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LIVING WITH GOD. FROM THE NEW HYMNAL.

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

---Washington Gladden.

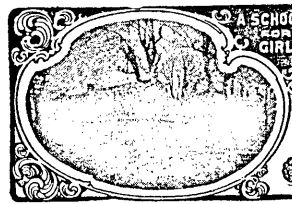
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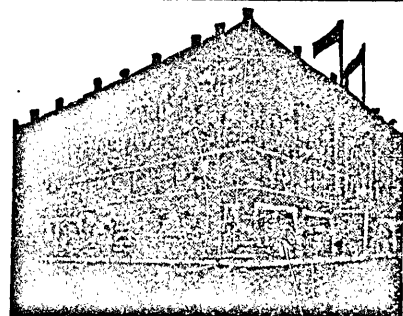
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A statement from the treasurer shows the whole amount collected at conference to be \$44.75. Six of the Home Missions have paid (\$2.50 each) \$15.00. Total, \$59.75. At my request, Bro. Womack takes \$50. of this amount and starts to Nashville to-day.

Let us pray for him and for one another each day, that the Home Mission men of Arkansas Conference may do a great work this year.

There are nineteen of us with \$2,700. appropriation for our help. Much will be expected. Let us do our part well.—O. H. Tucker.

Golden Wedding.

We, children and friends of Jasper and Belinda Lewis, have just celebrated their Golden Wedding. Jasper Lewis had been a member of the Methodist Church for 59 years, and has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for 51 years. Belinda Lewis has been a member of the Methodist Church for 51 years. They were married, Dec. 25, 1855, this being their semi-centennial wedding day. Fifty years ago when father and mother married the snow was deep and the wind blew cold, but father mounted his horse and rode 20 miles to his wedding. The fifty years have sped away; trials and pleasures have come; dark clouds would rise and pass away. On their wedding day 50 years ago the house and yard were full and now there are only three left that were there. The children in all numbers 12. Ten have passed away, 7 are still living, all in Drew county, Arkansas. It is wonderful to see the changes that have occurred in 50 years. Father and mother are both old and feeble. Father is 76 and mother 68. Their hair is all gray, their step is slow, but we do hope their last years will be the happiest of all. We are very thankful they have been with us so long and hope to have them a long time yet, and when their time comes, may their sun set without a shadow and

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may their children live as useful a life as their parents have.

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Elbert Lewis.

Lacey, Ark.

SHERIDAN—We have been cordially received on being returned to this charge. The people gave us a nice pounding on Christmas night. We have received nine members since conference, and are planning improvements on the parsonage property. The town continues to grow. Soon we are to have telephone connection with the balance of the world. We expect to see Sheridan circuit one of the most desirable charges in the conference in a few years. We contemplate doing some faithful work for the Methodist this year.

J. H. Bradford.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Nov. 21 Governor Davis pardoned W. Trainer, of Searey County; W. H. Cooper, of Johnson County, and J. Davis, of Arkansas County, all of whom had been convicted of carrying concealed weapons.

Meridian Male College Burned.

On January 4th at twelve o'clock at night, the Meridian Male College buildings were destroyed by fire.

The fire originated in the kitchen from a defective flue. Every student escaped and no one was hurt except a few bruises.

The loss was about \$20,000 and only one fourth insured. The only building that was saved was Wesley Hall, erected last summer. This building contains all the recitation rooms, and quite a number of bedrooms. The college continues its work.

In the Indian Country.

The senior editor had the pleasure of visiting a number of places in the Indian Territory last week. We were at Ada for a day or two, where we enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Eaglebarger and his family, of Rev. J. B. McDonald, and of Rev. C. M. Coppedge, having a glimpse of our Bro. Mitchell as we passed through Holdenville, where we also received courtesies at the hands of that good layman, formerly of Grant county, Ark., Mr. E. F. Messenger, of whom we are glad to say he is doing well. We met at Ada also the Rollows, formerly of Quitman, and Bro. Edwards, who went from near the same place; and the Carrs, who went from Holly Grove. They are all doing well, though Bro. Edwards has seen trials, having lost two of his daughters, of consumption.

We spent Sunday in S. McAlester. The Arkansas people there are almost too numerous to mention: Rev. S. F. Goddard, A. S. McKennon, J. F. Arnold, Gus A. Gill, W. J. Horton, B. H. Bailey, a dear relative of the writer's wife, and a number of others. Every one of them is thriving. We had a good time preaching the gospel. The unvarying kindness of these brethren and of every one else, made this preacher-editor ashamed of his unworthiness. Bro. Goddard thinks he has the best charge in three states, and his people are delighted with him. There are some eight or ten thousand people at S. McAlester. It is an orderly and progressive community. It has a bright future.

At S. McAlester we had the pleasure of meeting, besides the clerical brethren already mentioned, Rev. S. G. Thompson, presiding elder of that district, Rev. L. N. Linebaugh, presiding elder of Duncan District; Rev. Orlando Shay, of Henrietta, and Rev. J. M. Gross, Pres. of Hargrove College. They are a staunch set—honest and faithful men all.

We had time to run up to Pryor Creek, about 100 miles up the "Katy," where a brother according to the flesh lives, whom we had not seen for about a dozen years. His wife is a Washbourne, whose grandfather, Rev. Cephas Washbourne, preached in Little Rock, and whose uncle, Mr. E. P. Washbourne drew the famous sketch "Arkansaw Traveler", the scene being on Illinois Bayou, in Pope county. Both the preacher and the painter now lie buried at Little Rock.

Passing Muskogee, we had a glimpse of Rev. O. E. Goddard. We heard the echoes of him all around.

The Indian Territory is rapidly changing. The vast expanse of prairie, where the wild flowers bloomed a few years ago in the richest profusion, is now largely fenced and cultivated. Towns are springing up like magic—the world moves. Let it move!

Death of a Great Educator.

On January 10, at Chicago, President W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, died. For two years he had been suffering from cancer and several operations had been performed in hope of saving his life. He held bravely to his work to the last. He was born at New Concord, Ohio, July 26, 1856; graduated at Muskingum College at fourteen; finished a post-graduate course at Yale at nineteen, married the same year, and became president of a Masonic College in Tenn.; the next year he took a position in Denison University; later for six years was professor of Hebrew in the Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago; 1886-91 professor of Semitic languages at Yale; from there, he went to Chicago to organize in 1891 the University of Chicago, of which he has been the only president. He was principal of the Chautauqua College of Liberal Arts, head professor of Semitic languages at Chicago, and author of several Hebrew, Greek and Latin textbooks. Dying under fifty, he had begun so early and worked so assiduously that he accomplished in a brief life vastly more than is usually done in three score and ten. Better fifty years of labor than a cycle of decay. He was a product of the small college, but held such a diversity of positions that his experience became broad. Ordained a Baptist minister and teaching in theological schools, he was never a pastor, and was a very ordinary speaker, confessing publicly that he had no talent or taste for the pulpit or platform. He will be known as the greatest creative university administrator of the Nineteenth Century. In fifteen years he established a great university and made it the pattern for the university of the future. President Eliot deserves credit for modernizing and rejuvenating old Harvard. President Harper literally created a university. It may be said that he had Rockefeller's millions. True, but it was his tact that brought these millions into educational use and his genius that gave his university unique distinction.

The University of Chicago is Pres. Harper's monument. Seldom is it the lot of any man to build a greater.

The educational world mourns his death in the midst of his usefulness.

From the Nation's Capital.

Too much has already been made of the disagreeable incident which took place at the White House last week when Mrs. Morris, a sister of Representative Hull, was forcibly ejected and taken to the House of Detention. Instead of a simple incident scarcely deserving of newspaper notice, the occurrence has been magnified to one of wide importance, and has been the subject of a speech in Congress by a young member itching for notoriety. The papers have filled their columns with the real and fancied details of the incident and it is safe to say so much slush has not been printed about one thing since

the days of Baby McKee. The facts of the case briefly summarized are these. Mrs. Miner Morris, armed with a poem of her own composition on "Insomnia" called at the White House and asked to see the President. Scarcely a day passes that cranks armed with poems and claims and inventions and accusations do not arrive at the White House and demand to see the President.

Mr. Barnes, the assistant Secretary has to see them all, and it is quite possible that he does not feel any great sympathy in their undertakings, and that he does not offer them any considerable encouragement in seeing the President. He probably thought, as any one would that a woman like Mrs. Morris, who had lived for many years in Washington and had kept house on her husband's salary drawn from the Government, should know that a person with a grievance coming to the White House without introduction or letters to the President could not see him. That she was unaware of this argued conclusively that, to put it most charitably, she was silly and ignorant or, which was probable, that she was a crank. He explained to her that she should see the Secretary of War relative to her husband's re-instatement in office, which was a gentle and polite way of inviting her to leave. She refused to do this and noisily declared that she would stay right there until she saw the President, if she had to remain there a month, and she emphasized her declaration by establishing her 170 pounds in the chair and defying him to remove her. Secretary Barnes is responsible for the order in the White House Offices, and for the protection of the time and the nerves of the President from just such persons. He has neither time, nor is he under orders to coax and coddle them and the fact that Mrs. Morris wore silk and had on gloves was not necessarily proof that she was not a lunatic. He did what he had done in the case of many other cranks who have come to the White House. He called the police who are there for the purpose of suppressing disorderly persons. When she began to shriek and bite the officers and throw herself on the muddy pavement, in order and decency there was nothing to be done but to get her out as quick as possible.

A bill advising an investigation of Assistant Secretary Barnes has been introduced in the House, but as Kipling says, "That is another story." Congressmen going to the White House are often met by Mr. Barnes and denied access to the President. Every one of them is confident that the President is pining to see him in particular, and when Mr. Barnes interferes he is regarded as officious and presumptuous and obstructive to the Nation's welfare. To have him investigated is to raise such a tempest that he will have to be dismissed, guilty or not guilty. That is the real issue with the Congressmen and Mrs. Morris has provided a reason for the bill. In the instance involving Mrs. Morris no informed person knowing the unbiased facts can think he exceeded his authority. The President, of course knew nothing about the incident until after it had occurred unless possibly he heard from his office the shrieks of the woman. He doubtless regrets the affair just as he would regret to hear of any woman in a humiliating position. He is a chivalrous man and has the interests of American women much at heart. In his message to Congress he advised the whipping post for those

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Who Will Be First?

Friends of Galloway College:—We are making special effort to pay the last dollar of the Galloway debt this year. We took up a \$1,000 note in October, and another in November, and had \$500 for another in December. If those who love the college will help what they can, we will soon be out of debt. Will not every one of you who reads this article send me a contribution to Conway, Ark, whether you have made a subscription or not? Do not wait for me to call on you. God still loves a cheerful giver. Please do now what you expect to do. Who will be first to respond?

Yours in great earnest,
D. J. Weems, Agt.

The proposition of one of our correspondents to have a standing committee in each episcopal district to outline work for the bishop in charge, and to make preaching appointments for him when he is not holding District or Annual Conferences, would be carrying the matter too far. Such a close oversight of our general overseers would be absurd. But the demand for a bishop's time in the Conferences over which he has authority is reasonable and right. The sentiment is growing, if we can believe our ears and eyes. Bishops as well as pastors should "stick to their own bush."—Midland Methodist.

Report of Joint Commission on Union of Methodism in Japan.

The progress of Christian Missions in the Japanese Empire has been such during the last decade that it seemed wise to bring the several Methodist bodies now working in that Empire into closer relation. This conviction, in the interest of unity, economy, and increased efficiency, led the representative missionaries and Japanese ministers of the six Methodist Churches in that field to the favorable consideration of organic union.

This question was submitted to the General Conferences of at least four of the Methodist Churches represented in Japan, with the result that Commissions were appointed by the respective Churches, and clothed with power to act when these Commissions should be called together.

On January 3, 1906, there met at Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md., Commissions representing the following Churches:

The Methodist Church in Canada: Commissioners—Rev. A. Carman, D. D., Rev. A. Sutherland, D. D., Rev. William Boggs, D. D., Hon. Justice McLaren, L. L. D., H. H. Fudger, Esq.

The Methodist Episcopal Church: Commissioners—Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D., Lemuel Skidmore, Esq., Charles Z. Lincoln, Esq.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Commissioners—Bishop A. W. Wilson, D. D., Bishop Charles B. Galloway, D. D., Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Rev. T. T. Fishburn, Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D.

The Methodist Protestant Church: Commissioners—Rev. W. L. Wells, D. D., Rev. F. C. Klein, Mr. S. R. Harris, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Rev. F. F. Brierly.

Rev. G. D. Gossard of the United Brethren in Christ was present, but in the absence of specific action by the General Conference of said Church declined to take part in the deliberations.

The Evangelical Association of America not having been notified in time, no representative was present.

Two days of prayerful and painstaking consideration were given to the question before the said Commissioners, but not being able to reach definite and final conclusions, it was decided to adjourn subject to the call of the four presidents of the four Methodist bodies represented—Rev.

A. Carman, D. D., Toronto, Canada, Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., Washington, D. C., Bishop A. W. Wilson, D. D., Baltimore, Md., Rev. T. J. Ogburn, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

All of the Commissioners present were deeply impressed with the momentous issues involved, and devoutly desired to reach such a basis as should bring the Methodist Churches in Japan, who are already in hearty co-operation, into organic union.

Signed—

A. B. Leonard,
W. R. Lambuth,
Secretaries.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 4, 1906.

Passive Resistance in England.

Every day is teaching the English Government more clearly that the Nonconformist conscience is the factor to be reckoned with. Three years ago, in June, when a committee of ministers from the Free Church Council, representing all the Protestant dissenting bodies of England, with Principal Fairbairn, of Oxford, at their head, called upon Mr. Balfour and protested against the passage of the education act, they were smilingly dismissed as if they were a lot of ignorant schoolboys. But a fair warning was sounded. With a Scotch earnestness that was unmistakable, using words that have since become the motto of the passive resisters, Dr. Fairbairn frankly told the prime minister that if the bill should pass, "we will not submit."

"Never mind," said the government leaders, "the Dissenters will soon get over their sulks." And so the bill became a law.

At once the Passive-resistance movement began. The point at issue was perfectly clear. By the new act 16,000 sectarian schools, most of them belonging to the Church of England, were henceforth to be entirely supported from the general taxes.

While provision was made for outside representation on the School Boards, yet the law was so framed that the control of the schools has remained in the hands of the clergy. It is practically impossible for a Dissenter to become head master of one of these schools, and comparatively few Dissenters are employed in subordinate position. The instruction is distinctly sectarian. There are numberless instances where the teachers have told the children that the Nonconformist chapels were mere club-houses; that the Holy Spirit would not enter such places, and that Churchmen were the "wheat," while Dissenters were the "tares." No wonder that Free Churchmen, who were taxed for fully one-half the amount to run these schools, are deeply aggrieved. Many of them who foresaw what was coming vowed with Dr. Fairbairn that they would never submit, and became passive resisters. They promptly and cheerfully pay all taxes excepting the amount assessed for sectarian education. At that point they are unyielding. Sixty-five thousand of them have been summoned to court; in thousands of cases household goods have been distrained and sold at auction to satisfy the tax claim; 231 persons, 108 of whom were clergymen, have been imprisoned, some of them several times. This has gone on for three years, while the zeal and determination of the resisters, instead of abating, have steadily grown.

The third anniversary of the resistance movement has just been held in the City Temple, London. It was a gathering utterly unique in our modern civilization. Whatever one might think of the merits of the controversy, and of the policy of the resisters, it was impossible not to be deeply moved by this vast concourse of people, representing tens of thousands throughout Britain, who for conscience' sake, are ready to endure the spoiling of their goods and im-

prisonment. Three hours were set apart for a testimony-meeting. The platform was crowded with ex-prisoners. There sat the venerable Dr. Johnston, a white-haired veteran of seventy-four, pastor of a Congregational Church just out of London. He had recently served a sentence in one jail, while at the same time his daughter was imprisoned elsewhere. Near him sat the pastor of the Primitive Methodist Church, of Southampton. He had served five terms in jail during the last eleven months. As one Baptist minister arose to relate his prison experiences, a telegram was handed him announcing that a warrant for his re-arrest had just been issued, and he must hurry home to begin a new sentence. A Methodist layman from Hull, nearing the fourscore mark, spoke with faltering voice of his feeling on reaching the jail. "I am an old man. I had never been in a prison-cell before in my life. I couldn't sleep a wink the first night." But he declared his willingness to go again and again, if need be. "They may break my body, but they can't break my spirit!" he cried. A number had been incarcerated in Bedford Jail, and they told of the comfort they had derived in thinking of Bunyan. The passive resisters neither expected, nor, as a rule, did they receive any better treatment than the ordinary prisoners. In some instances the warders subjected them to unwarrantable humiliation, as if they were degraded felons. The chaplains especially seemed to delight in taking advantage of their opportunity, and more than one of the ministers told of insults nothing less than brutal, heaped upon him by these "spiritual advisers."

The entire anniversary both afternoon and evening was of dramatic interest. Again and again feeling reached the explosion-point, and the building shook with wild applause. When the audience sang:

"Fines cannot make us flinch,
Force can not scare;
Fearless we'll face the pinch
Of prison fare,
Bolt, bar, and prison wall,
For Faith we'll face them all,
No law shall soul enthrall,
Bear! bear! and dare!"

The enthusiasm was indescribable.

To many it seemed as if the days of Pym and Hampden had returned; that the sacred battles of the fathers for religious freedom were being fought over again. Already some had suffered, but there was no trace of self-glorification. "We court no cheap martyrdom," said Mr. Campbell, a thought reiterated by several speakers.

Those who have supposed that the passive resisters were mere enthusiasts, fanatics, and that the whole movement would presently collapse, should call to mind the men who are behind it—such preachers as R. F. Horton, president of the Free Church Council, John Clifford, R. J. Campbell, C. Sylvester Horne, F. B. Meyer, Campbell Morgan, Principal Fairbairn, and of scores among the laity we find men who are at the very front in the various professions. We have here not a momentary impulse, but deep and mighty convictions. Already a profound impression has been made upon England. The spectacle in this twentieth century, of men and women going to prison for conscience sake, is enough to set even the ungodly to thinking. Some months ago, when the Rev. Mr. Nightingale, of Leeds, was thrown into jail, the whole city was stirred. Every evening two thousand people gathered at the prison wall and sang and prayed. When the last day came the warder discharged his prisoner at 6 o'clock in the morning, but even at that early hour the street was packed with an immense crowd, come to welcome their friend with shouts of delight. Leeds

wants no further experience of this kind, and a similar feeling is apparent in other places. It is impossible that the obnoxious act shall permanently remain on the statute books. Thousands of loyal Churchmen abhor its sectarian and coercive spirit as heartily as do the Nonconformists. In the meantime Dissenters all over the kingdom are being welded together as never before. Churches that were half-asleep are throwing off their lethargy and taking new activities are springing into life.

But the sad part of it all is that on both sides feelings have been engendered utterly opposed to the new spirit of Christian unity. There is but one solution. Sooner or later Britain must follow in the footsteps of France—a free Church in a free State.—*Western Christian Advocate*.

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But now money making may be simple, praiseworthy and honorable, or it may be contemptible. It may be made noble. When a man works to support himself and his family, so as not to be dependent on others, the work of his hands, or the work of his brain is praiseworthy and honorable. He is an honest man and a good citizen; the more of him the State has, the better for the State. It is also good and honorable to "lay up" something. The man may need it for a rainy day, or for supporting him in his old age, when his eyes are dim, and his right hand has lost its cunning. The Scriptures themselves commend laying up. Christ tells people to "lay up treasure." Besides, people have to lay up, or there would be no capital in the community to do business on and to push new enterprises and give employment to moneyless people.

But now, when a man says, "I will not be content with simply getting bread and butter for myself and my children, and with laying up simply for a rainy day for ourselves; I will push my work a little beyond time, so as to have something to give to people who are unfortunate; I will have a little to give to some sorrowful widow, or some helpless orphan, or to help on in some benevolent work; to meet church expenses, to carry on missions; I will do all this cheerfully and liberally, and I will thank God for sending his small checks to me to be cashed, thus putting me among his preferred agents"—when a man talks that way, and acts accordingly, then his money making with him is made noble. His patent of nobility is issued by God himself. "He hath dispersed abroad, he hath given to the poor," he belongs to the noble order of divine givers, of whom God is the head.—Ex.

Maine's Industrial Revival.

In one of the old States of the Union there is a curious conjunction of long-settled conditions with wilderness and frontier. Maine was one of the earliest regions to attract immigration from the older parts of New England. The movement set in shortly after the Revolutionary War. Maine was then a Massachusetts province. But in recent years it has had a name for emigration rather than immigration. Three hundred thousand natives of Maine are said to be living in other parts of the United States. Nevertheless, something has offset this tendency. Maine lost population in the decade from 1860 to 1870,

doubtless an effect of the Civil War. Since then the State, as a whole, has steadily grown. In the new West we see the wilderness developing, rich virgin lands coming under cultivation, busy new cities humming with industry. In this old New England State we have the same phenomena. It is the fruit of railway enterprise; the building of new lines into the waste places; the development of natural resources—agriculture, timber-supply, water-power—the creation of industries where Nature calls for them because the chief raw material is at hand.

Maine's magnificent wilderness—woods and rivers, hills, lakes and clear-running streams—is a great natural playground for the country at large. But these things mean more than play, they mean great industrial possibilities under modern conditions. More than five thousand rivers and streams, with more than fifteen hundred lakes for their reservoirs, stand for vast possibilities in the way of power.—*American Monthly Review of Reviews* for January.

The Policy of the New British Cabinet.

The policy of the new government is clearly indicated by the policy which its members pursued in opposition. In foreign policy it will do its utmost to carry out the principle of continuity. It will repudiate none of its predecessors' engagements. Sir Edward Grey will take up the foreign policy of Lord Lansdowne at the point where he dropped it, and will endeavor so to act that no one at the other end of the wire will know there has been any change in the personnel of the administration. In colonial policy it will welcome every overture made by the colonies to a closer union with the mother country, but it will scrupulously refrain from any attempt to force the pace of federation. It will hold the colonial conference which Mr. Chamberlain hoped to use as a protectionist weapon, but it will point to its majority recorded at the coming election as rendering all discussion of preferences based on food taxes absolutely futile. In South Africa it will hurry up the grant of responsible government both in the Free State and in the Transvaal. It will probably begin by sending out a commission to inquire into—(1) the unpaid compensation claims, (2) Chinese labor, and (3) the establishment of responsible government.

In Ireland it will, as Mr. Chamberlain has said, have a policy of home rule by installments. It will do everything the Irish Nationalists demand that can be granted without forcing a breach with the Protestant prejudices of the House of Commons or provoking the veto of the landed interest in the House of Lords. The question of the evicted tenants and of the Catholic University stand in the forefront. No opportunity will be lost to advance in the direction of home rule, and everything will be done to conciliate the Nationalists, who possess a voting strength of 83 in the House. If this be transferred to the Conservative lobby, it makes a difference of 166 in the Liberal majority.

In home affairs it will be primarily engaged in amending the Education Act and the Licensing Act of its predecessors. The veto of the House of Lords will render it impossible to carry out in full the wishes of the Nonconformists and the temperance reformers. But it will do what it can in both directions. The question of the unemployed and the whole subject of the treatment of the poorer classes will be one great crux of the new administration. It may deal with the land laws, but not at first. Nor is it likely it will attempt to disestablish either the Welsh or the Scottish Church.

The navy will be maintained at its present strength. The army expenditure will be reduced, and, if Mr. Haldane is fortunate, reduced very considerably. There will be a strong movement in favor of general physical training of the whole nation, but conscription will be

treated as a thing abhorred. The volunteer forces will be developed, and a determined effort made to make the regular army efficient.—*American Monthly Review of Reviews* for January.

Notable Religious Gains in 1905.

In the year just closed there were two religious revivals of great national moment, and productive, no doubt, of much spiritual good—those in Norway and Wales. The religious gains of the year, however, can perhaps be said to have consisted, not so much in a widespread and pronounced spiritual awakening as in what might be termed the readjustment, in accordance with the times, of the economic and political relations which religious organizations have with governments. This readjustment, of course, in the end makes for a purer and higher spirituality. With the fall of Polyedonostzev and the removal of religious disabilities by the Czar, the Russian Church has been born again, and will undoubtedly play a greater part than ever before in the political and moral regeneration of the Russian people. Pope Pius X. has more than maintained the policy of enlightenment and progressive statesmanship with which he began his pontificate. He has been far-sighted and progressive enough to recall a number of long antiquated Papal bulls, among them the famous "Bulla Cruciata." By this action he now absolutely forbids the future sale of any privilege or dispensation by Catholic bishops and clergy for a money consideration. The Bulla Cruciata, issued at the time of the Crusades, has remained, in the hands of the bigoted bishops of Spain, Spanish America and the Philippines, a means of great religious, political and social corruption. His Holiness has also taken high and advanced ground in departing from the "non-expedit" attitude of Leo XIII. and Pius IX., permitting, and even advising, pious Catholics to vote at national and local elections throughout Italy. This brings the Vatican into much more friendly and profitable relations with the Quirinal, and regains in Italy a modicum of that political influence which is lost to the Church in France by the abrogation of the famous Concordat.—*American Monthly Review of Reviews* for January.

The act of Bishop Hoss, in entering into the discussion of an issue before the Holston Conference, has called some attention to the general question. As usual, the Bishop's action has found apologists among our religious editors. There be some who hold to the ancient formula "The king can do no wrong," and who refuse to admit even the semblance of an error in the action of a bishop.—Correspondent of Richmond Advocate.

This is overstated. That Bishop Hoss made a mistake in speaking on an issue while presiding over a Conference was admitted at Bristol by his warmest friends. He himself admitted it on Monday morning, and explained that he had presumed on the privilege because the Holston Conference was good enough to keep his name on the roll and because he felt that he was one of them. He gave notice that he would not be guilty of a like offense again. When it comes to big-hearted acknowledgment of error, Bishop Hoss is in the forefront. As a special mark of esteem and love for him, the Conference stood as he passed out of the church.—Midland Methodist.

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THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

PREPARED BY REV. F. M. TOLLESON.

The Boy Jesus.

Jan. 21, Luke 2:40-52.

Golden Text:—Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:51.

Time:—A. D. 8.

Place:—Jerusalem.

From earliest childhood Jewish children were trained by their parents. The mother was responsible for the child's education till the fifth year and the father from then on till thirteen. To learn the law was a very important part of every boy's early training. On the boy's thirteenth birth-day the father's responsibility was relieved, and, on the next Sabbath, he went with his father to the synagogue and was presented with his own phylacteries, which he always wore thereafter, at the recital of his daily devotions. By this formality the boy was initiated into the visible membership of the Jewish church. As such he must attend the annual religious feasts at Jerusalem.

At the age of twelve he went with his father and mother to Jerusalem, his first visit to the city. How full of interest it was and what it meant to him is suggested to the thoughtful by a careful reading of our lesson.

Somehow we do not find it easy to speak with sufficient reverence of the human life of God in Christ Jesus. But He came to live on earth a perfect human life that we might see God's ideal for each one of us. As a human child and man he shows us what God intended us to be. His divine life in us makes it possible for us to be restored to that image in which we were made. How our hearts should leap at the thought of being like Jesus! Gentle, pure, strong, true, loving. Just to think of Him makes us want to empty ourselves of all selfishness and unloveliness. Jesus is akin to us all, men, women, and children. He might have come to earth as a man in full grown strength, but he would then not have been one of us. Then no child could have come unto him so sure of sympathy. Jesus was a boy in Nazareth and knows a boy's feelings—what pleases him and what temptations beset him. Christ went to school and learned his lessons just like other little boys, no doubt. These folks in the East have hearts just like ours, the same things that make our hearts glad or sorry will make them so. The heart of Jesus is like ours. He came into the world as we did he, had the loving care of father and mother; he grew in mind and body as we grew.

We see Christ's character beginning to unfold with his first-visit to the city and temple. Character is manifested by the things that interest us most. The great crowds and sights did not attract the boy Jesus. He was more interested in the temple with its imposing worship and rabbis. This visit awakened him. At this time must have come a consciousness of the divinity within him. His God-given mission must have broken upon him here with new light while he conversed with the learned in the temple. When his mother found him after searching a day and night he asked, "Why did you seek me? Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?"

It is a great moment for us when we awake to the fact of our sonship and must be about our Father's business. Every appointed task in life is his business and must be done faithfully, if we truly live. Jesus was attending to his Father's business when he went home to Nazareth with his father and mother and was subject to them. He worked and lived with them till the time arrived for his broader ministry of teaching and preaching the good news of the kingdom.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

PREPARED BY REV. W. M. WILSON.

January 21—The Spirit-Filled Life. Eph. v. 18-21.

In connection with the Scripture lesson in Ephesians read Acts 2:4; 4:8. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The Holy Spirit dwelling in the soul makes the Christian life possible. Paul says to the Ephesians: "Be filled with the Spirit," and thus indicates that the real Christian life, the Christ like and Christ approved life, is a Spirit-filled life.

Have you received the Holy Ghost, is a question of very great importance to every one, and is of special importance to every one who professes and desires to be a Christian. We are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. He is in the world to convince of sin, of righteousness, and judgment; to regenerate, cleanse, and empower; to guide, teach, and comfort; to fill the heart of the individual Christian and endue him for service, to direct and control the affairs of the Church, to plan the campaigns for the conquest of the world and lead the forces of God to victory.

There is a great need that every member of the Church be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit-filled life is one that is empowered for Christian service. (Acts 1:8.) He whose heart is filled with the Spirit is separated from sin and is a consistent and uncompromising enemy to sin; and longs for the richest experiences of fellowship with Christ and his disciples and for the privilege of leading the unsaved to his Lord. He bears a consistent testimony by word and action to the real power that transforms and enriches life. He counts not life dear unto himself but gives it freely in whatever service the Spirit directs. He has not only the inclination to work for Christ and the Church, but he has also the determination, the courage, the strength that may be demanded for the work and undertakes it in the name and strength of the living Christ. He cannot longer be an idler, standing at the gate of the Lord's vineyard, but becomes an active participant in the labor in obedience to the Lord's command. He is submissive to the Spirit's plans, he is obedient to His commands, he responds readily to His call.

Is yours a Spirit-filled life? If not, why not have it so? It is surely the privilege of every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is promised to those who ask for that gift. Jesus said that the Father would give him to those that asked. (Luke 11:13.) Ask in faith and then prepare for his coming. The heart that is filled with the Spirit must be emptied of self. All sin must be renounced, self must be crucified, selfish and worldly ambitions must be abandoned; and the Holy Spirit must be "received." We are not truly Christians until we have the Holy Ghost in our lives. The life that he controls will be different from other lives.

The Opening of the Missionary Training School.

We have cause for special thanks-giving in the auspicious opening of the Training School. Some of the problems that confronted the school have been solved, especially the question of a home. Last year it was thought that such a provision had been realized; but upon further thought, it was evident that something more centrally located and with larger capacity was needed. The property secured last year was satisfactorily disposed of and a handsome, commodious building bought in the heart of the city. The choice of the present location, which will be permanent, is another tribute to the wisdom and fore-sighted judgment of the Board of Di-

rectors. The Training School is now established in its own building at 422 Park Place. This location is on the East side of Capitol Square, facing the Capitol Building.

The property is desirable from many considerations, easily accessible, adequate in size to meet our present needs, and admirably located as a center for missionary activity. It is a four-story brick building, with a frontage on two streets. The house has just been thoroughly overhauled: newly papered, and is supplied with electric lights, and baths with hot and cold water. There are about twenty rooms in the house, including the servant's room. On the first floor there are the dining room and kitchen, a room which will be used for industrial work for boys, and one to be used as an Educational Exhibit. On the second floor there are the office, the library and reading room, a large class room and one bed-room. On the third and fourth floors are bed-rooms that will accommodate about forty students.

The acquisition of this valuable property for such an important work as is contemplated in the Training School project should be regarded as in the plan of Providence. Those upon whom the responsibility of this work rests, feel confident that it is an answer to prayer. It is clearly a "chosen place" and is destined to become a great center of moral and religious influence. The Home is especially blessed in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCulloch, who have immediate charge of the school. These two young people have consecrated their lives to this work, and both are peculiarly adapted to it. Their lives are unselfishly devoted to the deeper interests of the Master's Kingdom, and this spirit is manifest in the conduct of the Home, so that the students and visitors are conscious of the sacredness of the house—it being looked upon as a gift from God, and to be used only for the unique work of rescuing and training men and women to be the more skilled workers for the Master. Such a work inaugurated by reason of the needs of our church, and guided in the spirit of prayer, by Him who is a friend to all, must increase in its value for good, and become more potential in its influence for righteousness and true living. Let the church keep in mind this good cause, and in the secret, place, ask blessings upon the Missionary Training School, that its glorious mission may be realized that it may yield the hundred fold power and influence.

In a most remarkable way have the needs of this enterprise been provided for. It is evident that the judgment of those who were led to project this forward movement in our church was given from God. Otherwise, you cannot explain the sympathy and hearty cooperation which is stirring many hearts to aid this work. The interest is not confined to those of our church; there are those who, hearing of this have expressed a wish to see it succeed, and will naturally aid when assured that our church stands ready to back up this work in its claim for help and sympathy. The school needs, first of all, your prayers, and then your contributions toward meeting the expenses of maintaining the work. While the Board of Missions was authorized to set on foot this new agency for the Kingdom's growth, still, for its maintenance, the school is largely dependent upon the voluntary offerings of God's people.

Last year the session covered a period of eight weeks. This year the time is extended to nine weeks; and further, at the conclusion of the present session, a course of study, similar to that out-lined for young men will be offered to young women. This course will cover a period of six weeks, and will be open to young women engaged in Christian work, or contemplating the dedication of themselves to service for the Master, either at home or in the foreign field. These

terms may seem short, but it must be remembered that this movement is only in its initiatory state, and the plan is being widened as rapidly as is practicable. The Training School is a working institution and will include such departments as are incorporated in missionary activity. Hence its doors are always open, affording a retreat for the weary, sin-sick soul; as well as the opportunity for men and women to add to their faith such knowledge as shall make them wise in their day and generation in the great art of winning men.

William Court.

From the Nation's Capital.

(Continued from 3rd page.)

men who beat their wives and he would rejoice to see its establishment for that purpose. But he will never be able to get the votes for it. These same Congressmen who will vote to have the White House investigated and Secretary Barnes dismissed for the ejection of Mrs. Morris will kill the bill to punish brutes who daily beat and maltreat their wives.

This has been a week of big politics and little politics between the Capitol and the White House. Senators Foraker and Dick have made a kick against the appointment by the President of a Tennessean in the place of an Ohioan by the name of Taylor, and if Senatorial precedents are followed, the President's appointment cannot be confirmed, for according to the courtesy of the Senate the other Senators will not vote for a candidate when a protest is made by Senators from a State who claim that their State is entitled to the patronage, as it is called. Then again Mr. Overstreet of Indiana is disgruntled because the recommendation of Senator Beveridge of his state has been given precedence over his recommendation. The President in his late order through Postmaster General Cortelyou extending the Civil Service rules, as it were, to sixty thousand postmasters, has knocked the pins out from under the last vestige of patronage to Members of Congress, and he is a decidedly unpopular man at the Capitol end of the Avenue.

These postmasters have been the political workers and henchmen of Members of Congress to whom they were indebted for their positions to the efforts of these postmasters. There has been an interdependence and mutual helpfulness, which, however beneficial to the postmaster and Congressmen, has not been good for politics in its better sense.

"A Hint to the Wise."

Inclosing remittance to renew her subscription, a good woman says: "I enjoy reading the paper better when I pay in advance, and it is as easily done. Why don't everybody try it? You expect to pay sometime, and you might just as well pay in advance and be through with it."

Henderson College.

This institution opened after the holidays with increased numbers. The percentage of students who dropped out Christmas was unusually small and new students more than enough to take their place have already entered and more will enter soon. In the boys hall every desk is taken and tables will have to be placed for those yet to come.

The preachers of the Little Rock Conference are more warmly supporting the school than ever before. This is shown not only by their increasing patronage, but by their hearty words of commendation. A number of the young men are studying for the ministry. Preparation is being made by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. to send representatives to the Student Volunteer Movement at Nashville, Tenn., the last of February.

On Sunday night, January 7th, the Methodist

Church of this place held a service of welcome for the students of Henderson College. The welcome was extended by the pastor, Rev. J. A. B. Frye and was responded to by Mr. J. M. Williams, Dean of the Faculty, on behalf of the college. Rev. J. C. Rhodes in an address of fifteen minutes represented the ministers of the Little Rock Conference. The music of the occasion was furnished by the students. The service was much enjoyed and will bring even more closely together the college and the town.

D.

Church Extension and Foreign Missions.

Our annual minutes for 1904 state the following facts as to our Foreign Missions. The number of congregations is 309, the number of church buildings 130. This leaves 179 congregations that are without a house of worship. Of the 130 churches 61 have received aid from the General Board of Church Extension. The General Board has also authorized all our Foreign Mission Conferences to use in their own bounds all they pay to the cause of Church Extension. The assessment to these Conferences was \$737 and on this assessment they paid \$1667.75. The same year they paid on their assessment for Foreign Missions \$148.11 which shows their appreciation of the importance of the Church Extension organization in their work. I call attention to this fact for the reason that some of our Home Conferences are allowing their Church Extension collection to be neglected while they are paying far more than they are assessed for Foreign Missions. I am not to be misunderstood as indicating that any of our people are doing too much for Foreign Missions, but our Church Extension collection is of so great importance to the Foreign as well as the Home Church that the same zeal and devotion to the cause of Church Extension that any of our people show for any of our church interests is due to the cause of Church Extension. I am told by those who are fully informed that our work in the Foreign Field cannot prosper without churches in which to assemble the people. The Mission and the Church Extension Boards consist largely of the same persons and they are working together and for the same ends each in its place and neglect of the demands of either is a very great embarrassment. The Board of Church Extension has always been very careful not to burden the church by increasing the assessment, and, in fact, if the assessment should be paid in full by the Conferences it would not provide more than one-half of the amount for which we are asked from year to year. I send you a letter from our Bro. W. E. Towson of our Japan Mission that your readers may see a specimen of the calls that are made upon us from our Foreign Mission Fields. (This letter will appear next week. Ed.). I hope our good people can be induced not only to agree to pay all they are assessed for Church Extension, but that large voluntary contributions shall be constantly coming into our Treasury to enable us to provide for all such calls.

P. H. Whisner, Cor. Sec.

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PERSONAL.

Bro. C. C. Green of Roe was in to see us a few minutes last week.

Rev. J. H. Barrentine, of Bay and Marked Tree Circuit, reports a good beginning for the new year.

Rev. B. B. Thomas, of Lonoke, was in for a few minutes last week. He is moving on well in his charge.

Bro. Geo. Wilkerson of Argenta called Tuesday. His health is improving, but he is not yet ready for preaching.

A good meeting has been in progress all last week in Gardner Memorial, Bro. Hall's charge, with Bro. Wooten assisting.

Rev. J. J. Lovett, formerly of the Indian Mission Conference, is now in his second year at Jackson, Mo., and speaks in high terms of his charge.

First week we had calls from Revs. D. D. Warlick, J. D. Hammons, and R. M. Traylor, who were in the city on account of the District Steward's Meeting.

Rev. W. F. Evans, of Camden, has been away at New Orleans. Writing us on his return, he says:

"The Methodist is simply excellent, and no periodical is relished more keenly. I hope to make a thorough canvass of my people for the paper before March.

On his way to Alma, Rev. H. A. Story, who is now supplying Monticello circuit, spent some time in our office Tuesday. He has heavy work before him for the year.

Bro. Fred Long reports that Rev. W. B. Wolf, our Nashville correspondent, has arranged to go next year to the World's Sunday School Convention, which meets at Rome, Italy.

On Thursday Captain C. C. Henderson, of Arkadelphia, and Bros. Geo. McGlumphy and H. M. Bruce of Gurdon met in our office to make plans for the State Sunday School work in which Bro. McGlumphy is to engage this year.

We learn through private sources that Rev. Lon H. Eakes is doing well at Siloam Springs. That is in accord with his record. Last year, if we mistake not, all purposes being considered, he raised more money in his charge than any other man in the Arkansas Conference.

Absence from our office must be our apology for not sooner expressing our sympathy with our good brother, S. B. Brownfield, Prairie Grove, who recently lost a son. We thank him for his good letter both about the departed loved one, and about the Arkansas Methodist.

In a personal note, Bro. A. M. Robertson reports that he has received a hearty welcome from the people of Washington and has an encouraging outlook for a prosperous year.

One of our staunch laymen at Harrison, Mr. Jno. S. Dodson, remitting two years' subscription, writes: "The return of Bro. Bearden has put new life into our church, and everything is moving off nicely. We appreciated his return enough to raise his salary \$100." We are obliged to Bro. Dodson for gracious words of commendation of this paper.

William Caldwell, the infant son of Brother and Sister H. C. Watson, of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, died of pneumonia Monday, January 8th. The remains were brought to Little Rock for interment. The funeral was conducted from Hunter Memorial Church, by the pastor, assisted by R. W. McKay and J. D. Hammons. Our brother and sister have our full sympathy in this sad hour.

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Deep Experiences.

The current of our daily lives does not run deep. The commonplace is our ordinary lot. It is well that it should be so. The world needs for the most part that we should go our daily rounds, doing ordinary things in ordinary ways. It needs men who plow, preach, beat out iron, build houses, go their rounds as physicians, attend to legal forms—do all the duties that pertain to the everyday life of the world. The world needs women who take care of children, cook, sweep floors, make beds, tidy up the house, and are faithful in ten thousand small ways. The one thing to be sought in all places is that we should be faithful. Fidelity in the manifold and ever-recurring commonplace duties of life, this moves the great bulk of the world's business.

Yet occasion for the heroic arises in all lives, no life can dispense with this spirit. It may not be the conspicuous heroic, for many thousands of men and women never come into the limelight, but lead lives of obscurity every day that they live at all. There is no need that any man should aspire to the conspicuous. It has been the curse of many a life that it has so aspired, that it has sought to dignify itself or to glorify itself only by doing something that attracts the public eye. Being conspicuous or being obscure are alike nothing; being heroic in fidelity, whether in a conspicuous or an obscure relation, that is the great thing.

All heroism, if it be true heroism, is a deep matter. It means that the strain is on, that the testing time is come. Your weak man will yield—and is no hero; your hero will stand the strain and is, therefore, a hero. It is precisely here, and here only, that you may know a man, the question is always, what will he do under a strain? If you can answer that, you have sounded the depths of the man.

There are many relations in which these deep experiences come. Does a man hold deep relations with his country, truly love his country? He will die for his country; his patriotism is as deep as his life. He may die as a major general, he may die as a private soldier, but he will die, if the call for his service comes; his experience being as deep and his heroism being as genuine in either case. Does a man truly love his wife or his children? He has in that love one of the deepest springs of action possible to human nature. He may never parade it, may never speak to others of its existence, but if his love be true, it is by that fact deep, deeper than life itself. He ought in all proper ways to manifest it, but the truer and deeper that love the less likely will the man be to make any blare of trumpets about it. There are some things too deep for cheap speech, for they are too sacred for it. Therefore it is that a man will not be blurting out to all the world a true love; yet if it be true, he will die for the object of it, and count it a joy to die.

Now for the point in this little essay: The deepest relation any human soul can have is the relation of that soul to God. Here are, to the soul, the most intensely individualistic, the most intensely real, and the deepest of all its experiences. Do you in your own personal and individual soul know Him? If you do, that is the deepest fact about your whole life; if you do

not, then your life has never yet sounded the depths of its own possibilities. If you do so know God, you have many deep experiences with him. For one thing, you know what it is to pray and to get the answers to your prayers. Even in the ordinary way of prayer your experiences may well be called deep. But there is one way of prayer, one result of prayer, that is peculiarly deep. Did you ever come to a great crisis in your affairs where you could see no way out, where the walls seemed to close around you, and where the skies seemed to lower over you, and all the way seemed a dark way of ruin? And did you ever at such a time strip your very soul before God, cry to him out of your depths? And did you ever get from Him an answer, stealing you knew not how into your soul, bringing complete rest of faith, the very grace of faith, in advance of a single outward manifestation of any change in anybody or anything? Blessed is the man who has had one such solitary clear experience. And if the experience has been oft repeated, that man has learned the deepest lesson in human life.

You make a great mistake, when, coming in after a hard day's toil, worn and weary, you think there is nothing so good for you as to go to bed and get a night's rest; what you most need then, and what will most refresh you is time spent in communion with God.

Our victories are to be won in prayer, before we come upon the field of battle. So Jesus won his, and was always calm in the presence of antagonisms. Chambers, Edwards and Brainerd will illustrate the principle.

If law were the expression merely of arbitrary power, sin would lose much of its heinousness; but it is because law is the expression of a heart that infinitely loves us that sin is so exceeding sinful.

A man alive to the great purpose of God in the creation of an immortal soul cannot hitch his ear to any groveling thing. Men do not harness a mogul engine to dogcarts.

Every man's freedom must ultimately be found within the man himself—If freedom the man have; therefore every man must win his own freedom.

The surest guaranty against unworthy living is the constant presence of a great purpose. It will crowd out the very thoughts of unworthy things.

We must strengthen our church institutions of learning or consent to see the church eliminated from the forces that are to make this country.

The preacher's talk and work through six days of the week should be worth more to Christ's cause than his sermon on Sunday.

Unless you watch the childhood of the church and train the youth of the church, you will soon have no church.

Letter From Japan.

L. BY MISS VIRGINIA GARNER.

During the past six weeks I have not been able to use my eyes. I have met my classes and have had my teacher come every day and talk Japanese to me, but have not been able to study or read. It has been hard to keep up my spirits during this period of enforced rest and my friends have been very kind to plan diversions for me. I have had several invitations to visit friends in different parts of our mission, but thought it best to stay and keep up my classes at least. I went to Osaka and Kyoto as they are near, and I saw much at little cost. I have staid at home so closely since I came to Japan I concluded to see something of the country

while I was slightly disabled. Last week our students went on their annual expedition to various points of interest in this part of Japan. This is a regular custom. Some of the teachers always accompany the students on a kind of travel study expedition each year. During this time I was invited to visit Mr. and Mrs. Weakly of our mission in their new home in Osaka. We spent one day at Minomo, a beautiful village in the mountains, famous for its maples. The Japanese are a nature-loving people. In the spring they go to the woods in great numbers to see the cherry blossoms, and in the autumn to see the maples. As this was the fifteenth of the month, a regular rest day, there were great crowds going on their annual pilgrimage to Minomo. When we reached the station they asked if I wished to go up to Minomo by "basha" or by jinriksha. I answered instantly, "O, by basha of course. It will seem good to ride in a carriage once more." When I saw the vehicle, I understood why the others laughed. I had looked in my dictionary for the word "basha" and thought the definition "a carriage" could be trusted. Now a Japanese "basha" is like a diminutive omnibus, capable of seating six people of very moderate size, a very rude, gaudily painted vehicle somewhat resembling a milkwagon. The driver directed all his attention toward urging on the poor horse (the first I had the pleasure of riding behind in Japan) and by his side sat our gay bugler, who discoursed sweet music all the way up the mountain. What a gay tally-ho party it was! No words can describe the beauty of Minomo. For two miles up the gorge there are maples in all their autumn glory. On one side of the rocky path toward the mountains, on the other side, far, far below the gorge all a mass of yellow and red, far below the gorge all a mass of yellow and red, and russet and green. The people in this little village, like the inhabitants of Niagara, seem to think they have a corner on the beauties of the place. On each side of the path, everywhere on the streets were little stands where pretty girls sold maple leaves, hair ornament—made of painted leaves, post cards and other interesting things; the principal being fried maple leaves. It was fascinating to see the women dip the leaves in batter, drop them in a pot of boiling oil, and watch the leaves go to the bottom of the pot, and rise again, beautifully browned. We bought several boxes of these leaves just because they are greatly appreciated by the servants at home. We tried to eat them but did not find them very palatable. We ate our own lunch in a large park where low tables were scattered about under the trees. Here pretty serving maids brought us tea, and renewed the coals in the earthen bowls. The gaily dressed pleasure-seekers seated under the maples made a picturesque sight. After climbing to the top of the hill, we hurried down in time to catch the five o'clock train. The road to the station is so long and rough that the jinriksha men employ dogs to help. I wished that the children could have seen that sight—a man holding ten or twelve dogs by strings, a howling, snarling set all eager for the run down the long hill. Here one went at breakneck speed down the three mile slope—a dog to each jinriksha. Sometimes the dogs fight. Then it is not pleasant for the rider. I think that was the only jinriksha ride I ever enjoyed fully, for I did not feel sorry for the poor fellow who was pulling. The dogs are good pullers and seem to enjoy it. I was glad to see a beast coming to the help of man in Japan. We arrived at Osaka in good time for supper and soon went to sleep. The Japanese have a very pretty custom of carrying something characteristic of the place which they visit to those who are at home. Nearly every one on the train had branches of maple leaves on their shoulders, ornaments of maple leaves in their hats, great bunches of oranges with their leaves, from the orange groves, and the ever popular

fried maple leaves. I heard many things which interested me while in the busy home of my friends, a veritable bee-hive of missionary activity. Not long ago one of Bro. Weakley's hearers told him that he had burned all his idols except one, and gave that to Mr. Weakley. I saw this horrible little household god with my own eyes. I have often heard such stories, but as I am in educational work, I do not know personally, many who actually worship heathen gods. Our work seems to be with young men who are halting between two opinions, those who no longer hold to the superstition of their ancestors, but who are either agnostic or indifferent to the Christian religion.

The next morning a man called upon Mr. Weakley, and Mrs. Weakley told me his story. It was so strange, I laughingly told her, I did not believe it. We then went into the parlor and the man told it to me himself in Japanese—most of which I could make out with the help of Mr. Weakley. He told us of his twenty-six years' groping after the faith. He was once employed as a kind of "puller in" for a low eating house, and used to tell vile stories by the hour to amuse the crowd—one of the lowest and vilest callings in Japan. When he first heard of Christianity, he went to hear the preaching because he thought there must be some kind of magic in it, which would be useful to him in his business. He was finally baptized (after about seven years) gave up his business, moved to Kobe. Then he backslid, began to drink "sake," and to lead a profligate life. Again he tried to lead a good life, but he said he served God only because he was afraid of Him—that when he heard preaching he fairly trembled with fear. He was once persecuted and driven out of a village because of his Christianity, imprisoned and maltreated in many ways. A few months afterward when the plague was raging in that village, he returned and nursed the inhabitants. By this act of self sacrifice he won their love—they built him a home and had him live with them. Then he set himself earnestly to preaching. He preached by day and practiced massage at night—thus earning his rice. He was very ignorant, so he began to learn to read so that he might read the Bible instead of having it read to him. It was not until seven years ago that he understood anything of the love of God. He went up on the mountainside to pray and after hours of prayer suddenly the love of God was revealed to him, for the first time, he had joy in believing. He is now just entering a theological school at Osaka, and at fifty is earnestly seeking better preparation to preach the gospel. He said that the other day he went to see his old uncle in whose restaurant he had worked years ago, and the old man showed him a photograph of his nephew taken when he was so wicked and said, "Now I believe in you, there surely is something in a religion which can so transform a man's countenance. He said when he saw his own photograph he was frightened at what he had been.

I don't know when I have been so impressed as with this man's story and his ignorant groping after God.

Praying for the King.

Just now Korea is the scene of perhaps the greatest political experiment of the age. For some time her weak and irresponsible government has been liable to furnish at any time a cause of pretext of war between other nations. The bone of contention, between Japan and China, between Japan and Russia, she has been a menace to the peace of the world and especially to the security of Japan. She has been in fact what her geographical position suggests "An arrow pointing to the heart of Japan."

This condition of affairs has led Japan to undertake the administration and reform of Korea—a work which certainly needs to be done,

but whether Japan has the right to do it or not remains to be seen. Her right will be established or denied as further developments reveal more clearly her methods and motives.

Meantime her task is rendered doubly difficult by the mutual distrust and hatred which exists between the Japanese and Koreans, a distrust deep in the historic relations of the two peoples. Her task is still further argued by the lawless acts of Japanese adventurers who have swarmed into the country in the last few months.

On November 17th, by means of intimidation, though without the use of actual force, Japan secured a new treaty with Korea by which the Government of Japan through the department of foreign affairs at Tokio will hereafter have control of all the international relations of Korea. In accordance with this treaty the other nations have withdrawn their ministers from Korea and the functions hitherto exercised by these officials will devolve upon their ministers or ambassadors to Japan.

Soon after the signing of this treaty three prominent Korean officials, despairing of their country committed suicide. The whole nation is agitated. One day last week Kim, our native preacher, came to me to tell the new "moksa" (missionary) of the special prayermeeting the natives desired to hold. The missionaries who know the language were away from Songdo that week, and I had some difficulty in understanding the purpose of the proposed meeting. Finally by referring to 1 Tim. 2:1 he made me understand that the native church wished to hold a series of prayermeetings for their King and country. I gave my consent and in order to show the natives my appreciation of their action I attended a part of the services of the week of prayer. I thought also that my presence might restrain them from any rash deed to which they might be inclined by the excitement of the times and prevent the Japanese from misunderstanding the purpose of the meeting and attributing to it some political significance.

I shall not soon forget those services. Thousands in this city and throughout the land were writhing beneath the shame and humiliation of their country's inglorious failure. But they could do nothing. Japanese soldiers were in every city. The Koreans were completely at their mercy. They were absolutely helpless. But this little company of sixty had learned of Him whose strength never faileth. In their country's extremity they had turned aside to plead with Him whose omnipotence they had experienced in the redemption of their lives from sin.

I could understand only a few words of Korean. No other person in the congregation could understand English. Yet I could read in the tone of the voice and in the expression of the countenance something of the feelings which moved them. There was nothing of bitterness or rashness or hate. Their petitions were filled with humility and deep sorrow, but in the midst of it all, I am sure they felt the undergirding of Christian faith and Christian hope.

As I heard the prayers of those Christians mingle with the sound of the bugles of the Japanese sentries, I felt that their faith would be honored. In spite of the corruption of the present Korean officials, Korea will in time be able to claim the promises of God. As surely as righteousness exalleth a nation, the humiliation of Korea will have an end. God must have a national mission for a people so open to the gospel, as the Koreans have become.

The ultimate results of Japan's occupation of Korea cannot be foreseen. Personally I have large hopes that the policy of Japan will be a wise and humane one, and result in permanent good to Korea. I base these hopes upon the sensitiveness of Japan to the public opinion of

Christian nations and the influence the missionaries to Japan have exerted upon the leaders of that nation.

Alfred W. Wasson.

Student Y. M. C. A.

The number of student associations, exclusive of colored and Indian, is 635. The membership has increased from 43,000 to over 47,000. This increase in membership indicates that the associations have a wider influence and are enlisting a larger number of able men.

Seven winter and summer conferences with an enrollment of 1,875 students were held at Northfield, Mass., Lakeside, Ohio, Lake Geneva, Wis., Ashville, N. C., Pacific Grove, Cal., Gearheart Park, Oregon, and Ruston, La. These conferences are increasingly useful as a means of training the students for leadership of the Christian work in the colleges.

Marked advance has taken place in the Bible study, which has been fostered by the students department. An enrollment of 30,199 has been reported. Better leadership of the classes has been developed through 136 Bible institutes and seventy normal classes for the inspiration and training of the leaders. An encouraging line of advance has been the organization of Bible classes in college fraternities and among other groups of influential students.

One new Bible study course has been printed and six are in preparation.

The growth in mission study has been greater than in any previous year. A total of 12,629 students, including young women, were enrolled in the study of missions. This and the other missionary interests of the association are especially promoted by the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign missions, which while distinct in organization from the student association movement is ultimately related to it. More students have offered themselves for foreign missionary service than in any other year since the movement was formed, while 279 have gone out to the foreign mission field, a larger number than in any previous year. The total number of volunteers who have reached the field since the movement was organized is 2,773.

A number of student association buildings have been completed during the year. The most important of these are Strathcona Hall, at McGill University, costing \$90,000; and the University of Wisconsin building, costing \$65,000. The \$50,000 building at Iowa State college and the \$12,000 building at the University of North Carolina are nearing completion, while promising building campaigns are being carried on at the University of Georgia, the University of Missouri, and the Agricultural colleges of Kansas and Oregon.

Ten student secretaries are employed by the International Committee. Of these three are engaged in general administration and office work, two in promoting Bible study, while five are in the field, four of whom are visiting institutions in Canada and the East, the South, the West and the Pacific coast, and one devoting his time to the Theological seminaries.

The World's Student Christian Federation celebrated its tenth anniversary by holding its sixth conference in Zeist, Holland. Delegates were in attendance from thirty countries, including all those composing the eleven national and international movements which constitute the Federation. The report showed that there were 1,825 societies, with over 103,000 students and professors as members. For the first time a secretary was secured to work among women students and a special committee of women was formed to direct her work.

Bishop Candler's "Great Revivals and the Great Republic," a timely book, should be read by every religious patriot. \$1.25. Anderson & Millar.

Miss Hermione Anderson.

A Tribute—I have just heard of the death of Miss Hermione Anderson, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Cotner, at Wilmar, Ark. About six weeks ago I spent the night in this home, which was quarantined two days later on account of small-pox. Since that time the entire family have had the dread disease, and Brother Cotner and Miss Hermione lost their lives, while the life of Mrs. Cotner seems to hang by a thread.

I have known these good people for some time, and I do not think I ever knew more consecrated Christians. Miss Hermione was a teacher in our Sunday school, and had a class of twenty-five young girls, and often when the Superintendent or other teachers thought the class too large, and ought to be divided, she would beg to retain them all, saying she could not spare a single one. She was the leader of our choir, and had trained a splendid junior choir, the equal of which I have never seen. She often rendered sweet solos in church, which were a great help to the meetings, and well received by the people. She was Lady Manager of the Golden Links Society (Missionary) and no one had more influence with the young people, or could lead them into a better life, than could she. Her influence was felt in all that country, for she was universally beloved by every one who knew her, for she met every one with a pleasant smile and thereby had the confidence of all. Her home was headquarters for all the preachers, and many a one who reads of her death will remember an act of kindness she has shown him.

Her love for her father was beautiful and touching, for since the children were married and gone, she felt that her life was spared in order that she might add to his happiness, which she did in every possible way.

She often spoke to me of her plans for the future, and her chief thought was "how can I best serve humanity with my life?" I have never known a more beautiful Christian character, and if she had a fault, I loved her too well to see it.

I find myself wondering how the church can get along without her, but we know that God makes no mistakes, so through our tears we can say, "Thy will be done."

I feel that I can be a more useful Christian, and be more unselfish in my service, since my life has touched hers. Mrs. A. M. Robertson. Washington, Ark.

WILSON.—Elyda, daughter of Rev. E. F. and Mrs. Willie Wilson, was born Dec. 7, 1907, baptized when four months old. Jesus called her home Sept. 20, 1905.

Elyda was religiously inclined very early. When only four she memorized the Lord's prayer and recited it in

and she would say to her Mama, "Read it again Mama."

During the meeting she went with the Christians to the altar, for prayer, her mother questioned her about it, and she answered, "Mama, I feel so good when I go up there, I don't see why everybody don't go."

Elyda suffered intensely while sick, but bore it with great patience. Jesus needed her and took her unto himself. O! how she is missed in that home she made so bright! She was so much comfort to her father, mother, and little brothers.

We laid her by the side of her little sister who preceded her to the Glory land almost a year before.

While we are so lonely without her we have the assurance that we will meet her again "some sweet day by and bye."

One who loved her,
Ida S. Cox.

GILLASPIE.—James Marvin Gillaspie, son of S. P. and Mrs. A. Gillaspie, was born at Black Springs, Ark., December 27, 1891; died at Beirne, Ark., December 31, 1905. He was dedicated to the Lord in baptism by Rev. A. D. Jenkins. Marvin was a very sweet-spirited boy, always cheerful and happy, carrying sunshine wherever he went. He was particularly devoted to his home, and especially to his mother and little sister Carrie, who preceded him to the Glory land only a few months. He loved the church, and its institutions and found much comfort in the songs he learned at church. The last song that I remember hearing him sing was No. 114 in Young People's Hymnal (No. 1.) He was the joy of his home and the pride of his parents' heart. But he is gone, we shall never see his face nor hear his voice, until we meet him on the other shore. "How blessed is the thought that lingers when loved ones cross death's sea. That when our days on earth are ended with them we'll ever be."

This body now sleeps in the cemetery at Beirne, Ark., to await the resurrection morn. May we all so live that we may meet our precious Marvin and other loved ones in the eternal City.
His Grandfather.

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HARRIS.—On Tuesday afternoon Oct. 10, 1905, after a few days of suffering, the spirit of Mrs. Frances L. Harris was borne away by white winged angels into the presence of her dear Savior.

Mrs. Harris, nee Bruce, was born April 18, 1867 in Hempstead county near what is now Blevins, Ark. In 1880, being then thirteen, she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; was married Dec. 29, 1899 to J. E. Harris, who followed her after two weeks time, two children, a father, and several brothers and sisters, one of whom is our brother, Rev. H. M. Bruce of the L. R. conference.

She lived quiet but a consistent life from her conversion till her death. A consecrated Christian, a devoted wife, a loving self-sacrificing mother, and a good and much appreciated neighbor she was. In fact her life was a blessing to her family, church and community. It was my privilege to be

her loved ones not to weep after her. "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching."

L. J. R. idling.

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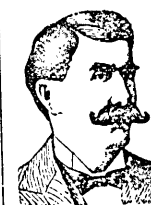
Mrs. J. B. Blakeney, living at the corner of Thirty-fourth and Cross streets, Little Rock, Ark., says: For several years my husband had spells of backache and kidney trouble, and I have seen him so bad at times that he could not turn in bed without help. To anyone who is a carpenter and has work on a building as the pain or stitch might come on severely, a bad fall might result. Having heard of Doan's Kidney Pills which we saw advertised at J. F. Dowdy's drug store, we procured a box. This one did my husband so much good that he got a second. Says he does not know how he could get along without them, as they removed the lameness from his back and corrected the action of the kidney secretions. We expect to always keep them on hand."

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Lots one (1) and two (2) in northeast quarter; and southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section six (6), township nine (9) south of range six (6) west.

The purchaser will be required to execute a bond, with surety to be approved by the Commissioner making the sale, and a lien on said property shall be retained to secure the payment of the bond thus given for the purchase money bid at such sale.

Given under my hand this the 13th day of January, 1906.

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Northeast quarter of section nineteen (19), township eighteen (18) south of range one (1) west.

The purchaser will be required to execute a bond, with surety to be approved by the Commissioner making the sale, and a lien on said property shall be retained to secure the payment of the bond thus given for the purchase money bid at such sale.

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To Home Mission Workers.

With the passing of the old year we bid adieu to the opportunities and mistakes which made it full of promise and yet regretful in retrospect. But the new year comes laden with new responsibilities and resolves to use each day in service for our Master.

We give thanks for many blessings that have come our way and that missions is the burning question of the day. We are thankful that so many of our workers are spared, also for the beautiful testimony of our co-laborers who have gone to their reward—our sisters in Christ, Mrs. A. D. Jenkins and Mrs. L. E. Knott. We know not who will be called from the ranks this year, but we hope to be ready if the summons comes.

With less than two months to complete our Home Mission year we must be zealous if we close our record with no regret. Our desire is to see the membership largely increased, for when we get our women interested in Missions then will the work progress and our Lord be glorified. Sisters, if you knew how we need you, you would make some sacrifice and join in this beautiful service. Begin the new year by joining your auxiliary or help to organize one if none exists. "The Lord hath need of you."

The reports for the three quarters have been very good but we must not lose sight of our obligations to the general work and the \$1.00 extra which goes to these connectional enterprises. We began the fiscal year with no pledge, but our obligation to pay this \$1.00 extra per member is just as binding as if we had signed a written pledge, and I hope every auxiliary will make an effort to average \$1.00 per member above dues. Our Conference officers will hail the day when all reports will come in on time and the books closed with every auxiliary enrolled. Mrs. Pemberton will consider it a loving testimonial of her more than ten years' faithful service if every auxiliary will report to her at the close of the year.

Miss McKinnon and Mrs. Kirk will be no less pleased, though new in the work, and we know an organization without funds and a proper stewardship is of little value.

Send all money to Miss Lizzie McKinnon, Lockesburg, Ark. but report your tithes to Mrs. W. A. Kirk. Soon the time will roll around for our annual meeting, let it find us ready with work well rounded out.

To each one we wish a year of joy, happiness and prosperity, not forgetting the editors of The Arkansas Methodist who have opened their pages to us for the furtherance of our cause. The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Yours in love and service, Mrs. F. M. Williams. Hot Springs, Ark.

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WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Emma E. Ledbetter, Plaintiff, vs. Alfred C. Ledbetter, Defendant.
The defendant, Alfred C. Ledbetter, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Emma E. Ledbetter.
Dec. 10, 1905. F. A. Garrett, Clerk.
Gus Fulk, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Minnie Weaver, Plaintiff, vs. G. S. Weaver, Defendant.
The defendant, G. S. Weaver, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Minnie Weaver.
Jan. 15, 1906. F. A. Garrett, Clerk.
Bradshaw, Rhoton & Helm, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
J. G. Dunaway, Attorney ad litem.

NACATEE, FLA.—I arrived just one month ago at my present field of labor. We have started out well. I have preached nine times, visited fifty families, prayed in most of their houses, received \$131 on salary, been well housed in a new parsonage, furnished throughout, have had many tokens of welcome from my people, and am praying and working for a prosperous year.

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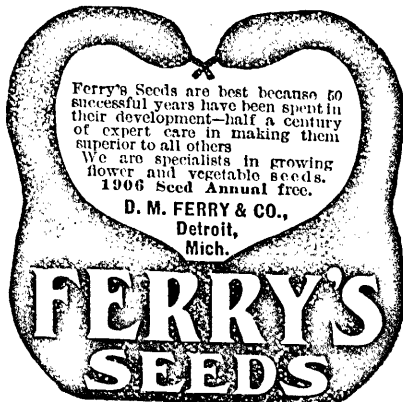
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SOCIAL HILL—By authority of Bishop Galloway we have been returned to this circuit for another year, and hope to do a good, honest, faithful year's work, the Lord helping. The good people have received us very kindly. As an evidence of their appreciation, on last Saturday evening quite a company of young people with several older ones made preacher and wife a nice donation of such things as are useful in keeping house and nourishing the physical man, all of which we highly appreciate. After the storm subsided the company were invited into another room, a lesson was read from Psalm 136, and all were invited to stand while prayer was offered by the pastor, after which we tried in our feeble way to make a short talk in token of our appreciation for them in return for their appreciation of us.

We have some as loyal Methodists in the bounds of Social Hill Circuit as can be found anywhere. We hope to be a blessing to them, and they to us. May the Lord give a good year on all lines, and may God bless the editors of the Arkansas Methodist in their arduous labors.

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KNOBEL—We have started well on Knobel Circuit this year. Just closed a twelve days' meeting at Knobel conducted by the Baptist pastor and myself, which resulted in much good, especially in creating a spirit of harmony among the church members and the two churches. One conversion with many others convicted and two accessions. The weather was very disagreeable and the Baptist pastor was taken sick, or we would have continued the meeting longer. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Bro. Z. T. Bennett, P. E. was in the chair conducting the meeting in his sweet spirited and businesslike manner. As usual his discourse was received with much interest and all were edified by it.

The outlook is fairly good for a fine year on all lines. The stewards raised the assessment to almost double what it was last year.

While the pastor and his family were seated quietly around the fire last Thursday night, some one tapped the door very gently and on opening we found a number of people, boys, girls, young ladies and the Baptist pastor, (Bro. Gibson), and wife in the crowd. They did not wait to be invited in, but just came on with arms and hands full. After prayer and a short social talk the crowd dispersed. The writer began to examine the bundles and found many good things, such as a Methodist preacher needs, as canned goods, coffee, sugar, meat, apples, potatoes, and turnips.

We are serving an appreciative people, but a part of the charge is not familiar with Methodist polity. They need to organize. I reached a place last night where there was some sickness in the town and arriving late found no fire, so I acted as janitor and afterward a small crowd came. We preached, guided by the Holy Spirit, and after the service one young lady came forward and began to talk about her condition. She said she was not living right and wanted to do better. Seeing her penitent heart I began to talk to her and she gave her heart to God just then and there. I am glad that he can save at any time and place. All praise to Him.

We are working and praying for many souls this year. We ask the prayers of every one that prays.

Edw. Forrest, P. C.

STRONG—Perhaps a note from Strong will be interesting to your readers. This is a new town—so new that it is not in any map of Arkansas that I have seen. Yet a more thriving, pushing business town I have not seen. The Methodists are a noble band. We have been accorded a royal reception. We have a church and parsonage that would be a credit anywhere. We have been here just three weeks. The first thing we did was to organize our women into a Home Mission Society. They went in with great zeal. Since they organized they have already put over one hundred dollars worth of values in the church and

parsonage, and all paid for. And today (Sunday) was a great day for our church. We took thirteen of the leading citizens into the church. And the enthusiasm in the congregation was at high tide. We have started in for a great year's work, and the Lord has blessed us abundantly in the beginning. We look forward with great pleasure to the coming two weeks hence, of Dr. Riggins, P. E., who is accounted in these parts as one of the great men of Methodism. I take great pleasure in recommending the Methodist to our people, because you are giving us a most interesting and valuable paper. I am urging all of my people to take it, which many of them are doing. It was a great cross to us to leave Texarkana, because there we had made some of the dearest friends of a lifetime. We never expect to be associated with three nobler men than B. A. Few, James Thomas and J. R. Sanders; Bro. Thomas still holds the field, but he will have to go next fall. God bless him, he has a warm place in our hearts. Already we are in love with Strong and feel that we are associated in the Camden District with as noble a band of preachers as the kingdom of God affords. J. C. Hooks, P. E.

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CHIDESTER—I have made a fine start on my new work. Have had the usual pounding. The stewards have made an assessment of \$400 for their P. C. The people seem to be satisfied with their preacher and the preacher is delighted with his people. Wife's health is much improved since we came to Chidester.

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HOLLY GROVE—After spending sometime in Tennessee and Kentucky, visiting our parents, we are back at our work.

Our charge underwent some changes at the Conference. We have two country churches with Holly Grove instead of Holly Grove and Marvell.

The ladies put the parsonage in order, after the disorder caused from painting, before our return. We now have one of the nicest and most comfortable of parsonages. We have thoroughly overhauled the house during the past year. We have painted it inside and out and repapered where needed. The young people with their smiles and good cheer called on the night of our return home. They brought all sorts of eatables also a nice present each for the pastor and wife. There was something from almost every home in our town. We highly appreciated this valuable pounding.

Early Tuesday morning January 9, I had the pleasure of pronouncing the ceremony that joined, in holy wedlock, Mr. E. E. Trotter and Mrs. H. N. Washington, both of Holly Grove.

We wish for them a pleasant and successful voyage together.

We hope to put new life into our Leagues and Sunday Schools this year. Boone L. Wilford, P. C.

UNCONSCIOUS POISONING

How it Often Happens From Coffee.

"I had no idea," writes a Duluth man, "that it was coffee I had been drinking all my life that was responsible for the headaches which were growing upon me, for the dyspepsia that no medicines would relieve, and for the acute nervousness which unfitted me not only for work but also for the most ordinary social functions.

"But at last the truth dawned upon me. I forthwith bade the harmful beverage a prompt farewell, ordered in some Postum and began to use it. The good effects of the new food drink were apparent within a very few days. My headaches grew less frequent, and decreased in violence, my stomach grew strong and able to digest my food without distress of any kind, my nervousness has gone and I am able to enjoy life with my neighbors and sleep soundly at nights. My physical strength and nerve power have increased so much that I can double the work I used to do, and feel no undue fatigue afterwards.

"This improvement set in just as soon as the old coffee poison had so worked out of my system as to allow the food elements in the Postum to get a hold to build me up again. I cheerfully testify that it was Postum and Postum alone that did all this, and when I began to drink it I 'threw physic to the dogs.' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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AMITY—We were kindly received by the people of this charge for this the third year. We arrived on Wednesday after the adjournment of Conference on Tuesday, and on Thursday night, just after prayer-meeting, a cloud began to rise, and in a few minutes it had struck the parsonage, but not with such terrific force as to bring wreckage and ruin. But behind the cloud there were happy hearts and smiling faces of boys and girls, and even a few older ones, headed by Brother Weisner, the pastor of the M. E. Church. After they had unloaded themselves of their burdens, we spent a little while in social conversation, prayer and songs, and then the cloud seemed to scatter, and left this writer and his family happier, and with greater determination to prove our appreciation for the good things brought by a better service than ever. Our first Q. C. was held yesterday morning. Our new P. E., Rev. B. A. Few, was with us, looking well after the interests of the church. The reports show signs of improvement, and a hopeful sign of a genuine revival of religion. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the P. C. and we start out to make this the best year of our life. We hope to do something for the Arkansas Methodist soon.

J. J. Colson, P. C.

CORNING—We have been most cordially received on our return to this very pleasant charge.

Our congregations are large. All lines of Church work move off encouragingly. Our Sunday-school deserves the banner. It contributed more to missions than any other school in the White River Conference, and raised more for all purposes than any other in the Conference, except the Sunday-School at Helena.

The official board of our Church has kindly increased the salary of the pastor again. This they have done each year since I came here, and have over paid the assessment each time.

Our people are much pleased to have Dr. Bennet as Presiding Elder again. He is magnifying his office.

A. E. Holloway, P. C.

TILLAR—We arrived at Tillar a few days after Conference, in a rain which continued for several days. We are now well fixed in a good comfortable parsonage. Have filled the first round of appointments and am beginning to feel at home.

It is a little hard to leave people with whom you have been associated for four years, but it breaks the monotony and has a degree of interest to meet new people and make new friends of them. I don't believe that any man on earth is held in higher esteem by his constituency, than is the Methodist preacher, and he would be an ingrate if he did not appreciate it. A "beloved" said to me, "You have a way of tying people on to you and you not becoming tied to them." The "beloved" just did not know my

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heart, the bond of Christian friendship, to me, is one of the most sacred ties on earth.

Rev. E. F. Wilson and family, my predecessors, are held in high esteem for the good work done by himself and good wife. The good people of the Tillar charge have received us with an enthusiasm that is calculated to inspire our best effort.

On Dec. 27, we were entertained at the home of Rev. John Dickson, the pioneer Local Elder of this country. It was his 78th birthday. He has been preaching for half a century, was at one time a member of the Little Rock Conference. He has been in the habit for years of preaching on or near his birthday an anniversary sermon at his home church here at Selma, but this time he was too hoarse from cold, so I took his place the 5th Sunday. Long may he live to be a real power in the church of God.

This, perhaps is the strongest circuit in the Conference, financially. May it be made one of the strongest charges spiritually.

There is plenty of work to do. Our First Quarterly Conference will be next Saturday. I am anxious to meet all of my official board together and get organized for the year's work.

I do hope and pray that this may be a great year in the salvation of souls in our bounds as well as the length and breadth of this earthly domain of our Father.

W. W. Christie, P. C.

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I am out of debt, thanks to the Dish-washer business. In the past three months I have made \$600.00 selling Dish-washers. I never saw anything sell so easily. Every family needs a Dish-washer and will buy one when shown how beautifully it will wash and dry the family dishes in two minutes. I sell from my own house. Each Dish-washer sold brings me many orders. The dishes are washed without wetting the hands. That is why ladies want the Dish-washer. I give my experience for the benefit of any one who may wish to make money easy. I buy my Dish-washers from the Mound City Dish-washer Co., 3685 B. L. Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Write them for particulars. They will start you in business in your own home. L. A. C.

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PARK AVE., HOT SPRINGS.

—Our work is starting off better this year than any previous year. This is my third year on this charge. I have had no "easy going thing" here and see not many "easy things" ahead of me. But the people on this charge have been very good to me, and God has greatly blessed our labors as we have in our weakness tried to serve Him. By God's help I expect to remain at my post until those in authority tell me to go elsewhere. The people here show their love by many tokens. Saturday evening a party conducted by Miss Della Dodson came to the parsonage and brought many wholesome things to eat. My people have been giving me two and three poundings each year.

Plans are being made to make decided material improvements which we much need. We are hoping and praying and working for a great year. We hope to have you come over to see us this year.

Jesse L. Leonan, P. C.

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And on the same week there comes from the good women of Winslow a beautiful quilt.—A Christmas Gift. May God abundantly bless all dear friends and help us to be faithful in all our works.—O. H. Tucker.

WINFIELD MEMORIAL:—I left Prescott in time to preach here the first Sunday after Conference. Bro. Thornburgh and his good wife gave me a home until my family came the next week. I have never had a warmer welcome. These people have vied with each other in showing us kindness. The board of Stewards at their first meeting determined to furnish the parsonage and so it was done handsomely. We are comfortable and delighted. The good women of the Missionary Societies and the League gave the pastor and his family a reception that was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The official board at its last meeting determined to make some needed repairs on the church and this year to pay the notes now due on the parsonage. I am sure that what this board determines will be done and well done. Our congregations are good. Our Sunday School and League the best I have ever seen and both are growing with a steady, healthy growth. We have received 24 into the church. We are praying for and expecting great things this year. It does me so much good to hear so many nice things said about P. C.

their former pastors. R. W. McKay
TEXARKANA:—Thinking a field note from this charge would interest brethren, is my excuse for writing.

We were received for the fourth and last year gladly and warmly by the membership of First Church and the citizenship generally of the town.

We were never more kindly treated and more generally appreciated. God has used us in a marvelous manner in the leading of this church to victory in many ways. The great feature of this year's work is the dedication of our church. When I came here we borrowed \$5,000. from the Church Extension Board which is due this year. It will be paid and Bishop Galloway promises to dedicate the Church for us when we are ready. In addition we have bought two lots adjoining the Church for a parsonage. When the Church is ready they will build a parsonage in keeping with the Church.

The Congregations are large. The Sunday School is growing. The Epworth League is doing good work. The women in both the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies are well organized and stand at the head of the work in this state. The young people and children are organized into Missionary Societies and God is blessing them. But best of all, the Holy Spirit is honoring the preached word and souls are being saved and the church is growing. This will be the busiest year of my life, and in consequence, I shall be unable to assist the brethren in meetings, who are already calling on me for dates. I pray that this year may be the best year any of us have ever spent as itinerant preachers. Bro. Dean is taking hold at Fairview and the people are expecting a good year. Bro. Chapman transferred from Mississippi, is at College Hill. I think Mississippi has lost one of her best young men and the Little Rock Conference has gained a noble spirit. I know the brethren will be pleased with him. He has a wife, and unless this scribe is mistaken she is a real helpmeet. Bro. Turrentine, pastor of the Central (State Line) Church is in the second week of a meeting led by

Evangelist Andrews. They seem to be reaching the people. Texarkana is fast growing to be the city of beautiful churches. Since conference was held here two magnificent structures are nearing completion just above me at 6th St.—Baptist, two blocks; Presbyterian, three blocks.

Jas. Thomas.

FAYETTEVILLE STATION:—

The new year has begun with pleasing prospects for our Methodism in this city. Every department of the church is well organized and very active. The Sunday school is prospering under the wise leadership of Prof. J. H. Reynolds. Prof. G. W. Droke's great class of young men is an inspiration to the entire school. We have the largest League in the conference, and a host of young people attend the services. Brother K. C. Key has been the enthusiastic president for several years. We have placed an order with the Estey Organ Co., for a \$3,000 pipe organ, to be installed by May 1. We have recently had with us for two services Rev. C. B. Mosley, of Japan. His visit proved a great pleasure and inspiration. News reaches us of the hearty reception accorded Rev. William Sherman all over the district. The Arkansas Methodist occupies a large place among our Fayetteville Methodists.

P. C. Fletcher.

VILONIA:—We have every token that we have been gladly received on the El Paso charge for the third year. Besides the many expressions of hearty appreciation, we were made the recipients of a nice pounding a few days ago. This consisted of many of the delicacies and substantial of life. These were gathered up and brought to the parsonage by our friends, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterians. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon these good people. We have tried to express our appreciation in words to our friends, but hope it may find better expression in a life of humble, helpful service.

We are delighted over the prospect of a good year. In the two years we have served this charge, we have added one hundred and thirty to the membership of our church. I am planning and praying that this may be the best year of the three spent on the El Paso charge. May the Lord bless the Methodist and all of its readers.

J. E. Buchanan, P. C.

HOLLY SPRINGGS:—Our little town was made sad last Friday morning by the death of the sixteen year old son of Bro. William Head. It was a very unexpected event to all, although he had been ill for some weeks. This charge has also lost one of its most useful men since conference, in the person of Bro. John Mann. We have taken up our work where we left off when we started to the Annual Conference, and all things are going on smoothly so far as I can see.

I am expecting a great ingathering of souls this year.

The Arkansas Methodist is giving satisfaction in my field.

John D. Dunn.

ARGENTA:—At the last session of the White River Conference, I was appointed by Bishop Galloway, to the pastorate of Dye Memorial First Church, Argenta. The Sunday following the Conference, I was on hand and filled my pulpit morning and night, and returned the following day to Crawfordville, packed my goods, and moved the latter part of the week. We are now comfortably domiciled in the parsonage, and the people have received us kindly, and pounded us mercifully, for all of which we are truly grateful. The outlook for the year's work is hopeful, and by the help of God we expect to succeed. Our congregations are increasing every Sunday. Had a fine congregation yesterday, and I trust, profitable services. I received five into the church by certificate, baptized one sweet little child, reorganized the choir, and elected an organist for the year.

S. L. Cochran.

A Question of Privilege.

In the printed minutes of our last Annual Conference I notice a mistake in the figures of the stations which fails to give to Clarendon station due credit for all she raised during the year. In the item, "For other objects," the print is only \$84.32, which should have been printed \$884.32. The mistake reads, "raised for all purposes during the year, \$1,543.72," when it should be, raised for all purposes, \$2,343.72. The Junior Epworth League alone raised over \$120.00 during the year which is considerably more than \$84.32. In the year 1904 Clarendon raised for all objects \$2,218.33 which exceeds any of her previous years. And last year (1905) she went beyond the 1904 record to \$2,343.72.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. R. Branson.

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LOST EYESIGHT Through Coffee Drinking.

Some people question the statements that coffee hurts the delicate nerves of the body. Personal experience with thousands prove the general statements true and physicians have records of great numbers of cases that add to the testimony.

The following is from the Rockford, Ill., Register-Gazette:

Dr. William Langhorst of Aurora has been treating one of the queerest cases of lost eyesight ever in history. The patient is O. A. Leach of Beach county, and in the last four months he has doctored with all the specialists about the country and has at last returned home with the fact impressed on his mind that his case is incurable.

A portion of the optic nerve has been ruined, rendering his sight so limited that he is unable to see anything before him, but he can see plainly anything at the side of him.

There have been but few cases of its kind before and they have been caused by whisky or tobacco. Leach has never used either, but has been a coffee drinker and the specialists have decided that the case has been caused by this. Leach stated himself that for several years he had drank three cups of coffee for breakfast, two at noon and one at night. According to the records of the specialists of this country this is the first case ever caused by the use of coffee.

The nerve is ruined beyond aid and his case is incurable. The fact that makes the case a queer one is that the sight forward has been lost and the side sight has been retained. According to the doctor's statement, the young man will have to give up coffee or the rest of his sight will follow and the entire nerve be ruined. —Register-Gazette.

Let it be remembered that the eyes may be attacked in one case and the stomach in another, while in others it may be the kidneys, heart, bowels or general nervous prostration. The remedy is obvious and should be adopted before too late. Quit coffee, if you show incipient disease.

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WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Jennie B. White, Plaintiff, vs. T. B. White, A. J. Mercer, W. E. Lenon and People's Savings Bank, Defendants.
The non-resident defendant, T. B. White, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days to answer the cross-complaint of the defendants, W. E. Lenon, A. J. Mercer and the People's Savings Bank, filed against him in this court.

F. A. Garrett, Clerk.
Bradshaw, Rhoton & Helm, Solicitors for Defendants.
J. G. Dunaway, Attorney ad litem.

To the W. F. S. of the White River Conference.

My Dear Sisters—I send the reports of Corresponding Secretary an Treasurer with an appeal from our president. Note all carefully. 1st qr. dues, \$104.65; Miss Case's salary, \$74.35; 2nd quarter dues, \$117.25; Miss Case's salary, \$194.15; 3rd. quarter dues, \$119.01; Miss Case's salary, \$251.43; a total of \$860.73. Last year we raised for all purposes, \$1,850.50. A friend paid Mrs. Brown's salary. We have 18 adult and 12 Y. P. and Jun. Auxiliaries. Several have been organized this year, but as many have suspended.

Yours in the work,

Mrs. Mary A. Neill,
Conf. Cor. Sec.

My Dear Sisters:—The report of our Treasurer for the first, second and third quarter is before me. To equal the record made the last two years, we must raise nearly one thousand dollars by March the first.

Shall we fall behind in our dues and in Miss Case's salary? I hear a very emphatic *no* rolling up from every auxiliary, and I have only to give you this information to arouse every auxiliary, every woman to increased liberality.

Everywhere the open doors invite us to greater efforts, to more consecrated living and giving, to deeper sympathy with the unsaved, to a more constant and tender telling of Christ's life, love and saving power. If you and I cannot carry in person the glad story, how blessed are we to have ourselves represented by others, while we strengthen their hands and encourage their hearts by our means and prayers.

By lessening our contributions, we say that so far as we are concerned, the work may be restricted to narrower limits. To give only as heretofore we say that we are satisfied to have just so much of the world saved. But I am sure that every woman of the White River Conference will be ready to say: "No restrictions; no barely holding our own; we must have an extension of God's Kingdom, a pushing forward into the regions beyond until we can sing Christ is Lord of every land."

Will our membership be increased? Will we come to March the first with an increase in dues, with Miss Case's salary paid, with conference expense funds in full?

The seven-hundred and fifty dollars given by our friend for the support of Mrs. Brown in Brazil has all been sent in. Let us emulate him in our offerings, and bring God's benedictions upon our souls. With love, I remain, Your co-worker,

Mrs. S. H. Babcock.
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Joshua Ruddle, Plaintiff, vs. Francis Ruddle, Defendant.
The defendant, Francis Ruddle, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Joshua Ruddle.

F. A. Garrett, Clerk.
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bles to sand. For the strongest Will Power CAN NOT conquer that devouring thirst, the trembling craving that is voiced by every nerve-cell of the helpless, hopeless victim of inebriety—the condition that leaves man no longer master of himself, but a half-crazed martyr to perverted appetite.

Advice and kindly words will not help your afflicted friend, any more than a straw will save a drowning man. What you must do to rescue him is to "throw out the life-line," in the shape of an actual, tangible CURE for the disease.

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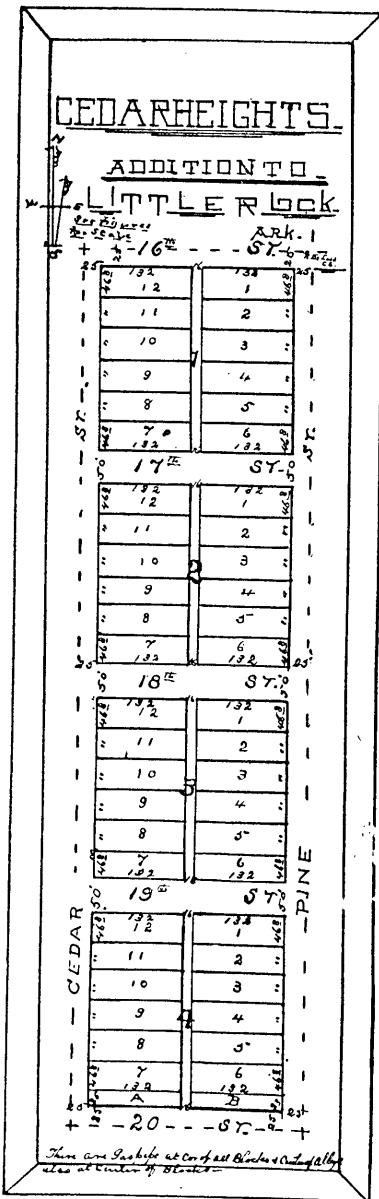
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To the Preachers of the Little Rock Conference.

Dear Brethren:—At our last session a resolution was passed that each pastor during the month of February should take a collection in every congregation for the American Bible Society. Brethren, don't neglect this important collection.

J. M. G. Douglas, Treasurer.
Bearden, Ark.

BEARDEN AND THORNTON
—The Board of Stewards for Bearden and Thornton Circuit, met Dec. 28, and made the assessment for this year. They raised the pastor's salary \$100 over last year. This could be and ought to be one of the strongest circuits financially (if not the strongest) in the conference. I have been traveling 38 years, and when this circuit rises to its possibilities financially, I know of none

that I would prefer to this. Brethren, let us go up and possess the land, for we are fully able.

J. M. G. Douglass, P. C.

FORDYCE—We have entered upon our second year at Fordyce quite auspiciously. We have been kindly received, and have had a good beginning. As an evidence of the good will of the people towards their pastor and confidence in their own ability and obligations to enlarge, the salary was fixed at \$1,000 for this year, which is a raise of \$100. This was done cheerfully and of their own motion. This gives a value to the deed, which otherwise it would not have.

It is not common to report "poundings" by churches of the size and importance of this one, but I feel constrained to ignore whatever of delicacy there may be in the matter to say that on New Year's evening our parsonage was "stormed" but our good people, who came overflowing with good cheer and a most substantial "pounding." While Fordyce is in the habit of doing such generous things, and doing them well, at the same time the "surprise" was most complete—we were not looking for it at that time. "Surprise" is one of the elements of real success when pounding the preacher. As might have been guessed, this one was an all round success. We spent an enjoyable hour together, which we closed with reading of the Scriptures and prayer to the Father of lights from whom cometh every good gift. May He greatly bless my people in basket and store. While I am engaged in the pleasant task of lauding my flock I will say that I have never before served a church where such a proportion of the membership contributed to the "Conference Collections." I spent but a few days, counting full time, raising my collections last fall. But one member of my church refused to pay anything. The others paid freely and without any haggling about the matter. You may expect such a church as this to soon enter upon the obligation to support a missionary in a foreign field.

We are organizing, and otherwise putting our forces in shape for a good and a successful year's work.

The Camden District Conference will meet with us this year. At that time we shall expect the pleasure of entertaining the Editors of The Methodist.

A. P. Few, P. C.

Program

SEARCY DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING, AT CABOT, JAN. 30-31, 1906.

Tuesday.

9:30 a. m.—Opening Exercises, Rev. J. D. Sibert, P. E.

10:00 a. m.—How and when to hold Revivals, Revs. T. J. Taylor, D. W. Pope and J. A. Roberts.

11:00 a. m.—Opening Sermon, Rev. F. R. Noe.

2 p. m.—Devotional service, Rev. J. E. Buchanan.

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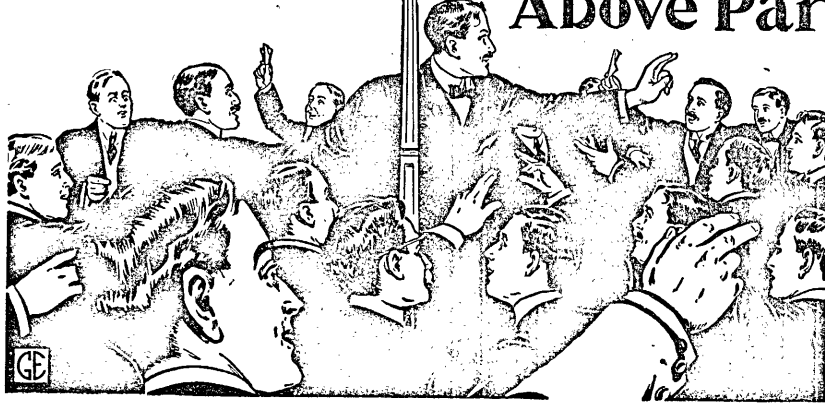
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2:15 p. m.—How to promote the Epworth League, Rev. W. H. Woodfin.

2:45 a. m.—How to secure trained workers for our Sunday School, Revs. W. Fred Long and Frank Barret.

3:30 p. m.—How to organize a W. H. M. Society.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. James A. Anderson.

Wednesday.

9 a. m.—Devotional service, Rev. W. D. Ellis.

9:15 a. m.—What constitutes a Pastoral Visit, Rev. M. B. Umsted.

10:00 a. m.—When and how to administer church discipline and who is responsible, Rev. S. L. Cochran, Rev. S. F. Brown.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. A. M. R. Branson.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional service, Rev. J. H. Gibson.

2:15 p. m.—How and when to secure conference collections, Revs. H. H. Hunt, W. E. Hall and R. H. Grisseitt.

2:45 p. m.—Character of sermons needed, Rev. M. B. Umsted and J. G. Parker.

3:15 p. m.—How I prepare my sermons, General Discussions.

7:30 p. m.—Missionary sermon, Rev. Frank Barret.

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