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Live Up to It. (From the Episcopal Methodist.) What is your idea of a true Christian life? Do not mean an ideal, but a practical life, as there are so many who make a standard in other respects far too high and in others too low.

Bearing Witness. (From the St. Louis Advocate.) Preaching is bearing witness, declaring testimony. The divine presence is to have the whole gospel incarnated and vitalized in a personal experience, and then to declare it.

Remember Them. (From the Alabama Advocate.) It is poor economy, not to say unjust, to hold your pastor at arm's length and withhold your contributions till you have tried him several months and decided whether he suits you.

A General Marriage Law. (From the Central Methodist.) Few things are more imperiously demanded than a universal marriage law for this country, so that the rite of matrimony cannot be performed in one state under one condition, and in another state under another one.

Give Your Heart a Chance. (From the Wesleyan Advocate.) Culture of intellect and society, education for business and for politics of citizenship, you need and must have, if you are to be a well made man.

Preachers and the Class. (From the Nashville Advocate.) We believe that many of our preachers need the class-meeting in their pastoral life, to bring them into closer spiritual contact and sympathy with the people of their charges.

Keep It Out of Politics. (From the Arkansas Methodist.) There is no hope for the temperance cause in this independent line of action. If, as individual temperance workers or as an organization, we are ready to sacrifice our sentiments and principles to advance party political interests, we may as well give up the cause.

Cut This Out. (From the Richmond Advocate.) We reprint the stirring words of Bishop McTear. Use the scissors at once before the paper is mangled. Clip out the paragraph, and paste or pin it in the crown of your hat.

Methodist Personal. (From the Richmond Advocate.) We must begin the year by putting a Methodist paper in every Methodist home. Ignorance and indifference can only be removed by sowing the church with literature.

Southern Methodism. There was an increase in the baptism of infants last year in the Memphis Conference of 113; South Georgia Conference, 118; South Carolina Conference, 420-437; were baptized in the three conferences.

Wages of Dead Seamen. There is now in the registry of the United States Circuit Court in New York awaiting claimants upwards of \$15,000, wages due sailors who have died on shipboard or been lost at sea.

London's Population. The population of London has almost doubled since the year 1800. The course of forty-one years, whereas the population of the rest of England has taken fifty-seven years to multiply in an equal degree.

Canibals of New Guinea. A shipwrecked sailor, who has just escaped from New Guinea, gives a thrilling account of the perils and horrors he encountered among the savages.

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Personal. Joseph Cook is lecturing on the "Mormon Canon." Dr. S. Irons Prime has been editor of the New York Observer since 1840.

Chinese Gordon. Gen. Charles Gordon, generally known as "Chinese Gordon," was only thirty years old when placed in command of a division of the Chinese army.

Balance of Trade. The balance of trade for the year 1883 is more than \$100,000,000 in favor of the United States.

New York Debt. The net debt of New York City is over \$92,000,000, and yet it has been decreasing steadily since 1870.

Whisky Did It. Two hundred men, recently discharged by the contractors on the Oregon Railroad, indulged in a long debauch at Pendleton, and then left a mail train which refused to take them free to Portland.

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On Jan. 31 the south bound accommodation train on the Chicago Air-line, seven miles from Indianapolis, at Broad Ripple, White river, went through the bridge. In five minutes the train was in flames. Six were killed; others may die.

A committee, representing different labor organizations, from Pittsburg, are in Washington urging the passage of a bill restricting the importation of foreign labor under the contract system.

Gen. Wallace, American Minister at Constantinople, has demanded from the Porte indemnity of £2000 on account of the alleged illegal arrest of Dr. Flaurn, an American, by the governor of one of the provinces.

Fred Douglas, aged sixty-five, has married a white woman, aged thirty-five, and the colored people are denouncing him as disloyal to his race. His leadership with them is ended.

Abraham Haward, author, aged 80, died in London Feb. 3. On one of the mountains in South Wales there lives a poor blind miner.

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The Louisiana Conference, M. E. Church, South, at its late session passed a resolution providing for the support of the aged and infirm members of the church.

The following are the statistics of the recent Florida Conference: Local preachers, 116; members, 11,531; infants baptized, 670; adults, 37; number of Sunday-schools, 197; Sunday-school teachers, 1,073; Sunday-school scholars, 6,869; collected for the superannuated preachers, and the widows of preachers, \$1,081.

The German Mission Conference, which embraces Texas and Louisiana, at its late session reported a membership of 1328. The receipts for foreign missions were \$1,094.50. The average for missions, including the domestic work, was \$1.59 per member.

On a recent Sunday the Granby Street Church, Norfolk, Va., Dr. Sled, pastor, raised \$6,000 for church extension, missions and other objects.

The Colorado Methodist, published at South Pueblo, has been enlarged, and is under the editorial charge of Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan and W. J. Jackson.

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