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News and Notes.

THE SIAMESE COMMISSION TO the World's Fair, St. Louis, will be headed by the crown prince of Siam.

THE EXPOSITION BUILDINGS ON the fair ground at St. Louis are well advanced toward completion, and will be ready for exhibits in good time.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE United States has decided that the Porto Ricans are not aliens, and therefore are not to be debarred free access to this country.

THE RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA treaty will require sixty votes. The republicans can command only fifty-seven, but they will get several votes from the democrats. It is understood that our Senator Clark will be one of these.

TERMS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH the Friars of the Philippines. They accept \$7,500,000 for their lands and vacate. It is believed that a very important point in the government of the Philippines has been gained by this settlement.

THERE WAS A TIME IN THE EARLY history of our country when emigrants from Europe, almost without exception, paid their fare. Now only twenty per cent pay the expense of coming. Friends and relatives or emigration agents pay the money.

MAYOR HARRISON HAS ORDERED the closing of all the theaters and public halls in Chicago until it is known that the ordinances regarding public halls and public meetings are complied with. The order closes 400 places of assembly. About \$25,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables lost in the Iroquois theater fire were held for identification.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT IN the name of Governor Taft to the Senate as successor of Mr. Root as Secretary of War, and Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, as successor of Taft as governor of the Philippines, and Henry C. Ide is named as vice governor. John W. Black, of Illinois is appointed civil service commissioner. Henry D. Saylor, of Pennsylvania, consul general at Coburg, Germany. Governor Taft is now on his way to this country. He reached Tokio, Japan, on

the 4th, where he spent three days, being royally entertained, the Emperor and Empress giving him a private audience and luncheon.

The Senate committee on military affairs reported favorable to the promotion of General Leonard Wood to the rank of major general.

From the Nation's Capital.

The president's message of explanation and defense in reference to Panama was a very long document and gave a circumstantial account of what took place from his point of view. It was regarded by the republicans as a complete vindication, but did not convince the democrats. The gist of the whole matter is: Was there a revolution of the people of the department of Panama, and was there a government of any kind at the time independence was acknowledged by the president? The discussion of this question may continue a week or more before a vote is reached on the treaty. Not much new or important legislation is expected at this session of congress. The usual appropriation bills will be passed, the pension heading the list. The Panama treaty will be ratified with votes to spare; Gen. Wood will receive his promotion; and the probabilities are that Reed Smoot, senator from Utah, will be allowed to hold down his seat. Both parties are looking for issues which will give them political capital for the coming presidential campaign. Owing to the falling off of customs receipts and internal revenue, economy will be the watchword. The subjects of irrigation and pure food will receive some attention. It is possible that four new states may be admitted to the Union. A civil pension list is talked of, but has no chance at present. The status of Mormonism is likely to be discussed. Bills have been introduced to amend the emigration laws, for which there is pressing need; to create a bureau of good roads, which is sensible; to provide for promotions in the army as a reward for notable services; and to build a new palace for the departments of state and commerce.

The unusually cold wave which swept over the country the first week in January covered Washington with a sheet of glare ice about an inch thick, which remained for a number of days. The result was new and picturesque; the broad avenues, the wide streets, and the parks became skating ponds, crowded with all conditions of men and women;

safe walking was well nigh impossible, and in time the town was covered with ashes as if a small Mount Pelee eruption had taken place. The mercury reached zero, and there was much suffering among the poor.

The Chicago fire has called forth a resolution of deep sympathy from the house of representatives, while the senate has passed a resolution ordering the district commissioners to inspect all places of amusement in Washington and report. A modern fire alarm system is to be installed in the White House at once, and the employes of that mansion, something like 150, are to be drilled as a fire brigade. There was a rumor that the president would do the drilling, but this is unlikely.

A representative in congress from Montana has opened the Chinese question. He wants the government to build a wire fence along the Canadian boundary to keep the Chinese out! Of course, the wires are to be kept alive with electricity.

Dr. Wiley, chemist, after feeding a number of young men for some months upon food prepared with salicylic acid, has abandoned the experiment for the present, since it has been demonstrated that such food seriously injures the health. One man claims that this peculiar food cured him of rheumatism. Food prepared with borax also proved to be unhealthy. "I feel as if my insides had been tanned with the stuff," was the way one of the subjects expressed it.

C. A. S.

Vanderbilt Notes

Christmas passed off very pleasantly and we are all down to hard work once more. Intermediate examinations begin Monday, January 18. That will be the testing time.

Dr. W. F. Tillet has just returned from a trip to Washington, D. C. He was there attending a meeting of the Hymn-book commission and preached twice while in the capital city.

Last Sunday we heard Dr. Collins Denny preach at West End in the morning, and Dr. Lamar of the publishing house at South Street in the evening. They were both fine sermons and were well delivered.

The annual banquet for the Arkansas contingent of Nashville students was held at the University of Nashville, on Tuesday night, Dec. 22. Altogether it was a magnificent affair and well represented our beloved state. Though many of our students had gone home for the hol-

idays, Vanderbilt was unmistakably present. Will Steel made the speech of the evening, and reflected great honor upon himself and his cause. H. H. Barger and A. W. Wasson each responded felicitously to a toast, while this writer was the "honored toastmaster." The entire occasion was characterized by patriotic loyalty and good fellowship.

Dr. Walter Lambuth, our missionary secretary, addressed the Wesley Hall boys at their regular evening prayer service, Thursday, the 7th. He brought us fresh, up-to-date news from our mission fields. Every note is hopeful and the call everywhere is for more men. Surely the "kingdom is coming." Dr. Lambuth magnifies his office. He impresses me as being in dead earnest about his work.

Rev. T. H. Haden, a graduate of the theological department of Vanderbilt, and for eight years a missionary to Japan, is in Nashville taking a rest and visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Haden, who is with him, is a sister of Miss Florence Conwell, whom all the Wesley Hall boys of recent years know and admire. Bro. Haden is very hopeful of the situation in Japan.

Rev. E. A. Townsend and his estimable wife are now keeping house near the Vanderbilt campus. Mrs. Townsend taught near the city through the fall months, and since the close of her school has paid a visit to the home folks. Townsend seems unusually happy since her return.

Since I wrote last it has been my privilege to preach to Bro. Twitty's splendid congregation at Trinity, and also to visit in his pleasant home. They are doing a splendid work in their charge.

Arkansas has some two or three representatives in the medical department of the Tennessee University. In a recent examination, one of them, Mr. Wilson Hale, led his entire class. Wilson is a production of my own home town, Nashville, a steward in the Methodist church, and a noble hearted, promising young man.

I must not close without saying to my Arkansas friends, that I am now manager of Wesley Hall, and shall be glad to extend them a hearty welcome to all its privileges. Jas. M. Hawley will know what it means, as I believe he has enjoyed, or suffered, a similar experience.

I certainly wish for all the brethren a Happy New Year.

Forney Hutchinson.

Temperance.

The Devil's Diary.

Warren, Ark., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Allie Belle Porter, the pretty young wife of John Porter, a farmer, who lives about four miles from here, is in jail in this city charged with the murder of her husband, who was killed last night, where he lay in a drunken sleep. He was shot in the head with a shotgun and was instantly killed.

Porter went home last night under the influence of liquor and quarreled with his wife. He told her he would leave her on the following morning, marry another woman and take the children with him and would kill her if she objected. He then went to bed and was soon sleeping heavily. During the night he was killed. It is supposed his wife had been rendered desperate by his continued abuse and by his threats to leave her and take the children, of whom there are two, and that she killed him.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that "John Porter came to his death by a gunshot wound, inflicted by his wife, Allie Belle Porter."

Mrs. Porter was arrested shortly after the killing.

Much sympathy is felt here for Mrs. Porter, who is said to have suffered much under the abuse of her husband. Many believe that she was temporarily insane at the time of the killing. Her two children are very young.—Warren News.

One Young Lady's Method.

"The most effectual temperance lecture I ever heard in my life was preached to me on New Year's Day," said a young man, recently, in our hearing.

"Why Horace, where were you? And who delivered it?" we asked.

"I was visiting in Philadelphia, and with my cousin, John Levins, set out to pay a number of New Year's calls. It is not the custom now, as formerly, to set out wine before guests, but it is still done sometimes. Our second call was at the princely home of Franklin Graves, of whom you have heard. His lovely daughter greeted us, smiling and beautiful, a very queen among women. There was also an elegant assortment of choice wines which the father pressed upon the guests. 'Did you come to see papa, or me?' was always the question asked of each guest, and, so far as I know, there was but one answer: 'We came to see you.' 'My guests touch no wine,' she said; 'I have other refreshments provided for them.' The wine glasses stood untouched, the fair young girl flitted to and fro among her guests, ministering herself to their needs. The father gracefully acquiesced, and finally had the wine-glasses removed.

"Did you ever witness anything so effectual as that?" said Cousin

John, as we started up the street together.

"Never," I answered. "No temperance lecture ever touched me like that quiet speech: 'My guests touch no wine.' God helping me, it is the last time the glass shall ever touch my lips."

I have since learned that more than one young man began reformation on New Year's day, the result of that very call.

"My guests touch no wine." They were simple words, quietly spoken, but what did they not imply!

This Christian girl performed a service as faithfully as though the kingdom of God depended upon her fidelity. Perhaps it does!—Christian Intelligencer.

The Odd Fellows and the Traffic.

A correspondent sends us a significant document—an official letter emanating from the office of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This document gives minute and precise instructions to the subordinate lodges of the State as to their action toward any Odd Fellows who may be suspected of having become saloon-keepers, bartenders and professional gamblers. It provides definitely for the complaint, investigation, report and trial in each particular case. It demands uncompromisingly that every such proved offender must entirely, absolutely and in good faith quit and abandon his obnoxious occupation or suffer expulsion. The action of the lodge must be prompt and decisive. None will be allowed to dodge the issue, and no evasions or equivocations on the part of the accused will be tolerated. Officers who shirk their duty in the premises will be suspended. No mock trials, where, in the face of the facts, the verdict is "not guilty," will stand. The lodges are warned against legal tactics and sophistry which may befuddle judgment. Saloon-keepers, bartenders and professional gamblers, however rich or influential, can not be permitted on any plea to keep their place in the order. We congratulate Grand Master Charles C. Pavey upon the firm and consistent stand he has taken. Such action is indicative of the state of public opinion in society with reference to the drink traffic and its allies, and this taboo has in it the promise and potency of the ultimate annihilation of the liquor curse.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I have been selling "Non-Alcoholic-Flavoring Powders" for the past six months and have made \$815.00. Every family buys three or four boxes. The flavoring powders are better in every respect than the liquid extracts, and are lovely to sell. I do not have to canvass. People send to me for the powders. Any intelligent person can do as well as I and average \$30.00 per week. I get my flavoring powders from the California Fruit & Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo. Write them and they will start you in business. E. C.

The Record of 1903.

The record of crime, of suicide, of disaster, of property losses, of legal executions and lynchings, and of private beneficence is made up for 1903, and it closes with the crowning horror of the year in our own midst. Its details should furnish ample material for investigation by students of sociology and criminology, political reformers, and municipal, state, and national governments.

There were 8,976 crimes resulting in death by various forms of violence in 1903, a small increase over 1902, when there were 8,834. One of the most significant features of this record is the fact that 406 of these murders were committed by thugs and hold-up men, being nearly twice as many as were committed last year, and showing proportionately the increase of lawlessness. There were 8,597 cases of suicide in 1903. The following figures show the steady increase of self-murder: In 1899, 5,349; in 1900, 6,755; in 1901, 7,245; in 1902, 8,291; in 1903, 8,597. As has been the case during the last three or four years, poisoning and shooting have been the principal methods, the two numbering 7,677 out of 8,597. The ease with which poison may be obtained accounts for 1,050 of these cases.

The total number of legal executions in 1903 shows a falling off compared with last year, being 123 as against 144 in 1902, 118 in 1901 and 110 in 1900. There were 77 hanged in the south and 46 in the north, and of these 63 were white and 60 colored. The largest number of hangings was 11 each in Missouri, New York and Alabama; 10 in Virginia, 9 in Georgia and 8 in Pennsylvania. Lynchings numbered 104, as compared with 96 in 1902. Notwithstanding this comparatively slight increase, an examination of the reports for several years back shows that there were many less lynchings in the decade just closed than in the preceding decade. The total for 1903 includes 92 in the south and 12 in the north; 86 negroes, 17 whites and 1 Chinaman; 102 men and 2 women. The two principal alleged crimes were murder, 47 cases, and criminal assault, 20. Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi led the list, with 11, 12, 14 and 18, respectively. Alabama, which used to be notorious for lynchings, had only two cases, and there were two Southern States, Maryland and Virginia, which had none.

The loss of life by disasters in 1903 has been large. Shipwrecks on the ocean and inland lakes and rivers have taken 1,935 lives. Over 1,000 persons have been killed and over 5,000 injured in railroad accidents. These figures include only the severely injured, and the list of killed is mainly passengers. The complete returns, including those

killed and injured on electric roads, will be much larger, as the Tribune's record includes only prominent disasters. There have been numerous other disasters involving heavy loss of life. Cyclones and rockslides in April killed 127 persons. By cyclones and the floods at Topeka and Kansas City in May 266 persons perished. In June there was a series of unusual disasters. Eighty lives were lost by a cyclone at Gainesville, Ga.; 58 by a flood at Spartansburg, S. C.; 31 by a cloudburst at Clifton, Ariz.; and 200 by a cloudburst at Heppner, Ore. Then the country enjoyed immunity from great disasters until December 30, when between 500 and 600 lives were lost by the burning of the Iroquois theater—the crowning horror of the year's record at home or abroad.

The embezzlers and defaulters in 1903 got away with \$6,586,165, not a large sum as compared with the average of the last fifty years. Compared with this there stands to the credit of the national generosity and philanthropy the handsome sum in donations and bequests of \$76,231,978, distributed as follows: To educational institutions \$39,950,692; to charities, \$21,726,318; to religious purposes, \$3,996,912; to museums, art galleries and for municipal betterments, \$2,927,500; and to libraries, \$7,583,556. Truly, "this is not so bad a world as some would like to make it."—Chicago Tribune.

A CHEERFUL GIVER.

We give away very cheerfully sample bottles of a constipation cure that actually cures. It is Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine. It is not merely a relief. It permanently cures any kind of a case of constipation, no matter of how long standing. It is not a purgative nor an irritant cathartic. These simply lash and hurt the bowels and bring but temporary relief. The condition left behind is worse than the first. Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine does just the opposite. It is a tonic laxative of the highest order. It tones, strengthens and gives new life and vigor to the bowels. Only one small dose a day removes all the causes of the trouble and leaves the bowels well and able to move themselves without the aid of medicines. It cures dyspepsia, kidney and liver troubles, indigestion, headaches, catarrh of the stomach and all other diseases and conditions growing out of a clogged condition of the system. Try it free. Not a patent medicine or liquor. A list of ingredients on every package. A free sample bottle for the asking. Send for the sample today. Address, Vernal Remedy Co., 91 Seneca Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

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The New Remedy for Catarrh is Very Valuable

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

"After suffering from catarrh of the head, throat and stomach for several years, I heard of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets quite accidentally and like everything else I immediately bought a package and was decidedly surprised at the immediate relief it afforded me and still more to find a complete cure after several weeks' use.



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

"As the tablets are very pleasant to the taste, I had no difficulty in persuading him to use them regularly.

"Our family physician told us they were an antiseptic preparation of undoubted merit and that he himself had no hesitation in using and recommending Stuart's Catarrh Tablets for any form of catarrh.

"I have since met many public speakers and professional singers who used them constantly. A prominent Detroit lawyer told me that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets kept his throat in fine shape during the most trying weather, and that he had long since discarded the use of cheap lozenges and troches on the advice of his physician that they contained so much tolu, potash and opium as to render their use a danger to health."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are large, pleasant tasting lozenges composed of catarrhal antiseptics, like Red Gum, Blood Root, etc., and sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents for full treatment.

They act upon the blood and mu-

cous membrane and their composition and remarkable success has won the approval of physicians, as well as thousands of sufferers from nasal catarrh, throat troubles and catarrh of stomach.

A little book on treatment of catarrh mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

Contributed.

The Song of the Arkansas Lark

Editor "Arkansas Methodist"—Will my friends be still a minute, and listen to the song of the Arkansas Lark in the West? I can not be still longer. The "roll call" of the Arkansas Conferences is finished, and its men have all been sent out to its various fields. Some got their fields of labor enlarged and elevated, are traveling the fields of glory. Some, in the conferences, became wearied and their Lord and mine has permitted them to turn aside and rest a while. May their rest be sweet. Some have grown old and seemed to have finished their earthly labors ere they might answer the heavenly "roll call." So the bright appointment of "superannuation" has been given them by their brethren. I trust their quiet hours, waiting for God's call to "come up higher," may be very precious to them, and all who are about. How tenderly their worn hands are placed on those of their younger brethren in the conference! How sweetly the tones of their voices fall from their mouths as they counsel their younger brethren! They come so refreshing, like gentle rain falling out of heaven. There is Brother Johnsey—and his precious wife—at Rogers, Ark. The tender touch of those hands is still felt by me and his gracious words ever refresh and strengthen my soul. I trust his sweet spirit sits under the beaming and increasing light of glory. May his evening of life be best of all. I still love tenderly the conference that gave me life as a minister of the Gospel, and strongly supported me in the years of my greater feebleness. How I long to grasp, open and read the exponent of our Arkansas Methodism, "The Methodist." What I have said might seem flattering to one nearer home, but let him come away over here and take my place and see if he does not break forth in a similar strain, or more. My very life moves in deepest feeling for my dear native land, my home, and their solid Methodism. Let no other place be dearer to me than my home and native land—only heaven. To my utter astonishment Rev. P. C. Fletcher was read out at conference, our Pacific Conference, to Alameda. I felt like exhibiting my true Methodist raising shouting loud and long. To have one like Brother Fletcher as a brother over here is to me a rare treat. He has started off finely in his "island

city" church, so it is said. He only asked for a little place in the hearts of his people, just room for himself and one wife—no more. But Brother and Sister Fletcher and an increasing love is said to occupy a big place in the heart of his beautiful church. I trust his health will so rapidly improve here on the coast that he will spend many years among us—just cannot help from staying. Brother Fletcher has one among the best churches in the conference and no better location can be found anywhere.

Good Bishop Morrison and his cabinet sent us right back to Wheatland. We longed to come back and the people plead for our return, besides the real consciousness that our work is unfinished here. We had a very useful year of it last year. We had a gracious revival during the year which, we know, greatly affected the life of the church; not what we prayed for but it was a revival God and the church willed, minus the counter influences of the devil. Our finances all came up in full, and a few dollars over; something that has not been done for years. We explain it by the fact that we presented the claims, and stressed them early in the year, and continued to do it till conference. Our finances are placed up higher this year and we have considerable church repairing and furnishing to do; yet the spirit of the year is to do it all and stand before the conference bar again with a clean sheet. By God's help we will.

Personally at conference I donned a fine new suit of clothes, which the church presented to me—or its substitute, money, with the order to get it. I trust I was not puffed up with pride when Bishop Morrison hinted that the "Arkansas boy" was dressed in the best and finest suit of any one at conference. I have it, though, knowing that no one knew that he came right up to conference ready to wear a very old and worn one, and that his wife could not have come should she have been able unless she, too, had been granted money to buy one. We Arkansas children are reasonably well and happy. Our Lois is sun and storm, and getting more precious as the days come and go by. Precious to us, you know. There are other children sweeter to other people but not to us. She has been learned to clasp her little hands together while we say her prayers for her. She does it so prettily to us and no kiss is sweeter than that "Good night" kiss. She has learned to say "papa" and they say she calls "papa, papa" so sweet when I am gone. Those little hands lay so white and tender on our heart. They might be taken away, but still their whiteness and weight is there always and lead us up into heaven. We all want to be together there. I am trying to be

an humble, true Christian man. I am trying to serve my days manly and Christ like and my hope is to meet you all in heaven some bright day. F. A. Lark.

The End of the Year.

The close of a year marks also the completion of a cycle in the life of man. It is a time for retrospect, for reflection; a time for thanksgiving and renewed vows, and, perhaps, a time for regrets. Since men began to measure time by the circle of the sun, the end of the year has been regarded as a fit time for such solemn exercise. Folly, it is true, makes light even at such a time, and prefers to dance and sing its way across the mystic borderland between the old year and the new. But men who live for eternity make note also of time. To them time is more precious than gold. For them a year is a long stride toward that dateless state toward which all are hastening. They hear the solemn undertone of the distant music of another world amid the lighter, freer melodies of this. — Evangelical Messenger.

GIVES "GO"

Food That Carries One Along.

It's nice to know of food that not only tastes delicious but that puts the snap and go into one and supplies staying power for the day.

A woman says: "I have taken enough medicine in my time to furnish a drug store, but in later and wiser years I have taken none but have depended, for the health I now enjoy, on suitable and sustaining food, of which I keep on hand a tested variety, plain but nourishing.

"Of these my main dependence is Grape-Nuts, especially if I have before me a day of unusual effort either mental or physical. In this case I fortify myself the first thing in the morning with about four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts moistened with cream and not much else for breakfast and the amount of work I can then carry through successfully without fatigue or exhaustion is a wonder to those about me and even to myself.

"Grape-Nuts food is certainly a wonderful strengthener and is not a stimulant for there is no reaction afterwards, but it is sustaining and strengthening as I have proved by long experience." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream will add more strength and carry one further than a plateful of coarse heavy food that is nearly all waste. Grape Nuts food is condensed, pre-digested and delicious. It contains the parts of the Wheat and Barley grains that supply the rebuilding parts for Brain and Nerve Centres.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

The Orphanage.

REV. T. O. RORIE, AGENT

There was received at the office the past week:

From Mrs. Rob. Neill.....\$ 2 50
From W. H. Wear..... 10 00
Alexander Sunday-school... 3 00

A well-to-do man took up a poor boy and educated him. The boy grew to be a true, strong man, a preacher of the gospel. His benefactor is wealthy, but not all of his possessions give him the pleasure and satisfaction he derives from the life and work of his young friend. Was not that a good investment? Does it not pay the highest dividends?—Alabama Christian Advocate.

The Ladies' Advisory Board

The Ladies' Advisory Board of the Orphanage for 1904, consists of Mrs. H. L. Rummel, Mrs. W. C. Dunaway, Mrs. George Thornburgh, Mrs. L. M. Tabor, Mrs. J. E. Godbey, Mrs. M. L. Bonner, Mrs. S. J. Farrow, Mrs. Sarah J. Poe, Mrs. Frank Pugh, and Mrs. C. J. Humphrey. The board met at the Orphanage last Thursday at 3 p. m. and elected officers for the incoming year. Mrs. George Thornburgh, president; Mrs. L. M. Tabor, vice-president; Mrs. M. L. Bonner, secretary; Mrs. J. E. Godbey, treasurer.

My latest and greatest discovery. A perfect Home Cure for Whiskey. Dr. J. S. Hill, Greenville, Ill.

A Touching Scene.

A touching sight occurred in the waiting room of the Atlanta depot this week. A mother from Ringgold was being carried to the Sanitarium in Milledgeville. She was thinly clad. She had her baby and little boy with her, her all. The agent of our orphans' home told her of the home and how the matrons would care for her darlings while she got well. She knew she had to give them up. When he asked her if she would trust them to God and the church, she summoned all her courage, made several attempts to pin the cloak around the baby, and with a quiet sob which nearly broke the hearts of the hearers, she gave her darlings into his arms, for God and the church to love. The church will not refuse such a trust.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

A Home Cure for Whiskey is my latest and greatest. It has been fully tested in the Sanitarium here in the very worst cases of inebriety or Whiskey habit, and has proven a perfect success. It can be taken without any inconvenience or detention from business. It will cure anything that walks the earth of the Whiskey habit. Price Twenty-Five Dollars. Dr. J. S. Hill, Greenville, Ill.

Heaven's Harmonies for Earthly Living 50

Contributed.

A Revival.

A revival may be expected:

1. When it is desired above everything else. "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me" (Psa. 85, 86, 137 and 7). The Lord promises to revive the spirit of the humble, and revive the heart of the contrite ones (Isaiah 57 and 15). Come, let us return unto the Lord, for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." (Hosea 6:1, 2). "O Lord, revive my work in the midst of the years" (Hab. 3:8).

2. A revival may be expected when the church unitedly prays and plans for it. "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). "They were all with one accord in one place (Acts 2:1). "These all continued with one accord in prayer" (Acts 1). "And when they had prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together" (Acts 1:31).

3. Where the church seeks to save the people instead of entertaining and amusing them. It seems that this is an age of entertainments and amusements. People seem to be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3:4).

4. Where a number unitedly pray and exercise faith for it. "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). O, brethren, let us exercise faith for it. Believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them. O for the victory of faith. Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees.

And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries it shall be done!

Revive. In some of the examples of "revive" in authorized version it is evident that the meaning is literally to come back to life from the dead. "The conflict which gained the mightiest victory for Scotland and lifted her where she stands today, a land lit up by the light of intelligence and piety, did not originate in Holyrood Palace, nor was it waged upon the battlefield, but in the solitary chamber of John Knox, who prayed all night, crying out in desperation of faith, "Give me Scotland or I die." (Well Springs of Truth, page 534.)

O for a revival of old time power in Methodism. If my people, which are called by my name, shall

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Literature and Review

About the English Bible.

BY REV. HARRY F. WARD.

From the ancient monasteries of England there has come to light the source of the English Bible in a few faded portions of the Latin Vulgate and of earlier Latin versions of the Scriptures. Who brought these into England is a question that can not be answered with definiteness, but it is altogether probable that the credit belongs to the Irish. The Roman mission of Gregory, inspired by his seeing the fair-haired slaves in Rome, did not penetrate far from the coast of Kent, and under Saxon rule the land became entirely pagan. But Ireland was then the seat of learning and Christianity for the West. She had great libraries at Darrow and Armagh and from them St. Columba carried his sacred manuscripts to the lonely island of Iona. From the monastery that he founded there a band of Irish preachers went forth with Aidan for a leader and traveled over the north of England, while another band went through the land to the center. Certain it is that the course of the Irish missionaries can be traced on the continent as far as the Alps and the Apennines and it is altogether probable that England owes her first versions of the Scriptures to Ireland which was then "the Island of Saints."

The first popular English version of the Bible story came to the people in verse from Caedmon, the poet. The story of his inspiration is remarkable. In the stable of the Abbey of Whitby on a winter night of long ago, there lay a Saxon cowherd, his soul sad within him because at the table, which he had just left in shame, he could make no song when the harp was passed after the meal, as the custom was. But there came a vision. Glory filled the stable and a voice commanded him to sing. To his objection of inability it was commanded that he sing of the beginning of created things. Then power possessed him and words filled his mind. In the morning Caedmon, the cowherd, went forth from the cattle stalls a great poet who was to give the people their first knowledge of the stories of the Bible. The abbot translated to him from the Latin the sacred stories and he reproduced them in strong and homely verse that reached the hearts of the people. In simple words he burned the spirit of the Scriptures into their barren and ignorant lives. As the old Saxon Chronicle says, "None could vie with him, for he learned not the art of poetry from men, neither of men, but of God."

The man who first gave England a prose version of the Scriptures was Bede, of the Monastery of Jarrow-on-Tyne. He was the most famous scholar of his day in Western Europe, and hundreds of students

flocked to hear the man who had written on the literature of Greece and Rome, on medicine, astronomy and rhetoric. His Ecclesiastical History is still the source of most of the knowledge of ancient England, but greatest of all his works were his commentaries and sermons on the Scriptures.

In his old age he was seized with the desire to give the Bible to the common people and on his deathbed he lay translating the Gospel of John to his scribe. "I don't want my boys to read a lie or to work to no purpose after I am gone," he said. All through the day the old scholar raced with death. When the setting sun poured through the window, there remained but one chapter and he urged the student to write quickly. Finally, "It is finished, Master," cried the scribe. "Aye, it is finished," echoed the dying saint. "Lift me up; place me at that window of my cell where I have so often prayed to God. Now, glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!" And so died the man who gave to England the greatest of the early translations of the Bible.

Alfred the Great did more than any other man to engrave the teachings of the Bible upon the mind and conscience of early England. His millenary has just been celebrated and he is hailed as the founder of English literature and law. But he was more than this. His great wish was "that all the freeborn youth of his kingdom should employ themselves on nothing till they could first read well the English Scripture." The document containing his laws for England is headed "Alfred's Dooms," and this is its inscription: "The dooms which the Almighty Himself spake to Moses and gave him to keep, and after our Savior Christ came to earth. He said He came not to break or forbid, but to keep them." Then follow the Ten Commandments as the first part of the ancient laws of England.

When, after the Norman conquest, the English language came into being slowly, by the fusion of the old Saxon with the Norman-French, the first man to really give the Bible to the people was John Wycliffe, parish priest of Lutterworth. Three times he was tried for heresy by the rulers of the land. Then he was excommunicated by the church, and after his death his bones were dug up and burned and their ashes thrown into the little river Swift, "which runneth hard by his church at Lutterworth." It cost \$200 to produce a copy of the Wycliffe Bible, and a load of hay was given for permission to read it for one hour a day. Wycliffe's "poor priests," for so his followers among the clergy were called, did their best to distribute its knowledge among the poor, and we read that one Alice Colline was eagerly sent for to little

gatherings to recite the "Ten Commandments and parts of the epistles of Paul and Peter," which she knew by heart. Finally the Convocation of Canterbury forbade such translations and possessors of the Wycliffe Bible were hunted down like wild beasts. Men and women were executed for teaching their children the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in English, and readers of the book were burned with their copies around their necks. In that dread time the prayer in the preface to the old English Bible had weighty meaning: "God grant us to ken and to hope well Holie Writ, and to suffer joiefully some paine for it at the laste."

The man who gave the Bible of the Reformation to England was William Tyndale. He was impressed with the capacities of the new invention of printing and touched with the spirit of the revival of ancient learning, as well as with the awakened religious spirit of the Reformation. In a controversy with a priest concerning the pope, he made this memorable declaration: "I defy the pope and if God spares me I will one day make the boy that drives the plough in England to know more of Scripture than the pope does."

He commenced to make good his promise, but persecution prevented his doing the work in England. He went to Hamburg and then to Cologne where the work was almost completed when some one betrayed him to a priest; information was laid against him before the civil authorities, and he barely escaped with his life and such few sheets as he could lay his hand on in the hurry of his flight. The work was now all to be done over again and after bitter struggles the book was finally printed at Worms and then smuggled into England in barrels of merchandise, bales of cloth and sacks of flour. The English clergy seized and burned a thousand copies, but still others came. In despair the bishop of London consulted with an eminent merchant as to the advisability of buying all the remaining copies from Tyndale. The merchant happened to be a friend to the great reformer, and knowing that he was low of funds advised the purchase of the books. Then he wrote to Tyndale to sell them, that thus he might obtain funds to carry on the work of printing more. So the work of printing went on with renewed activity, soon the Bibles came into England in threefold number, and the bishop complaining to the merchant was dryly informed that he had neglected to buy the presses. One of the followers of Tyndale being on trial was promised leniency if he would reveal the names of the people in England who kept the reformer in funds. He gladly acquiesced, and with great gloze informed the court that the principal supporter was the bishop

of London, through his foolish attempt to buy up all the books.

But the arm of Rome reached far in those days and finally in his declining years, by treachery, they caught the old hero, strangled him and burnt his body. But within three years of his death the promise of his young manhood was realized, for the English Bible was authorized by the king, commended by the clergy and placed in the churches for the teaching of the people. The versions then used and the few coming between them and the version of 1611 were all based on Tyndale's Bible, with only minor alterations. From these versions the Revision of 1611 was made, so that in reality the work of Tyndale was the backbone of the Bible which has been used by the English-speaking people for well-nigh three centuries, and the manful word of that scholar and reformer has thus been fulfilled beyond his widest dreams.

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January 17—The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus Matt. iii. 13: iv. 11.

Golden Text—"And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. iii. 17.)

Time—The autumn of A. D. 26.

Place—"Probably at Enon, near Salim, a day's journey from Nazareth, close to the passage of the Jordan near Succoth, and far away from that near Jericho." (The Cambridge Greek Testament.)

John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins. It is probable that they had never met till the time of the baptism of Jesus. But it is very improbable that they were ignorant of one another. It can scarcely be possible that Mary should not have told Jesus about the prophecies that accompanied the birth both of himself and of John. Jesus must therefore have understood, when he heard that John was down on the Jordan baptizing, that this work heralded the Messiahship. We cannot here enter into the question as to when Jesus became conscious of his own messiahship. We must remember that he had emptied himself of his divine attributes, and stood amid the poverty of our human nature. It is entirely likely that before his baptism he had at least begun to suspect that he himself was sent into the world to be the Messiah. Whatever may have been his thought about himself, there was John down there on the Jordan proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and calling the people to prepare to enter it. It was a call to all the nations of Israel, and the nation was stirred, and many were proclaiming their acceptance of this call of John. Why should not he go to this baptism along with all others of Israel who looked for the coming of the kingdom, and were ready to receive it when it should come? As it was a movement for righteousness under the hand of a prophet of the Lord, of course he would identify himself with it. As the baptism of John was committing the people to an acceptance of the Messiah's kingdom, surely he would stand committed to it, and so he, of all men, would be baptized by John. And if these dim intimations within his own spirit that he himself was to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the Messiah, then still he would lead the way into the movement of which he is thus made the head.

This is the meaning of his baptism as he saw it, so it appears to us. This is the reason why John was told, "Suffer it to be so now," when he remonstrated against baptizing him. In any view of the case John's baptism stood for the righteousness of God, and Jesus would therefore fulfill it. After

that, Providence should make plain what was to be done. Thus it happens, not that Jesus went to John seeking consciously to be initiated into his priestly office, as some have imagined, but it happens that since he identifies himself with the messianic movement proclaimed by John, and symbolized by his baptism that this baptism proved to be in fact an initiation of him into his messianic office. For immediately upon his baptism, a vast accession of light does come to him: The spirit descends like a dove upon him, and a voice from heaven says, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And he is so impressed with his messianic mission that he is caught away by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he is so preoccupied with his thoughts on the subject, laying out his plan, viewing the whole work of the Messiah in all its bearing, so preoccupied with this that he thinks not of food during the whole time. It was a time of great stress and of great temptation. It might have been expected that the devil would be on hand at such a time. Was it not one of the very highest points in the whole history of the world? What if the devil could thwart the plans of the Messiah at the very outset of them! This was the meaning of the temptation. We cannot here take space to analyze the process.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 1904.

The manner in which our subscribers are sending their renewals direct to this office is quite encouraging. Our New Year begins well.

I have read an article, "How to Conduct a Successful Revival," by a writer who never had a successful revival in ten years. Such things are not uncommon.

Those preachers do most to edify and strengthen believers, who keep them most engaged in efforts to win souls. Earnest evangelistic work from the beginning to the end of the year is best even for the church members.

No prudent pastor will say anything to disparage one of the members of his church, for to diminish the reputation of a member is to injure the church itself. Tell an erring or negligent brother privately of his faults, not in harsh reproof, but gentle admonition.

The officials of a great church have something far more important to consider than the drawing of big crowds, filling the pews and paying the preacher. The pastor is in a sad case if his official board represses his spiritual zeal and turns him from seeking the salvation of souls.

When a church member removes from a charge the pastor ought to drop a card to the preacher where that member goes, that nothing may be neglected to keep that person under care of the church. It is true a church member ought not to need this, but it is also true that many of them do.

If the preachers were as enthusiastic and diligent in winning souls as the great financiers are in winning money, and the United States senators in maintaining their influence and honors we could set the dead line at eighty-five for men who have been favored with the best endowment of mind and body.

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There are interests and policies which concern our people which they wish to hear discussed.

We have great and varied resources, the right development of which depends alike upon harmony and good understanding of our people at home, and the good name we may have abroad. The State is ready for an era of progress, unequaled in her former history, and is only wanting wise leaders that it may be realized. A leader of the people must first of all command their confidence as a man. He must be a man of pure life, a man of integrity and honor, a worthy example to every young man of the State. We do injury to the youth of the land when we fail to require the highest type of manliness in those whom we promote to the highest stations. Neither do we want a man who takes a low view of the manliness and integrity of public officials in general or of the people at large. Only a corrupt man assumes that the genality of men are corrupt.

The leader of the people must be one whom the people do not think of either as a shrewd politician or a successful demagogue, but as a man who has convictions of duty and who will stand by them; who has views of needful public policy and is not afraid to announce them—a man who is truly devoted to the interests of the State, and not simply impelled by avidity for office.

Especially will a true leader take hold upon the confidence and consciences of men. To do this he must stand for the best ideals of government and citizenship—the right enforcement of the laws, war against the vices that tend to crime and degradation, the promotion of temperance, education, morality, and the opening of the State to the best class of citizens, inviting capital and industry.

A pure and noble man, a strong,

moral leader, a true patriot can unite the people of the State in mutual confidence and co-operation to promote the true interests of the commonwealth, and only such an one can do it.

Cheap Church Papers

The Herald and Presbyter says: "It is a simple fact that of all the so-called cheap papers started in our church during the last thirty years, not one has been a success."

The Baptist Standard in answer to a suggestion that it ought to reduce its price, and that 5,000 new subscribers could be gotten for it, says:

"No paper which shall attempt to cover a field such as the Standard covers could live for a year at that rate. It would simply be suicide to attempt it. The people who want a cheap newspaper and a cheap premium would take a cheap, undenominational, dollar paper, and a cheap premium before they would take their own Baptist newspaper. If the price of the Standard were reduced, five thousand new subscribers probably could be added to the list in the course of two years, and at a loss of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to the paper, which loss, of course, would cause bankruptcy."

The Baptist Union, published in Chicago is less than standard size, and published at \$1.50 a year. It has 30,000 subscribers and its income has never yet fully paid its expenses.

The Herald and Presbyter says: "Some cheap undenominational papers have succeeded. They fill up with doubtful advertisements. Often they are simply the advertising circulars of some society or business house. Some are adjuncts of department stores. Some, under pretense of relieving distress at home, or at the ends of the earth, simply prey on the Christian public. Such papers may make money, but a legitimate religious paper can only live by charging a fair price for itself. Presbyterians appreciate this, and while a few through ignorance or poverty may give up their church papers and take cheaper undenominational sheets, the majority of them would just as soon think of turning off their pastors and calling unknown undenominational preachers because they can be had cheap."

The undenominational papers are responsible to nobody and nobody undertakes to dictate to them or raise a row with them. They run any advertisements they please, and the subscribers make no objection, just as they make none to the advertising of their secular papers. "They do not belong to us, do not represent us, are not controlled by us."

The Board of Missions of the M. E. Church will hold its next May meeting at Waco, Tex.

Church Notes.

The Sherman Female College, under charge of Mrs. Key, has suffered a loss by fire of \$30,000.

The minutes of the White River Conference came to hand a week ago—the first minutes to appear of the three conferences of the State, though of the last held. They are done in very good style by Dr. Z. T. Bennett, editor, and the Batesville Guard printers. When all the minutes are in hand we shall make some notes on their contents.

The Rock River Conference M. E. Church recommends an annual meeting of the Bishops of the churches, North and South, to arrange for exchange in pastorates between the two churches and for other matter of comity between them.

The Chicago Methodist ministers have established a Church Letter Bureau—a place where church letters may be sent with assurance that they will be given to the proper pastor. A permanent office will be known and remembered by ministers in the country, and through it all the churches will be saved confusion and the transfer of members to the city facilitated.

The Wesleyan says: "Atlanta Methodism has an aggregated membership of over 12,000, property valued at over \$1,000,000, and twenty-two pastors. Wesleyan Memorial Tabernacle, in the heart of the city, will cost in its erection over \$100,000."

The increase in our church membership during the past year is reported as 29,265.

The North Carolina conference passed a resolution that the churches in its bounds observe the first week of the new year as a week of prayer for "The Revival of the Kingdom of God."

The conference of the M. E. Church for the State of Arkansas is in session this week at Siloam Springs, Bishop C. C. McCabe presiding.

The ninety-third annual report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has just been issued; \$719,153 were raised for the board last year.

In the City.

The Florence Crittenton Home, Little Rock, has been opened. It now has a number of inmates. This beautiful charity will not lack support from the good people of Little Rock. The Circle had their meeting at First Church last week. All moves forward encouragingly. The Circle will meet weekly till the Home is in good running order.

Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, has a call to the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo.

Rev. J. C. France has charge of the mission work of the Episcopal church on Pulaski Heights and expects to begin the erection of a

church building there in the spring. Rev. N. E. Gardner did an excellent year's work at Dye's Chapel. His conference report shows the largest number of additions to any charge during the year, and his salary overpaid. Among our city churches Dye's Chapel, North Little Rock, stands third as to strength.

The people at Asbury church have put down a beautiful carpet, which makes their house of worship look very pretty. This editor had the pleasure of preaching to the congregation there on the first Sunday in the new year.

Dr. Walker Lewis is sustaining every interest at First church. The record of last year was good every way. The doctor is a soulful preacher, an indefatigable pastor, and a good organizer of the forces. The subject of his sermon Sunday night was "Sodom's Last Call."

Hunter Memorial church sustains a mission Sunday-school in the east side of the city.

The Sam Jones meetings at the Capital theater drew full houses and are reckoned to have been a great success. A good subscription was obtained for aiding the anti-gambling league.

The Winfield Memorial church has the largest Sunday-school in the state. Hon. George Thornburgh, superintendent.

On account of the Sam Jones meeting at night, some of our pastors turned over their night service to the Epworth Leaguers. Most of the churches called in their night services.

Notices

Dear Doctor: Please say in your next issue that the Journal of the Little Rock Conference was promised me by the 1st of this month, but that it is delayed on account of the failure of the railroads to deliver a shipment of paper which is in transit somewhere. The Journals will be sent out promptly as soon as possible, but not for several days yet. Let the brethren whose post office address differs from the name of their circuit notify me at once where to send their Minutes.

J. M. Hawley,
Secretary Little Rock Conference.

The brethren of South Hot Springs are intending to build a house for Rev. J. Y. Christmas, and it is a very laudable enterprise. Brother Christmas is still feeble, and it is evident that his wife must henceforth be the bread-winner. If this house and lot are given them, it will be a great help to her in the struggle that she will have to make. It will be noble in any of Brother Christmas's old friends to help in this good work. Let the preachers mention the matter, and any amount, great or small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in the Arkansas Methodist. Forward the money to J. R. Loyd, 303 Third Street, South Hot

Springs, Ark., who will acknowledge receipt of the same and see that it is properly applied. This is to be no part of the amount assessed for conference claimants, but simply independent of all, to be given to help secure a permanent home for that good brother that can no longer go with us to the battle.

Lewis B. Hawley,
Pres. J. B. F.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Let all those who expect to attend the Arkansas Conference Sunday School Institute, February 8-10, notify the undersigned a week before, if possible.

There may be some who cannot decide to come until the day we begin; if so let them come on, and we shall gladly provide entertainment for them too.

Lon H. Eakes,
Russellville, Ark.

S. S. INSTITUTE.

Russellville, February 8-10, has been selected for the place and time of the Annual Sunday-school Institute of the Arkansas Conference. All of the presiding elders, pastors, Sunday-school officers and teachers are invited and will be given free entertainment. The reports of the Sunday-school Board show that the Sunday-schools of the Arkansas Conference are moving forward rapidly along all lines, but we have only made a beginning. We ought to have 25,000 scholars in our schools and can if we bestir ourselves.

The coming institute offers to us all, as preachers, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, a splendid opportunity to double our efficiency, so let us, if necessary, make a sacrifice to be present. Honorable mention will be made of every charge represented at the institute in the Year Book to be published in March.

Read over the programme and note the feast of good things offered us.

We regret to have to say there is to be a marked increase in the price of Bibles. We have notice from all the Bible publishers that present prices are discontinued and higher prices will be made.

Rev J C. Hooks

Before his present appointment, Brother Hooks had served the Horatio charge three years. We have a paper sent in containing resolutions commendatory, unanimously signed by the official board of that charge. They speak of Brother Hooks and his wife in the highest terms as Christians and servants of the church. They characterize the work done by Brother Hooks as monumental. He secured the building of an excellent church, and developed the Horatio class into a strong society.

The presiding elder, Brother

Few, says Brother Hooks and his work are to be highly commended every way.

Stops **Painkiller** **Cures**
Chills **(PERRY DAVIS')** **Colds**

Personal.

Rev. W. F. Evans made us a call Tuesday.

We had a pleasant call from Rev. James A. Anderson Tuesday.

Brothers Lantorn and Pearson, of Dalark, were pleasant callers Wednesday.

General John B. Gordon died last week at Miami, Fla., his winter home. He was 71 years old.

Ruth Cleveland, eldest child of ex-President Cleveland, died of diphtheria January 7, Princeton, N. J.

John H. Tuohy is candidate for alderman of the second ward. Tuohy is a competent and worthy man.

Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage, of Chicago, has had a call to the First Presbyterian church of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lucien E. Coy of this city has been elected state regent for the daughters of the American Revolution.

Rev. Fitzgerald Parker, of the Louisiana Conference, has accepted the position of assistant editor of the Epworth Era.

Rev. W. B. Hays, P. E. of Batesville District, and Rev. Frank Barrett, P. C. at Searcy, were brief callers Wednesday.

We have notice of the marriage of Miss Kate Jewel Hazen to Mr. McKiver Rid, January 12, in the Methodist Church, Hazen, Ark.

Dr. J. Hudson Taylor has resigned the superintendence of China Inland missions. He had been engaged in missionary work about fifty years.

Rev. S. F. Goddard, Ardmore, I. T., will soon have completed the best church building in the conference. The church has about 400 members.

Dr. J. H. Dye made us a call Tuesday. He held the quarterly conference at Hunter Memorial Monday evening. Work is in good shape at Hunter.

Mr. Guy E. Thompson is a candidate for alderman of the sixth ward. It will be a good day for Little Rock when her aldermen are all of as good material as Thompson.

We wish to call the attention of every reader of the "Arkansas Methodist" to the advertisement of Dr. Blosser's Catarrh Cure, which appears in this issue on page 13.

Rev. B. A. Few writes: "First Church, Texarkana, has assessed \$2,400 for its pastor and pays its dues the first of each month. What church in the State does better than that?"

Rev. W. H. Woodfin called Monday. He is much pleased with his charge at Mabelvale, and reports a most cordial reception by the people, and a work well organized by his predecessors.

A note from J. A. Simpson, our Sunday-school superintendent at Hamburg, tells of the death of his wife on Christmas day. We assure Brother Simpson of our sympathy in his sad loss.

As they offer an absolutely free trial sample of the Catarrh Cure, it is certainly well worth the while of every sufferer to write to them and give their remedy a trial at least to this extent.

Marvelous Record of A Great Year. Demonstrating That Arkansas is Prosperous.

That Arkansas and the Southwest are in a superb financial condition is evidenced in the following letter of congratulation, which was written by H. L. Rummel on January 1 to his splendid battalion of field workers, who have surpassed all previous records of written and paid-for business for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, the largest company in the world, and the best, because it does the most good:

"Office Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Little Rock, Ark., January 1, 1904.

"Dear Sir:—This morning, as I sit at my desk, with my office force at home enjoying this New Year's day, which has been set apart as a day of rest, pleasure, recreation and new resolutions, it occurred to me that I could not more profitably use a few moments than by addressing a letter of congratulation to my agency force of superb workers for the magnificent results brought about through their efforts during 1903.

"You wrote in applications, \$3,432,140, which is \$159,640 in excess of 1902. The policies issued and paid for out of this stupendous volume of business amounts to \$2,623,330. The policies not yet issued on applications sent in will swell the business several hundred thousand, and you can again go before the people of the state with a frank and open countenance and assure them that the Grand Old Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York leads all other companies in Arkansas in popular approval and good will.

"This vast business will swell the holdings by the people of Arkansas of insurance on their lives in this one company to over \$17,000,000, which is approximately ten million more than is carried by any other life insurance company on the lives of the people of this great commonwealth.

"This great company is a household word among our people for square dealing, for superb management, for largest cash guarantees, unparalleled benefits to policy holders, surpassing all other companies, as the following statement shows:

"The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Richard A. McCurdy, president, announces to its hundreds of thousands of policy holders throughout the world that its funds held for their protection have now reached the enormous sum of over 400 million dollars, many millions more than the assets of any other life insurance company in existence. This company has returned to policy holders the stupendous sum of over 626 million dollars, over 190 million more than any other life insurance company in the world has disbursed. This excess over any other company is greater than the combined capital of the Bank of England, Bank of France and the imperial banks of Germany and Russia.

"These unequalled results are the best guarantee of future returns to policy holders."

"I desire to thank you for the effort you put forth in contributing to these magnificent results, and I trust that on this, the threshold of the new year, you will resolve to exceed the record made in the year just closed, and that you will be one of the party to win out in the proposed trip to the great St. Louis exposition, which I recently submitted to you. In your meanderings if you run across a good man who would like to join the agency force of our great company and better his financial condition, ask him to write me. Yours truly,

(Signed) "H. L. Rummel,"

"Manager."

Mr. Rummel wants a few more good agents. Special inducements offered. Mention Arkansas Methodist when you write him.

Rev. J. M. C. Hamilton, pastor of Center Avenue Church, Ardmore, is doing a good work. He has been assisting or rather directing in a protracted meeting held in Brother Goddard's church the past two weeks.

Rev. J. C. C. Newton, wife and daughter, sailed from San Francisco for Japan January 7. Dr. Newton returns to missionary work in Japan after five years absence during which he has served as a pastor in the church at home.

Rev. E. L. Armstrong, Corsicana, Tex., has been bereaved in the death of his wife. Brother Armstrong has, himself, been confined to his bed for many years. In his loneliness and helplessness Brother Armstrong has the sympathy of many Christian friends.

Christian Life.

The Glimpse of Glory.

Jerusalem, the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, O I know not
What social joys are there;
What radiance of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng:
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene:
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast:
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest:
Who art, with God the Father,
And Spirit, ever blest.
—Bernard of Cluny.

"Lo! I am With You Alway."

A busy woman entered her room hastily as twilight shades were falling, went directly to her desk, turned on the gas, and began to write. Page after page she wrote; five minutes she worked, ten, half an hour. The solitude became oppressive. She wheeled her chair around, and with a shock of joyful surprise looked squarely into the smiling face of her dearest friend lying on the lounge by her side.

"Why, I didn't know you were here!" she cried. "Why didn't you speak to me?"

"Because you were so busy. You didn't speak to me."

So with Jesus—here all the time. The room is full of Him, always ready to greet us with a smile—but we are so busy! But when the solitude grows oppressive—and there are heart solitudes that can be only broken as we let this dearest Friend speak—we suddenly turn, and lo! He is at our side. We speak to Him, and He speaks to us, and the soul's deepest yearnings are completely satisfied.—Selected.

One Day at a Time.

The man, woman or child who has learned this simple truth has learned the most important truth life has to teach. Only one day at a time to suffer; only one day at a time to do. The past is dead; the future is not yet born; today is yours. What will you do with it?

If you have done nothing yet in 1902, would you know why? Your resolution was nebulous, foggy; it came to nothing because it aimed at nothing. It was not a resolution; it was only an aspiration, at most but a wish. You meant to be better,

and to do a better work in 1903 than in 1902; but what work? How? When? Put down your resolutions in your diary, and these three questions under it: "I am going to do more good in 1904 than in 1903. What good? How do it? When begin?" Now write your answer under each of these three questions. It will astonish you to find how much pondering it will take before you are ready to put those answers down in black and white. But until you can answer these questions, you can not take the first step toward making 1904 a better year than 1903.

You can pay off your debts only one day at a time. You can comfort the sorrowing, or relieve the oppressed, or succor the tempted, only one day at a time. And you have temptation to conquer, burdens to bear, sorrows to endure, only one day at a time.

Take a new reckoning for 1904, harden your aspirations into resolutions, and begin again.—Florence Crittenton Magazine.

The Christian in Active Life.

Men are asking everywhere this question: "Is it possible for a man to be engaged in the activities of our modern life and yet be a Christian? Is it possible for a man to be a broker, a shopkeeper, a lawyer, a mechanic; is it possible for a man to be engaged in a business of today, and yet love his God and his fellow man as himself?" I do not know what transformations these dear businesses of yours have got to undergo before they shall be true and ideal homes for the child of God; but I do know that upon Christian merchants and Christian brokers and Christian lawyers and Christian men in business today rests an awful and a beautiful responsibility to prove, if you can prove it, that these things are capable of being made divine, to prove that a man can do the work that you have been doing this morning, and will do this afternoon, and yet shall love his God and his fellow man as himself. If he cannot, what business have you to be doing them? If he can, what business have you to be doing them so poorly, so carnally, so unspiritually, that men look on them and shake their heads with doubt? It belongs to Christ in men first to prove that man may be a Christian and yet do business; and in the second place, to show how a man, as he becomes a greater Christian, shall purify and lift the business that he does, and make it the worthy occupation of the Son of God.—Bishop Brooks.

We all, in turn, must face our forlorn hours of bereavement. For us, sooner or later, our house must be left unto us desolate. But * * * these natural sorrows are, and are meant to be, full of blessedness; the light of God shining upon them transmutates them into heavenly gold.

15 PER CENT AVERAGE DIVIDEND

is the record of the FLORENCE WAGON WORKS, Manufacturers of the

LIGHT RUNNING FLORENCE WAGON.

This Company, the next to the largest wagon works in the South, capital \$150,000, is increasing its capital stock to \$250,000, in order to supply sufficient operating capital to run the plant to its full capacity. This has never been done before, owing to the large sum necessary to carry the hardwood for the long period in which it is held for drying.

There are enough "Light Running Florence" wagons in use to reach, if hitched together,

FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE MISSISSIPPI.

It is the purpose of the FLORENCE WAGON WORKS to induce co-operation of its widely distributed stockholders, enlarging thereby the demand for these splendid wagons and benefiting its stockholders with larger dividends.

Of the \$100,000 additional capital to be issued, \$30,000 has been placed. The balance of \$70,000 is offered at par, first to USERS OF THE FLORENCE WAGON, then to the general public throughout the South on the following terms: 25 per cent cash down, 25 per cent at four months, 25 per cent in eight months, 25 per cent in twelve months; deferred payments evidenced by notes. Subscribers to share prorata in dividends from time one-half the subscription is paid.

The purpose of the company is to distribute its new stock widely to secure the advertising value of many widely distributed stockholders.

NO PROMOTER'S STOCK OR WATERED STOCK.

Has ever been issued and surplus earnings in excess of dividends declared have been added annually to the plant. No safer, surer stock can be found and the terms on which subscriptions may be made, put it within the reach of every savings bank depositor.

SEND FOR PROSPECTUS which fully explains the value of this stock.

Stock subscriptions should be sent either to the Merchants' Bank and First National Bank, Florence, Ala., or direct to A. D. Bellamy, Pres., Florence Wagon Works, Florence, Ala.

Write at once, before subscription books are closed.

The wounds which God makes, God heals. The fire which kindles the grains of frankincense upon His altar, at the same time brings out their fragrant. All that He sends, if borne submissively, becomes rich in mercy. Upon the troubled soul which seeks Him His consolations increase "with the gentleness of a sea which caresses the shore it covers."—Canon Farrar.

Divine Peace.

The best reward of Christian living is in the inner consciousness of having lived a right life. Losses manifold may mark the Christian life and flowers of hope may wither till earth's scenes are desolate. But while the goal looms brightly before, and the heart is free from self reproaches, the Master is still faithful, who says "My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

DRAKE'S PALMETTO WINE

A tonic palmetto medicine that relieves immediately and absolutely cures every case of Indigestion, Flatulency, Constipation and Catarrh of the mucous Membranes to stay cured. Drake's Palmetto Wine is a specific for Kidney and Liver Congestion and Inflammation of Bladder.

Seventy-five cents at Drug Stores for a large bottle usual dollar size, but a trial bottle will be sent free and prepaid to every reader of the Arkansas Methodist who writes for it.

Simply send your name and address by letter or postal card to Drake Formula Company, Lake and Dearborn Streets, Chicago, Ill.

Those Black Diamond Men..... 1.50
Men of Might in India Missions.. 1.25
How to Work for Christ—Torrey 2.50
Character Photography—Rev. A. C. Welch 1.00
Outline History of Protestant Mis- sions 2.00

It is out of the victories won by struggles against evil and not what we call our successes that Christian character is builded.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

HOPE FOR THOSE IN HELL.

The craving desire for drink and drugs and the demand for them is removed in forty-eight or seventy-two hours by the marvelous Westmoreland discovery. Appetite and strength are rapidly restored. Two weeks' treatment at our Sanatorium will clear the brain and all physical functions will become normal, no matter how long the addiction. The medicine quickly eliminates Alcohol, Morphine and other poisons from the system, and the patient becomes a new man or woman. Expert scientific medical attendance is given at the Sanatorium. Dr. Julien C. Brown, for twenty-five years a traveling preacher, who has knowledge of many almost miraculous cures, is superintendent of the institution, and will give personal attention to every patient under direction of Drs. Westmoreland & Breedlove. Splendid rooms, best of fare and all conveniences provided. Write for particulars. All correspondence strictly confidential. Address, Westmoreland Sanatorium, 323 Prospect Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark.

For the Young People

"Train Up a—Cat"

The lady who was visiting the family spoke approvingly of the cat. He was large and tawny and had exceptionally good manners, as well as a softly affectionate purr. She said that she supposed he had been taught a good many tricks. The hostess was just explaining that she liked him better without tricks when a crash like shivering china interrupted them. The four-year-old son of the visiting lady, who had scrambled away from his mother and was using the cloisonne teapot as a flatiron on the carpet, had thrown the teapot against the radiator, in a little mood of playfulness, and tiny shivers of it lay strewn upon the floor.

"O, I am so sorry," murmured the mortified mamma. "I really do not know what to do with Cameron; he grows so headstrong. I shall have to begin to train him soon; but I dread the struggle. One hates to discipline a mere baby—and yet, he is four now, and really, I must do something."

The cat stepped cautiously over to the wreck on the carpet. He put out his nose, sniffed delicately, and then he put out a careful paw to examine a fragment. His mistress spoke, in a low and firm tone, gentle, but with the downward inflection of rebuke: "Sandro."

The cat drew back, looked up at her, and went quietly away to his cushion.

"How remarkable!" said the visiting lady. "How long have you had him?"

The hostess looked at the cat, then she glanced furtively at the now sulking child. "He is four months old," she said gravely.—*Natalie Rice Clark.*

An Owl's Fight for Life.

While the whaleback steamer Forest Castle, from Liverpool, was off the Newfoundland banks an owl as white as snow fell exhausted on the deck. The owl made a desperate flight from an iceberg to the ship. It was "dead beat" when it floundered aboard, and without a great deal of trouble was made prisoner.

The sailors were utterly astonished at the arrival of the passenger. Some one saw the peculiar object coming laboriously through the air, making a line fly for the whaleback. Away off on the horizon line was a great iceberg, which had worked its way further south than these terrors of the northern sea are wont to do.

When the "berg" parted company with the ice field of the far north it probably carried with it the owl, which clung to its rift of crystal until flight was useless, a stretch of open sea forming a barrier over which the bird did not dare attempt flight. Like a sensible owl, it held to the refuge in sight, hoping for a better one to be and by.

When the British Forest Castle

appeared on the horizon the bird made its one last dash for life. It was probably half starved and ill prepared for such a long chase—a stern chase, too—for the vessel, well to the south, was also plying steadily in that direction. However, the race was won by the owl.—*Philadelphia Press.*

An Entertaining Evening.

There is usually a period in every young man's life when his idea of having a good time means being away from home. He forgets what the father of the young man in this story from the New York Times took effective means to make his son remember. The young man had to work till 6 o'clock, and had got into the habit of staying downtown to dinner and spending his evenings at the theater or in calling on friends. One afternoon his father came to him and asked him if he had any engagement for the evening. The young man had not.

"Well, I'd like to have you go somewhere with me."

The young man himself tells what happened:

"All right," I said. "Where shall I meet you?"

"He suggested the Columbia Hotel at half-past seven; and I was there, prepared for the theater and a lecture on late hours. He had combined the two on several previous occasions. But when he appeared, he said he wanted me to call with him on a lady. 'One I knew quite well when I was a young man,' he explained.

"We went out and started straight for home.

"She is staying at our house," he said.

"I thought it strange that he should have made the appointment for the Columbia under those circumstances, but I said nothing.

"Well, we went in, and I was introduced with all due formality to my mother and my sister.

"The situation struck me as funny, and I started to laugh, but the laugh died away. None of the three even smiled. My mother and my sister shook hands with me, and my mother said she remembered me as a boy, but hadn't seen much of me lately. Then she invited me to be seated.

"It wasn't a bit funny then, although I can laugh over it now. I sat down, and she told me one or two anecdotes of my boyhood, at which we all laughed a little. Then we four played games for awhile. When I finally retired I was invited to call again. I went up-stairs feeling pretty small and doing a good deal of thinking."

"And then?" asked his companion.

"Then I made up my mind that my mother was an entertaining woman and my sister a bright girl.

"I'm going to call again. I enjoy their company and intend to

cultivate their acquaintance."—*Youth's Companion.*

An Essay on the Horse.

The following remarkable essay on the horse is said to be from the pen of an Indian student: The horse is a very noble quadruped, but when he is angry he will not do so. He is ridden on the spinal cord by the bridle, and sadly the driver places his foot on the stirrup, and divides his lower limbs across the saddle, and drives his animal to the meadow. He has four legs, two are in the frontside and two are afterwards. These are the weapons on which he runs, he also defends himself by extending those in the rear in a parallel direction towards his foe, but this he does only when in a vexatious mood. There is no animal like the horse; no sooner they see their guardian or master than they always cry for food, but it is always at the morning time. They have got tails, but not so long as the cow and other such like animals.—*Exchange.*

Our Letter Box.

Watkins, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little boy, eight years old, and as I saw my other letter in print, I thought I would write again. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I am not going to school now. My studies are spelling-book and third reader. I have no pets but two dogs and one cat. Their names are Curley and Bounce and Tom. Our preacher is Brother Bryant. If this misses the wastebasket I will write again. Your cousin,

Guy Hudson.

Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Dr. Godbey and Cousins—As the editor has been so kind to publish my other letters I thought I would write again. I am not going to school now. It is too far, and I haven't any one to go with me. I go to Sunday-school occasionally. Miss Lula Davis is my teacher. I like her splendid. Well, cousins, how do you expect to spend Christmas? I expect to spend it at home. I am going to make home as pleasant as I can. I am to have a little folks' party at our house. I send all the cousins an invitation. Well, I will close for fear this reaches the wastebasket. Your friend,

Lucy Gresham.

Redfield, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little boy ten years old. I am going to school. My teacher's name is Miss Mable Mitchell. I enjoy reading the dear old "Methodist" paper. I have four sisters and I love them all. After I come home from school I haul wood. I am a little carpenter. I build all of the little houses and fences. I have a big brother. He is a crown.

Donaldson Poynter.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am going to school. I like to go very much. My teacher's name is Mr. Swift. He is a good teacher. I am in the fifth grade. I am studying six books. There are about 100 scholars in school. My mamma is a member of the church. I am 11 years of age. I have three sisters and five brothers. Brother Hutchison is our preacher. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. We have a good Sunday-school. I had a good time at Christmas. My papa is a merchant but he has been sick for several weeks and has not been able to do anything. I live in town. My Brother Ed is a farmer. My papa takes the dear old "Methodist." I like to read it very much, especially the children's page. I have a large doll and I play with it very much. Well, I will close for this time and write again.

Donah Brown.

MINER HIT

A Gold Miner on the Coffee Question.

Many a rugged constitution has broken down by use of coffee.

"I and my son are miners and have been strong coffee drinkers. I will add I followed mining for fifty years. Nearly three years ago my son had palpitation of the heart so bad that after a hard day's work he would be almost unable to get his breath when lying down, and I was a victim of constipation, headache and could not sleep soundly.

"So I pulled up stakes one day and started to see a doctor and curiously enough an old acquaintance I met on the way steered me off. We stopped and talked and told each other all the news and I told him about our troubles. He said it was coffee doing the work and that using Postum in place of coffee cured him of almost exactly the ailments I described.

"So instead of going to the doctor's I sent for some Postum although I did not have much faith in it, but to my great joy it turned out all right and after we quit coffee completely we both began to get well, kept it up and are now both of us strong, well men with none of the old troubles. A miner is supposed to be able to stand great hardships but we could not stand coffee. It was killing us. Anyone following the directions on the package of Postum will have a far better drink than he can get from the best coffee.

"I think every coffee toper should know Postum will cure him of his ailments, besides it is such a refreshing drink." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Coffee hurts nearly all who drink it and soaks some people very hard. There is a sure way out of the trouble by quitting coffee and using Postum.

And "there a reason."

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

GEO THORNBURGH, BUSINESS MGR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 1904.

Entered at the postoffice at Little Rock, Ark., as second-class mailmatter.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the executive committee of the Anti-Gambling Association I wish to extend thanks for the contributions made at our mass meetings on Sunday. About \$1,000 was subscribed. We should be very glad to raise \$1,000 more for the work of this year. Doubtless there are a great number of our friends who are willing to help us and yet have not subscribed for 1904. Please report by telephone or otherwise to Mr. J. A. Flemister, secretary; Mr. H. K. Cochran, treasurer, or to me. Respectfully,

Benjamin Cox, President.
Old Phone 325.

Our Church at Home.

STUTTGART, ARK.—I have a very cordial reception in this my new field, and everything points to a year of success. The pounding that we got is about the best that we have had in many years. This is certainly a large hearted people and I am sure they have an appreciative preacher, and those who know me well will say that it takes pretty good treatment to call forth a note like this. We would be glad to see the pages of the "Arkansas Methodist" fluttering over here in these "prairie breezes," so please change my address from Warren to Stuttgart. I do not wish to fail in saying that my present board of stewards is a splendid body of earnest Christian men, and impress one as willing and ready to help the preacher in every good work. Yours, etc.,

L. B. Hawley.

MT. IDA CIRCUIT.—We reached our new work in time to preach the first Sunday in December. We have made one round and received a hearty welcome at each appointment, and had fairly good congregations. Everything is moving off nicely and we are well pleased with our new field of labor. Quite a number have said they wanted our prayers and desired to be saved before the year closes, and we, Christians, have all promised to do more for Christ this year than we did last, and I believe we mean to do it. I found three good live Sunday-schools on the work. One at Mt. Ida, one at Black Springs and one at Bethel. We hope to have one at each of the other three appointments in the near future. The parsonage for this circuit is located at Black Springs. The parsonage only has two rooms and they are in bad condition. My good people advised us not to move into it, and said they

had rather rent a more comfortable and commodious house for us. Not finding one in Black Springs that could be rented we came over to Mt. Ida and found a good house with plenty of room, so we are snugly housed at Mt. Ida for another year. Such a pounding as we got this evening, January 1, about three o'clock would be hard to match. I had just finished polishing the cook stove and walked out into the hall and there they were, not a few. I said, "Come in to the fire," but they made a rush for our dining room, and opened the doors and poured us out a blessing so great there was scarce room enough to contain it—ham, flour, sugar, coffee, canned fruits, not a few; even pound cake and yellow legged chickens, and—"the half has not been told." But suffice it to say this has been a happy New Year to ye scribe. We believe we will be able to come up with everything in full next fall, and a hundred conversions, and all the new subscribers to the "Methodist" possible. Yours for a good year, W. F. Campbell.

MOUNTAIN HOME STATION.—Everything starts off well with us. Brother O'Bryant held our first quarterly conference last night. The preacher and the P. E. were paid ahead.

We have the best Epworth League in the Harrison District, and one of the best (if not the best) in the Arkansas Conference. Preachers and people are hopeful for a good year. We are expecting a gracious revival in March. A brother pastor will help me. Success to all the brethren.

J. J. Galloway, P. C.

LARGO; FLA.—We are returned for another year; comfortably situated in a new parsonage worth \$900, which we built this last year.

We reported all financial claims met, averaging about \$7 per member. Mrs. Brooke's health is improving and the whole family "happy on the way."

Wishing you success for the New Year, I remain yours fraternally,
Joseph S. Brooke.

PARK AVENUE, HOT SPRINGS.—Our congregation at this place received me with welcome. It was their wish that I might be returned. The membership at Park Avenue is small, but consists of a loyal class of people. They love their pastor and willingly give of their means to support pastor and presiding elder. All services are very well attended. The Epworth League promises much toward the development of the young Christian character of the community and church. The League has just been recently organized and now consists of about forty members. Park Avenue needs a larger house of worship and a par-

sonage. Let the readers of the Methodist pray for our work at this place. Respectfully,

Jesse L. Leonard, P. C.

CHARLESTON CIRCUIT.—I have just been reading the Era, Visitor and Go Forward. These papers are fine indeed, and with the reports of the parent boards we ought to learn what we are trying to do. Ignorance of our church is choking the stream. Ignorance of the Bible, ignorance of the church, ignorance of missions! People talk more than they think or study. This circuit paid the conference claims in full. There are six societies, three houses of worship, two Sunday Schools, one League, and one prayer-meeting. We built, but did not quite finish one church last year. At our meetings there were sixty conversions, and at other meetings within the bounds of this circuit there were perhaps 200 converts, and yet we need laborers. There is a crying need for laborers from every quarter of the globe. There is adjacent missionary territory. The laborers are few. As one man said, we ought to have a deluge of prayer for laborers to be sent out by our Lord into his harvest. We need them sent by Him. There is one other thing I want to speak of. In many places our circuits are too small. It is true every church wants one 11 o'clock service one Sunday in the month. They ought to have it, but then who suffers the consequences? The circuit rider. The circuits ought to be enlarged until every preacher would get a support from his work. Why will it not work on a circuit just as it does on a district? The districts were enlarged so the presiding elders could get a support. That is all right. Then why not enlarge the circuit until the preacher in charge gets a living? The tendency now is to cut circuits and make them smaller without a support. That ought to be the tendency if they supported the pastor, but as it is, who suffers? Is it the presiding elder or laymen? No, it is the circuit rider. On the part of the preacher this is operative missionary work. We need more circuit riders in the Arkansas Conference. We are raising station preachers when we ought to be raising circuit preachers. We need men who can ride over the prairies, across mountains and into the bottoms. Let us pray for them to be raised up from among us by the Head of the Church. The circuit rider is the burden of Methodism. The laymen would agree to this enlargement of circuits if it were properly put before them. They are considerate. The presiding elders ought to work to this end. I wish every reader of this and all others a happy New Year. Yours,

Eugene Woodruff,

January 1, 1904.

HARRISBURG, ARK.—I have often thought that you were burdened with field notes just after conference, because every brother that moves to a new field has to tell his experience in getting there, then what he did after he got there, and what the people did, and what he intends to do. Then at the close of the year we see another field note telling what he has not done and what the people have not done. Seeing so many of these notes, I come to the conclusion that it is customary, and I had better say something about my new work. I am here in a good thriving town, and among a kind, cultured, big-hearted people. They received us gladly, and gave us one of the biggest poundings that I ever heard of a preacher getting. Surely the people in Harrisburg do not do things by halves. We have here the largest membership of any town in Arkansas to its size, and a nice brick church that would do credit to any town. Not only so, but it is filled with people every Sunday. Surely our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we are hoping and praying to do a great and good work this year.

Z. D. Lindsay.

Harrisburg, Ark.

AUVERGNE AND WELDON—

Our first quarterly conference closed last night with a sermon by Brother Sibert. He came to us Saturday and left Monday. His work in the choir and the pulpit was all good, and had the ring of old time religion. There is something of the dare, dash and do about him that impresses one with his earnestness and deep solicitude for others, and especially for sinners, and it is no empty notice to say that his appeals to the ungodly will awaken an interest all over this district that will kindle into a mighty revival flame and result in hundreds of conversions. Every presiding elder ought to be a revivalist, but it does not follow that every revivalist ought to be a presiding elder. In a sense our presiding elders are our State evangelists, and if they be lacking in this special gift, our work suffers where there is no remedy that can be applied by another. My second year opens with a leap forward in ministerial support, and with a purpose in both preacher and people to bring more things to pass this year than last. And all this will we do by the gracious favor of our loving heavenly Father. It is not a disparagement of any other faithful steward to say that we all feel happy on the return of Brother James T. Henderson to us, his first love, and taking his place alongside of other genial brethren on the official board.

James F. Jernigan.

DARDANELLE CIRCUIT—I reached my work in due time, have made one round. I find many

good people on this work. We are well pleased. We are being well cared for. My prayer to God is that this year may be the best year of my life. We have many things to be proud of and nothing to complain of. Yours in the work,

James R. Ashmore.

MELBOURNE CIRCUIT.—At the last session of the White River Conference, Bishop Hoss read me out for Melbourne Circuit. As soon as we could pack up we started from Whiteville, Tenn., to our field of labor. After a long and expensive move we reached Melbourne on the 17th of December, and found a pleasant home among the good people. Sunday, at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m., we preached to large and appreciative congregations in Melbourne. On the 26th our household goods came in, and after working till near midnight Saturday night, we were in shape for keeping house. The next day I went to Philadelphia Church, five miles in the country. Here I met Brother Ransom Gulley, the ex-State treasurer, who introduced me to quite a number of people. At 11 o'clock I preached and the power of the Holy Spirit was present and the shout of victory was heard. At the close of the service I got one new subscriber for the "Methodist." I then went to the home of Brother Gulley, where a delightful meal was served, which was enjoyed very much. After a short but pleasant stay in this Christian home I started to an afternoon appointment at Lacross. Preached to a small congregation. Having left in the morning one member of my family quite sick, I returned home that night, feeling that the day had been well spent, and some good accomplished. After a few days hard work in placing things we saw indications of an approaching storm. On last night it came upon us. It looked to us like the whole town of Melbourne had come. The old, the middle-aged and the children, led by Dr. Baxter, and telling us they wanted to get to the dining room. Such a pounding as we did get!

We have four churches in the town, and all of them were well represented in the pounding. After talking a while, and getting acquainted with each other, we sang a few verses, offered prayer and the crowd dispersed. We then of course retired to the dining room and found a quantity of nice things. We are sure the lines have fallen unto us in a pleasant place, and among a good people.

God bless the people of Melbourne and may we here do our best work. Yours for Christ,

W. T. Locke, P. C.

Melbourne, Ark.

MULBERRY, ARK.—Brother Edwards, the evangelist, preached his closing sermon last night, and my good people paid him \$102 for

his services in the great meeting just closed.

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Thirty days ago Satan seemed to reign supremely. Four big, ugly saloons open day and night. Farmers there cursing on the streets. The Lord's house was ignored. The people became interested when one man was killed, and a baby was found dead on the streets with a rope around its little neck.

Sixty-six new members were received into the church and five sweet little children were baptized.

We had no trouble to organize a Junior League with 40 bright little boys and girls.

The new neat little parsonage was visited by scores of merry Christmas makers who left all kinds of good things to eat and wear, also new furniture for parsonage throughout. May God's richest blessings be upon Brother Edwards and his work for our conference schools in Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

Pray for the "rider" on Mulberry Circuit. Albert R. Sifton

REDFIELD CIRCUIT.—We have made a fine start on the Redfield Circuit.

The good people of this circuit received us with a welcome that made us feel good.

The people waited until New Year's night to give us the pounding and when it came it was fine. Many good things to eat. The people here know how to do things and do nothing by halves.

We have very good congregations, and a splendid prayer-meeting at Redfield. Interest is improving and we are expecting a glorious year along all lines.

Our stewards met January 6th; made the assessments for the various charges. We need a revival here and expect to have it soon. Our people are anxious to begin early in the year.

The "Arkansas Methodist" is a very welcome and helpful visitor and one that every true Methodist should read.

Dr. G., can't you come down some first Sunday and be with us? We need some of your preaching. Yours in Christ, P. S. Herron, P. C.

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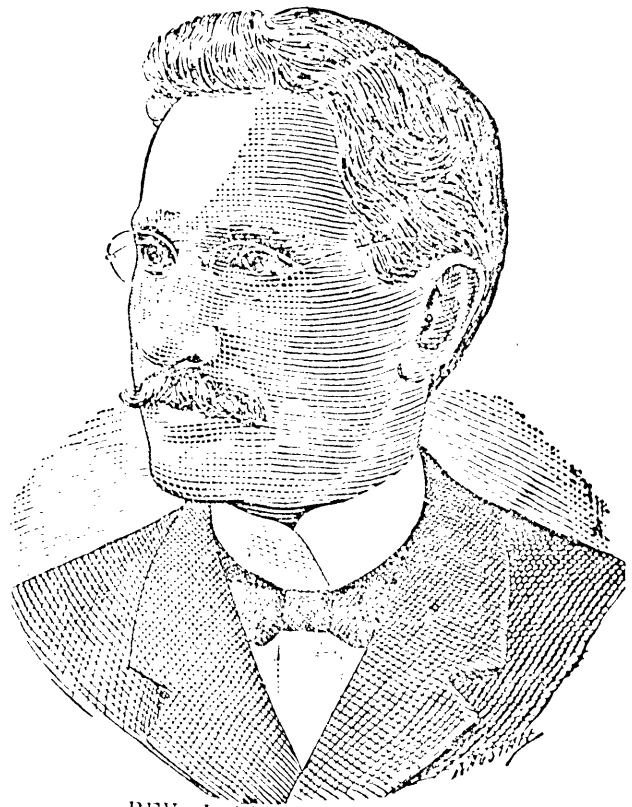
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Warning Order.

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County of Pulaski }
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Patsy Scruggs Plaintiff, vs. Wm. Scruggs, Defendant.
The defendant, Wm. Scruggs, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Patsy Scruggs.
Chas. M. Connor, Clerk,
By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
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The preparation of the heart in man and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Proverbs 16:1.

MONTHLY PREPARATION.

When you go into your monthly meeting to carry on its business, to plan work for another month, to enlist and interest the uninterested, have you this "preparation of the heart from the Lord" that "the answer of the tongue" may show forth his presence?

Have you, also, the latest statement of the condition of our Home Mission Society?

Can you tell your women the latest cheering news from Brevard, or Florida or Pacific slope?

Can you show them the great need at these and other places?

Are you prepared to put these facts upon the hearts and consciences of the indifferent?

O, that we might "prepare our hearts to the Lord." Then we could give out what he puts in. The seed we sow would fall in "good ground," for the Lord himself would prepare the hearts of those who hear.

NEW READING COURSE.

The literature committee has been in session at Nashville and has fixed the new course as follows:

BIBLE STUDY.

Old Testament—From Genesis to Ruth.

"Outlines of an Introduction to the Old Testament," by Beardsley Price, \$1.20.

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NOW TO THE WORK.

Do we realize what this reading course will do for us? If we study it in the fear of our Master, to prepare and equip us for service in his vineyard, then we will do our best, not for ourselves, but for Christ. Let every conference, district and auxiliary officer begin at once for active work on this course. We can not be successful workers unless we are intelligent women. Intelligent as to the Word of God, and we must know all about our Home Mission work. It is all so simple when we know it.

W. F. M. S. Department.

To the Auxiliaries of W. F. M. S., Little Rock District:

My Dear Sisters—The love for you in this New Year's greeting is based upon Christian fellowship and a desire for the extending of the call of the Gospel to the remotest inhabitant of earth. Autumn, with full cornucopia, enriched us with his gifts, and Winter smiles on our luxury as he clasps his cold arms about us. The sunshine of God's love gives joy and peace, and we rejoice because the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has given to us the possibility of repeating again and again the sweet story of the resurrection of our Lord.

The past year has been one of successes and failures, but amid both we have had the promises of God to bless and strengthen us. Our work has been fruitful. In many places on the district the auxiliaries are prayerful and earnest in their efforts to advance the cause of Christ and to aid the missionaries in their labor.

The great burden on my heart is the very small increase in membership, and the indifference to our missionary literature. "The faithful few" are steadfast, unwavering, but the demands are sufficient to enlist every woman in the church. There seems to be a vortex between a large number of women and the work so near to us. I see nothing that will bridge the chasm but information and consecration. The light has never been more effulgent than that which illumines the church today. There are no plans or methods unrevealed, therefore no excuse can be acceptable for refusing duty's call.

Missionaries in foreign fields are overburdened but no relief can be given them unless money is supplied by the church for sending new laborers; many are waiting to go, but the church is not liberal enough to meet the demand. My dear sisters, in the morning of this New Year while formulating plans for future action, do not forget to bring to the altar your supremest gift, your prayers, your labor and your money for the converting of the heathen. All of these will be required at your hands. Our God is a searcher of human hearts and a jealous God. He will not accept a divided sacrifice, but he loves and rewards the cheerful giver. I pray that many women of the church may become interested in the Foreign Mission work, may read the literature and get an intelligent insight to its importance and the relation they as Christians sustain to this institution of the church.

The immediate work of this district now is to finish this year's work that the books may be closed by the first of March. Our scholarships, our Bible women, our conference missionary and what other

special work undertaken for the fiscal year must be paid in full. Each auxiliary knows the obligations assumed and must consider these contracts binding. The white banner of Christianity waves over us and the lintels of our doors are marked with protective sacrificial blood; are we using our highest prerogatives as Christians? O for new life to permeate our spiritual being! Quicken our moral sensibilities that we may bravely meet our obligations as Christian soldiers. I sincerely desire that each auxiliary in the Little Rock District send in a full financial report by the first of March. Let there be no shortage in dues—conference expense fund, pledge fund or any other special work. And I also desire to see long lists of subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate if ye do these things it will redound to your glory and honor and will prove that ye are neither barren nor unfruitful in the Lord's vineyard.

Elmira F. Snodgrass,
 Dist. Sec., Little Rock Dist.

"Go Forward"

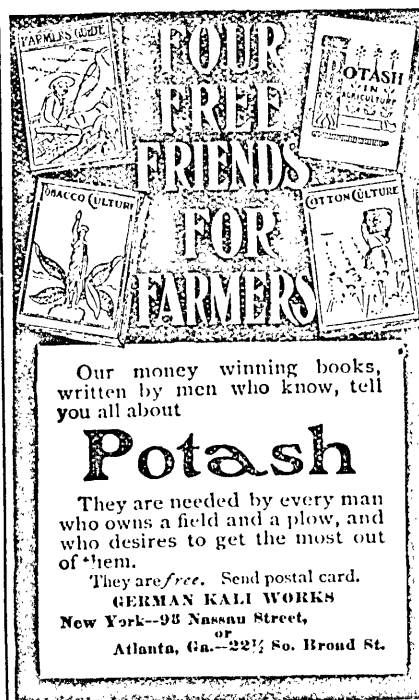
Mr. Editor—I wish to call the attention of your readers to our missionary paper, "Go Forward," authorized by the Board of Missions, and edited by our secretaries, Drs. W. R. Lambuth and Seth Ward, at Nashville, Tenn.

The December number was replete with missionary information, and no Methodist can read it without having his spirit stirred within him, and without a quickening of his conscience on missionary lines. The first article is worth many times the yearly subscription of the paper. The account of the death of young Dr. U. H. Nixon, surgeon in charge of our hospital at Monterey, Mexico, of yellow fever November 11, 1903, is not only inspiring; but also demonstrates that the martyr spirit of apostolic Christianity is still in the church. I would advise all who subscribe for Go Forward this month to order the December number and read the account of Nixon's heroism and vicarious sacrifice. If every family in the M. E. Church, South, would subscribe for Go Forward and read it, I am sure our missionary activities would be greatly increased and our contributions would be doubled in a short while. The price is 25 cents per year for this live paper, monthly fraught with living, pulsating, burning facts calculated to arouse a missionary conscience among our people. With greetings to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, I am your brother in Christ,

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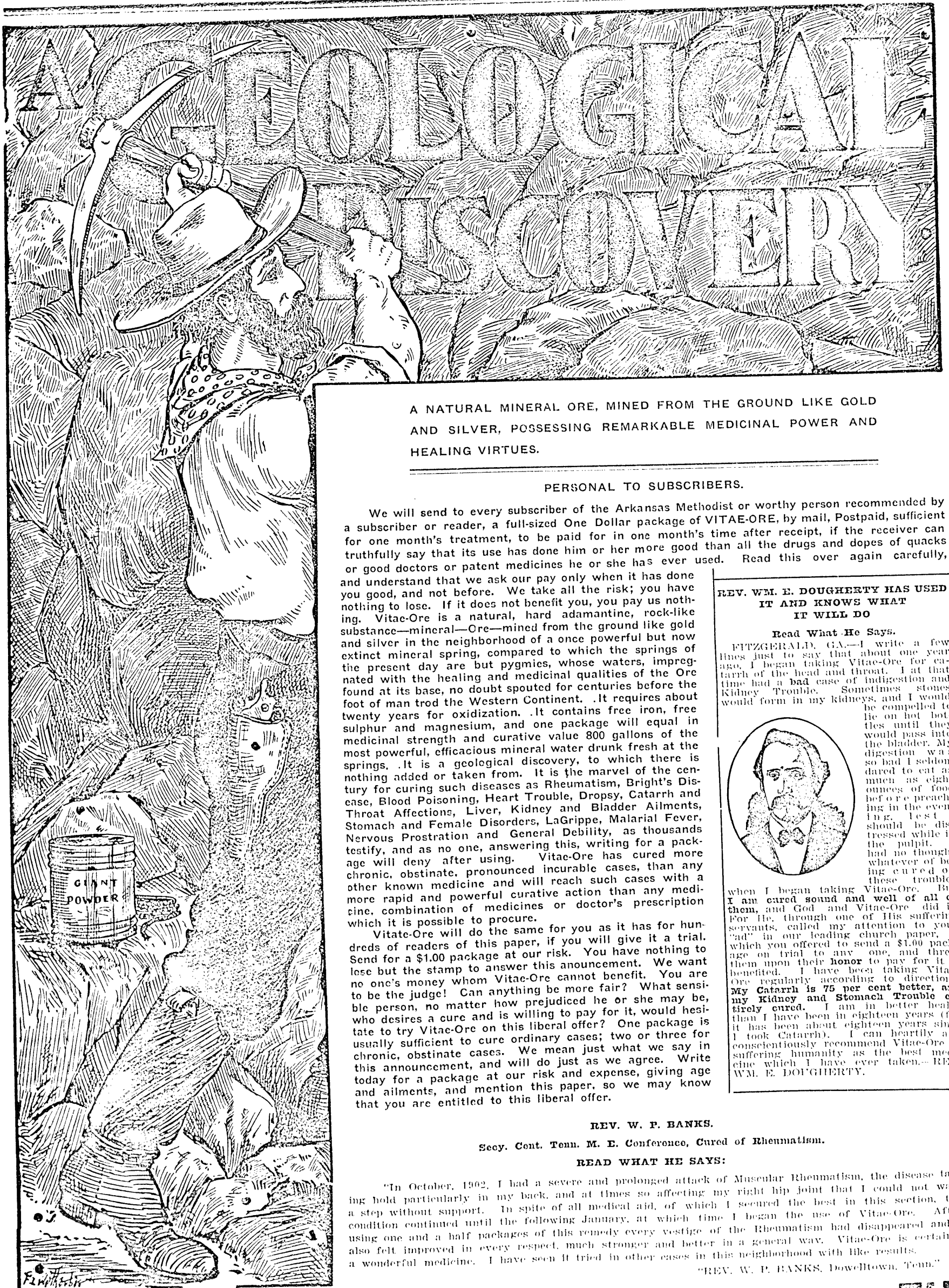
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