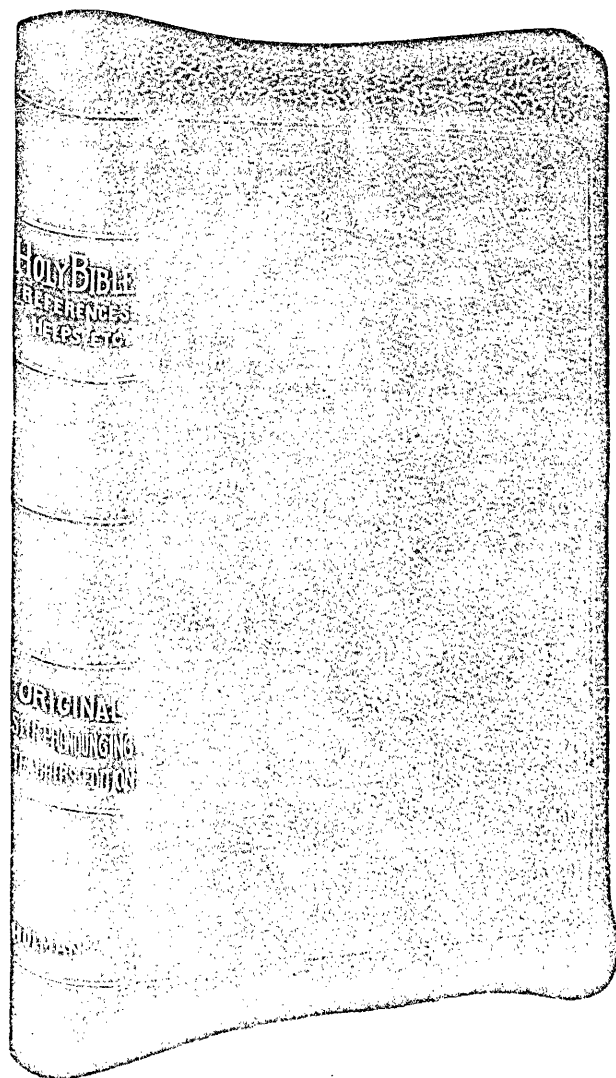


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It is interesting to note that the income of one of our life insurance companies, The Mutual Life of New York, was last year over \$77,333,000, thus exceeding the total gold output for 1903 by over \$2,000,000, while the amount paid to policy-holders of the same company, \$32,727,780, is also over \$2,000,000 in excess of total silver output. The assets of The Mutual Life are over \$401,000,000, and form the greatest fiduciary fund in existence; its total payments to policy-holders during the sixty-one years of its life surpass the inconceivable amount of \$631,000,000.

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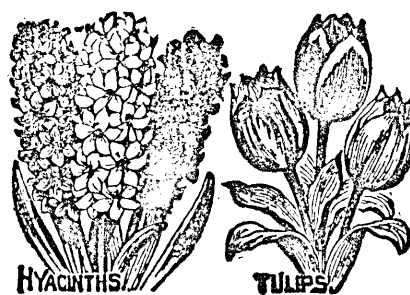
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The government report puts down the cotton crop of the United States at 11,500,000 bales; the corn crop at 2,460,000,000 bushels; the wheat crop at 550,000,000 bushels. It is believed in New York banking circles that all our products will bring good prices this year. Will our people serve God better on account of his blessing, or will they allow their very prosperity to curse them?

Dr. G. C. Rankin, of the Texas Christian Advocate: "The man who takes charge of a church paper takes charge of troubles of which the average man knows nothing; but if he is true to God and his vows, he will make himself a power for good. But he will often be misunderstood and severely criticised, and those whom he has loved and trusted most will furnish critics and fault-finders of whom he never dreamed in the other spheres of life."

The article on our second page giving a comparison between the production of gold and silver in the United States and the income of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York makes a startling revelation to most men. It is difficult to estimate the conservative, steadying influence of such a great institution on the finances of our country. Thoughtful men value life insurance not simply on account of the direct results to the beneficiaries of the policies, but because it encourages economy and thrift, and by wise investments in all parts of our country discourages reckless speculation.

Among the notable events which have recently transpired in this city was a reception tendered Miss Helen Gould on the 18th at the Young Men's Christian Association building. She had just been accorded a similar reception by the association of the railway branch of the service in North Little Rock. Hundreds of people were present to greet this gracious woman, whose beneficence no less than her wealth distinguishes her. Her life is a practical example of the power of consecrated riches. May God increase the number of people who lay their wealth at the feet of his dear Son. Miss Gould, unlike some famous women, makes no speeches. One of her party responded for her, Mr. Lougee. We were delighted with the spirit and the matter of his speech. We were particularly pleased with his modest and very earnest appeal to the people to consecrate their lives to Christ then and there.

The cotton crop of the world is about sixteen million bales annually, about three-fourths of which is produced in the United States. It may surprise some of our readers to know that about four million bales is produced in other countries. Every effort is being put forth by the Cotton Growers' Association in Great Britain to stimulate production in British dependencies, with very encouraging success. Germany, France, Mexico and even Spain are all working at the problem, besides some South American countries. The spinners, especially in England, complain that the gambling processes of American speculators are so egregious that they can not depend upon American cotton, and so they are bent upon escaping from us, if possible. The annual increase of the cotton crop of the world is about one hundred thousand bales. It is be-

lieved that this increase does not more than overtake the increased consumption, however. But this gambling in cotton ought to be stopped. It does not differ morally one whit from any other form of gambling; and whatever is morally wrong can ultimately benefit nobody.

Since the editorial which appears on another page was written additional news from the East has come in. It now appears that the great ten days' battle near Mukden has been ended, chiefly on account of the heavy rains that have fallen, rendering the ground too marshy to allow of the movement of either artillery or infantry. The result was distinctly favorable to the Japanese, though they paid a high price, the Russians fighting with great bravery and stubbornness. It is reported that eighty thousand men were lost in this battle. That is awful—eclipses by far anything known to modern warfare. It is also reported that the Japanese have already lost fifty thousand men to this date around Port Arthur. Of course this does not mean that such numbers have been killed at either place; it means that that number were killed or wounded; that that number have been "put out of commission." A large per centum of the wounded will of course recover. The wounds of modern arms are not so fatal, on an average, as were the wounds of the arms of twenty years ago.

It is expected that the fighting south of Mukden will be renewed soon and that they will fight to a decision. Oh, that the time may be hastened when nations shall earn war no more!

Special Offers to Subscribers.

All old subscribers who pay up arrears to date and renew for one year, and new subscribers paying in advance for one year, will be entered as paid to January, 1906, thus receiving the paper free from date of remittance to January, 1905. Preachers may use these offers in soliciting, and retain the usual commissions.

A Business Statement.

Our subscribers will see that this paper comes out in new form this week. We have gone to considerable expense to do it. We have still another improvement which we propose to make; we shall change the quality of paper we are using as soon as we can get rid of our present supply. This will entail still further cost. We believe that Arkansas Methodists are entitled to a paper which is as good as the best in all respects. We are determined to give them such a paper so far as it lies within our power. We expect to be able to do it. Why not? We are proceeding in the confidence that our efforts will meet with appreciation, and that we shall have a substantial evidence of it. We mean that we desire and expect that you will pay up your accounts. Thousands upon top of thousands of dollars are due this office now. The date to which you have paid is stamped on every paper, along with your name. You owe from that date to this date. Please do not wait for any agent or any pastor to call on you, brethren. We cannot depend much upon sending out agents, and the pastors have their hands full just now, getting ready for conference. If the amount you owe is large, and if there is any honest reason why we should settle with you for a less amount, write us at once. We will be reasonable and

just, even generous. But we do not want any man to ask us to compromise his account when he has been getting the paper for years and when he is far behind simply because he has not attended to his own business. This office is going to give you value received for every copper we charge you up with, and we want you to meet us squarely and fairly. If we are to give you a good paper, we must do business on business principles.

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A High Compliment: "Millar Day."

The proposition has been made to us, coming to us without any knowledge on our part, that such a thing was in contemplation, that the return of President A. C. Millar to the State of Arkansas ought in some way to be signalized by all the old Hendrix College boys. So far as we know this proposition originated with Mr. L. S. Dunaway, who is an old Hendrix student and is the field man of the Gazette. It appears that Mr. Dunaway and several others of his old fellow students have agreed to have "Millar Day," to be observed by every old Hendrix man in Arkansas. The manner of the observance is simply that every one of the old boys shall give one day's work to the business department of the Arkansas Methodist—which is the department for which Dr. Millar is responsible. The work to be done is to get new subscribers at \$1.50 a year, and collect the accounts of the paper. The day which has been agreed upon is Friday, November 11, and for school teachers and others who cannot work on Friday, the day following, Saturday, the 12th, is named.

Concerning the whole of which we make one or two remarks:

Dr. Millar profoundly appreciates this honor, and the senior editor heartily joins in this appreciation, believing as he does that no man is more worthy of the honor, and feeling that the form in which it comes is entirely appropriate.

We would say to all who intend to use the day, drop a card at once to us indicating what post-office list you desire to work, and we will mail you promptly a galley list of all subscribers at that office, showing exactly the date to which every subscriber has paid. You can collect from the date stamped next to each name to the present time. Of course you will be very careful to see that each subscriber gets proper credit for what he pays.

We desire to express our great appreciation of the courtesies of the Gazette and the Democrat in connection with this matter.

James A. Anderson.

Conway, Nov. 22.—Friday, November 11, has been set by Hendrix College students and ex-students of the college, including preachers, teachers and every profession, for a rally in honor of Dr. A. C. Millar and the Arkansas Methodist, an interest in which he has recently purchased.

Dr. Millar lived here a long time, and was president of Hendrix College a number of years, and on his return to Arkansas he is being welcomed by all of the students who were under his care as president of the school. A meeting was held here tonight, and circular letters will be mailed over the State to the various young ministers, preachers and old Hendrix students.—Gazette.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Appalling Railroad Disasters.

In view of the terrible railroad wrecks during the last few months, much is being said concerning the causes, and we read of criminal carelessness of employees.

The papers recently gave an account of certain prominent railroad officials going through Arkansas on a special car, and spending a good part of the Sabbath day officially inspecting the properties of the company.

It may be asked what has this to do with railroad wrecks? Much every way. Why were these officials spending the Sabbath in inspecting their roads? It indicates a policy pursued by most of the railroad corporations of this country. The law of the Sabbath is entirely ignored. If the safety of travel on railways depend on the skill, courage, watchfulness and conscience of employees, then to force employees to ignore the law of the Sabbath is very poor business policy, to say nothing of the moral side. It takes a clear brain and steady nerves to manipulate machinery and railway schedules. This a man can not have who works on Sunday. It seems the commercial world would have long since learned that it don't pay, in the long run, to work on Sunday.

T. D. Scott.

Hope, Ark.

Letter From Gilderoy.

The "Arkansas Methodist" has been coming to my table for many long years. I have come to regard the several editors as personal friends, none more so than Dr. Godbey. He had been there so long I had come to regard him a fixture. But now I will have to get accustomed to the style and manner of a new editor. I doubt not he will fill the bill to a fraction.

In some things we are educating our children away from the church and the public preaching of the Word. They attend the Sunday-school and then go home. This soon comes to be a habit of their lives. They do not hear preaching, do not care for it and come to have an aversion to it. If I am not mistaken this, in large part, accounts for the great and growing neglect of preaching. There are hundreds and thousands of children and young people under twenty all over this land who rarely or never hear a sermon. Their parents encourage them to come home and to stay away from preaching. Much is said to them about long sermons and the dullness and dryness of preaching. The children soon come to believe this, and they shun preaching as they would the smallpox. It is something to be dreaded and shunned. The fruit of this sowing is not yet fully ripe. If this goes on the next fifty years will witness a far greater neglect of preaching than exists now. At times I am tempted to break over all precedents and have my Sunday-school in the afternoon. Then there could be no reasonable excuse for children and young people not attending the 11 o'clock service. As it now is, the pastor has a poor show at the most hopeful and promising class in every community. It might be well to consider which is the more important, preaching or Sunday-school. That which is most important should have the first and best chance. If the Sunday-school, that should come first and be stressed most. If preaching, it should not be shoved off into a corner and be made of secondary consideration.

The present conditions impose a fearful responsibility upon Sunday-school teachers and workers. They alone have access to the children and young people before their minds are clouded and their hearts hardened by sin. The preacher does not get a fair chance to try the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation on them till they are half way or more on the road

to hell. There never was before such imperative need for wise, devout, consecrated teachers in our Sunday-schools. In one brief hour on Sunday morning they have to do the work of teacher, preacher and, largely, of the parents.

The pastor who attends Sunday-school is struck with the perfunctory and indifferent manner in which many, if not a majority, of the teachers do their work. It is shoddy work if not damning work. There is nothing in it calculated to impress children with the importance or truthfulness of God's Holy Word. It has often been a question with me as to whether more good or harm were done by much of the so-called teaching in our Sunday-schools. I am sure that preaching done in the same thoughtless, prayerless, indifferent way would be a curse and not a blessing to those who heard it, and I am sure God would condemn it. But enough of this for this time. Yours,

Gilderoy.

What One Preacher Has Done.

The Spectator knows a preacher in one of the Southern Conferences who has no alma mater. He came from the farm and entered the ministry. He has been thirty years a member of his conference. He has led a quiet, unobtrusive life. He has never occupied any prominent positions of honor and trust. He has never been elected to any office. What is more, and better, he has never sought any. He is in no sense a politician. His ministry has been moderately successful. He estimates that about one thousand persons have been added to the church and about fifteen hundred have professed conversion under his preaching. He has had moderate appointments and moderate salaries, the average has been about eight hundred dollars. He received no inheritance from his forefathers. He has sometimes lived in parsonages, sometimes in his own hired house. His family have always appeared well at church and in society, neatly and nicely dressed. His table has always been supplied with a liberal quantity of good, wholesome food. He has nearly always kept a servant, a horse and a cow. He has built up a fairly good library, and his library table is always supplied with a liberal quantity of good periodical literature, both secular and religious. He says he has contributed about five hundred dollars to the building and repairing of churches and parsonages, and has been fairly liberal to the benevolent enterprises of the church, believing that the preacher ought always to lead the people in the matter of giving, and thereby practice what he preaches. He says he has lost about fifteen hundred dollars through the bad management of others; has loaned some men money without interest to help them through hard places, some others to help them get their boys through college, but has never been able to borrow any for less than eight per cent. He has educated a brother, a sister, and all of his own children, giving to each a college course extending from two to five years, paying for board all the time from \$12.50 to \$22.50 per month, and half of them took extras, which greatly increased the cost of their education. He says he has always paid all of his bills promptly as they have come due, and has never left anything behind him unpaid. He has accumulated and invested property enough to yield him an income sufficient to keep him and his wife and any children that may be dependent on him forever off of the Joint Board of Finance and the cold charities of the church. He says, furthermore, that he has never spent as many as thirty days away from his work as a preacher attending to his own business affairs. But here is the item to which the Spectator wishes to call attention: In addition to the other things he has done, he has given \$650 to the cause of Christian educa-

tion.—Spectator, in Southern Christian Advocate.

Where to Get Help.

There is in every heart a dark chamber. There are very, very few of us that dare tell all our thoughts and show our inmost selves to our dearest ones. The most silvery lake that lies sleeping amidst beauty—itsself the very fairest spot of all—when drained off, shows ugly ooze and filthy mud, and all manner of creeping abominations in the slime. I wonder what we should see if our hearts were, so to speak, drained off, and the very bottom layer of everything brought into the light! Do you think you would stand it? Well, then, go to God and ask him to keep you from unconscious sins. Go to him and ask him to root out of you the mischiefs that you do not know are there, and live humbly and self-distrustfully, and feel that your only strength is, "Hold thou me up, and I shall be saved."—Alex. Maclaren.

What Makes a Great Life.

Do not try to do a great thing; you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a great motive, for the glory of God, to win his smile of approval and to do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity, acting thus, than to stand on the high places of the field, within the view of all, and do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to gaze. But no such act goes without the swift recognition and the ultimate recompense of Christ. To fulfill faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the uttermost the gifts of your ministry; to bear chafing and trivial irritations as martyrs bore the pillory and stake; to find the one noble trait in people who try to molest you; to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words; to love with the love of God even the unthankful and evil; to be content to be a fountain in the midst of a wild valley of stones, nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep; and to do this always and not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God—this makes a great life.—F. B. Meyer.

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All silent is the caravansary,
And no obsequious landlord welcomes me.

Aweary from the ways of toil and sin,
Through one half-open door I stumble in.

Soft on the yielding floor I sink and fall,
The only guest in that mysterious hall.

Unseen, unheard, the servants come and go,
And weave a wierd bewitchment to and fro.

A noiseless butler pours shadowy wine,
And witless, prone upon my back, I dine.

Smooth hands caress me, reached I know not
whence,
And lay a subtle charm on every sense.

Kind porters come a-tiptoe, grave and gray,
And bear my burdens all away.

What passes there I never rightly ken,
So strange the place from all the modes of men.

But whether more or little understood,
I hereby testify the inn is good.

And, if, as gossips' rumors all agree,
This landlord keeps another hostelry,

Where, at the end of my last journey, I
A little longer while am like to lie,

I'll know the second inn is kind as this,
And greet its narrow doorway with a kiss.
—Scribner's.

Book Notes.

We have received from the author, Rev. L. Pulliam, St. Louis Conference, a copy of his booklet, pamphlet form, which is a sermon on Personal Salvation. We have read it, and we cheerfully commend it as a sound and easily comprehended presentation of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel. Many of our people are strangely lacking in a clear definition of such doctrines. This sermon will do good among Sunday School workers and others who desire to know how to lead a soul to Christ.

Religious Life of Famous Americans, is the title of a book just issued by the American Tract Society, New York. It is written by Louis Albert Banks, D. D. Both the name of Dr. Banks and the imprimatur of the American Tract Society give assurance of the worth of the book. It contains a straightforward account of the religious side of a score of our most famous Americans, beginning with Abraham Lincoln, but dealing with its subjects without chronological order. We have read several of these sketches with interest and profit—we expect to read them all. We heartily commend the book, and shall be pleased to order it for any of our readers who may desire it. The price is \$1.25, pages 248. Both the printer and the binder have done their work in excellent style.

The Common Hymnal.

The Common Hymnal, for the Methodist Churches of America, is now in the hands of the printers, we hear, and will be issued in time for next Easter.

A New Book, by an Arkansas Man.

In these days when so much is being said about the methods used by the United States government in acquiring and in governing new territory, it is especially helpful to get hold of a good, strong and non-partisan book which presents clearly the whole history of such transactions by our government from the Louisiana Purchase up to this date. Such a book has very recently come from the press, "A History of Military Government in Newly Acquired Territory of the United States." The author is Da-

vid Yancey Thomas, Ph. D., the professor of history and political science in Hendrix College. There are here 330 pages octavo. Dr. Thomas is getting to be known in the literary world as a writer of no mean ability. His friends all recognize him as a scholar whose resources are first-class and whose opportunities and special training for this line of work have been of the best.

With true scholarly instinct he goes straight to the work in this volume, without any attempt at highflying literary style, but in good idiomatic English, and with terseness of statement. We have gone into the book sufficiently to say that the work is well done. Besides, so far as we are aware, it has a field all its own—we know of no other book that brings together in convenient form the material here treated. As an Arkansas production we are proud of it. Our Arkansas men who are in public life will do well to get it and study it. It may be ordered of Mr. S. E. Anderson, Conway, though the "Arkansas Methodist" office always undertakes to get for you any book noticed in these columns. The price in cloth is \$1.75; paper, \$1.35.

Man and God.

BY REV. N. H. D. WILSON.

In the eighth Psalm, David bursts out: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" And truly one who sweeps with reverent eye the bright and beautiful panorama of the skies, must join with the psalmist in his humility before God, in his gratitude for the amazing condescension of the Eternal, and in the noble consciousness of the greatness of one made a "little lower than God." (R. V.)

Even if we were denied the fact which astronomy teaches, this were true. For he who set these myriad lights ablaze, who ordered their goings, who calleth them by name, who holdeth them in his hand—he is truly wonderful, and great and excellent are his works. But how past uttering grows the sense of amazed wonder and reverent gratitude, when we consider the heavens in the light of the truths now accepted concerning the size, character, distribution and movements of the circling spheres.

Let the solitary observer, to understand his littleness, stand in awe beside Niagara as it hurls itself headlong. What is he? Let him look over the sheer precipices or upward to the lofty heights of the Rockies. How little! But the giant cataract or the towering mountains, is scarcely a roughness upon the face of this great globe which God has sent twirling a thousand miles an hour and flying a thousand miles a minute in space. What is man in contrast with the habitable globe? And that globe is, so say the learned, only a speck, a mote in the universe of God.

In the solar system there are eight planets, two smaller but four larger, much larger, than the earth. Jupiter, the brilliant star, is more than three hundred times as large as the earth. All these, with their moons and with more than 200 minor planets, are circling around the sun. Before the majesty of the sun, man may well stand appalled. Three hundred and twenty-eight thousand times the mass and more than a million times the size of our earth, giving forth heat beyond all comprehension, holding in its grasp of gravity the earth as it whirls about it at a distance of 90 1-2 million miles and Neptune thirty times as far, who can comprehend, who can even get a faint idea of its power and magnitude? Yet it is one of many of God's creatures which we see as we "consider the heavens, the work of his fingers."

Each night to all the inhabitants of the earth there are probably 6,000 visible stars, but these

are but the outposts of a vast army. The telescope has discovered millions and celestial photography millions more, until no man can even approximately fix the number nor their extent in space. There are perhaps a hundred million or perchance millions of millions. Yet the astronomer, Newcomb, says: "Our sun is simply one of these stars, and does not, so far as we know, differ from its fellows in any essential characteristic, and, 'Each star may, for aught we know, have planets revolving around it, but their distance is so immense that the largest planet will remain invisible with the most powerful telescopes man can ever hope to construct.'" These all are the work of thy fingers. "What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?" Of the force involved in these burning, flying, mysterious systems of worlds, an archangel may scarcely, if at all, conceive. Yet they are the work of his fingers, the lesser works of his infinite power. Then the immensity of the space in which he hath set them. Again quoting the sober language of the astronomer: "Suppose that a walker through the celestial spaces could start out from the sun, taking steps 3,000 miles long, or equal to the distance from Liverpool to New York, and making 120 steps a minute. This speed would carry him around the earth in about four seconds; he would walk from the sun to the earth in four hours, and in five days he would reach the orbit of Neptune. Yet if he should start for the nearest star, he would not reach it in a hundred years," and: "In going from the sun to the nearest star, we would be simply taking one step into the universe."

That he who hath made multiplied millions of worlds or systems of worlds, cast them into the illimitable vast of space, ordained their circuits and fixed their movements, who holdeth them in his hand, that he should remember, visit, redeem by the gift of his Son, the alien and rebellious inhabitant of this little earth, what love! what condescension! what grace! That he did this calls for gratitude, for love, for service. "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth."—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Don'ts for Mothers.

Don't delude yourself with the idea that a six months baby cannot understand the difference between your "yes" and "no."

Don't try to divert when obedience is your right.

Don't allow your child to become a source of annoyance in a public vehicle.

Don't permit a fear to be implanted in your child. Deal summarily with those who would dare implant it.

Don't entertain all your friends with a detailed account of your children's marvelous sayings and doings.

Don't forget that the fire of curiosity may be smothered but not easily extinguished, and that some one else will surely be called upon to explain if you do not.

Don't fail to make your children understand how important they are in the domestic economy of their home and how surely they can add to or mar its harmony.

Don't fret your children by perpetually worrying about them. They must have some common sense; teach them to make use of it.

Don't treat your son and your daughter at twenty as you would have treated them at twelve. Remember that they are now a man and a woman.—Gabrielle E. Jackson.

Each day is in itself a little sphere. We have but to round it out to perfection and the year will take care of itself.—Selected.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

PREPARED BY REV. GEO. McGLUMPHY.

October 30—Elisha at Dothan.

2 Kings 6:8-23. (Reads 2 Kings, chaps. 6-9, and 13:15-17.)

Golden Text—"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7.

WHEN, WHERE, AND WHO.

Time—Perhaps 890 B. C.

Places—Dothan, a little town some twelve miles north of Samaria, near the great caravan route. It was built on a hill and was nearly surrounded by hills. Samaria, the capital of Israel, was about thirty-five miles north of Jerusalem. Various other places are referred to, but not named.

Persons—Elisha; the servant, probably not Gehazi, who may have retired on his ill-gotten wealth; Benhadad, the Syrian king, and Jehoram, the king of Israel.

I. ELISHA, THE PATRIOT.

1. The whole history of Elisha shows him to have been a man among men, freely mingling with court, army and the people in general. He was intensely practical, and the greatest patriot in Israel. He may have stationed himself at Dothan, favorably situated as it was for watching the movements of the Syrians, for the very purpose of discovering and frustrating the plans of Benhadad. Besides having special revelations from Jehovah it is reasonable to suppose that his acute mind was able to penetrate the cunningly laid surprises. He may have also received stray bits of information from the passing caravans.

2. Elisha's patriotism was of the best kind in that it sought to prevent disaster. The promptness with which Jehoram acted upon his suggestions is a high tribute to the prophet.

II. THE BELEAGUERED CITY.

1. Benhadad's plan to capture the prophet of Israel was very human in its short-sightedness in expecting to surprise the discoverer of his most secret counsels; human in its reliance on night attacks and overwhelming numbers; and human in expecting that Elisha captured would be at Benhadad's service.

2. The servant's fear and despair were very natural. He saw only the great host filling all the hills round about Dothan. To him the contest was between Elisha, a lone prophet, on one side and a great host on the other. Resistance was useless, hence the case hopeless. So, many times since that day the horses and chariots of the enemy have struck despair to the hearts of God's people.

III. THE HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE.

1. What the young man needed was vision. He thought he was seeing, and he was, but his eyes saw only a part of reality, far less than half of it. In answer to the prophet's prayer the young man's eyes were opened and he saw the real state of the case. The Syrians still filled the hills round about, but between them and Dothan was encamped a mightier army.

2. The heavenly host had been there all the time, but his dull eyes did not see it. It remained there even when the vision "faded into common day." Here belongs the truth so strongly put by the Golden Text, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him."

3. The horses and chariots of fire teach the eternal truth, which so few of us have learned, that "The child of God in the path of duty, and until that duty is done, is invulnerable." He wears a charmed life, and may tread upon the lions and adders with impunity. See Psalm 91. It is true of him just as it was true of Jesus, "Then they sought to take him; but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come." Jno. 7:30. Give a man the vis-

ion of the presence and power of the horses and chariots of the Lord and he calmly faces the insuperable and accomplishes the impossible.

4. In our day there may be no actual vision of the heavenly army; but what is just as good if not better, is the telescope of the Bible with its mighty lenses of the promises through which faith looks and sees.

IV. THE TRAPPERS TRAPPED.

1. It is not irreverent to note the humor of the closing incidents of the lesson story. What a sorry figure that blinded army must have presented to Israel as one lone prophet led them twelve miles to Samaria. It was a mighty object lesson.

2. The intense amazement of the Syrian army may be imagined as, clear vision returning, before them was the man whom they sought, but they themselves were his prisoners within the capital's walls. The unusual treatment which they received and the permission to return unharmed to their king added to their astonishment. They went back humbler and wiser; and little wonder, after such an experience, "The bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel."

SOME QUESTIONS.

1. Did Elisha see the horses and chariots of fire all the time?
2. Why did the Syrians wait until daylight?
3. Does Elisha speak the truth in verse 19?
4. In what does Elisha's servant remind you of "The Ten Spies"?
5. What was the real object of Elisha's kind treatment of his prisoners?
6. Ought not many of us to wear the placard, "I am blind"?
7. Has a preacher any business in politics?

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

PREPARED BY REV. W. M. WILSON.

October 30—The Study of Missions.

(Luke 13:18-21.)

MISSION STUDY RALLY DAY.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." (2 Tim. 2:15.) "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto the harvest." (John 4:35.) "The field is the world." (Matt. 13:38.) Paul exhorts Timothy to give all diligence to win the approval of God and to become a workman that needed not to be ashamed. Jesus Christ commanded his disciples whom he was sending out as his workmen, to lift up their eyes and look on the fields. It is evident, therefore, that we must study missions if we would gain the approval of God and become workmen who need not to be ashamed. Our Lord would have us know the conditions in every part of the world field so that we may thrust in our sickles and garner the ripening harvest wherever our labor is most needed. The laborers are few and it is important that each one be engaged where he may work to the best advantage. There is need to be ashamed so long as we are ignorant of the will of God and uninformed concerning the progress of his kingdom, and of the movements and plans of his church.

It is needful that every member of the church study missions. There are still some church members who say that they do not believe in missions; these should be well informed concerning the missionary enterprises and achievements of the church, so they can give a reason for the faith they have, and thus be better prepared to prevent so great waste of the Lord's money. To cherish and act upon a conviction which has not a basis of truth, especially when such action involves the destiny of immortal souls, is inexcusable. To hold such a conviction, though it be an honest conviction, while refusing to use all available means of securing and

studying facts bearing upon the question, is unworthy of one who calls himself a Christian.

"Many Christians have grown up in an atmosphere that is unsympathetic, if not hostile, to missions and have unconsciously absorbed the opinions of those about them. Their opportunities, perhaps, have been limited; they are provincial in their whole outlook, and know little and care little about the great world outside the small circle in which they move. Their hearts may be right, but they have never thought of their missionary spirit as being a test of their loyalty to Jesus Christ; they do not see the missionary in their relation to the purpose of Jesus Christ; they have never gotten the Christian point of view. They need to have their thought stimulated and their vision enlarged. A study of the actual results of missions in heathen lands would remove their prejudice; and the needs of the Christless ones, the self-sacrificing spirit and noble heroism of the missionaries, and, above all, what Jesus Christ is doing in the very thick of the fight will help to bring them into sympathy with his world-wide purpose and work."—Epworth Era.

A large majority of Christians believe in missions, theoretically at least, and are moved by a sense of obligation to support in some measure the missionary enterprises of the church when their attention is called to them. Many are ready to acknowledge that their interest in the evangelization of the world has not been very great and that they have lacked earnestness in their support of the cause of missions. This class of Christians need to become acquainted with the achievements of our heroic representatives in the mission fields, and to learn of the Macedonian cry that is coming up from so many lands. This knowledge would quicken their interest and zeal in the cause, and lead them to support it more liberally and more earnestly. A study of missions, therefore, may be expected to help the individual Christian in the development of his own spiritual life and make him a more valuable and efficient worker in the church not only in its missionary enterprises, but also in its local work.

The "reflex benefit to the home church" is by no means the least important result of this study. When we know what the preaching and teaching of the Gospel is accomplishing in other fields our faith in its adequacy for the needs of our own field is increased, and we take up our own work with more enthusiasm and confidence.

It is very much desired that our Epworth Leaguers be students of missions and on that account the Mission Study Class has been incorporated in our plans. The Epworth Era of October 13 is a mission study number and is full of valuable suggestions. If any of our Leagues or pastors are not receiving this paper, let them send for sample copies of that issue at once; you will find it a very valuable paper, the discussion of the League Topic is a strong contribution to our missionary literature and should be placed in the hands of every Leaguer and of every Methodist throughout the connection.

Write to Mr. J. W. Shackford, Methodist Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn., for enrollment cards, report cards and other special helps for the organization of Mission Study classes.

I would like to have a report for these columns of any classes that may be organized. I can supply some literature to those who may desire to write to me for it. October and November are the months in which it is expected that these classes should begin their work, so if you will act at once you will be ready in good time. Our League secretaries, or our missionary secretaries, will gladly give you any further information you may desire. If I can be of any ser-

vice to any in promoting this interest I shall cheerfully render the service.

The Epworth League editor has received a very cheering note from Brother H. T. Gregory, reporting the organization of two new leagues, one at Bradford with 54 members and another at Kensett with 24 members. This makes three Epworth Leagues, one at each appointment, in Bald Knob Circuit. Good for Brother Gregory. He also reports 85 conversions this year. This is certainly a very gratifying report.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Missouri Letter.

Our church enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity in Missouri during the past conference year. There was a net gain in membership in each conference—over 3,000 in the State, making our total membership about 107,000. In my own conference—Southwest Missouri—there was a marked advance in salaries and the collections. The gain in the collection for Foreign Missions was over \$1,000, and about \$400 each for Domestic Missions and Church Extension. We are building better churches all over the State. Work has begun on a \$70,000 church at St. Joseph for the Francis Street congregation. The foundation will be built this fall, and the superstructure next year. The session of the Missouri Conference was held in a new stone church at Columbia, which cost about \$30,000. A good brick to cost \$12,000 or more is approaching completion at Macon in the same conference. The Southwest Missouri Conference met at Springfield in a new church which cost \$50,000, and which is the best \$50,000 church I ever saw. The location is fine, the grounds ample, the house well lighted and well ventilated, and adapted to all forms of church work, and it will seat a larger audience than any other church we have in the State except Centenary, St. Louis. At Joplin, the fourth city in the State, we are building the best church in the city. Quite a number of smaller churches are in process of erection, or have just been completed. Taking all things into the account, the last conference year seems to have been the most prosperous our church has known in this State for a number of years. The net gain in membership may seem small, but there is a constant emigration from Missouri to Texas and the Pacific slope.

A notable figure passed from our Missouri Methodism only a few days ago, Rev. John Davis Vincil, D. D. He has been a local preacher since 1878, having been elected Grand Secretary of the Masons of Missouri in 1877. He was born in Virginia, August 24, 1830, and died in St. Louis, October 12. In 1857 he joined the Missouri Conference and for about twenty years filled the leading appointments of his conference. After his location he served various charges in St. Louis as a supply, some of which he organized. He was secretary of his conference about forty years and represented it a number of times in the General Conference, first as a traveling and then as a local preacher. He was a curator of the State University, a director of the Masonic Home of Missouri and an important member of various charitable institutions. He was one of the most eloquent men Missouri Methodism has known in the past fifty years, whose ideals were high and whose life was above reproach. In the Masonic Grand Lodge he, and Dr. Woods, another Methodist preacher, had much to do with the success of the movement which closed the doors of the order against saloonkeepers.

The past year was the second I have spent in the pastorate since 1883. With a membership of over five hundred to look after, the year was

filled with labor, but the change from district work was very acceptable to me, and I would not exchange my present charge for the best district in the church. Last year my people raised over \$3,900 for all purposes, over \$1,100 of which was for the benevolent collections. This year opens well, eight additions to date, one of them a man of 70 whom I baptized last Sunday, and my domestic missionary collection, \$130, is already paid.

Rev. T. D. Payne, who joined the conference in 1869, buried his wife at Bates City, October 21. Our conference has never known a truer, more heroic couple than Brother and Sister Payne, and the hearts of his brethren will go out to him in this great bereavement. She was Bishop Candler's first school teacher, and when he made his first round of conferences in Missouri, he inquired affectionately about her and bore tribute to her worth.

Marshall, Mo.

C. H. Briggs.

From the Nation's Capital.

Hidden from the public view by the smoke and din of the political battle, there are negotiations of the utmost importance in progress in Washington, negotiations which have for their object the dual purpose of bringing to an end the frightful slaughter of human life now occurring in Manchuria, and the promotion of that universal peace which has long been the dream of many of the world's best citizens. The time is not yet ripe to make public the details and the few to whom they have been confided are still bound by the pledge of secrecy, but it may be said that the promise of the president to call another peace conference was not a vain one, and that there is reason to believe that the time is not far distant when the United States may once more play the important role of peacemaker on the nations' stage.

The developments in the far East of the past two years, the appeal of the Secretary of State to preserve intact the Chinese kingdom, and the disinterested position of this country, as compared with those of European nations, have combined to pave the way for the further developments which are anxiously awaited and expected. Emphatic denials from the Russian ambassador and the Japanese minister that any negotiations looking to the establishment of peace between the Asiatic belligerents are to be expected, but too much importance should not be attached to such assertions, which are invariably made up to the last moment before a satisfactory arrangement has been completed.

The president has instructed W. H. Taft, Secretary of War, to go to Panama to confer with the officials of the republic with a view to eliminating all misunderstandings regarding the intent of the United States in the regulations made for the control of the Canal Strip. The president, in his letter of instructions to the Secretary of War, outlines the policy of the United States in these words: "However far a just construction of the (Panama) treaty might enable us to go, did the exigencies of the case require it, in asserting the equivalent of sovereignty over the canal strip, it is our full intention that the right which we exercise shall be exercised with all proper care for the honor and interests of the people of Panama. 'You will advise the president of the republic what the policy of this government is to be and assure him that it is not the purpose of the United States to take advantage of the rights conferred upon it by the treaty to interfere with the welfare and prosperity of the State of Panama, or of the cities of Colon and Panama.' There has at no time been the slightest fear of friction between the United States and Panama which could not be removed

by fair and frank conference, and a thorough understanding of the intent of this country, but it is believed that a personal visit to the isthmus, made by the Secretary of War, whose diplomacy was so extensively demonstrated in the Philippines, cannot but promote the amicable relations of the respective nations.

The Department of Agriculture announces that, exclusive of the two Alaskan forest reserves aggregating 5,000,000 acres, there are now 57,833,974 acres of forest land in the reserves set apart within the United States proper. From these reserves vast returns are anticipated. It is believed that eventually they will conserve sufficient water to irrigate not less than 373,337 farms, now arid land. It is claimed that timber can be cut in these reserves, under the supervision of the government foresters, while the reproductive capacity of the forests will be reserved and that eventually they will bring large returns to the government in the form of payment for timber cut, while the industry of cutting the timber will afford support to thousands of woodsmen. The rapidly diminishing forest resources of this country seems to indicate the expediency of preserving those remaining.

C. A. S.

"I am a brand plucked from the burning." "Anybody might know that for you are smoking yet."—Pepper.

PERSONAL.

Rev. F. E. Dodson was in the office last week. He is conducting a meeting at Henderson's Chapel with encouraging prospects.

Rev. A. M. Shaw, who has transferred to the Pacific Conference, ordering his paper changed, writes that he is stationed at Oakland, Cal. He sees much work ahead, but seems delighted with people and city.

Rev. G. G. Davidson is closing a very successful year at Greenwood. The people of Greenwood have shown their appreciation of him by presenting him with round-trip expenses to the World's Fair.

The Gazette's traveling representative, Mr. L. S. Dunaway, called on Monday. If any man knows more people in Arkansas or can reach more men in a given time than Sharpe Dunaway, we should like to see him.

Dr. Godbey is visiting and resting in Oklahoma, accompanied by his good wife. Not to be outdone, Brother Thornburgh and his "better half" are taking in the great fair. These brethren are always doubly welcome in this office.

Rev. J. D. Sibert, presiding elder of Searcy District, did us the honor of calling upon us last week. In his company was Rev. D. H. Conyers, pastor of our church in Baring Cross. We appreciate their welcoming words to the new administration here.

Mrs. Addie T. Owen, who has been the organist for our First Church, Pine Bluff, for many years—and a better it would be hard to find—has recently removed to Texas. She will be greatly missed in Pine Bluff. We wish her great happiness in her new home.

We are indebted to Rev. Cadesman Pope, of Newport, for a pleasant call. He is in the city for an operation for cataract and will spend the week in St. Vincent's Infirmary. He has our sympathy and sincere hope that the operation may be successful.

Rev. J. W. Harrell, Carlisle, was in to see us last Friday. He had closed a meeting at Carlisle on Sunday night preceding, which had resulted in ten conversions and eight accessions. The spiritual effect of the meeting was deeper than has been experienced in that town for years.

Among the many letters that we have received welcoming us to our new work is one from Dr. Haralson R. Withers, which is so fatherly and generous in its tone that we make this public mention of it. In the goodness of his heart, perhaps also in the partiality born of early association, twenty-five years ago, he predicts great things for us. We hope to make good his hope. No brighter intellect has scintillated among us; some folks used to go nearly crazy over his preaching. We actually knew one woman once to get into such a fidget going to hear Dr. Withers that she went to the church with two bonnets on her head. Luther Benson once told us that he had heard Talmage and all the great orators of this land, but Dr. Withers was the most magnetic orator he knew of.

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The title of a certain popular lecture suggests a truth worth considering: "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy."

You can usually make a better use of your time than to put it in redressing the wrongs others have put upon you.

We shall soon be where the ambitions that stir men shall be a nullity to us; we shall soon be where the opportunities that come to men shall have been all passed—it is a matter of infinite moment that we should be wise now, walking circumspectly.

Ex-Senator Sengel, of Fort Smith, has recently returned from Chicago, where he succeeded in placing bonds to the amount of one million dollars to be used for public utilities in that city. Mr. Sengel is a great force in that end of the country.

There are two ways in which Christianity grows, expansion of territory and expansion of ideas, of spirituality. Of the two the latter is the more vital; therefore let us deepen the piety of our churches, while we at the same time carry the Gospel into the regions beyond.

If we must wait till we find some one whose entire life and make-up we approve before we give practical sympathy, we shall help very few people. We must learn to leave largely on one side the faults of our fellows, even though they be grievous faults, and go forward in a spirit of helpfulness toward all men, helping in innumerable instances where we cannot wholly approve.

The writer of this paragraph once, in his youth, backslid till he took but little interest in the church. The process was marked by the seats which we occupied in the house of God. We had been accustomed to sit on the third seat from the front; we fell back to the fifth, and on back to the back seat. Both experience and observation have suggested to us that falling back into back seats indicates a wanting of zeal for God. Go up front, brother.

At public entertainments front seats are at a premium; at church back seats are at a premium. What makes this difference? After all allowance is made for smaller motives, there can be at bottom but one reason. The reader can guess what that reason is. Do the facts apply to you, and will you not go forward and take a seat which will express a deeper interest in the services of God's house? It would greatly help your pastor, and it would be a blessing to you.

No doubt the plea of emotional insanity has been overworked in the courts. We are of the opinion that very few people are perfectly sane throughout the entirety of their natures, and undoubtedly the equilibrium of human nature is easily disturbed under strong excitement, the permanence of the disturbance being measured by the degree or the frequency of the excitement. Here comes in the voluntary element in this thing. A man may indulge his temper till he has a crazy temper, he may harbor unclean meditations till he has crazed his sense of chastity. Under such conditions he is morally responsible for the results of his conduct.

Paul reckoned that the sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory

that shall be revealed hereafter. What about the pleasures of this present time as compared with the pleasures in glory? We reckon that if you could pack into one hour's experience all the pleasures that all the men and the women in the world could enjoy, the pleasure of that hour would not be worthy to be compared with what a soul in glory after ten thousand years will be capable of enjoying in a single hour. There is absolutely no stating to what heights of glory our Father is leading us. And will a man barter it away, as Esau did his birthright, for a mess of pottage?

Notice.

People often send us complimentary resolutions, passed by Sunday Schools, or Leagues, upon the death or removal of some worthy member. Manifestly it would be impossible to publish them—they would fill the paper to the exclusion of matter of far more general interest. In all such cases, please send a brief personal notice, which takes far less space. This we shall be glad to get always, and glad to publish always.

Another Notice.

Almost every day some on writing on business address an order to James A. Anderson, often sending a postal order payable to him. This means loss of time. Please address all orders on business to Anderson & Millar, and make all drafts and postal orders payable to Anderson & Millar. This will insure prompt attention. I have charge of the editorial department and Dr. Millar has charge of the business department of this concern, and we help one another only as is needed.

Jas. A. Anderson.

The Russo-Japanese War

The great financiers estimate that if the war in the East shall continue for two years it will have cost Russia \$1,500,000,000 and Japan \$1,000,000,000. The Christian world is interested, deeply interested, in the outcome of this struggle. For one thing, the success of Japan means, to say the very least of it, an open door for the preaching of an evangelical Gospel in all the East. If the success of Russia means as much for us there has been nothing in her history and there is nothing in her present attitude toward Protestant Christianity to afford any assurance of it. The avowed policy of Russia is to Russianize the world, and she is everywhere notoriously against any "doxy" but her "doxy." It is in place to note, therefore, the financial condition of these powers, in order to forecast the religious future of the East.

When this war opened, Russia was slowly recovering from an agricultural crisis. The taxation of the peasantry in that country had been enormous for some years, and it is no better now. That wretched minister of the interior, M. von Plehve, whose taking off some weeks ago by the hand of an assassin was received with various emotions throughout the world, was preparing to put down with an iron hand the multitudes of malcontents who were growling and muttering against the extortionate rates of the government; but the government managed for the moment to unite all parties in the prosecution of the war, that is, all parties acquiesced. But how can any government maintain quietness and loyalty among its millions of toilers from whom it is steadily taking from one-sixth to one-third of their scant income as taxes? This is true of the entire body of the Russian peasantry, upon whose shoulders must ultimately rest the burdens of this war, as in all countries. Nay, more, besides all the horrors of war which they must sustain as food for Japanese cannon, in widowhood and orphanage, and in addition to these enormous tax rates, and in addition further to numerous other burdens which

are laid upon them as a consequence of this war, there would seem to be no escape from the fact that the government must increase the taxes. Multitudes are at this very time starving in Russian Poland, and the peasantry throughout the empire are said to be severely underfed, tens of thousands of them living on black bread and brick tea, without knowing the taste of milk, eggs or meat—these articles have to be exported from their territory, being luxuries far beyond their palates. Mr. Dillon, long resident in Russia, and an eminent writer, recently quoted, in an article in the Review of Reviews, the report of the principal Russian government official in the Menselinsk district to the effect that the peasant "supports himself solely on black bread and brick tea, and has not always even these articles of food." Says Mr. Dillon: "Menselinsk, it is true, is but one district and the Russian empire is one-sixth of the globe; but I have before me reports from twenty-nine States, or 'governments,' which agree in essentials with this description."

To make matters still more appalling, all trade and all industrial conditions in Russia have been demoralized by the war from the very first. The trade conditions were demoralized chiefly because the great arteries of commerce, such as the Trans-Siberian railroad, which the government owns, have been taxed to their uttermost to meet the exigencies of the war. Thousands of merchants have gone to the wall. All industrial conditions have been demoralized chiefly because the government, again, is the chief employer of labor, and no money can be spared to carry on internal improvements—it must all go to maintain the administration at home and to conduct the war. The direct consequence is that even in the most prosperous districts of Russia, as around St. Petersburg and Moscow, there is great scarcity of money, stagnation of trade, bankruptcy, and an ever-increasing multitude of able-bodied thieves, paupers and beggars; and the highwater mark has not yet been reached. We make here one prediction: If this war goes on to a great length there will be revolution in Russia! Nothing on earth can prevent it.

In direct and striking contrast with all this, the Japanese government is having no trouble at all to raise all the money it wants from its own people. The people themselves are highly prosperous, and have made up their minds to spend their last penny to win this war. Ten years ago the government income was a little over \$49,000,000, last year it was nearly \$126,000,000; ten years ago the foreign trade of Japan was a little over \$115,000,000, last year it was over \$303,000,000; within eight years the capital invested in business concerns has doubled, and the capital of her banks has been multiplied by about seven in the last ten years. Thrift, prosperity and a jubilant patriotism characterize her whole people. No wonder when the Japanese government recently offered a loan of \$50,000,000 her people eagerly subscribed five times the amount called for.

It appears, therefore, that even if the war shall prove to be a trial of national resources the Japanese must win it. And when you take into account the fact that the commercial interests of the world are not likely to tolerate a long-drawn-out war, and the fact that Russia may look for revolution at home, and the fact that Japan is likely to take care of Russian armies faster than Russia can put them on the field—when you consider all these facts, we think it will be agreed that we are correct in saying that Russia cannot win.

Love should be the supreme thing, because it is going to last; because in the nature of things it is eternal life.—Drummond.

The Oldest Methodist in the World.

The New York Christian Advocate thinks that Mrs. Berrington, of Cardington, England, is entitled to the unique distinction of being considered the oldest Methodist in the world. She was 104 years old last July. She still attends church and enjoys herself.

We do not like to be outdone over here in Arkansas; but if we must make the almanac alone the standard, we suppose we shall have to yield the palm to our good English sister. However, we can tell Dr. Buckley that we are not without a record. We have a local Methodist preacher whom we shall certainly put up for the oldest Methodist preacher on earth. His name is George Washington Brinsfield. He was born in Gilford county, North Carolina, in May, 1801, and is therefore only fourteen months younger than Mrs. Berrington. When it comes to activity in Christian labors, we place him at the head of the list, his age being considered. He is still superintendent of Sunday School, or was when we last heard from him, a few months ago. Within the last few years we have known of his walking between thirty and forty miles to attend a district conference, and last fall he rode about the same distance to attend the session of the White River Annual Conference. His general health is still good. His postoffice address is Huron, Izard county, Ark. We should be pleased to send Dr. Buckley a cut of this venerable man for use in his great paper, if he and his readers care for it—that they may look upon the features of the **OLDEST METHODIST PREACHER IN THE WORLD.**

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Gentry-Hendrix Academy is prosperous this year. There are 150 students in attendance, and the work is going on excellently. The principal is Prof. N. W. Whaley, who is a graduate of Hendrix College. Miss Iva B. Wasson, a graduate of Galloway Female College, has charge of science and languages, and Mrs. E. A. Whitely has charge of the primary department. We send them greetings, and would be glad to have a note from them occasionally.

What Northern Methodists Have Given to Their Colleges This Year.

In the hope that these lines falling under the eye of some friend of Christian education, may move him or her to give either from a small or a large store, a gift to Randolph-Macon or some other Christian college, I have summarized the following most interesting facts from the recent educational number of the New York Advocate. Most of these gifts were pledged or paid during the past academic year. The figures for a few of the most prominent institutions are not yet at hand.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Mrs. Hettie F. Ballantyne, of Pittsburg, Pa., has given the James Alexander Ballantyne Scholarship Fund of \$30,000, the income of which is to assist in education of children of ministers of the Pittsburg Conference and of candidates for the ministry from that conference. To the delight of the students, Col. S. B. Dick, of Meadville, has presented the college with a spacious athletic field adjoining the campus.

BAKER UNIVERSITY.

Money is in hand for the new library building. An astronomical observatory and steam-heating plants are being installed. The World's Fair landscape artist is developing and beautifying the campus.

DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

A notable year is reported. Attendance reached 345. A great revival brought 100 students into the church, leaving scarcely twenty uncon-

verted students in the university. Special money raised during the year, \$15,000. Century Memorial Hall, a splendid granite dormitory for women, dedicated at last commencement.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Gifts to the permanent endowment fund during the year amount to \$54,000.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Gifts for the year are about \$50,000.

HEDDING COLLEGE.

Chemical laboratory refitted and a new \$4,000 gymnasium erected by the donations of friends.

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The last dollar of the \$100,000 Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund for the university has been secured, thus making all the pledges good.

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Gifts to the university for the year, whose value is known, are \$32,000. Also by the will of the late Willis W. Cooper the university receives one-half his estate, less \$15,000. A heating plant has been put in during the year at a cost of over \$6,000.

MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Twenty thousand dollars is given to endow the Richard and Henrietta Brown professorship; \$85,000 of the proposed \$100,000 for endowment has already been raised.

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

After a severe but triumphant struggle the debt has been paid, about \$50,000 added to the endowment and the size of the present main structure doubled.

MISSOURI WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

Of the \$40,000 needed for the new building for liberal arts, \$22,000 has been raised. Rev. J. W. Logsdon gives the college a farm worth \$8,500, and W. A. Doane and wife give property valued at \$10,500.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

A \$70,000 gymnasium proposed and \$48,000 subscribed toward it. In all, \$126,300 came to the university this year, and the outlook for more is promising.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

An administration building, a music conservatory and a heating plant erected this year. The Twentieth Century campaign brought in to the college more than \$70,000.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS COLLEGE.

Gifts to the endowment for the year, \$12,000.

CORNELL COLLEGE.

This has been annus mirabilis at Cornell. The great days of commencement were duly reported in the Christian Advocate, and are editorially treated in another column. President King sends this splendid summary:

The following gifts were announced at our semi-centennial celebration as thank offerings, except \$20,000 at the foot of the list, which had been entered on the books before the celebration: By senior class, to provide electric bells for college buildings, \$125; by a friend, for the engineering department, \$100; given by friends to endow the alcove of English history, in memory of Prof. Harriette J. Cooke, A. M., \$1,000; by the class of 1904 for endowment, \$3,500; by the Rev. Benjamin Haywood, of California, \$1,000; by Mr. Armstrong Spear, class of 1881, for a memorial drinking fountain on the campus, \$2,000; (1) portrait of Prof. H. J. Cooke, presented by some of the alumni and old students in the West; (2) portrait of President William F. King, presented by Mr. John A. Jurgensen, of Clinton; (3) portrait of Dr. A. J. Kynett, presented by his family; (4) a tablet in memory of Margaret McKell King, by President King; to complete a chair of \$50,000 in memory of Lucy Hayes King, by her parents, \$20,000; to complete a chair of \$50,000 by the Hon. William F. Johnston, \$35,000; to endow

100 scholarships, one for each county of Iowa, by William F. King, \$100,000; \$20,000 in other sums, making a total of \$182,725 for the past year."

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

This year witnesses the completion of two buildings, which cost not far from \$50,000 each.

Heating plant. A large central plant of Ohio sandstone is just finished, from which all of the buildings of the campus are heated and lighted and power is furnished to the dynamos and motors of applied science and physics and the organ of fine arts. This removes fires and boilers from the educational buildings and dormitories.

Haven Hall, an elegant building of brick and Ohio sandstone, is named for the second chancellor, Erastus O. Haven. It is a dormitory for women, with rooms single and in suites. It is furnished with all modern conveniences.

The university has purchased the elegant Crouse residence on Fayette Park, and will house the law department in it. The \$1,000,000 court house is conveniently located within a block. Property on Genesee street has been bought adjoining the medical college, and will be used for an extension of that school.

From the estate of the late James J. Belden the university will receive \$150,000, one-third of which will go to the medical college. The bequest of John Lyman, who died January 12, 1904, is \$200,000. Both these gentlemen had been trustees for some years, and their sober judgment on the work of the institution is reflected by these generous gifts.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Scott Memorial Hall of Physics, an imposing structure of brick and graystone, has been completed externally, and should be ready for use in the fall.

Fisk Hall, devoted to recitation rooms, was dedicated at the recent commencement season, and was then fully described in these columns. It will be the home of instruction in the languages, psychology, philosophy, history and economics. It is built of brownstone, and cost just over \$100,000, without furniture. For the year the president reported subscriptions of \$27,000 for current expenses and \$140,000 for endowment. Dr. I. L. Wood, the financial secretary, has made commendable progress. The college property, in land, buildings, furniture and endowments is now \$2,400,000.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

The principal addition to the equipment of the Woman's College is a thoroughly equipped power-house. The electricity and steam are here generated to light and heat the college buildings. The left is occupied by the laundry, where the washing for the students is done. The building, with boilers, dynamos, and other machinery, cost \$100,000, which was largely donated by friends of the institution.

ADDITIONAL GIFTS.

The board of education has received information of gifts to other Methodist Episcopal colleges within the past year, as follows:

Charles City College, Charles City, Ia., \$27,000; Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., \$5,500; Grant University, Chattanooga and Athens, Tenn., \$15,000; Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., \$2,959; Illinois Woman's College, Jacksonville, Ill., \$20,000; Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kan., \$12,000; Montana Wesleyan University, Helena, Mont., \$5,000; Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., \$7,000; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, \$6,000; Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Ia., \$31,500.

As soon as the statistics can be secured, I wish to publish the record of what Southern Methodists have done for their institutions during the past year.—R. H. Bennett, in Richmond Christian Advocate.

CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Faith.

By Katherine Lampton Paxson.

I know
Whom I have believed.
I know
Him I have received.
And though the hurtling hail
Of grim disaster
Strike terror to my heart,
And cruel doubts assail,
I know
That Christ, my Lord and Master,
Shall soon o'er wrong prevail.
I know
The precious worth
Of that atoning blood
Once shed on earth.
I know
That now, with access free
To that most Holy Place
Within the veil
My Savior intercedes for me,
That I may never fail.
And so I sing the conqueror's song,
For O, I know
'Twill not be long
E'er I shall join the blood-washed
throng!

—Christian Observer.

Work Done for God Can Never Die.

Rev. E. P. Marvin.

Ho! ye who spend your strength for naught,
And slight the blessings Christ hath brought,
Toilers for earth and time and sense,
Oh, what shall be your recompense?
Of all that's done beneath the sky,
Little hath immortality;
What's done for earth fails by-and-by,
What's done for God can never die.

Ho! ye who join the eager strife
For gold or fame or pride of life,
Indulge the lusts of flesh and eye,
And for the world with worldlings vie,
Death shall undo your toils so vain,
And leave you no abiding gain;
What's done for time ends by-and-by,
What's done for God can never die.

Scepters and crowns will mock our trust,
Monarchs may crumble back to dust,
By moth or rust or theft or fire,
Treasures will flee and hopes expire;
Desires shall fail and strength decay,
The world itself shall pass away;
What's done for sense fails by-and-by,
What's done for God can never die.

When comes the King in royal might,
To crush the wrong and crown the right,

When all the saints in glory meet,
No more to die, no more to weep;
When thrones are set and crowns are given

With all the rich rewards of heaven—
Oh, in that glorious by-and-by,
What's done for God can never die.

—Buffalo Christian Advocate.

Prayer.

Universal Spirit, realizing that we cannot live in happy trust in thee unless we are trying to do our duty by ourselves and by each other, we would therefore drink deep of our reservoir of love and kindness and generous sympathy, that we may enter more into each other's joys and sorrows. We would endeavor to be especially kind and gentle to those who are most distasteful to us. We would keep our minds free from all careless or wilful misunderstandings and from every unkind suspicion. We would make our lives blessings and blest by adding at least a little day by day to the happiness or wel-

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fare of others. O Spirit, deliver us from ourselves!—Livy Press.

I do not feel one atom older than I did at three-and-twenty. Nay, to tell the truth, I feel a good deal younger.

For then I only felt that a man had to take up his cross, whereas now I feel that a man has to follow Him; and that makes an unspeakable difference.—George MacDonald.

Some Were Afraid, But His Life Was Saved.

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The Little Word That Was Lost.

I lost a very little word,
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I had not meant to say.

But then it was not really lost
When from my lips it flew;
My little brother picked it up
And now he says it, too.

Lose other things, you never seem
To come upon their track;
But lose a naughty little word,
It's always coming back!

—Selected.

A Message From Far-Away Days.

Rev. Sam C. Morris.

I turned the pages of a volume old,
And paused at a flower between the leaves
Pressed here from the past,—gone its
crimson and gold,
Yet a thrill with the fragrance that
memory weaves,
And a message from far-away days.

Ah, you vied that day with the cheeks
of the one
Who plucked you, and blushing
gave to her lover;
You are faded now, yet your work is
not done,
For of love so true, thou the token
will ever

Bring a joy from the by-gone days.
My life is only a little flower,
And soon must pass from the eye
of men;
O may its fragrance today be cherished
tomorrow,
In the leaves of the book of memory
then,
A message of love from the far-away
days.

So. Carolina Christian Advocate.

How Mamie and Bess Were Saved.

BY RUTH CARR.

"Grandma, don't you think mam-
ma ought to let us give a card par-
ty? Every single girl in our club
has had one, and now it is our
time.

"We never play for money or
any other prize, only just for fun,
but mamma will not consent, and
we think she ought."

Mamie and Bess Burton had just
returned from school, where the
girls had reminded them it was
their time to entertain the "Funny
Fifteen."

When they consulted Mrs. Bur-
ton about the matter, she said:

"No, my dears, we never allow
card-playing at our home," and no
amount of persuasion would alter
her decision.

Both girls hurried to grandmoth-
er's room to appeal to her for help,
but when she heard their request
she replied, "No, Mamie, your
mother is right in not allowing a
deck of cards brought into the
house."

"Many years ago," continued
grandma, as she took off her specta-
cles and slowly wiped them, "many
years ago, I had a temptation, just
such as you are having, and I yield-
ed to it, and have wished all the rest
of my life that I had acted other-
wise."

"O grandma, tell us about it,"
said Bess, as she seated herself on
a low stool at her grandmother's
feet, while Mamie sat on the arm of

the chair, gently stroking the soft,
silvery hair.

"When I was about your age,
Mamie," said grandma, "my Sister
Laura and myself went on a visit
to our aunt in another State. While
there her boys, who were near our
ages, taught us to play a game of
cards called 'smut.' I never hear
of any one playing it now. We
thought it great fun, for the play-
er who was defeated had his or her
nose smutted.

"When we returned home, we
felt sure mother would not allow
us to play, so we decided to say
nothing about it, and only played
when she was away from home.

"One afternoon two neighbor
boys came to play croquet with us,
but we insisted on playing cards, for
mother had gone down town and
left us with our 'black mammy.'

"At first the boys refused because
they belonged to the church; so did
we, but we argued that it was no
more harm to play cards than cro-
quet or dominoes if we didn't play
for money. Finally we gained
their consent, and taught them the
game, and, much to our delight
both boys had their noses smutted
with soot from the chimney.

"We thought it lots of fun, so
did the boys. After this we often
played on the sly, till one day moth-
er discovered us, and put an end to
our playing, also punished us se-
verely."

"What did she do to you, grand-
ma?" said Bess, who had been slap-
ped that very morning for disobey-
ing her mother.

"Well," said grandma slowly, "we
were pretty big girls to be whipped,
though we needed it, so she sent us
both to bed, although it was still
day time, and told us she would be
up to our room later.

"At first we thought it very fun-
ny, and laughed heartily as we were
undressing, but after awhile it
wasn't so funny, and we wanted to
go horseback riding."

"Why didn't you slip out of the
window, grandma?"

"No, dearie, we would not dis-
obey mother after she gave a posi-
tive command, though we often did
things we felt sure she would not
approve. Presently the door open-
ed softly and our little mother,
who never weighed over one hun-
dred pounds, came slowly to the
bed.

"Her eyes were red and swollen,
and we knew she had been crying.
She sat down on the side of the
bed next to Laura and began talk-
ing to us. She was not harsh, but
talked in such a kind, loving way
about the wrong we had done in
learning to play cards, also in hid-
ing it from her and practicing de-
ceit, but, worst of all, in teaching
the boys to play.

After she finished talking she
knelt down by the bed and com-
menced to pray, and such a prayer
I've never heard in my life! She
laid the whole matter before God
as if he'd been a judge on the
bench; she plead guilty for us and

begged for mercy.

I couldn't stand to hear her pray
like that, so I called out between
my sobs, 'Oh, mother, I'll never do
so again; don't pray any more, for
I can't stand it.' Laura was sob-
bing fit to break her heart.

"Mother finished her prayer,
and rose from her knees with tears
in her soft brown eyes.

"Kissing each of us, and telling
us not to leave the room till next
morning, she went out of the room
and quietly closed the door.

"Laura and I cried in silence for
awhile, and presently she said in a
quivering voice, 'Jane, I'm so sorry
we deceived her like we did, for we
knew better.'

"What hurts me worst," said I,
taking my head from under the cov-
er, is that we taught the boys to
play."

"Well, girls," continued grand-
ma, "to make a long story short,
Laura and I were cured of card-
playing, but the boys were not.
They had a taste of 'fun' as we call-
ed it then, and went from bad to
worse, and drifted into evil compa-
ny, quit going to Sunday-school,
and were finally turned out of the
church for immoral conduct.

"Charley never married, but the
last I heard of him he was out West
leading a wicked life. Walton mar-
ried a pretty girl, a schoolmate of
mine, who was not a Christian, but
who played cards at home with her
husband. Soon he tired of playing
a tame game with her, and went to
the saloon to play with 'the boys.'

"His little wife spent many a
night alone, watching for his re-
turn, only to see him come reeling
home next morning in a drunken
condition. Things went on in this
way for five years, and one day the
sad-hearted little wife died, leav-
ing two little girls to the care of
their drunken father.

"After this Walton seemed to
feel that he had nothing to restrain
him, so he plunged headlong into
crime, and one night in a drunken
row he was stabbed in a saloon and
died before he could be taken to the
hospital.

"This all hapened years ago, but
I never looked on those sweet little
girls who went to live with their
aunt, that I did not feel that I was
to blame for their sorrow, because
I had taught their father to play
cards when he was a boy."

As grandma finished talking she
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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Did your auxiliary observe this week? Our Home Mission Society set October 10-16 apart unto God. Did you talk to God face to face each day as was your privilege and duty? Did you attend each daily meeting and give out something that helped some one else? Did you give of your substance as the Lord has prospered you? If you did, then you have been blessed, and our entire work will feel the thrill of more work, greater faith and larger means of "going forward."

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Have the auxiliaries who made pledges during the annual meeting at Monticello redeemed them? If they have not, do so this quarter. How many have conferred the honor of "life member" on some one in her auxiliary? Our president has set 12 life members as our aim this year. Some auxiliaries have taken up no special line of work this year. Will you not do so these last two quarters of our conference year?

Our conference treasurer says if we do not do better the last two

quarters than the first two we will "fall behind" in finances this year over last. Let us be up and doing. We cannot afford to fall behind. Our Lord has blessed us so graciously, let us show our appreciation by bringing an offering that is worthy.

If any auxiliary fails to receive the Bulletins each month will the corresponding secretary send her name to the conference editor?

Let each auxiliary remember how necessary it is to have their quarter's report in on time, December 5.

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From James Yemmcisler, La Crosse, Wis.: Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are doing me more good than anything I ever tried and I was so pleased at results that I gave away several boxes to my friends who have also had the same benefits.

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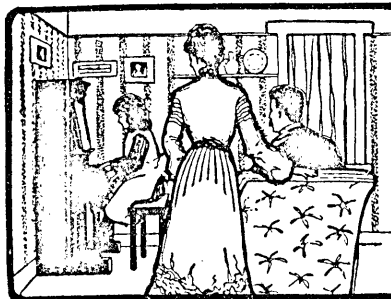
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CHURCH AT HOME.

WALNUT TREE CIRCUIT.— I have held all of my protracted meetings and the Lord has done great things for us this year, for which we are devoutly thankful. We had a wonderful meeting at Camilia Chapel; there were about fifty conversions, forty-three accessions to the church and all are old shouting Methodists, of whom Brother W. T. Martin said, "We could stand head."

We then moved down to Riley Creek, which is said to be the stronghold of Satan on this circuit, but with the assistance of Father Bass and Brother George Denton, we made the attack, and, having the Lord on our side, we gained a most glorious victory. There were sixty-four conversions, and forty-seven accessions to our church. Some went to the Free-will Baptist. In summing up the entire work, there were one hundred and twenty-five conversions and one hundred accessions.

Brother George Denton has been a great help to the preacher this year. He is above an average preacher, and ought to be on a work.

We are busy rounding up for conference. R. N. Davis, P. C.

By my request, Brother Cason has fixed the fourth quarterly conference of Traskwood Circuit the third Sabbath in November and Saturday before. Friday before is the day of fasting and prayer. Let the day be faithfully observed all over the circuit.

John F. Taylor.

The protracted meeting at Rhodes' Chapel, near Gifford, Traskwood Circuit, is now passed. There were twenty accessions to our church and a few joined the Baptist Church. To the Lord be the praise. To the working Methodists and Baptists let credit as human agents be given and not to their Pastor.

Members of White River Conference.

I shall appreciate it very much if the members of the conference who expect to bring their wives or other members of their families with them to conference would notify me as soon as possible. We hope to be able to entertain all who come, but if we receive no notice somebody may be embarrassed as a result. I have received the names of the delegates from the Jonesboro and Scarey Districts. I would be glad to have these from the other districts. We would be glad to have all the brethren who can, to come on Tuesday, as we hope to have a service Tuesday evening that will be of interest to all. Fraternally,

W. M. Wilson.

The House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church has nominated Rev. Logan H. Roots, a Little Rock man and son of our fellow-citizen, Major P. K. Roots,

for missionary Bishop of Hong Kow, China. This is a credit to the Episcopal Church in Arkansas.

An excellent meeting is in progress at Gardner's Memorial Church, in Baring Cross. The pastor, Rev. D. H. Conyers, and the presiding elder, Rev. J. D. Sibert, who has been with them for several days, were both in our office last week. The presiding elder had been doing the preaching. On Monday night preceding their visit there were eight conversions and reclamations. The attendance was good and the prospects very flattering.

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The defendant, Hamp Williams, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Franklin Bros. Co.
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J. E. England, Ed Cornish, Trustees; Plaintiffs, vs. E. W. Settle, Mrs. E. W. Settle, Will Lawrence and James E. Hogue, W. S. Ashford & Co., Defendants.
The defendants, E. W. Settle, Mrs. E. W. Settle and W. S. Ashford & Co., are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, J. E. England and Ed Cornish, Trustees.

CHAS. M. CONNOR, Clerk.

By J. H. Shoppach, D. C.
Bradshaw & Helm, Solicitors for Plaintiffs.

Lewis Rhoton, Attorney ad Litem.

CHURCH AT HOME.

My Dear Editor Methodist— I want to correct a statement made in last week's Methodist in regard to the meeting in our town. In reading it, one would suppose it was a union meeting, while it was conducted part of the time in the Methodist church, (for the sake of convenience) it was strictly a Baptist meeting. All the preaching was done by Baptists. While Bro. Weaver and some of his members were active workers, still we feel that the statement does not do our Baptist brethren justice.

It has been a glorious meeting, just about 100 conversions, and reclamations. Now, while I am a Methodist, and do not know who is responsible for the statement, I feel like the good Lord and the Baptist brethren are due all honor.

A Methodist.

TEXARKANA NOTES— Oct. 24, 1904. The Methodist Pastors' Association met in study of First church, at 9 a. m., Oct. 24, 1904. Present: Revs. James Thomas, O. T. Hatchkiss, B. A. Few, H. D. McKinnon, J. R. Sanders, J. A. Baker and J. C. Hooks. Religious services by Rev. H. D. McKinnon. Report of Pastors:

Rev. B. A. Few, P. E.; Brethren on the district well, and for the most part doing well. We will report a great ingathering of souls this year, fully 1,000. Missions will be paid in full, I think, and considering advance made on all other lines, wonderful progress has been made in the territory covered by the Texarkana district.

Rev. James Thomas, of First church. Good services yesterday. Rev. J. C. Hooks preaching at night, Steam heated plant and new pipe organ being put in this week.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, of Central church, State Line. Congregations not good, as his people are yet in their old church in the middle of the street. Expect to get in the new building in about two months. Rev. Geo. Stuart is engaged to begin a meeting Nov. 6.

Rev. J. R. Sanders, of Fairview church. A fair audience at 11 a. m. and, it being the fourth quarterly meeting, Rev. B. A. Few preached at night to a good audience.

Rev. J. C. Hooks, of Texarkana circuit. Rev. B. A. Few preached at 11 a. m., and held fourth quarterly conference Saturday. Nearly 100 accessions during the year, and think collections will be full.

Rev. H. D. McKinnon, of Junction City. Doing fairly well, and believe all collections will be in full. Was glad to be present with the brethren.

Rev. T. W. Hays came in at close of services.

Rev. J. A. Baker, L. E.: Have sold thirty-five Bibles in homes last week, beside other good work in visiting these families and helping their pastors. Preached yesterday at 4 p. m., for the Railroad Y. M. C.

A., and trust good work was done.

These pastors' meetings are becoming more and more interesting, and love and fellowship strong.

J. Hooks, Secretary

MT. HOME CIRCUIT—I have just finished my round of revival meetings. Have had about (95) ninety-five conversions and reclamations. Sixty-one additions to the church. We have the claims all provided for in full.

Have one round to make on the work, rounding in and getting ready for conference. J. H. Ruple, P. C.

FARMINGTON AND CINCINNATI—I closed my last protracted meeting last Sunday at 11 o'clock.

We have had a very good year; 68 conversions, 63 accessions to our church. Finance coming up very well. My fourth Quarterly meeting will be Monday the 24.

God has been good to us another year. G. B. Griffin, pastor.

ATKINS CHARGE—On the "home run." Busy year. Over 100 additions mostly on profession of faith, about 20 infants and 65 adults baptised; conference claims will be paid in full and possibly the salaries. Much more ought to have been accomplished. Praise God for what has been done.

D. H. Colquette.

Sunday Morning at Henderson Chapel.

Last Sunday the morning was spent very pleasantly at Henderson Chapel, Bro. F. E. Dodson's charge just outside the western city limits. During the year our brother has done a notable work. Beginning with a handful of members, and a small Sunday school, he has added about twenty-five to the membership; strengthening the Sunday school, which is now in fine working order, with cradle roll and home department, organized Junior and Senior Leagues and Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, and built a handsome and commodious \$2,000 church. Most of the money was raised among the members and only \$250 remain unpaid. When it is known that not one member had fully paid out on his own home, this is a remarkable showing. The salary and collections will be in full, possibly over full. A meeting has been in progress during the past week and will continue. There is good interest. Several have been converted and will unite with the church.

This is a rapidly growing suburb, filling up with good people. Our church properly ventured there, as it evidently has been this year, will soon be strong and self-sustaining.

It is an opportunity that must not be neglected. Bro. Dodson and his faithful members have our congratulations and prayers. A. C. Millar.

NOTICES.

Stuttgart, Ark., Oct. 21, '04.

To the Members of the Little Rock Conf.—Dear brethren, I write to stir you up in regard to the collection of the ten per cent

of your assessed salary for the widows and orphans, of deceased preachers, and for those preachers now superannuated. Our list is growing, and our needs are correspondingly increasing. And, you, dear brethren, in your vigorous manhood, and still in the field, are the only hope of those now disabled. Brothers, do not let one cent be lacking in your report from your work. Be true to those who are now dependent upon us—and some day following your example, others will be true to you and yours.

And now note this—every preacher should right now take his Discipline and read paragraph 137, Ans. 18, page 61—and right on the ground make his report fully written out for the information of the board.

I am of opinion that no preachers' character ought to pass 'till he has made that report. Don't fail to do these two things.

I am as ever, your loving,

L. B. Hawley.

Pres. Joint Board Finance, Little Rock Conf.

Texarkana District—Special Round.
Horatio, at Chapel Hill....Oct. 29, 30
Wilton, at Wilton.....Nov. 4
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Mt. Ida, at Black Springs.....Nov. 10
Cherry Hill, at Cherry Hill.....
.....Nov. 12, 13
Janssen, at Hatfield, at 10 a. m., Nov. 14
Bright Star, at Olive Branch, 11 a. m.
.....Nov. 15
Garland City, at Roberts, 10 a. m....
.....Nov. 18
Allene, at Winthrop.....Nov. 19, 20
First Ch., Texarkana.....Nov. 20, 21
Texarkana Ct., at College Hill, 10
a. m.....Nov. 21
Richmond and Ashdown, at Ash-
down, 10 a. m.....Nov. 22
DeQueen Sta., 10 a. m.....Nov. 24
Mena Ct., at Dallas.....Nov. 26, 27
Mena Sta., at 7 p. m.....Nov. 28
Umpire, at Umpire, at 10 a. m., Dec. 3
Gillham, at Gillham, at 8 p. m., Dec. 3
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.....Dec. 5
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Cash	2 35
At Mena:	
Cash	2 81
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Total	\$162 21

OBITUARIES.

HASTINGS.—On September 3, 1904, Death visited the home of W. A. Hastings and plucked one of their youngest and fairest flowers. Little Averill was born August 14, 1895. She had a very cheerful disposition. She made home brighter, and scattered sunshine wherever she went. We should not despair, for we have the assurance of meeting her where we will never more say farewell. The Lord is preparing mansions for us on that other shore and He gathers the little gems and flowers of our homes to decorate the courts of heaven, so that it might be more attractive to us; and when we shall step upon the threshold of our immortal home and the Great Son of Righteousness shall appear and we shall hear the welcome shouts of loved ones gone before, then we shall know that He does all things well.

E. A. Blanton, Pastor.

Wolf Bayou, Ark.

COCHRAN.—Walter Jesse Cochran was born January 6, 1886. He died September 26, 1904. Walter was always counted a good boy. He made a profession of religion and united with the Methodist church August 28, 1904. This was the last time that he ever attended church. He was received into the church with twenty-nine others, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Of course, none of us knew that this would be the last chance that he would ever have of attending public worship, but it was, and should remind us that the last chance will come to us all at some time. Walter leaves a mother, who is in feeble health, one brother, and one sister to mourn for him. May God sustain them in their sadness.

W. W. Christie.

WEBBER.—Little Helen, infant daughter of J. G. and G. E. Webber, was born March 25, 1903, and died October 7, 1904, at her home near Natural Steps. She was a bright, beautiful child, the idol of the home and the pet of the neighborhood. She had just learned to say "Mama" and "Papa," and how sweet that little baby voice sounded to the fond parents and brothers; but that little voice is still calling you on to be with God forever, where we'll never part again. It is so hard to give up our little Helen and to be deprived of the sweet privilege of rearing her. We bow in submission to His holy will. Our lives are made better for her having lived, and we know she is our darling still.

A Friend.

HUSTON.—Mr. John G. Huston was born December 28, 1849, near Ashland, Boone county, Mo.; converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when a mere boy; married to Miss Ellen Taylor in 1873, in Windsor, Henry county, Mo., where they resided until about four years ago, when the family moved to Texas, and, two and a half years ago, to Mena, Ark., where he departed this life very suddenly, of heart disease, September 28, 1904, leaving a wife, three sons and a large circle of other relatives and friends to mourn his death. His funeral service was conducted by this writer, assisted by his pastor, Rev. F. P. Doak, and Dr. Dodd, L. E., at the residence of his son, Dr. Clarence G. Huston, in Mena, Ark. The very large audience, many in tears, testified the esteem felt for the memory of the deceased. We had been specially drawn to him the two years we were his pastor in Mena, because of his moral, religious and social virtues. Though his sons had grown to young manhood, the sweet home life was always so attractive to those away from the old farm home, that they scarcely would go over a week without visiting father and mother, and lingering so happily for days and nights around the old home altar. We never saw more devotion of husband and

wife, and parents and children, for each other, and the love of the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarence G. Huston, was equal to that of her loving husband and brothers-in-law for their devoted parents. The high esteem felt for the valuable life of Bro. John G. Huston in his community can be judged by the many kind words published about him in the Mena Daily Star and Daily Times. We rejoice that we ever knew and loved Brother Huston, and pray that his good life and prayers for his loved ones and friends may be answered, and that a most happy reunion will be the blessing all will receive in heaven. His former pastor, J. R. Sanders, Texarkana, Ark.

WITHERS.—Mrs. Martha Withers, wife of William Withers, of Longview, Ashley county, Ark., and daughter of William Thurman, of Drew county, died at her residence, of congestion, after a short illness, on the 16th of August last, being about 30 years old. Left motherless while yet a child herself, she bravely assumed the care of her little sisters, which was a great burden for one only 13 years old. The death of the mother, and responsibilities following, made her feel the need of divine help. She gave God her heart in the communion of the Methodist church, where she lived, labored, and died without reproach, beloved by all who knew her. She left three sons and three daughters, a sorrowing husband, and a large circle of relatives to mourn her untimely taking off from the family circle that so much needed her aid—all being young; the oldest, a boy of 12, the youngest a babe of two months. This is indeed sad. But faith in him who rules all things will inspire courage, and lift the darkness. If only we would honor God and cultivate faith in Christ, we should find it so much easier to deal with those great calamities that lie like lions in the path of every human being. So young herself and taken from children so young contains the pathetic elements that make human life one long-drawn scene of dramatic sorrow. Let us utilize that sorrow to the good of those little ones. That mother-face will never fade from memory and love; tell her children she was a Christian, and lives now with the Lord she served; make them realize the value of a hope that never dies—the one and only thing that endures when all else is gone. May God bless you, my dear nephew, and take your little ones in His arms, as once we read of, when the parents brought them to Him. Learn how to bring the children to Christ; it is better than any fortune you can leave them.

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5 Train to Texas:
1:30 a. m.; 7:05 a. m.; 7:20 a. m.;
2:30 p. m.; 7:10 p. m.

7 Trains to St. Louis:
2:30 a. m.; 7:40 a. m.; 8:30 a. m.;
9:40 a. m.; 5:10 p. m.; 8:20 p. m.;
9:00 p. m.

2 Trains to Memphis:
9:40 a. m.; 2:40 a. m.

2 Trains to Kansas City:
7 35 a. m.; 8:45 p. m.

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Hot Springs, Ark. J. R. Cason.

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At 10 a. m., Oct. 16, 1904. At
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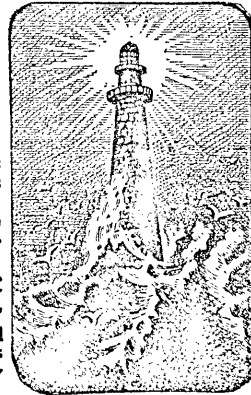


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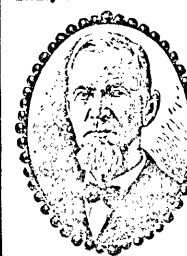
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