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General News.

We begin this week, our column of General News. Our readers must bear with us for a season. Remember we are new hands at the front. We will try to improve from week to week, and make this column attractive to you, as well as the column of State News. We begin with the following from the N. O. Times-Democrat:

"How much business Congress is invited to attend to, and how little of this it really transacts, is well illustrated in the fact that while more than 11,000 bills have been offered during the present session of seven months—7620 in the House and 3450 in the Senate—only 122 have passed, or about one in ten of those introduced. And the far greater number of these are unimportant, except as they call for the expenditure of money, only twenty-two being of general interest.—Chief among these, according to the Chicago Times, are the ones "to protect the fisheries of the Atlantic coast; to reduce postage on transient newspapers; to make public roads and highways postroads; to establish a bureau of animal industry and to relieve the shipping interests." To which may be added, the appropriation for the relief of the flood sufferers, the loan to the Exposition, and the Mexican War pension.

Among the matters which came up and were defeated are the Morrison tariff bill and the free ships bill. The Kelley bill, for the suspension of the coinage of silver dollars, and the McPherson and Potter bill; to prevent the contraction of the circulation of the national banks, never even reached Congress for consideration. The postal telegraph bill is threatened with defeat; and the anti-Mormon bill is not as yet definitely passed.

In comparison with previous Congresses, therefore, the present one has not done much business, but it can claim the credit of having done very well by doing very little and refusing to pass some particularly bad measures. The country has learned that the best Congress is not that which legislates most and passes the most bills; but that which considers each measure carefully, and passes only the good ones. This can, with perfect justice, be said of the Congress soon to adjourn."

The National Democratic Convention has given no certain indications of who they will nominate up to this writing. Perhaps we will be able to tell our readers before going to press this week. One thing we can venture in advance—he will be a very great man with the Democrats, a very small one with the Radicals, and the worst abused man in this country, except Mr. Blaine. We hope moderation will rule the hour.

Congress is now pushing through its business with great rapidity, and we think with undue haste. This is the case with most deliberative and legislative bodies in Church and State. They postpone the most important business to the close.

President Arthur has vetoed the bill for the relief of Gen. Fitz John Porter. A great error, we think, is thus committed, and a true, brave man injured.

The financial crisis still increases; the money market is stringent, and our people must buy scantily and practice a rigid economy.

Hons. Thos. A. Hendricks and Dan W. Voorhees are delegates to Chicago from Indiana. A strong team.

No serious outbreaks or epidemics in any part of our country.

Asiatic cholera has broken out at Toulon, France.

The hostility of the Russians against the Jews continues.

State News.

Weather warm everywhere.

Judicial Convention at Brinkley on the 9th. Hot time expected.

So far as heard from, our people are delighted with the nominees of the State Convention.

Fort Smith District Conference at Booneville, commencing on Thursday night, the 17th inst.

The Arkansas River at Canyon City, Col., was higher than ever known before; so we may still expect another rise.

The Knights and Ladies Mutual Aid Society, of Arkansas, has been consolidated with the Mutual Benefit Life, of Hartford.

Hon. S. P. Hughes was prevented from going to Judsonia on the 4th, by the illness of his son, whose death is announced elsewhere.

Jonesboro District Conference at Gainesville, was a grand affair, and we were sorry we could not enjoy it; but our junior had a good time.

The Russellville Democrat has a strong article on the "Born Teacher," by Prof. Shinn. We never saw that teacher. All we have ever seen were made by very hard work.

Col. Jno. M. Moore, of Little Rock, is now chairman of the executive committee of the democratic party of this State. He is a very strong and very able man.

Dr. H. R. Withers will soon commence a series of articles on Temperance in the Hempstead Telegraph. I dare say they will be rich, racy and strong. He is a vigorous writer.

The late Sheriff of Garland county, Hon. J. H. Nicholls, is said to be far behind in his accounts, and a heavy deficiency with the public school fund. This is to be regretted. His securities are good.

Some people are trying to injure Hon. Jno. G. Fletcher by saying he will run as an independent candidate for Governor. We have not, nor will we take part in party politics, but we will risk saying that is not true. He is not that sort of a man.

Brother Colburn, of the Ozark Democrat, is in a big controversy with some organization called B. of D. Don't understand it, but I guess C. will not be second best when it is over. Keep cool, brother. Shall we send you some ice?

Our Little friend, Miss Daisy Garland, daughter of Senator Garland, was awarded a certificate of distinction at the closing exercises of Woodward institute, Washington, D. C., at the close of the last term. I congratulate Miss Daisy. W.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Johnnie, son of Gen. S. P. Hughes, of this city. The sweet boy left earth for heaven last Friday. It is a great loss to the parents, but a greater gain to the child. We extend our hearty sympathy. Sorry we were absent when sent when sent for.

Searcy can boast of two as lively papers as can be found in the State—The Beacon and Enterprise would do credit to any city in the country. The Enterprise of last week has a fine sketch of Hon. S. P. Hughes, the Democratic nominee for Governor. We wish both papers success.

The celebration of the 4th, at Hot Springs was a very grand affair, if we leave off the "Ball" at night. The procession was a great credit to the city of Hot Water, and the military companies acquitted themselves to the delight of all. The fireworks were splendid, but the ball was out of time and out of taste, and no lady was benefited by it. To say the least of it, dancing is a silly amusement.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy gave my people a fine sermon last Sunday.

Bishop Parker is at home in New Orleans, resting, after his laborious trip to Texas.

Bishop J. C. Granbery starts to Montana this week. We wish him a pleasant trip and safe return.

Rev. J. M. Clarke was in Helena last week. He is well reported of on his district, and is doing a fine work.

Rev. J. M. Cline, from the Gallaway circuit, called this week. Many thanks for kind words and promise of help.

Rev. John H. Dye, our fine looking junior, returned in good time from Gainesville, and reported a grand time.

Rev. E. M. Bounds, of St. Louis, is now in Arkansas, attending District Conferences. We hope to see him next week.

Rev. H. H. Watson, of Benton circuit, gave us a call this week. He is one of our best workers. He gave promise of help.

Rev. A. D. Jenkins is at Hot Springs bathing in the thermal waters. He is a fine specimen of a working preacher, and a useful one.

Rev. M. M. Blanton, of Kentucky, was in Little Rock last Sabbath, and preached for Dr. Kennedy, of the 2d Presbyterian church.

Our Junior and Hon. Geo. Thornburg will represent White River Conference at Baltimore next Christmas. It will be well done.

Rev. C. O. Steele, and family are at Washington, among old friends.—They are seeking health and rest. He is well spoken of by the people of Hot Springs.

Rev. Jno. J. Jenkins and family are at Hot Springs, seeking health in those healing waters. Prof. Garner and family are with them. They are all great friends to the METHODIST.

Rev. Andrew Hunter is the clerical and Dr. J. C. McAlmont the lay delegate to the Centennial Conference, to convene at Baltimore next Christmas. Little Rock Conference will be ably represented by these brethren.

Mrs. Mary W. Loughborough is editor of the Ladies Department of the Rural and Workman. She is eminently qualified for the position. She is one of the most gifted writers of the state.

Dr. John E. Edwards is booked for a dedicatory sermon at Jarratts depot, Sussex Co., Va., July 16th. Don't I wish that this writer could be there. I was a boy in old Sussex, when that depot was established.

Rev. Dr. R. N. Sledd, of Granby Street Church, Norfolk, has been given a six weeks vacation. Hope he will enjoy the vacation. We will let our folks off without the vacation, if they will attend church and pay up.

"The ARKANSAS METHODIST has been purchased by Rev. Jno H. Dye, of the White River Conference, and Rev. A. R. Winfield, of the Little Rock Conference. This means success to that paper." Thank you, Brother Godbey.

Mr. Samuel Cupples, of St. Louis, contributed \$1000 to Central College at its late commencement. So says the South-Western Methodist. A noble deed; and our friend Cupples is capable of just such. We congratulate Dr. Hendrix.

Bishop Hargrove is, this week, at Ozark, holding another District Conference. Bishop, please don't let the St. Louis editors run away with Arkansas, and take the lion share away from the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I will try and see after them next week.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Rev. V. V. Harlan sends us a hearty invitation to his District Conference, to meet at Ozark on the 10th. Sorry we can't go.

Rev. J. R. Moore writes and sends kind words of congratulation and encouragement in our present laborious office. We thank him, and earnestly ask his help.

We hope by next week to have many responses to our call for Notes from the Field; but in their absence this week, we offer a running letter or two:

HOT SPRINGS.

We had a very sad, but pleasant visit to this great watering place last week. The occasion of our visit was to attend the funeral of our very dear friend, Mrs. R. G. Davis, whose obituary appears elsewhere. She was the charmed of all circles in which she moved; and it was so sad to witness the grief that one so lovely and pure had been called suddenly away.

We reached the family on Thursday evening, going out on the same train that carried the Quapaw and their friends, all of whom seemed to be having a very gay time. Many of the young ladies of Little Rock, as well as some of the elder ones, accompanied the young men, and gayety ruled the hour; and it was in striking contrast with the feelings of this minister, who was going on such a sad errand—but such is life; one half of this world never knows what the other half is enduring. One of the gayest of the crowd was, in a brief day, one of the saddest. The news came to him that a sister dear, was on the verge of eternity; and then another dispatch, that she was gone.

We saw nothing objectionable in the crowd of young folks till we reached Malvern; there some of the boys had too much business in a way-side saloon. May-be, they were after cigarettes, but it was an awful bad place to get them. It was a packed crowd, but when we reached the depot at Hot Springs, a kind friend was awaiting our arrival, and with Mrs. Hanger, of this city, we were soon at the sad and desolate home of our dear friend.

Friday, July 4th, was a grand day for the famous valley. The procession would have done credit to any city in our country. We did not hear either the reading of the Declaration of Independence, or the address, but we could see that the crowd was immense. Order reigned throughout the day, and if they could only have closed without a ball, it would have been splendid; but many people can and will find enjoyment in dancing—a theatre of pleasure in which a monkey is their equal, and a darkey always their superior. Still, there is no accounting for taste.

The valley is still improving, and many fine buildings going up, notwithstanding the recent decision of the Supreme Court, which virtually opens up once more, nearly all the property to litigation. The settlement of the commissioners was not a settlement after all. Fine bath houses and splendid hotels are seen everywhere, and the valley is one of the famous places of our country.

Brother Steele is doing a fine work, but unfortunately, the poor health of himself and family, have called him away, for a time, from his loved employ.

My friends were very kind, and I returned with a good list of subscribers, which will be much increased when Brother S. returns.

Sunday morning at 9, had the funeral, and the very large and weeping audience attested how well she was loved in the valley. Then we left for home, and at 8:30 we were in our own pulpit, lecturing to a large house. Dr. Kennedy gave my people a splendid sermon in the morning, for which we thank him. More anon. W.

The Farm—The Work-Shop—The Kitchen.

We desire a column in our paper every week, devoted to these varied interests. Last week we had a splendid communication from one of our best farmers, a man who stands deservedly high in Arkansas. Now, who will follow in mechanism? And then, who will begin on the other very important department—the kitchen? What we want is articles that will be of advantage and interest to our readers. Give what you conceive to be the best method of raising certain crops, and how to build cheap houses, and to improve houses with the least possible expense. Then, let our lady friends exchange views as to housekeeping, and everything appertaining to the kitchen. Send us recipes as to the best time and methods of canning fruits and making preserves; and now and then an article as to best way to get and keep help; wports to young housekeepers and beginners in life. We want to make a paper that will interest and instruct the masses. Many of our people can only take one paper; and we desire to make one that will meet all their demands. It will require much labor and expense, and our friends must bear with us and help us. Just now we are very busy with District Conferences—both of us are absent nearly every week, and we have all we can do to attend to our charges and get out the paper. Many of our subscribers had quit; many more had been stricken off; and it requires much work to get everything in running order, but we will try to improve every week, and will work until we give our people a paper second to none. Next week we will try to be at home and give attention to the mechanical get up, and arrangement of the paper, and see that everything is properly arranged, so that the reader will know where to look for any and every subject you may desire to read about. It will require time, patience, and much labor to half way meet our own expectations. Next week we hope to begin with a column giving all the market news of the world; so that our farming population, as well as our laboring readers, can look to the METHODIST as a safe paper to tell them where to buy; when and where to sell, and the price of all they have to buy or sell. With the thermometer among the nineties—our friends will have to make all necessary allowance for defects in this week's paper. We will certainly make great improvement next week. W.

Our Schools

In this weeks issue, we present the advertisements of several of our best Colleges—male and female. Among the number, our own Arkansas Female College is noticed, and will publish its card next week. Examine into these, friends, before you make selection for your sons and daughters. We hope our friends all over the State, will not forget Central Collegiate Institute, at Altus. Send them your sons; and if you wont send your daughters to our Female College in Little Rock, then send them there, too. Don't forget that we are trying to buy that property—we must pay for it. And be certain not to forget to make a donation to the Arkansas Female College. We can't afford to give up this College. We doubt the right of the Chairman of our Centenary Committee to say that the College is abandoned in these donations. That was the act of the Annual Conference, and can't be abrogated. Call your committee, Dr. Withers, and the Trustees will meet you, prepared for action. I hope you will. W.

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"This and That."

JULIEN C. BROWN.

The American people will read but what? Mostly a cynical journalism which sneers at all beliefs and a leprous rotten fiction that poisons every virtue. Boys and young men read the vile stuff behind coffee sacks and dry-goods boxes in dull times in stores where they clerk and at night. Girls and young ladies read it in dark rooms with curtains drawn or in their chambers past mid-night. A mania, an epidemic for overdrawn sensational novels and stories prevails. Publishers find that hardly anything else will "pay." It heats the blood like whiskey, it stimulates imagination like opium; and that is the reason it sells so well. It opens up unreal worlds, produces fanciful states prepares the way for any excess and glids with glory the darkest crimes. The truth is that two-thirds of the fiction now flooding the land should be burned by a common hangman and their authors ostracised as corruptors of youth and enemies to our civilization. Who wonders that people get morally sick when they devour so much mental poison? Who wonders that we have so many idiot dudes and giggling girls? Nobody. Go to a book store—nothing but novels—Go on boards a railway train—nothing but novels. Book store men and newsboys seem to think there are no christians and people, who have brains, judging from the stocks they offer for sale. Oh for the time when our land will be purged of vile literature and that miserable journalism that only lives to lie and slander and defame.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat lately devoted large space to a description of the funeral of a woman in that city who had been a leader of its demi-monde. Travesties of course were plentiful. "Some mistaken friend had placed a pure white lily in the waxen and shapely hands. Another had placed a costly allegory of the "Gates ajar" at the head of the casket. A broken column surmounted with a pair of descending doves, an unfinished wheel, anchors, crosses, pillows in white with the legends: "We will meet again," "At Rest," "Sweet Beyond," etc. The air of the room was heavy with perfume of flowers. The sobs of the gayly dressed sisterhood were constant and no one could doubt the sincerity of their grief. The dead woman appeared to have been a general favorite. More than a hundred carriages followed the hearse to the cemetery. Her mother and also one brother were present at the grave. It seems to me that there must be some redeeming qualities in even the worst of human nature. These fallen women still loved flowers, and flowers symbolize innocence and purity. Those who love them are not utterly depraved. Sinful, stained, wrecked, ruined they may be to the pharisaical moralist, but yet they are immortal, everlasting. It were perhaps not well to indulge in Utopian theories and in baseless hopes. But why not something be done for this crowd of women who congregate in all great centres of population? We good christians pass by all this misery, these living deaths on our own door steps to go and hold our services and take up collections for the heathens of China and Brazil. Would it not be as well to do a little something for these domestic heathens? We despise these poor Magdalenes, we gather up our immaculate robes and pass by on the other side" when they approach as if the small-pox were near. If Christ came to save the lost then by all the virtues of his Gospel these call for christian help. It were more Christ-like to put a little money into Reformatory Homes for them rather than expend so much in brilliant Missionary enterprises and in building two hundred thousand dollar church houses. The souls of one million of these

women in the United States are certainly worth as much as one million heathen souls in China. We ought to be just at home before we are generous abroad.

Our theology teaches that the fact of death in the world is to be attributed to man's sinning. Storms, cyclones, volcanoes, famines, scourges, the presence of death in any form is to be counted as the result of Adams transgression. An orthodox mind has been puzzled a little just here. All our theologians believe in Geology. They believe that for the most part its records are true. And yet Geology gives overwhelming evidence that death was on our planet long before man came. How about it then? Death cannot therefore logically be attributed to his sinning. Long before man "came upon the scene of action" whole species of animal life had lived their day filled their mission and passed off. Life teemed in the marshy lowlands; gigantic monsters roamed the forests, innumerable multitudes of insects sported in the free air but they all died, passed away and long before man's appearance. Looking at the fact of death from a reasoning point of view one might conclude that death is absolutely necessary whether man sinned or not. It appears to be a part of the divine plan. The old is compelled to give place to the new. In the vegetable world we see how it is. If the fields were not cleared by the death of the old crop there would be no room for the new. If our cotton and corn, our wheat and clover, our rice and potatoes did not die (be consumed) there would be no chance for another harvest of the same. In the animal kingdom it is observed that this must be true as well. Death is necessary there. Our common pigeon brings forth its young six times a year, producing two young at a time. Calculating it that there be no death of the pigeons, in a century, they would so fill the forests the air and mountains that there would be no room any where for anything but pigeons. Take almost any one species of birds and the same holds true. Suppose there had been no death among the fishes in the sea; there are not seas enough in ten thousand worlds like this to hold the fishes that would accumulate in a few centuries. This writer has his own solution of the matter but would like to hear how another would reconcile the facts with the prevailing Theology.

Helena, Ark., June 23, 1884.

Preparation for the Work.

While the economy of Methodism is such as to give every preacher a place and every place a preacher, it is well known to those who advise the appointing power that it is always a matter of more or less difficulty to fill properly, some of the more prominent appointments. This is sometimes a mystery both to the people and the preacher. Sometimes the people in their disappointment feel that their wishes are disregarded, or that their importance as a charge is not appreciated. The disappointed preacher is disposed to charge the cabinet with partiality, or if sent to a place, in all respects such as he wants, and is met on the Sabbath with empty pews and a scrap of paper from the official board notifying him that his services are not wanted, he is amazed—he revolves the matter in his mind a thousand ways and never once does he suspect the true reason. That reason is found in the fact, that the preacher is not prepared to do the work. He is not competent to teach the people. To be lacking in this essential particular in these days is inexcusable. Nothing else can supply this lack. The fathers of Methodism were not lacking in ability to intelligently and profitably expound the word of God. They were lacking in some things but they taught the people, and enforced the truths of the Gospel. We do not say that the ministry as a class are now incompetent to teach, but we are decidedly of the opinion that where a people strongly oppose the coming of a preacher, except on personal grounds, it will be found in most cases to be from a well settled conviction that he is a poor preacher—unable to cope with ministers of other churches. If such is the fact, has any disappointed and dissatisfied preacher any right to complain? We think not, and we are

bold enough to say he has not. We say so because there is no preacher of average intellect, who cannot, with the facilities afforded him in these days, by close and diligent application make such a preacher as will place him above the contempt of the people. This is evidently what St. Paul meant in part when he said: "Let no man despise thee." To my mind one of the lamentable facts of the times is that so few men among us are really trying to make great preachers. In this respect I would not have men filled with inordinate or unholy ambition but his ambition, sanctified by grace, ought to be sufficient to stimulate him to great and honest effort. When in 1859 this writer stood before the bar of the Memphis Conference asking for admission, Bishop Andrew charged the class with reference to the work of the ministry. Among other things he said: "A preacher who does not expect to make a great preacher will never make much of anything." An observation of twenty-five years has confirmed the saying of the wise old man. Of course every preacher does not realize his expectations—but the man without ambition never rises at all. Native genius, combined with a moderate share of intelligence, will startle and dazzle the people, but without ambition men of genius, like meteors, will simply flash and then die out. Like young wasps, they are bigger when first hatched out than ever afterwards.

Dear brother preacher, has it ever occurred to you that there are very few men among us who are really trying to make preachers? Our young men are to be blamed to some extent. But the bigger part of the blame must rest some where else. I won't say where. But they have been pushed out of the regular element of operation and to a great extent forced to lose sight of the essential features of a preachers work. Other things than preaching and soul saving are made prominent. Bishop Keener exposed the whole thing when, a few months ago, speaking of the first Mexican Conference he said: "They were broken at once into the statistical yoke." There it is—the young preachers are broken into the statistical yoke and made to bear it until the words statistics, finances, assessments, appropriations, collections, floods, droughts, short crops, no money, hard times, clearing the decks, and every other word that implies "cash or its equivalent," constitute the biggest part of their vocabulary. And the proudest man who comes to conference is not the man who has best built up the church, saved the greatest number of souls, or made the most proficiency as a gospel preacher, but the man who brings the biggest collections, or shows the largest amount per capita. If the preacher says he has tried, his character passes; if his collections are all full, the brethren smile; if he has gone "over his assessments," he is applauded, "well, done;" and if some General Conference officer who does nothing but watch statistics at an Annual Conference is present, he jumps up and cries out: "Brother, tell us the secret of your success." This brings the preacher to the front, he inflates his lungs to their utmost capacity, rears on his dignity and with the pomposity of god-fish aristocracy and the profoundest guttural sound croaks out: "I just got it," as much as to say "I asked for it, and it had to come." If the poor fellow has failed, even after an honest effort among poor people, he is weak and shame-faced and trembles like an aspen leaf in a dead calm. The result of all this is to send out preachers determined on big collections. They cultivate the collecting faculty. As collectors they succeed—as preachers they are failures. If he is a failure in both so much the worse for him. Collections are important—preaching is paramount. If the pastor attends to all the work of a Methodist preacher he need have no fears. If he will study, pray, work up the spiritual interests of the Church and give the finances due consideration the collections will come and the preacher will be approved both by God and man.

Another thing, if there was more stress put on preaching ability, at least as much as there is on financial tact, there would be less need of transferring preachers from one conference to another and thereby would be

avoided much of the friction and hard thoughts which sometimes occur. We all know there is trouble and complaint on this score, but the necessity is laid upon the Bishops, and it will continue to be that way so long as our young preachers fail to prepare themselves for pulpit work in the best places. Presenting this idea we beg to impress the fact that preachers are never transferred to fill old and well established appointments because they are good collectors but because they are preachers and demanded by the people. Churches will sometimes tolerate an indifferent preacher if the pastoral duties are efficiently performed, but no amount of financial ability will make up for the lack both of pulpit and pastoral work. It is well enough to milk cows and the more you tug at the udders the more milk will they give, but cows must be fed. It is well enough to collect money, but the people must be fed on the word. Every young preacher ought to bear this in mind, and keep before him the probability, nay the certainty of his one day filling the best places in his conference—the possibility of rising to the best positions in his church. "If a man desire the office of a Bishop he desireth a good thing." That is true even if the term bishop applies to Methodist Episcopacy; and there is no reason why any young man with holy and laudable ambition should not prepare himself for the work and be ready, should God call him to it.

To reach distinction no man should be in a hurry or discouraged because he is slow to rise. This is the trouble with many. They go out with the expectation of reaching the top in a few years, but they find that people are slow to see their merits and call them up higher, and they faint and fall. Remember, true merit will always be discovered. There is a world of good sense in the advice an old preacher gave his son who was just starting in the ministry: "My son," said he, "I hope I will never hear of you complaining that your talents are not appreciated. If you have talents your brethren will find it out soon enough for your good." Be patient my brother, bide your time, but be sure to make PREPARATION FOR THE WORK.

Fort Smith, Ark., July 3, 1884.

CENTENNIAL DEPARTMENT

Centennial Work.

DEAR METHODIST:—In April we wrote to the members of the conference, promising detailed plans for operations in the centennial work, if the central committee at Nashville did not provide the plan. As all now know that committee has furnished the plan which can be had on application to Dr. Harrison, the secretary. Little is left the conference committee to do, but to urge the prompt use of the work as set out in that plan.

After consulting the members of our committee, we make the following suggestions:

1. Let the Presiding Elders see that the plan of the central committee is faithfully executed within their respective districts.

2. Arrange for centennial services in each church on the circuit, distributing your best speakers to the best advantage.

3. Our Conference, at its late session, designated the Arkansas Female College as a beneficiary of a special educational fund. Before naming it in this call, we deemed it prudent to investigate the institution, that we might give the fund a definite appropriation. We find that the board of trustees have no plans for their school, they own no property, they do not contemplate purchasing, and there seems so little of definiteness about the institution, that the committee have determined to omit it as a beneficiary of the collections for education.

Permit me here to introduce a resolution adopted by the centennial committee of the Arkansas Conference:

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Conference at its last session ordered a committee to investigate and purchase suitable property for college purposes, and whereas, the offer made by President Burrow, seems practical, and the property well adapted. Therefore;

RESOLVED, That we invite the Little Rock Conference to unite with us in the purchase of said property.

V. V. HURLAN, Chairman.
S. H. BACKCOCK, Secretary.
President Burrow, who owns the

property referred to in the foregoing resolution, tendered the college and ten acre campus to the Annual Conference, for \$12,500. The Arkansas Conference, by her committee, accepts the proposition, and invites us to share with her this beautiful and valuable property. At the late commencement of the Altus College, more than \$5,000 of this fund was given at one call. The sum is to be paid in four installments—one-fourth first of next January. Thus it will be observed, more than the first payment was subscribed in oge call at the village of Altus.

While we have no authority to anticipate the action of our conference, we feel assured that whatever amount you may collect for special educational interests in Arkansas can find a worthy recipient in the Central College at Altus.

The property is cheap, beautiful and healthy. It is not an experiment. It is an established institution, with capacity for 150 pupils. It is now patronized from all parts of Arkansas, a fully equipped college, with an enthusiastic patronage. From the college tower the eye has an unbroken view of land scape and mountains for thirty miles around. Through the far off valley the Arkansas river looks like a silver thread in a wool of verdure. The yellow breath of malaria does not darken the fair cheeks of our loved ones at Altus. Beautiful Altus, sitting on her mountain like a queen in bridal robes, and reclining on her throne. At her feet on one side of the mountain is the railroad, on the other, three miles distant, is the Arkansas river.

It is the best place for a summer residence for our lower river and valley people in the South. And the fruit! There is Bro. Gregory's great nursery and fruit farm—the finest in the South. From early spring when the hill-sides blush with strawberries, till the brown autumn when red apples flame against the yellow boughs, Altus is one unbroken scene of joy health and song. With an established college, on such a site, with rail and river access, Arkansas has her opportunity at last. The price is low, and before three years the debt will be paid and Methodism will be proud of her bells and towers on the beautiful hill of Altus. A special donation this college will be a rich investment for Methodism.

One hundred years organized American Methodism has been at work. Do you see the effect of its work in your household or in yourself? Are you grateful that God has ordained this holy agency! Then lay your thank-offering on its holy altar and give God the praise. You will never see such occasion again.

H. R. WITHERS,
E. N. WATSON.

A CENTENARY WATCH-NIGHT.

On Friday night, April 9, 1742, the first watch-night service in London was held by Mr. Wesley. It is proposed that we have a Centenary watch-night on Aug., 6, 1884. At this service the church is requested to come together and unite in earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

1. We need, as ministers, a baptism of the Spirit of God, the spirit of holiness, of power from on high.
2. The Church needs this baptism.
(1) To quicken the cold, lifeless members. (2) To increase the measure of grace and religious comfort in the hearts of the faithful. (3) To awaken sinners, and to convert the penitent.

3. The service of each place to continue at least one hour, beginning at 8 p. m., August 6.

4. A prayer-meeting held in Baltimore, closing at 9 o'clock, will end just as the meeting in St. Louis begins; and when the St. Louis prayer-meeting closes, the meeting in Denver will have commenced; and when the Denver meeting closes at 9 o'clock, it will be past 8 in San Francisco. When the San Francisco meeting closes at 9 o'clock, it will be midnight in Baltimore, and thus across this great continent the voice of prayer and supplication will go up to the throne of grace, in one continuous appeal for a revival of the work of God.

Brethren, are there any among us who do not feel the need of this work? Are there any that will refuse to cooperate in this movement? Are there any reasons why we should not engage at this appointed time in this concert of prayer?

The Central Centenary Committee, by formal action, invites the Church to observe the evening of August 6, for such watch-night services.

E. R. HENDRIX, Chairman.
W. P. HARRISON, Secretary,
Central Centenary Committee.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1884.

Temperance.

JOHN SMITH AND THE TIGER.

BY EMMA R. NORON.

John Smith is the night-watchman of a menagerie.

The evening before election his mind kept running on the temperance question. His wife, who is a temperance worker, and his children, who are members of the Band of Hope, had pleaded with him most earnestly to vote the prohibition ticket. Even the blue-eyed baby-boy asked papa to vote "hibition" so when baby was big he couldn't get whiskey.

John has a conscience—a very inconvenient article, as he found while trying to twist matters in such a way as to make wrong appear right.

"No, no," he said, as he stepped at the tiger's cage to see if everything was secure, "I can't do it, I must vote with my party. Although I have seen things in that party that don't seem quite square, yet party is party."

"Of course temperance is a good thing, but here is personal liberty to be looked after. A man must do as he pleases or he has no liberty. Personal liberty! Why, the words themselves carry conviction! They have the true ring, like the Declaration of Independence and the Proclamation of Emancipation. How fierce this tiger is! The way he snarls and shows his teeth is enough to make even a man nervous. Not a very cheerful place to pass the night, though for that matter I've never thought the place particularly gloomy before this. Yes, yes, personal liberty is the thing to vote for. Women and children can't reason on such matters; they go by their feelings. It isn't their nature to reason. As Jim Brown said to-day, women are sort of natural fanatics. Sort of tigerish, I think, on this prohibition question. Enough sight better company, though, than this snarling beast."

John went his rounds and then settled himself to read, as usual. "Æsop's Fables." This book was to him most wonderful. Not but that he could have done better with the animals than Æsop did, by making their talk more in keeping with their natures, if he only had the knack of getting his thoughts on paper; but the book was, nevertheless, quite wonderful.

The fables that John hit upon that night as he opened his book at random were: "The Plague Among the Beasts," "The Elephant and the Assembly of Animals," "The Lion and the Council of Beasts," and the "Two Scythians." All of them sort of mixed up with personal liberty and high license, he muttered in disgust.

His next conscious idea was, that somebody had put personal liberty in practice, by opening all the cages in the menagerie. The animals all proceeded to destroy one another at a fearful rate. John had hardly taken in the horror of the situation before he realized that the tiger was springing upon him.

"Oh! wait an instant," he cried in great agony, "I have a word to say about—"

"About personal liberty?" snarled the tiger, "Oh! I believe in that; I can now give you a forcible illustration of it."

John thought, "This is a horrible nightmare, for tigers don't talk. But I shall die of fear before I get out of it. When that tiger springs, I'm a dead man, dream or no dream. If I can only keep the dreadful beast talking." So John continued aloud, "There seems to be something wrong; your liberty, in this case, doesn't seem to be my liberty."

Tiger: "Of course not; you're helpless. Might is right, the strong devours the weak. That is the law of nature."

It occurred to John that this was substantially his position in defending personal liberty and high license. He must say something, however, the tiger was glaring at him. "The—ahem! the—ah! the Christian law tells us to be merciful to the helpless."

The tiger tossed his head with an air of superiority. Although out of his cage he took several turns about the length of it, and lashed his tail fiercely. Then he cast upon poor John a most withering glance of reproach and said, "Tigers obey the laws that are given them. There was never one yet so mean

as not to protect his tigress and young." This appeared to John like a taunt, so he braced up a little, although he considered himself literally in the jaws of death.

John: "Of course it is always mean to oppress and destroy the helpless. I find that a changed position alters the view of a subject. Now if I were a lion don't you think you might change your view of personal liberty?"

At this the beast was indeed aroused. He snarled so fearfully, and showed his teeth in such a savage way, that John thought the instant for his destruction had come. The tiger roared forth in what might be called a tiger's stentorian tones:

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Here the tiger sprung, and John felt the sensation of weight upon his breast. Certainly in this case death was a relief.

The next day John told his experience with the tiger, and voted and worked for prohibition. He told Jim Brown, with manly spirit, that he thought it was as much a father's duty to protect his home as to stick to his party. No tiger should ever taunt him again for not protecting his wife and children.—[Union Signal.

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Christ, and him crucified, never grows old. It is the truth of all nations and for all people. Preach the Saviour.

Long sermons, long hymns and long prayers are out of order in the hot, sultry days of summer. Be mindful of the pew.

One sleepy, restless hearer has destroyed the effect of a good sermon. Don't interrupt the minister and other people by sleeping in church. If you can't keep awake, go out.

Are you asking anxiously brother ministers, if you will have a revival this year. Enquire of the Holy Spirit. "Not by might or power, but by my spirit," saith the Lord of hosts.

When a minister takes up three-fourths of the time allotted to the sermon in telling of the latest news from the secrets of infidels and skeptics, I fear he has not preached much gospel. Preach the Word.

Christianity pays well for this world and the next—the old local preacher of West Tennessee was not far wrong when he said it was the most comfortable thing in the world.

Two ministers were walking together in the sleet, when one fell full length; the one who kept his feet said, "Sinners stand in slippery places." "So I perceive," said the prostrate one.

What has become of the old habit of the members kneeling for prayers when they entered the church? Was it not a good custom? Then why was it abandoned? Can it be renewed this Centennial year?

A revival that will bless the church must begin with the church and the church must keep up the revival fire. The poorest place for young converts is a cold church, how quick the fire will go out.

Some people imagine that they are very fortunate when the collector passes them by without asking aid. May be they won't think so when the Master is distributing rewards. The bank of heaven is the only safe one. If that fails, we are gone.

Do you really want a revival in your charge? Are you in earnest? Do you realize the true wants of your people in this regard? Then see what is wanting and prepare yourself and people for a visit of the Holy Spirit, by healing all dissensions and getting it clear out of the camp with his bag of gold and Babylonish garments. Is your prayer-meeting well attended? If not, why not? Look for the cause.

Family Prayer.

We were at Helena District Conference when the committee brought in their report on the State of the Church, and this amazing fact was brought out, to-wit: Only twelve per cent of the membership of that District have family prayers. Bishop Hargrove took up much of the time of the Conference in discussing that item. It was well aired. It was marvellous and very mortifying to all present. Over 1,400 members of our church in that district, and only twelve per cent of family altars. What a matter for serious consideration this centennial year. We hear much of the rapid progress of the church and its spreading over the earth, but do we pause to ask, is it real progress, or is it merely Church Extension without the true elements of a vital godliness. Can our church thrive and have a real spiritual growth, of lasting extent without the family altar? If so why did the fathers of our Zion demand of the heads of families to have an altar in their homes? They seem to think that Methodism could not long survive without them. It was made imperative. I once heard old Doctor Lovick Pierce say that they did not think of keeping a man in the church who would not pray in his family. How we have degenerated. Can we not have a revival on this subject this Centenary year? Who can over estimate the power for good of constant and regular family worship in a home. It is the only key that will wind up the whole machinery of the home, cause it to move with out friction and perform its legitimate work. It brings together the parents, and teaches the children submission and obedience. It hushes tumult, produces quiet and thus promotes peace. It ought to be worship for the entire family and must be if its ends are accomplished. The father should be the leader, but if he will not then the mother must. God will neither bless or honor a family that will not honor him. "His blessing is in the habitation of the just, but his curse is in the house of the wicked." How to raise a family altar. Start on principle. It is right. God requires it, and it must be done. I owe it to my family, to raise my children for God and to help my wife in her arduous duties. Say like Joshua "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." "Walk in your house with a perfect heart." Have the church of God in your house, and let it remain there as the Ark in the house of Obed Edom, that our God may bless you as he did him. It is said by travellers, that in Greenland the custom invariably is to knock at the door and ask, "Is God in this house," and if they answer "yes" they enter. How beautiful! God in the house! Remember a prayerless family is a Godless family. Reader, has God an altar in your house? Does the incense burn at morn and eve? Is it a delight? How many who read this article will remember with feelings of sad but joyful remembrance the altar of the old family mansion in bye-gone days. The voice of our sire at morning and evening was a sweet invocation, and lingers in memory's hall now as a sweet benediction; as it has been with us, so it will be with our children, the family altar will be the great rallying point for the reckonings of life, and the cementing bond of a strong faith and a christian relationship. No time or distance can or ever will destroy the good influence made upon the heart of childhood. A few directions ere we close. Be sure that it is family worship, i. e. worship for the entire family. Have all the family attend, and as far as possible, take a part. Never have the services too early in the morning or too late at night to secure the attendance of all the members of the family. About meal time is the best. Make it compulsory on the younger children to attend, and have the services of such a character that the older ones will delight in them. Read only a few verses of the Bible in the morning and let your prayer be short and comprehensive, embracing all the family; concluding always with the Lord's prayer, and let all repeat after the leader. At night let every one present quote a verse from the Bible, and let the prayer be very brief—don't pray your children to sleep. Have a verse or

too of hymn and song whenever you can. In every home where it is possible, there should be an organ and much singing. It will be a delight in any home. Lastly. Have it understood that yours is a christian household. Husband and wife representing Christ and the church, and parents and children representing God's family. Such a home will find its counterpart above, and may reasonably hope to dwell at last in a God-bult mansion. W.

Editorial Correspondence.

DEAR DOCTOR:—The Jonesboro District Conference met here yesterday, 9 A. M. Bishop Hargrove in the chair. Hon. J. B. Boykin was elected secretary, and Bro. Blackshear assistant. The preachers were all present but two, also about forty laymen and local preachers. Bishop Hargrove preached and presided with great acceptability. He used the printed questions prepared by himself for these district conferences, and issued at the Publishing House. They were filled out by the pastors, read to the conference, and referred to the several committees. Spiritual state of the church, missions, Sunday-schools, &c., which had been raised to receive them. They examined them and submitted their report to the conferences with appropriate resolutions, all of which were discussed and acted upon. The discussions were interesting and sometimes animated, and under the skillful management of the Bishop, the deliberations of the conference have done great good. A synopsis of the proceedings will be furnished you by the secretary. The conference strongly commended the ARKANSAS METHODIST by an appropriate resolution, and backed it by a good list of subscribers. They are going to work for it in earnest. The hospitality of the good citizens of Gainesville and vicinity abounded. Bro. Hillburn, of St. Louis Conference, who transferred from us last fall was present and in poor health.

Bro. Danfelly and his co-helpers are doing a good work and will report success at Batesville. I am indebted to them and the Bishop for many courtesies.

The prospect for good crops in this part of the state is quite flattering, Jno. H. D. Gainesville, Ark., July 2, 1884.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Herewith find a good list of subscribers from Searcy Circuit and Station. Brothers Blackwood and Jeffett are at work for the ARKANSAS METHODIST earnestly, and are succeeding. Bro. B. presented its claims at three different appointments last Saturday and Sabbath, and with gratifying results. He says if he can put a copy into every Methodist home he will get every dollar of his salary and raise all his collection in full.

Bro. Jeffett is succeeding admirably in training his young converts in church work. Young men and young ladies who were a short time ago leaders in the dance, are now praying in public and at work in the Sunday-school and missionary society. What a glorious transformation! And how royal is the endowment of the pastor who can provide something for each member, old and young, to do, and get them to do it. A working church is a happy and useful one, and the pastor thereof will not be troubled constituting committees of examination and convening church courts. It is from the ranks of the loiterers and idlers in the Lord's vineyard that backsliders come. Let all our preachers train their spiritual children.

Mr. Harmon Russell, of Newport, and the efficient superintendent of our Sunday-school there, was in Little Rock Tuesday. He is a great friend to the ARKANSAS METHODIST and predicts for it the largest circulation of any weekly in the State.

W. D. Vandiver, Ph. B., President of Bellevue Collegiate Institute, for both sexes, Caledonia, Mo., visited Little Rock this week in the interest of his school. Under his able management the school has made great advancement in the last quadrennium. He seems to excel where some of our college presidents fail. The motto of the school is, "teach, learn or leave." See advertisement in the METHODIST,

Rev. Mr. Chaney, a Baptist minis-

ter is lecturing to good audiences in Searcy, on temperance. By the way, Doctor, you paid Searcy a handsome compliment last week in referring to her new and beautiful jail, which we did not need, because we had but "few saloons," you should have said "no saloons." Nor do I believe we ever will have again. Many who were opposed to prohibition before it went into operation here, having observed its blessed results, are now ardent advocates of it.

Part of White county is beginning no need rain badly. I am en route to the Batesville District Conference at Evening Shade. D.

Morrilton District Conference.

Leaving home on Tuesday at noon, when the thermometer was in the nineties. I soon reached the Fort Smith depot, and was enroute for Conway where the District Conference was in session. We arrived at 2 P. M., and found our good brother Hall awaiting us, and we were soon turned over into the hands of Col. Prince, and in a few moments were at his hospitable mansion and where he and his cultured wife dispensed an elegant hospitality. Mrs. P. is the sister of Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, of Holstin Conference, and is really an accomplished lady and devoted Methodist. Conference met at 3 in the new church, and we were soon under full headway discussing the report of the committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. Here, as elsewhere, there is great complaint of non-attendance on the Ordinances and means of grace. Great neglect of family worship, prayer-meetings, love feasts, class meetings and the holy communion poorly attended. There was much discussion and we hope good was done. A resolution was brought in by this committee urging the increased circulation of our church papers and the spread of our books. The Bishop gave the newspaper men a chance. Rev. J. E. Godbey represented the South-Western, Rev. E. M. Bounds the St. Louis Advocate and this writer the METHODIST. We had plenty of time and each man fully delivered himself. Bishop Hargrove represented the Nashville Advocate as the great Connectional paper. We certainly regard it as such, but we hope it is in no sense connectional, so as to interfere with the conference papers, for it is a well established fact that no connectional paper can meet the local wants of the conferences. There are a great many local interests in every conference, and to put all local matters into a connectional paper, would soon weigh it down and render it worthless as such and it would become as local as any other. This writer was called upon to preach to a very large audience on Tuesday night. I was sorry for many of them, they came from afar to hear the Bishop, and lo! an Arkansas man was put up; but we were glad that they only had to wait one day and come back. I hope the Bishop gave them a grand sermon on Wednesday night and redeemed himself for putting up this scribe. Wednesday morning we had the report on the Quarterly Conference Journals, by Brother Haralson. Then the report on education and Sunday-schools by Brother Hall, which elicited a long discussion, and a splendid speech from the Bishop. At 10 they took up the report of the District Centenary Committee, and Dr. Godbey is now speaking on Christian Education, Doctor Bounds followed on the spiritual forces of the church, and this writer talked on the "thank offering" the church is asking for this year; but I must quit. The brethren received me kindly and treated me well. Many thanks brethren. W.

Kindly Mention.

Messrs. J. M. & J. R. Colburn have sold the ARKANSAS METHODIST to Rev. Jno. H. Dye, who has disposed of a half interest to that well known divine and ready writer, Rev. A. R. Winfield. Rev. Horace Jewell, who has so ably conducted the editorial department for the brief period of his connection with the paper, retires from it. Rev. Mr. Dye is one of the ablest ministers of his church, a gentleman of high standing and very popular, and will no doubt place the METHODIST on a safe and enduring foundation.

The best wishes of the Democrat attend him in the enterprise.—[Little Rock Democrat.

Rev. Jno. H. Dye and Rev. A. R. Winfield are so well known in Arkansas that an introduction is not necessary. They have well won reputation for ability in the fields of labor already pursued by them, and will carry that same ability with them into the conduct of the Methodist. The Gazette wishes them success.—[Gazette.

No two men in Arkansas can do more to elevate true Methodism than the Rev's Dye and Winfield. Each are so well and favorably known that we do not feel competent to commend them. The METHODIST will now take a new start, and will, no doubt, eclipse any religious journal in the south. Success is our wish and it is sure to have it.—[Searcy Enterprise.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Cornelia A. Davis, nee Gibbs, was born near Millpoint, Pocahontas county, Virginia, on the 7th of March, 1856, and was married to R. G. Davis, Esq., on the 11th of May 1875. She was the daughter of James E. A. and Catharine G. Gibbs. From her earliest childhood she was a sunny, cheery child; and, as her father said, "She was 'all brightness.'" Heaven did much for her in imparting an amiable sweet disposition and a mind full of vivacity and vigor. Her countenance seemed always radiant, and as the index of a sweet and joyous heart. A bright child ripened into a joyous woman and the laughing merry girl, became the elegant devoted wife and pious mother. She was the charmed one of every circle in which she moved. Her life was a blessing to the world and a benediction to the church. She fully realized that we have a mission to perform and nobly did she fulfill it. She loved her home and delighted herself in making it a very happy one, and being a ministering angel to her husband and children; meeting the obligations of all and showing herself continually as wife and mother after the Pauline model. As a friend she was one of the dearest; ardent in her attachments, and true as a woman's true heart ever is to those she really loves. Her friends were numerous and her enemies unknown—I don't think she had any. We never saw any one that took a greater delight in church work than she did while this writer was her pastor at Hot Springs for four years. Ever ready and ever willing with hand and purse. She was invaluable to my wife in the work of the ladies in our church. The bell that has summoned the worshippers at the Methodist church in the Valley for the past seven years was purchased by these ladies, and they contributed no little to repairing and furnishing the church. I don't think I ever knew a life more beautiful, surpassing in its loveliness any fairy tale or poet's dream. She was, truly speaking, the idol of her fond parents and sisters, so far as they are allowed to have an idol. Her husband loved and trusted her as his real help-meet, and God's chosen gift, and the dear little children were growing up around her as the little encircling tendrils to the parent vine, and were as olive plants around the table. She gave them all to God, except the last, and that one her dear bereft husband presented to God last Saturday. Oh it was too sad, to see that father with that motherless babe in his arms weeping and trembling as he gave him to God. She is gone but we will not deplore her; for our loss is her great gain. A brief day of sun shine and radiant joy is closed, but not forever. She has only exchanged earth for heaven; and the christian of the church below becomes the Saint of Glory. On the morning of July the 2nd, the Crystal Gate opened and with a joyous shout she laid down the Cross and seized the Palm. May we all join her in the skies. A. R. WINFIELD.

It is a bad habit for a minister to take too much time in turning the leaves of the hymn book or looking from book to book in the Bible. It shows a want of preparation. Start right at the time an quit when you are through.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1884.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

MRS. LOU A. HOTCHKISS, Editor. MRS. RUTH HARVEY, Associate.

It has been said that a missionary spirit is not essential to the completeness of Christian character. That many of Christ's truest followers do not realize any obligation to aid in the grand commission of bearing the gospel to every creature.

We can but regard it as a happy, that keeps some of our holy women from this field of service. As opportunities and circumstances vary, our duties vary.

Colburn Memorial Fund.

We acknowledge for this fund, one dollar, from Mrs. Dr. D. G. Mills, of Pine Bluff. Thanks, dear sister. May every cent of this tribute to sacred friendship, be instrumental in the hands of God, in bringing stars to your heavenly crown.

From a communication in the ARKANSAS METHODIST of last week, from D'Arcy Vaughn, we see that it is not understood where to send offerings for this fund.

MARRIED,

At the residence of Mr. Byars, Clay county, Ark, June 15th, 1884, by Rev. J. S. Brooke, Mr. Frank Sipes & Miss Melissa Welch; both of Clay county.

At the residence of Mr. Kndal, Corning, Ark, June 16, 1884, by Rev. J. S. Brooke, Prof. C. A. Hill & Miss Sophia Cruch; both of Corning Ark.

At the residence of the bride's father; Col. J. R. Hudson, of Yorville, Sevier, Co. Ark., July 3, 1884, by Rev. R. M. Traylor, Rev. Willie A. Steel, of Colledgeville circuit, Little Rock Conference, to Miss Emma Huon.

Delegates to the Centenary Conference at Baltimore, Dec. 9-17, 1884.

Table with columns: CONFERENCE, CLERICAL, LAY. Lists delegates from various states including Alabama, Arkansas, Baltimore, Columbia, Denver, East Texas, Florida, German Mis., Holston, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Little Rock, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, N. Alabama, N. Carolina, N. Georgia, N. Mississippi, North Texas, N. W. Texas, Pacific, S. Carolina, S. Georgia, S. W. Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western, W. Virginia, West Texas, White River.

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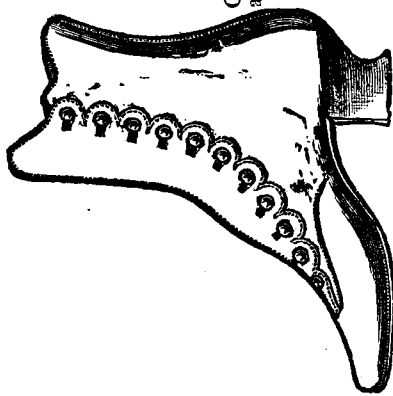
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Little Helpers.

H. M. GRANADE, Editor.
Batesville, Ark.

PLANS FOR CENTENARY YEAR.

1st. A Centenary missionary in every Sabbath-school. Let every child in the Church be enlisted in the Centenary celebration.

2nd. Send ten cents for a Missionary bank, in which to put your own little earnings every week.

3rd. Girls organize a quilting society and make a quilt for missions in each pastoral charge in Arkansas.

4th. Boys cultivate a patch of corn, cotton, or something else; go errands, do jobs to help on "the work for Jesus."

5th. Set a hen, and the entire proceeds for missionary work.

6th. Pray every day for God to bless us and our work, and save the world.

7. Write me a little letter, giving your own religious experience from your first recollection.

Child's Hymn.

God, make my life a little light
Within the world to glow—
A little flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go.

God, make my life a little flower
That giveth joy to all,
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although its place be small.

God, make my life a little song
That comforteth the sad—
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the sinner glad.

God, make my life a little staff,
Whereon the weak may rest,
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the sinner glad.

God, make my life a little hymn
Of tenderness and praise—
Of faith that never waxes dim,
In all his wondrous ways.
—[Good Words.]

Children's Centenary Day.

Recently, about three hundred people assembled at Frenchman Mountain Church, Mineral circuit, Searcy District, to celebrate the Centennial of Methodism in America. The old and young alike looked joyful, and their countenances expressed gratitude to the Giver of all for his blessings. After the Sunday-school Bible lessons were recited, we had a short intermission. Singing again assembled us into the house, which was crowded to its uttermost, and the grand old song, "The Mustard Seed" rang in the air, and we verily thought that the seed sown by the Good Master had sprung up, and that quite a number of birds had lodged in its branches. We then listened to a very interesting sermon by our beloved pastor, Bro. E. C. Castleberry, from Mark 10: 13, 14, which, notwithstanding the warm weather and crowded house was listened to with deep interest and profound silence, and at the close a great many children came forward and gave the speaker their hands in token that they would be good boys and girls, and love God for His blessings and goodness. About 12 o'clock a shower of rain delayed our dinner (which was on the ground) for half an hour, during which time we listened to Bro. J. N. Pace on the improvements of Sunday-Schools and the duty we owe to God for this great blessing. It was then announced that dinner was ready, and that news was received with glad hearts and sharp appetites, for it was now later than farmers usually dine, and with the Centenary banner in front, followed by about 150 children, and about as many adults, marching in double file, we proceeded to a place about 200 yards from the church, where the kind ladies had spread a dinner sufficient for twice the number of people, and we "all did eat and were filled, and there were taken up of the fragments baskets full not a few." Dinner over, we

followed our banner back to the church where we listened to quite a number of speeches and essays from the young people on such subjects as Hope, Procrastination; Youth, Origin of the Sunday-school, Importance of Sunday-schools, Progress of Methodism, and many others too numerous to mention; showing that these young people have given the Centenary movement considerable thought. The future indeed, looks hopeful; and we pray that we may have a glorious revival of religion in all of our hearts this Centennial year of Methodism.

A Serious Little Helper.

Dear Brother Granade:—I thought I would write to you to let you know that we are all well at present. Bro. Granade, please pray for me. We have a big meeting going on here now. Pray for me. Your friend,

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JNO. H. DYE,
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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1884.

WINFIELD & DYE,
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce that ISAAC J. HICKS, of Gray township, is a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Pulaski county, subject to the action of the Democratic party of the county.

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Change of Management.

Having sold the ARKANSAS METHODIST to Rev Jno. H. Dye, our connection with the paper ceases after this issue. All subscriptions and advertisements due the office will be paid to him. The indebtedness will be paid by us.

We heartily commend Bro. Dye to the friends and patrons of the paper.

J. M. & J. R. COLBURN.
Little Rock, Ark., June 27, 1884.

Take Notice.

Letters in future to Dye & Winfield managers, as J. M. Colburn has sold to them. Don't forget this. Communications for the paper may be addressed to either of us.

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Miscellaneous.

Little Rock has no Sunday Law. What a shame!

Gurdan expects a dedication in September, we hope to be there.

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Congress adjourned on the 7th inst., and as usual with a very stormy and disorderly session.

If you are looking for schools for your sons and daughters, be sure to look at our school notices.

Now that base ball is stopped, let all the parks be closed, and music stopped and let the people keep the Sabbath.

We had a rich, racy debate at the Conway District Conference on selecting the place for the next conference. It was good.

Batesville District Conference, at Evening Shade this week. Our junior is there and I know his brethren will treat him well.

Rev. Mr. Sanburn, of the Congregational church, is having services Sabbath evenings at the Park at 4:30. Go and hear him.

Much work going on in our city on our street, but nothing of permanence or beauty. Cant we make a beginning on this line.

The ministers of Little Rock are working hard in circulating petitions, asking the city council to re-enact the Sunday Law and enforce it.

The great Democratic convention had a stormy beginning on the 7th, as they were working out preliminaries. Much caucusing, and a great deal of demagogery.

Springfield in Conway county, was selected as the place for holding the next District Conference for Morrilton District. I hope to be there. Take notice, Bro. Hawkins.

The primaries are being held in va-people must look well to our interests, and keep out intemperate men, and work for sober men.

We change the heading of this column this week to make the sermon fit the text, and call it, "Miscellaneous," which means an omnibus which carries all and always has room for another.

Ex-Governor Colquitt says that two-thirds of the counties in Georgia are in actual and peaceable possession of prohibition. Thank God for that. Arkansas is not far behind her elder sister.

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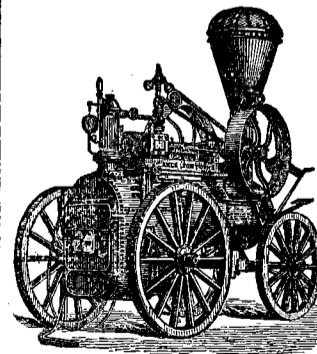
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