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News and Notes.

A GREAT HORROR OCCURRED JUNE 15 on East river, New York, near the entrance of the harbor, the burning of the large three-deck excursion steamer, General Slocum. The boat was crowded. The excursionists were chiefly the children of the St. Marks German Lutheran Church and their parents and relatives. About one thousand persons perished, being burned or drowned.

Vanderbilt Notes.

Vanderbilt commencement, the Confederate reunion and the preachers' institute have been among the notable events of the past week. These occasions brought a multitude of visitors to the city. many of whom we had the pleasure of welcoming to Wesley Hall.

Commencement day was unusually bright. All nature seemed to smile upon the large class of graduates. Although there were ninety-eight who took degrees from the various departments, as is her wont, on occasions of this character, Arkansas was well represented. Judge W. C. Ratcliffe was present and participated in the deliberations of the board of trustees, while seven of the graduates register from our State. From the academic department, George R. Gordon, of Camden, and Lee Holt, of DeWitt, took the degrees of Bachelor of Arts. Both these young men stood high in the University, and have made splendid records as students. They completed the entire course in three years. Mr. Holt has also won great distinction as an orator. He will teach in Arkansas next year. We shall expect from these young men great lives.

Henry H. Barger, of Knoxville, Ark., B. A. from Hendrix, received the degree of Master of Arts. Since I first went to college I have known Mr. Barger intimately, and I think I never met a nobler spirit. He intends to devote his life to Christian education. Smoker Boddie, of Arkadelphia, was our only graduate from the engineering department. In the department of pharmacy, Percy B. Meyer, of Pine Bluff, and J. F. Smith, of Texarkana, received degrees. The latter also won Founders' medal, the highest honor in the department. We have no graduates this year in the Biblical department, but G. M. Gibson, of Black Rock, and Will Steele, of Lockesburg, received diplomas in

law. I am not sufficiently well acquainted with Mr. Gibson to risk a prediction concerning his future, but after some years of intimate association with Will Steele, I'm ready to risk my reputation as a prophet upon the statement that he enters now upon a brilliant career in his chosen profession. He comes of legal stock, has ability, integrity and application and is deadly in love with his life work. He will locate at home and I shall watch his life with the deepest interest.

Chancellor Kirkland reported the affairs of the University in a prosperous condition. But few changes will be made in the faculty and the outlook for another year is unusually bright. Marvin E. Holderness magnifies his position as secretary of the institution.

Of the reunion I saw but little. Duties at Wesley Hall bore heavily upon me and prevented anything like satisfactory attendance upon its public gatherings. I did, however, contrive to pay an occasional visit to the Arkansas headquarters and to see, at painfully long intervals, one of the most popular sponsors and her maids. Among others I was especially glad to meet and welcome to Wesley Hall such loyal Methodists as Mrs. L. Wadley and her charming party of young ladies from Hot Springs, and Brother F. R. Noe, Buttram, Corley and J. G. Thweatt. Brother Thweatt combined his trip to the reunion with a visit to his son Charles, who is a student in Vanderbilt.

Something like a hundred preachers have been in attendance upon the summer institute. Of the programme I have asked Brother White to write. In appearance and real worth no delegation surpasses that from our own State. It consists of John H. Glass, J. B. Stevenson, W. M. Wilson, T. W. Fiskackerly, W. P. Whaley, John A. Henderson and J. W. White. It has been a great pleasure to the manager of Wesley Hall to have these brethren present.

J. B. Stevenson preached at Carroll Street Church, and J. H. Glass and W. P. Whaley relieved Brother Twitty at Trinity on Sunday, June 19th. I hope to meet the good people of Fordyce on Sunday, June 26. I will probably get through here the latter part of the week.

Hutchinson.

The Vanderbilt Biblical Institute will go into history as one of the

greatest events to the Methodist Church that could occur to her ministry. A great institute—yea, more. How could it be otherwise, when such a man as Dr. Tillett is at the hub! Any expense or sacrifice one could make would not be too great even to hear his moving lectures, replete with meat, full of the Spirit, and charged with love for God, the ministry and the great church.

The institute opened during the U. C. V. Many old soldiers were in Nashville. Some for the last time alas.

I could not help but notice the contrast—they celebrating a lost cause, themselves grown hoary with age, while the excellent body of young ministers from all parts of our beloved Methodism, buoyant and full of hope, with a note of triumph ringing upon their lips, ready to march to a certain victory.

Promptly at 8 p. m., June 15, Bishop Candler was introduced to discuss "Great Revivals." To say he did it well is not enough. Sometimes pathetic, sometimes sarcastic, dealing in burlesque, ridicule and withal keensightedness and prophetic vision and authority made him appear as a master prophet among men.

Next morning the printed programme was taken up and carried out as printed, save Bishop Wilson took the place of Bishop Galloway, who could not be present. All felt so much disappointment at the failure of Bishop Galloway to arrive, but when his splendid substitute got through all were one in their unstinted praise of the institute and thanked Dr. Tillett for the exercise of his good judgment.

There are in attendance about one hundred preachers, who are being royally entertained by that prince of entertainers, Forney Hutchinson, who makes each feel that he is a special guest.

The work is progressing nicely. Sometimes a little spice is thrown in, sometimes some brother rides his hobby till he is unhorsed.

There is shown one serious feature here—the lamentable fact that we are drifting into skepticism. Deplorable, but a fact, some of our professors reject the common interpretation of the Word of God, denying that Abraham offered Isaac, that Jonah is a fact, that Elijah did as is recorded, that there is a hell, etc.

The school of the prophets is become largely the school of skeptics. I say these things advisedly.

I frankly confess it is too hard for me to adjust myself to the new order. More next week.

J. W. White.

A Striking Incident.

At the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war, the Japanese residents of Vancouver, B. C., held a meeting in the city hall, at which about seven hundred of their race were present, and with great enthusiasm pledged themselves to patriotic support of their fatherland, and organized a committee to collect a fund for transmission to the Japanese government in aid of carrying on the war. So successful were the collectors that in a short time seven thousand dollars were collected, an amount which is expected to be increased to twenty thousand dollars. Here comes in the most interesting and remarkable part of the story. Several large amounts were sent in by persons engaged in improper pursuits, and the leaders in the movement decided to call another meeting to decide whether or not these should be accepted, with the result that it was unanimously decided, as one of the leaders puts it, "to reject the contributions from those people who do not regard the moral law of the land." "Accordingly," says the writer, who is no other than our own Japanese minister there, the Rev. Goro Kaburagi, "we have refunded the subscriptions to the men and women, with a letter in which we praised their loyalty to the emperor, but we told them that we regretted to know that they were engaged in an occupation which is contrary to the dignity and honor of our mikado, * * * therefore we advised them to give up their present unholy pursuit and return to an honorable business with the money we returned, which will be more loyal to the crown than sending this money to the war funds, telling them they know that we are fighting for a righteous cause, and as we are on the right side, we must not commingle unrighteous gifts with righteous ones." We are glad that our Japanese friends have such clear ideas and such high principle, and are so practical and positive in applying them. Too many people in these days do not scruple as to how money has been obtained, so long as it is available. The influence of that object-lesson of the returning of ill-gotten money will be far-reaching.—Christian Guardian.

Educational Notes.

The Renaissance of the South.

(Oration before the Alumni Association of the Arkadelphia Methodist College, May 24, 1904, by Leslie Goodloe, A. B.)

Within the last few years a most marked renaissance has begun throughout all our Southland. For almost forty years the South has been laboring beneath the effects of the reconstruction following the Civil War, which so long retarded the normal development of her natural resource and of her social and political life, and today is entering upon a new era of growth and development. The restless energies of our indomitable Southern manhood, long fettered or retarded like the waters of some mighty reservoir, with accumulated force, are sweeping away the last remaining barrier to a full and free development of the riches of the South. It is this same measured action and outworking of the principles and spirit of our Southern people which has sustained the South during the adversity of the past, which has produced the auspicious conditions of the present, and which affords the greatest hope for the continual advancement of the Southern States in the future.

Yet this period following the war has not been wholly without its advantages. While the testing crucible of reconstruction was galling and severe in the extreme, yet the South has come forth unsullied and untarnished by the awful strain upon the basic principles, not only of her own institutions, but of the entire nation, and with renewed powers and energies is eager for the waiting tasks of a dawning century. Our Northern brethren, it seems, are gradually beginning to recognize the true meaning and intent of Southern ideas and of Southern contentions, and are lending a more kindly hand, while the dawn of our awakening is growing brighter with each passing hour.

Our United States, then, in one respect at least, is not a unit. However much we may glory in a re-united nation, and justly so, too, yet the stern fact remains that the great civil strife has left behind it certain lines of demarkation which can never be entirely obliterated. There shall, for ever, be a distinct Southern sentiment and Southern civilization. There shall forever be a South.

Yet, on the other hand, the conditions left us by the war which produced these lines of demarkation are being wiped out, and if present indications of Southern progress and of Northern appreciation prove true in the near future, will be completely surmounted. Yet though the Blue forever is with us, the Gray likewise shall forever linger reminding us of a cause once so just and so glorious, and, above all, stimulating us to victories of peace in the civil and social worlds no less renowned than those of war. For though that South which was conceived when the state was sovereign, which was born during the travail of war, and which was lost when we thought all lost, with its sweet recollections exists only in the phantom realm of the golden long ago, yet upon its fallen ruins, like some Nineveh or Babylon of old, there is arising another South, a South of the future; a new South, heir to, and more glorious than the old; a South, the development of whose magnificent natural resources and intellectual powers will weave for it a tread in the fabric of history that shall be the envy of nations ages to come.

Probably no one of those conditions left us by the war has been so closely interwoven with our Southern develop-

ment as has been that political and social anomaly resulting from the emancipation of the negro. All honor to the old negroes of antebellum days, who were true and faithful to their masters, and, above all, who today are honorable and law-abiding. May the cottonfields of their paradise forever be white with purest joys! But they are passing away, and their places are being filled rapidly by a negro of a very different stamp. This negro of these latter days is fast drifting away from the laws of his fathers, and is not only in many respects indolent and worthless in the positions he could reasonably expect to occupy, but is also entering upon a career of criminal recklessness which outrages the most sacred laws of man and of God. Even the hasty gallows and the burning stake diminish not the frequency of his more barbaric crimes. Could such a state of affairs have ever been dreamed of before the war? Yet these facts in no wise call for the restitution of slavery, but they are unanswerable arguments for a circumscribed freedom. For the alchemy of emancipation can never of itself transform a mental and moral infant into an enlightened citizen. Gradation is the most fundamental law of man, and that all men are equally entitled to be equal factors in determining the affairs of the same government must forever remain an absurd idea of the sentimentalists. If the North desires social equality with the negro, a matter about which they are little versed, let them have it, but when you find such an equality in the South, then surely you may, in answer to the inquiry of the Scriptures, exclaim: "The leopard can change his spots and the Ethiopian his skin. Social equality has always been a ridiculous farce, while political equality is every day becoming more and more an ignoble crime, not only upon our sacred government, but upon the negro as well. What this circumscribed freedom should be, and upon what basis this question should be solved is a matter for the economist and the statesman; but true it is that under existing conditions the inevitable law of the "survival of the fittest" must ere long work itself out through some more violent means.

Already is felt the approach of this inevitable reformation. Throughout the whole South there is such a movement in regard to the race problem as has never before been undertaken; and this is but the beginning of a revolution which shall reinstate the negro in that position which his present state of racial development so imperatively necessitates. Then shall our Southern political life be purged as with hissoop, and law upon her majestic throne shall rule unmocked, while the South in defeat, at last, shall be victorious.

In the industrial and commercial worlds the effect of this renaissance are likewise every day becoming more noticeable, and with the completion of an isthmian canal, the salvation of the South in this respect will have been accomplished. Fierce questions of government, of religion and of commerce in the Far East are today demanding the presence and attention of all the great powers. England and Europe are going by the Suez Canal and Asiatic railroads; the United States must go over the Pacific. An inter-oceanic highway for that purpose has long been under consideration, but now it necessarily soon must be constructed. For already in the South numerous discoveries in mineral wealth, the opening of new coal, iron, copper and other mines; the increase in the cultivation of the soil, necessitating the construction of new railroads and factories, new furnaces and

mills, have produced new energy and thrift, new desires, new hopes, new life. But with this Southern outlet for our increasing foreign trade, where is the limit to the possible development of Southern industries? The mart of all Europe, it is true, lies unobstructed to the East, but the Eldorado of commerce for the South today lies out before her in the distant Orient by way of the West. Here in this already "open door" are eight hundred million peoples, the development of whose hidden interests, the exportation of whose boundless wealth, and the supply for whose almost inexhaustible demand, most vitally affects our industrial progress.

Before the South I would present today a wonderful picture. Its canvass is the canvass of nature, its landscape is the landscape of Asia and of the South with the Pacific ocean lying between. The rising sun of prosperity casts its rays of splendor upon the features of this picture, once so indistinct, and unfolds a scene, wonderful for the significance of its prospect. Yonder we see emerging from a great canal highway innumerable ships carrying Southern cotton and cotton goods, Southern iron, steel, oil and coal, with Southern mechanics and engineers; and then turn their burdened keels toward the far Pacific beyond. Here we see the whole South as one great center of agriculture and of manufacture. Yonder again we behold the cities of Texas, of Louisiana, of all the Gulf States as great terminal stations for the exodus of our eastern-bound commerce; while beneath our spell-bound gaze the Gulf of Mexico, with magic spell, is transformed into the Mediterranean Sea of the Western Hemisphere.

In other fields less stirring and turbulent the quickening movement goes on. The South today is fast rising upon a plane of such scope and independence that deeds of renown in the literary, educational and social worlds are being accomplished as well as triumphs in the conflicts of industry and of state. The growth of our industries has extended our commerce; an extended commerce increases our wealth, and wealth is the door by which comes all the refining luxuries of civilization. An awakening on educational questions among the masses is surely even now breaking upon us. Rockefeller may give his thousands, and Carnegie his millions, but our people are likewise erecting their own altars at the shrine of knowledge, and the sons and daughters of the South, in increasing numbers, are there offering their tributes of labor and of love.

As our colleges and universities are growing in efficiency, and gaining that recognition which they so justly deserve, the Southern writer also begins to soar into the atmosphere of literary fame. Our climate soft, balmy and luxuriant, like that of sunny, vine-clad Italy; our landscape far-famed for the beauty of its scenery and the fragrance of its flowers; our history, unparalleled for its heroism and patriotic devotion, all combine to constitute the South without an equal as the land for education and refinement. With the increasing betterment of our material conditions, the time must inevitably come when the Southern flowers of verse and of prose shall no longer blush unseen about the hearthstone of their native land, but the fragrance of their fame, with swelling volume, shall spread from clime to clime.

During the period of grim adversity following the war, when the struggle to reclaim ravished fortune monopolized every attention, little time also was left for the luxury and refinement of social life. Yet long since gaunt poverty,

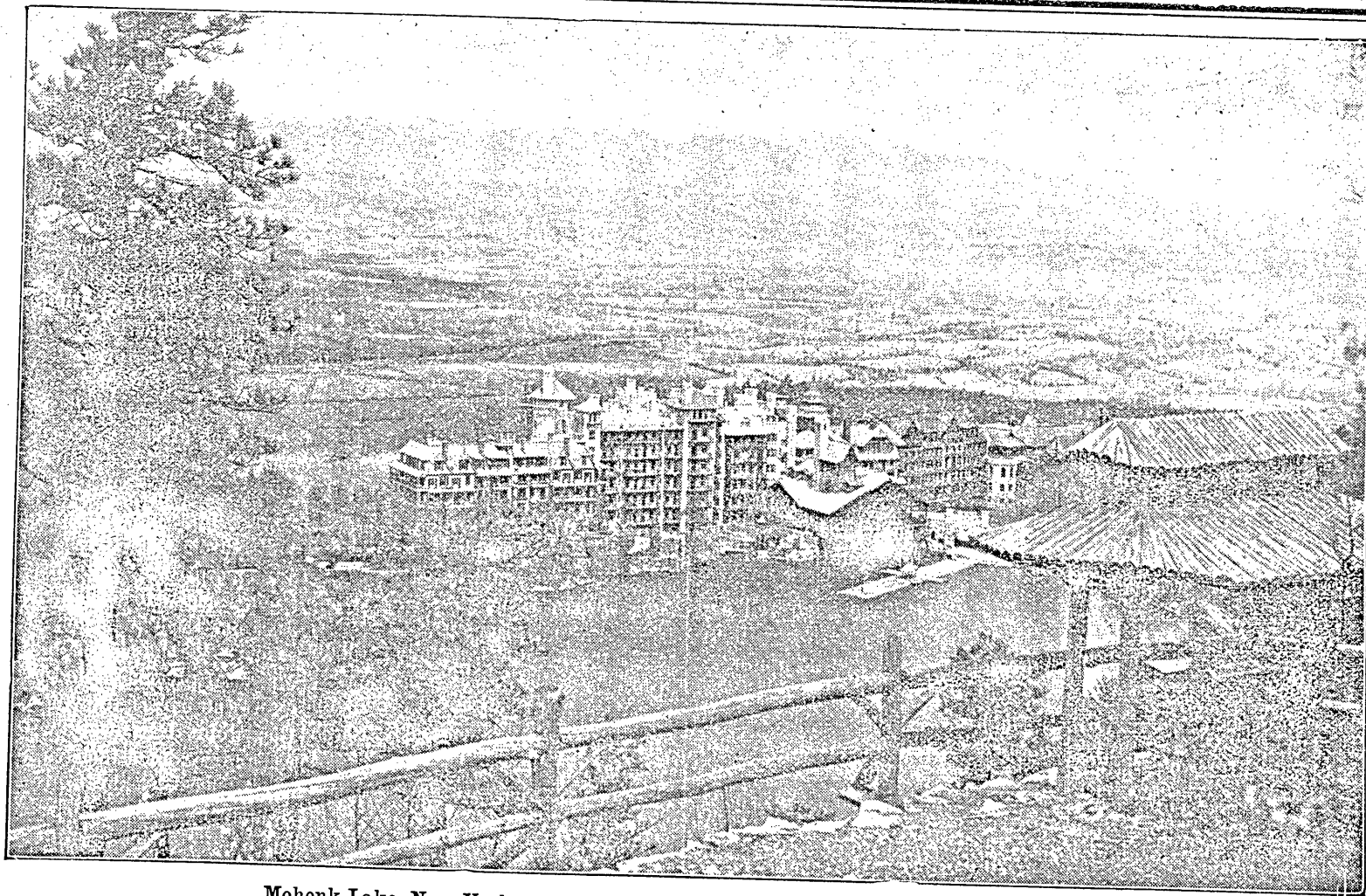
whose icy touch then palsied the arm of industry and of culture, has made obeisance at the throne of plenty, while peace, happiness and contentment have all played prodigal and returned to the Southern home. That indomitable manhood, that angelic womanhood of ours, through whose veins flows the Anglo-Saxon blood of lords and of kings, could not be bowed down with a servile despair of never rising again, but rather the lingering effects of disaster and of war have but augmented their final triumph. Hence it is that in every department of activity is felt the pulsations of such an awakening as has never before been experienced. The spirit of the times has been communicated to the public speaker and the public press, and each passing day unfolds some new awakening made, some old lethargy gone. The time is not far distant when the South shall have completely broken asunder every restraining fetter, when she shall have realized the fulfillment of her dream of ante-bellum splendor blended with a golden future.

Yes, from where the Ohio wends its stately course towards the Mississippi great, to where our enticing shores lock arms with the amorous waters of the gulf, let this renaissance roll on. Let our railroads continue to stretch their serpentine course over the land; let the factories of South Carolina and the furnaces of Alabama mingle their smoke over busy metropolis and grain-burdened plain; let the coal of Tennessee, and the iron of Alabama, and the oil of Texas with majestic playfulness burst from the fruitful earth; let the stately forests and the fragrant cotton fields of Arkansas, shout back to the blue hills of Kentucky the glad news of the approach of a brighter and a grander day. Let the black man forsake that which is too high and aspire only to achievements congenial with his nature. Let the white man, from Virginia's historic Potomac to the far-off shores of Texas, in education, in politics, in industry, in religion, in law, forever augment the rising pyramids of Southern progress until all our people shall awaken to opportunities never before realized, to achievements never before attained. Then shall the South behold in its true light the fulfillment of that dream of independence and of prosperity which had its inception in our beloved Southern Confederacy.

Now, to the alumni of this college, and to those who soon join its ranks, let me say: Breathe deep into your souls the spirit of this great movement which today, everywhere, is infusing new life into the land which we call the South. In a certain way, it is told, there lies a railroad whose course runs over so mountainous and perilous a region that at every curve there stands a man whose sole duty it is to waive a green lantern, to let the engineer know that safely lies ahead. Our usefulness in the aggrandisement of the South may be small, but if we can do nothing else, let us stand in the great highways and waive a green lantern as the mighty forces, moral and industrial, directed by another's eye and another's brain, sweep on in their triumphant march.

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Progress and Prophecy at Lake Mohonk.

BY AMOS B. WELLS.

"I believe that the large portion of men would be glad to do away with war if they knew that most wars could be prevented." These words of Mr. Albert K. Smiley, in the opening of the tenth annual Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration, are rapidly becoming justified by events.

Dr. Trueblood's review of the past year's progress showed wonderful progress for the principle—the Venezuelan arbitration at the Hague "the most remarkable lawsuit the world has ever seen," the formation of an American group affiliated with the world's statesmen who make up the inter-parliamentary union for the promotion of arbitration; the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question; the great arbitration conference at Washington—these are only a few of the year's notable events that point toward peace.

"A 'fullness of time' seems to have arrived for the culmination of our reform," declared the chairman of the conference, the eminent jurist, Judge George Gray, of Delaware, head of the coal strike arbitration and one of our four American judges on the panel of the Hague tribunal. "As a lake cannot be drawn from at one point without lowering its level at other points, so we are learning the waste of war in one land injuriously affects all other lands."

Over and over that point was emphasized by the prominent business men attending the conference. As

the Hon. Samuel B. Capen, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, declared, "The war going on in the far East is paralyzing America. The waste of war is the waste of the common assets of the world."

Sixteen of the leading chambers of commerce and boards of trade, of the largest cities of the country, were represented by delegates in the conference. Thirty-seven of these powerful bodies have placed themselves on record as unqualifiedly in favor of international arbitration. Many groups are as determined as those in Boston, who have formed a committee of one hundred to arouse the business men throughout New England to agitate for the reform. As Prof. John H. Gray, of the Northwestern University, declared, "When the business interests of the nation express a wish for international arbitration, our law makers will suddenly discover that they were always in favor of the measure."

"From a business point of view," said Mr. Arthur B. Farquhar, of the National Association of Manufacturers, "a worse investment than a modern warship would be hard to find." "The growth of our commerce is such," said Secretary Preston, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, "that we can't afford to go to war or have other nations go to war." Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Baltimore and other large cities made similar emphatic expressions of opinion. The cause is rapidly winning, as Edward Everett Hale said, more influence of the men who know how to cash a check and can tell the difference between

a special delivery stamp and the other kind.

Though business men were thus prominent in the conference, all present were idealists—practical idealists. Indeed, as Commissioner Macfarland, of the District of Columbia, expressed it, "already the dream of the poet has become the plan of the statesman." The nations, as Dr. Leipziger of New York, urged, are coming to see that it is ideas, not size or numbers or armies, that make a land great. "England and France never so certainly showed themselves to be first-class nations as when they recently made their arbitration treaty with each other." "The Tribesmen of old," Prof. John Bassett Moore reminded us, "would have considered feudalism the dream of a theorist. The feudal chief would have thought the policy of our present civil States a mere dream. So we may think of our visions of international organization; but the future will speedily realize them."

Many representatives of the army and navy took active part in the conference, such men as Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Gen. C. H. Howard, Gen. James H. Wilson, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Capt. Richmond P. Hobson. As Gen. Horatio C. King asserted, "no one is so desirous of peace as the soldier who understands what war means." The conference wisely refrained from expressing opinion relative to our large naval increase, but looked forward hopefully to the time when in addition to an international court of justice we shall have both an in-

ternational congress and an international police force that shall render gradual disarmament possible.

This tenth Mohonk conference was the largest ever held, consisting of some three hundred delegates, and the merest mention of the many distinguished speakers is out of the question. There were many eminent jurists, among whom was Justice David J. Brewer, of the supreme court of the United States, who, while he eloquently expressed his sure faith in the coming of universal arbitration, yet would have us "remember that movements as vast and changing the face of the world as international arbitration do not come in a day." There were many eminent educators, such as President Faunce, President Seelye, Chancellor MacCracken and President Strong; many well known literary men, like Thomas Nelson Page, and many honored clergymen, like Dr. Jefferson, Dr. Abbott, Dr. Moxom, Dr. Tompkins, Dr. MacArthur, Dr. Cuyler, Dr. Arthur J. Brown. Partisan allusions to the Russo-Japanese war were ruled out, but a strong plea for international justice was made by Baron Kentaro Kaneko, of Tokio, Japan.

As never before, the cause of international arbitration has back of it the force of public opinion. Its friends will seek in every wise way to intensify that opinion. The immediate duty is to urge our government to negotiate with Great Britain and all other countries, strong arbitration treaties. The president and Secretary Hay are ready to make them if the people want them.

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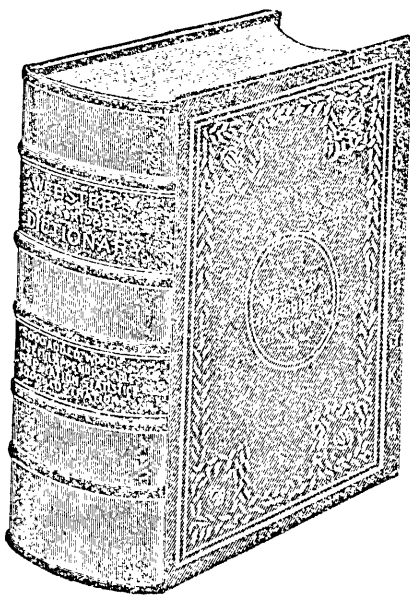
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The defendant Mamie Townsend is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, C. L. Townsend.

June 15th, 1904.

A. N. DeMers, solicitor for plaintiff.

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T. W. Wilson J. P. Court. Big Rock Township Pulaski county, Arkansas.

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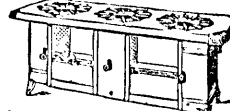
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Another thing that I learned was that a presiding elder must often go ahead and do his duty where he will be blamed, and where he cannot open his mouth in his own vindication. He will often be blamed for things which he not only did not do, but against which he protested with all his might. A preacher was once sent to an important appointment in my district, sent by the Bishop on the advice of another presiding elder over my most earnest protest, for I simply knew that the appointment would prove a failure. It did significantly fail. The people of that town blamed me for it. What was I to do? I could not load the brother who was sent there with my adverse judgment given to the people in order to clear myself; that would have been to have helped him to fail. I had to shut my mouth, and leave the burden of the arrangement upon my own shoulders. Once a preacher blamed me severely for having "just ruined him" in the matter of his appointment. The simple truth was that I was the only presiding elder in the cabinet who seemed to



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care a fig whether he got any appointment at all, for he was a sort a ne'er-do-well and was on my hands and nobody wanted him. I managed by the hardest sort of work to get him a fairly good appointment, and had to fight to the end to hold him there. I did not tell him that such were the facts in his case; I just took the blame, and went my way. On another occasion a quarterly conference, every member of it except some relatives of the pastor, told me that the preacher must be moved and another sent at conference. I moved him and sent another. The preacher's relatives went to their fellow officials and begged them to write me asking still that he be sent back, and the man assigned to them be sent to his newly made appointment. They wrote me, saying: "Brother So-and-So asked me to write you asking that Brother B. be sent back to this work and let the brother assigned here be sent to the place Brother B. was to go to.

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June 26--The Bible and Missions.

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THE BIBLE AS A MISSIONARY BOOK.

1. The Bible and missions go together—they are inseparable. The Bible is the greatest of missionary books. It is the completest revelation of the missionary purpose of God. It contains the great charter for Christian missions; it records the missionary aim and activity of Jesus Christ and the summary of his desire and purpose expressed in his last command to his disciples. It shows how this purpose of our Lord grew upon his disciples until they came to embody his missionary spirit in themselves; how the missionary idea was the ruling idea in the early church.

The New Testament, including the Gospels, was written by missionaries, and almost the whole of it was written for the instruction and encouragement of the young churches they had planted.

Again, these same writings were widely circulated. They were translated and scattered abroad for the strengthening of the church and for the extension of her borders. Saint Chrysostom says: "The doctrine of St. John did not in any sort (as the philosophers did) vanish away; but the Syrians, Egyptians, Indians, Persians, Ethiopians, and infinite other nations, being barbarous people, translated it into their tongue." So also writes Theodoret, of the fifth century: "Every country that is under the sun is full of these words, and the Hebrew tongue is turned not only into the language of the Grecians but also of the Egyptians, the Persians, the Indians, the Armenians, the Scythians, the Sauromatians, and, briefly, into each of the languages that any nation useth."

THE BIBLE AS A PIONEER IN MISSION WORK.

2. The result of this wide circulation of the Bible was: It played a large part in the rapid progress of Christianity in the early days of the church. Many then, even as today, were first introduced into Christianity through the reading of the Scriptures. A striking illustration of this is the experience of Tatian, in the second century. He relates how he had made trial of every kind of religious worship and had found no satisfaction in any, and, coming across a copy of the Scriptures, was convinced of their truth by the char-

acter and contents of the Scriptures themselves.

Thus it has been all the way down to the present time. The Bible has been a source of light to those who were in darkness. Such was the light that first came to Sostenes Juarez, perhaps the most notable name in connection with Southern Methodism in Mexico. It was through this means that God first spoke to Joseph Hardy Neesima. Dr. E. W. Parker, missionary in India of the M. E. Church, relates the following: "In one of the government schools in India a young Mohammedan teacher, a very bright fellow, one afternoon was feeling out of sorts. He said he did not know what to do with himself, and that he did not know what the matter was. He went to visit another one of the teachers of the school and told the teacher how he felt. He said: 'I wish I had something to read or something to do.' The teacher brought out a New Testament which had been left him. He said: 'Read this. This is a Christian Bible, and perhaps it will do you some good.' That young Mohammedan took that New Testament and commenced to read. He got over that dull feeling and read all night. The result was that he went to the missionary to inquire more about it, and that man stands today among the leading preachers of our church in Northwest India, converted by the reading of one of the Gospels scattered by the Bible Society."

Frequently the Bible has been the first book written in the language of a great people. It was the first Armenian, the first Gothic, and the first Russian book in each of those respective languages. Often has it been the experience of missionaries that in translating the Bible into the language of a people they have had to reduce the language to writing for the first time; and, what is still more difficult, they have had, in a large measure, to create a language for the expression of Bible truths. They have had to introduce new words and give them a new meaning and empty other words of their old meanings and fill them with new ones. The translation of the Bible has marked the beginning of a new era in the development of more than one language.

III. PROTESTANTISM AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE.

It has been of the very nature of Christianity to give the truth from God to all men freely. The church from the beginning circulated the Holy Scriptures, and it was only the undue authority given to traditional interpretation making the Roman Catholic church afraid to trust the people to interpret the Word of God for themselves that in time created a tendency in that church to discourage its circulation among the people, a tendency which culminated in the decrees of the Council of Trent in 1546, which recognized

tradition as of equal authority with the written Word, forbidding private interpretation and anathematizing all who print and circulate copies of the Scriptures without authority.

But to Protestantism the ultimate authority of the Scriptures and the right of every man to appeal to them is fundamental. Protestantism stands for the open Bible, and so wherever Protestantism has gone, it has gone with this message from God. The Bible is the handbook of the Protestant missionary.

Protestantism took its more decided missionary turn in the eighteenth century; likewise the beginning of the modern movement for translating and circulating the Bible throughout the world was in that century. In time, this movement issued into the formation of the great Bible societies, chief among which, and mother of all the others, is the British and Foreign Bible Society, which was established in London March 7, 1904. The purpose of these societies is to give the Scriptures to every people in their own tongue.

While at first the Bible societies were not foreign missionary movements, they have become so. More than one-half of the Bibles issued by these societies go into foreign countries, and are there used directly for carrying on the work of foreign missions.

An interesting and recent result of the dissemination of Bibles among the people of the Roman Catholic countries is the counter movement of the Romish Church. Despairing of rooting out the evil, as they see it, of the circulation of the Protestant Bibles, they are preparing their own translation from the Latin Vulgate for circulation among the people of Brazil. The Protestants will, of course, welcome this move, believing that it will lead to investigation and to larger light.

The truth in the Bible is ours, but it is ours as a sacred heritage; not to keep for ourselves, but to propagate. There is no greater work being done for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord than that which is being done by the great Bible societies. There are no truer missionaries than the Bible men and the Bible women in heathen lands, who are scattering here and there in the darkness copies of the Holy Scriptures. This is seed-sowing that will surely have its harvest.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1904.

There is a good deal of sincere religion in our churches in Little Rock, which has been kept for some time in cold storage.

A father who has a son that is not worth educating is to be pitied. A son who has a father who does not care to educate him is still more to be pitied.

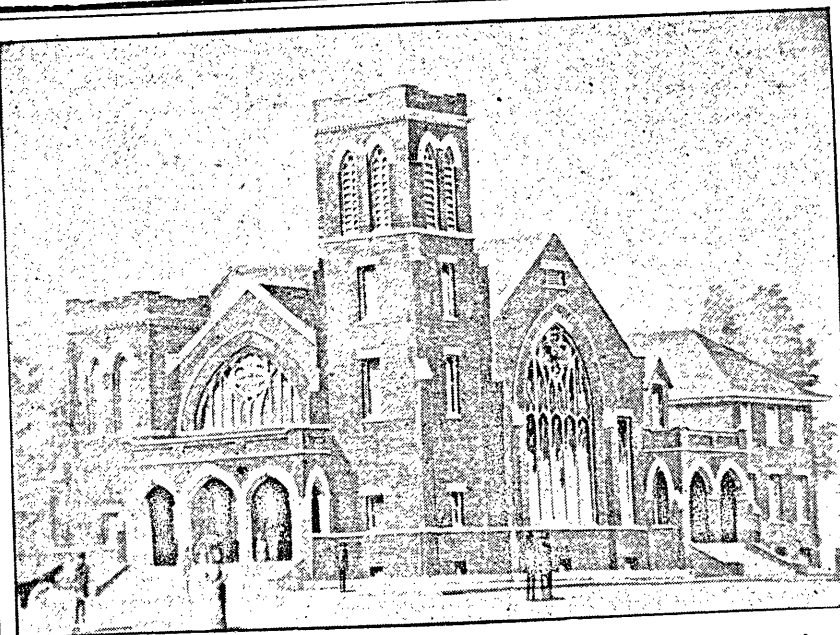
"In honor preferring one another" is an attainment which requires much grace for some brethren, yet all confess that it is very shameful if the church is used as a theater for ambition.

The church, in order to hold the confidence of the people, must render a strict account of her stewardship to them. The church assumes to be almoner for many benevolences, and her agents go abroad and appeal to the spirit of charity in the people. It is needful that in their contributions to charity and education the people know that they are not simply or chiefly supporting agents.

Some of our exchanges say that because of the small number of young men entering our ministry the dead line has been moved up ten years, and old preachers are being held longer in the service. Others say that there is a reaction of sentiment from the former demand for young men, and that leading churches are calling for men of age and experience. Whatever the explanation, the demand for old preachers has perceptibly increased.

Money is often gotten in a way that makes it worthless. One who sacrifices brain or character to make money will find himself poor in spite of his gold. For what can money buy for an ignorant man? It can buy nothing that ministers to the mind, for the development of the mind has been neglected. Libraries, works of art, all things which minister to refinement have been sacrificed. The mind has no power to use them. The uneducated man can not in any true sense own such things.

And if right moral sentiments have also been sacrificed to get money the possessor is cut off from all that enjoyment which comes from ministering good to others. Neither for himself nor for others can the ignorant and depraved man use his money. He has thousands in the bank or invested in houses and lands, but, saving food and shelter, which mere animal needs require, his money can contribute to him nothing.



First Church, Texarkana, Ark. 6-22-04

First Church, Texarkana.

The first church built by the Southern Methodists in Texarkana was placed just across the State line in Texas, and was called "State Line Church." As the little town grew into a city, spreading out about equally in Texas and Arkansas, the question arose as to whether it was best that we build another church in Arkansas, in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference, or change the conference boundary, which was the State line, so that the entire city of Texarkana should be given to one conference. It seemed best that this should be done, and so Texarkana was surrendered, entire, to the East Texas Conference.

But, as the city grew beyond expectations, and became two cities lying equally in two States and having municipal governments, it seemed best to our last General Conference to re-establish the old conference boundaries, dividing the city into about equal parts between the Little Rock and Texas Conferences.

At the session of the Little Rock Conference, held at Benton, Rev. James Thomas was read out for the First Church, Texarkana. No such church existed then. The name simply designated a new movement for establishing a church.

Brother Thomas came immediately, and on the first Sunday, December 7, filled the pulpit for the day at State Line Church. Next Sunday he preached in the Miller county court house and organized a society of forty-seven members. The next Sunday, by invitation of Rabbi Bogen, the service was held in the Jewish synagogue. On the 4th of July following the cornerstone of First Church was laid. On the first Sunday in January the congregation moved to the Sunday-school room of the new church. On Sunday, June 19th, the church was formally opened, being completed and furnished in every part except the putting in of the furnace.

We went down to Texarkana, my wife accompanying me, on Friday,

the 17th, to participate in the formal opening of the new church.

Bishop Key, who has charge of our conference this year, arrived at the same time. A reception in his honor had been arranged for in the church parlors Friday evening. The rooms were elegantly adorned; light refreshments were served and the Christian people from different churches attended and their Jewish friends, for the two congregations had learned to respect and love each other.

Sunday was a lovely day. The 11 o'clock service brought out a great audience of 800 people, the most cultured of the city. Bishop Key preached a strong and spiritual sermon on the symbolism of the burning bush. It was worthy the occasion, an inspiring deliverance. There was a mass-meeting at 3 p. m. at which several brethren made short speeches. This writer preached at night.

FIRST CHURCH AS IT IS.

The building is of brick, 140 feet long, 100 feet wide. It has 16 rooms; \$1,700 was the carpet bill. The auditorium is as beautiful as any we ever saw. Eight hundred people can be seated in it, and 400 can be seated in the Sunday-school room. The cost of the building, as it stands, has been \$41,000. To this the heating apparatus must be added before winter.

The building is beautifully located. The ventilation and acoustics are perfect. The lot is terraced and sodded. It is as little as can be said, that we have not a house of worship in the State that these Texarkana people would be willing to have in exchange for theirs.

The present Sunday-school averages 200 in attendance. The present membership is 380.

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." When Brother Thomas came here, a year and a half ago, he was regarded as having received a most difficult appointment. Without members, without a house of worship, without a parsonage, without any

precedent upon which to calculate a support. But the prayers of the charge that he had served, and the prayers of many brethren were joined with his own that God would guide Brother Thomas and bless the work. We feel that these prayers have been answered. And while we look upon this work, and the good fellowship which it presents, its hopefulness and the good will which prevails among the other churches here toward this church and its pastor, we take courage from this proof that the Lord will hear our prayers and accept our offerings.

After the stress of unremitting and anxious work for many months the pastor of the church is voted a little rest and presented \$200 to pay expenses of a rest abroad.

The Stuttgart Hendrix Academy.

This school closed a successful session last week. Five teachers were employed, and the patronage was good. The curriculum is that of a first-rate academy, or fitting school. Its graduates enter the sophomore class in college.

Rev. C. M. Aker, the principal of the school, has shown excellent qualification as a director of education and won the esteem of the community, but feeling that the Gospel ministry is his proper calling, he will return to Missouri and take work in the Missouri Conference.

Prof. C. Orear, who was a teacher in the school the past year, will have charge as principal for the year to come. He has engaged a very excellent faculty. It consists of:

C. Orear, principal, and professor of English literature and history.

W. S. Nelms, A. M., of Southwestern University, professor of science and mathematics.

I. L. Holt, A. B., of Vanderbilt University, professor of modern languages and English.

Mrs. C. Orear, teacher of vocal culture and director of music.

Miss Anna P. Cottrell, of West Point, Miss., graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, teacher of music.

The editor of the "Methodist" was at Stuttgart Tuesday evening, the 14th, and delivered the literary address at the close of the school. The address was delivered in the opera house to a good audience.

We were entertained at the hotel by the hospitality of our friend, W. M. Price, Sr.

A carriage drive with Brother Price on Tuesday and a drive in a buggy with Brother Hawley on Wednesday enabled us to see the surroundings of the little city. It is a thriving section, and has some of the most beautiful farms of the State. The oats is cut and is a splendid crop. Corn and hay are very promising.

Rev. L. B. Hawley has good congregations at Stuttgart, and our

people are considering the matter of building a new church, which they very much need.

Declining To Be Made a Bishop.

Dr. Day, president of the Syracuse University, being elected to the office of Bishop in the M. E. Church declined to accept the office and to be ordained.

Some of our Northern exchanges have spoken of this as the exhibition of great humility and great self-denial on the part of Dr. Day.

We confess that this case and what is being said about it disturbs somewhat unpleasantly our traditions. We have been trying to believe that when the General Conference has invoked the guidance of God's spirit in electing a Bishop that the election should be regarded as expressive of God's will.

We have found comfort in this view, although sometimes tempted to fear it was a mistake. But, to take a lower view: The decision of the General Conference is the voice of the church. Shall one always respect that voice? Dr. Day stated to the conference that he felt that he could better serve the church in the educational work. Did not the conference know what work Dr. Day was engaged in? And were they not dealing with the general interests of the church? And had Dr. Day a right to set his individual judgment against the judgment of his brethren?

Or shall we speak of the episcopacy simply as an honor, a goal of ambition? Should a man treat the call of the church to episcopal service simply as a proffered honor?

Dr. Day's example is not without precedent? Wilbur Fisk twice refused to be made a Bishop. Joshua Soul being elected declined to be ordained until he could have his way about the presiding eldership, and Atiens Haygood was elected Bishop and declined to be ordained, but was again elected and ordained some years later.

We like to think of the episcopacy as an order of service in the church to be accepted as a duty when the church so elects. We like to think of all the Methodist preachers as belonging to an ecclesiastical system which has authority over all alike. We like to think that all parts of this system are needful to the symmetry and life of the body and all faithful ministry as equally honorable.

Is this example of declining the call of the church really to be commended? Is it healthful? Then if a preacher declines to go to an important church, when he has been appointed, but deals with this appointment simply as a proffered honor, shall we commend his humility?

The Rock Island will run an exceedingly low rate excursion to St. Louis June 13. Ask your nearest ticket agent about it.

Hendrix College Commencement.

Another scholastic year has closed at our male college for the Methodists of Arkansas. A great deal of earnest work has been done by both faculty and students. I think that on the whole we have never had a better faculty than the faculty of this year; perhaps we might, without invidiousness, pronounce it the best we have ever had. I believe it is also true that the student body has been larger for this year than ever before. The college contingent has been about even with other years, and the body of preparatory students has been considerably larger. It is not the intention of the college authorities to make any less of college work in the future than they have made of it in the past. The standard is to be kept fully up; but they are making more of the preparatory work than formerly. This is simply for the reason that they have come to believe that they can prepare their students here better than they can get it done in any other way. At the same time they are ready to co-operate with all other preparatory schools, dealing generously and sympathetically with them, for they well understand that not all the preparatory work needed in Arkansas can be done at Hendrix.

Rev. C. J. Green becomes professor of English and Rev. W. T. Martin is added to the academy force for next year.

Your Little Rock preachers did excellent service at this commencement. Dr. Lewis preached a sermon which was much appreciated, and Brother Ramsey answered nobly to a rather sudden call to deliver the literary address on commencement day. Some of us had a suspicion that so good an address was not altogether the product of a man found entirely unprepared—Ramsey had been on some platform somewhere before. Rev. E. R. Steele preached the Y. M. C. A. sermon, and it was a true and vigorous message he brought.

The debates, speeches and essays of the young men were really of a high order. We should have felt a just pride if the whole world had been listening. If all our Arkansas people could only see with their own eyes what Hendrix College is doing for some of these boys, the money we need so much to enlarge and carry on this work would be piled into it. I could name you one or two students here this year whose awakening and development is worth all the institution has cost to date. You will hear from them in the coming years—mark that—and yet when Hendrix College got hold of them they were simply good callow fellows without aspiration and without inspiration. Send on your boys, and scratch your head twice before you refuse us money

here, for you have never put your money into anything in your life which promises so magnificent a return.

The alumni address by Mr. Menifee House was a very worthy deliverance, lofty in its tone and indicating that the high ideals which the college had held before him in other years were still with him.

Amos E. Wilson won the declamation medal, Irvan Barger the scholarship medal and W. H. Cox the essay medal—these in the academy. The college scholarship medal was won by W. K. Ramsey; the college essay contest, by H. R. Barrett, and medal awarded; and a little dried-up looking fellow from away up in the flint ridges of Boone county got everything else in sight, taking the Ware mathematics medal, the inter-society debater's medal, and the Mirror prize for the best contribution of the year to the college magazine. The student's name is S. Kirkpatrick.

The graduates for the year—all A. B.—were four in number—A. L. Hutchins, Seth C. Reynolds, V. D. Hill and Bruce Greeson. They are each worthy and capable, and each of them is a gentleman.

Jas. A. Anderson.

FOOD FACTS

What an M. D. Learned.

A prominent physician of Rome, Ga., went through a food experience which he makes public:

"It was my own experience that first led me to advocate Grape-Nuts food and I also know from having prescribed it to convalescents and other weak patients that the food is a wonderful re-builder and restorer of nerve and brain tissue, as well as muscle. It improves the digestion and sick patients always gain just as I did in strength and weight very rapidly.

"I was in such a low state that I had to give up my work entirely and go to the mountains of this State, but two months there did not improve me; in fact I was not quite as well as when I left home. My food absolutely refused to sustain me and it became plain that I must change, then I began to use Grape-Nuts food and in two weeks I could walk a mile without the least fatigue and in five weeks returned to my home and practice, taking up hard work again. Since that time I have felt as well and strong as I ever did in my life.

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Personal.

Rev. E. Garrett, of Kingsland, called Thursday.

E. P. Crowe, formerly of the White River Conference, now a lecturer, called Tuesday.

Rev. W. C. Watson has received 100 members into the church at Lake Side since Conference.

Rev. L. H. Eakes, of Russellville, and his father, Rev. M. H. Eakes, of Athens, Ga., called Friday.

Rev. W. A. Steel reports additions to the church at De Queen every Sunday. The congregations are fine and interest increasing.

Rev. L. M. Powell, pastor of Central Avenue, Hot Springs, preached the commencement sermon for the Academy at Amity, Sunday, June 12.

Rev. I. B. Manley, formerly of the White River Conference, now stationed at St. Clair, St. Louis Conference, has been visiting friends at Brinkley, Ark.

Rev. W. C. Watson, pastor of Lake Side Church, Pine Bluff, preached the commencement sermon of Bouvoir College, at Wilmar, Ark., last Sunday.

For two weeks from June 20th to July 4th, all letters intended to reach the editor of this paper direct should be addressed to Rev. J. E. Godbey, Room —, Epworth Hotel, St. Louis.

Rev. B. A. Morris, who died at his home near Walnut Ridge a few days ago, was my friend and associate of many years, and I desire to bear testimony to his honorable and useful life. No man ever had a stronger influence in his community, or wielded it to a nobler purpose than Brother Morris. His widow has my sympathy. G. T.

Rev. C. J. Greene, writing from Chicago, Ill., says: "I left Fordyce June 14. Rev. M. R. Tucker, a superannuate of the Tennessee Conference, will occupy the pulpit at Fordyce until Brother Hutchinson comes, about June 25. The outlook at Fordyce is pleasing. The training school is in the way to greater prosperity than for some time and the church is in good condition. I look for good things to come of Brother Hutchinson's ministry there."

Dr. W. J. Hatcher, who died the other day at Imboden, was another of my old-time friends. Among my first clients as a lawyer was the doctor. He was a generous, whole-souled, born and bred gentleman, a physician of note and a citizen of worth. To his family I extend my sympathy. One by one my old comrades of Lawrence county are crossing the river. Thank God as the ranks shorten here they lengthen on the other side. What a glorious faith the Christian's hope of a reunion beyond the grave. G. T.

Our business manager Brother Thornburgh, was quite severely hurt last week by being run into by a boy on a bicycle. It was just after dark and the boy, having no lamp, could not be seen nor heard, hence the collision was with dangerous force. To protect his body Brother Thornburgh threw forward his shoulders to receive the blow and the boy's head struck him squarely in the mouth. Brother Thornburgh was laid up a few days, but is out again, and the permanent injury is the loss of two, and possibly three, teeth. He is as shy now of a boy and a bicycle as of the dangerous end of a mule.

An exchange says that in Austria the Bible is sold in twenty distinct tongues, in Russia in fifty, and in Africa in eighty-one. Financially the cost of issuing the Bible in some instances has been very heavy.

Christian Life.

Christ in the Home.

Peace to this house! O Thou whose way
Was on the waves, whose voice did stay
The wild wind's rage. come, Lord, and say,
Peace to this house!

Thou, who dost all our sorrows know
And when our tears of anguish flow
Dost feel compassion, come, bestow
Peace on this house!

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and say,
Come to us, Lord, and with us stay,
Oh, give, and never take away
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And when at last our fainting breath
On trembling lips scarce quivereth,
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—From the Shadow of the Rock.

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This Beautiful World.

You see a flower growing, not in a garden, but wild in a field or wood. You admire its beautiful colors, or, if it is fragrant, its sweet scent. Now, why was that flower put there? You may answer, "To please me." My dear friends, I should be the last person to deny that. I can never see a child picking a nosegay, much less a little London child, born and bred and shut up among bricks and mortar, when it gets for the first time into a green field and throws itself instinctively upon the buttercups and daisies, as if they were precious jewels and gold—I never see that sight, I say, without feeling that there are such things as final causes—I mean that the great Father in heaven put those flowers into that field on purpose to give pleasure to his human children. But then comes the question: Of all the flowers in a single field, is one in ten thousand ever looked at by child or by men? And yet they are just as beautiful as the rest; and God has, so to speak, taken just as much pains with the many beautiful things which men will never see, as with the few, very few, which men may see. And when one thinks further about this—when one thinks of the vast forests in other lands, which the foot of man has seldom or never trod, and which, when they are entered, are found to be full of trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, so beautiful and glorious, that anything we see in England is poor and plain in comparison with them; and when we remember that these beautiful creatures have been going on generation after generation, age after age, unseen and unenjoyed by any human eyes, one must ask, Why has God been creating all that beauty, simply to let it all, as it were, run to waste, till after thousands of years one traveler comes and has a hasty glimpse of it? Impossible! Or, again—and this is an example still more strange and yet it is true—we used to think till within a very few years past, that at the bottom of the deep sea there were no living things—that miles below the surface of the ocean, in total darkness and under such a weight of water as would crush us to a jelly, there could be nothing except stones and sand and mud. But now it is found out that the bottom of the deepest seas and the utter darkness into which no ray of light can ever pierce are alive and swarming with millions of creatures, as cunningly and exquisitely formed as those which live in the sunlight along the shallow shores.

Surely beautiful things were made to be seen by some one, else why were they made beautiful? Common sense tells us that. But

who has seen those countless tribes which have been living down in utter darkness since the making of the world? Common sense, I think, can give but one answer—God!

But more—God has not only made things beautiful; he has made things happy; whatever misery there may be in the world, there is no denying that. However sorrow may have come into the world, there is a great deal more happiness than misery in it. Misery is the exception; happiness is the rule. No rational man ever heard a bird sing without feeling that the bird was happy; and, if so, his common sense ought to tell him that if God made that bird, he made it to be happy; he intended it to be happy and he takes pleasure in its happiness, though no human ear should ever hear its song, no human heart should ever share in its joy. Yes, the world was not made for man; but man, like all the world, was made for God. Not for man's pleasure, merely, not for man's use, but for God's pleasure all things are and for God's pleasure they were created.—Charles Kingsley.

IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

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The following low rates will be in effect during season 1904:

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St. Joseph, Mo., June 28, June 30	17 40
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Indianapolis, Ind., June 26, 27	19 85

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The Rock Island has made a rate of a fare and a third for the round trip to Camden, Ark., for the benefit of those who desire to attend the State Sunday School meeting, June 28-30.

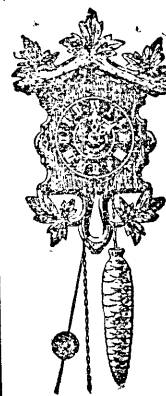
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James Dorrough,
Frank Nichols,
Will Dixon, et al.,
Petitioners.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Amanda Darby, Plaintiff, vs. Harry A. Darby, Defendant.

The defendant, Harry A. Darby, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Amanda Darby.

Chas. M. Connor, Clerk,
May 28, 1904. By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
James A. Gray, solicitor for plaintiff.

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For the Young People

To the Children.

Dear Children of Arkansas—I may be forgotten by you but I can never forget. I still love the old State; I love you.

Well, I last wrote to you from Wheatland, Cal, and now I must address you from Sulphur Creek, Cal. When I last wrote I had just buried my child, Pascal Lark. The strain was very hard on us all, and, as I was charged with malaria already, I soon came down with malarial fever. I had fever for seven weeks. I came very near to death's door, but God spared me again. Through it all, though, the doctors told me that I must get out of the Sacramento valley; get away from Wheatland, or I would not live long. O, how tenderly we loved each other at Wheatland! I did not realize how much we were loved by those people, but we had to separate and here we are at Sulphur Creek, fifteen hundred feet above the sea. Sulphur Creek gets its name from a stream of sulphur water that flows through our canyon here. It is a pretty little stream, but the very air is charged with the fumes of sulphur rising from it. All along it there are springs of hot sulphur water boiling up. Did you ever drink hot sulphur water? Well, if you never tasted it this will give you some idea of it, if you will do it. Take a glass of salt water, hot salt water, and break a rotten egg into it and drink to your heart's content. This will give you some idea. Some people say they like it very much. I can't say so much, yet I hope I may report the fact later. It is very healthful. No malarial germs or any other one can stand it. I have not heard of any boy possessing the itch here. The air you breathe smells like it were doctoring for the itch, so one need not bother about doctoring for it at all. Sulphur Creek is a postoffice, blacksmith shop, one general merchandise store, meat market, and the ever-present saloon, besides a few small houses hidden about in the canyons. There are about seventy-five people in it. The only real life it has is a quicksilver mine. All the great mountains about us are rich in ore of gold, and especially quicksilver. There is one mine running in our little town. That one is owned by Mr. Geo. V. Northey, a Canadian. He clears about a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars a month out of it and pays his hands working for him about the same amount. This makes money quite plentiful. The miners do not like the saloon man, and also, by the influence of Mr. Northey, who is a devoted Southern Methodist and a staunch Christian, his hands do not drink so much as they do at other places. Their little homes are consequently quite neat, and pretty

well furnished, on the inside and they live quite well. Quite a happy, quiet people we are. I have several incidents, things, to tell you about this country and place, so will write again next week, if you like. I hope to write all summer for you, writing each week. Good-bye. Your friend, F. A. Lark.

Henry M. Stanley.

The career of Sir Henry Roland Stanley, who died in London May 10, is one which the young men of this country would do well to study. Stanley was born in Wales in 1841, and his name was John Rowland. His origin was so obscure that the exact time and place of his birth was not known. He was placed in the Azaph poor house at the age of five and remained there ten years. At fifteen he shipped as cabin boy to America. He found a friend in New Orleans, a merchant by the name of Stanley, and he took the name of Henry Morton Stanley. He began public life as a news reporter. He served a time in the Confederate army. He taught school in Fort Smith in this State, in the house which was for many years the residence of the late Frank Park.

But it is as an explorer of Africa that the name of Stanley shall be forever written in history. Brave, indefatigable and possessed of an iron constitution and an iron will, he braved every peril and hardship in his travels through the dark continent from ocean to ocean.

Stanley gave Africa to the civilized world, that is to say, he opened up the knowledge of the dark continent in such a way as to quicken the interest of all civilized nations as respects that wonderful land.

After many years of services as an explorer Mr. Stanley was knighted and made a peer by the queen of England.

It was not great talents so much as great industry and a worthy aim which has given Stanley renown.

Our Letter Box.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I have not seen any letters from this part of the world I thought I would write one myself. Our preacher's name is Brother J. F. Taylor. We all like him very well. He took dinner with us yesterday. We are six in family, papa, two older brothers, myself, younger brother and a little sister. Within a few days mamma will have been dead two years, and we confide in the faith that her soul is in the sweet bye and bye. My heart beats with joy when I see very near all the cousins that are writing to the dear "Methodist" enjoy the presence and comfort of a living mother. Dreary hours. Two years ago, 15th of next May, when we returned home from mamma's burial,

motherless children and papa said to me, a little 12-year-old girl: "Josey, you must take the duties of housekeeping and help to train up the little ones." With the help of God I am trying. Dear Editor, as this is my first, I will close by asking the mammas to write to me a letter privately on housekeeping. Address me at Butterfield, Ark.

Josey Thomas.

Cane Hill, Ark.

Dear Cousins—My aunt Ida has been taking the dear old "Methodist" for several years.

I love to read the cousins' letters.

Our pastor is Brother Hutchison. We all like him very much.

I am not going to school now. I am ten years of age. I have one sister and one brother.

Papa is dead. Mamma teaches school all the time.

We children stay with our grandmamma. There is a lady in our town who wants to live to be as old as Methuselah. She is now eighty. How much longer will she have to live to be his age? Your cousin, Roxa Underwood.

Cato, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I will write to the dear old "Methodist." It visits us every week, and I enjoy so much reading the letters from the children. I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. We have a good Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Miss Alice Skinner. We have prayer-meeting every Sunday evening and cottage prayer-meeting every Wednesday night. Brother Jim Talkington is our pastor. We like him and his family very much. Our literary school is out and I am taking music lessons from Mrs. Eulah Talkington. Lucile Flack.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I have written for my first time, I am a little girl nine years of age. I have just been to Sunday-school. I had a good lesson, and a nice verse. I live far from the church. I do not get to go every Sunday. My papa is the superintendent. I have no pets but three little brothers. I love them and they love me. We say our prayers every night. Cousin Lee has stayed this week with me. We had a nice time. We gather violets. I think them very beautiful. We have some beautiful flowers in our yard. They are going to bloom. I love flowers. I think they are very nice. So I will close. Hoping to see this in print, yours truly,

Pearl Hurst.

Marked Tree, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I have not seen any letters from this place I will write one. I am a little girl 11 years old. I have one sister and two brothers. My papa takes the

dear old "Methodist" and I enjoy reading the children's page and wish more of them to write. We didn't have any school this year. We have preaching once a month. Our preacher's name is Brother Taylor. Will close for fear I make my letter too long. Your little friend, Mary Clem.

Beech Grove, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I will write a letter for the first time. I am a little girl 11 years old; will be 12 the 22d of this month. My mamma takes the dear old "Methodist." I enjoy reading the cousins' letters very much. The dear Lord called my papa away the 22d of March. He died in great peace. I won't write much and if this misses the wastebasket I will write again. Hoping to see this in print soon, I will close by answering the riddle of Earnie House—"Four legs up and four legs down, soft in the middle and hard all around." It is a bed. I will ask a question: Who hid and fed the prophets in a cave? Zelma Elizabeth Lloyd.

Hazen, Ark.

COFFEE CATARRH

An Unsuspected Cause.

It is curious how many diseases come from a disordered nervous system which locates disease in some part of the body and the primary cause can often be traced to coffee which first breaks down the nervous system. A Georgian says:

"There is no doubt coffee gave me nasal catarrh. The ceptim in my nose was all gone and the catarrh was eating its way, getting hold of the main bone of the nose. It also affected my sight very much.

"My nose was constantly dripping bloody water but in two weeks time after I quit coffee and used Postum Food Coffee in its place, I could see my way very well, the dripping from my nose stopped and my nose finally got perfectly well and healthy as far as is possible for the ceptim to grow back.

"There is no doubt it was a case of coffee catarrh and the cure was made entirely by changing from coffee to Postum. The rest of my family took up the new drink and Postum relieved my wife and little boy of frequent headaches and what is called 'coffee headache' is not known in our family any more. Our sleep is so much more refreshing.

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more the busier the life may be.—Selected.

This Beautiful World.

You see a flower growing, not in a garden, but wild in a field or wood. You admire its beautiful colors, or, if it is fragrant, its sweet scent. Now, why was that flower put there? You may answer, "To please me." My dear friends, I should be the last person to deny that. I can never see a child picking a nosegay, much less a little London child, born and bred and shut up among bricks and mortar, when it gets for the first time into a green field and throws itself instinctively upon the buttercups and daisies, as if they were precious jewels and gold—I never see that sight, I say, without feeling that there are such things as final causes—I mean that the great Father in heaven put those flowers into that field on purpose to give pleasure to his human children. But then comes the question: Of all the flowers in a single field, is one in ten thousand ever looked at by child or by men? And yet they are just as beautiful as the rest; and God has, so to speak, taken just as much pains with the many beautiful things which men will never see, as with the few, very few, which men may see. And when one thinks further about this—when one thinks of the vast forests in other lands, which the foot of man has seldom or never trod, and which, when they are entered, are found to be full of trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, so beautiful and glorious, that anything we see in England is poor and plain in comparison with them; and when we remember that these beautiful creatures have been going on generation after generation, age after age, unseen and unenjoyed by any human eyes, one must ask, Why has God been creating all that beauty, simply to let it all, as it were, run to waste, till after thousands of years one traveler comes and has a hasty glimpse of it? Impossible! Or, again—and this is an example still more strange and yet it is true—we used to think till within a very few years past, that at the bottom of the deep sea there were no living things—that miles below the surface of the ocean, in total darkness and under such a weight of water as would crush us to a jelly, there could be nothing except stones and sand and mud. But now it is found out that the bottom of the deepest seas and the utter darkness into which no ray of light can ever pierce are alive and swarming with millions of creatures, as cunningly and exquisitely formed as those which live in the sunlight along the shallow shores.

Surely beautiful things were made to be seen by some one, else why were they made beautiful? Common sense tells us that. But

who has seen those countless tribes which have been living down in utter darkness since the making of the world? Common sense, I think, can give but one answer—God!

But more—God has not only made things beautiful; he has made things happy; whatever misery there may be in the world, there is no denying that. However sorrow may have come into the world, there is a great deal more happiness than misery in it. Misery is the exception; happiness is the rule. No rational man ever heard a bird sing without feeling that the bird was happy; and, if so, his common sense ought to tell him that if God made that bird, he made it to be happy; he intended it to be happy and he takes pleasure in its happiness, though no human ear should ever hear its song, no human heart should ever share in its joy. Yes, the world was not made for man; but man, like all the world, was made for God. Not for man's pleasure, merely, not for man's use, but for God's pleasure all things are and for God's pleasure they were created.—Charles Kingsley.

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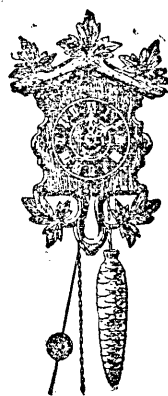
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James Dorough,
Frank Nichols,
Will Dixon, et al.,
Petitioners.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Amanda Darby, Plaintiff, vs. Harry A. Darby, Defendant.

The defendant, Harry A. Darby, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Amanda Darby. Chas. M. Connor, Clerk,
May 28, 1904. By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
James A. Gray, solicitor for plaintiff.

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For the Young People

To the Children.

Dear Children of Arkansas—I may be forgotten by you but I can never forget. I still love the old State; I love you.

Well, I last wrote to you from Wheatland, Cal. and now I must address you from Sulphur Creek, Cal. When I last wrote I had just buried my child, Pascal Lark. The strain was very hard on us all, and, as I was charged with malaria already, I soon came down with malarial fever. I had fever for seven weeks. I came very near to death's door, but God spared me again. Through it all, though, the doctors told me that I must get out of the Sacramento valley; get away from Wheatland, or I would not live long. O, how tenderly we loved each other at Wheatland! I did not realize how much we were loved by those people, but we had to separate and here we are at Sulphur Creek, fifteen hundred feet above the sea. Sulphur Creek gets its name from a stream of sulphur water that flows through our canyon here. It is a pretty little stream, but the very air is charged with the fumes of sulphur rising from it. All along it there are springs of hot sulphur water boiling up. Did you ever drink hot sulphur water? Well, if you never tasted it this will give you some idea of it, if you will do it. Take a glass of salt water, hot salt water, and break a rotten egg into it and drink to your heart's content. This will give you some idea. Some people say they like it very much. I can't say so much, yet I hope I may report the fact later. It is very healthful. No malarial germs or any other one can stand it. I have not heard of any boy possessing the itch here. The air you breathe smells like it were doctoring for the itch, so one need not bother about doctoring for it at all. Sulphur Creek is a postoffice, blacksmith shop, one general merchandise store, meat market, and the ever-present saloon, besides a few small houses hidden about in the canyons. There are about seventy-five people in it. The only real life it has is a quicksilver mine. All the great mountains about us are rich in ore of gold, and especially quicksilver. There is one mine running in our little town. That one is owned by Mr. Geo. V. Northey, a Canadian. He clears about a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars a month out of it and pays his hands working for him about the same amount. This makes money quite plentiful. The miners do not like the saloon man, and also, by the influence of Mr. Northey, who is a devoted Southern Methodist and a staunch Christian, his hands do not drink so much as they do at other places. Their little homes are consequently quite neat, and pretty

well furnished, on the inside and they live quite well. Quite a happy, quiet people we are. I have several incidents, things, to tell you about this country and place, so will write again next week, if you like. I hope to write all summer for you, writing each week. Good-bye. Your friend, F. A. Lark.

Henry M. Stanley.

The career of Sir Henry Roland Stanley, who died in London May 10, is one which the young men of this country would do well to study. Stanley was born in Wales in 1841, and his name was John Rowland. His origin was so obscure that the exact time and place of his birth was not known. He was placed in the Azaph poor house at the age of five and remained there ten years. At fifteen he shipped as cabin boy to America. He found a friend in New Orleans, a merchant by the name of Stanley, and he took the name of Henry Morton Stanley. He began public life as a news reporter. He served a time in the Confederate army. He taught school in Fort Smith in this State, in the house which was for many years the residence of the late Frank Park.

But it is as an explorer of Africa that the name of Stanley shall be forever written in history. Brave, indefatigable and possessed of an iron constitution and an iron will, he braved every peril and hardship in his travels through the dark continent from ocean to ocean.

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After many years of services as an explorer Mr. Stanley was knighted and made a peer by the queen of England.

It was not great talents so much as great industry and a worthy aim which has given Stanley renown.

Our Letter Box.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I have not seen any letters from this part of the world I thought I would write one myself. Our preacher's name is Brother J. F. Taylor. We all like him very well. He took dinner with us yesterday. We are six in family, papa, two older brothers, myself, younger brother and a little sister. Within a few days mamma will have been dead two years, and we confide in the faith that her soul is in the sweet bye and bye. My heart beats with joy when I see very near all the cousins that are writing to the dear "Methodist" enjoy the presence and comfort of a living mother. Dreary hours. Two years ago, 15th of next May, when we returned home from mamma's burial,

motherless children and papa said to me, a little 12-year-old girl: "Josey, you must take the duties of housekeeping and help to train up the little ones." With the help of God I am trying. Dear Editor, as this is my first, I will close by asking the mammas to write to me a letter privately on housekeeping. Address me at Butterfield, Ark.

Josey Thomas.

Cane Hill, Ark.

Dear Cousins—My aunt Ida has been taking the dear old "Methodist" for several years.

I love to read the cousins' letters.

Our pastor is Brother Hutchison. We all like him very much.

I am not going to school now. I am ten years of age. I have one sister and one brother.

Papa is dead. Mamma teaches school all the time.

We children stay with our grand-mamma. There is a lady in our town who wants to live to be as old as Methuselah. She is now eighty. How much longer will she have to live to be his age? Your cousin, Roxa Underwood.

Cato, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I will write to the dear old "Methodist." It visits us every week, and I enjoy so much reading the letters from the children. I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. We have a good Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Miss Alice Skinner. We have prayer-meeting every Sunday evening and cottage prayer-meeting every Wednesday night. Brother Jim Talkington is our pastor. We like him and his family very much. Our literary school is out and I am taking music lessons from Mrs. Eulah Talkington.

Lucile Flack.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I have written for my first time, I am a little girl nine years of age. I have just been to Sunday-school. I had a good lesson, and a nice verse. I live far from the church. I do not get to go every Sunday. My papa is the superintendent. I have no pets but three little brothers. I love them and they love me. We say our prayers every night. Cousin Lee has stayed this week with me. We had a nice time. We gather violets. I think them very beautiful. We have some beautiful flowers in our yard. They are going to bloom. I love flowers. I think they are very nice. So I will close. Hoping to see this in print, yours truly,

Pearl Hurst.

Marked Tree, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—As I have not seen any letters from this place I will write one. I am a little girl 11 years old. I have one sister and two brothers. My papa takes the

dear old "Methodist" and I enjoy reading the children's page and wish more of them to write. We didn't have any school this year. We have preaching once a month. Our preacher's name is Brother Taylor. Will close for fear I make my letter too long. Your little friend, Mary Clem.

Beech Grove, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey—I will write a letter for the first time. I am a little girl 11 years old; will be 12 the 22d of this month. My mamma takes the dear old "Methodist." I enjoy reading the cousins' letters very much. The dear Lord called my papa away the 22d of March. He died in great peace. I won't write much and if this misses the wastebasket I will write again. Hoping to see this in print soon, I will close by answering the riddle of Earnie House—"Four legs up and four legs down, soft in the middle and hard all around." It is a bed. I will ask a question: Who hid and fed the prophets in a cave?

Zelma Elizabeth Lloyd.

Hazen, Ark.

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An Unsuspected Cause.

It is curious how many diseases come from a disordered nervous system which locates disease in some part of the body and the primary cause can often be traced to coffee which first breaks down the nervous system. A Georgian says:

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"There is no doubt it was a case of coffee catarrh and the cure was made entirely by changing from coffee to Postum. The rest of my family took up the new drink and Postum relieved my wife and little boy of frequent headaches and what is called 'coffee headache' is not known in our family any more. Our sleep is so much more refreshing.

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Our Church at Home.

MT. IDA CIRCUIT.—We are doing what we can for the Lord. The second Sunday in May we observed children's day in Mt. Ida, which was a grand success, the best ever held here. Collected \$3; had good congregation, good programme. We have the best Sunday-school to be found anywhere in so small a town; over 100 enrolled; good attendance. We observed children's day at Black Springs the fifth Sunday in May, which was another grand success. Crowded house, good programme, good collection; \$2.80. This is another good school. We have six appointments and five Sunday-schools. We came home from Black Springs the fifth Sunday, and that night began a protracted meeting, which lasted twelve days. We were assisted by Brother W. R. Harrison, of South Hot Springs, who did most of the preaching. Brother Harrison is a fine revivalist. He knows how to get hold of God and the people. He preaches with power and sinners are converted unto God. There were 30 conversions and a number of backsliders reclaimed, and the whole church was revived. There were 21 additions to our church. Some will go to other churches. We have as fine a class of young people in Mt. Ida as you will find anywhere. Most of them are religious. We have organized a Home Mission Society. We are going to organize an Epworth League Wednesday night. Success to you all, and glory to Jesus for the good revival.

W. F. Campbell.

THORNTON, TEX.—In material things "every prospect pleases and only man is vile." A fine corn crop is assured and feed stuff of various kinds in abundance all along this H. and T. C. railroad. Many carloads of Irish potatoes are being shipped daily. Prospects are also good for a sweet potato crop, especially in this sandy belt. The two potato crops will be a great financial relief to all this section. Our "thorn in the flesh" now is the dreaded "weevil," and he is here and ready for "business," to what extent remains to be seen. Various remedies will be tried for his destruction, such as Paris green, fumigation, suction machines, etc. Our State sends out a goodly number of entomologists to make speeches, advise, etc. Some of us old fogies don't have much confidence in all of it, still believe the best remedy is found in Malachi, 3d chapter. Yes, if we will return unto the Lord, he will "rebuken the devourer and our vines will not cast their fruit before their time." I verily believe this is our only relief from many of the plagues which infest our land. Read Exodus 23 and 28. Here we see God sent hornets and drove out three nations for the ben-

efit of his chosen people. Why? Because they were needed there to teach the people that there is a God who has all power in heaven and earth. Verily "He has been our dwelling place in all generations." Nothing will set this world right, but the religion of Jesus Christ. Our "meetings" will soon open. May victory perch upon our banners all along the line of Israel's marching host. In hope,

F. M. Winburn.

WALNUT HILL CIRCUIT.—It was my good fortune and pleasure to accompany wife to the Woman's Home Mission Conference at Cotton Plant May 26th to 30th. It was a very enjoyable session, and the ladies proved themselves able to accomplish their work. They seemed to dispatch business rapid enough, but on account of my partial deafness, and the undertone of voices I was not able to understand everything perfectly, but I could hear enough to know they had some way found out (I can't tell how) "that preachers do not always do their duty."

The citizens of the town made the occasion enjoyable for all.

Wife and I were royally entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Simpson, present nominee for county clerk.

Mrs. Paul Hill met us at the train and we had the pleasure of being in their home; also dining with Dr. J. D. Mackie. Mr. Will Hill drove the writer out to the old battleground where Price met Curtis in the days of our great strife. The trip was a delightful drive of four miles over beautiful road with fine farms on either side, and Mr. Will's fleet Kentucky animal added much to the pleasure, and while the sad thoughts of 1862 came and went, we felt to thank God and felt that out of it all the Lord had brought us by his love. God bless the good people of Cotton Plant, and I want to mention something else that is a little remarkable. If they have ever had a sorry or bad preacher they do not remember it. Brother Griffin, the pastor, is in great favor with his people, and he assured us of his appreciation. So pleasant was our stay that when the time to depart finally came we almost missed the train.

We entered our own field again the last day of May, and with renewed zeal enter upon our work of visiting from house to house. We reached 42 homes in less than 10 days, somewhere no preacher had ever been before.

We have no parsonage on this large field. The writer pays \$6 per month in advance for a house to live in, but one church house on the charge, eight preaching places, and could have more if I was able to reach them. The people are beginning to plan for building churches and parsonages. We are procur-

ing deeds and raising means all we can, but we must have help or we cannot succeed. If we need help anywhere in the State it is here. If our church extension board has any business anywhere it is here. If our Woman's Parsonage Society have any work and money this is certainly where it is needed. If they will do as much for this field as they did for the city of Batesville I will guarantee the preacher of Ravenden Spring (a fine health resort and up to date) \$600, and house to live in next year. There are but very few copies of our papers taken in the bounds of this work. Our hymn book is almost a stranger. I had almost forgotten to mention that we were met last Saturday night at Ravenden Station by a donation party, and we made the home trip loaded to the guard. It seemed the ladies had the matter in their own hands. The frolicksome boy and blushing young man were nowhere to be found; neither the solid countenance of the Methodist much used and much abused steward was present. But it was much enjoyed and much appreciated by preacher and wife.

May God bless our church and people everywhere, is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

J. R. Edwards.

SULPHUR ROCK.—The Sulphur Rock Male and Female Academy has been transferred to the M. E. Church, South, and is the property of the Batesville District Conference. The board of trustees met at Batesville June 8, 1904, and elected an executive committee composed of the following brethren: Dr. R. H. Hodges, T. A. Bowen, C. F. Cole, W. R. Rice and C. H. Newman. To this committee was referred all the business connected with the school. They hope, therefore, to arrange to correlate the academy with our colleges of the State.

Plans will soon be completed and a man will be put into the field who will canvass the territory in the interest of the school.

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C. H. Newman.

SHERRILL, ARK.—Thursday morning, the 9th, about 6 o'clock a. m., the flood caught us in its awful grip. At that hour there was not a drop of river water inside the parsonage grounds; then the water commenced creeping into the slough just west of the parsonage. Anon it came with increasing volume and accelerated speed, and by 7:30 my wood pile had no abiding place, but was floating around promiscuously. By noon the parsonage premises

were covered from six inches to three feet, and the water was running out at the front gate, and skiffs and rubber boots were soon in demand. My garden looks desolate and waste; corn that was in tassel and silk is falling down as the water recedes. The loss to farmers is beyond estimate. At least two-thirds of the labor and expense of making the crop had been expended; now all is lost. My people have been very kind to us. Without regard to denominational bias, they have come to us in skiffs and waded to us, bringing us many needed things; in a word, we have lacked for nothing that their kindly hearts could devise, and willing hands supply.

May the Lord reward them; we never can.

I have not been outside the house since the 9th, and this will make fifty days and nights that I have been at the bedside of my wife, except three Sabbaths, I went out to my appointments, returning at night. But the Lord has been good to me, in that he has given me health and strength to minister to her.

She is doing well. The doctors have taken the bandages from the injured limb. She is able to sit up in bed.

The water has fallen about eighteen inches. It is going off very slow. Its rapid rise was due to a break in a levee near by.

We had our first mail train yesterday since the 9th. I ask an interest in the prayers of my brethren for my people in this time of these sore need. Fraternally,

E. L. Beard.

Sherrill, Ark.

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The annual meeting of the Arkansas Conference was held at Dyer, Ark., June 9-13, with an increase in attendance over last year, despite the floods and irregular trains.

The reports showed that the membership had been doubled and the finances advanced more than 100 per cent.

The members of auxiliaries had increased almost threefold, and many stations clamoring for an organizer.

The press work was given much attention and its value, to the auxiliaries, in point of interest and zeal, fully attested.

Each year brings new women of special gifts and talents, of pen and tongue and voice, but this proved a year for hearty thanksgiving and praise for the most helpful additions.

The report of the board meeting, indicating the need for increased collections, and members this year, was heard with resolutions to endeavor to meet these demands faithfully and fully.

Miss East reported the work of the conference as encouraging indeed and in giving up the work on account of possible removal from the conference—urged that we push ever forward, occupying the new fields so invitingly ready.

To Revs. J. B. Stevenson, Wm. Sherman and Albert A. Sitton, the officers feel deeply grateful for their helpful presence.

A deeply spiritual power pervaded the entire deliberations, but the culmination was reached when Miss Myrtle Greenhaw, of Marshall, offered herself for mission work, either for foreign work or that of the deaconess, as soon as preparations could be made.

How especially blest we should feel that our conference should be thus honored in furnishing this young life to the great cause of missions.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. O. E. Jamison, Clarksville, president.

Mrs. John Sharp, Alma, first vice president.

Mrs. J. B. Stevenson, Dardanelle, second vice president.

Mrs. Reed, Marshall, third vice president.

Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Siloam Springs, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. J. C. Holcomb, Morrilton, recording secretary and superintendent of press work.

Miss Newell Foster, Clarksville, treasurer.

District Secretaries—Miss Minnie Burton, Morrilton; Miss Edna Ca-zort, Lamar; Mrs. R. S. McConnell, Gwynn; Mrs. L. L. Seawell, Gass-ville. Fayetteville district to be supplied.

Mrs. J. C. Holcombe, fraternal delegate to the Foreign Missionary annual meeting.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to present the Home Mission work at the Annual Conference.

Thus at the end of our third year we found a steady growth of the work and a zeal, among those enlisted, which was not without knowledge.

No member has yet been lost by death, for which fact the doxology was sung.

This year the call is made that we bring forth new laborers in the field.

Dyer, Ark., June 15, 1904.

Dear "Methodist"—The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Arkansas Conference has just closed its fourth annual conference here.

The conference was the best in the history of the society.

The reports were very encouraging and show a great increase in financial strength.

The society has been in strong hands the past year.

The women seem to be called of God to do this work of the church and he has prepared those he called.

Brother J. B. Stephenson, presiding elder, Dardanelle district, preached twice at the request of the conference. Eleven came to the altar and three persons were converted. His many friends here were glad to see him and he made many new friends.

Brother Wm. Sherman, pastor First Church, Van Buren, preached the sermon Sunday according to programme, but before the hour came we pressed him in for a talk Saturday night at which seven were converted and ten gave their names for church membership.

"Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." These preachers glorified the Father here. The president, Mrs. Jamison, is especially suited for her work. No wonder she was re-elected unanimously.

Mrs. Holcomb, secretary and superintendent of press work in her address explaining the work of the society, made all who heard her want to be all that God created us to be. Twenty persons have joined the church here as a result of her address.

One young man gave himself to the ministry and one young lady to mission work during the conference.

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JOHNSON—Mrs. M. J. Johnson (nee Billings) was born in Wilson county, Tenn., July 7, 1836, and died at her home in Wheatley, Ark., Monday, June 6, 1904. When about 17 years of age she professed religion and joined the Presbyterian church, in which communion she died, but had affiliated with the M. E. Church, South, since her removal to Arkansas in 1882. Her life was exemplary in all the word means, and her influence was for good, always. She was married to Joseph H. Johnson in the year 1866, and six children blessed this union, four of whom survive her. These are E. M. Johnson, Tutwiler, Miss.; Miss Carrie B. Johnson and Charles Johnson, of Wheatley, and Mrs. Hattie Lee Robards, of Tutwiler, Miss. The children were all at her bedside when she died, the two from Mississippi having arrived just ten minutes before her departure. Sister Johnson's desire was to see her children saved, and as her pastor, in 1894, it was through her influence that her stepson and daughter were led to Christ and joined our church. We always counted Sister Johnson as a Methodist, and she was one indeed in spirit. This writer has never known a gentler, sweeter spirit than hers. It was the universal testimony of all who knew her that she was as near faultless as human beings get to be. She bore all life's trials with Christian fortitude, and I had no safer counselor than she proved to be to me. Her death was tranquil. A life of unsullied purity threw its effulgence across death's dark stream and made its every ripple radiant with hope. She has gone to be with Him she loved and served, and her children arise up to call her blessed. She is now with the blessed, among whom is her husband, who died years ago, and two of her grown children, who went before her two years ago.

To the broken-hearted children and stepchildren left we feel deeply and commend to them the spirit and grace of the now angel mother and pray that they, with us, shall meet her where life is a joyous anthem to Him who makes cloudless eternity's day.

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GOODMAN—Eddie and Ella, the little twin babies of Brother and Sister W. T. Goodman, were born in Sheridan, Ark., Oct. 22, 1903, and died in June, 1904. Little Ed dying Saturday night at 11 o'clock of the 4th, his little sister, Ella, the following Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock, making only a few hours between their deaths. Their stay in this world was short, but pleasant. They were the sunshine of their father's and mother's home and oh, how hard it was for death to come and claim them in so short a time. But our heavenly father knows best. He gave and he has taken them to himself, and the Christian father and mother can say in their deepest sorrow blessed be his holy name forever. Sorrow not loved ones, as those who have no hope; for if you believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Cheer up, loved ones, your little darlings are not dead; they have gone to live with Jesus. May the holy spirit, the comforter, fill the vacant places that have been made in the home of their loved ones. W. F. Lasiter.

SLACK—W. N. Slack was born in the city of Nashville, Tenn., July 24, 1846. His father died when he was very young and his mother moved to the city of Little Rock, and it was here he grew to manhood and married Miss Angie Ross, March 7, 1867. Eleven children were born unto them, five of them dying in infancy. They built a beautiful home in the town of Alexander and this has been their home for many years. They have lived in Arkadelphia and Little Rock some four or five years for the purpose of educating their two boys and four girls. Brother Slack was a man of strong character, that was intensely loyal to God and the church. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. Being his pastor for four years I was intimately acquainted with him, yea, lived in his home for nearly two years of the time. It was here that I learned to love him like a father. He was a devoted father and a loving husband, and lived for the comfort of his family and the church. He was full of zeal and the weather never got too warm or cold to keep Brother Slack from church. He was a steward and one that magnified the office and was a liberal contributor to all of the interests of the church. The church has lost much in the death of this good man. His wife and children have lost a husband and father, one of the best I have ever known in life. Thank God he is not lost, but gone before. We will meet our brother again. His funeral service was conducted from his old home church in Alexander, May 8, by Revs. J. M. Workman and A. P. Few. May God bless the lonely wife and dear children and may they all meet him in heaven is the wish of their devoted friend, W. A. Steel.

STARKES—Mrs. Martha L. (Winn) Starkes was born February 12, 1847, in Hall county, Ga., where she married Mr. L. L. Starkes, March 16, 1865. She professed religion at home when a girl and joined the M. E. Church, South. The family have been living in Texarkana, Texas, about twenty years, where she departed this life June 12, 1904, leaving an aged husband and a daughter, and a host of friends, to mourn her death. Her life was given to God's service, and now rests in peace. May all meet her in heaven. J. R. Sanders. Texarkana, Ark.

PORTER—Mrs. Amanda M. Porter was born January 18, 1836, at Tulip, Ark., and died May 5, 1904, at Hot Springs, Ark. During Sister Porter's youth Tulip had one of the best schools then in the State, which afforded her good educational advantages. She was converted and joined our church when a young girl, and ever remained a loyal and faithful member of the same. Much of her life she was a great sufferer, but her pastor could count on her being at her place at the church services if she could possibly get there. She was a worker in the church and an excellent Sunday-school teacher. Our Sunday-school at Gillett, and especially her class, regretted very much to give her up when she moved to Hot Springs a few months before her death.

At the age of eighteen she was married to Mr. George Cammock, who only lived eleven months. She was afterwards married to Mr. James T. Porter, who preceded her to the beyond twenty-one years.

She never had any children of her own, but raised two. One of them, Mr. Robert Tackett, died three years ago. But the other, her niece, Mrs. Need Gillis Leslie, is still living, and loved her as an own mother. She was living with Mrs. Leslie at Hot Springs when God called her from her earthly to her heavenly home.

Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at DeWitt. It was near this place that she spent the greater part of her life. A good woman has gone from us, but we know where to find her.

J. D. May.

SHANNIFELT—By accident, May 23, 1904. Ruby Shannifelt, aged four years, was killed by a falling swing. He was the sweet little son of Brother and Sister Leo Shannifelt, who live near Hazen, Ark. In the early winter their sweet little baby left them, for his eternal home in heaven, leaving them with only one child around whom their affections were fast gathering and as they had scarcely learned to love him he too left them. All this seems strange for a moment, but they were God's and he only took that which was his and we should be submissive to his good pleasure. Ruby is at rest with little Grant, where no sorrow ever comes and where heaven and all its splendors are aglow. May the God of consolation bless the saddened parents in their sore grief. Louis Hundley, P. C.

HAMMONS—Another of our race has been taken away, other hearts have been made sad and another home is momentarily dark. A home that was full of sunshine no more is traversed by tiny little feet which were sent to this world with a message of love. Robert Chalmers Hammons came to gladden the hearts and illuminate the home of Brother and Sister Hammons July 8, 1903, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus May 24, 1904, being with them only ten months and sixteen days. He was sweet and good and had won the love and admiration of all who knew him, greeting them always with a sweet, simple smile that won its way through the shadows and clouds of life and into the hearts of his admirers, and made them glad. Parents, "let not your hearts be troubled," for the Lord knoweth best. The flower that once was so bright and fresh here is now an ornament in the courts of glory. Live prayerful, be consistent and ever faithful and some sweet day you, too, will be wafted from earth through the skies, and measureless space, to join little Robert within the mighty citadel of heaven. His pastor, Louis Hundley.

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 Batesville District Conference at Newark July 6-9
 Searcy District Conference at Bald Knob July 13
 Little Rock District Conference, Hunter Memorial, L. R. July 25
 Camden Dist. Conference at Stephens July 28

Editor "Methodist"—Will you allow me as an humble follower of the lowly Nazarene, and a reader of the "Methodist," to say a few words at least to say amen to the utterances of that old veteran, J. E. C., in last "Methodist"? God bless these old soldiers. And then Dr. Lovett's words are to the point. Oh, that they may burn down into the very heart of our preachers, that they may enter the pulpit so burdened with immortal souls that they will have no desire to indulge in anything save the Gospel of our risen Lord. May they feed the flock, not upon husk and call it Gospel, but upon the sincere milk of God's Work, though it may cause some of us laymen to dodge, let it come. It's just what we need.

Layman.

Pine Bluff District Conference.

RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. M. HAWLEY.

We, as a district conference, realize that in the death of our brother, Rev. J. M. Hawley, the church sustains a great loss, that it is not simply a personal loss but a public calamity, and while we sorrow that he will walk with us no more, we are comforted in the thought that—"His sword was in his hand, Still warm with recent fight," and that—

The pains of death are past,
 Labor and sorrow cease;
 And life's long warfare closed at last,

His soul is found in peace.

And while eternal ages run, he will rest in the Savior's joy. Therefore it is

Resolved, by this district conference, That we extend our love and sympathy to his stricken wife and honored father, Rev. L. B. Hawley, who is a member of our body, and commend them in our prayers to the mercies of a loving God, that a specialty of his sustaining grace may be imparted unto them in this dark hour, and that they may be so

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Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this conference, and a copy be sent to the wife and the father and to the "Arkansas Methodist" for publication.

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