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News and Notes.

THE MOROS ARE GIVING TROUBLE again. On the night of the 12th inst. they massacred fifty-three men and women and children, employes of the military government at Malabang.

THE RELATIONS OF THE FRENCH government and the vatican are much strained. M. Nisard, French ambassador at the vatican, has been recalled, but there is no recall of the papal nuncio at Paris.

J. J. HUNTER, OF PERRY COUNTY, Arkansas, convicted of selling whiskey without license, fined \$50 by the court, was pardoned and fine remitted by the governor the next day. What motive is there for the courts or the people to uphold the law under such administration?

THE SEPARATION OF THE WHITE and black passengers on our street cars proves to be a wise and not inconvenient regulation. It simply reserves the rear of the car for negroes and recognizes that they have a right to a seat in the part assigned them, and if white people have crowded in they must move. It is not pleasant for a white lady to have a negro crowded in beside her, nor is it right for negroes to be crowded out or made to stand up any more than white folks. Our friend, the editor of the Midland Methodist, says he was prejudiced against the Jim Crow car until he saw its operation in New Orleans. It works all right in Little Rock.

A FIRE BROKE OUT IN YAZOO City, Miss., on the morning of May 25 and consumed almost the whole town. Every business house of importance was laid in ashes. The estimated loss is \$2,000,000. All the churches of the white people were destroyed and two belonging to the negroes, seven in all. Every hotel, bank and business house was swept away. But at this writing, five days later, the papers report insurance companies paying their losses, liberal contributions for relief sent in and plans matured for immediate restoration of some of the largest business establishments, and much business being done in temporary quarters.

IT IS REPORTED THAT VICEROY Alexieff desires to be relieved of his

office. The Russians being blocked in at Port Arthur have sown the Pe-Chil-Li gulf with mines, which are a peril to neutral shipping. Port Dalney is in the hands of the Japanese.

May the 25th the Japanese captured Kin Chou, a strong position of the Russians. Both armies fought desperately and the Russians were driven out after sixteen hours of stubborn resistance. The strong point of the Russians was Nanshan hill. Nine times the Japanese charged these fortified heights before they carried the forts. The Japanese captured 68 guns and ten machine guns. Gen Oku reports the casualties in his army at 3,500. The Russians left 500 dead on the field.

Port Arthur is now closely invested and is expected to fall within two weeks.

The World's Press Parliament.

The World's Press Parliament, just closed at the World's Fair, was the greatest convention of distinguished editors ever held in the world. In it 35 nations were represented, and editors from every State and city of our country. Its sessions were held in the magnificent Festival Hall. Sir Hugh Gilzean Reid, of London, was chairman. The temporary chairman, Capt. King, said in his speech:

"A hundred years ago there was but one newspaper in all the Louisiana purchase—the little French Moniteur at New Orleans. Today there are over 7,000, or more than there were at that time in the entire world. The 1,000 people of the then puny and struggling village of St. Louis had no means of printing the momentous fact that the United States had suddenly expanded to continental dimensions. It was only by hearsay and the slow speech of hunters and trappers that the news was carried to the 50,000 inhabitants of the acquired territory of 1,000,000 square miles, in which there is now a population of 15,000,000, or one person for each dollar of the original investment. There were then but 220 newspapers in the whole country not so many as there are now in Oklahoma. Four years passed before the first American newspaper was established west of the Mississippi river, here at St. Louis; and we may be sure that Mr. Jefferson was glad to see it, for had he not said that he would prefer newspapers without a

government to a government without newspapers?"

The Deadly Parallel.

A writer in the May Century, in commenting upon the opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, calls it a Festival of Peace, and contrasts it with the Peace Conference held five years ago at The Hague. He sharply says: "The former celebrates the acquirement by purchase of over a million square miles of the fairest realm ever won for the extension of a progressive people, while, by a curious anti-climax, the Peace Conference was the prelude to the seizure, by the originator of the conference, of territory belonging to a weaker nation, but wanted by the peace promoter in order to satisfy the commercial aspirations of his subjects. These provinces of Manchuria contain 365,000 square miles, or one-third as much territory as that comprised within the limits of the Louisiana Purchase; but as against the sixteen million dollars which the latter cost in friendly barter, the Manchurian transaction, whether it stands or falls, is sure to cost Russia a thousand million of dollars, and possibly a quarter of a million lives, not to mention the loss to her antagonist." The "deadly parallel" finds fair use.—Christian Guardian.

Vanderbilt Notes.

The Vanderbilt campus is just now at its best. It is a veritable garden of flowers and shrubbery—a place of beauty.

The commencement occasion promised to be one of unusual interest. A large class, made up of representatives from the various departments, will graduate, of whom several of the most prominent register from Arkansas. Bishop W. A. Candler will preach the commencement sermon and Judge J. M. Dickenson, of Chicago, will deliver the annual address. As the Vanderbilt commencement and the Confederate reunion are to be contemporaneous, we hope to greet a number of "home folks" at that time. Immediately following commencement the summer institute for preachers will be held in Wesley Hall. I shall probably be in charge of the hall during the institute, and shall be especially pleased to welcome a number of the young preachers of our conference and State to its sessions. I shall be

glad to give any desired information.

Friday, May 27th, was celebrated as "Founders' Day." In the morning the students in mass meeting elected what is termed the "bachelor of ugliness." It is generally understood that it really means the selection of the most popular student in the institution. Ben L. Clary, of Tennessee, a cousin of Prof. J. D. Clary, of Hendrix College, was chosen by a very handsome majority. In the evening the Founders' Day contest in oratory was held in the University auditorium. Mr. Louis C. Perry, of North Carolina, won the medal. He used the subject, "The Prophet versus the Priest."

We were all deeply grieved to learn of the unexpected death of Rev. J. M. Hawley. He spent several years in Wesley Hall, and many of the professors and others remember him with the highest respect, and tenderest regard. To me it came as a personal bereavement. For three years my professor, he was ever my friend and brother. He was a thoroughly equipped workman, and we felt that the Little Rock Conference needed his service, but the Head of the Church has transferred him to the conference of the skies and we shall not question. Let us, his brethren, close up ranks and "press the fight," for the night cometh soon, and our work, too, must cease. I hear many expressions of regret for his death and of sympathy for his family.

Hutchinson.

From the Nation's Capital.

The merchant marine commission, consisting of senators and representatives appointed by congress to investigate the causes of the decline of American shipping, adjourned here last week and has resumed its session in New York. The members present yesterday were Senators Gallinger (N. H.), Lodge (Mass.), and Penrose (Pa.) and Representatives Grosvenor (O.), Minor (Wis.) and Humphrey (Wash.) Republicans; and Senators Martin (Va.) and Mallory (Fla.) and Representatives Spight (Miss.) and McDermott (N. J.), Democrats. They seem all earnestly to favor the increase of our merchant shipping, which has been practically driven from the ocean. Senator Gallinger declared that it was "lamentable that 90 per cent of our foreign com-

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The Preparation for Life.

W. P. WHALEY.

Life is not worth living to the man who is not prepared to live it. Life has burdens which a man must be prepared to carry. It has problems which a man should be able to solve. It has disappointments which a man must be able to stand. It has issues which a man must meet. It has demands to which a man must respond. It holds out opportunities which a man must be ready to grasp.

If a heavy burden is suddenly thrust upon a man's back, when he has not the strength to carry it, he breaks down as thousands have done, and life is not worth living. If he cannot solve the problems that are laid before him, progress stops and life becomes a perplexing riddle. If a man is to be a baby under every disappointment, he had better not live at all. If a man cannot meet the issues of life, his life is a failure. If he cannot respond to life's demands, he is worthless and had better be out of the way. If he can't grasp his opportunities, he will exist on without any of the profit of life, and there is no need for a man to live if life is not profitable to him.

Life is the greatest business that man ever entered; and it fails so often because so many undertake it without due preparation. Life is greater than the business of selling goods, greater than the professions of law, medicine, teaching or theology. He is doomed to failure who enters business or the professions without a course of special study and training. What can he expect who enters upon the great business of living without any proper conception of the meaning, purpose, possibilities and eternal consequences of this life?

The only preparation that many people seek is expert business qualification or professional skill. They get ready to buy and sell; they get ready to survey and build; they get ready to plead at the bar, to give medicine to the sick, to make laws for the country, and to preach the Gospel to the poor; but they do not get ready to live. They are ignorant and unskilled in that divine art.

So it comes about that some who are very good traders are very poor men; some who are skilled lawyers are very sorry men; some who are expert medical practitioners are very sorry men; some who are fair statesmen are very unworthy men, and some who preach the Gospel eloquently are not deserving the name of men. Thousands who are expert in doing are very unskilled in being.

The preparation for life is to be pure in heart, to know God, to believe in God, to love God and man,

to have the kingdom of God in the heart. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Moses prayed for that preparation in these words: "O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Pure and undefiled religion is the preparation for life.

Some have considered religion as only a preparation for death. As they view the matter, if men did not have to die they would not need to be religious. They have never thought of any other value in religion than a possible peace in death and protection at the judgment. They think of it as an inconvenience or a real burden to life.

As a matter of fact, Christianity is not so much a dying religion as it is a living religion. The prophets and Jesus and his apostles had very little to say about death. The Bible does not try to tell us how to die. The one subject of the Scriptures, the one engaging theme of the prophets, the burden of Jesus' preaching and the story of the apostles, is Life. Other subjects are only incidental. Furthermore, the life they all preach about is the life that now is. To be sure, they teach the immortality of the soul, and promise eternal life; but their principal concern is about this life that we are now living in this world. They give no directions about how we shall live in another world. They make almost no effort to portray the life which is to come. They are very faithful and skillful in giving precepts, promises, warnings, threats, and examples for this life and this world. In dealing so constantly with the life that now is, they seem to say that this life and this world are enough for man at the present. Man does well if he gets what there is in this world, and makes a success of this life. He is assured in few words that there is another world where we may rise to higher life, and a better world is promised us on the condition that we make proper use of this one. Whoever abuses this world has no right to a better.

With pure and undefiled religion a man is a man and can be a man. Christianity strengthens a man in every part. It contributes to the health of the body, it invigorates the mind and it quickens the moral nature. It sets the man free. It clothes him with armor. It puts weapons and tools in his hands. It makes him strong to withstand all evil, and it makes him strong to achieve. No man can hope for success, joy and gladness in this world who is the slave of passion, ignorance and moral vice.

So religion is not to die by but to live by. We need it just as much in childhood as in old age. It is worth just as much to the man selling goods or practicing law or

plowing in the field as to the man entering the valley and the shadow of death. Every man ought to have it before he enters a business or a profession. No man should found a home without it. Our children ought to have it before they enter the public schools.

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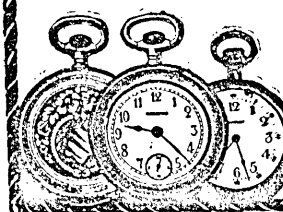
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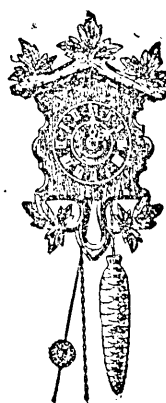
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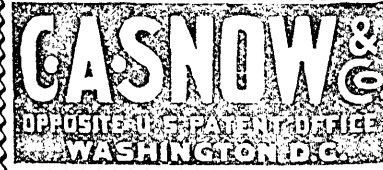
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MY FIRST CIRCUIT.

I was young and inexperienced. I knew little of the great world and its ways, and I knew little practically of the ways of the ministry. I went into a strange region, where there was not one living soul, as I then thought, of whom I had ever heard before. It was far away from railroads. The people as a rule were poor, their manners were rougher than I had ever seen, many of their ways were strange to me—their ways at home and their ways at church. Many of their songs I had never heard—such as "Shout! shout! we are gaining ground!" the next stanza of which, I believe, begins, "The devil's mad and I am glad, oh halleluiah!" The way they would sing this song when matters began to warm up in an altar exercise was a sight. I had no money—only a few dollars. It was well for me that I did not have money, for I have long suspected that it would have gone for traveling expenses if I had had much. I was far from the home of my childhood. My heart was often very desolate and more than once I wished that I might die; I often longed for heaven. For I would have been more welcome there than I was on that circuit. The people did not want me. They wanted another preacher, and I was in the way. They did not hesitate to let me know it. I told them that I was not responsible for being there, that I had put myself in the hands of the authorities of the church, and had been sent to them, and meant to do my best, and that I would stay there till conference, no matter what came. They would not talk to me about a place to board; told me to "live 'round among us." I had never heard of such a thing. Several of them said to me, "My cabin is always open to the Methodist preachers," but not one of them said, "Come and go home with me," though I met eighteen or twenty of the leading male members of the charge the first day I got there. I needed a horse to ride, but none of them would help me to get one. They paid me very little money, none for quite a time, and would not talk about making any assessment for me for about two months, till a quarterly meeting came on, and then they made a very small one, a little over half of which they paid by the end of the year. I received about one dollar for every member I took into the church that year, and about 50 cents for every conversion reported to conference, for, in spite of all, we had some good meetings, and I was doing about my best to succeed. When my time was about half gone, I noticed that the most substantial men were learning to respect me, and a little later they proposed to send up a petition for

my return. I declined the honor, as I have always done since. I have never believed in that way of doing business, and have long ago learned that any man can get up a petition for almost any purpose. They are mostly humbugs, and very often indicate that the preacher himself who brings up one, feels the need of crutches, or that he is a man who likes to have his vanity tickled. In this case, the preacher did not want to go back to that circuit, and frankly told them he could not forget his reception there, adding, however, that there were many there whom he would be glad to serve for a lifetime.

This was a rough introduction to an itinerant life. But it was not all bad; for I formed there one or two of the most valued friendships of my life, and I did some good, and I learned some most valuable lessons, one of which was this, that I could go anywhere; I left there with a sort of unconquerable feeling that I could not be put down, if I only behaved myself and went on with my work. I learned the truth when I learned this, too.

One other fact has greatly impressed me; I did not know that in the midst of all these untoward conditions that I had there any opportunity to project myself into the future by my labors with the little towheaded children that I preached to. But two boys have gone out from that charge who have for years, now, been exercising great influence in the world; they are very prominent men in their respective spheres. I would not have believed it when I was preaching to them, but it is so. It was well to be faithful. Johnquill.

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merce was carried in foreign ships under foreign colors."

President Orcutt, of the Newport News Company, declared that ships can be built in England for two-thirds what they cost in this country. Admiral Bowles said that absolute free trade would enable us to compete with foreign shipbuilders. "You mean, of course," said Mr. Lodge, "taking the duty off shipbuilding materials." The admiral replied, "You would have to take the tariff off of everything, because everything goes into a ship. Then we would have to have free labor, as well as free ships, for now labor is protected." Senator Lodge rejoined, "In that case American labor would have to come down."

As the subsidy question will be a burning one during the next year, and much more, it may throw some light on it for your correspondent to rehearse here interviews which he had twenty years ago with four of the principal importers of New York city—all Republicans; H. B. Claflin, Judge Hilton, Rufus T. Bush and Peter Cooper. Mr. Cooper, who had built the largest blast furnaces in this country, and was a great importer, said: "We have very few ships, as you say, but that few is altogether too many. None but the poorest nations can afford to own ships that go across the ocean. America would be richer if no American owned one such. Ships cost almost twice as much here as they do abroad, and to man them is enough to drive the owner to bankruptcy."

Bush, a great and wealthy oil refiner, and a master of economics, said, "Why do so many think we ought to increase our merchant marine? Every ship we build for transatlantic traffic makes us poorer. Do we need to do any kind of business except one that is profitable? Those ships down at my wharves yonder—I wouldn't own them for anything. They are tramps from Glasgow, Rotterdam, Lisbon, Naples, built for half or two-thirds what such ships would cost here. Their captains get \$500 or \$600 a year, instead of \$1,200 that would be paid to an American captain. The seamen take what they can get. Are there not enterprises enough in America that pay a profit, that we need to go into those that are a dead loss?"

H. B. Claflin, the millionaire head of the great dry goods house, thus put it: "See here, young man! I came down from Quebec last night. My house is about half a mile from the Grand Central depot. I might have shouldered my own trunk and carried it home and saved a quarter, but I couldn't afford to. It was cheaper for me in every way to hire the baggage express to tote my trunk. Don't you think so?"

Now, ocean carriers are the porters of the sea. They can do our trans-Atlantic carrying cheaper than any American can do it, and can make money by serving us. Why should we impoverish ourselves by taking the job away from them? Our coasting trade is all we ought to try to keep for ourselves. And it would not be profitable to keep even that if we were not able to establish and maintain a legal monopoly of the business. Of course if we had absolute free trade we could come nearer holding our own; but the American people won't stand that. We ought to let foreigners do all of our trans-Atlantic carrying, if they will, and we ought to thank them for taking it off our hands."

Judge Hilton, who a few years before had inherited twenty millions from A. T. Stewart, and was managing his estate and business, said in reply to question: "Mr. Stewart thought it was necessary to own ships at one time, and built and bought a large number. But he soon discovered they were a constant loss and handed his carrying trade over to the Dutch and Italians. It doesn't take any merchant long to find out that ship-owning, except for the coasting trade, is a miserably losing business."

The next time I saw Mr. Bush he recurred to the conversation, and added: "I haven't thought yet of a single reason why I should own ships. I got rid of them years ago. Make a note of this, if you are going to print anything about it: I can send a ten-gallon can of kerosene to Calcutta in India cheaper than I can send it to Poughkeepsie on the Hudson."

I recommend that the senators and representatives on the merchant marine commission summon before them the principal importers of New York city, and inquire of them about the profit of owning ships. And when they have found out will they recommend a subsidy bill or tariff revision?

Since writing the above I have met Col. Hilary A. Herbert, Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the navy, and I prodded him for a solution of the subsidy question. He said: "The commission seems to be on the right track, if it will push ahead regardless of party requirements. The reason why Americans do not go into trans-Atlantic shipping more largely is because it doesn't pay. Why should men persist in dodging an unprofitable business? We ought to buy our ships in a free market." I asked Mr. Herbert what he thought of J. J. Hill's panacea—an export bounty. "I think it would not be a remedy," he said, "and not much of amelioration of present conditions. He is right, though, in saying that shipbuilders must have government aid or go out of business. But why should we persist in doing an unprofitable job? We cannot compete

with Turks, Hessians, Spaniards and Chinese. What if our flag isn't in every port? To hold the shipbuilding industry up by main strength is as foolish as it would be to build a lot of ruined castles along the Hudson. We never have been taught to suppose that Uncle Sam's vanity should be gratified at the expense of his pocket. Good morning." C. A. S.

Program Annual Meeting W. H. M. S., Arkansas Conference, Dyer, Ark., June 9-13.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 8 P. M.
Devotional service—Rev. A. R. Sitton.

Enrollment of delegates, organization and preliminary meeting.

FRIDAY MORNING.
Devotional Service—Mrs. Ori Jamison, Clarksville.
Report from Morrilton District—Mrs. O. E. Goddard, secretary, Morrilton.

Reports of delegates from Morrilton District.
Paper, "First Vice President's Work"—Mrs. Reid, Morrilton.
Closing—Mrs. J. S. Cowdrey, Yellville.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
Devotional Exercises—Miss Maggie Giles, Leslie.
Report of Dardanelle District—Miss Edna Cazort, secretary, Lamar.

Reports of delegates from Dardanelle District.
Report of Fort Smith District—Mrs. R. S. McConnell, secretary, Gwynne.

Reports of delegates from Fort Smith District.
Paper, "Second Vice President's Work"—Mrs. J. B. Stevenson, Dardanelle.

Recess for committee work.
Closing—Mrs. M. H. Cole, Conway.

FRIDAY NIGHT.
Devotional Service—Mrs. Minnie Allen, Mansfield.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Dora Moss, Dyer.

Response—Miss Myrtle Greenhaw, Marshall.

Paper, "Parsonage Department"—Mrs. Davidson, Greenwood.

Paper, "Third Vice President's Work"—Mrs. Lydia J. Brown, Eureka Springs.

Closing—Mrs. E. E. Dyer, Dyer.

SATURDAY MORNING.
Devotional Exercises—Mrs. Ophelia Brown, Mountain Home.

Report of Fayetteville District—Mrs. Tolleson, secretary, Siloam Springs.

Reports of delegates of Fayetteville District.

Report of Harrison District—Mrs. Adda J. Seawell, secretary, Gassville.

Reports of delegates from Harrison District.

Committee work and reports.

Closing—Mrs. Anna Hatfield, Green Forest.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional Service—Mrs. J. W. Moss, Dyer.

Report of Board Meeting—Miss Edith East, Van Buren.

Workers' Conference—Conducted by Mrs. Tolleson.

Miscellaneous work.
Closing—Miss Minnie Burton, Morrilton.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Prayer and Praise Meeting—Mrs. Seawell and Mrs. Price Cannon.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Annual Sermon—Rev. W. M. Sherman, Van Buren.

AFTERNOON.

Young People and Juvenile Meeting—Mrs. Holcombe, Morrilton.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Devotional—Rev. Sitton.
President's Address—Report of conference officers.

MONDAY.

Devotional Service—Mrs. S. R. George, Magazine.

Election of officers and unfinished business.

Closing—Mrs. O. E. Goddard.
Ample time will be given for discussion of all subjects.

For the benefit of some delegates who will also attend the Foreign Conference at Bentonville, the time for our Home Mission meeting has been set as near to that of the other meeting as possible, so that one trip may include both meetings. This makes the arrangement of the programme inconvenient, but let us pray that our meeting may be fraught with much good for all who attend, and let us have a full representation.

Mrs. O. E. Jamison, Pres.
Edith East, Cor. Sec.

The Telegraph as the Gambler's Ally.

A railroad company could not, it is true, be expected to use extraordinary vigilance to see that burglars never purchased tickets or rode on passenger trains from one city to another. But a railroad company that should go into the business of organizing a service of special night trains to enable bank robbers to escape, with the understanding that it should receive a very large part of the average profits of safe-blowing, would be engaged in a distinct departure from the function of a common carrier. There is no flaw in the analogy. The Western Union Telegraph Company, well knowing that the carrying on of the pool-room business is a crime in New York, as it is in most States of the Union, had nevertheless acquired a monopoly of the collection and sale of the commodity which alone makes pool-rooms possible, and had then gone deliberately into the business of helping the pool-rooms to evade the officers of the law, on condition of sharing largely in their ill-gotten gains.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for June.

Literature and Review

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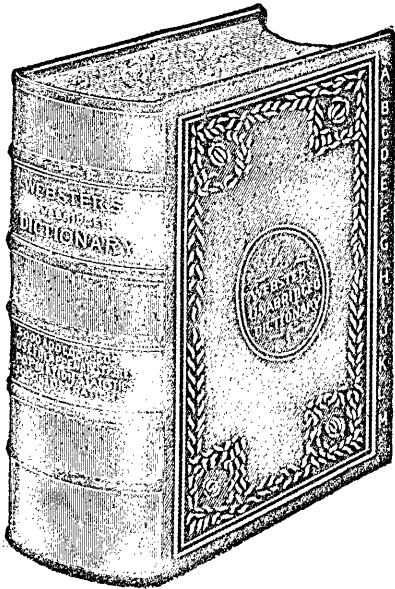
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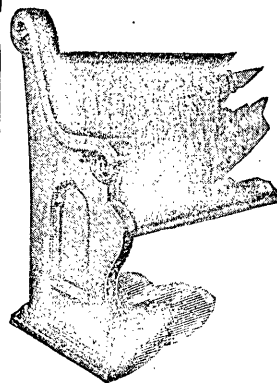
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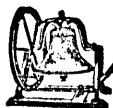
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June 5—Christ's Trial Before Pilate.
Mark xv. 1-15.

Golden Text—"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man."
(Luke xxiii. 4.)

Time—Early on Friday morning of Passion Week.

Place—From the council chamber of the Sanhedrin to the pretorium of Pilate.

Pilate's relation to the trial of Jesus was that of Roman governor of the province which included Judea. Jesus had been arrested already, late in the preceding night, by a band of men under the guidance of Judas Iscariot, the agent of the high priest. He had been, after a night of terrible agony in the garden, subjected to shameful indignities in the house of Annas, the former high priest, and then in the house of Caiaphas, the then reigning high priest. The Jewish law required that all criminal proceedings should be begun, as well as ended, in the day time. So that, as our lesson says, they held early in the morning, as soon as it was light, a consultation of the chief priests, that is of the Sanhedrin. There they condemned him to death. But they had no power to put any one to death. In the fourteenth year of Augustus Caesar this power had been taken away from Jewish courts, and so departed from Judah the last vestige of sovereignty, Shiloh having now come. It was therefore necessary to apply to the Roman governor to have this death sentence affirmed. Accordingly they deliver him to Pilate.

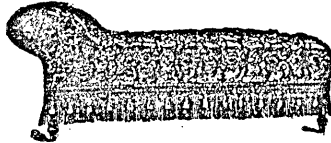
Pontius Pilate was a Roman. In his heart he had a great contempt, a lofty Roman scorn for the whole proceeding. To govern according to Roman ideals, and especially to govern so as to maintain a fair standing with the imperial court, this was his aim. He had a contempt for their charges against their prisoner, Jesus, no doubt, from the first. He certainly came to have a contempt for them as matters proceeded, and he saw that it was a matter of Jewish envy and spite, partisan rancor amongst themselves, over questions in which he had no concern, whatever. He would have had also a contempt for the prisoner, but there was something quite unusual in his calm demeanor and in his dignified silence as he stood amid the riotous uproar of his enemies. He would make no answer at all to their charges, not even when urged by Pilate to do so. What answer shall a man make to insincerity and to malicious hypocrisy, intent upon working its end at all costs? The majesty of silence is its best answer always. But there was an individuality in that prisoner that greatly impressed the



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manifest in the proceedings, men whose voice would probably mean something if the case should be carried to Caesar, and who perhaps might have many other things to say, once they were in Rome with representations about Pilate. So the shortest way out of it would be simply to let the fanatics have their way—it was nothing to him, anyway, if the fools wanted to put one of their number to death—it would be just one Jew less—and so he signs his death warrant.

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June 5---Gratitude for Pardon.

Luke vii. 41-48.

Gratitude is a test of character. Only in proportion as we are capable of being drawn out of ourselves and living in others are we redeemable. The love of God must win and conquer us if we are saved.

The story of the woman who came to Jesus in the house of Simon is very beautiful. Tradition represents her to have been Mary Magdalene, a woman of great natural charms, and one who had probably grown rich from a sinful life, for, later she is named among those who ministered to Jesus of their substance.

Yet of Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, we do not know certainly that she ever lived a life of lust. Only she is mentioned as one out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. The woman referred to in this passage is spoken of by Simon the Pharisee, as a bad woman, and one whom Jesus should have spurned from his presence—whose touch was pollution.

This sinful woman came to Jesus in quite an unconventional way. She did not come guided by any of the theories and dogmas, which the church sets so much store by now. Her sin she no doubt deeply felt. And her better nature, not yet wholly blunted and blighted, was crying out for relief. A bitter and desolate cry rises often from the soul that sees itself going into the pit. Often a hopeless cry. This poor woman felt that she was degraded, wretched and polluted.

We say she came to Jesus with no theories. She saw in him that which seemed most beautiful to her, and her best hope—a perfect manhood, pure and compassionate. She came to him with a yearning and adoring heart.

Subdued by the contrast of his life with hers and yet drawn by his accustomed compassion to the unfortunate, this woman came bathing Jesus' feet with tears, kissing his feet, wiping them with the hair of her head. A suppliant and pleading attitude was never better pictured.

To this woman Jesus said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee. Thy faith hath saved thee. Go in peace." Jesus represents this woman's love and adoration rather as the fruit of forgiveness than the cause of it. The Pharisee was cold—cold and

cruel toward this woman, and bold and critical toward the Master. He had no sense of forgiving love. Confident of his own goodness, he gave scorn where he should have felt pity. His heart was not subdued. To whom little is forgiven the same loveth little. The Pharisee in his self-righteousness excludes himself from the spiritual kingdom of our Lord. But if we rightly interpret this picture and Jesus' comment regarding it, we shall believe that penitence had done its work and the sense of pardon entered this woman's heart before she entered the house of Simon. For Jesus speaks of her love as springing from the sense of forgiveness.

W. R. Conference Epworth League.

The second annual session of the White River Conference Epworth League will be held in Helena, June 26-28. Every pastor and the president of every local League of the conference is recognized as a member of the annual Conference League, and is hereby very earnestly urged to make an effort to attend this meeting. Each League of the conference (both Senior and Junior) is requested to send three delegates. We believe that the programme that has been arranged will be interesting and helpful to all of our pastors and Leaguers who can be present. Dr. H. W. Featherston of Hattiesburgh, Miss., has promised to attend the conference and give us the benefit of his experience in the work of the Epworth League. All of the readers of the Epworth Era are acquainted with his writings, and will, no doubt, be glad of an opportunity to meet him in this conference.

Bishop Candler has said: "A church whose plans, or a minister whose ministrations are not mainly directed to the young is doomed to failure." In view of this truth, which is evident to us when we consider the fact that two-thirds of the population of our country is under the age of thirty years, we need to give attention to the work which the Epworth League is undertaking to accomplish. In the White River Conference the Epworth League is not prospering. There are several causes for this condition. Of these I mention three. The League literature has not been circulated among the people nor even among the pastors. Our efforts to establish and maintain the work have been spasmodic. In the efforts that have been made it has been impossible to secure the co-operation of the pastors and lay leaders. Notwithstanding these things, the Epworth League Board, to which annual conference has entrusted this very important charge, is endeavoring to advance its interests. We plead for your co-operation in our efforts. Attend this conference in Helena, and see that your Leagues are represented. Fraternally,

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If ministers of the Gospel were more careful to discipline themselves they would have less need to discipline their members. Rules and restraints can not take the place of mother love in the home, nor can rules of government do the work of a true pastor in the church.

Training For the Ministry.

Bishop Keener used to say that a young man preparing for the ministry would find two years in a grocery store a profitable training. It would teach him to attend to details, mind little things, and keep accounts correctly.

Bishop Haygood thought that to work as a book agent would be well. It would teach the value of diligence and persistence. A book agent, he said, had sold him some books that he didn't want, and never read. He did it by his tact and perseverance. "I respect the man that could do such a thing," he said.

But a preacher's training may be too varied, and his qualifications too ample. We not long ago forwarded to a Bishop the papers of a brother who wanted to transfer to our church from the Northern Methodists. The man had many titles. He had traveled much. He had high recommendations as a lecturer. The Bishop only sent back the laconic answer, "That man can do too many things."

Some time since, at a conference, it was given out that a certain brother, famous for his travels, would preach. My host said he did not care to go. "The man had traveled too much." An old lady who had heard such a preacher said: "I went to hear a sermon. I don't care where that man has been, I want to know where he's going."

Churches may well beware of preachers who have been everywhere and know everything. An earnest soul-seeker finds no time to be a globe-trotter. One who is intent upon sacred learning has no time to meddle with many professions. The record of such a man tells the story of one who can not be trusted. Sometime since a brother came before one of our conferences with good recommendations as to ability and talent. None had known him more than a few weeks. They were favorably impressed. The man had a good address. All seemed ready to admit him. Then a brother rose with a paper in his hand and read: "A. B. joined the church at W. He was licensed to preach and entered the traveling connection at such a date. He discontinued to study law. He quit the law for medicine. He came back to the ministry and served in

the Presbyterian Church, returned afterward to the Methodists. Transferred to such a conference. Located; comes to us now for readmission." There was not one word said by the brother after reading the paper, nor did any one else speak. The applicant was not admitted.

Our ministry has no place for a fickle man, no place for a half-hearted man, no place for an adventurer, no place for a self-conceited aspirant, no place for any man whose ideal of life is a personal career of notoriety, or worldly success.

The truly humble, devoted and competent preacher does not need to travel to new fields. He is seldom known abroad. His love for those among whom he labors gives him little time to go abroad or attend to other affairs, and if he have Christian humility he does not sound a trumpet as the hypocrites do.

When Paul wrote to the church "I charge every man that is among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think," he recognized that professing Christians might be spoiled by self-conceit. Even men who claim to be called to the ministry may be so spoiled, for the fickle course of preachers and their intermeddling with all nonsense is generally rooted in an inordinate passion for notoriety.

In the Seat of the Scornful.

Dr. Rankin is now sitting in the seat of the scornful and thus it is: Texas propose to save the necessity of an Anti-Saloon League by not only keeping the law in regard to sale of liquors but by prosecuting all dealers who do not observe it. The association comes before the public through the pronouncement of its secretary at Dallas in this announcement:

"You can now publish to the world that the National and State Brewers' Associations have arrived at that stage when they will take a hand in the extermination of all dives and joints which may exist in Texas. For years they have submitted to the obloquy that the brewers are back of the dives. The statement was without foundation in fact, and the people who are back of the dives in many cases are the members of the churches who rent premises and receive exorbitant rent therefor. If we should make public some of the evidence which has come into our possession of the leases and other contracts made with the proprietors of a class of resorts known as the dives it would certainly astonish many of the good citizens of Dallas and other cities of the State."

From the foregoing it appears that the good brewers have borne much undeserved reproach and that they are, when understood, the most faithful and yet the most modest

guardians of public morality. They have even borne, and are still bearing, for they will not tell, the reproach which is due to church members. If they should tell of certain church members they wot of, who are back of the dives, it would "astonish many good citizens of Dallas and other cities of the State." We doubt not that people generally would be astonished to learn that it is the church members rather than the brewers who support the dives. They have so long been accustomed to think it is the brewers, the greatest possible surprise would be to find they are mistaken. But the good brewers will not tell on the church members.

And now behold Dr. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, derides these brewers and gives them no place for repentance, but, while they assume the roll of reformers and reprovers of the church, Dr. Rankin views the performance from the seat of the scornful.

As the wolf in the story of Red Ridinghood put on granny's cap, "the better to eat you, my dear," so to Dr. Rankin's eye this penitence of the brewers, this "arriving at a stage," this "publishing to the world" is the artifice of unmitigated hypocrisy, "a repentance which needeth to be repented of."

But Dr. Rankin does not deal simply in scornful words; he gives us some facts, as follows:

"We were a member of the Dallas county grand jury a year or so ago and served on it three months. That body investigated a majority of the dives that curse this city, and in nearly every instance we found that the breweries secured the license from them, put the furniture in them and owned it, furnished the bonds for them and credited them with the beer they kept in stock. More than this, we found that these brewers furnished all these facilities to a number of the well known bawdy houses in that section of the city, which was a violation of the law on its very face. Now this secretary has the brazenness of face to come out before the public with the above statement. Furthermore, we never found a single lease on one of these places owned by church people and not one piece of property used for these vile purposes in the possession of church people. The charge is a falsehood out of the whole cloth and a clever way to dodge the doings of these brewers."

A Searching Question.

"The faith of the Methodist preacher has ever been heroic, but when other lives and hearts are brought to the sacrifice, when wife and children may be without home or shelter, can we wonder that this faith sometimes fails? It has been said, and the fact deplored, that few young men are entering the minis-

try of our church at present; may not the realization that they must go wherever sent, whether or not adequate provision be made for physical needs, explain, in some measure, this condition? The world offers better things from a temporal standpoint, and the young man hesitates, although he has heard and felt the call and believes the need is becoming greater every day."

We take the above from the Raleigh Christian Advocate. We do not believe that the decline in ministerial supply is found in the scant salaries of the preachers. There was never a time in the history of this country when preachers of the Gospel were so well provided for, and as to motives for entering the ministry we trust salaries will never be tempting to ambitious men. What is needed to call more young men into the ministry is a deeper fervor on the part of those who are in the ministry already. When spiritual religion is kindled in the church the conviction that men are lost, and that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth will prepare the conditions which the Holy Ghost will own in calling preachers. The love of Christ will constrain them.

A Good Word for Old Men.

In his recent eloquent and suggestive speech at the Montauk Club dinner given in celebration of his seventieth birthday, Senator Depew was able to offer a strong array of facts in refutation of the oft-repeated statement that all the best work of the world is being carried on by young men. "A coterie of elderly senators," said Mr. Depew, "in conjunction with the speaker of the house of representatives, who is of their period, are the real rulers of our republic. Roberts, in his seventieth year, conducted the South African campaign and retrieved, as far as possible, the blunders of the juniors, while in another sphere Commodore Vanderbilt, who up to the age of seventy-one had accumulated \$17,000,000, added to it \$90,000,000 more from seventy-one to eighty-three." No better evidence, it may be added, could have been afforded in support of this same contention than the presence of Senator Depew himself, to whom the years seem to bring no change nor any diminution of activity in many fields of thought and effort. Those people who have undertaken to establish a "dead-line" at seventy in a man's capacity for usefulness must surely leave the junior senator from New York out of their reckoning.—Leslie's Weekly.

Galloway College.

Galloway College has just closed another scholastic year. There has been no better in all its history. It had all the patronage that it could accommodate, and many applicants had to be turned away. Excellent

health prevailed among the students and the work of the faculty was uninterrupted and satisfactory. The graduating class was unusually large. We shall furnish their names next week. The commencement exercises close today.

We heard Dr. DuBose preach in the college auditorium on Sunday. His sermons were most appropriate to the occasion, full of sweetness and of light. They came upon my spirit like rain upon a parched field. We had to return home on Monday, and so missed the grand concert and other exercises of the students. There will be twenty-one graduates in the literary department, two in music, one in elocution and three in business departments.

Burial of Rev. J. M. Hawley.

After a service conducted in First Church, Pine Bluff, by Rev. E. M. Pipkin, the presiding elder, assisted by the other pastors of our church there and the venerable Revs. W. H. Browning and J. M. Carr, the remains of our beloved Bro. Jas. M. Hawley were taken to Batesville for interment. The Lake Side Church and the First Church at Pine Bluff sent representatives as pallbearers. They sent also beautiful floral tributes. At Batesville on Thursday last a beautiful day, in the presence of a great congregation of friends, services were held at the church at 2:30, Dr. Z. T. Benett, Dr. Cadesman Pope, Rev. W. C. Watson and this writer participating, and then the body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery by the side of the little grave where the sorrowing parents had buried their babe a year ago.

Church Notes.

Dr. J. R. Day, of Syracuse, N. Y., was elected a Bishop by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, now in session in Los Angeles, but he has declined to be ordained and the conference did not see fit to elect another in his place.

On Sunday Bishop Galloway preached in the court house at Yazoo City, greatly comforting and inspiring the people, who have suffered so much from the recent fire in which they lost all their churches. The Bishop was formerly pastor here and is greatly beloved by the people.

The Southern Baptists raised during the year just closed \$127,850.56 for Home Missions, \$247,629.69 for Foreign Missions. The report from Arkansas was \$3,288.91 for Home and \$1,755.51 for Foreign.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church at Los Angeles rejected a proposition to divide the church into episcopal districts.

The sum estimated for necessary missionary expenditures for the M.

E. Church is \$1,800,000 and "two million for missions" is now the cry.

Premiums for All.

To the person sending us the largest number of new subscribers for the "Arkansas Methodist" with cash, \$1.50 each, before the 1st of July, we will give a premium of \$10 cash.

To every one sending us five new subscribers with \$7.50 we will send Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, advertisement and description of which see in this paper.

To every one sending four new subscribers with cash, \$6, we will send large print Holman Self-Proneouncing Teachers' Bible. Retail price, \$3.25.

For Brother Christmas.

The following have contributed to the Christmas fund since last report: Rev. W. W. Christie, \$2.50; Rev. W. H. Browning, \$1.50; Mrs. John L. Clegg, \$10. Many thanks to these thoughtful and helpful donors. Gratefully,

W. R. Harrison.

Notices

St. Louis, May 27, 1904.

Dear Dr. Godbey—I would be glad to say a word to the many readers of your valuable paper. As the pastor of one of our churches here in the city I find many of our Methodist people who have moved here from the country, many of them having brought their letters, and being strangers in a great city, have drifted with the tide, and are today practically lost to our church. The formation of helpful associations in the city is not an easy task with many. I would be glad if the pastors who may chance to read this, having members who have come recently to the city, or who contemplate coming in the near future, would give me their address. If any mother has a son in the city, who is not in Sunday-school or church, because he is a stranger among strangers, I would be glad if she would write me his address, and I shall be glad to look him up. Yours very truly,

J. E. McDonald,

Lafayette and Missouri avenues.

I would be glad that all the members of the Texarkana District Conference together with all who expect to visit the same, would notify me at once. Also all preachers and delegates who expect to bring their wives or daughters or children will please write me at once. We want all of our people to know who their guests are at least several days before the 22d of June, which is the day that our district conference convenes. We extend to all in behalf of our people a hearty welcome to our homes as well as to the conference. Brethren, please comply with

this request. It will greatly help us if you will. Yours,

F. P. Doak.

All preachers and delegates to the Helena District Conference, which meets in Clarendon, Ark., June 22 to 26, 1904, who expect to bring their wives, and all connectional officers, who expect to attend, will please to write me at once, so that arrangements can be made in ample time for the entertainment of all our guests. Cordially,

A. M. R. Branson.

A Great Meeting.

Editor "Methodist"—We dismissed at Fairview yesterday at 11 a. m. and worshiped with Brother Thomas and his congregation in their new auditorium of the First M. E. Church, South. The spacious and most elegant building was filled to overflowing, with people standing out upon the steps. It was a great congregation and meeting. This first service was in honor of the high school commencement, and Brother Thomas' sermon was eloquent and spiritual, and so well received by all. The text, "Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." "The sermon, and the singing and most beautiful environments was not only inspiring to the seven young ladies and gentlemen in the graduating class, and other students, but to the whole audience. Brother Thomas and his church are to be congratulated upon the completion and furnishing of this very excellent edifice to the worship of God, a consummation of what wealth, skilful intelligence, refinement and consecration can accomplish. Brother Thomas has shown himself to be one of the best Nehemiahs of the Little Rock Conference. So complete is the whole building that at conference next December every committee and board and the conference can all meet in separate rooms under the same roof. We all rejoice that other new church buildings are being erected here, and Texarkana, on both sides of the State line, is in the midst of wonderful and phenomenal commercial prosperity. Church life is also greatly improving.

J. R. Sanders.

Texarkana, Ark.

The Common Order of Worship.

We confess to a pleasure in this new order of worship, because it is evidently an improvement on the old one. It gives to the congregation a larger part in the public service, and it brings before the people every Sunday the great foundation principles of our Christian faith as expressed in the Apostle's Creed. We hope our pastors will not be slow in their effort to adopt the new order of worship in their Sunday services. It is now the order adopted by those whom we appointed to thus arrange it.—Texas Christian Advocate.

Personal.

Bishop Hoss sailed for England from Boston, May 28.

J. W. Hammock of Quitman called in at the office Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Gregory were pleasant callers Saturday.

Editor Thomas of the News-Democrat, Warren, called Wednesday.

Senator M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania died in his home at Beaver, May 28.

Brother A. T. Blount and Brother Henderson of Stephens called Thursday.

C. T. Burns, Esq., of Black Rock, a nephew of our business manager, called Wednesday.

Rev. James Thomas has sent more than his quota of ten subscribers to the Methodist since conference.

Rev. J. H. Bradford of the Little Rock Conference is conducting revival services at Henderson's Chapel, F. E. Dodson's charge.

Dr. Alonzo Monk made us a call Tuesday on his way to Searcy, where he delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class on Wednesday.

Rev. W. F. Martin, Lamar, drops us a note to say that it is the P. E. and not the P. C. whom he referred to in his report as strong in the pulpit and the home.

Rev. H. H. Watson was a very pleasant caller Thursday. He makes a fine report of his work, his people and his prospects for a good year. His health is unusually good.

Prof. R. B. McSwain, formerly of the Southwestern University has been elected to the presidency of Epworth University at Oklahoma City, and has accepted the position.

Rev. M. B. Umstead, presiding elder of Paragould District, made us a pleasant call Saturday. He reported new churches built at East Paragould, Swifton and Rock Cove, and buildings under way at Hoxie, Mt. Zion, Success, Biggers and Shiloh.

Rev. James Thomas opened his new church at Texarkana last Sunday morning. There was a great audience of near a thousand people. The church is unsurpassed by any house of worship in the state for commodiousness and beauty.

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Christian Life.

Drawing Water.

He had drunk from founts of pleasure,
And his thirst returned again;
He had hewn out broken cisterns,
And behold! his work was vain.

And he said, "Life is a desert,
Hot, and measureless, and dry;
And God will not give me water,
Though I strive, and faint, and die."

Then he heard a voice make answer,
"Rise and roll the stone away;
Sweet and precious springs lie hidden
In thy pathway every day."

And he said, his heart was sinful,
Very sinful was his speech:
"All the cooling wells I thirst for
Are too deep for me to reach."

But the voice cried, Hope and labor;
Doubt and idleness is death,
Shape a clear and goodly vessel,
With the patient hands of faith."

So he wrought and shaped the vessel,
Looked, and lo! a well was there;
And he drew up living water,
With a golden chain of prayer.
—Phoebe Cary.

Converted Church Members.

The great purpose of the church is to save people from sin and to build them up in righteousness. The church, then, is not a social organization in which people are to be brought into contact with pleasant associations and under refined influences. Neither is it an ethical organization in which ordinary morals and good breeding are to be inculcated and higher standards of honor and integrity are evolved and maintained. But it is a living spiritual organism where the Gospel of Christ is to be made the power of God unto salvation. Those entering into the membership of the church need to have an intelligent apprehension of this fact and feel that in assuming its vows they are being brought into the fellowship of those whose association and influence will conduce to the ends of a conscious knowledge of sins forgiven and into the deeper experiences of the divine life. Our General Rule contemplates this when it says of people who apply for membership that they must have "a desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins." Following up the definition of this deliverance where the fruits of this desire are made manifest, we can come to no other conclusion than that church membership with us means regeneration and adoption into the family of God. For wherever there is a deep desire in the heart to flee from the wrath to come and be saved from sin, there follows necessarily the experience of a change of heart and life. There is a tendency among us to take most anybody into the church who applies for this sacred privilege without a close and searching examination of the person touching the question of a deep heart experience concerning sin and salvation. Hence we some-

times fear that, without intending it as ministers, and often unconscious of it as applicants, we get into our communion many people who are not deeply conscious of the great responsibility of church membership, and who too often stop with the mere act of joining the church. As a result, we have among us people who believe that they are Methodists simply because they are in the church and help to support its institutions, when, as a matter of fact, they have no experimental knowledge of religion and no conscious fellowship with the Holy Ghost. It is possible that many of them are members of the church just like they are members of some fraternal order or ethical social club. Our pastors and people need to be a little more careful and discriminating in taking people into the church. A searching inquiry into the purpose and determination, as well as the experience and intention, will do no applicant for membership the least degree of harm, and it will often save the church of perfunctory and unconverted members. Yea, it may lead to the conviction and conversion of such people and make of them really spiritual members. We suspect that an examination of this very question might reveal to us the cause often of our lack of spiritual power in the church of God. There is nothing gained in real godliness and piety by filling the church with unconverted people, however decent they may be in their outward lives.—Texas Christian Advocate.

Sorrowing, and Yet Rejoicing.

Dear Brother Godbey—This morning at 2:30 my precious mother left us for her home above. Oh, how we will miss her wise counsel and words of encouragement! But we do not weep for her. Her death was most triumphant. With songs of praise on her lips she begged us not to weep, but rather to rejoice with her. Thus closed another life well spent in the Master's service.

Had she lived till the 6th of next June she would have been seventy years old, and fifty-nine and a half of those years were spent in the service of God, and in the pales of the Methodist Church. Who can tell the good accomplished or measure the influence of such a life? Her children rise up and call her blessed.

On the 9th of March my sister departed this life in great peace. She went home shouting, "Hallelujah, 'tis done! I believe on the Son, I'm saved by the blood of the crucified One!"

Just four months before, on the 9th of November, my dear brother was called from labor to reward.

Thus one after another has gone sweeping through the gates into the new Jerusalem, until the family above is larger than the family on

earth, and by the grace of God we are pressing on in hope of a happy reunion where suffering and sorrow can never come.

"Oh, how sweet it will be,
In that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain
With songs on our lips,
And with harps in our hands,
To meet all our loved ones again."
Pray for us. Your sister,
Mrs. Cornelia Bristow.

Girls Should be Wary of Employment Agency Advertisements.

Our brethren at Malvern have done well to publish the following, and we give it wider circulation.

Mr. Editor—Many city papers have published warnings similar to the following. But the local papers are the ones to reach the country who need the warning most. So, for the sake of thousands of pure, innocent girls who are in danger of being trapped by these demons, we ask you to publish the following and other items, as they come to your notice. Please ask other papers in your town to copy.

T. O. Owen,

Pastor M. E. Church.

Thos. L. Green,

Pastor Presbyterian Church.

A. Waterbury,

Ex-Pastor Baptist Church.

P. C. Shockey.

Appalling as the figures are, 60,000 girls are secured each year in the United States to recruit the ranks of those who live immoral lives. Investigation has shown that more than three-fourths of these are good, honest girls, reared in country homes by faithful mothers. But they have been enticed into the cities through offers of employment, etc.

Now a special, organized effort is being made to get 50,000 girls into St. Louis for immoral purposes during the fair. In addition to catchy advertisements, they have their "employment bureaus," and "employment agencies" in St. Louis and agencies in every city, and agents throughout the country. We have been told that in Arkansas country girls have been induced to go to a city to learn telegraphy—girls who have not education enough to fill a position after learning. Who knows what may be behind the scheme? Later a pretext may be found for transferring them to St. Louis, where they will be locked up in a den and as effectually shut off from communication with home or assistance from home as if they were dead. This is no imaginary picture. Such things are constantly taking place in all the large cities.

Young ladies should beware of all large cities in general, and St. Louis in particular, unless they are absolutely certain that they are going to the right kind of a place, and to be with the right kind of

people. Parents should not allow their daughters to go unless after a thorough investigation they are sure they are going to a safe place.

If girls have already gone to the towns or cities, look after them at once, unless you know they are with good people, for they may yet be saved before they are fast in the snare that is set to catch them. No girl is safe from these snares; for after she is away from home and friends, these demons resort to force to accomplish the rest.

Prof. Henry H. Norris of Sibley College, Cornell, writes to The MacMillan Company, publishers of Swenson and Frankenfield's "Testing of Electro-Magnetic Machinery and Other Apparatus:" "I am very much pleased with the material covered by the book, and by the simple, practical and complete way in which the experiments are described. The tests are made upon modern machines, and they are planned to bring out the engineering and design features in a delightful way. I feel sure that the book will find a welcome in many technical schools' laboratories, and that it will be read by the profession also."

BOTH JAWS SHOT AWAY

Still a Successful Business Man.

A man who had both jaws shot away had trouble eating ordinary food but found a food-drink that supplies the nutriment needed. He says:

"I have been an invalid since the siege of Vicksburg, in 1866, where I was wounded by a minie ball passing through my head and causing the entire loss of my jaws. I was a drummer boy and at the time was leading a skirmish line, carrying a gun. Since that time I have been awarded the medal of honor from the congress of the United States for gallantry on the field.

"The consequences of my wound were dyspepsia in its most aggravated form and I finally proved ordinary coffee was very hard on my stomach so I tried Postum and got better. Then I tried common coffee again and got worse. I did this several times and finally as Postum helped me every time I continued to use it, and how often I think that if the government had issued Postum to us in the army how much better it would have been for the soldier boys than coffee.

"Coffee constipates me and Postum does not; coffee makes me spit up my food, Postum does not; coffee keeps me awake nights, Postum does not. There is no doubt coffee is too much of a stimulant for most people and is the cause of nearly all the constipation.

"This is my experience and you are at liberty to use my name." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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For the Young People

The Butterfly's Story.

"Once upon a time," began the butterfly, impressively, "I was an egg. My butterfly mother placed about three dozen of us on the under side of a milk-weed leaf. I was at that period of my career a trifle smaller than the head of a pin. A few days later I burst—"

"Oh, dear!" cried Geraldine, sympathetically.

"It didn't hurt," said the butterfly.

"I was only an egg, remember. And as I have already observed; I burst my tiny shell and—guess what came out of that shell?"

"Why, you did," ventured Peter, politely.

"Yes—I came out; but, bless your hearts, you little indoor children would never have known me. I had no wings. But I had a body, and sixteen legs, and a splendid appetite. I was in fact, a caterpillar—very small, it is true, but still a caterpillar."

"You a caterpillar?" exclaimed Geraldine, excitedly.

"Certainly," replied the butterfly, easily closing his brilliant wings over his back and indolently uncoiling a long, thin tongue. "All butterflies come from caterpillars; didn't you know it?"

"No," said Geraldine.

"Didn't know it?" repeated the butterfly, in astonishment; "what do you study in school?"

"Books," said Geraldine, faintly, "but they're not about you; they're about men."

"Poor trash! poor trash!" said the butterfly. "I have six legs; when I was a caterpillar I had sixteen; when I was an egg I had none."

"Goodness, how I did eat when I first became a caterpillar! I ate and ate until I burst—"

"Oh, dear!" cried Geraldine, sympathetically.

"It didn't hurt, child," said the butterfly. "I had eaten too much, and my skin became too tight. So I went off by myself and stood on the outside of a leaf for a few hours, and then I quietly burst my old skin and came out in a beautiful brand new skin. I did it four times in three months. My! What a pretty skin I had; green, with yellow and black stripes. And all day long I ate and ate."

"What?" ventured Peter.

"Milk-weed, always milk-weed," replied the butterfly. "I had a pair of jaws which worked sideways, like scissors, and I fed on the edge of the leaf, eating it down to the tough old midrib."

Then the process of transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis, while the incipient butterfly is hanging by its two hind feet to a fence, is described.

"Yes, I was a trifle dizzy," admitted the butterfly, "but I had no idea of letting go. Beautiful

dreams came to me. I dreamed first that I was eating milk-weed; then I dreamed I had wings and was floating far up among the clouds with the birds; and then—and then—"

"What happened?" exclaimed Peter, much interested.

"I burst," said the butterfly, calmly.

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" cried Geraldine, rocking to and fro.

"It didn't hurt," said the butterfly, "it never hurt me to burst. So I burst open; and out through the skin of my back came a beautiful jewel, about the size of a sparrow's egg, but a little different in shape, and of an exquisite pale translucent green color, all spotted with gilt."

"I was a chrysalis."

"A chrysalis?" repeated the children; "what is a chrysalis?"

"Different kinds of butterflies have different chrysalides," said the butterfly; "mine was a smooth, little pear-shaped thing, without eyes or legs or mouth. There I swung from the small spot of silk. I wriggled a little to cast off the thin, dry, transparent skin of the caterpillar which clung to me; but when I was freed from it remained motionless, like a tiny lacquered mummy inlaid with gold. Good gracious, how beautiful I was!"

"If you had no mouth, how could you breathe?" asked Peter.

"I breathed through little holes in my sides—holes about as big as the point of a pin. I breathed that way when I was a caterpillar, and I breathe that way now. It is a very good way to breathe," said the butterfly, impatiently; "do you know a better way?"

Peter said nothing.

"I breathe through my nose," ventured Geraldine, timidly; "mother wants me to."

"I don't object," said the butterfly, "there are hundreds of ways to breathe. I knew a grasshopper who breathed through his hind legs."

Peter said nothing; Geraldine looked down at her legs thoughtfully; the butterfly resumed his memoirs.—From Outdoorland.

There is a man in Virginia named R-o-u-g-h-l-o-u-g-h. Some people call him Ruffbuff, others Robuff, others Rowbuff, others Rowbo, others Rowboo, others Rowbow, others Robo, others Rooboe, others Roboo, others Ruffbo, others Ruffbow. Yet some people say there is nothing in a name.

Our Letter Box.

Caney, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—Here comes two little Arkansas girls, nine and ten years of age. Our fathers take the dear old "Methodist" and we like to read the children's letters very much. We go to Sunday-school every Sunday.

Our preacher's name is Brother Logan, and we like him very much. We will close by answering Troy Wade's question: Wash-pot is found in the 60th Psalm and the 8th verse. Yours truly,

Gena May and Bennie Shell.

Rogers, Ark.

I am a little boy, nine years old. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. But I can't go today. I have got the whooping cough. Our superintendent's name is Brother Sager. I like him very much. I live with my grandpa. I like to ride the mule after the cow. The mule's name is Beck. The cow's name is Jersey.

I have a hen and 13 chickens. I have an old cat and two little kittens. My grandpa is a preacher. He takes the dear old "Methodist." I like to read the cousins' letters. I will close by asking a question: Who is it that is spoken of in the Bible without father or mother?

Frank Ratliff.

Des Arc, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I thought I would write to the dear old "Methodist." I have never seen anything from Des Arc. I am a little girl nine years old, and in the fourth grade at school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Katherine Sharp. I like her very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I don't want to miss a single Sunday this year. Mrs. Tunstall is my teacher at Sunday-school. I am a member of the Methodist Church and a member of the Juvenile Society.

My papa is a doctor, and sometimes I go out in the country with him. I have two brothers and one sister. I have a bantam hen for my pet. I had two canary birds but mamma left the door open one day and they got out. I will close for fear of the wastebasket. From your little friend,

Pauline Bogard.

Brooks, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little girl ten years of age. My papa takes the dear old "Methodist." I like to read the children's page. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our Sunday-school has been very dry for several Sundays. My teacher's name is Mr. R. P. Wells. We all like him. I have no pets except some little lambs. I have three sisters and two brothers, and I love them all. I have one little sister in heaven. This is the first letter I have written, as I have seen so many letters from the little cousins, I will try to write one. I will close for fear my letter will reach the wastebasket. If this misses the wastebasket I will write again. Your little friend,

Lela Baldwin.

Attica, Ark.

Dear Dr. Godbey—I am a little girl seven years old. I enjoy the cousins' letters very much. This is my first letter. Will not write much for fear of the wastebasket. I want

to answer Adele Anderson's question. Abraham was God's friend. 2 Chron. 20:7, James 2:23. I will close by asking a question: How many times is the word Atonement in the New Testament?

Ethel Reid.

Curtis, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I am a little girl 10 years of age. My papa takes the dear old "Methodist." I like to read the children's letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. I never went last Sunday. I was ready to go and it commenced raining and rained all the evening till I could not go. I knew my lesson very well. I will close by asking a question: How many books in the Old Testament? Your friend,

Emma Brown.

MAC'S LUCK

The Young Woman Reporter's Story.

The following food tale written by a clever young newspaper woman is a true story that came under her personal observation:

"I have been with the — (a paper in a California town) for nine years and Mac has been with us all that time and I do not know how much longer. Mac's full name is MacClellan. Before the linotypes came in he was a good printer, and was one of the first to learn the machine, and is now, at about the age of 42, one of our very fastest operators.

"Last winter and the winter before Mac, probably from constant nightwork and improper food, got badly run down, could not eat much, what little he did eat did not do him much good and he always complained he could not keep warm.

"I missed him for awhile until yesterday I overtook him on the street going toward the office, and hardly knew the man; had it not been for the familiar walk I should surely have passed without recognizing him. He was stout, his face was round and ruddy and his eyes bright as I had never seen them before.

"I said, 'Mac, I hardly knew you; what on earth have you been doing to get so fat?' He replied, 'Grape-Nuts, nothing else. I started in on Grape-Nuts food three months ago when I weighed 126 and was feeling miserable, but now I weigh 160 and feel better than I ever felt in my life. I quit my old diet and went on Grape-Nuts and that's the whole story.' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Exercise is necessary but there's no nourishment in it and proper food alone can supply that. Grape-Nuts for 10 days is a pleasant trial and proves big things.

There's a reason.

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Our Church at Home.

BAYOU METO, ARK.—At the last session of the Little Rock Conference I was moved from the Umpire Circuit, where I had been "stationed" for fifteen years. In other words, I was called up out of the brush, where I had been hid away for lo, these many years, to supply this, Bayou Meto Circuit.

I arrived on the work a little late, and have been hindered some on account of sickness and much rain and mud. Though since spring has opened the work is moving on nicely. Our second quarterly conference met at Sunshine in our new church, which is complete, except the painting. There is some indebtedness, though we expect to have this all out of the way and the house dedicated before conference.

Brother E. M. Pipkin, the P. E., arrived in time to preach for us Friday night. He also preached Saturday morning before conference. He left us at noon to meet Brother Drake and hold his quarterly conference. We were sorry that he had to leave us so soon. There was not a full representation of the officials. Though Saturday night and Sunday the congregations were large and attentive. Reports showed that the P. C., the stewards and Sunday-school superintendents had done but little besides collect and organize. As shown by the reports, we have six Sunday-schools and several prayer-meetings in the bounds of the work and finances in good condition. We are laboring at some disadvantage. The recent race riot and other bloodshed and murders have had a demoralizing and blighting influence all over my work. Oh, when will men cease to do evil and learn to do well?

As yet we have held no protracted meetings. Some of the neighboring brethren have promised to help us and I will see them at district conference, which will convene next week, and will arrange with them. We are praying for and expecting a revival of religion at each point on the work. You brethren who have served this charge and you who will help me, who know what we need, pray for the convicting and converting power of the Holy Ghost to fall upon us.

G. L. Galloway.

VICTORIA, ARK.—I am in my fourth year. I came to this field in 1900. I found the work in a dilapidated state, as I saw it; and I began at once to devise, in my own mind, a plan or plans by which the circuit might be brought to the front, and to that end I have been preaching and laboring these four years, and all know that things are not like they were in 1860, but that centers have changed, whereupon it became necessary to change the location of some of our old church houses, which had become unfit for

use, on account of decay. And as a thing of this kind usually begets dissatisfaction in the minds of some, so here some of the brethren are not pleased with the change, and some feeling is existing over the matter. But I am sure it will all be right in the end with them. The church has grown from an old, dilapidated building to a beautiful new one; the value of which is or will be \$1,200, and the assessment for the preacher from one hundred to two hundred and forty dollars, with more than a hundred already paid.

Our last conference took two of the appointments from this charge, and still the assessments are larger than in former years. So you see at once I have stood by and have seen things grow. And since the railroad came our people have been in a very unsettled condition as to what will or may take place in the church or the schools, and as the majority must rule, and as J. R. Moore used to say, "The longest pole gets the apple," so the majority said that the new church would be the preaching place from this to the end. So, Doctor, you are invited to come at any time to Balding and preach in that new church for us. Balding is a new town on the Bastrop and El Dorado railroad, and any who may be seeking homes will do well to call and look at the town and community here. Our second quarterly conference convened at Balding last Saturday in the new church, and Dr. Riggin was on hand; did the work of the conference in the very best style, and preached to the satisfaction of all, so far as I know.

The report shows an increase over last conference.

The Doctor baptized five babies on Sunday morning, after which we had a most sumptuous dinner. At night we dedicated the new church and Doctor did it in a very impressive manner, and the conference closed and all were well pleased.

John D. Dunn.

USSERY.—This work is a difficult one to travel. There is so many little streams to cross, but I have met most of my appointments. Our second quarterly conference has passed. Our P. E. got here this time and did some good preaching, and last Sunday was a high day at Bear. Brother O. H. Keadle was there and preached two strong sermons. He had traveled this 20 years ago. His old friends came by the wagon loads to see and hear him. Taking everything into consideration, I think the work is improving. We have a good Sunday-school at every appointment and that is six. We are expecting a revival all over the work. I have made arrangements for some able men to help me. I think I will make a full report at conference. Respectfully, Jas. L. McKinley.

HORATIO.—Children's day was observed at Horatio on the third Sunday in May, and was a real success. The address by Prof. Hopkins, of our school here, was suggestive, pointed and interesting. He introduced the moral and intellectual parts of human nature and advocated the development of the same. Miss Vaughn and a number of young persons and children acted well their parts in representing the day offerings. The drill and song by the young ladies, under the supervision of Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, was quite impressive and interesting. It was a real children's day, for the little ones as well as the larger ones were made to feel that they had some part in the exercises of the day. The baptism of children was embraced in the programme, and at the proper time Brother G. B. Pride, our Sunday School superintendent, and his wife presented their little babe, Mildred, who was baptized by the pastor.

Children's day at Mt. Rose, which is about two miles from Horatio, was observed on the fourth Sunday. The exercises were under the supervision of Brother Scarborough, the superintendent, and an interesting programme was rendered by various members of the school. The music, conducted by Brother Friday, assisted by a number of young persons, was impressive. The large audience was dismissed about noon for dinner and the bountiful supply of good things for the appetite constituted an important part of the day's proceedings. Respectfully, A. D. Jenkins.

Horatio, Ark.

MT. HOME CIRCUIT.—We are moving along nicely on Mountain Home Circuit; had a good meeting last Sunday at Fairview; fine congregation; many sinners shed tears. There was three penitents at the altar for prayer.

At the 11 o'clock service we had Rev. Charley Hively, a local preacher from the White River Conference, with us, who preached an excellent sermon for us at 4 o'clock. We are expecting good revivals this year. J. H. Ruble, P. C.

LOCKESBURG.—Our Epworth League is growing in numbers and interest. The Sunday-school is increasing in scholars and perhaps in thoroughness of work. We need the home department, also "baby roll."

Our children's day service fourth Sunday was good. The church would not seat the people. Collection, \$6.51.

The Graveley Point Church is being repaired with new roof and paper; cost about \$100. Woman's work doing well. Bellville will build a new church soon. Love to all the brethren. S. C. Dean.

AUVERGNE AND WELDON.—Our second quarterly conference, 21st and 22d. Our faithful and en-

ergetic P. E. on hand, and on time a little ahead. Good, and did not leave till he got through Monday. As this is the most important position in our church, I want to say a word. Brother Sibert is magnifying the office and work of a P. E. and as long as this is done the P. E. ship need not be thought needless, as is the opinion of some. But when the office magnifies the man and he moves as a kind of perfunctory functionary, "skooting in" on Saturday afternoon and "skooting out" on Sunday evening and being real nice, and fine, and excellent, and no spiritual life and power, as the manner of some is, even holding the quarterly conferences on Sundays, then I am not surprised at the howl in the Nashville Advocate not long since on the unpopularity of the P. E. ship. Brother Sibert was just as nice and fine and excellent as need be, and had the power with it. Amen. And is going over this district like the leap and plunge of fire. Bless God. Then on this occasion he was accompanied by a junior P. E., in the person of Brother W. P. Gibson, of the St. Louis Conference, who by his presence, prayers and sermon added much to the spiritual and social circle. His sermon on Saturday night was good, rich food for the Christian and when Brother Sibert followed in song, and exhortation, sinners came forward for prayer. God bless, you "Old Guard." You will soon answer to roll call on high. Finances in good shape. "Salvation's rolling on." Hallelujah!

Jernigan.

P. S.—I have but one real serious objection to Brother Sibert. I have tried him in cold weather and in hot, and he can be relied on to want his half of big wide bed right "kerdab" in the middle. But I'll forgive all past offenses, if he repent, but if not, my stock of patience begins "to wobble" a little, as I contemplate. Jas.

SELMA, ARK.—We observed Children's Day at Selma and Mt. Tabor second and third Sundays in May respectively.

Good programme, good collections. We have receipt from treasurer Sunday-school board for \$24. Fraternally, E. F. Wilson.

DE QUEEN, ARK.—Our meeting closed last night. I don't know the number of conversions. We had 44 accessions with five or six applicants yet to be received into the church. All of the other churches will now secure accessions. Brother McKay was with us and did fine work and preached with great power. God bless him. We will never forget him. Very truly yours, W. A. Steel.

MAIVERN AVENUE.—We closed a two-weeks' meeting in this church last Sunday night. There was great interest and very large congregations from the beginning

to the close. Rev. W. H. Woodfin assisted us several days and his preaching was clear and strong and forceful. My people love him. We had 28 conversions, mostly men. One strange feature of the meeting there were no children converted. We had 21 additions to the church on profession of faith. We urged the people to come to the altar for prayers and nearly every one who did so was saved.

I consider this the most successful meeting of my life. My people are just delighted with results. Our Sunday-school has more than doubled since last January, as has our collections also. Ever since December our congregations have continued to increase until now we have full house at nearly all services. Ladies of church have recently put new carpet in the church. We have just painted three rooms in the parsonage and put a new carpet, which cost \$22.10 on one room, good matting on another and linoleum on dining room which Mrs. Nelson paid for by an entertainment given at park recently. My people gave me third pounding during meeting, which we greatly appreciated.

We have as fine class of young people in this church as can be found anywhere in similar charge. It is said by all who visit our church that we have the best choir in the city.

The outlook for this church is very flattering.

W. W. Nelson.

Jonesboro District Conference.

The Jonesboro District Conference will be held in my charge June 22-26, and you are invited.

We trust to have a full attendance of all the preachers and of the lay delegates. Ample accommodations will be provided for all.

We shall endeavor to meet all the trains, but if we should accidentally miss any of you, come directly to the church in North Jonesboro, and you will be assigned a home.

We are working and praying that God may be with us, and make this conference a great blessing to the entire district and I beg the brethren to get upon their knees and pray mightily that their coming may be a rich benediction to my people.

Since I came to this charge last December, we have paid off a troublesome debt on our church, and by the time of your coming, we expect to have the building completed.

The junior league will have the woodwork nicely painted.

The W. H. M. Society will carpet the floor, and the brethren will put in nice pews, and if we have no mishap everything will be ready for the church to be dedicated on the 26th of June by Brother Stonewall Anderson. We invite all the ex-pastors to be present. Yours cordially,

W. F. Walker.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

North Jonesboro.....June 27

Nettleton Station.....June 29
Monette Circuit.....July 2, 3
Jonesboro Station.....July 7
Harrisburg Station....July 9, 10
Harrisburg Circuit....July 11, 12
Earl and Parkin Cir....July 16, 17
Vannsdale Circuit....July 23, 24
Marked Tree Circuit....July 27, 28
Golden Lake Circuit...July 30, 31
Crawfordsville and Marion.....
.....Aug. 2, 3

Osecola Station.....Aug. 6, 7
Luxora Station.....Aug. 13, 14
Blythesville Station....Aug. 16
Barfield Mission.....Aug. 17, 18
Blythesville Circuit...Aug. 20, 21
Trinity Circuit.....Aug. 24, 25
Shiloh Circuit.....Aug. 27, 28
Lake City Circuit....Aug. 30, 31
Cotton Belt Mission....Sept. 3, 4
M. M. Smith, P. E.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Dover Circuit.....June 4, 5
Dardanelle Circuit at Pisgah....
.....June 11, 12
Dardanelle Station....June 12, 13
Ozark Station.....June 19, 20
Ozark Circuit.....June 25, 26
Belleville Circuit at Ranger....
.....July 2, 3

Prairie View at McKendree....
.....July 9, 10
Clarksville Circuit at Spadra...
.....July 16, 17

Clarksville Station....July 17, 18
Ola Circuit.....July 23, 24
Danville and Rover....July 30, 31
Gravelly Circuit.....Aug. 6, 7
Walnut Tree Circuit....Aug. 13, 14
Lamar and London....Aug. 20, 21
Altus and Coal Hill....Aug. 27, 28
J. B. Stevenson, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

First Church...June 5, a. m.
Central Church.....1 p. m.
Mulberry Cir. at Shiloh..June 11, 12
Van Buren Station.....12 p. m.
Alma Circuit.....June 18, 19
Van Buren Cir. at Lee's Ck....
.....June 26

Fort Smith Circuit at Cavanaugh.....July 2, 3
Huntington Misison....July 3, 4
Branch Circuit at Branch.....
.....July 9, 10
Hackett and Bonanza..June 16, 17
Greenwood at Washburn.....
Hackett and Bonanza..July 23, 24
Charleston Cir. at Pleasant Ridge
.....July 30, 31

Mansfield Cir. at New Hartford
.....Aug. 6, 7
Booneville Station....Aug. 13, 14
Magazine Cir. at Wesley Chapel
.....Aug. 14, 15
Carolann Circuit.....Aug. 16
Paris Station.....Aug. 20, 21
Waldron Circuit.....Aug. 27, 28
Cauthron Circuit.....Aug. 29

The Fort Smith District Conference will convene at Branch July 7-10. Committee on examination: J. M. Hughey, S. S. Key, O. H. Tucker.

Henry Hanesworth, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Bentonville Station.....June 4, 5

Gravette Station.....June 5, 6
Fayetteville Station..June 11, 12
Springtown Circuit at Falling Springs.....June 18, 19
Gentry Station.....June 19, 20
Farmington Cir. at Cincinnati..
.....June 25, 26
Siloam Springs Station..June 26, 27
Lincoln Circuit at White Rock..
.....July 2, 3

Prairie Grove Circuit at Prairie Grove.....July 9, 10
Center Point Circuit Oakley Chapel.....July 16, 17
Winslow Circuit at Campbell School House.....July 20

Goshen Circuit at Goshen.....
.....July 23, 24
Springdale Station....July 24, 25
Bentonville Circuit at Bright Water.....July 30, 31

Rogers Station.....July 31
Huntsville Circuit.....Aug. 6, 7
War Eagle Mission at Rock....
Branch.....Aug. 9

Elm Springs Circuit at Thornberry.....Aug. 20, 21
F. S. H. Johnston, P. E.

THIRD ROUND—SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy Station.....June 8, 9
Newport Station.....June 11, 12
Augusta Station.....June 15, 16
El Paso Circuit at Vilonia....
.....June 18, 19

Beebe Circuit at Stony Point...
.....June 26, 27
Cabot Circuit at Austin..July 2, 3
Bald Knob at Bald Knob.....
.....July 9, 10

West Point at New Hope.....
.....July 16, 17
Cato Circuit at Concord..July 23, 24
Argenta Station.....July 27, 28
Wiville Circuit.....July 30, 31

West Searcy, Mt. Pisgah.....
.....Aug. 6, 7
Heber Circuit, Pangborn.....
.....Aug. 13, 14
Auvergne and Weldon.....
.....Aug. 20, 21

Bethany.....Aug. 27, 28

J. D. Sibert, P. E.

Monticello District—Third Round.

Arkansas City at Dumas.....
Watson.....June 4, 5
Tillar Circuit.....June 5, 6
Collins at Prairie Hall..June 11, 12
Warren.....June 18, 19
Palestine.....June 19, 20
Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant...
.....June 25, 26

Hamburg Sta. Dist. Conf.....
.....June 30, July 3
Hamburg Circuit.....July 2, 3
Portland and Wilmot..July 9, 10
Lake Village.....July 11, 12
Lacey Cir. at Prairie Chapel...
.....July 16, 17
Parkdale.....July 23, 24
New Edinburg.....July 30, 31

Crosset.....Aug. 6, 7
Jersey Cir. at Lanark..Aug. 13, 14
The district conference convenes in Hamburg June 30. Announcement of committees, etc., will be made later. Let us all work and pray for and expect a good and profitable session of the conference.

W. M. Hayes, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT, THIRD ROUND.

Foreman Circuit at Arkinda....
.....May 21, 22
Janssen Cir. at Hatfield..May 29, 30
Gillham Circuit at Grannis...
.....May 29, 30
Garland City Circuit at Cedar Grove.....June 2

Richmond Circuit at Wade Chapel.....June 4, 5
Horatio Circuit at Mt. Ida....
.....June 11, 12
DeQueen.....June 18, 19
Mena Station.....June 25, 26

Lockesburg Circuit at Kingree..
.....July 2, 3
Umpire Circuit at Galena.....
.....July 8
Wilton Circuit at Brownstown..
.....July 9, 10

Allene Circuit at Cerro Gordo..
.....July 14
Fair View.....July 16, 17
Mt. Ida Circuit.....July 23, 24

Cherry Hill Circuit at Brd Comp
.....July 26
Texarkana Circuit....July 30, 31
First Church....July 31, Aug. 1

Mena Circuit.....Aug. 6, 7
Let special attention be given during this round by pastors and officials to the answers to questions 13, 17, 20 and 22 under paragraph 87 in our Book of Discipline.

District Conference will be held at Mena June 22 to 26. The conference will meet for organization on the evening of 22d, after a sermon by Rev. W. W. Mills. Opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. R. Sanders Thursday, 23d, at 11 a. m. Following are the committees:

For License and Admission—J. R. Rushing, W. A. Steel and W. W. Mills.

For Orders—W. M. Crowson, F. P. Doak and S. C. Dean.

Let all the local preachers who can not attend send in their reports by mail.

Secretaries of W. F. M. and H. M. Societies are requested to be present and represent their work.

Let pastors and delegates come prepared to remain till close of the conference.

B. A. Few, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Ilazen, June 4, 5.

Carlisle and DeVall's Bluff, June 5, 6.

Hickory Plains, June 11, 12.

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Mabelvale, July 16, 17.

Asbury, July 23, 24.

Henderson Mission, July 24, 25.

First Church, July 30, 31.

Winfield Memorial, July 30, 31.

District conference, Hunter Memorial, July 26-29. The opening sermon will be preached July 25, 8 p. m., by Rev. Horace Jewell.

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In Memoriam.

A tribute to the memory of Miss Sadie Peterson, who died at Blooming Grove, Texas, May 9, 1904.

"It may be in the morning
 Ere the dew is off the grass,
 When the little birds are singing
 Their welcome as they pass;
 Ere the sound of busy thousands
 Is heard upon the street,
 I will listen for His coming—
 For the coming of His feet."

Yes, it was in the morning of another week for the busy, tired teacher that the Master came and called for her. What a glorious transition for her; but for us who wait here below, who loved her so tenderly, how dark the hour when we learned our precious friend was no more!

It was my rare privilege to be intimately associated with Miss Peterson for several years in school work, and between us there grew the strongest bond of friendship, only to be strengthened by the lapse of years. For each day I found more and more to admire in her character.

Endowed by nature with the noblest qualities of head and heart, receiving the best culture that a Christian home and college education could give, the result was the grandest type of Christian womanhood. She was noted for her loyalty to her church and fidelity to God through all circumstances. The embodiment of all that was good and true, her mission in life seemed to be to make others happy.

Her utter forgetfulness of self in thinking of and caring for others was beautiful to behold. She had sorrows, as all of us have, but bravely shut them up in the recesses of her own heart and with a bright and cheerful disposition she scattered sunshine everywhere she went.

Naturally refined and elegant in manner she impressed all with whom she came in contact as a model worthy of imitation. She attracted all by her kindness and gentleness. Being a busy music teacher, she had very little time from her work, yet she was never too busy to notice the little children, who were her devoted followers, or to have something pleasant to say to them.

She made it a point to seek out the sick and afflicted, the "shut ins" and devoted much of the time when she should have been resting, to brightening their lives.

Everything she undertook she did thoroughly. Her pupils were devoted to her and sorrow will fill the hearts and tears bedim the eyes of her many pupils when it is known

that their dear "Miss Sadie" is no more.

Besides her work as teacher she often acted as organist and did much in training choirs and preparing children for their especial exercises.

Her pastors knew and appreciated her helpfulness in this respect.

She never had time for the fads and fashions of the day, or the frivolities of life, but feeling the great responsibility God had placed on her as a worker in his vineyard, she was ever busy doing the little duties that came in her way, daily following in the footsteps of her Lord in that he came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

I can but feel that a life of loving service here better fits us for the grander, fuller service above. Then we can imagine with what joy our dear one, done with all the weariness of life, placed her trophies at the feet of her Lord ready to enter into that fuller service for him whom she now sees "face to face." Who can estimate the value of such a life? Our deepest sympathies go out to the bereaved family, especially the invalid brother to whom Miss Sadie was so devoted.

May they trust the God whom she trusted and at last join their loved one in heaven.

To all of us who loved her it seems the very sunshine of life has fled; but looking upward through our tears we thank God for her beautiful life and say, "Thy will be done." Her loving friend,
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life-long friend, Dr. John H. Dye, P. E. of the Little Rock District. Dr. Dye will take the collection at the close of his speech. Then dinner. I am tempted here to quote from Dr. A. Hunter. He once said people will go to a noise," and I think it is safe to say people will go where there is something to eat. So we expect 1,500 or 2,000 people. (more or less).

Then after dinner our genial, faithful and efficient P. E., Brother J. D. Sibert, will speak on any subject he may select. Our motto is that of Dr. Morton, who once said three things are needful on a great occasion like this. First, inform; second, warm; third, storm. The reader can make the application. Brother Wilson will just be home from the Lookout Mountain young people's missionary conference, and he can take note. Well, we will have some singing. Everybody invited.

Jas. F. Jernigan.
 Time, July 13, 1904. Don't forget it. Augusta, Newport and McCrory are hereby given an invitation to come and eat with us. We will feed you, and send you home happy.
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LOWE—James A. Lowe was born in Rhea county, Tenn., March 1838, and moved to Arkansas before the war of 1861, and died of heart failure in Pine Bluff, Ark., April 3, 1904. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, 1851, and lived a consistent member to his death. He was in the war from 1861 to 1865, and carried his Testament all through the war. Brother Lowe was well known and loved by all who knew him. He was kind and charitable at home, in the church, and all other places. He was a model man in everything—a man that never complained at anything—and he was noted for hospitality in all times of distress. The writer knew him and had associated with him in almost all circumstances of life, and will say that he was a true Christian man, and had but few equals in life. His home was a place of pride and pleasure to his family and friends, and a place of prayer and thanksgiving. The ministers felt like they had entered the gates of heaven on earth when they entered his home. Brother Lowe leaves a wife and children to mourn their loss, while he joins some of his loved ones on the other shore. May the Lord bless them. "By a true friend," J. A. Shell.

GRISWOLD—Ann Griswold was born in Alabama, November 27, 1837; was married to John Cullen Griswold in 1859, and moved with him to Arkansas in 1875. The Lord blessed their union with eleven children, six of whom preceded their mother to heaven. Sister Griswold professed religion when quite a child and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent Christian life until her death, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Smith, on Pine Prairie, Ashley county, Ark., April 22, 1904. Thus a noble Christian woman, a devoted mother and a true friend has fallen. "She is not dead, but sleepeth." Her life was a beautiful one; like Dorcas she was full of good works and alms deeds. God said to her, "It is enough; come higher." There was no preparation to make, she was ready, and, as this material world receded, the beauties and glories of the celestial rolled in sight and beamed with transcendent splendor upon the enraptured vision of her soul. Her funeral was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large company of friends who met to honor the memory of one they loved so much. We buried her in old Central cemetery near Berea, there to await the resurrection of the dead. May God bless the sorrow-smitten children whom God has written motherless.

M. P. TIMBERLAKE.

THOMAS—Mrs. Martha Ann Thomas died at the residence of her stepson, Dr. T. E. Thomas, in Clarendon, Ark., May 5, 1904 after an illness of several weeks. She was born in Alabama in 1830, and reared and educated in middle Tennessee, and married Major A. J. Thomas in Prairie county, Ark., in 1868. After the death of her husband she lived with her step-daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. M. Davie, near Beebe, Ark. The remains were interred in the family burying ground near Hickory Plains, Ark. Thus another good woman has fallen on sleep to awake in the realm prepared for

the Lord's redeemed. A consistent member of the Methodist church for fifty years is perhaps the highest eulogy that could be given as evidence of the faithfulness of her great life. Many sweet days were given to her, bringing with them hours for holy prayer, Bible reading, social blessings and performance of noble deeds, which only the pure in heart and the refined of the Lord can render. The interplay of congenial influences from the Holy Spirit, Christian literature and from her own loving ones, brought into well rounded outline the sympathy and graces which characterized her noble nature, and made those who came within the sanctuary of her friendship love her much for genuineness of her heart and life. Her life contained poetry and prose, light and shadow, joy and sorrow, but these experiences only helped to bring out the music of her soul, revealed the potency of her religion and verified the words of Paul: "All things work together for good to them that love God." She was faithful in all the relations of life. May God continue His blessings and loving kindness to her noble relatives, for whom she prayed often. A. M. R. Branson.

BECKET—Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Becket (nee Cargile), wife of J. R. Becket, and daughter of D. S. Cargile, was born February 9, 1870, and died March 3, 1904, after a long and painful illness of six months' duration.

She was converted in July, 1883, in her thirteenth year, and immediately attached herself to the M. E. Church, South, and remained a most exemplary member of the same to the day of her death.

She was married to J. R. Becket December 23, 1891; six children were born of this union, one of whom had preceded her to the home on high, and was doubtless watching to welcome mamma at her home coming.

The husband and few remaining little ones have suffered an irreparable loss, but heaven is dearer to them by her going. How sweet the anticipation now, of the reunion in the "sweet by-and-by!"

As her pastor we were frequently in her home, and always found her hopeful and cheerful, and were much impressed with her genuine Christian character. She was possessed of the highest and purest ideals of the relations of life as wife, mother, sister and friend. Though isolated in a degree from church privileges, yet she manifested an intelligent interest in all its work, and was the preachers' friend. Not only did she interest herself especially in her pastor, but was a true friend to every true minister of the Gospel of Christ.

The church has lost a devoted member, the husband a loving wife, the children a tender, considerate mother, the brothers, sisters and parents an affectionate sister and daughter, the community a kind, obliging neighbor.

Dear friends, the Great Father knoweth best, let us trust in His wisdom.

J. C. FLOYD.

RAYNER—Rev. Benjamin S. Rayner, a good, and noble man of God, fell on sleep, May 3, 1904, near Durant, Miss., in his 60th year. Last week, while on a visit to Beebe, Ark., I met his sister, Mrs. W. H. Jordan, who, when she took me by the hand, said, with trembling voice and tearful eyes, "Brother Jernigan, did you know Bud-die was dead?" I was shocked, and more so when told of the suddenness of the sad event. And this meeting explains why I am called on to perform this "labor of love" for one whom I loved like a brother. Here, I introduce a clipping from the "Lexington Advertiser." "It occurred at

the home of Mrs. M. E. Jenkins at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, at the age of 60 years. He had walked from his own farm over to dine with a party of friends and seemed in perfect health. Soon after dinner he was taken ill, and Dr. Doty of Bowling Green, being summoned by 'phone, soon arrived and applied all the remedies used in such attacks without avail. Mr. Rayner was born in old Spring Hill, where all that remained of him mortal was laid to rest yesterday. He spent an eventful life. At the age of eighteen he enlisted in the 29th Mississippi regiment of Gen. Walthall's brigade, and in the battle on Lookout Mountain he lost his left hand, just above or near the wrist. After the war he taught school, and prepared himself for the ministry in the Methodist Church, South. Since that time he has passed several years in China and Japan in missionary work, and but recently returned after an absence of eighteen months in Mexico. He has lived for a purpose, and he performed his work where duty called fearlessly and cheerfully. He leaves three sisters and two brothers, to whom he bequeaths an example worthy of their emulation, and to whom we extend our sympathy." Not being furnished with the usual dates and appointments, and where I cannot, therefore, follow in the beaten path in this tribute. He was born March 26, 1844. His parents' names were Thos. C. and Nancy Rayner. He was converted at home, in Granada, Miss., after reading a little book, the title I do not know. Rev. J. D. Newsum was the pastor at the time. When and where licensed to preach is not at hand. He came to the White River Conference in 1876 or 1877; and now begins my personal knowledge of this wonderful man. In 1879, our Conference met in Jacksonport, and he and I were thrown together on committee work. Here began our mutual attachment, and callous was the heart that would not love B. S. Rayner. While in this close fellowship, we talked freely. Some observation was made as to the loss of his hand, and a question in regard to the matter in resurrection. He lovingly said, "Why, Brother Jernigan, I will have both hands when I get to heaven." The next note of him as to personal account was in Mississippi county, this state, on the Osceola circuit. He was there some time in 1880 or 1881. I followed, or was there in 1888, till 1892. And while there on a work 40 miles long, and ten miles wide, I visited every white family in the bounds, and never did enter a home where the family lived there during Brother Rayner's administration, that I did not hear his praises sung by rich and poor. All, all held him in their hearts as a pure man, and a faithful preacher. Soon after this he was transferred back to north Mississippi Conference, and our next meeting was at Beebe in 1893. I was there assisting Brother Branson in a good meeting, and Brother Rayner came to visit his sister, Mrs. Jordan. He was planning for a trip to Japan on missionary work at his own expense. He was raising \$1,000 to be used in putting Bibles into Japanese families. I well remember my number was 127. I suppose he got the \$1,000, as he went to Japan. One dollar in our money would put two Bibles in the Japanese into those heathen homes. In about a year I received a letter from him with a curious coin, expression of the gratitude of those who had been the recipients of my little favor. One of the Bibles he gave to an orphan Japanese boy, the other to three sisters living alone. my name is in each. Tonight, the 24th of May, near the hour of midnight, as I write, and per-

form this loving service, I thank God for an opportunity to do good in the name of Jesus as offered by this soul-loving and soul-winning sweet spirited man. Who knows, but these Bibles, and B. S. Rayner's prayers, are behind and under the struggle now going on by that heroic people for national liberty, and Christian civilization. May God direct the battle to His glory, and the good of the world. While in Beebe, I visited a number of homes with him. He was the meekest men I ever met. When approaching the doorway of any home, he lifted his hat, and hung it on his artificial hand. When met by an invitation to "come in," he always bowed so gracefully, and said, "Peace be to this house." With this I close this unworthy notice, but assuring all his kindred it has been a willing, hearty service. I only wish I were more worthy to be considered in connection with such a pure, faultless man. "Peace be to his body as it rests at Old Spring Hill, waiting the call of God, to rise, and meet Him in the air." Joy, eternal joy be to his soul, in the realms of the blest, where we can all find him when we lay our armors by to dwell in peace at home." So mote it be.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

FIELDS—Belar M. Fields was born December 5, 1890; professed religion and joined the church September, 1902. He was called to his reward the 7th of May, 1904.

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 Jonesboro June 22-26
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 Hamburg June 30
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 July 7
 Little Rock District Conference,
 Hunter Memorial, L. R. July 25
 Camden Dist. Conference
 at Stephens July 28

Sunday-school Convention.

Dear Doctor—On Tuesday morn-
 ing, May 3, we arose early as the
 appointed day had arrived for our
 Cleburne County Sunday School
 Convention, at the historic Quit-
 man, renowned in other days in
 Arkansas Methodism as the seat
 of Quitman College, where such
 men as Jerome Haralson, the saint-
 ed S. H. Babcock, whose spirit took
 its flight home to God from my
 home at Crawfordville the 5th of
 last October, and others of true and
 noble characters struggled bravely
 with the minds and talents of the
 youths of Arkansas, and left the
 imprint of their lives like sweet in-
 cense on the lives of those noble
 boys and girls, many of whom still
 live to revere the memory of their
 early tutors and some of whom are
 now fathers and mothers in my
 charge.

The day was one of those about
 which we have so often read in the
 story books, but which none but
 the lovers of nature recognize and
 appreciate. The air was fresh and
 balmy, as only the mountain air
 can be, and scented with the fra-
 grance of the early spring flowers,
 which grow so luxuriantly by the
 roadside in this country. The day
 was enough to make any one glad
 to be living.

The distance being about sixteen
 miles, we had to start early to be
 there at the appointed hour, and I
 think every wheel that was able to
 turn and every horse that was able
 to travel was in service from He-
 ber that day.

We arrived safe, and at the ap-
 pointed hour Brother John Bittle,
 the chairman, promptly called the
 convention to order, and we were
 made to feel at home by an elo-
 quent address of welcome by Prof.
 McPherson, of Quitman, which was
 ably responded to by Geo. W. Reed,
 after which several speeches were
 made by the Sunday-school super-
 intendents and other representa-
 tives of the various schools of the
 county. Of course singing was in
 evidence, first by the Quitman

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 fering I endured for three years. I
 tried everything that I was told to use
 for fully three years, but could get no
 relief. I tried at least eight different
 doctors, but none of them seemed to do
 me any good, as my hands were as bad
 when I got through doctoring as when
 I first began. I also tried many reme-
 dies, but none of them ever did me one
 cent's worth of good. I was discour-
 aged and heart-sore. I would feel so
 bad mornings when I got up, to think
 I had to go to work and stand the pain
 for ten hours, and I often felt like giv-
 ing up my position. Before I started
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 body was refreshed by the plen-
 tuous repast with which all pro-
 vide themselves from home on these
 occasions.

After dinner, we met again for
 the best part of the programme, the
 deliverance of exercises by the va-
 rious schools represented, which
 were greatly enjoyed by all.

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