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General News.

England.

The old mother country is certainly going to be taxed to the uttermost of her great capacity to protect herself at home and abroad. The London Times, the leading journal of all Europe, and really the pioneer of thought in England, is speaking out very plainly on European affairs. Mr. Gladstone and the whole cabinet have been asked to resign in consequence of great blunders in Egyptian affairs. Bismarck, it is said, has taken the most daring step of any leader since the days of the First Napoleon, in occupying a portion of Lower Guinea, thus invading the colonies of Her Majesty. An order has been issued at Portsmouth for all men to report for duty; and there is certainly great activity and unusual bustle about the strange preparations that are being made to start out the fleet on some mission unknown.

Germany.

Is restless, and seems determined to make some rapid advance movements on the political Chess Board. She seems determined to interfere with the treaty that Spain is about to make with the United States, and she is evidently intent on a disturbance with England.

France.

It is said, is openly insulting to Uncle Sam, and has actually become so arrogant and presumptuous as to excite the attention of all tourists to Paris. It is said that the women of America are caricatured in their dress and manners in every French Theatre, and in all French society. France is showing a purpose to protect Panama and interfere with the Great Canal, the Inter-oceanic artery that is to bind nationalities, and let their blood and interests mingle. It is said she will throw her protecting wing over Paraguay in the next few months, and unite with Germany to humble Spain for her disposition to have better commercial relations with us. She has changed her Secretary of War, and will commence an active war on China.

Russia.

Full of trouble at home, still she is ready to join with any nation of people who will help to humble old Albion. She is even ready to unite with her old enemy, France, to do this. Nihilism has actually entered her Church University at Moscow, and the old Arch Bishop had to call in the soldiers to arrest and whip the boys. Of course the interest of Russia is now more immediately identified with Germany and France than with any others, and both of them think the United States are confederate with England in the Great Inter-Oceanic Canal, and if possible, they intend to force a collision and throw our government, with England, Spain and Italy, on the aggressive—and thus secure the sympathy of the rest of Europe.

Our Own Country.

Washington's words will never be forgotten by his countrymen: "Avoid all foreign entangling alliances, and cultivate the spirit of fraternity and peace with all." We really think the nations are disappointed at the fact that after the rule of the Republican party for over twenty years, there can be a peaceful change of administration when the majority on the popular vote was only a little over one thousand.

Our great Exposition at New Orleans is another source of vexation. The old king is neither dethroned or dead, and King Cotton still has great power over the world's commerce. It is certainly a grand affair, and we are rejoiced that it is a movement of Southern men with Southern capital to bring our industries to the front and let our people have the power in the country and abroad that they are entitled to. It is a great success and does honor to the Crescent City.

State News.

Hon. J. K. Jones, the able representative of the Third Congressional District, has been in the Capital City this week. He was en route for Washington City.

Hon. G. Dexter Dunn was among the notables to be seen on our streets the past week. Both of these gentlemen we believe are willing to serve the people in the United States Senate, if they say so, and the probability is they will say so.

A tearful difficulty in Prescott, in which Dan O'Leary was killed by a former friend and a relative.

Helena has had another fire, though no very serious loss.

Hon. Geo. Thornburgh will arrive on Thursday, and will make a lively race for Speaker. He is a very strong man.

We hear of three very sprightly boys who want to be pages. Masters Elmo Pirtle, John Winfield and Colburn Butler. We cheerfully commend these boys.

The burning of the college building at Lonoke was a severe blow to that noble town. But they will soon have another.

Our old friend, S. H. Tucker, is an aspirant for post-master of this city, under the new administration. No worthier man ever asked an office. Hon. Jacob Frolich, we understand, is being mentioned for the same position. If we were not for Tucker we would certainly be for Frolich. Either will be an honor to us.

Our Legislature will convene on next Monday at 12 m. Much business of importance is to be transacted. Not the least of which will be the election of a United States Senator to succeed Senator Walker.

Our revenue system is sadly deficient, and the whole business needs overhauling. We hope our worthy Representatives will find better employment than in getting up so large a bill that it will become too burdensome to be considered, and will only answer for a ball for the members to play hot ball with as they did during the last term. No throwing off wads this time, gentlemen. Our people did not elect you for that, and the State has no money to waste in that way. Come to business; stick to it; do your business well and then go home to receive your applause from your constituents for duty well performed.

Clarendon is under a severe overflow. White River is at its best, and our dear friends are under the liquid wave. We sympathize with that nice town, and we know it will be more beautiful than ever after this unwilling baptism.

The Arkansas Industrial University has just entered on a new year. Prospects favorable. We hope our legislature will deal kindly and liberally with this State school and be certain to make a liberal appropriation to the Blind Institution for new buildings. Give the Lunatic Asylum all they want, and don't forget the Mutes.

One matter of great moment we invite attention to, and that is provision for a chaplain to our penitentiary. We must do something to try to reform these men and not return them to society as they came; if we do, our punishment is a failure.

The destruction by the late flood cannot now be estimated. It was simply fearful. We had a water fall in Little Rock in 4 days of over 12 inches and the whole country was submerged, greatly retarding business and obstructing travel. All the roads suffered more or less, but the Iron Mountain particularly. But everything is getting in running order once more, and the country will breathe freely again.

Personal.

Rev. V. V. Harlan, P. E., of Clarksville District, with his accomplished wife, passed through our city en route to their new home, or rather her new home. We were glad to see him looking so well, and right heartily do we welcome them to Arkansas.

Rev. W. B. Branham and wife were with them on their way to New Hope Academy, Indian Territory.

Rev. D. J. Weems was also with the gay and happy crowd, returning to his new work at Van Buren.

Rev. J. M. G. Douglass is reported as making two very fine impressions at Bingen, one in the pulpit, and the other at dinner. Most of us would be more successful at the last. Can't say of that tall Arkansian, but rather guess he did well at both.

Hon. S. W. Williams paid us a very agreeable visit the past week. He is one of the ablest men of Arkansas, and as noble a Christian gentleman as ever lived.

Hon. W. Jasper Blackburn, editor of the "Free South," honored our sanctuary with a call. He is one of the bold, independent thinkers and writers of the present day. Call again, Colonel.

Bishop Granbery met with a serious loss just before, or rather just after leaving Richmond for St. Louis. All his books, book cases, family relics and furniture were burned. We are deeply grieved at this misfortune, of our dearly beloved Bishop. He is now safe in St. Louis and bears his loss as a true Christian man and Scriptural Bishop, both of which he is in the highest sense.

Bishop McTyler closed his work for the season in old South Carolina a few weeks since. We think he only attended eleven this time, and nobody cries out for him to take care of himself. Well, the Bishop is gifted on that line.

Rev. J. E. Godbey, of the South-Western, has now and then a paragraph about able men being kept at strong points. What is the matter, Bro. Godbey? We never thought of the lightning striking any where about St. Louis. Be careful, brother, or the world will think some body is hit. Of course able men should be on strong points, but not the ability of maneuvering tricksters.

President Carlisle, of old Warford College, S. C., was numbered among the clergy at Baltimore. Well, he is every inch a lay Bishop. Grand man.

Gen. D. H. Hill, ex-President of Arkansas Industrial University, will make his future home in Macon, Ga. Many of the people of Arkansas will remember with gratitude his work for our State University.

Bishop Parker made a fine impression in the old North State. He fairly captured the preachers and people. Wonder if he could not be induced to come to Texas or Arkansas to live. New Orleans is hardly large enough for two Bishops, even with the Exposition.

Rev. R. V. Taylor contributes a touching article for our paper this week. It is the mournful sweetness of a hallowed grief. The Taylor family, formerly of North Carolina, and then of West Tennessee, is one of the very remarkable ones of our great country. Old Uncle Edmonds and his brother, Howell, will never be forgotten by the people and preachers of Tennessee. God bless you, my old friend of earlier years, and there is a great meeting awaiting us "up yonder"

J. B. Sutler, the active merchant and efficient S. S. S., of Wheatley, gave us a call Tuesday.

Hon. V. B. Tate, Senator from Baxter county, called on us this week.

Field Notes.

Rev. W. A. Pendergrass writes from Marvel circuit: "Dear Dr., I shall do all I can for our paper. Long live the ARKANSAS METHODIST and the editors. I will forward the money as soon as I get a postoffice money order. Yours in the simplicity of the gospel." Many, very many, thanks.

Rev. Geo. W. Logan writes on business and concludes thus: "I took up my appointments on the first Sabbath in this month and will complete my first round on the 4th Sabbath. Have been gladly received everywhere, and hope to be able to do a faithful and successful year's work, with the help and blessing of Almighty God. While I am looking after other interests of the Church, the claims of the ARKANSAS METHODIST shall not be forgotten." We can trust you, my dear George, and we know you will be true and faithful. So just roll them in by the scores.

Rev. A. J. Johnson sends the following: "Dear METHODIST, I have got to my work and I am looking around to see what is best to do. It is cold and gloomy, though I see nothing as yet that would hinder Tyronza from being one of the first circuits in the Jonesboro district. The people are kind, the land is rich and I feel as though God had a hand in the appointment and will help us. I did not pay for my paper at Conference for fear I would not have money to get to get to work, but I send one dollar now. Believe me yours in Christ and a well-wisher to the paper." First rate start, my son. You will make it all right and Tyronza will move up this year.

Rev. C. M. Keith writes us a postal from Alexandria of a splendid reception among his people and feels perfectly at home. People are treating him in excellent style and everything promises a very happy year. We have a large list in that noble old circuit, and we want you to renew them every one and get lots of new ones.

Rev. J. F. Carr writes of a very kind reception at Pine Bluff and of a very fair prospect of a good work in his charge. He is a fortunate man and preacher. Good parsonage, clever people and—a working church. We congratulate you on your good appointment, and the ARKANSAS METHODIST will expect great things of you.

Rev. R. D. Moon is back on Calamine mission, with Strawberry running through it. He is delighted. Hear him: "My people have received me back very gladly, and they are continually pounding us and making provision for all our wants. We have much to do. Besides our work in the usual way, we have ninety-three young converts to train for the work and fit for the services of the Church. We need help. It seems to me, Doctor, that some chapters in our excellent paper addressed to young converts would be very timely and appropriate and do much good." All right, we will try to write them, and we know you will not forget to help our paper.

Rev. W. Arnold writes from Sugar Loaf circuit: "I have reached my work and at Sugar Loaf we have had several services during Christmas. Had watch-night meeting on Wednesday night; and while the bell was tolling at 12 we were praying silently for help to live more devoted this year." How sweet that name! Sugar Loaf! Oh, my brother, you are fortunate. May that Loaf never grow less but always yield an abundant supply. Wish you great success.

Here is a man after our own heart. Hear! "Dear Sir: So my wife is a Methodist and I am a Spurgeon Baptist. I think we can afford to invest one dollar in your excellent advocate. I am pleased to hear that you are

making a success of your newspaper enterprise. Send paper to Mrs. Mollie E. Phillips, Lono, Hot Springs Co., Ark. M. C. PHILLIPS."

Now that has the true ring. Oh, for a thousand such Baptists! and we will give them every one a Methodist wife if they will follow the example. And here is another not a whit behind this one, a brother from Northwest Arkansas. Our good brother, J. L. Byler, writes: "Enclosed please find \$1.50 for your most excellent paper, the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I cannot do without it and I do not wish to lose a number." No, my brother, you cannot and must not do without it, and we want to find several thousand of the same mind. Step up. Who next?

Our brother D. B. Warren of Gainesville, sends us the report of Jonesboro district conference (which we are very sorry we cannot publish, but our paper is too little,) and closes with this delightful note:

"The 1st quarterly conference for Jonesboro circuit is in session at this place now. Bro. Taylor, the excellent pastor, is here, as well as our new and beloved presiding elder, Bro. S. L. Cochran, both full of zeal and devotion to the work they have in hand, and I trust they will be eminently useful this year. There is great need of a gracious revival of religion in this town as well as other parts of the district. God grant that it may come and be very effectual in the salvation of the people. The presiding elder has located his family at Gainesville, which is a prohibition town and where they have a very excellent school. W."

Rev. W. J. Davis has already removed from his home to Lockesburg, and is well pleased with his work. He tells of a kind reception and clever treatment. Of course; who could treat you otherwise?

Rev. W. A. Steele reports for Magnolia circuit. That was a long move, Will, but you know you have been pretty well cared for, and our itinerancy means light and shadows. You are among a noble people, my boy, and you are the very man to build that parsonage and you will do it. We feel that the ARKANSAS METHODIST will have a long list in that work ere another year has come.

Rev. J. S. Nicholson speaks from the mountains of Montgomery: "Nothing new in Caddo circuit. Small conference assessments—about the same as last year, and everything moving on well. I am working for the unabridged dictionary, but don't know how I will succeed." If you will go before your people and tell them you are working for it, you will certainly succeed. The people will certainly take the paper when they know it is to help their preacher. Let all our preachers try this.

Miss I. C. DeVelling will leave Little Rock 9th inst. over the Arkansas Valley Route, and will visit the following places, to-wit: Pine Bluff, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th; Monticelle, 13th, 14th and 15th; Warren, 16th, 17th and 18th; Arkansas City, 19th and 20th. Will return to Little Rock and remain until after the State Convention of the Christian Temperance Union and Prohibition Alliance, which convenes in this city 27th inst.

To the Preachers.

Many of you paid money on your accounts without giving the names of subscribers for whom you paid. Will you, each and all of you, send us at once the names of those you paid, giving their postoffices, so we can arrange our books accordingly? Brethren, please attend to this as soon as possible. It is important to all concerned. DYE & WINFIELD.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY JANUARY, 10, 1885

Centenary New Year's Address.

To the members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the bounds of the Yellville District, Arkansas Conference:

We are now, since Conference, in the first year of the second century of American Methodism.

The century past has been one of toil and also, thanks be unto God, one of triumph. But the one we are just entering has the promise or still better things—achievements that will be marvelous. Never was it so near or within reach of the disciples of the Lord Jesus to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the whole world of mankind as it is now. The door of opportunity is open wide, and the time appointed seems to have come when the gospel shall be preached unto all nations.

It is possible for the Protestant Church of the United States alone to preach the gospel to every living creature, and cover the earth with the knowledge of the Lord before the next Centenary of American Methodism.

Great opportunities like these carry with them great responsibilities. Shall we quit ourselves like men in this work? Shall we prove ourselves worthy of this great honor that God seems to have reserved for us? Shall we be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, contribute our full share towards this final consummation of all things.

Bear with me, brethren and friends, in offering a few suggestions that may help you realize it, and perhaps enable you the better this year to serve your day and generation, and honor the Lord that has called you to his kingdom and glory.

1st.—See that you have the oil of divine grace in your vessels, even if it is an earthen one. Do not live a day without the witness of the Spirit attesting your own personal acceptance. They that know the Lord shall accomplish wonders.

2.—Study the machinery of the Church and also teach your children to understand it. It is admirably fitted to help you effectively do God's will. Take for instance the Church Extension society, ready as far as able, to help every community to a house of worship; and has already been of help in the district. What wiser or better thing could have been planned. It is the same with the Conference Fund, with the Bible Society, with the Mission Board, and so of every contribution. For the work's sake, and as giving doth not impoverish but bringeth down God's blessing, also for your own sake, be a contributor to them all. Good can be done by consecrated wealth and money, for which the Redeemer was betrayed; when sanctified, is an important factor in the spread of his kingdom.

Not quite a hundred years ago a traveling preacher loaned the Church six hundred dollars, and from its profits have sprung the immense Publishing Houses of both the Churches. And through them have been poured forth a flood of holy thought to quicken and elevate, or incalculable benefit, to the world.

As we have derived benefits from the past, let us in turn become the benefactors of the future.

The bush arbor and the school house as places of worship have had their day. Now let us supplant them with a suitable edifice devoted exclusively to the worship of God.

Let us circulate the books and periodicals of the Church more than ever. Let us have a revival of congregational singing throughout the district. Let us this year abound in every good word and work, particularly by setting a godly example in regularly attending the services of the church; by doing valiant service in the temperance cause and encouraging Sunday-schools and literary institutions, where education is baptized with the spirit of Christ. By sending out more foreign missionaries and better supporting the home work; by helping the Bible Society circulate the Scrip-

tures throughout the habitable earth. O ye disciples of the crucified, show your love to Him by fidelity in these things. And let us in a watch-night service before the Lord covenant with one another, that we will this year live godly in Christ Jesus, even if we do suffer loss and persecution for it. And let us, who are in the ministry, preach the word, "be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke with all long suffering and doctrine. And by pureness, by knowledge, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and as we'll upon the left, approve ourselves as the ministers of God." Let us thank God that we are permitted to follow the Lord Jesus in the regeneration of the world, and that we are alive to see the dawn of the second Century of American Methodism. Let us be encouraged by the past, and knowing the way, press firmly on.

"Come let us anew
Our journey pursue
Roll round with the year,
And never stand still till the Master appear!

His adorable will,
Let us gladly fulfill,
And our talents improve,
By the patience of hope,
And the labor of love,"

"Our life is a dream;
Our time, as a stream,
Glides swiftly away;
And the fugitive moments refuses to stay;
The arrow is flown
The moment is gone;
The millennial year
Bushes on to our view, and eternity is here."

O that each in the day
Of his coming may say,
I have fought my way through;
I have finished the work thou gavest me to do,

O! that each from his Lord
May receive the glad word,
Well and faithfully done!
Enter into my joy and sit down my throne."

THOS. M. C. B. BINGHAM, P. E.
EDITORS METHODIST:—My year's stay at Clarksville, (Ark.) station was very pleasant, and, in a good degree, satisfactory. I never lived in a town or neighborhood where there was so little sickness for the same length of time.

The people generally are clever, kind, and polite, especially to the preachers. The Methodists, particularly, are just what all Methodists should be—brave hearted and true.

Bishop Hargrove emphasized the fact that ours was a "sent ministry;" which fact has been illustrated here: the preacher does not go to Conference, from this place, he is sent.

After paying all claims and assessments for the year, and something over on several of them, through the solicitations of a sister whose name is known to God, and to us, and its kindness of those who gave, we were presented with another purse of fifteen dollars to help us fix up" for Conference. The Church has been edified in the faith, and increased in numbers.

Not much "Centenary" money to report, for the town has built a magnificent brick school house in which our members and monied supporters, took liberal stock. The building is an honor to the town, and no doubt will prove a great blessing to posterity.

Immediately after Conference I had the pleasure of visiting my father and other relatives at Quitman, Ark., where I found Bro. Babcock and his estimable lady running the affairs of Quitman College to their own credit, and with satisfaction to all concerned. If any of our people have sons and daughters to educate, we do not hesitate to recommend Bro. and Sister Babcock as worthy of their confidence, and Quitman College as worthy of their patronage.

Once more we looked upon the old homestead; once more we knelt and prayed where father and mother used to kneel and pray; once more we walked upon the sacred ground of our more youthful days—more sacred now because mother is not there! Home looks drear, and silent, and sad; but for all that it is dear.

Home! How sweet heaven will be

to thousands of itinerants who never had a home! As I knelt and prayed, meditated upon God's word, mused upon the past, and thought upon the present, I wondered if mother, too, did not still love, and visit the old home; and seeing me there, did not upon bold and intrepid wing fly from the heights of glory down to earth, and poised above, look upon me with that steady, anxious gaze with which she always looked upon her boy. Dear mother! I will see her by-and-by.

My visit being ended, I returned to Clarksville Dec. 9th to enter upon the labors of another year. Arriving late, Bro. Gossett, that old, tried, and true friend of preachers, met us with a basket full of ready cooked and savory food, how we did eat, and were thankful! We have met with a generous reception from all, and have commenced our work in good earnest, and in the best of spirits. Our board of stewards are men of the disciplinary type, and they are moving out with liberal views and wise plans, and our expectations are large.

May the Spirit of Him that raised Christ from the dead, quicken us, and fill us, and guide us, and save us, the whole Church, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

J. L. MASSEY.
Clarksville, Ark., Dec. 16, 1884.

Thoughts for any Solitude.

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST:—Every time I pass the old burial ground, my heart swells with unutterable emotion, I feel a burden of grief that time cannot obliterate, and thoughts and memories crowd upon me almost too sacred to record. There lies buried all that is mortal of my father and mother and elder brother and part of his family, who preceded him to the spirit land; also my younger brother. The associate of my youth and counsellor of my riper years; also my wife's mother once an inmate of our home and guide to our early efforts in domestic cares and duties, her gentle nature left its impress for good on our first children, by her side our little babe of a day who "budded on earth to bloom in heaven." We often think of her in angel companionship with her sainted grand mother. Saddest of all we contemplate the grave of our dear Ella—taken in the bloom of youth, just as she had blushed into womanhood. She was the idol of our home, the joy of the house, the brightest star in the family circle, whose radiance lingers with us still—we feel yet as though we cannot give her up. Though she said in sweet resignation for our comfort: "The Lord knows best," and testified with her own precious life. My only trust is in the blood of Jesus, and she quit this sphere with outstretched arms in view of heaven—angels waiting to welcome her where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

"The dead, the much loved dead,
Who doth not yearn to know,
The secret of their dwelling place
And to what land they go.
What heart but ask with careless tone,
For some sure knowledge of its own,
We love them, love them yet,
But is our love returned."

These gushing emotions are confined to no latitude or place, but find responsive echoes in all hearts that have had similar experiences, and where are the exceptions? We are glad to know that "earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot cure," and that "oft the cloud that wraps the present hour serves but to brighten all our future days." We heard one say, "The other children have a better father and mother since death invaded their home and God took one to himself." Surely we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth. Thrice happy when we can say,

"Here in the body pent,
Absent from thee I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent,
A day's march nearer home."

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A memorial church is to be erected in honor of Swedenborg in Stockholm, his birthplace, as a place of worship for the New Church society there. A site has been selected and the cost of land and building is estimated at over \$30,000.

Agricultural.

Plants for Window Culture.

Lovers of flowers often make a great mistake in selecting plants for their window gardens. They go to a florist, select plants that are in bloom, purchase and take them home, and are disappointed to find that they never afterwards look as well as the day they set them in the window. Plants should never be purchased in flower. The conditions of high temperature and a moist atmosphere, under which they were brought into bloom, do not exist in the window, and plants brought from a green-house, at once commence to dwindle. Aside from this, plants are often selected with, under no circumstances, succeed well in window culture. Many think a plant of no value unless it flowers. If amateurs could be content with an abundance of handsome foliage, with here and there a plant in flower, they would derive much more satisfaction from their attempts at window gardening. With a view to aid those who would undertake window gardening, we enumerate a few plants that will be quite sure to succeed. In the first place, as to plants cultivated for their foliage only. The most valuable of these is Ivy. A plant of either English or Irish Ivy, to be trained up over the window, is most pleasing, or Ivy may be planted in a hanging basket, to trail over the sides and be twined up the handles. For plants of this kind in pots, the India Rubber Plant (*Ficus elastica*) is one of the best. Its leaves are large and vigorous, while the reddish sheaths are almost as handsome as flowers. The Umbrella Sedge, *Cyperus alternifolius*, looks something like a miniature palm, is easily cultivated and very showy. The universal window plant of Paris is *Aspidistra lurida variegata*, which has no common name. Our florists supply it, and it is an excellent plant for the window. The plant known as Wandering Jew, Aaron's Beard and many other names, is *Saxifraga sarmentosa*. It throws off runners, which hangs over the pot or basket in a graceful manner, and though it sometimes blooms, the flowers are not showy, and its chief beauty is in its variegated leaves. Among plants to flower in the window, we place first the Chinese Primroses. If plants are to be procured from a florist, select those that do not yet show their flower buds. They will flower for a long time. Some of the Begonias, such as *B. fuschoides* and *B. multiflora*, are free-flowering, and of easy culture. The so-called Crab-claw Cactus (*Epiphyllum*) are excellent window plants, as are *Sedum Sieboldii*, the Cigar Plant (*Cuphea*), and *Cyclamens*.—American Agriculturist.

Pork Packing at the West.

The Cincinnati Price Current says hogs have been marketed in far less numbers than last year, thus far this month, for reasons not difficult to understand, and mainly because with the abundance and cheapness of corn, it pays the farmer better to hold his hogs back and feed them into good condition than to hurry them forward at this time. The weather has been all that could be desired for aiding the fattening process; the demand for product, for forward delivery has not been so urgent as to excite undue anxiety on the part of packers for hogs, and affairs are going comfortably along, with a prevailing belief in still lower prices for everything. One thing is sure, current prices of corn are relatively below current values of hogs; if farmers can sell corn to supply the market at Chicago prices for December or January delivery, they can sell their hogs with equal profit on the basis of \$3.50 or less in the leading markets. Such inducements for feeding corn as now exist, do not usually occur, and in time these matters will be equalized. While this fine weather lasts, with so large a margin in favor of feeding corn to hogs, it should be expected that hogs will come forward rather tardily. By-and-by, when in good condition, packers will be more eager for them than now, and any possible drop in price will not offset the advantage which the farmer will gain by the feeding process. The arrivals have materially increased the last day or two, and will probably equal all needs this month.

OUR SCHOOLS.

M. C. F. INSTITUTE. Jackson, Tenn.

The Fortieth Collegiate year begins September 1st, 1884, with additional buildings and increased advantages. For further information, address Prof. G. C. Jones, M. A., or the President.
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EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE EMORY, VIRGINIA.

This college for young men, still enjoying an increasing prosperity, will begin its 47th session the 1st day of September, 1884. In point of location, grounds, building, equipments, thoroughness of instruction and cheapness of cost, it challenges comparison with the best schools in the land. Owing to the temporary absence of President Sullins, all correspondence should be addressed to
REV. E. E. HOSS, A. M.,
Vice-President.

MESSRS. WEBB'S SCHOOL. CULLEOKA, TENN.

Opens August 25, 1884.

Dr. Garland, of the Vanderbilt, says: "The Academy of the Messrs. Webb has no superior within my knowledge in the Southern States."

Bishop McTyeire says: I know not its superior; its equal would be hard to find for all the parts of education."

Prof. Humphreys, formerly of Vanderbilt, now of the University of Texas, says: "The young men who come to the Vanderbilt University from the school of the Messrs. Webb, at Culleoka, exhibit as thorough preparation in Greek as any students I have ever met with, whether in this institution or in Washington and Lee University, where for several years I taught students prepared in the best classical schools in Virginia, as well as in many other States of the Union."
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CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, ALTUS.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

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Thursday and Friday, students will be examined and classes organized.

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Whiskey dealer, let us speak a few plain words to you before your day of probation ends. Eternity is before you stop and try to reckon up the ill consequences of one barrel of whiskey. Follow it as it goes out on its mad work. See it in the ruin of society. Look at it in the drunkards disgraced family and destroyed home. Hear it as it sounds in the curses of the roaring maniac or decaying, prostrate genius, as it raves in mania portia, or cowardly shrinks from imagined dangers in "delirium tremens." Look at it peeping through iron grates or toiling in penitentiary stripes. See it on the gallows and hear its bitter wail in the long night of bitter despair. Think you that a God of justice will let you go unpunished? Nay, verily, the day of doom is coming. The prayer of your godly wife may shield your inoffensive children from the punishment due your crimes, but as sure as God lives your time will come. Count your whiskey dollars; make your boast that you can overrun and defeat all temperance laws and carry your forbidden traffic upon innocent children and helpless women, but remember for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Go stand and look at your casks and barrels, then turn and look at your mansion and property that you have gained out of them whose history is written in scalding tears, and bitter groans; yea, in endless walls in the great beyond, and after awhile you shall see something else that has come to you from your casks, barrels and bottles. A vast crowd of ruined souls like sceptres from hell, will come around thy dying couch and the groans of dying souls will salute you on the threshold of eternity, and the curses of the damned will follow your lost spirit when it leaves your dead body, and curse you as long as eternity shall last. Your business is tabbed by state and county. Society exiles you, and you cannot think of your own business with any pleasure. You and your families are living on blood money. Every dollar has the stain of blood on it. Will you—can you pursue such a business? Do not try to ease your conscience by saying somebody will sell it, and I had as well make the money as any one else. You cannot ease your conscience that way. Answer like a man. Is the traffic right? Is it not a curse to society? Does it not ruin families? Does it not kill body and soul? Has not the state and county put their verdict of wrong upon it, and pronounced it an unmitigated evil, and punishes every one who sells by making them pay for the privilege. Whiskey men, let me implore you give up this ruinous business.

World's W. O. T. U.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has taken steps toward's securing, in all parts of the world, a concert of prayer for the temperance cause. The noon hour of each day has been designated, ever since the crusade, as a time for individual lifting up of the heart and now it is suggested that, in addition to this, Thursday afternoon be the time for a temperance prayer meeting, to be held weekly, or less often, as may be determined in the different localities. Thus, concerted prayer, by women in all nations, for the overthrow of the poison habits of all races, is rendered possible, and we urge attention to this as the very best kind of a beginning. The temperance ladies have consulted

with leading missionaries, as well as workers in that great cause, and have found help and encouragement on every hand. They have also appointed Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, of Boston, who has for a year been working on the Pacific coast, under the auspices of the National W. C. T. U., to make a reconnaissance in the Sandwich Islands, Australia, and perhaps India, China and Japan, visiting the missionaries of those countries and endeavoring to introduce the W. C. T. U. methods and to provide for a helpful interchange of sympathy and work by which the influence of the Gospel Temperance movement shall eventually belt the world. May this earnest, gifted, Christian lady be abundantly blessed in her gospel embassy, and find a welcome in the hearts and homes of Christians everywhere.

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Sin is the prevailing and universal epidemic of this world, and heaven is quarantined against sin.

If all the moderate drinkers within the Church would stop drinking, prohibition would carry in five years. Will they quit?

The barbers of Little Rock close their places of business on Sunday, but saloon men are a very privileged class. Who's to blame?

This country has had too much of the gospel of modern evangelism. We need a few sermons now on the terrors of the law and the doom of the impatient.

Fifty-two saloons run day and night in our State Capital, and not even close on Sunday, and still our city is in debt and our streets horrible. Very good for the saloons, but it is death and ruin to our people.

Whenever our people will learn to attend Church services as the people of the world do theatres and circuses, regardless of weather, we will be nearing the millennium.

We saw some weeks ago a very pitiful sight on a train. It was three beardless boys with a bottle of liquor and cigarettes. Poor boys! Wonder what kind of parents they have? Something wrong somewhere. Parents, inquire after this matter.

The oft-repeated declaration that this is an age of skepticism, we do not believe to be true, but we think this is nearer the truth: "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." It is lust and appetite that are cursing the country and polluting society.

It is a great compliment to any Christian man or woman to say they are always in their place. It is a marvelous help to any preacher to know that he has certain members who will never fail him. He prepares his sermons for them and they enjoy them.

A great many Christians were too busy to attend the morning prayer meeting to help work for the salvation of souls, but they found time to see the circus procession on Saturday morning, and took their children to see the animals. Good representatives of a lifeless religion.

Happiness, real and true, is to be found in giving more than receiving, and he is the true philosopher who goes about doing good, trying to forget and absorb self in the effort to benefit others. How many will begin the new year determined to measure up to this lofty standard?

Preacher, are you tempted to complain because you are not so popular as your brother preacher and the people do not seem to love and appreciate you? Remember that popularity is exceedingly dangerous, and our God cannot trust many of us that way, but all of us can be useful and happy.

One of the pitiful sights of Christmas was a little boy weeping over his drunken father. One of the licensed agents of this Christian country had sold him drink and made him mad and he had to be locked up. A splendid man and a nice gentleman when sober, but drink makes him crazy. How long will our people tolerate these nuisances and men destroyers in their midst?

When a brother prays at every prayer meeting for the town in which he lives to become famous for piety and refuses to give one cent to foreign and domestic missions, but spends seven dollars in a circus, he need hardly expect an answer. He would be astonished if he was to receive an answer. Preachers are to blame for such people. They do not train them right.

OUR POOR.

One of the difficult questions constantly before all Southern people now is to know who the poor are, and how to help them. Our country is over-run with a class of people called "tramps." They are really a wonderfully strange race of people, embracing almost all nationalities, but strange to say most of them are Americans, and a great many of them Southerners. They are a hard race—never very well dressed, but generally comfortable. They are all in search of work, but are very sure never to go where there is any danger of finding any. They always ask for work first, and then something to eat. If the best is not furnished them they will not be watched, throw it away, and seek another place. They can manage to slip around back ways and appear at your back door or at your kitchen as if they had dropped down out of the clouds. Very sly and extremely careful. Where do they come from? Out of what sort of people are they made and who makes them? Are they not, as a general thing, the thrown off rubbish of saloons; but a class of men saloons never feed. Churches furnish no tramps. The Churches will and do take care of their poor, why should not saloons do the same thing. Before the war these tramps were not known in the South, and before the war no city of 23,000 people could run over fifty saloons. As these saloons have multiplied, so tramps and criminals have multiplied till the country is deluged and over-run with both. These tramps spend all their ready cash for drink and then beg for something to eat, and we are creditably informed that these saloon men send these tramps to prey upon the better class of society. Ought they to be fed? Is it charity to feed them? We answer both questions with an emphatic No! Give them work if you have it. If not, send them where they can get it. It is an absolute wrong to feed these men and encourage idleness and crime. Feed lame men, help women and children, but let lazy, roving men be put to work. Cease to feed them in towns and cities, and they will find their way to the country where they are wanted to work. There are a great many worthy poor people in our state. We have had two inferior crops in many places, and this with destructive overflows, has brought on distress. Be certain to help the really needy. We are abundantly commanded to help the poor in the Bible, and there are many precious promises to those who do. Remember, if we feed and take care of the poor in the name of our Master, we are ministering to him and he will not lose sight of it, but will say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." How sweet these words now, but oh, how much sweeter they will be in the day of judgment. But beloved, do not imagine that you are allowed to engage in any business that is wrong or even doubtful with the excuse that you want to help the poor. It will not do to deal in futures to help the poor, neither will helping the poor make a wicked bargain right or change the nature of ill-gotten gains. Many a saloon man is trying to ease his conscience in his soul-destroying and murderous business by saying he will help the poor. See how ready they are to attend all meetings for the poor and give to all calls of that sort. It is hush money to conscience. We would never consent to serve on committees for the relief of the poor, with men whose very business is to make poor people and fill the country with crime and poverty. Stop your wicked traffic, and we would not have so many calls for charity. Let these men go to the rear and feel the degradation of their business. We call upon all our people to be charitable to the poor. Go seek the needy and find the foot prints of Jesus in the homes of the lonely. Here you will find the flowers of Eden blooming anew, and with a converted heart and a consecrated spirit while waiting on the Master's poor you can keep step to the music of angels. Be certain to give to the poor during 1885. While you may not assist those able to help themselves, be certain not to forget the unfortunate poor.

CENTENNIAL NOTES, No. 2.

Where there is so much fraternity it would not be unreasonable to suppose that the subject of Organic Union should be thought of and even talked about. To one who beheld these different branches of Methodism mingling at the Centennial meeting, it would not be surprising if the inquiry should be made, "Why not unite all the branches of Methodism in one great Church? And if all will not unite why not unite the North and the South? To some persons, now, that slavery, which was the occasion of the division, no longer exists, that seems a most proper, yea a most religious thing to do. The North, and especially the Northern preachers, are very anxious for the union; and some Southern Methodists have been understood as expressing themselves favorably to such organic union. That a union of Methodists in the United States might be effected that would satisfy the Church South is possible but that the North would agree to it is not probable. For instance the colored Methodists could be united in one church. The whites in say three general conference jurisdictions. Each general conference electing its own Bishops, editors and other church officers, with a church council composed of the Bishop and a few more representative men to meet once in six or eight years, that Methodist polity might be kept intact. Such a Union of Methodism would not be objectionable to the South.

The objections to organic union on any other principle are many.

Organic union means going into the Church, North and taking with us all our property, churches, parsonages, colleges, universities publishing house and everything in the way of property we own. All is swallowed up and becomes the property of the great United Methodist Episcopal Church. The South joins in as a minority—out-numbered three to one. Majorities are not always generous and liberal; when the General Conference meets and Bishops and editors and agents are to be elected it is possible for that general conference to fill all these offices with their own men. Is it not probable that having the power they would do it? Our Bishops would be in the minority on the bench, just as our delegates would be in the general Conference. And with the power of transfer the Bishops have, if they were so disposed, they could fill every prominent city pulpit in the South with a Northern Methodist preacher. And however oppressive their legislation might be if they ever felt like retiring they would retire leaving all their property behind them; for he well assured no "plan of separation," such as passed the Conference of 1844, securing to the South their share of the property would be passed. Why then think and talk of Organic Union? Is it necessary to our existence or usefulness?

In 1863, when we had just come out of the war, and our membership was depleted and our property lost by millions, we kept Methodism intact. Our preachers suffered with our people, and with the good hand of our God upon us, we have lived and prospered to this day, and having lived and prospered, why should we run the risk of a change, such as is proposed and is implied in Organic Union? Let Northern Methodism do her own work in her own way, and if her church conscience will justify her in spending thousands of missionary money in the South thus raising altar against altar, let all that go on, but "know all men by these presents," that, that is not the way to conquer a peace.

If the Church, South is a legitimate branch of Methodism, as the Cape May Commission said we were, and as the Centennial Conference acknowledged us to be, let us go forward in our work preaching as our fathers preached, and our God who has brought us safe thus far will be with us until our work is done. "The best of all is God is with us."

A. HUNTER.

The Class-Meeting.

"The class-meeting cannot be revived as it existed fifty years ago." So says our venerable brother, the Rev. Dr. J. E. Edwards. But why not? Are Christians the same in spirit and in purpose, in experience and practice,

as they were fifty years ago? Is religion the same in the heart and in the life? In many places the class-meeting does not need to be revived. It already exists, and so far as I know, it is conducted just as it was fifty years ago. All religious people have class-meetings, or meetings exactly similar to what we call class-meetings. They may call them by different names, but the exercises are the same and the results are the same. The best description I ever heard in my life of a real glorious class-meeting was by an earnest, devoted Baptist minister, in his Saturday morning discourse, to his own congregation. He did not use our form of expression, and perhaps he would not have done so for a great consideration, but the blessed meeting he described was our class-meeting: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed." Whenever this divine word is regarded the class-meeting exists now, and always will. Many may, and do, attend preaching and the prayer-meetings, and always remain unmoved and indifferent, but it is not so in regard to the class-meeting. Here every one is compelled to individualize himself or herself. They are almost compelled to "look within." They may not speak, or be spoken to, and yet they do feel that they are directly and individually addressed. Another venerable brother and distinguished writer and thinker has lately warned us against fasting. I suppose it can never be re-instated as it was "fifty years ago." Now, then, if another one of our leading ministers will just rise up and tell us that it is useless to pray, and to "search the scriptures," I would not mind it half so much, and such utterances would not do one thousandth part as much mischief, in my judgment, as this piece-meal process.

L. PULLIAM.

Sundries.

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Rev. E. N. Evans had a fine congregation at Spring Street last Sabbath morning. We heard a good report also from Eighth Street Church. This editor tried to preach three times Sunday evening and night, and had good crowds at every place.

According to custom, the ministers of the city are having a week of prayer, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance at the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, corner Fifth and Scott. This week of prayer has been of great benefit to the Church heretofore.

Our minutes are progressing and will be out inside of three weeks and delivered to the preachers as soon as possible, and at simply the cost. We are doing our very best. Brethren, please be patient with me.

Rev. Dr. Hunter contributes another splendid number of Centennial Notes. Our old friend is exactly right on Organic Union.

Do not fail to read "New Year's Address by Rev. T. M. C. Birmingham."

Subscribers are coming in freely, plenty of communications, but not much cash. Let the money column come up.

Our Junior is back at his post, and declares he was water bound, but then he is not very hard to bind when at Searcy, for he is already bound over there.

The Temperance Convention meets here on the night of the 27th of January, at 7 p. m., in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church.

Little Rock is said to have a population of over 20,000, and has over fifty licensed saloons. Now if saloons furnish so much revenue, how does it happen that our city is getting more and more in debt? Our taxes are now only 4 per cent. Our streets are terrible and our sidewalks worse. How many saloons, gentlemen, do you think it will take to pay our debts and improve our city? Who will answer?

The Centenary Thank-Offering.

The Centenary thank-offerings of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as thus far reported, aggregate over a MILLION DOLLARS. This showing is a most encouraging one when it is remembered that it is only the thank-offering of a part of our great Church, and that, too, made in the face of peculiar stringency in money matters. Many have done nothing, and many more have done less than they would have done under other circumstances. In order to give all a chance the great Centennial Conference just held in Baltimore unanimously recommended that the Centenary collections continue in all the Churches until the close of 1885.

It becomes apparent to all that the two millions of dollars asked for by the last General Conference may be reached by the prompt and hearty co-operation of preachers and people. A spirit of liberality has been developed among us. There have been several gifts of \$20,000, some of \$10,000, more of \$5,000, and a number of \$3,000, beside many of \$1,000 and \$500. Let the work of giving continue throughout 1885 and spiritual blessings will abound yet more than in the memorable year of grace just closed. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." E. R. HENDRIX.

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Above will be found the offers made to the Arkansas Annual Conference, and we now extend them to all the Conferences in this State—preachers and laymen alike, with one exception, we cannot give laymen their papers.

All must understand that they must notify us what number they are aiming for, and what books they expect to receive—and under no circumstances will we send any books unless the money is in the office, as we cannot run these accounts from one Conference to another.

Let our preachers begin the canvass at once. Now is your time to work. Money can be had for the paper for the next two or three months, and then there will be no more, or very little at least, for the next eight months. Push the work, and remit the money with the subscribers. Hurry up. We earnestly desire to enlarge the paper. Help us to do it. Don't listen at complaining people. We do, and will, give as much reading matter as any paper in the Church of the same size and at our price. Try us and see.

Who will be the first to send us a list from his new field? We send you some of our old accounts. Brethren, will you please collect for us, and remit at once?

P. S.—Our preachers in the Arkansas Conference will see that we have changed our terms somewhat, in raising the number of subscribers in every offer except the two last. We were forced to do this or to lose money; and we know our brethren do not wish us to do this. They are certainly the best offers ever made to our preachers by any paper in the Connection; and we hope our brethren will appreciate it, and show their appreciation by continued and unremitting efforts in our behalf, and theirs too.

Work! Work! Work! brethren, work now, and work all the while, and you will rest after awhile.

Missionary Department

The Womans' Missionary Society of White River Conference met in the upper story of the church at Batesville, on Wednesday, December 3. Address of Welcome was delivered by Rev. Dr. Anderson in a few chaste and elegant remarks, which were responded to by the president. Discussions were conducted by Rev. Drs: Anderson and Winfield. Reports read by Misses Ada Rempel and Nannie Hammons. Annual Address by the President. Election of officers as follows:

President, Mrs. Fannie E. Suddarth, of El Paso, White county, Ark.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. R. Noe, Newburg Circuit, Batesville District.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ada Rempel, of Newport, Ark.
Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Jeffett, Searcy, Searcy District.

Vice-Presidents appointed by the President as follows:

Searcy District—Mrs. Beulah Carlisle, Searcy.
Helena District—Mrs. Geo. M. Hill, Wheatley.
Batesville District—Mrs. Case, of Batesville.
Newport District—Mrs. Frank Ritter, of Newport.
Jonesboro District—To be supplied by Rev. S. L. Cochran, P. E.
Committee on Programme—Mrs. H. M. Granade and Mrs. Neal, of Batesville, and Miss Nannie A. Hammond, of El Paso, White Co., Ark.

MESSENGERS EDITORS—The recent visit to Batesville was one of great pleasure and profit: I feel myself under many obligations to Rev. Dr. Anderson, who assigned us a home in the family of Mr. Dickson, the genial clerk of the court at Batesville, where we enjoyed every luxury which a refined and delicate intuition could suggest. We had the pleasure of dining with our dear friends, Rev. and Sister Gregory, also with Sister Neal. We shall remember with grateful emotions our brief sojourn in the lovely little city of Batesville, and trust that every blessing of this life may be the reward to the kind friends alluded to. The chaste and elegant discourse by Dr. A. and the triumphant sermon by yourself, Mr. Editor, were a rich feast to my soul. Let me thank you again and again for the consolation and the comfort your words afforded. Go on my brother, in your work for the Master. With the skeptic with your scathing rebukes and point the christian to the high and holy life beyond—and thus fulfill the grandest destiny to which a human being was ever called. Our minister has not yet arrived—trust he may come burdened with the salvation of sinners and the edification of the church. Sunday schools and prayer meetings in "statu quo" this season of the year, but trust to revive them soon.

Respectfully,
MRS. FANNIE E. SUDDARTH.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference, held its 6th annual meeting in Little Rock Nov. 27th, 1884. The President, Mrs. Andrew Hunter, presiding. Most of the auxiliaries were represented, and the society is more promising than at any other time since its organization. There has been an increase of six auxiliaries since our last meeting.

Paid into the treasury during the year \$648.45. There were \$32.50 paid as a memorial fund in memory of our departed Brother Colburne, who had done so much to assist us in our work. Said fund was gotten up by Mrs. Hotchkiss, and by vote of the society, goes to the general missionary fund, of which Miss Baker is treasurer. It is hoped that our Society will add to this fund from year to year, until the amount is sufficient to do much good. There were sixteen nice quilts and one cushion sent up to the Society by the different auxiliaries, which are to be sold and the money paid to our treasurer, Mrs. McAlmont. Mrs. Beard gave a handsome worsted quilt, the proceeds of which will be given to the Colburn fund. The Society voted their heartfelt thanks to the editors of the ARKANSAS METHODIST for the use of their columns during the past year, also expressed appreciation and love for our President, Mrs. Hunter, who had given her motherly care and aid to the Society for five

years, and at her request did not put her name in nomination in the election of officers. The anniversary meeting was held at the 8th street church on the 29th, Mrs. Hunter presiding. Prayer by Dr. Hunter. The address of welcome was read by Miss Mattie Blakeny and the response by Mrs. A. J. Marshall, of Camden. Annual address by the President; recitation by Miss Bessie Collins. An interesting paper was read by Miss Eva Whitthorne, written by Mrs. Myra Vaughn. Treasurer's report then read. Mrs. Helms, our corresponding secretary, read her report, after which she made a few well timed remarks. The Bishop gave a short but interesting talk, and Dr. Kelly gave us words of cheer, in his delightful style. Owing to the lateness of the hour, there was no collection taken, as we had expected. The society has in contemplation a monthly paper, to be published as soon as there are a sufficient number of subscribers obtained to defray all expenses. The price is to be 25 cents per year, and it is desired that all the pastors in our Conference interest themselves in getting subscribers for the same—collecting the money, and sending the name and money to Mrs. Florence Field, of Little Rock. It is to be arranged with each subscriber that should we fail to procure enough to justify the publication, that the money is to be paid to our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. McAlmont, for Missionary purposes, Mrs. Myra Vaughn and Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss were elected editors, and Miss Lucy Tollaterra, Mrs. Fannie Kirk, Mrs. Mimms, Mrs. Vettie Welsh, Miss Mattie Blakeny and Miss Lizzie Stinson were appointed to solicit subscribers for the paper, forwarding their names and money to Mrs. Florence Field, Scott St. Little Rock.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. R. Winfield, Mrs. Rufus Mills, Mrs. T. W. Hayes, Mrs. A. J. Marshall, Mrs. Dr. Shippey and Miss Loula Jackson. Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont. Auditor—Mrs. Florence Field. Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Harvey. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. P. Holmes.

Mrs. Harvey was elected reserve delegate to attend the annual meeting of the Womans' Missionary Board, to meet in Nashville, Tenn.

The Society then adjourned to meet in Arkadelphia, at the time of the Annual Conference.

MRS. J. R. HARVEY, Rec. Sec.

MARRIED.

December 10, 1884, by Rev. W. S. Scott, near Mt. Tabor, Ark., Mr. C. Floyd Ballard to Miss Eliza Pacey.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. D. Bateman, in Oil Trough Bottom, by Rev. N. E. Brady, Nov. 11, 1884, Mr. H. J. O'Tool and Miss Alice J. Bateman—all of Jackson Co., Ark.

At Hope, Ark., Dec. 21, 1884, at the residence of the bride's father-in-law, Mr. Harry Morton, by Rev. A. P. Few, Mr. Harmon Kolb to Miss Lena Prator.

December 18, 1884, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. N. Martin, by Rev. J. E. Martin, assisted by Rev. P. B. Summers, Mr. Granville Page to Miss Malezern Martin, both of Ferguson's Mill, Yell Co., Ark.

At the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. John Clark, by Rev. J. E. Martin, Mr. W. H. Pearson to Miss Alice Clark—both of Montana, Johnson Co., Ark.

December 18, 1884, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. H. C. Jolly, Mr. George Sandford to Miss Sallie L. Lawson—both of Baxter Co., Ark.

December 23, 1884, in the M. E. Church, South, by Rev. Jno. W. Boswell, Col. E. C. Johnson, Editor of the Independent Free Democrat, to Miss Alice L. Moore—all of Ft. Smith, Ark.

December 23, 1884, near Oxford, Izard Co., Ark., at the residence of J. W. Stubblefield, by Rev. H. M. Granade, Mr. Jas. M. Shaver to Miss Georgia Smith—both of Izard Co., Ark. They order the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

At the residence of the bride's father, near Washington, Dec. 23d. 1884, by Rev. J. R. Sanders, Mr. Theodore J. Terry and Miss Lela A. Hudspeth—all of Hempstead Co., Ark.

December 23, 1884, at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Wm. Conley, in Hopefield, Ark., by Rev. L. Winchester, Mr. J. W. Younger to Miss Mollie Conley, eldest daughter of the late Rev. A. C. Conley, of White River Conference.

December 24, 1884, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. J. L. Massey, Mr. Wm. T. Hunt to Miss Mattie Rose—both of Clarksville, Ark.

December 22, 1884, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. J. L. Massey, Mr. Ed. Tague to Miss Lou Hodges—both of Clarksville, Ark.

By Rev. E. C. Castlebery, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Robert Pennington to Miss Jennie Gray, December 25, 1884.

By the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Thomas to Miss Euline McPherson, Dec 25, 1884.

At the residence of Mr. John R. Johnson, of Hickory Plains, by Rev. Z. T. McCann, Dec. 25, 1884, Mr. B. W. D. Thomas, of Hickory Plains, to Mrs. M. Tate, of White Co., Ark.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Mosely, on the 25th of December, by Rev. T. G. Galloway, Mr. Robert Blancheet to Miss Mary Mosley.

By the same, and at the same time and place, Mr. J. S. Mosley to Miss Fannie Thomas—all of Miller county, Ark.

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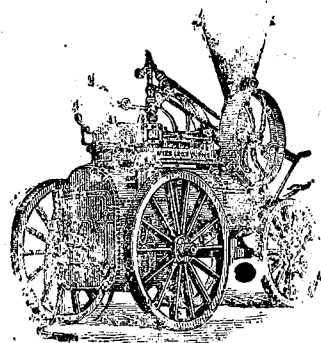
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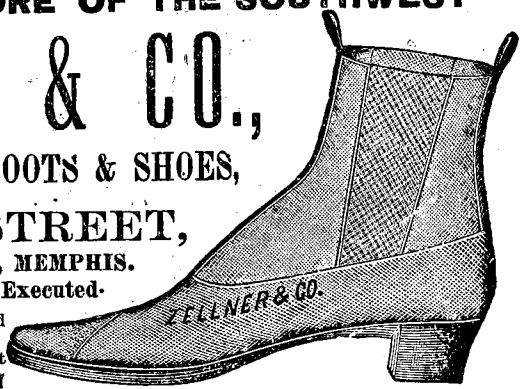
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Little Helpers.

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

What We Have Done.

Besides what has been already reported, the following sums have come in at the close of the year, nearly all from the White River Conference. What has been done in the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences I cannot yet say. I hope they will report soon. If those two Conferences have done as well as we little fellows in the White River Conference, allowing for the difference in population, altogether it would amount to more than \$300.—

Some of the amounts here reported have already been applied to some good cause. I hope I have not left out any little boy or girl in this list, nor made any mistake in the amounts. I am sorry that dear little Jimmie Southworth and one or two others had their banks robbed. But let us all try, try again:

Rosa Hess,	\$ 30
Romulus Collum,	1 20
Hugh Brooks,	5 00
Mrs Cook,	2 00
Sallie Powell,	45
Little Bevans,	3 65
Maude Grissett,	2 20
Bruce Garrett,	1 50
Zacky Moon,	40
Jimmie Carter,	1 11
Noel Garrison,	5 00
Little Suttons,	2 50
Little Hunttons,	1 50
Ida Brooks,	1 00
Allie Steadman,	40
Susie Burns,	1 65
Jimmie Southworth,	65
Miss Arkie Tucker,	2 60
Clara B. Robertson,	30
Monroe Sanders,	75
Willie Beall,	35
Kate Cathey,	30
Fannie Vernon,	60
Ella Watson,	1 55
Evening Shade Helpers,	7 10
Mittie M. Lanier,	1 60
Theo. A. Watson,	1 65
Nannie Cook,	1 00
Jennie C. Cook,	1 00
James, Winburn & Sue Cook,	1 00
Tommie Hall,	2 00
Marnarette & Matilda Bailey,	2 25
Lula and Jimmy Blackshear,	42
Annie Welch,	6 00
Venie Parker,	1 25
Flava Wyatt,	2 50
Susie Metheny,	1 10
Fannie Parrish,	1 65
Spring Street Helpers—Mrs. Godden—silk squares,	1 00
Beulah Godden—silk squares,	1 00
Total,	\$73 58

Little Helpers Report.

Lena Hirst got her jug broken "before it got ripe," by letting little sister Edith have it. But she worked away and sent up two dollars and thirty cents.

Well done, Lena! May, Lula, Annie, and Clara Harwood raised chickens and sent up one dollar. Annie rocked baby brother. Wm. Dannah earned five cents and gave it to him to put in.

Sadie Randle raised four dollars worth of chickens, and gave three dollars to her pastor, and one to her presiding elder, to help pay for their horses.

Letter From Sister Beasley.

DEAR CHILDREN:—Yes, Bro. Beasley is dead. His work is done, and he has gone home to rest forever with his God.

May the instructions which he gave you while here on earth be the means of leading many little souls to that haven of rest.

He spoke of writing to you not long before he died, but he was so feeble he did not do it. I wanted to write for him, but he was so feeble he needed my attention nearly all the time.

We have read your letters with much delight. When he would write a letter to you we would read it over before mailing it.

O! what happy, happy days, But

will not we be much happier when we meet in heaven? Yes, yes

I miss him, no one save God knows how much. He was my counsellor in heavenly things. I feel alone—no one here on earth to lean on; but thank God, I will lean on His strong arm, and go home.

Pray, for me, that I may be faithful and meet my sainted husband in heaven.

The White River Conference; in which he labored with so much joy, meets to-morrow.

I have no loved one now to say goodbye to me and my children, and ask me to pray for him, that we may be sent to the proper field of labor.

It may be he is watching for us in heaven. O, what joy! what joy!

Dear children, live near your God. Go to some secret place every day, and ask God to forgive your sins and help you to be a Christian. As soon as you read this, go and ask God to bless you. Did you ever feel that love burning within your hearts? Is it not a happy feeling? Glory to God for such comfort.

Fathers, may I not say a word to you? Do you pray with your children? I find it a source of spiritual strength.

Dear widowed sisters, do you want comfort. Go to God. Read Isaiah 54c, 5th and 7th verses.

Fathers, pray with your families—remember you will have to give an account of the way you rule your household.

Will all who read this pray for me? Read James 5:16.

SISTER BEASLEY.

N. B. WILLIAMSON.

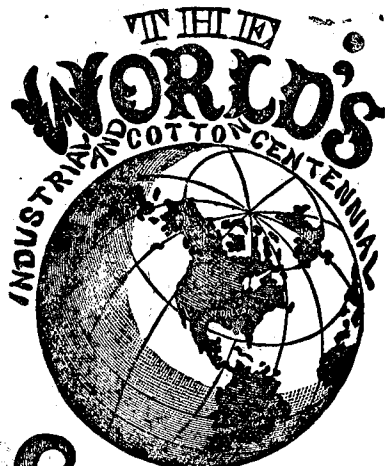
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	Arrive.	Depart.
Passenger No. 1	1:10 a.m.	
Passenger No. 3	11:40 a.m.	
Passenger No. 2		3:55 p.m.
Passenger No. 4		1:40 p.m.
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Trains going South		
Mixed & Pass.	4:30 p.m.	7:40 a.m.
Trains going North		
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1885.

OBITUARIES.

SUMNER.—Died, at her home, near Akron, Ark., October 29, 1884, Mrs. Annie Sumner, wife of Mr. Ed Sumner, and daughter of Mr. Ed. Carter, of Big Bottom. She was born Dec. 1861, and married Dec. 25, 1883. She left a devoted husband, a sweet babe, which survived her only a few days, and a large circle of bereaved relatives and friends to mourn her exit from time into eternity. Death came as a terrible cyclone, sweeping away in its remorseless march, one lovely in person and in character. In the morning she was out down as a lovely and fragrant flower, leaving only the sweet incense of a pure and blameless life behind. With her, life was brief indeed.

"The day had scarce began to dawn Before the night of death set in."
Oh, how sad to know our sister is gone, forever gone.
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A SISTER.

ALLEN.—Minnie Lee Allen, the eldest daughter of Shack and Ella Ala Allen, was born September 10, 1868, in Memphis, Tenn. Professed religion at Keersville, Tenn., in 1880, and has lived a Christian ever since. Minnie, like all other young people, was fond of pleasure, and found it an exceedingly difficult task to give up earth for heaven. This is the great struggle of mortality; and unaided by divine power, it would never be successful. It is only through grace that we ever conquer. She was alarmed at the approach of death, and shivered as she entered the last stream. A few words of assurance from her pious mother, accompanied with fervent prayer, and Minnie had the victory. "She died rejoicing in the Lord." Faith subdues all enemies, hope brightens all darkness, and love removes all fear.
A. R. W.

PARNELL.—Mrs. M. E. Parnell died at Mariana, Ark., Dec. 18, 1884. When the young and tender babe, like the fragile exotic transplanted in uncongenial clime, droops and dies, crushed hearts may kiss the rod that smote them and say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." When hoary age, bending under the weight of years, like a cart laden with many sheaves, succumbs, and the weary wheels of life stand still, we are wont to acquiesce and say he has complied with the inexorable decree, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." But when one who has scarcely reached the meridian of life, so strong and full of hope, as was the subject of this memoir, is cut down, the awful truth is emphasized, and we realize that "in the midst of life we are in death." Sister Parnell professed religion and joined the Methodist Church at Osceola, Ark., in 1875, and lived an exemplary, Christian life to the day of her death. The writer was her pastor for two years, during which time her systematic punctuality in attending upon all the services of God's house indicated the interest she felt in the Master's cause, and the pleasure it afforded her.

During her last illness she talked of death, and expressed an entire resignation to the will of God, saying she was ready. To the bereaved husband and sisters we extend sincere condolence and sympathy in their hours of sorrow, but bid them, in God's name, so live that, when the summons comes, it may find them also ready.
J. M. CLARK.
Mariana, Ark.

TAYLOR.—Sister Sarah Jane Taylor, the subject of this notice, was born in Jackson Co., Ark., Dec. 8, 1858; was married to John Wesley Taylor, Jan. 12, 1876. She joined the Church May 11, 1884, and when she and her husband was dedicated to God in holy baptism at the altar in the church at Shady Grove, her heart overflowed with love and she gave vent to her feelings by saying "Glory to God," and "I love the Lord," and like ex-

pressions. She was a good wife, an affectionate mother and a Christian of undoubted piety. During our protracted meeting at Shady Grove she was taken ill, and on the 11th of October, 1884, her meek and quiet spirit took its flight to the land where the pure in heart shall see God. She prayed especially for the conversion of some of her friends; and when they were converted, she would rejoice.

The writer left his protracted meeting, and preached her funeral, at Smithville, to a large congregation of her friends and relatives, and then laid her remains to rest where they will await the resurrection of the just. She leaves three children and a husband to mourn her loss. May they meet her in heaven.
R. D. MOON.

THOS. C. HUDSON.—In the death of this good man, another of the links that bound the present to the past has been severed. Bro. Hudson was born in Virginia; came to Arkansas in 1837, and was among the first to settle in the Manchester neighborhood, on the Ouachita, in what is now known as Clark county. The first Methodist church organized in that region, was organized in his house. A. W. Simmons, J. Custer and others, were the preachers in that early day, who dispensed the word to the little handful of people who met for worship at the house of my old friend. But few of those who formed that first church now remain. Mother Strong, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Tennessee Dawdy, I think are all that are left of the original church, except the aged widow of my early friend. For several years the aged pilgrim had been waiting for his change. He had given up all business, and by grace was preparing for his departure. He was surprised himself that the Lord should so long delay his coming; but in October last He, for whom he had been waiting and watching, came for his faithful servant, and his freed spirit passed away, to join those who had gone before, and to be with his Lord forever. He leaves behind him his aged companion and three daughters, and several grand-children, who, I am glad to say, are all "followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Bro. Hudson was a man of sterling worth, modest and unassuming, he would not impress strangers at first, perhaps, as he would those who knew him best. All who knew him set a high estimate on his worth as a man, a neighbor and citizen of our State. Such was the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens, that he very reluctantly consented to become a candidate, at one time, for a place in the State Senate. And although his opponent was one of the most popular of the aspiring men of that day, Thos. C. Hudson was triumphantly elected. He served his generation, like David, by the will of God, and fell on sleep. The friends of our earlier years, "how they pass away! Soon they will all be gone! Soon the writer of this memoir, now entering his 71st year, will go too, with the company who have crossed the last river, to be ever with the Lord. May he be ready for the great change. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten us to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance, incorruptable undefiled, and that fadeth not away."
A. HUNTER.

Tributes of Respect.

We are in receipt of several lengthy articles indicated by the above heading, from Sunday-schools, Churches, Quarterly Conferences, etc.,—one from Bebee, another from the Sunday-school at Goodwin Chapel, and one from another source, in Phillips county. Now, we would with mournful pleasure, comply with all these, if we could, but our columns are too short, and our space too limited to admit of it. If our friends will write very brief obituaries, we will try our best to put them all in, but we cannot do more.

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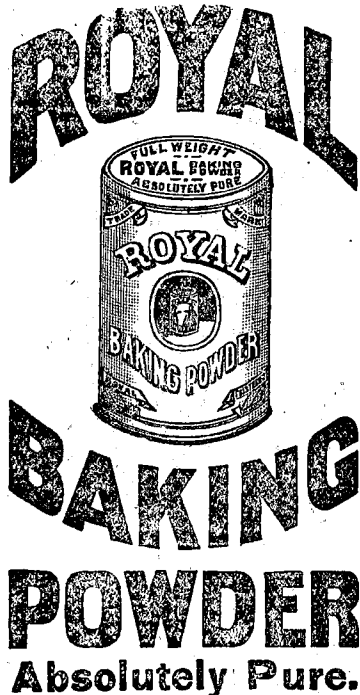
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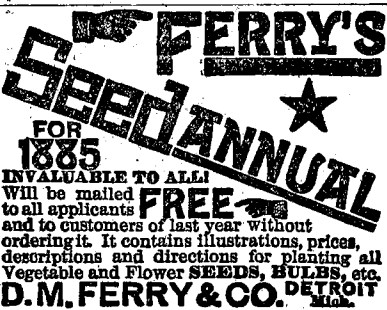
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