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News and Notes.

Oom Paul Kruger, FORMER president of the Transvaal, died at Clarens, Switzerland, July 14. He was very old and all his interest in life had gone with the loss of his country's cause. King Edward gave permission to take the remains to the Transvaal for burial.

THE REPORT THAT 30,000 JAPAnese had been destroyed by Russian mines at Port Arthur July 10, 11, had reached us before the issue of last week, but deeming it unreliable we did not publish it. It now appears that the Russians were able to regain some defenses which they had surrendered and that the Japanese lost about 2,000 men. There is little of importance to report from the seat of war during last week.

A GREAT STRIKE IS ON AMONG THE packing-house employes, their center at Chicago. The owners offer to submit all questions involved to an arbitrating board. The employes are willing to submit only some of the questions involved. Argument is not yet in sight. Prices of meats of all sorts will go up. And no doubt the people at large will buy less The result will be to the permanent hurt of the packing business if the strike is long continued. The people when forced to use less meat will find that they can do as well without it. There is no doubt that more vegetables and cereals and less meat in our daily diet would be an improvement.

THREE NEGROES ASSAULTED MRS. Elzie Biddle at her home near Burlington, N. J., July 5. They were all arrested. A guard of soldiers was furnished to protect them from lynching. In less than three weeks the processes of law ended in the imprisonment of each for 49 years, the sentence of each being for rape, 15 years; for robbery, 15 years, for assault on officer, 12 years, for robbery seven years. There was exemplary caution and promptness in this case. But a sentence of 15 years for rape is not proportioned to the terrible nature of the crime. Such was the feeling of the people at large.

Another Way to Build Up a Church.

In the "Methodist" of June 15. was discussed the aristocratic way of building up a church. To this may be added another way.

This other way is simple. pastor preaches to his congregation on various topics or subjects until the revival season. Then the evangelist comes. A glorious meeting follows. Everybody is urged to join the church, and many comply. The names on the church register are increased in number by onethird or perhaps by one-half. The church is then built up.

Now revivals are a distinctive characteristic of Methodism. It was born of a revival, and has ever been and continues to be the mother of revivals. But while this is true the abuse of the revivals, it seems, is as great a hindrance to the spiritual life of the church as the use is an aid to that spiritual vitality. One of these abuses is very common. It grows out of a legitimate ambition to succeed but is fostered by wrong means for attaining The abuse in question is success. this: The indiscriminate gathering into the church of men, women and children. This, in many cases, it seems, wrongs the individual who assumes the vows of membership, hurts the church that receives the applicant, and embarrasses preachers who succeed to the pastorate.

The wrong done the individual is due chiefly to the reactionary influence. Without evidence to the contrary it may be safely assumed that the candidate who is received into the church at the time of his application for membership is unprepared to take intelligently the vows which are administered him. But if this were the only difficulty to a useful membership could be largely overcome; for, the man who lacks only knowledge for the discharge of his duty will usually bear instruction. The more objectionable feature is that many who receive the vows on such occasions do it unconsciously under the impulse of the moment. Then as soon as the inevitable reaction comes they return to the "weak and beggarly elements of the world," with no desire to be taught, or to learn, of matters spiritual. Let him who doubts that a large pro- zation whose institutions he once portion of those who are thus taken promised to support. For into the church fall away recall a members the church is criticised few of those "glorious meetings" in both justly and unjustly; justly for

church twelve months or two years later.

Of such an one as these Christ said: "The last state of that man becometh worse than the first." The truthfulness of this saying of Christ will be re-impressed upon him who, through personal effort and individual contact, seeks to win again, to Christ those whose first steps were ill taken. They are hard to reach. Their condition becomes more hopeless, and they grow more firm in their resistance these self-committing efforts are publicly repeated. Nor is it strange that it is so. The consciousness of failure, though it may be stimulating to efforts in other directions is weakening to the repetition of an effort which once led to an undesired result. Add to this the dread of the sneers which are often freely bestowed, and it is easy to explain the whole matter. Is it not true then that many individuals, though it be with the very best intentions, are wronged by the indiscriminate reception of applicants for church membership? Put the truth in sincerity and watch the motion of the balance.

But the individual is not the only sufferer; the church as a whole suffers. The inconsistent and too often ungodly lives of those who have a name to live and are dead, discredit the church in the estimation of the world.

To be sure the church is a nursery, yea, and the smallest, the weakest and the sickest soul should not be forsaken by the church, until that soul has abandoned it, and not even then as long as there is hope of restoring such an one in the spirit of meekness. Even when this hope is gone there should be a warm welcome awaiting any one who would do again his first works through repentance and faith. But the man who has ceased to feel the restraining influence of the church, who is undisturbed by a conscious loss of the world's respect for his Christian integrity, and who gives himself over to a life of open sinfulness, is he who causes a play of merriment to run over the congregation when his name is called at a church conference. It is he indeed who brings the church into disrepute and thereby hurts the organicomparison with the status of the allowing them to remain within its

pales; unjustly for not affecting the character of its members in accord with the claim of a power to transform the character of sinful men.

No one feels this condition more keenly perhaps than the minister. But he is embarrassed. He stands between two fires, namely, that of the worldly minded, and that of his brethren. The spiritual life of his membership, as a whole, can but in reality weaken the claims which he makes in theory for the institution whose minister he is. He is called upon to satisfy the mind of the practical, honest man of the world, who secretly or openly wishes to know the benefit arising from membership in the church. His living witnesses are too ften in the minor-

Should the pastor enforce some of the more elementary regulations of the Discipline, to say nothing of those which would cause a disturbance in the local church, in many cases would call for a report, at the proper time, which would record a large decrease in membership. This is undesirable. It makes one appear as a workman who pulls down rather than one who builds up, and often provokes censure in heart if not in word.

Now and then a brother, in the dilemma of carrying this ballast on his ship, which is already too heavily loaded, and of incurring the censure of his superiors, if he cast it overboard, grows either despondent or courageous, and asks, What is to be done? The question honestly asked seems to be indicative of either a misunderstanding of the cause of the present spiritual status of the church or a fear to apply the remedy which one feels is needful. The things that might be done lawfully may not be done expediently. Nor is he who waits for the concurrence of every one else before acting the right man for a leader.

This proposition is submitted: The Bishops are not to blame, neither are the presiding elders, but the pastors are responsible for the spiritual dearth of the church. They have let the world into church and now deplore spiritual the condition of the institution which they love. The application of either the spirit or the letter of the law has always been a sufficient safeguard. A probation of six months was formerly demanded of each candidate. The

Contributed.

Henderson College.

Camden, Ark., June 9, 1904.

My Dear Brother-As one who is directly interested in the youth of our land, and in character building, and believing that our greatest characters climb the ladder of fame through Christian education, I make this personal appeal to you as one of the field representatives of the Henderson College (formerly Arkadelphia Methodist College), located at Arkadelphia, Ark.

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This board of administration is composed of Hon. J. H. Hinemon, president; Capt. C. C. Henderson and Mr. E. H. McDaniel.

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Hoping to see you soon and soliciting your active co-operation in our efforts to make Henderson College the greatest, college in the South, I am your brother,

W. F. Evans.

Vodki.

The situation in the far East has been complicated, that is so far as the Russians are concerned, by the introduction of the temperance question into the war. Among the regular rations permitted to the Russian soldier is a daily allowance of vodki, a compound of uncertain ingredients but warranted to make more trouble in less time than any other drink on the face of the earth, except perhaps the native liquor distilled in the Philippine Islands, said to be guaranteed to produce insanity in a month. Riotous disorders having occurred at Port Arthur and elsewhere from the use of vodki furnished by the government in addition to that soldiers were able to buy or steal the military authorities inaugurated a prohibition movement, ordered the vodki shops closed and no more vodki to be issued to the men. The result is said to be words and acts practically amounting to mutiny on the part of the troops, showing an intense dissatisfaction with the new departure. Already commanding officers have protested to their superiors against the order and there are indications that it will shortly be revoked on the ground as stated by one of the officers, that the Russian soldier is as helpless without his vodki as without his gun. The government, however, is attempting a solution of the problem in another way and has offered a prize of \$25,000 for any inventor who will make alcohol undrinkable without destroying its value in the arts and sciences.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

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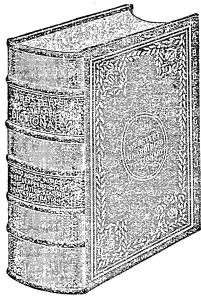
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Rejoinder.

Brothers Hutchinson and Hammons have taken me in hand rather sternly by way of defending some professor in their Alma Ma-"Three days in Vanderbilt" are altogether too brief a time to learn what a professor teaches or believes, these brethren seem to think. If the professor talks or writes it ought not to take many days to know what he says of a particular thing, especially as to his belief in the Bible. Brother Hammons, after drubbing me, kindly atones by conceding what I said, differing only as to what scepticism means:

"Does Brother White not nkow that such has been the opinion of many eminent Christians" that the book of Jonah is regarded by these teachers as allegorical? I answer, yes, in a sense; some of you regard the higher critics as "eminent Christians." I have known of no other "eminent Christians" hold such fully. And why rob Jonah of a real personal existence? Simply because they do not believe in miracles. To get rid of the miracle of the story of the whale they dispense with his personality. A somewhat bolder class of "eminent Christians" dispense with the personality of Jesus for the same reason. Jesus believed in the personality of Jonah and cordially accepted the miracle, making it a type of himself, as swallowed by the dragoon and returned again to an active sphere of being.
Jonah is here." "A greater than Ninevah is supposed to have repented at the preaching of a myth—is that it, Brother Hammons?

Brother Hammons is not one of those who has 'a' smattering of knowledge," as he charges me; no, he is a learned man, but he undoubtedly has a smattering of scepticism if he gangs thus with higher critics. True I have but a smattering of knowledge. But I hope I rank higher in faith than any man who is too learned, too proud or too dignified to believe such Old Testament history as the Lord believed and used as facts in his discourse.

Brother Hammons intimates that one must be an infidel if at all sceptical. That indicates a mere smattering of knowledge; but the reader must not think thus of my learned brother; he has simply made a mistake.

"Who is J. W. White, this man of a few days' experience in the halls of Vanderbilt, that he should rise up and call these men scepties?" This sentence is marked with quotation points. Why so, and give no author? It looks suspicious. It does not require even three days to ascertain all I said and much more. It is not necessary to be present, travelers, books and paper paragraphs tell the dismal story.

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"Judged sound by the Bishop." Are they? Will you name the Bishop who holds the book of Jonah to be an allegory? Yes, it is the "faith of our childhood that the whale swallowed Jonah, but allegory "clarifies and establishes it." I fail to see. It eliminates the miracle and establishes one in scepticism.

Who are those un-Methodistic teachers that they should be exempt from just criticism?

J. W. White.

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present law is more flexible but none the less effective when applied. It is: When persons offer themselves for church membership, let the preacher in charge (not the Bishop nor the elder) inquire into their spiritual condition and receive them into the church when they have given satisfactory assurances of their desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins; also, of the genuineness of their faith and of their willingness to keep the rules of the church; and only after they have been instructed in the rules of the church and the baptismal and church vows and have agreed to accept and keep them. Discipline 1902, par. 206. The abuse of this law is the secret of the spiritual condition of the church of today.

E. A. Townsend.

Letter From China.

Having been appointed by Bishop Galloway to take charge of the Shanghai district after Brother Burke's departure for the home land, I have been visiting some of the stations within the bounds of the district. I have found the work at some points in a very flourishing condition.

Brother Burke and the native preachers have been doing faithful and efficient work at many points. The results are being seen in the reception of probationers and members into the church. I was especially interested at Tsu Ka Kauh on my recent visit there to hold the third quarterly conference. We occupy a rented building on one of the main streets, which served as a home for the preacher, a room for a day school and a chapel, all under one roof.

Reports given by the preacher at the quarterly conference showed that he had received the names of 30 probationers in his circuit during the past quarter. He not only preaches in the town where he lives but his circuit embraces a number of large towns and villages within a radius of 20 miles around.

On Sunday the little chapel was crowded with more than 100 people, men and women, more than fully half of them being Christians, some of whom came from a distance of eight or ten miles away in order to be present at the meeting.

One party lived so far away that they had to get up before daylight so as to get a start in time to reach the meeting by 11 o'clock, coming on their boat on the canal.

I preached in the morning, held a communion service in the afternoon and preached again at night to large crowds of people. Just before the communion service I baptized seven adults, four of these were men from a town called Lien Dong, some six miles from Tsu Ka Kauh.

are some 40 probationers there who have regular meetings for Christian worship. They have an Epworth League and a Sunday-school. The day night at Monticello. The conpreacher visits them regularly and holds meetings for them.

There are also two Bible colporteurs who go there from time to time to help them in their meetings. The most of the probationers are well-to-do men, the leading man among them being the owner of a large rice shop. As far as we can see the most if not all of these men are genuine, as we cannot find out in session. Rev. D. J. Weems had that they have any ulterior motives in coming to us other than the genuine desire to learn the truth and be saved.

They gave me a pressing invitation to visit them and I was sorry him in his great work. I received that my engagements in Shanghai made it impossible for me to comply with their request, but I intend to go there on a visit on my next round in September.

The above is a sample of how the work is growing in China. News comes to us from all parts showing that the people are anxious to have us preach to them and in numerous instances they provide the chapel and pay all expenses and large crowds come to hear the Gospel.

We need more men and more money to occupy these great and effectual doors open to us. A church is badly needed in Tsu Ka Kauh. The preacher has raised subscriptions among the members and the missionaries for the purchase of a lot of land and he is hoping that the good Lord will send help from some direction to enable him to build a church. Cannot some friend who sees these lines give, say, \$1,-500 for this most needy and worthy object? The field is ripe there for immediate and encouraging results and the church will be a very great help to them in reaping the results of past years of labor. The preacher and the Christians there are praying that the Lord will give them a A. P. Parker. church.

Anglo-Chinese College, 18 Quinsan Road, Shanghai, June 25, 1904.

The Orphanage.

REV. T. O RORIE,

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SECRETARY. G. H. KIMBALL, City Hall, Little Rock, Ark.

Field Notes.

June 30th found me on the way to Hamburg, where the Monticello District Conference was being held. Rev. W. H. Hilliard makes a good host. He met me at the train and assigned me to the best home in Hamburg. Presiding Elder Hays knows a thing or two. He moved everything else off the track and gave us all the time we wanted. I preached the first Sunday at 11 a. m. at Dermott. There is no better preacher in Arkansas than the Rev. The work at that place is in a J. L. Cannon and the people of to rheumatics only. To them I will will gladly give you this information.

very flourishing condition, there Dermott are finding it out. Am sorry he has made up his mind to leave us next winter. We need such men in Arkansas. I preached Sungregation was small, but several remembered the Home. July 6th I attended the Prescott District Conference at Washington. No. P. E. in the State gave me a more cordial welcome than Rev. T. H. Ware and Lawlis, the pastor, was as good to me as he could be. After being up all night I landed at Portia July 8, where the district conference was been appointed to preach at night, but after he got into the pulpit he surrendered his right to me. This is not the first time he has helped me in my work. May heaven bless two nice quilts here for the Home, one from Mrs. E. A. Edwards, of nut Hill Circuit, and one from Sister J. W. Coffman and her weet daughter, Miss Flora.

Rev. J. A. Parker and a number of others say they want to see notes every week from the field editor. T. O. R.

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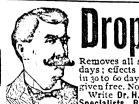
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good King Asa. His reign of 25 years began B. C. 914. He was one of the four great and pious kings of the line of David, the other three being Asa, Josiah and Hezekiah. His reign was one of the most prosperous the kingdom of Judah ever had. He had riches and honor in abundance. The surrounding nations feared him, and refrained from war against him. He had an immense army of militia, a million one hundred and sixty thousand men, ready at any time spring to arms, if the occasion called. He fortified well all the cities of his kingdom. He established a system of religious instruction; he removed whatever high places of unauthorized worship he found in the kingdom; he was personally pious and upright.

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tions of men?

Notwithstanding all this, Jehoshaphat made one capital blunder. He contracted a marriage for his son with the daughter of the wicked king of Israel and his infamous queen Jezebel. It was a step dictated no doubt by worldly wisdom -it might lead to the reunion of the two kingdoms, and it would strengthen both himself and Ahab meanwhile. Jehoshaphat knew very well the law and custom of his nation about such marriages, and it seems strange that he could have ever permitted it. But his conduct shows that human nature when under the pressure of strong desires is insane at times. The step drew after it untold woes for Judah, for this daughter of Jezebel corrupted her husband and her son after him.

The immediate result of this matrimonial alliance was an alliance with Ahab in a project he had of winning back from Benhadad II king of Syria, the town of Ramoth-Gilead, which he had some time before taken from Ahab. Ahab was warned not to undertake that war, but he preferered to give heed to the prophets of idolatry, and he and Jehoshaphat went out against Benhadad—and were miserably routed Ahab losing his life, and Jehoshaphat barely escaping with his.

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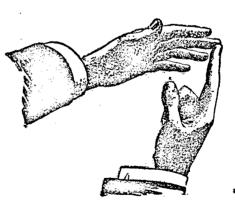
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The reason why the churches find it so difficult to deal with the matter of diversions is because,

(1) Neither the most conscientious ministers or members can agree as to what is really to be prohibited. Some condemn what others equally conscientious allow.

(2) No specific prohibitions can be framed which can cover the case. Many diversions not named in the Discipline are quite as detrimental to spiritual life as those which are named. It seems therefore that a quickened conscience is the best possible guide, and that much forbearance and patience should be used by the church with any who seem to be sincere and willing to receive instruction.

(3) But the most serious difficulty is to determine when one should be cut off from the church. Shall we make a test of membership of matters which we allow do not necessarily separate the soul from God. To those who have attained most in Christian growth and knowledge and experience there are always higher attainments offered. If the ideal Christian is considered, then all the churches will agree that such do not indulge in many diversions which are even common to Christians generally. We have known a good brother who never could believe that a really religious man would play checkers. Paul reckoned that such Christians were conscientious and that their consciences ought to be respected by the brethren, but he also declared that they were weak and needed to learn to respect the consciences of people who differed from them. There are few diversions taken by church members which are so much to be deprecated as a censorious spirit, ever ready to distrust others or find fault with them.

There is much difference between holding forth a certain course of conduct as best and as the Chris- Then ask "What ought to be the attian ideal, and making the same titude of a Christian or a good man

church. We should not cut off from one of apology or opposition?" desirous to be led aright.

But in their diversions or pastimes, many Christians have to be taught that the question with which the church deals is not altogether one of individual conscience, but of public influence as well. That which is not believed to be wrong may be very injurious, none the less, and the judgment of the church may be asserted properly against the judgment of the individual. Men have taught conscientiously. often times, what the church justly condemned, and heretics have been cut off from the church, that they might not corrupt others and lead them astray.

One who was arraigned for dancing, referred to another member who got drunk, and said to his pastor, "Drunkenness is worse than dancing." "True," replied the pastor, "but that man's folly ends with himself.' Nobody says' "I will get drunk because he does,' neither does he or any one else say that it is right to get drunk, or that the church ought not to condemn drunkenness. But you say it is right to dance, and the church ought not to oppose it. You condemn what the church teaches, and what I preach. That man who gets drunk confesses that he is enthralled and being dragged down to ruin. If you said that dancing was a vice by which you were enslaved and that no one ought to dance, the case would be different. The church would not be influenced by your example. Your example corrupts the young people of the church, your position assails the church itself. The church must deal with a member, not upon his conscience merely, but upon his actual influence in the church for evil. Thus it often occurs that the most detrimental influence which can be delivered upon a church comes from one who indulges in some folly, claiming a pure conscience in doing so. Such persons, if they will not hear the church, should be put out of the church.

How are we to educate the people to a conscience in this matter? We must do it by showing the general tendency of the indulgence which is pleaded for. Those pleas are for personal privilege. Many a man will say, "It does not hurt me to take a drink of whisky." You do not need to contradict that, although it is a presumptuous and, most likely false statement. But by making such a statement he thinks to shut you off or compel you to take the disadvantageous ground of personal contradiction. You would better show that the general effect of drinking is bad; that there is no greater evil. That you can do, and every one will admit the position.

that the general tendency of dancing or theater-going is evil. The current of their influence does not set toward godliness, but worldliness. That is enough to know. On that ground we insist that the Christian should not only abstain from such diversions but oppose them. There is no other consistent ground. It will not do to say. "They do not hurt me." Will a man who finds a serpent in the grass show how he can toy with it, and then leave it a playmate for the children? If the general result is evil, if most people who indulge are injured, it is rashness and egotism for any one to assume that he is not in peril, but if his claim were true it would not justify personal indulgence.

Every good man should be arrayed directly against every influence which is corrupting to the people at large. Nothing were more unmanly or more foolish than to claim the privilege of personal indulgence in that which is confessed to be a public evil.

The church for her own protection may need sometimes to expell from her communion those whose sins seem to be venial in themselves.

No man liveth to himself. Finally, where the church utters her voice clearly, one who does not obey the church, values church membership less than his own indulgence, regards the judgment of the church as of less weight than his own whim, and knowing not the sacredness of vows, breaks the vow which united him to the church and is justly separated from the church.

Action of the M. E. Church General Conference on Federation.

- 1. We accept and adopt the action of the joint commission on federation providing for a common hymnal, a common catechism and a common Order of Worship for the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- 2. Resolved, That this General Conference hereby approves and adopts the acts passed by the joint commission on federation of the two churches, to the effect that where either church is doing the work of Methodism the other church shall not organize a society or erect a church building until the Bishop having jurisdiction in the case of the work proposed shall have been consulted and his approval obtained.
- 3. We agree with the Episcopal address that steps might be wisely taken toward a more facile interchange of ministers and members, and to promote other measures of practical fraternity between the two chief branches of American Episcopal Methodism, and refer the subject to the Board of Bishops, and to the same restlessness upon the part conduct a test of membership in the toward such an evil? Should it be the joint commission on federation, of the same Mongol hordes was

to adopt such measures as in their the church those who are willing and | There is no difficulty in showing | judgment shall fulfill the spirit of this resolution and to that end we recommend the continuance of the joint commission on federation for another quadrennium, its members to be appointed by the Board of Bishops; and we further recommend that the commission on federation take such steps as it may deem wise and necessary to bring about a closer unity and a greater fraternity and co-operation in Christian work between the colored Methodist churches having an Episcopal form of government. Two of these churches, the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, are now holding General Conference sessions, and we suggest that they be invited to join with us in the use of the common Hymnal, the common Order of Worship, and the common Catechism.

A Recurrent Situation.

A. H. GODBEY. The first quarter of the last

thousand years before the Christian era brought great changes to the ancient Semitic world. In the valley of the Nile and of the Euphrates great civilizations had grown old and were dyiug. Their vast antquity and the unyielding stiffness which conventionalities acquire with age had made it impossible for them longer to contribute to the progress of the world, nor could they easily adjust themselves to new situations. And at this time the great Asiatic factor appeared. Vast hordes of Mongol origin began moving westward, driving equally wild Aryans before them. For three centuries we can observe the movement, outlined in the cuneiform inscriptions. Many tribes are settling in the ancient Susian empire, strengthening that powerful Mongol state, ever too strong for its Babylonian neighbors. the north, Assyria is frightened by the steady ingress of these small Aryan tribes, and rouses herself to meet the peril, by endeavoring to subjugate each. She only succeeds in unifying them against her. The real peril, that is driving these Aryans westward and southward, Assyria does not seem to comprehend. In her frenzy of fear, she rouses herself at last to concentrate all her energies upon her Susian neighbor, and wins, after desperate effort, a Pyrrhic victory. It is the doom of Assyria. She completely exhausted herself in the short-sighted movement, and removed the only dam that could stay the turbulent waters beyond. The Mongol hordes at once swept through, and on to the very gates of Egypt; far westward also to the frontiers of Europe.

The situation, it will be recognized, is identical with that of a thousand years later in Europe, when

again driving the equally wild Ar-lized long ago. yans into the Roman territory, in search of protection and homes. And the references here and there in the Old Testament show that the situation was clearly grasped by Hebrew statesmen. Under the repeated blows of the eastern hammer, the whole ancient order of things in the Semitic world was falling to pieces. Hoary and venerated institutions were showing themselves powerless to resist or to reform, and too inelastic to adjust. It is in this age that the Hebrew prophet lives and cries out; crying often that the end of all things is at hand, as Zephaniah did. Just so Christian preachers centuries later cried out that the end of the Roman world, which was their whole world, was at hand. One situation is a perfect reproduction of the other; and thus we may the better apprehend the situation and atmosphere in which the Hebrew prophet uttered his forebodings.

Still a thousand years before the time of the Hebrew prophet, the same situation seems to have occurred. On this occasion, the breaking up and forcing southward and westward of Aryan nomadic bands seems to have taken place, driving an Aryan overflow in consequence into northern Hindostan. Thence the Indian civilization arose; while the oldest songs of the Avesta give us the complaint of pastoral tribes who are being assailed by ruthless marauders.

A thousand years after the fall of Rome, we have the same situation. The Seljukian Turk raises the standard of revolt from the caliph of Bagdad in \$052, and begins the Turkish movement westward. The crusades for two centuries show the effort of the European to go east. The relative failure of each effort is familiar. The socalled Turkish empire remains Semitic in all essential characteristics, save in the very small tract known as Turkey in Europe, which remains only by sufferance.

I have briefly sketched these millennial movements, that the reader may understand more clearly what the German emperor means by "the yellow peril," and why he fears it. It will be seen that he has much apparent reason for his fear. Here are cold facts of history; hence his unconcealed dislike of the sudden development of Japanese power. He thinks Europe will be swept away before the next Mongol tide.

What is to be said upon the other side? The emperor fails to remember that these Mongol tides The Semite produce civilization. who emigrated to Babylonia thousands of years ago adopted the Sumerian culture that had grown old already; of Mongol origin, the founders of all our science. No Mongol civilization has developed in Europe. The thousands of Huns who settled Hungary were Teuton- 15 cents and 25 cents.

The small corner seized by Turkey is a Mongol failure, and must be inevitably Caucasian.

At the same time Aryan peoples have always been barbarians forced to emigrate. Left in the steppes of southern Rusia and eastern Asia, they have never had a tendency or inclination to progress. They founded no great civilization there. Our boasted Aryan civilization is the result of much running to and fro of clans, and consequent increase of knowledge, by contact with other institutions and peoples. One has but to contemplate the Russian moujik, the Hindoo peasant, the Persian peasant, to perceive the essential sameness conservatism of the primitive Aryan, wherever he is found. He has never originated a civilization; when forced to emigrate, he often rapidly enlarges and improves one. The Mongol Etruscans civilized the Roman wanderers. The Turkish movement made modern Europe with its learning, by scattering the culture of Greece all over western Europe. The Mongol restlessness of a thousand years before but poured new and vigorous Aryan blood into the veins of the exhausted Roman empire. The movements a thousand years before accomplished a similar result, as the wiser prophets asserted. The sum of the situation is that the yellow race does not seem to have essentially extended itself westward in 4,000 years. But each movement has compelled some Aryan savage to go west and grow up with the country. And a dispassionate view of the present imbroglio would suggest that a similar consequence would follow Japanese dominance in the East. The ignorant and superstitious Russian moujik will no longer go eastward, to remain what he is. He must come westward, and be civilized. He will emigrate, in large bands or small, to southern or western Europe. He can infuse into Spain the elements most needed in its blood. He will come further, and contribute a valuable element of marvelous patience and endurance to the restless and peppery Latin races of South America. He will lose his prejudice against England and will help to fill her magnificently planned colonies with industrious and peaceable citizens; for the Russian moujik is not the conscienceless and treacherous Russian official. That is all that has really resulted before when the Aryan of the Asiatic steppes has collided with the yellow race, and we have no reason to fear more than that in the new movement. "Asia for Asiatics" is really a profitable watchword for the Aryans.

We have a supply of the book of Psalms suitable for use in connection League will meet Wednesday, July with the new form of worship. Prices.

Church Notes.

The commission on the preparation of common catechisms for the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, met at Ocean Grove, N. J., July 20.

The Presbyterian evangelical committee of Philadelphia has carried forward open air and tent meetings in that city during the summer for five years past. The results have proven very encouraging. This year the committee enters upon its sixth summer campaign. Dr. Francis L. Patton, late president of Princeton Theological Seminary, is a prominent leader in the work. It is an example to inspire all the preachers that this great theologian is able and ready to adopt himself to this evangelistic work among the non-church going masses of Philadelphia.

The expense of the General Conference at Los Angeles was \$140, 000, of which Los Angeles contributed \$35,000, the conferences \$91,-000 and the Book Concern pays the deficit.

A Catholic cathedral is to be built at St. Paul, Minn., to cost \$3,000,000, of which James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities Trust contributes \$1,500,000.

Notices.

Dear Dr. Godbey—There is one C. W. Hickey, who is a member of our church at Hillsboro, Texas, who calls himself a Methodist missionary and a traveling evangelist and who preaches and lectures wherever he can make an opportunity and thereby is passing himself for Methodist preacher.

I have a letter from his pastor, Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Hillsboro Texas, the last sentence of which reads as follows: "Brother Hickey certainly has no ministerial authority or sanction whatever from this church."- You will please publish this so that our people may not be imposed upon. Fraternally,

J. J. Mellard.

Princeton, Ark.

To the Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Arkansas Conference:

Dear Sisters-Miss Maggie Rodgers, of Marlin, Texas, wili be our missionary for the year. She will sail for China in August. Letters received from her will be published in the "Arkansas Methodist."

As you know, our pledge is \$600. Five hundred dollars for her support and \$100 toward her outfit.

Please begin now to raise your part of this "special." Let the close of the year see it paid in full.

Mrs. H. Hanesworth, Cor. Sec. Ark. Conf. Ozone, Ark.

The Little Rock District Epworth

Owing to the fact that there has

been some conflicting dates given out in regard to day of holding the Little Rock District Conference, 1 am glad to announce that League day will embrace the second day of the conference, Wednesday, July 27, 1904. Lem Kirkpatrick,

President Little Rock District Epworth League.

Rev. J. M. Hawley's Library For Sale. This finely selected library of theology, classics and standard works of literature is offered for sale at greatly reduced prices.

This is a splendid opportunity for the young preachers of the State to make valuable additions to their libraries. Among them may be found the "New International Encyclopedia," Meyer's Commentary, Typology of Scripture, by Fairbraine, Pope's Systematic Theology and many others of great value to students, and of course that should include all Methodist preachers. For further information write either Sister Hawley or myself.

· W. C. Watson. Pine Bluff, Ark., 1504 Pine St.

Personal.

Dr. C. C. Godden and wife were in our office Tuesday.

Rev. D. J. Weems, the man of much ravel, was a caller, Friday.

Prof. G. W. Droke, of Fayetteville, was a pleasant caller Thursday.

Brother E. L. Beard, of Sherrill, and Bro. Jewell and wife were in to see us Friday.

Miss Dovie Erwin, who will be one of the teachers of Galloway College is taking a special course in a school of expression at Chautauqua

Prof. Clarence N. Weems is taking a special summer course in Cornell University. He is accompanied by his wife and young brother, Roger

Last week's Methodist stated that Prof. Clary was looking after the interests of Central College. It would be good for Central College if he was but he is not. He is still with and for Hendrix College and becoming a sunburnt son of travel.

Recently Westminster College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on Rev. Chas. the missionary brother of Prof. A. C. Millar, of Central College. Dr. Millar is a graduate of Westminster College, the Western Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary, and is now president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Mexico City.

To the General Public-I have just een Roltair's representation of the Creation and found it surpassingly beautiful and instructive. It has helped me to understand Genesis better and made vivid the incidents of the Biblical account of Creation. take pleasure in endorsing the exhibit to every one, especially the religious public. No one who visits the Fair should miss this triumph of religious representation.

REV. DR. ALFRED G. MOSES, Mobile, Alabama.

The Infant Catechism, by Thornburgh still stands at the head as the best catechism for little children. If you have not tried it, send for sample copy.

Godbey & Thornburgh.

Christian Life.

There is No Death.

There is no death- The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore, And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers

To golden grain or mellow fruit, Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize To feed the hungry moss they bear; The forest leaves drink daily life From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall.

The flowers may fade and pass away;

They only wait through the wintry hours

The coming of the May.

There is no death! An aged form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread:

He bears our best loved things away And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate; He plucks our sweetest, fairest flowers:

Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones Made glad the scenes of sin and strife,

Sings now an everlasting song Amid the Tree of Life.

And where he sees a smile too bright Or heart too pure for sin and vice He bears it to that world of light To dwell in Paradise.

Born unto that undying life, They leave us but to come again; With joy we welcome them—the same Except in sin and pain.

And even near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life-there is no dead.

-Selected

Gold Dust.

* * Selfishness cannot forgive Love cannot help forgiving. Love defines our neighbor as the man whom we can help, and measures our duty to him by what we house. would wish for ourselves .- William DeWitt Hyde.

The effective life and the receptive life are one. No sweep of aim that does some work for God, but harvests also some more of the truth of God and sweeps it into the treasury of the life.—Phillips

Pleasure and money; people take them for the two wings of the same bird! Pleasure, like all other truly precious things in this world, cannot be bought or sold. If you wish to be amused, you must do your part toward it; that is the essential. There is no prohibition against opening your purse, but it is not indispensable. Pleasure and ances. Entertain simply, meet your Wellville."

friends simply. If you come from work well done, are as amiable and genuine as possible toward your the absent, your success is sure.-Charles Wagner, in "The Simple Life."

Cheered by the presence of God, I will do at the moment without anxiety, according to the strength which he shall give me, the work that his providence assigns me. I will leave the rest; it is not my affair.—Fenelon.

A BACK LICK

Settled the Case With Her.

Many great discoveries have been made by accident and things better than gold mines have been found-in this way, for example when even the accidental discovery that coffee is the real cause of one's sickness proves of most tremendous value because it locates the cause and the person has then a chance to get well.

"For over 25 years," says a Missouri woman, "I suffered untold agonies in my stomach and even the best physicians disagreed as to the cause without giving me any permanent help, different ones saying it was gastritis, indigestion, neuralgia, etc., so I dragged along from year to year, always half sick, until finally I gave up all hopes of ever being well again.

"When taking dinner with friend one day she said she had a new drink which turned out to be Postum and I liked it so well I told her I thought I would stop coffee for awhile and use it, which I did.

"So for three months we Postum in place of coffee without ever having one of my old spells, but was always healthy and vigorous instead.

"Husband kept saying he was convinced it was coffee that caused those spells, but even then I wouldn't believe it until one day we got out of Postum and as we lived two miles from town I thought to use the coffee we had in the

"The result of a week's use of coffee again was that I had another terrible spell of agony and distress proving that it was the coffee and nothing else. That settled it and I said good-bye to coffee forever, and since then Postum alone has been our hot mealtime drink.

"My friends all say I am looking worlds better and my complexion is much improved. All the other members of our family have been benefited, too. by Postum in place of the old drink, coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ten days' trial of Postum in place of coffee or tea is the wise thing for every coffee drinker. Such a trial tells the exact truth often where coffee is not suspected.

Look in each package for the fasimplicity are two old acquaint- mous little book, "The Road to

"Fellow Christians," cries dear old Dr. Cuyler, "have you never yet won a single soul from sin to holicompanions and speak no evil of ness? Have you never yet opened your lips to speak of Christ to a dying sinner? Then I pity you when you reach your Father's house in heaven. For, amid the innumerable hosts of the glorified, you will not find a solitary soul whom you were the means of bringing in thither. Among the glittering diadem of those who were wise to win, you, alas, will wear a starless crown. Perhaps God will have no crown for thee at all."

> To wait patiently, men must work cheerfully. Cheerfulness is an excellent working quality, imparting great elasticity to the character. Ās a Bishop has said, "Temper is nine-tenths of Christianity," so are cheerfulness and diligence ninetentlis of practical wisdom. They are the life and soul of success, as well as of happiness, perhaps the very highest pleasure of life consisting in clear, brisk, conscious working; energy, confidence and every other good quality mainly depending upon it.—Samuel Smiles.

Good Thoughts From Everything.

One may extract good thoughts and holy aspirations from everything that presents itself amidst the variety of this mortal life. A deyout soul standing over a brook on a very clear night and seeing the heavens and stars therein represented, exclaimed, "O my God, these very stars which I now behold shall be one day beneath my feet, when thou shalt have lodged me in thy celestial tabernacles; and as the stars of heaven are here represented, even so are the men of this earth represented in the living fountain of divine charity." Another, seeing a river flowing swiftly along, cried out: "My soul shall never be at rest till she be swallowed up in the sea of the divinity, her original source." Another, contemplating a pleasant brook, upon the bank of which she was kneeling at her prayers, being rapt into an eestacy, often repeated these words: "The grace of my God flows thus gently and sweetly, like this little stream. Another, looking on the trees in bloom, sighed and said: "Ah, why am I alone without blossoms in the garden of the church?" Another. seeing little chickens gathered together under the hen, said: "Preserve us, O Lord, continually under the shadow of thy wings." Another, looking upon the flower called heliotropium, which turns to the sun, said: "When shall the time come, O my God, that my soul shall faithfully follow the attractions of thy goodness?" And seeing the flowers called pansies, which are beautiful but without fragrance, "Ah!" said he, "such are my conceptions; fair in appearance, but of no effect, producing nothing."

As the great work of devotion consists in the exercise of spiritual recollection and ejaculatory prayers, the want of all other prayers may be supplied by them; but the loss of these can scarcely be repaired by any other means. Without them we cannot lead a good, active life, much less a contemplative one. Without them repose would be but idleness and labor vexation. Wherefore I conjure you to embrace this; exercise your whole heart, without ever desisting from its practice.-James Mudge, D. D.

Lessons in Parable.

AMBITION.

Two honey-bees set out early from the hive on a June morning to their There were near at day's work. hand many cornfields and meadows. There were thousands of bees engaged there in gathering honey. Many were constantly coming to the hive with their precious loads. One of the bees of which we write went to work with the multitude that were in the meadow, and often during the day came heavily laden with honey to the hive. The other bee scented in the air richer fields than the meadows. She pressed on. Richer fields were found, but still alluring scents were on the air. So on and on the bee pressed, and at noon came to a field of blooming buckwheat. This was the bee's paradise. Our ambitious bee had never seen such rich fields. She soon gathered a load of honey and set out on her return. The way was long and the bee's load was heavy. On she went, pressing home with her rich load. But the sun went down, and when the evening grew damp and chill, the bee sank down upon the ground and perished during the night. Not the ambitious but the humble are happiest of earth's toilers, and their toils are most useful to their fellowbeings.

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Letter From Fred Lark.

I preach at Sulphur Creek and Leesville, a little village 13 miles away, up Bear valley. I preach there twice a month at 11 o'clock a. m. and come back and preach daughters and one jovial son; rehere at night. The first time went there Brother Geo. V. Northey, the head man of this work, and a consecrated, wealthy miner, took me early Sunday morning. We met a nice little congregation and I preached to them, had a good service, got acquainted and came home without dinner, as he thought best to come back. Three weeks later I went again alone. Had to go on Sunday morning again. I took the trip on a backless roadcart, pulled by a slow horse. Of course I was tired when I got there, being my first trip in a springless roadcart. Just a few came out, it being in the midst of hay harvest. I preached and felt it very poor preaching that morning. I felt discouraged, but that I was entitled to a dinner there before I came home. I was a stranger, and these Westerners care little for strangers, especially here in the mountains is it There was one man present, a rich rancher, with a nice family. all drove down in a hack. Well. after preaching I went around shaking hands with everybody, expecting some one to ask me home with them. I shook with the girls, and sweet children, then good old grandma, and the wives and the husband, but never a word about dinner. So I took my grip and walked hungrily out, longing good old Arkansas hospitality. stepped out on the front of the house and there stood the wife of the one husband, and she said weakly: "Will you go home with us for dinner?" so weak. I replied, very lankly and hungrily: "Yes." That was all. They lived a short distance above the school house and she did tell me partially how to go. I went to my horse and they all drove rapidly off, paying no attention to me, so I followed, a great way off. I went up to the house and saw the rancher drive his team into the lot and begin to unhitch it. I drove up to the lot gate and he never noticed me. I sat there a half minute when he said, indifferently, "Get out, open the gate and come inside." He said no more. I drove inside and judged he wanted me to unhitch my horse and I did He went on to the barn, put his horses up, fed them and mine, too, I saw later. I was then told, coldly, to bring my horse and put it in a manger. I came up to the barn he nodded to the manger my horse was to feed in. It was piled full at the feeding place. The great barn was full of fine hay and feed. I tied my horse, and went with ferent parts of the State to whom

a Westerner, and I must break the ice. I determined to do it if I drowned in the attempt. I began talking pleasantly and he responded a little. I was received kindly by the wife and her two pretty ceived into a room well furnished. I saw everything tastefully arranged, and signs of plenty everywhere. They were well informed and quite well educated people. I sat and talked pleasantly while Mrs. Mr. Boardman got dinner. were called out to the dining room and sat down to a table loaded with good things to eat. We were seated this way: At one end sat Mr. Boardman, to his left his wife, his daughters, Hattie and Edith, and his son; at the other end good old grandma; to his right myself and the hired man. I asked a blessing and sat, mutely, waiting for the word, "Help yourself," to be said, but I heard it not. In a minute the butter dish was passed by and the hired man stuck the handle of butter knife into it and got a lot of butter on it, and then passed it to me and I proceeded to get a lot of butter on my finger, and wipe it off, slyly, with my clean handkerchief. The son got hold of it and accused grandma of doing it because she was blind and could not see which end to insert. Mr. Boardman was jolly as an Irishman now. and was joking me and everybody, but I did not know just what to do about eating. I was embarrassed, and to my consternation I looked across from me and saw every plate full of good things and everybody eating as fast as they could, and me sitting there like an idiot starving to death, for it was past 2 o'clock p. m. Well, I caught on to every dish reachable and piled my plate full and proceeded to chew. membered that I was in a Westerner's home and that everything on the table was to eat. I could do as I pleased, either eat or let it alone, and go home hungry, and I ate long and lustily. This is typical Western life. I never was treated more kindly in my life by a man and his family. It was a joy to be there. They had nothing against me. I was only a stranger and had only to make myself friendly and all was well. They care only friends and they are noble, true friends to friends of theirs. I came home a wiser man and not hungry, and possessing a warm welcome to come back again, issued by that man and his kind family. I never had a heartier good-bye handshake from any one and he even hitched up my horse for me. I helped him what I could. He at first just wanted to see the stuff I was made of.

F. A. Lark.

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For the Young People him to the house. I saw my man, good terms will be made. Address, George Thornburgh, Little Rock, Ark.

Our Letter Box.

Columbus, Ark. Dear Brother Godbey—As the wastebasket didn't get my other letter I will write again. I go to school every day. Mr. McNew is our teacher. Our school will be out the 27th of May. I go to Sabbathschool every Sunday. Brother Hill is our pastor. We all like him so much. Our little town has three churches, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist. What has become of the little Indian girl? Write to us again. I am always glad when I see a letter from Brother Lark. He writes such interesting letters. If the boys don't hurry the girls will beat them writing. I think it is so nice for Brother Godbey to give us a page in the "Methodist." I agree with Mattie Staggs—I think ought to do all we can to try improve our page. More of the cousins ought to write. If we try to improve we will be sure to succeed. I will ask some questions: How many times are boy and girl mentioned in the Bible? What is the shortest verse in the Bible? I will close before I make this too long. With love to Brother Godbey

Cora Field.

Pike, Tex.

Dear Brother Godbey-I am a little girl of 12 years. I live in 'exas. Before coming here we lived in Arkansas at Watalula. Although we have been in the Lone Star State for years, my papa still takes the dear old "Arkansas Methodist."

and all the cousins, hope to see this

in print. Your friend,

'There are seven of us in family and we all belong to the Methodist Church. I have three sisters and one brother. I am the youngest child. My papa is a physician. We live in a country town of about 250 inhabitants.

Come, again, Melvin Simmons. You and your little sister, Pearl. too. I suppose you haven't forgotten me, have you, for we use to play together on the old Arkansas hills.

I would be glad to see more letters from the cousins and especially the ones who are acquainted with me. Your little friend,

Ethel Viser.

Sidney, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey-I will write again as my other letter was in print. I don't go to school now. Our school is out. My preacher's name is Brother Kelley. I like him for a preacher. For pets I have a cat and a doll. We have an organ and I can play two pieces. My Aunt Eva came to stay all night with me. I will close, hoping to see this in print. From your cousin. Mary Williams.

Sidney, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey-I am a little girl 15 years old. I have never written to the dear old "Methodist." My brother-in-law takes it. My mamma and papa are dead. I have three sisters at home, and for pets I have a dog. Well, as this is my first letter, I will close, hoping to see this in print. From your Lena Wilkes. friend.

Hollywood, Ark.

Dear Brother Godbey-As I see my other letter came out in print, I thought I would write again. We had no school now. Our school was out last Friday. We had a concert. We had a nice time. We had an Easter hunt Saturday evening. I found six eggs. Our teacher carried us down on the creek and hid the eggs. Never saw such scratching and hunting in the world. Mrs. Brown, our school teacher, hid 33 dozen. We found all of them but eight. I will close by asking a question: How many times are the words little children spoken of in the Bible? Lyda Wright.

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"I am convinced that Grape-Nuts more widely used by physicians will save many lives that are otherwise lost from lack of nourishment." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Absolutely the most perfect food in the world. Trial of Grape-Nuts 10 days proves.

There's a reason.

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Our Church at Home.

ARK.—We GRANNISS, glad the Lord has heard our prayers and built up our church at Granniss. We were greatly disappointed when we found that Brother Steel could not come. The Lord came in answer to prayer, and encouraged us, and gave us the victory. He has given us 15 accessions at Granniss, and about 45 on the Gillham Circuit. Brethren, let us begin doing personal work. Let us help each other all we can. Bear ye one another's burdens. Pray for each other, and pray for backsliders, and for sinners. We have some cold, careless, indifferent, worldly minded members on our heart. We pray for them. We must pray on and work on through to victory. Pray on until God comes in great converting and sanctifying power and kindles a flame of love and divine glory in our hearts. Brethren, stand by your pastor, help him, pray for him, encourage him and support him. Then God can and will bless you, and make you a shining light, and a power for good in the world. May the Lord bless all our people in Granniss and Gillham.

J. H. Callaway.

WEST POINT, ARK .-- Brother Sibert convened quarterly conference in the evening of the 9th at this place. Brother Ellis was detained at home on account of sickness in his family. There was only a partial report from the charges. Rain prevented the stewards from attending.

Brother Sibert preached three excellent sermons Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night At the Sunday night service there was a great spiritual awakening Nine professions and reclamations four received into the church. There never was seen a deeper spiritual feeling than was manifest here. So great was the rejoicing, shouting and praising God that when Brother Sibert called hands up for all who had been blessed, there was a perfect sea of hands; looked like a second Pentecost. The meeting closed with a regular old Methodist handshake, with much rejoicing and praising God. With best wishes for the "Methodist' 'and its cause, will Bob Bradford.

NORTH JONESBORO.—In my mention of the enterprises on foot in the Jonesboro District in my account of our district conference, published last week, I failed mention one, the importance which will be appreciated by those who know the history of our church at North Jonesboro-its long heroic struggle to get out of debt and make its place secure, viz., the installation of a set of new pews and the carpeting of the aisles.

of the shippers they were not in nual Conference for admission.

very much to the regret of those good people and their faithful pastor, W. F. Walker; but now that they are here they are a source of delight to those who labored earnestly to procure them.

Our church at North Jonesboro is now complete and is a very handsome edifice and fully equipped for comfortable worship.

In addition to the above they will soon have a parsonage. new house is in process of construction now and will be a credit to the church as well as a comfort to their worthy pastor. I would like to say some good things about the brethren who worked so faithfully for the enterprises above noted, Brothers Tatum and Carson and others, but I forbear. Fraternally,

Fred Little.

District Conferences.

The Prescott District Conference met at Washington Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, July 6 1904, and was opened by religious services conducted by Rev. Thos. H. Ware, presiding elder.

Thos. H. Ware, P. E., was in the chair at all the sessions of the con-

There were more than 40 preachers and delegates present.

J. C. Hughes was elected secretary and Prof. J. T. Nelson was appointed assistant secretary.

The pastors of all the charges except three, were present.

From the reports it appears that the spiritual condition of churches is reasonably good.

It is shown by the reports on Sunday-schools that on most of the charges the Sunday-schools are in a healthy condition—on some in excellent condition, having all departments organized.

But few of the pastors have yet taken collections for the cause of the American Bible Society.

Reports show that there are too few Women's Foreign and Home Mission Societies in the district. Many of the existing societies are doing a noble work.

The cause of Christian education is receiving attention and encouragement. Quite a number of students have been in our church schools.

Most of the reports indicate healthy condition in church finances

There are not as many Epworth Leagues reported as heretofore. Want of suitable leaders is assigned as the cause.

Most of the parsonages and houses of worship in good condition.

The lay delegates elected to the Annual Conference are J. Hughes, M. C. Fryberger, J. \mathbf{Y} . Johnson and John H. Arnold.

The alternates are W. R. White and W. W. Wilson.

H. E. Vancamp, E. J. Slaughter and L. W. Evans, local preach-Through some delay on the part ers, were recommended to the An-

The characters of the following named local preachers were passed and their licenses renewed: C. G. Hughes, C. A. Kizzia, R. C. Willett, W. A. Lewis, H. E. Vancamp, E. J. Slaughter, Henderson Nelson and E. S. McMillan.

The characters of the following named local elders were passed: J. H. Gold, J. M. Annfield, J. B. Hill, G. M. B. Turner, Bascom Ward, George Brock, R. J. Nelson, J. B. Westrope, E. Rushing, J. W Whaley and R. L. Broach.

The character of J. W. Covington, local preacher, was passed, but his license was not renewed.

The characters were passed the following named local deacons: O. P. Graves, Isaac Webb, Q. Robinson and M. I. Bowles.

Prescott was selected as the place for holding the next district conference.

R. W. McKay, G. W. Logan, J. F. Lawliss and R. G. Roland were appointed a committee for the nert twelve months to examine cants for license to preach.

Resolutions were offered and adopted:

First. Pledging our support to our church schools and their repre-

2. On the death of Brother B. A. White.

3. Commending Prof. G. L Tyas and the Haygood Seminary to the colored people.

4. Pledging hearty co-operation to Sister Hotchkiss and her coworkers.

5. Requiring local preachers to have at least one appointment or forfeit license.

6. On improvement in keeping quarterly conference records.

7. Pledging prayers and Christian sympathy to Sister Virginia Garner, missionary to Japan.

Expressing sympathy to J. C. Hughes, secretary, because the sudden death of his brother.

9. Extending thanks to the good people of Washington for their kindness and hospitality.

Conference adjourned at 10:30 a. m., Saturday.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Brother T. O. Rorie addressed the conference Tuesday night in the interest of the Orphans' Home of Arkansas.

Prof. J. D. Clary and Rev. W F. Evans, representatives of Hendrix and Henderson colleges spectively, were present and addressed the conference.

Much of the time Friday afternoon was given to Sister Hotchkiss and her co-workers.

Miss Virginia Garner made an interesting talk Friday night favor of Christian education for the Japanese.

The preaching by the various brethren throughout the conference was good, helpful, soul-inspiring, accompanied by the Holy Ghost.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS. The following resolutions

adopted: Resolved, That we, the members of the Prescott District Conference, pledge our support to Rev. W. F. Evans, the representative of Henderson College, and to Prof. J. D. Clary, the representative of Hendrix College.

That we affirm our allegiance to Galloway College, and co-operate with her leaders and teachers moulding the great womanhood of our church and State. That we recognize the good work done by our Fordyce Training School, and encourage the Methodist people throughout our district to patronize and support our church schools.

That we as preachers furnish the field agents of these schools with the names of all young men and women who are likely to attend school.

That we discourage as far as possible our people sending their children to schools outside our State and to non-Christian schools in our State.

J. C. Hughes, Secretary.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE. This body met in Branch, Ark., July 7, 1904, with Rev. Henry Hanesworth, P. E., in the chair. The conference opened with appropriate religious exercises, conducted by the president. J. A. Castel was elected secretary and J. Cochran assistant. While there was no unseemly haste in the conduct of the business the work was all satisfactorily completed and the conference adjourned at the end of the second day, and on Saturday morning the majority of the preachers returned to their homes so as not to leave their pulpits vacant on Sunday. This was as it should ever be. No preacher should ever leave his pulpit unoccupied on any Sunday if it can be avoided. It is pleasant to linger with the brethren and enjoy the social and religious intercourse afforded by such occasions, but it is doubtless far more profitable for us to return to our homes and charges and preach for our own people than it would be for us to remain away.

There was much in the work of the session to inspire confidence in the stability and perpetuity of the church. Almost every report glowed with the rapture of hope and the joy of conquest. While there arc some discouraging features of church life to be met with there is nothing anywhere to appall or indicate the possibility of defeat to the cause in which we labor. Congregations are good, Sunday-school work is flourishing and finances are improving.

The only sad feature of the session was that several local preachers failed to send reports of their work and thereby left the impression that they are growing indifferent to the

responsibilities of their high calling. James Canada and W. B. Wolf were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on Six promising young men were licensed to preach.

A licensing committee, consisting of Wm. Sherman, J. M. C. Hamilton, J. M. Hughey and C. S. Wright, was appointed to act in district conference. The same brethren were appointed as a committee on ways and means.

A resolution complimentary to Presiding Elder Hanesworth was

Waldron was chosen as the place for holding the next session of the district conference.

A. H. Lark, B. W. Wells, J. D. Maddox and W. D. Young were elected delegates to the Annual Conference; James Cole, J. R. Chastain and W. R. Gannaway al-

Pastor Wolf and the good people of Branch entertained us beautifully and bountifully. We trust that abiding blessings were left upon their homes.

In company with Brothers Key, Hanesworth, Hughey and Gannaway your scribe had the pleasure of being entertained in the delightful home of Mr. Wallace Biggerstaff.

J. A. Castel.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT CONFERENCE. Held at Portia July, 7 was a decided success.

Rev. M. B. Umsted, the P. E. knows how to make everybody feel at home and take an interest in the proceedings of a district confer-

The attendance was large, about seventy-five preachers, laymen and The diligent sisters were present. pastor, Rev. G. S. Morehead, had everything in admirable condition for our entertainment at Portia. And that nice little town dispensed a liberal and bountiful hospitality. The church at Portia had just been supplied with beautiful new seats, new communion service, etc.

Finances were well up. Some good meetings had been held, and the spiritual state of the church was reported fairly good.

Alonzo McKelvy was granted license to preach.

There were good sermons preached by F. P. Jernigan, J. S. Watson R. C. Morehead, A. C. Cloyes, T. O. Rorie and others.

Dr. Godbey was present and represented the "Methodist." dent Anderson, of Hendrix College. Rev. T. O. Rorie of the Methodist Orphanage, Rev. D. J. Weems. agent for Galloway College, were all present, and represented their various interests.

Sister J. R. Edwards represented the Home Mission Society in a good earnest talk.

A good spiritual atmosphere prevailed, and some blessed seasons of "refreshing" were sent upon us from the presence of the Lord.

All of us left feeling that it was good to have been there. The district conference is to meet next year in the old historic town of Gainesville. A. E. Holloway, Sec.

THE BATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFER-ENCE

Convened at Newark July 6 with Rev. Wm. B. Hays, P. E., in the chair.

Roll call showed all the P. C.'s present but three; who appeared later in the session.

The attendance of local preachers and delegates was light.

The reports indicated a hopeful outlook spiritually. Preachers all Annual Conference.

The conference was honored with the precence of Revs. D. J. Weems, of Conway, agent for Galloway College; Stonewall Anderson, president Hendrix College, both presenting the claims of these institutions in a pleasing manner. Also Dr. J. E. Godbey, editor "Methodist," and Rev. T. O. Rorie, agent for the Orphanage Home, for a short time.

Brother Noah W. Watson was recommended to Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The character of the following brethren was passed and their license renewed: James Northern, F. M. Copeland, Walter McLain, John D. Roberts, Geo. W. Brinsfield, John W. Best, J. J. Damron, W. F. Wayman, W. L. McMullin, W. G. Sears and W. J. Carder.

Rev. James Northern was recommended to Annual Conference for deacon's orders.

The characters of the following In E.'s were passed, to-wit: J. D. Spence, A. H. Woodard, W. H. H. Dyler, Jas. S. Best, W. A. Peek and J. L. Keener

The characters of the following L. D.'s were passed: Z. T. Griffin, W. E. Watson, W. S. Story, Ed Forrest, J. P. Biggers, E. D. Williams, W. R. Albright, Geo. Rogers, D. V. Rogers, T. S. Evans, J. M. Wyatt, F. E. Hall, C. F. Hively, T. R. Hively, W. E. Webb and Louis Dehls.

The following named brethren vere elected delegates to the Annual Conference: J. L. Porter, L. P.; T. W. Williams, J. R. Y. Luster and J. R. Metcalf, and N. J. Roder und Dan McCurry, alternates.

The next district conference goes to Sulphur Rock.

This is the eleventh district conference this writer has attended in succession and don't hesitate to say t was the most delightful one ever witnessed, the preaching the best and the good public of Newirk did their part well, and I heard it said more than once that they were not satisfied because there was not more in attendance. This place could entertain an Annual Conference royally, and I would not be surprised if they ask for it ere long.

J. R. Metcalf, Secretary.

SULPHUR ROCK.—We had a tian life with more zeal, and strive very good day yesterday (Sunday). One joined the church by baptism and vows.

W. J. Jernigan has been selected as principal of the Academy at this place. In addition to his thorough training in the Arkansas Normal. he spent last year in the Arkansas State University. He has had several years' experience in the public schools and is in every way equipped in mind and soul for the great work he has undertaken. He will be assisted by the following competent teachers: Sidney Pickens is associate and has charge of the inplanning for a grand report at termediate department; Miss Mattie Martin has the primary department; Mrs. T. C. Knox, department of music. School opens Wednesday, September 14, 1904.

Dr. R. H. Hodges will take pleasure in answering inquiries concerning the school.

C. H. Newman.

HARDY.—I am glad to report that after an illness of wife and I for the past ten or twelve days, from bilious fever, that we are on the improve. It was our good fortune to have a visit by Brother T. O. Rorie, who enlivened our home by his genial presence, making himself useful going on errands and speaking words of comfort and cheer in our home. We hope he will come again when circumstances are more favorable. Circuit court has been in session for several days, but closed out yesterday, leaving everything about as it was except the treasury of the county. Part of its proceedings appear in the local prints. Part do not. If it did, I suppose some would wonder and some would blush. Many of the candidates were present, seeking to plant their force and sentiment in the pot that boils the strongest. The outgoing officers (some of them) are just now reading the Scriptural lesson earefully, which says, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail (that is when you go out of office) they may receive you into everlasting habitations (that is, divide pie).

Praying the good Lord to overrule all wrong and establish the right, I remain your unworthy servant, J. R. Edwards.

RIVERSIDE.—We have just closed a splendid meeting at Riverside. Brother Cummins was with me two weeks and did the preaching and it goes without saying that he did it right. He began well and grew better until the close and everybody was sorry that it could not go on longer. The preaching of this godly man is of the old time kind, that cuts straight to the heart, and makes men want to do better.

The church was greatly edified and the membership of the church generally has been built up, and we have resolved to go on in the Christo do more good in the world than we have ever done before.

We had a goodly number of conversions and some accessions to the church and others who have resolved to join the church at the first opportunity, and others are coming to the parsonage to talk of their desire for the Christian life and promise to live for God. The fact is our meeting was of the old time kind where people were not ashamed to shout when they got happy and they got happy.

Our little church here at Riverside is moving on very nicely and we expect to make a good report at conference.

We have received into the church this year about thirty, and possibly half of them are by letter, but the letters had been buried in a trunk or lost. The number received into the church means that number added to the church, and not transferred from some church where they were in active service. We are all rejoicing in a baptism of the Holy Ghost on the church.

I have learned that Brother Bolls, of the Rowel charge, is greatly hindered in his work by the sickness of his good wife. I expect to go down in a few days and see them. Let us pray for this our dear good brother in his affliction, and it would not be a thing out of the way to send him a little help if we feel so disposed, as Sister Bolls has been sick all the year; came home sick from conference.

I expect to spend the first Sunday in August on the old camp ground in Georgia, where I first knew the Lord, and where we used every year to meet the Lord in gracious revivals of the "old time religion."

Brother Cummins left us this afternoon and is to begin a meeting Thursday. He says he has it in for Satan and is going to hit him every time he pops his head up, and he does it, too, and in his fight against sin he shows the Kentucky blood that is in him. May God bless him with a long life of service in this warfare. J. R. Dickerson.

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ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The work of the Home Mission is so extended as to embrace almost every field of Christian activity known to woman.

The many "sidedness" appeals to all broad thinking, spiritual followers of Christ. These are some of the things we do:

AS HOME MISSION WORKERS.

We nurse the sick.

Help bury the dead.

Care for the living in a substan tial way.

Seek employment for them.

Visit them in health and sick-

Hold prayer meetings with them Educate. Entertain them.

Build homes, i. e., parsonages, settlement, rescue, mission homes and orphanages.

Provide needful furnishings for

Supply clothing. Print live facts and figures, to awaken the indifferent.

Teach sewing. Give music lessons, vocal and instrumental. Give carpenter, cooking and English les-

Build churches for the Chinese and Japanese on our shores. Establish and manage kindergartens, day schools, night schools and day nur-

SOME THINGS WE HAVE.

Circulating libraries, gymnasiums and baths, Sunday-schools, classes for religious instruction. 2,114members of the Florine MacEachern Mite Box Brigade, 2,012 Baby Roll members (added during the year) A total membership of 37,089 Property owned by the society valued at \$81,500.

PLANS FOR A NEW DORMITORY.

At London, Ky., preparations are beign made to build the new dormitory, which will fill a long felt

Sufficient funds are on hand to build, but not to furnish the home when completed.

It will accommodate fifty boys. Thirty dollars will furnish a room very plainly. Individual persons or auxiliaries contributing that amount can name the room and a plate will be put on the door.

All money for this purpose must be sent directly to Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky., stating name to be given to the room or hall.

In order that the building be ready for occupancy for the fall term, all money should be sent by November so that the rooms may be nounced, and the large congregation

fitted up as soon as the building is finished.

VALUE OF THE PRESS WORK.

More and more this department is proving a means of arousing and interesting the "women we have not."

Many are seeking the Home Mission page in the "Arkansas Metho-First, some are subscribing for the paper in order to "keep apace the work done in our own conference."

Pastors are stirred at the zeal of the faithful, earnest labors in the most isolated places. When religion has not been counted for much in those places, until the Home Mission workers have called attention through their reports in the secular papers to the work accomplished.

Let us be careful to use the space not only in our own church papers, but send weekly the thrilling facts to our local editors.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

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

W. F. M. S. Department.

The Mission Conference.

At the afternoon session Saturday of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. C. Hawthorne; vice president, Mrs. R. C. Morehead; treasurer, Mrs. P. Richardson; secretary, Mrs. A. L. Malone; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Neill; district secretaries: Helena District, Mrs. Geo. Willey; Jonesboro District, Mrs. Della Rogers; Paragould District Mrs. M. F. Collier; Searcy District. Mrs. C. Pope; Batesville District, Mrs. Jas. Johnson. Forrest City was chosen for the next place.

Mrs. R. S. Culberhouse read most excellent paper on the study circle department of the work, which was listened to with the greatest interest by all present.

Miss Flora Stuck read an interesting paper on the advantages of parliamentary usages in the auxiliary, and this paper was full of interest.

Mrs. Babcock, the president, made an interesting talk on the training school at Kansas City, and spoke of the need of furniture in the "Florence Malone" memorial room, and following this a good sum was raised to add new furniture to this room.

The Sunday service was interesting. Dr. Henderson preached the sermon in the morning, as was an-

sermon. At 3 o'clock the rally by Each year the conference awards a banner to the juvenile society that cause of our State. raises the largest amount of money, and this year the Rosebuds of the First Church were again the successful winners of this banner. Newport and Helena were each—a close second.

At the morning session the devotions were led by Rev. M. M. Smith, and the business of the conference was finished in receiving the reports of the various committees.

While the attendance has not been so large as was hoped by all the meeting has been one of great interest and importance to good women and we are glad to have had them with us.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLU-TIONS.

Resolved, first, That we wish to express our deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings which have attended us through the past year, and for the progress made in our spiritual and financial conditions, and for the willing and ready response to the call for funds to support our missionary Mississippi case.

Second, To the president and all our officers of the conference society, we express our love and appreciation of their services, and hope that a consciousness of duty well performed may inspire them with even greater zeal in this cause.

Third, That we express to the local auxiliary and to the people of Jonesboro our hearty appreciation of their gracious and lavish hospitality, and of the elegant reception tendered us at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Fourth, To Brother Little and Brother A. L. Malone we are indebted for their words of encouragement and for their inspiring talks given at our devotional exercises, also for the interest manifested by Brothers Smith and Walker and others in being present at our meet-

Fifth, That we received with much pleasure and profit the eloquent discourses of Dr. Henderson of Helena on Sunday, and we thank him for his earnest words to press forward to greater and higher things.

Sixth, That we express our appreciation of the sweet music furnished us by the choir, for the beau tiful floral decorations at the church and for the souvenir programmes

Seventh, That our hearty thanks are due the lady managers for the splendid programme given by the juveniles on Sunday afternoon, and to our two little pages for their faithful and willing service during the conference.

president our loving sympathy in Pine Bluff, First Church Juve-

present was highly pleased with the her great loss in the death of her husband, and that we too feel that the children and the young people we have lost a strong helper and was much enjoyed by all present. sympathizer in our woman's work in the church and the temperance

Ninth, That we are again indebted to our auditor, Mr. J. W. Peebles, and we suggest that we show our appreciation by making him an honorary life member.

Tenth, That we thank the "Arkansas Methodist" for space and editorial courtesies.

Eleventh, Our thanks are due Miss Mercie Smith for the missionary tree, showing the growth of our work since 1878.

Mrs. R. S. Thomas. Mrs. S. H. Mann. Miss Lizzie Gullett.

-Jonesboro Enterprise.

Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending June 1.

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SARAH MCKEE VANCE.

Conference Treasurer.

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

Blessing-Maggie Ethel Blessing ing was born January 24, 1888, and died June 12, 1904. She was converted in her fourteenth year under the ministry of Rev. J. N. Villines at Pleasant Hill Church, on Quitman circuit and immediately united with the M. E. C., S., at above-named place. She was a beautiful character, always cheerful and helpful. Her papa pays the following tribute to her young "Ethel was one of the most loving and obedient children I ever saw, always pleasant and careful of others comforts." From the first of her sickness she told her friends she would not recover, but to not weep for her, for she was safe. In the evening be fore she died, as her papa sat by her bedside, she looked up into his face "Papa, are you scared? and said: Don't be scared about me, for I'm all right." Dear cousins of the Methodist, a comrade has fallen, but we know where to find her. She died as she lived, trusting in Jesus. Dear parents, a chair is vacant in your home and a voice is hushed forever on earth, but you have another jewel in heaven whither we are all coming in the sweet by and by.

J. C. Floyd.

HATCHER.—Dr. W. J. Hatcher died at his home in Imboden, Ark., June 10, 1904, after an illness of only a few days. He was born in William son county, Tenn., February 14, 1851, and came to Arkansas some twentyfive years ago, beginning the practice of medicine when a young man. His natural gifts, and skill, soon gave him rank among the best physicians of Lawrence and Randolph counties. He was often called to the treatment of the most difficult and complicated cases, and in many instances he managed said cases well, restoring health to his patients, and adding to his use ful life a growing list of friends. He was loved and respected by the citizens of Imboden, as was evinced by their confidence in him as a man, as a physician, as a neighbor, and as a leader among the public interests. This love was also shown by the continuity of their service and kindness during his late illness; by the solemn hush which was widely felt when his death was announced, and by the vast crowd of sorrowing ones at his funeral and burial. Generous, genial, cheerful, at home, in the social circle, and in the business world. Joining the Methodist church in 1898 under the pastorate of Rev. W. M. Wilson, he months, though when the end came all 15 cents and 25 cents,

lived a consistent member until he passed to his reward. His neighbors testify to the genuine change in his life when he joined our church. He leaves his wife and several interesting children whose tears and grief stress the pathos of their love and the depth of their sorrow. One son is a physician, who had already become companionable to his father in the practice of their chosen profession, and upon whom, no doubt, the mantle of his father has fallen. The Odd Fellows took part in the burial services of this good friend and citizen. Peace to his ashes and blessings of God upon his loving ones.

A. M. R. Branson.

STROUD.—Many of the older preachers of the White River Conference remember "Uncle Perry" Stroud and his large and interesting family. His home was the home of all the preachers who chanced to pass his He was a faithful steward and wav. an ardent lover of his church. The subject of this sketch, George R. Stroud, was the third son of Uncle Perry Stroud, and was born in Tennessee, January 11, 1857. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Izard county, Ark., and settled near reasant Grove Church, where little George grew to manhood. His childhood days reaching through the dark days of our great war between the states, and he could relate some thrilling, bloodcurdling events which occurred in his community. He was married to Miss Kittie Guiss, in 1872. She died, leaving him with two children living-Ida and Ada (one dead). Later he married Miss Lucy Adams. Two children came from this union. She died and so did one of the children. He was next married to Miss Sarah E. Blank-Ten children were born to enship. them; eight are yet living. He professed religion at a meeting held by Rev. I. A. Vernon, at Fairview, in 1885, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Mt. Pleasant and remained faithful member of the same until death, when he transferred his mem bership to the Church Celestial in the 'house of many mansions." His suffering was long and severe but he bore it all with patience and fortitude. He was resigned to the will of God and said he was ready and willing to exchange worlds. He died January 11, 1904, at his home in Fulton county, When quite a young man he joined the Masons and held his membership at Blazing Star and later at Union. He was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge and also a Royal Arch Mason While he loved and admired Masoury he never allowed his duty to the lodges to interfere with his church duties. Truly he was a good man. I have known him for thirty-seven years. Quiet and unassuming in his disposition, yet he ventured to think for himself and boldly stood for what he thought to be right. His life, pure and virtuous that it was, has left its impress upon all who knew him best. Blessings on his family and relatives. Peace to his ashes. This world seems more lonely without him. Brother George, farewell.

F. R. Noe

WEATHERTON.—Sister Elizabeth Agnes Weatherton was born January 1852, departed this life June 23, 1904. She professed faith in Christ while young, joined the C. P. Church about ten years ago. She, with her husband, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a devoted Christian life to the day of her death. Sister Weatherton leaves a mother, husband and two children to mourn her departure. She had suffered long with consumption, and to add to her suffering she had been deaf for several

was perfect peace. She longed to hear the sweet songs of Zion, though with her ear she could hear nothing. But a few minutes before she died she said, "O, I hear music now; it is the music of heaven, the sweet songs of angels." After calling all to her bedside and bidding them goodbye, and asking them to meet her in heaven, she passed calmly and peacefully away to join in the sweet songs of the angels of God. She trusted in God, therefore God sent a convoy of angels to convey her across the cold Jordan of Death with the greetings of heavenly music. On the 24th of June we laid her body to rest to await the last trumpet's sound. Mother, husband, son and daughter, look up to heaven and believe she is there. Live as she has lived that you may die as she died, and find the home that she has found George W. Haigwood.

WOFFORD.-Mrs. Allie Wofford, nee Taylor, wife of Len Wofford, was born July 26, 1884, professed faith in Christ under the ministry of Rev. W. T. Martin, in 1901, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South She was married February 18, 1904, to Mr. Len Wofford, of Hartman, Ark., and died July 6, 1904, at 3 p.m. She lived a consistent Christian life, and was respected by all who knew her. She leaves a devoted husband, heartbroken mother, two sisters and two brothers, with a host of friends to mourn their loss. While they weep, they weep not in despair for they know that weeping endures but for a night and joy cometh in the morning. May all those who mourn her death, prepare to meet Sister Allie in heaven. P. B. Summers.

HILL.—Finis B. Hill, son of B. F. and L. A. Hill, was born in Howard county, Ark., December 29, 1882, and departed this life in Nashville, Ark., May 19, 1904. He was converted when about 13 years of age, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which he lived and died a consistent member. He was from childhood a quiet, gentle and unobtrusive disposition. was never the victim of the vices and habits of dissipation that too often despoil the character of youth and sow the seeds that bear the fruit of a wrecked manhood. He loved the home in which he was always helpful to his mother in her domestic duties, and kind and affectionate toward all its inmates. He was held in high esteem by the community in which he had lived all his life, and was followed to his grave by an unusually large concourse of stricken friends.

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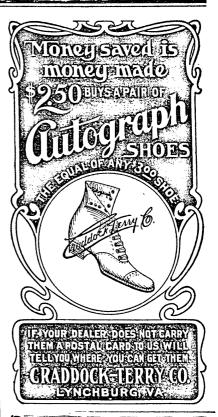
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Married.

Mr. Thompson Murphy and Miss Tommie Cochran, both of Hamburg, Ark., were married in Hope, Ark., at the residence of Mr. E. T. Jones, the bride's brother-in-law, June 22, 1904, T. D. Scott officiating.

At the parsonage in Pike City, Ark., July 17, 1904, Mr. Frank Vancamp to Miss Beulah Bridges, Rev. J. A. Parker, officiating.

TEXARKANA.—The Methodist Pastors' Association of Texarkana met this morning in the study First Church.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. B. A. Few, P. E. of Texarkana District.

Revs. B. A. Few, T. W. Hayes, J. C. Hooks, G. F. Francombe and J. R. Sanders were present.

Reports were made as follows:

Rev. T. W. Hayes, for First Church: The pastor, Rev. James Thomas, is away for a few weeks' rest and all services except Sundayschool are suspended until his return. Sunday-school doing well.

Rev. G. F. Francombe, for M. E. Church: Splendid congregations, both hours yesterday, and outlook promising.

Rev. J. C. Hooks, for Texarkana Circuit: Enthusiastic services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. at College Hill and at 3 p. m. at Pleasant Grove. One accession by profession of faith and one by letter.

Rev. J. R. Sanders for Fairview with Third quarterly meeting preaching by Rev. B. A. Few, P. E. at both hours, to good audiences and a spiritual love feast at 3 p. m. Two accessions by letter. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was much enjoyed at 11 a. m.

Rev. B. A. Few, for Texarkana District: Revivals are increasing in interest and numbers. A telephone message this morning from Brother Rushing at Foreman says thirty-six joined the church there yesterday in their meeting, and more to come in. Eleven charges reported at recent district conference, full subscription on assessments for missions on the district, and believe most of the charges would pay up in full on all claims. Vigorous temperance work also is being done to prohibit saloons for next two years, and rejoice at the increase of interest in this great work on the district. Adjourned to meet next Monday at 10

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