself and lack of

philanthropy makes its possessor its victim. There are none so poor as they whom wealth can not benefit.

Representative Macon has introduced into congress a bill for the construction and control of levees from the hills above Cairo to the head of the passes by the government of the United States.

The Log Cabin Democrat is to be commended for the attention which it gives to the interests of the church colleges—Methodist and Baptist—at Conway.

The Democrat of this city notes the order of the mayor to close the saloons on Sunday and hopes the order will be enforced.

Rev. W. R. Foster Gone.

December 18, at 10:30 p. m., our dear Brother W. R. Foster departed this life. He died at the home of Brother and Sister Sol Tatum in North Jonesboro. His funeral was from the North Jonesboro Church, at 2 p. m., December 20; service conducted by Revs. W. F. Walker, Fred Little and M. M. Smith. He had every possible attention during his last illness. A suitable obituary will be furnished later.

M. M. Smith.

Notices

The District Stewards will please meet me at Searcy January 1, at 10 a. m. I hope every steward will be present. Let us plan for a successful year.

J. D. Sibert, P. E.

The District Stewards of the Monticello District will please meet in Monticello, January 4 and 5, Monday and Tuesday. The pastors are requested to come together at the same time to consult together, and plan for the year's work. Dr. Corrigan and his people give us a cordial invitation to Monticello. Let all the brethren come. Please note the following changes in first round:

Mt. Pleasant, Andrew's Chapel.
.....Jan. 9, 10
Watson Ct., at Pea Ridge.....
.....Jan. 16 17
Parkdale Ct.....Jan. 30, 31
This makes a change in Mt. Pleasant and Watson circuits, and inserts Parkdale circuit, which was left out.

W. M. Hayes P. E.
The District Stewards of the Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, will meet at the chapel of First Church, Little Rock, Friday, January 1, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Dr. Godbey—Please place Marianna on the honor roll. She will give \$500 for the Galloway debt. Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. C.

One other place, Camden, Rev. W. F. Evans, P. C., will give \$500 or more. Who will help on the last \$10,000? If we will, it can be all secured by next June. Fraternally,
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Personal.

The P. O. address of Rev. T. O. Rorie is Arkadelphia, Ark.

Rev. B. F. Martin made us a visit at the Methodist office Saturday.

Rev. W. C. Toombs will reside this year at Nettleton. He serves Lake City charge, White river conference.

Rev. T. A. Bowen changes his post-office from Melbourne to Desha, Ark. Rev. J. A. Henderson was a caller Friday.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale has been elected chaplain to the United States senate. His services will begin January 1, 1904.

The English philosopher Herbert Spencer died at his home at Brighton, England, December 8th, in the eighty-third year of his age.

Judge R. H. Knickerbocker died at the home of his son, Rev. Percy Knickerbocker, at Dallas, Texas, Monday, the 15th inst.

Brother Woolbridge, of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, and Bro. J. H. Baringer, of Wheeling Springs, were pleasant callers Tuesday.

Rev. Henry Trawick assumes the tripod of the Alabama Christian Advocate and gives his salute. We return it with hearty good will.

Rev. A. O. Evans makes a fine beginning at Magnolia. He has large and increasing congregations, received five members into the church Sunday last.

Rev. W. B. Ricks writes from Louisville, "My work here moves off finely. I have received thirty-four members since I came." He says, "I enjoy the Arkansas Methodist greatly."

Revs. J. A. Henderson, W. H. Woodfin, W. W. Christie and F. C. Cannon called at the Methodist office last week. They are all taking hold of their new work with spirit and hopefulness.

Prof. Chas. E. Stokes delivered a much appreciated lecture to the leagues of this city at Winfield Memorial church on Tuesday of last week. As a chalk-talker we have not seen his superior.

Dr. P. S. Henson has just entered upon his work as pastor of the great Tremont Temple congregation in Boston, at the age of seventy-two. He had four thousand hearers at his first sermon. "Where is the Dead Line?"

Christian Life.

Brightest and best of the Sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us
Thine aid,
Star of the East the horizon adorning.
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

—Heber.

Yearly, as the Christmas time returns, I measure as carefully as I can my progress toward the promised rest. I have known much of that peace which the world can not take away, and yet there seems ever to be speaking to me, an inward voice, "There remaineth a rest." Some rest deeper and purer than I have yet attained.

I seek rest, and do not seek in vain; for years of toil and trial are leading me on into realms where the light of heaven is brighter, and I see the fogs of fear and doubt dragging their dun shadows in the yales below.

But beyond these earthly scenes remains a rest holier and more satisfying than this. Happy is he who anticipates there, the full fruitage of all his labors and his hopes. Happy is he whose treasures are secure in the Father's house, and who feels that naught remains but for him to hold the port steadily in sight as he casts anchor.

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One who claimed to be anxiously seeking the right way said to a devout Christian, "I would give all the world to know that I had a home in heaven." "Do it, then" (was the instant reply). "That's what it costs."

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in thee I find."

These lines have voiced the experience of many a believer. Beyond all arguments and reasonings there is the conscious divine fellowship, a soul satisfied with soul-food.

When Bedtime Comes.

On a Santa Fe train coming out of Kansas City one night was a mother and her brood of five—four girls and one boy. They had left Illinois the day before, and were on their way to "the new country" where the husband and father has a claim which is the new home. The oldest girl appeared about fifteen, and from that age down to the only boy, chubby little fellow about four.

Their dress and manner showed that they had not been reared in the midst of luxury and opulence, but withal they were model children and scrupulously clean. The mother was thin and bony, her face slick and haggard with the long trip and the care of her precious flock, for there were twenty-four hours yet before the journey's end.

It was bedtime when the train left Kansas City, and the younger ones were soon yawning and scarcely able to keep awake. In fact the pet of the family had closed his eyes and was fast approaching "shut-eye town," while the next eldest tugged at him while she looked appealingly to her mother with an expression that was pitiful. He mustn't go to sleep yet. The others began whispering among themselves and then to the mother, as if something exciting had happened or would happen soon, all of which attracted the attention of the other passengers, who sat in wonderment as they tried to divine the cause of so much whispering to keep the last one awake. They occupied seats in the front end of the car, including three long seats which ran along the smoking car partition.

Presently the cause of all this excitement was made plain—it was bedtime and they had not said their prayers. Quietly, modestly, without ostentation—yes, even timidly—the mother and her children knelt together at the long seat, the baby bowing his head with the rest and rubbing with chubby hands his eyes that would hardly stay open, while the evening prayers were said.

Just for a moment, and then they arose, the children were made as comfortable as possible for the night, and soon all but the mother were asleep, while the moistened eyes and quivering lips of the other passengers, the traveling men with the grips, and politician with his schemes, the business man with

his worries—yes, even the old reprobate of the News paid a silent but mighty tribute to the greatest civilizing agent of all ages, the Christian religion.

Here, O ye teachers of theology, is a sermon greater than you ever preached!

Here, O ye choirs is an anthem sweeter than ye ever sung!

Here, O ye host of Israel, quarreling over creeds and doctrines and torn with strife and envy, is a lesson more powerful than ever you taught!

God save the mother and her brood, bring them to their home in safety, and to their last home in peace.—Wellington (Kan.) News.

Why Will You Doubt?

When you are all bound up and are suffering from indigestion, lack of appetite, foul breath, headache, dyspepsia, catarrh of the stomach, kidney and liver complaints, you need a tonic laxative, something that will move the bowels quickly, easily and without leaving hurtful effects behind. Never use a purgative or cathartic. They weaken the bowels and system and make the disease worse. Use instead Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine. It tones, builds up, gives new strength and vigor, not alone to the bowels but to the whole being. Only one small dose a day will cure any case from the lightest to the worst. That means cure, not simply relief only. The most obstinate cases yield gently and easily and the cure is permanent. Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine is not a wine or patent medicine. A list of ingredients is in every package with explanation of their action. Write us for a free sample bottle. It will be sent gladly. Address Vernal Remedy Co., 91 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y. All leading druggists sell it.

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For the Young People

Hunting for Sandy Claus.

It was Christmas Eve and the brilliant light and summer warmth of one of the suburban city churches was gladly welcomed by the gathering throng as they hastened in out of the driving snow storm of a wintry night.

Two bright-eyed girls lingered near the entrance that they might obtain a better view of the magnificent Christmas tree, real holly, the red berries like rubies in the glow of the fancifully arranged electric lights.

The door was softly opened and a child of five stood with one chubby finger in her mouth as if afraid to venture down the long aisle alone. In spite of her dirty face and torn apron, she made a picture which delighted the artist soul of Agnes Gray, who whispered to her companion:

"Look at those beautiful golden ringlets, and the big wide-open brown eyes! In her present attitude wouldn't she make a delightful study for a painting called 'Surprise' or 'Wonder'?"

"Childie, what is your name, and whom are you looking for?"

"I am Minnie, and I'm looking for Sandy Claus," she answered promptly. Then growing very communicative, she continued:

"He ain't been to our house for most two years. Mamma's asleep; she's sick in bed, and little brother was cold and hungry and went to sleep. Mamma kept us something to eat as long as she could sew but she's sick now and can't sew any more. I didn't want to go to bed till I found Sandy Claus. A boy said he'd be behind a tree up here tonight. The last time he come to our house was just before papa was put in the ground and covered up with dirt. I guess Sandy's mad 'cause he's there, 'cause he ain't been back any more."

"You poor little darling! Come and sit with us and we will see about this as soon as 'Sandy' gets through distributing the presents," said Agnes impulsively.

What a contrast! These elegantly attired young ladies of wealth and fashion seated beside the little waif who was as happy and contented as if to the manor born.

Presently Santa Claus in polar robes and long flowing white beard came in front of the well-laden tree. Minnie laughed outright and putting one little soiled hand on Agnes' jeweled fingers, whispered eagerly, "That's him!"

"Yes, indeed, you baby!"

"But he's mad at me," she said sadly; "he won't bring me nothin'! But I didn't put papa in the ground; I cried but the big men wouldn't quit!"

"Why childie, he is not angry with you. Just wait and see if he does not have something for you."

Leaning forward, Agnes whisper-

ed a few words to a young man seated in front of her, and with a bow and smile he left the church.

The presents had nearly all been distributed, when Santa said:

"Carrier, take this to the little girl seated by Miss Agnes Gray!"

Everybody laughed, for Agnes was a general favorite, and soon the outstretched arms of little Minnie were full.

There was a beautifully dressed doll, a box of candy, and some picture books.

"Must I go up and thank Sandy?" asked the child excitedly.

"No, girlie; he does not expect that; making people happy is his profession, you know."

"I must go home. Mamma will wake up and be scared, I spec'!"

"Cousin Clara and I will take you home in our carriage if you can tell us where you live."

On Christmas morning a wagon stopped in front of the little two-roomed house where Minnie was sound asleep. When she awakened late in the day she rubbed her sleepy eyes to see more clearly, and there was a bright coal fire in the grate which had been cheerless for so long, and the floor was literally covered with good things, and Minnie said:

"Mamma, I found Sandy Claus for you and me and little brother last night while you was asleep and he ain't mad any more, 'cause he brought all these nice things for us."

Nannie J. Rea.

"Beau Brummel"

The expression "dirty as a pig" does not always apply. "Beau Brummel," an Illinois pig of unusual intelligence and many accomplishments, refuses to touch his morning meal until he has had his regular bath. If no one is forthcoming to give it to him, he squeals until somebody appears with a sponge and gives him a thorough rub-down. Besides his care about his personal appearance, Beau Brummel has other remarkable characteristics of which the Chicago Tribune tells.

When this pig was a few days old his owner took him away from the rest of his kind and had him brought up on a bottle in a respectable Gordon-setter family. The mother setter, after some deliberation, adopted piggy as a member of her family, and began at once to work earnestly to make him a good, obedient setter. Her efforts have not been entirely successful, but with her master's assistance she has helped materially in reforming Beau Brummel's inherited attributes.

Beau Brummel refuses to wallow like the common pig in a puddle of dirty water. He does not put both front feet in the trough and gulp up his food after the usual manner of his kind. And he has raced round with the dogs till he has learned many of their ways.

He can drive cows almost as skillfully as any of the dogs.

The owner of the pig often sends Beau to the pasture at night to drive up the family cow, and he says Beau will scamper away to the meadow, pick the right cow out of a herd of twelve or fifteen, and drive the animal home in triumph. If the cow tries to go the wrong way, Beau rushes in front of her, squealing like a steam-siren, and the cow turns about and goes in the right direction. If squealing does not do the work, then Beau flies at the cow and bites her ankles till she is willing to go home.

The crowning sorrow of Beau's otherwise happy existence lies in his inability to bark like the setters. He used to make frantic efforts, and always appeared both shocked and grieved that his best attempts only resulted in dismal squeals.—Youth's Companion.

MEMORY MENDING

What Food Alone Can Do for the Memory.

The influence of food upon the brain and memory is so little understood that people are inclined to marvel at it.

Take a person who has been living on improperly selected food and put him upon a scientific diet in which the food Grape-Nuts is largely used and the increase of the mental power that follows is truly remarkable.

A Canadian who was sent to Colorado for his health illustrates this point in a most convincing manner: "One year ago I came from Canada a nervous wreck, so my physician said, and reduced in weight to almost a skeleton and my memory was so poor that conversations had to be repeated that had taken place only a few hours before. I was unable to rest day or night for my nervous system was shattered.

"The change of climate helped me a little but it was soon seen that this was not all that I needed. I required the proper selection of food although I did not realize it until a friend recommended Grape-Nuts to me and I gave this food a thorough trial. Then I realized what the right food could do and I began to change in my feelings and bodily condition. This kept up until now after six months' use of Grape-Nuts all my nervous trouble has entirely disappeared, I have gained in flesh all that I had lost and what is more wonderful to me than anything else my memory is as good as it ever was. Truly Grape-Nuts has re-made me all over, mind and body, when I never expected to be well and happy again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Our Letter Box.

EDGAR MARTIN'S LETTER.

Edgar wrote to his papa while at conference at Dardanelle. He is eight years old, but knows how to give the home news. We publish his letter:

Prairie Grove, Ark.

Dear Papa—I will write you a letter. I can't write very good. I have a bad sore on my hand. Claude is singing "The Whistling Coon." Don't forget to buy me two bananas and a dime's worth of candy. I am getting along fine in school now. I am doing all the work. No, I am mistaken; Claude helps me. I have just got through eating my breakfast. We got up this morning at half past five o'clock. Claude and mamma have started out to milk. Mamma is now washing the dishes. Mamma is making up the bed. I am writing my letter by lamplight. Some of Mamma's flowers froze last night. Claude's knee is worse. He took cold in it. Mamma hustles us out of bed since you left. We had to drink frozed milk. The water froze, and it was in the house. Did it snow down there? It didn't up here. How are you getting along with conference? Do you know where we are going to be sent? Mamma is going to make Claude some pants today. She has a 14-year-old pattern. I think she will get his pants big enough this time. Claude is getting meaner. Tea and L. D. started to school yesterday. We have to get some bran today. Claude is trying to work an arithmetic example. I got all of my lessons last night. Good-bye. Your son,

Edgar.

Carmel, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I saw my other letter in the "Methodist" I thought I would write another one. I am going to school now, and am in the sixth grade. Our teacher's name is Mrs. Sleeper. We have 15 pupils in school. Brother Keagle is our preacher. His daughter, Mrs. Wilson, has been sick for 50 days with fever but is some better now. We hope she will soon be up. We all sympathise with her. She is a good woman and always takes a part in the Sunday-school. Well, it will soon be Xmas time and we all will be ready for it to come. Our school teacher is going to give her school children an exhibition Xmas eve night. We will have a jolly time. We have Sunday-school here every Sunday and are getting along very nicely in it, and hope it will continue that way. Well, I will close for this time, and write another time if this don't hit the wastebasket. From your little reader, Myrtle Stephenson.

Our Church at Home.

WARREN.—We have been very kindly received here. We left this charge eight years ago, after staying with this people two years. Many of our friends of those days are still here. Even the cat that was given us here ten years ago has stayed with the parsonage and caught mice for Turrentine, McClintock and Hawley; and the old fellow is not superannuated yet. The town has grown wonderfully since I left here, and many new people have come into the church. We expect to build a new parsonage right away.

W. P. Whaley.

December 14.

WALDRON CIRCUIT.—We arrived in Waldron Friday, November 27, about 3 p. m. Found the parsonage vacant, moved in and proceeded to unpack. The ex-pastor, Rev. J. C. Weaver, had just completed the job of packing his goods and left for his new field of labor in less than one hour. We are well pleased. Have been well received and well pounded. The outlook for a good year is favorable. Have preached twice in Waldron to large congregations. The stewards have met and made a liberal assessment for the pastor in charge and the presiding elder. We hope for a good year and shall do all in our power to bring it to pass.

D. N. Weaver, P. C.

MARTINSVILLE, ARK.—

Dear Doctor—We have reached our new field of labor and find, truly, the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places this year. We are in the midst of a good people. My first quarterly conference convened last Saturday and Sunday. Although the weather was inclement we had a good meeting. Bro. Cantrell, our P. E., was with us and looked carefully into the work of the church. Sunday we had a real good service and a real liberal collection for the connectional interest of the church. The outlook is very hopeful at present. We are planning for a great year's work by the help of the Lord.

Fraternally,
T. H. Wright, P. C.

PIKE CITY AND ANTOINE.

—We have been very kindly received, with the usual pounding which came the second night after our arrival. We opened up on last Sunday at Antoine with good prospects. We have some noble people. We hope to be able to do a good year's work.

Yours truly,
J. A. Parker.

CAROLINA CIRCUIT.—I was kindly received on my return to Carolina Circuit. Commenced my work second Sunday in December. The outlook is encouraging. We have one new church house on the way, which we expect to finish. And will organize in it in the near future. Also we hope to build and organize at this place, Rosston. I

will do what I can for the Arkansas Methodist. Your brother in the work.

Geo. W. Logan.

Rosston, Ark.

MANSFIELD.—The preachers' meeting of this district closed Wednesday night with a most excellent sermon from Brother Wm. Sherman on missions, and a collection of \$71.71, which more than covers my assessment for Foreign Missions, was taken, \$26.50 of which has been sent to the treasurer, Dr. A. E. Hardin.

S. S. Key.

SPRING HILL, ARK.—We moved into our new home at Spring Hill on December 4, 1903. The people have received us kindly. On the first night after our arrival we received a delightful pounding, and felt thankful for the flour, sugar, coffee, molasses, meat and other good things. We hope to do a good year's work, and be the humble means in God's hands in saving many souls. Pray for us.

Bennett A. White, P. C.

FAIRVIEW, TEXARKANA.—Among the several good things brought in on Wednesday of last week was a bucket of fresh honey, and not only the sweet contents were duly appreciated by the new preacher in charge and family, but the note of kind words pasted on the side of bucket as well, which were:

"Dear Brother Sanders—May the characteristics of the contents of this bucket (sweet and sticky) be those that shall obtain with you and your people."

A Member.

We haven't learned who the donor was, but wish to say that no article brought in was more appreciated, and we say "so mote it be" to the gentle wish made. We were gratified also to find some members here we served years ago on Washington and Center Point circuits. So you see we are not altogether with strangers in this new charge, this being the second year from the East Texas to the Little Rock Conference.

J. R. Sanders.

No. 1615 Laurel St., Texarkana, Ark.

ASHDOWN.—I beg leave to send you a short letter to commend our pastor, now removed from Richmond to Okolona Circuit. He has done a grand and noble work here, for which he deserves great credit. He tore down two old hulls of churches and rebuilt them anew, and built one new church entirely, and they are paid out, I have been told. He received into the church about 65 or 75 members; and last but not least, he led in the whisky fight at Ashdown, which won victoriously. But after this whisky wrangle, there were many false accusations brought against him, but when these accusations were traced down to their starting, they were found to come from the whisky people. This class of people do not like Rev. J.

W. White. They will say that he

ought not to have meddled with other people's business, etc. He preached against a great evil, and talked, worked and wrote against whisky. He was a brave true man, and did us good.

My prayer is that all of our preachers may be able to say at the end of 1904 that it has been the crowning year in the history of their ministry in the Master's vineyard. With best wishes for the Methodist I am yours for the right.

P. M. McCord.

MULBERRY, ARK.—The presiding elder, Dr. H. Hanesworth, appointed me preacher in charge of Mulberry circuit since conference. I have Rev. J. D. Edwards, of Waggoner, I. T., helping me in a revival. Thirty-three have united with the church up to date. The meeting seems to be just started. Perhaps 300 came forward last night desiring to lead a new life and clean out the four saloons here. The congregation pledged themselves to stand by this man of God in the great battle. Brother Edwards was raised in Johnson county, Ark., educated in Arkansas, has been a member of the Indian Mission Conference sixteen years, and was appointed conference agent of our schools in Indian Territory and Oklahoma by Bishop Hoss at Oklahoma City in October. Fraternally yours,

Albert R. Sitton.

CLARENDON, ARK.—Please change the Methodist to Clarendon. I preached my introductory sermon, yesterday to good houses. Have had a hearty reception. The ladies are putting the parsonage in order for the "mistress of the manse," who remains behind with friends in Fort Smith until our baby boy recovers from a sudden and severe illness. I expect to be happily located in the pastor's home after the first of the new year. I am pleased with the people, who represent the best element of our noble Southern citizenship, with a profound love for their church.

C. P. Smith.

HARDY, ARK.—We began housekeeping at Hardy last Thursday, and received a genuine good pounding Friday night. The honorables, lawyers, doctors and merchants, all together, with teachers and pupils, came. Mothers, fathers and children took part, with a good number of visitors from other places. So everything is full at the parsonage now, and the new parsonage mistress seems to enjoy the surroundings very much, and we are highly pleased. We have been over the work, find plenty to do, and a very appreciative people. Wife is endeavoring to organize the missionary work on the charge. Yours truly,

J. R. Edwards.

MURFREESBORO CIRCUIT.—Notwithstanding a change was made in the work at our last conference, this part of the work re-

tains its old name. We now have Murfreesboro, Japany and Brock Springs. Murfreesboro is getting half the preacher's time. We received a very cordial welcome on our return for the second year. A few nights ago a storm struck the parsonage here, one of those storms in which there is no harm, but a vast amount of good. The smiling faces that filled the rooms cheered the preacher, and the good things found in the kitchen assured him that he would have a supply of good things to eat for months to come. These Murfreesboro folks don't do things by halves when it comes to pounding the preacher, and they keep their own secrets. The preacher knows nothing of the coming storm until it is upon him. We expect a good year. Respectfully,

J. L. Johnston.

KNOBEL, ARK.—We would like to say we are on our work with a heart full of hope. Well, we have a large work and much work to do. The people have treated us nicely at this place. Upon our arrival Sister Gertrude Ledbetter met us at the train and gave us a welcome to our new home. We were entertained overnight by Brother and Sister Bond, who treated us nicely. The good people gave us a pounding, which we received thankfully. May we have the prayers of God's people to help us. We have a nice Sunday School here in Knobel, also a prayer-meeting. Yours for souls in Christ.

J. E. Kemper.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.—Our Epworth League gave us a warm and beautiful reception on our return from conference. A ring at the door, and in they came, single file, 25 or 30 strong. The procession was headed by two stalwart and manly young fellows bearing a large hamper basket filled with all kinds of substantial, surmounted with a five-pound box of candy and crowned with a beautiful bouquet of Mareschal Niel roses, tied with long ribbons of the League colors, yellow and white. They took possession of the parsonage for the evening, and the inmates enjoyed the pounding immensely, and the beautiful sentiment that prompted the Leaguers even more. Dr. John W. Hanner, of precious memory, of the Tennessee Conference, used to facetiously say, "I like for people to brag on my sermons and give me things." Our League has secured Dr. J. W. Bolus for his celebrated lecture on "Wireless Telegraphy and X-Ray," to be delivered at Central Church, December 31. They have also secured Dr. Leland for January 16 on "World Making," and Prof. Stokes on his "Chalk Talk Lecture," February 10. All these are lecturers of national reputation, and we are expecting a treat on each occasion.

Joe Ramsey, the blind boy preacher of Tennessee, has been with us in revival meetings for two weeks,

and he has been preaching a sound and helpful Gospel in power and with the demonstration of the spirit. It has been a time of refreshing with our people. A number of clear-cut conversions up to this writing and many have been reclaimed from a backslidden condition. Joe Ramsey is a fine preacher and a grand success in promoting revivals. He looks like a boy of 16 or 17 years old, of low stature, and as blind as a bat, but the sunniest and happiest spirit I have ever known. He is level-headed, loyal to the church and the faithful pastor's friend and helper. He possesses a fine vocabulary, rich in anecdote, witty, humorous, logical, pathetic and withal faithful and clear in interpreting the Word of God. He is a boy preacher, and while he has no formal credentials, he is an exceptionally fine preacher, and any pastor is fortunate who secures him to help in revival meetings. He has had the right of way in Tennessee for a number of years, and God puts his blessing upon Joe Ramsey everywhere he goes. He will carry away with him the hearts of my people and the kindly regards of all this community. My church has been greatly helped by his coming and ministry.

Lewis Powell.

Fayetteville District—First Round.
Gravette Station.....Dec. 5-6
Springtown Cir., at Springtown.....Dec. 12-13
Siloam Springs Station.....Dec. 13-14
Gentry station, at night.....Dec. 12
Farmington and Cincinnati, at Amity.....Dec. 19-20
Lincoln, at Lincoln.....Dec. 20-21
Centre Point, at Council Grove.....Dec. 26-27
Bentonville station.....Dec. 27
Bentonville Circuit, at Post Oak.....Dec. 28
Winslow circuit, at Winslow.....Jan. 2-3
Fayetteville station.....Jan. 3-4
Elm Spring circuit, at Elm Springs.....Jan. 9-10
Springdale station.....Jan. 10-11
Rogers station.....Jan. 11
Huntsville circuit, at Huntsville.....Jan. 16-17
War Eagle Mission, at Oak Grove.....Jan. 18-19
Prairie Grove circuit, at Prairie Grove.....Jan. 23-24
Goshen circuit, at Goshen.....Jan. 30-31
The district stewards will meet in Fayetteville, Wednesday, December 9, at 10 a. m.
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.
Morrilton District—First Round.
Morrilton station.....Dec. 17
Economy circuit.....Dec. 19-20
Plummerville circuit.....Dec. 24
Mt. Vernon circuit.....Dec. 26-27
Atkins circuit.....Jan. 2-3
Russellville station.....Jan. 3-4
Conway station.....Jan. 4
Morganton circuit.....Jan. 9-10
Cleveland circuit.....Jan. 16-17
Clinton circuit.....Jan. 23-24

Quitman circuit.....Jan. 30-31
Quitman station.....Feb. 1
Adona mission.....Feb. 6-7
Perryville mission.....Feb. 13-14
The preachers and district stewards of the Morrilton district will please meet the evening of December 15, in Morrilton, Ark., for the purpose of holding a district stewards and preachers' meeting, jointly. This meeting will adjourn the 17th. Preachers and stewards are requested to take part in introducing and discussing such subjects as they may judge helpful to others.
J. M. CANTRELL, P. E.

Texarkana District—First Round.
Bright Star circuit, at Concord.....Dec. 12-13
Wilton and Ben Lomond circuit, at Ben Lomond.....Dec. 18
De Queen station.....Dec. 14
Foreman and Arkinda, at Foreman.....Dec. 19-20
Janssen circuit, Janssen.....Dec. 23
Mena circuit, at Holly Springs.....Dec. 26-27
Mena station.....Dec. 30
Gillham circuit, at Dean's Chapel.....Jan. 2-3
Roberts and Garland City circuit, at Garland City.....Jan. 5
Horatio circuit, Horatio.....Jan. 8
Richmond and Ashdown, at Ashdown.....Jan. 9-10
DeQueen Station.....Jan. 13
Lockesburg circuit, at Lockesburg.....Jan. 14
Umpire Ct., at Liberty.....Jan. 16-17
Winthrop and Allene circuit, at Allene.....Jan. 20
Wilton and Benlomond.....Jan. 19
First Church.....Jan. 21
Fair View station.....Jan. 22
Texarkana circuit, at College Hill.....Jan. 23-24
Cherry Hills, at High Lands.....Jan. 29
Mt. Ida circuit.....Jan. 30-31
Let all the stewards read carefully paragraphs 190 and 191 in our Book of Discipline of 1902.
B. A. Few, P. E.

Pine Bluff District—First Round.
Lakeside.....Dec. 6
Riverside.....Dec. 6, 7
Rison.....Dec. 13, 14
Redfield.....Dec. 19, 20
First Church.....Dec. 26, 27
Roe.....Jan. 1, 2
Stuttgart.....Jan. 3, 4
Altheimer.....Jan. 9, 10
Sherrill.....Jan. 10, 11
Sulphur Springs.....Jan. 16, 17
Kingsland.....Jan. 17, 18
Grady and Douglass.....Jan. 21, 22
Star City.....Jan. 23, 24
St. Charles.....Jan. 30, 31
DeWitt.....Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Sheridan.....Feb. 6, 7
Gillett.....Feb. 13, 14
Bayou Meto.....Feb. 15, 16
Swan Lake.....Feb. 20, 21
Rowell.....Feb. 27, 28
The Board of District Stewards will meet Wednesday, January 6, at 3:30 p. m. at First Church, Pine Bluff. Every member of the board is urged to attend this meeting.
E. M. Pipkin, P. E.

Arkadelphia District—First Round.
South Hot Springs.....Dec. 5, 6
Hot Springs, Park Ave.....Dec. 6, 7
Social Hill Ct., at Social Hill.....Dec. 12, 13
Clark Ct., at Mt. Zion.....Dec. 19, 20
Malvern Sta.....Dec. 27, 28
Dalark Ct., at Friendship.....Jan. 2, 3
Holly Springs Ct., at Holly Springs.....Jan. 9, 10
Okolona Ct., at Okolona.....Jan. 16, 17
Ussery Ct., at Sage's Chapel.....Jan. 23, 24
Arkadelphia Sta.....Jan. 31
Traskwood Ct.....Feb. 6, 7
Amity Ct., at Amity.....Feb. 13, 14
Hot Springs, Malvern Ave.....Feb. 20, 21
Hot Springs, Central.....Feb. 21, 22
Lono Ct., at Cypress.....Feb. 27, 28
Princeton Ct., at Waverly.....Mar. 5, 6
Hot Springs Ct., at Gum Springs.....Mar. 12, 13
District Stewards will meet at Arkadelphia January 12, at 2 p. m. Would be glad to have all preachers of the district to meet me on same date at 10 a. m., to consider plans for the year.

J. R. Cason, P. E.

Prescott District—First Round.
Washington.....Jan. 2, 3
Centre Point.....Jan. 9, 10
Mineral Springs.....Jan. 16, 17
Nathan.....Jan. 23, 24
Benghin.....Jan. 25
DeAnn.....Jan. 27
Pike City.....Jan. 30, 31
Caroline.....Feb. 6, 7
Chidester.....Feb. 13, 14
Murfreesboro.....Feb. 20, 21
Delight.....Feb. 27, 28
Emmett.....Mar. 5, 6
Spring Hill.....Mar. 12, 13
Fulton.....Feb. 19, 20
Gurdon.....Feb. 26, 27
District stewards will meet at the Methodist church in Prescott, January 6, at 10 o'clock a. m. Pastors cordially invited to be present.
Thos. H. Ware, P. E.



Low Holiday Rates

to points in the Old States. Tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates on Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 26, good for return at any time within 30 days. Xmas comes but once a year. Better take advantage of the low rates and see old friends once more—visit the old home, perhaps there is someone waiting to see you. Ask the Cotton Belt ticket agent about the cost of ticket, time of trains, connections, etc.

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Little Rock Conference.**IS SHE IN YOUR HOME?**

In our "deaconess order" the call comes especially to the young womanhood of our church. Young women, you are greatly needed. Mothers, are you willing to give to God in service the lovely daughters in your home?

With 100 applications for deaconesses we can not meet them with 10 young women.

Surely the call is from God. Is there one in your church or home who should go? Then call upon God to call these, even these from our own homes, into His service, "To the field so white unto harvest."

SIXTY STUDENTS.

Sixty students have been enrolled at Brevard. One of these, a young girl, walked nine miles to nearest train in order to enter. Our teachers are manifesting true missionary spirit in their endurance of present inconveniences, as the building is not as yet complete. Miss Bennett and several ministers were present at the opening November 20th, at which time \$445 were raised toward the completion of the building.

KNOCKING.

Ruth Hargrove has opened with a strong faculty and large enrollment. Miss Reid has been compelled to refuse some boys as boarders. She says she is still confronted with the same old problems, "Where shall we put the new pupils?" With a dormitory for boys she would have it full in a short while. Mothers, think a while on the needs of these Cuban boys knocking at the door of the mothers of Southern Methodism but to be turned back. Miss Reid says:

"The lower grades are running over and there is neither a teacher nor a room for the overflow."

Indeed, "our very success embarrasses us."

"River Side" Auxiliary, at Pine Bluff, contributed to the bazaar. that Miss Reid told us of in December number of Our Homes. Did any other of our auxiliaries?

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Letter From China.

DR. A. P. PARKER.

At a recent meeting of the Monday afternoon missionary prayer-meeting in Shanghai several missionaries from different parts of the country spoke of the wonderful way in which the country has been opened to the gospel since the Boxer uprising in 1900 and the marvelous manner in which God has overruled all things for the advancement of His kingdom in this land. Mr. Webster of the Scotch Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria spoke of the great progress of the work in that region. He said that when the missionaries had to leave their stations at the time of the Chinese-Japanese War in 1895, they expected that the church they had gathered there would be scattered to the winds; but when they went back to the work the following year they found the Christians had remained steadfast and were rejoiced to have their foreign pastor with them again. In 1900 when the Boxers burned down every missionary residence, chapel, hospital, etc., and the missionaries had to flee for their lives, they could not expect that many of the Christians would be able to stand the terrible storm that broke over them, but after peace was restored and the missionaries returned to take up their work, they found that a very large majority of the Christians had remained true to their profession, and more than 400 of them had sealed their testimony with their blood. The church is stronger today in Manchuria than ever before, and the work is going on with ever-increasing success. There are more than 12,000 Protestant Christians in Manchuria, and a still larger number of probationers.

Dr. Noyes spoke of the encouraging progress that is being made in Canton and the surrounding country. He said that one of his colleagues had recently returned from a visit to a city of 40,000 inhabitants near Canton where he had been holding a series of meetings. He and his native helper preached every day five hours each day for several days, and the people thronged the chapel the whole time, eagerly listening to the preaching of the gospel. The names of many inquirers were taken, and it is expected that large numbers will be taken into the church in that region in the near future. Another missionary had been recently selling Bibles and Christian books in the city of Fatshan. Until quite recently the people of this city have always hated and reviled foreigners in the most bitter manner, but now the attitude of the whole city seems to be changed. On this occasion between three and four thousands books were sold, and the missionary felt sure, from the manner of the people, that the large majority of the books were bought by persons who were sincerely anxious to learn about the gospel taught in these books. Dr. Noyes said that in their mission alone (the Presbyterian mission) they had baptized and received into the church 1,098 members during the present year. He also spoke of the wonderful way in which the country has been opened to missionary work since the Boxer trouble. There has never been anything like it in the whole history of missions in China.

One of the Shanghai missionaries recently made a visit to a neighboring city, where he found a government school in operation. He was invited to preach to the pupils in the afternoon and again the next morning, and was informed by the two principal teachers that they believed in Christianity, and that there were several

of their pupils who were believers. He was invited to come again and preach to them, and he believes that many of them will become Christians in the near future. Another Shanghai missionary told of the work that he and his native helpers are doing at Woosung, a city some fourteen miles from Shanghai, where there is a strong fort garrisoned by Chinese soldiers. He said that a large number of the soldiers were coming to the preaching at his chapel, and were showing the greatest interest in the gospel, so much so in fact that the native preacher is becoming uneasy about it, fearing that these soldiers have some other motive in coming than simply a desire to learn the truth and be saved from their sins. He says there is great unrest among the people, and the soldiers throughout the country. They express themselves as feeling that there is no hope for China either in the so-called reformers or in the conservatives who are trying to hold the country back from the progress that the reformers are seeking to make. It is on this account that the belief is fast gaining ground throughout the country that China must look to the foreigners for help in the crisis that is now coming. The people are looking for a break up, and they think that the only safe place is in close connection with the foreigners; hence many of them are coming to learn about Christianity, believing that it is only through Christianity and the help of the foreigners that they can find safety when the storm breaks. Other missionaries from different parts of the country give expression to the same views, and we all see in this unrest a grand opportunity for preaching the gospel. As Dr. Noyes expresses it, we are not to inquire so much into the motives that bring the people to us, but rather to take advantage of the fact that they are coming and preach to them the gospel of salvation, no matter what motives bring them with in the range of our influence.

No doubt the papers keep your readers well informed as to the progress of events in the far East. We have been on the qui vive for several weeks now, looking out for war between Russia and Japan over the question of the evacuation of Manchuria by the former. Just recently also China has been on the point, apparently, of declaring war against Russia; and yet matters are, so far as is known, as far from settlement as ever. If by any possible means the Chinese government could be induced to take a firm stand, it is generally believed among the foreign community in China that Russia would back down and give up the Manchurian provinces without any further struggle; but several years ago the leading statesmen of China, led by Li Hung Chang, entered into a secret agreement with the then Russian minister at Peking to allow the Russian occupation of Manchuria, these statesmen aforesaid receiving a large sum of Russian money to pay them for their trouble in selling their country. The time has now come for Russia to take delivery of the goods, and, of course, she intends to hold on to what she has got. It is this deliberate treason and bribe-taking on the part of China's leading men that has brought the country to the verge of ruin. There are now two parties in the Peking government. One led by Prince Ching, which is in favor of Russia, and is, no doubt, still receiving Russian money, whose object it is to allow Russia to have full possession of Manchuria. The other party, led by Na Tung, president of the minis-

try of Foreign Affairs, and the two Viceroy, Yuan Shih Kai and Chang Chih Tung, are strongly in favor of resisting Russia to the full extent of their power. This second party is apparently now in the ascendant, and we are expecting every day to hear that China has thrown in her lot with Japan, and has decided to resist Russia at all hazards. If China could be persuaded to do this, there would still be some hope for the country, otherwise disintegration and absorption by the leading powers of the West is the inevitable fate that awaits this old empire.

Anglo-Chinese College, 18 Quinsan Road, Shanghai, November 18, 1903.

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LANEY—Mrs. Louisa Melvina LANEY. This dear old saint and mother in Israel was born January 11, 1823, in Georgia. She was the only surviving daughter of Grandpa Arthur Matthews, well known in South Arkansas. She was married to Esq. F. W. LANEY in Upson county, Ga., on January 11, 1838. She passed through the valley and shadow of death October 21, 1903, near Camden, Ark. Mother didn't die, and her memory will long live in the hearts of the itinerants of the Little Rock Conference. Many a weary one found a home at Brother and Sister LANEY's, and this writer knows whereof he speaks when he knows it to be a warm heartfelt welcome they gave to the traveling preacher who stopped in front of their farm house gate. Mother LANEY was a Baptist until near 25 years of age, when she joined with the Methodist church, and faithfully did she serve it as long as her physical strength would allow. Right well does this writer remember how when her pastor she successfully filled the office of stewardess and Sunday School superintendent both. She loved the church, and when asked to do any duty, she would answer, "I'll try," and it was done. Much more could be said of this dear self-denying mother, but she rests from her labors and her works do follow. Those who knew her best doubt not stars will adorn her crown in the Celestial City. She has met with her boy "Billy" (Rev. W. P. LANEY, deceased, of Little Rock Conference) ere this, besides a host of other loved ones who have preceded her. Mother, look out for us; we are struggling to get there too. By and by we'll meet you. By her son-in-law, Calvin A. Bayless.

ELLIS—Mrs. Nannie S. Ellis, whose maiden name was Campbell, was born in Greene county, now Clay county, Ark., March 13, 1862. She professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about 9 years old. She was married to Henry Mack, January 24, 1886, with whom she lived happily 11 years. After his death she lived alone with her widowed mother, keeping her in her own house and caring for her as only a dutiful daughter can. She was married to Rev. R. S. Ellis December 21, 1902. She departed this life, September 10, 1903. She leaves a husband, an infant child, one brother and a host of friends in great sorrow. But they do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for they have every assurance that they can so live as to meet her again. Sister Ellis was one of the sweetest spirited Christian women I think I ever knew. She came as near living a blameless life as any one I was ever associated with. May God's richest blessings rest upon Brother Ellis and the little babe and the many friends.

W. M. Watson,
A. C. Griffin.

CAMPBELL—Mrs. E. Melvina CAMPBELL, whose maiden name was Granade, was the oldest daughter of W. W. and Nancy Granade, and a sister of Hervy Granade, who was once a member of the White River Conference, and a member of the Arkansas Conference at the time of his death. She was born in

Tennessee, February 11, 1832, and was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1847; was married to James Campbell, February 11, 1859; departed this life August 15, 1903. Sister Campbell was a good woman, loved the church of her choice and was a devoted Christian. She took great delight in reading the Bible, Arkansas Methodist and Nashville Christian Advocate. She was a true friend to her preachers, and it was a great privilege for them to visit her. In 1897, she had a long protracted illness, and it was thought by herself and friends she would then pass away. We visited her frequently this sickness, and always found her cheerful, perfectly resigned and happy. During her illness she made all preparations for her burial, saying she wanted Brother Griffin to preach her funeral from the 19th chapter and 15th verse of Job, and requested that the congregation sing "Jesus Lover of my Soul" and "And Let this Feeble Body Fail." She leaves one son and one sister to mourn their loss. The church has lost a true member, the neighborhood a kind neighbor, but we realize that what is our loss is her eternal gain. We would say to the sorrowing ones, live as she lived and you may meet her in the sweet by and by.

W. M. Watson,
A. C. Griffin.

ROBINS—Alice Boyd, daughter of Wm. L. and Mary E. Robins, was born September 12, 1898; died October 28, 1903, aged 5 years, 1 month and 16 days. Little Alice was a sweet obedient child, loved by all who knew her. She was very fond of her pastors, and about a month before her death she said to her mamma, "Mamma, do you suppose Brother Wilson has forgotten us? He hasn't been here for some time." We lay these precious little ones to rest, but we, who are left behind look forward to the time when we shall meet them once more, and beyond the pearly gates where nevermore may come the heartrending parting we may clasp our darlings once more to our hearts. The funeral was conducted by the writer in the home from which she was taken. God bless the mourning hearts, is the prayer of their pastor.

Amos E. Wilson, P. C.

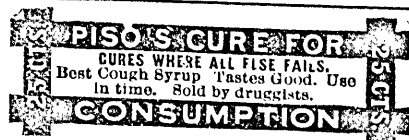
MOORE—Mrs. Sallie (nee Claton) was born August 30, 1825, and passed to her rest at Flat Rock, Ark., October 21, 1903. She professed religion when but 10 years old and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived until her death. She had the honor of being baptized and received into the church at Sardis campground by the sainted Dr. Andrew Hunter. She was united in marriage to Brother Moore in 1853, and of this union six children were born, some of whom, with their father, have preceded her to the spirit land. Sister Moore had great faith in God and was an intense lover of Methodism. She had been a subscriber to the Arkansas Methodist almost ever since its first issue. She knew the kingdom of God to be "Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," and loved to talk about religion and every interest of the church. Her strong, stalwart Christian character and her willingness to do her duty made her influence a power for good wherever she was known. Her home was the preacher's home. No one had the work, the sorrows and troubles of the preacher more at heart perhaps than she. Especially was she interested in the young preachers—her motherly sympathy, wise counsel and persistent encouragement were a great help to the young preachers. I knew her,

loved and confided in her, for she was a parishoner of my first work. All who knew her, and they were legion, loved and honored her for her many noble Christian virtues. Sorrow will fill many hearts all over this country that they shall see no more the face of Aunt Sallie Moore. She has joined the ransomed hosts above. Sister Moore's sickness was not very long, but intense. She was conscious of her approaching change, and often spoke of it with hope and joy, a time of promotion from labor to rest, from sorrow to gladness. It was the writer's privilege to visit "Grandma Moore" before she died. Her buoyant faith, confidence in God and submission to His will were a benediction to us, as well as to others. At her request we conducted her funeral services, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Goodloe's Chapel. Her children and friends can look up through their tears and know of a truth she is in heaven. May the Lord bless them and lead them through life.

W. U. Witt.

BYNUM—A. J. Bynum was born April 1, 1842, and died at Floresville, Texas, December 10, 1903, aged 61 years, 8 months and 9 days; was married to Miss Manerva Qualls, April 2, 1865. To them were born four sons and three daughters. The wife, three sons and one daughter preceded our good brother to the better world. One son is in Red River county, Texas, two daughters, Mrs. Richard Qualls and Mrs. Mary E. McTuer, widow of a sainted preacher of the Indian Mission Conference, live at Floresville, Texas. Brother Bynum spent most of his life in Arkansas, where he joined the M. E. Church, South, in his early manhood. In that State he served the church faithfully as a steward for a number of years, and in other ways when called on. One of his old pastors, Rev. T. A. Graham, of the Arkansas Conference, says he was ever faithful to God and man. I have known him since he has been down here, as a sweet spirited old Christian gentleman to the day of his death at his daughters, Mrs. Graham's, on the 11th of December. We laid him to rest in the beautiful city of the dead on the hill near Floresville, to await the trumpet of God in the morn of the resurrection.

I. K. Waller.



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The Orphanage.

REV. T. O. RORIE, AGENT.

I have seen stars since my last notes to the Methodist. Did you ever make the trip from Mammoth Springs to Salem when the snow was clinging to the north side of every hill? The congregation at Salem Monday night was large. Got back to Mammoth Springs by Tuesday night, where we spent the night very pleasantly with Brother A. C. Cloyes. This young preacher is a good student and a hard worker. His wife, who has had experience as a teacher, is a successful Sunday School and League worker. F. M. Daniels has a good Sunday School at the Springs.

Wednesday night I preached to a very small congregation at Imboden. The evening was blustery and cold. Prof. Greer and Dr. Poindexter were there and helped to do what little preaching was done. I am inclined to think Imboden is in luck to have such a teacher as Prof. W. B. Greer. His generous wife is a match for him, and he has other good teachers associated with him. With such enterprising teachers and one of the highest—healthiest localities to be found any where—with splendid buildings and moral conditions good, I will be surprised if this school does not grow. I don't see how parents in this section of the State could do better than to send their children to Imboden.

Thursday night our appointment was at Portia. Brother J. W. Coffman, one of the oldest and best men in all this region, was at the depot to meet me, and welcome me to his home. He helped me also in my work for the Methodist. His children are growing up around him to call him blessed. The attendance at church was small, but the best singing I have heard in several years we had by the little band around the organ that night. The latter part of the night and next day was spent at Black Rock and Powhatan. Met Rev. A. E. Holloway at Black Rock, who is a nice gentleman. Brother Hall, his successor, was moving in the day I left. Was not at Powhatan long enough to get much of an impression beyond the fact that Brother Thornburgh is held in very high esteem at his old home, and that I was treated most cheerfully by every one I met, including the Endaly family, with whom I dined.

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