

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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REV. JNO. H. DYE,

"Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

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General News.

Our Own Country.

We see a great disposition on the part of the retiring administration, to embarrass the incoming by entangling alliances with foreign powers, and hasty treaties with foreign nations. It is refreshing to see Hon. John Sherman standing by the side of that pure statesman, Hon. Mr. Bayard, in resisting this unwise policy. Congress seems to be doing but little in the way of public business. They are now looking into the old war pocket, and trying to stir up the dying embers of the past "unpleasantness," by bringing up the old correspondence of Davis and Sherman. Better let these old things alone, gentlemen, and work to build up the country on a permanent basis of increased public confidence in our constitution, and a true devotion to our laws. Much time and money are being wasted in discussing Inter State Commerce and we are likely to bring on a difficulty with other nations, in seeking better commercial relations with Spain and with the Inter Oceanic Canal and our treaty with Nicaragua. It is to be hoped that all these matters can be adjusted and that our country will go forward on her wonderful progress in giving the nations Christian civilization and the blessings of liberty.

Our National Capitol.

In many respects is fast becoming like gay and voluptuous Paris. It is being filled with society men and women, and the reports heralded over the country of the ways, manners and customs of Washington City society, are disgusting in the extreme, and every little village and city in the country are trying to imitate, and we are treated to whole columns in our leading dailies of what silly women and foolish men wear at balls and parties. Flirting belles, married and single, with moustached dudes, are the shining stars in the world of fashion, and our papers must parade these senseless creatures to the front in their journals to the injury of society and the contempt of sensible people. We need to call a halt. We are sick and tired of society people and society items. Do treat the average reader with a little compassion and stop this nonsense.

Spain.

There has been fearful suffering in many provinces from the recent earth quakes. King Alfonso has been visiting the towns and cities where was found the greatest devastation and sorrow.

England.

There has been several vessels lost off the coast of Ireland and Wales in the last week, and many have perished. The army of Gen. Wolsey is still pushing its way through the barrenness of Egypt to the relief of Khartoum and Gen. Gordon and his men, they suffer much from the heat and for want of water, but still pursue their march. Premier Gladstone returned this week to London to attend a meeting of the Cabinet.

Africa.

The German and French governments have settled upon a boundary line between their respective African possessions, Batangan and Gaboon.

Austria.

Some severe suffering and great destruction of property reported along the coast of this old country by visitations of the falling snows and thundering avalanches. Klagenfurt, the capital of the province of Carinthia, southern Austria, was almost destroyed and several killed. The little village near the Simplan Mountain is well nigh destroyed.

Always try to maintain a Christian spirit, even under the most provoking and aggravated injuries. It will not pay you to get mad and you dare not seek revenge, for God hath said "Vengeance is mine." Retaliation cannot be allowed and forgiveness must be practiced.

State News.

Jonesboro has had a very destructive fire, which has greatly retarded the growth of that lovely town.

The small town of Collins, on the railroad from Monticello to Arkansas City, has been nearly destroyed by fire.

Our legislature is moving off very slowly, and as usual, in many things adopting "the penny-wise and pound foolish policy." They have already wasted more money in discussing rules of order, newspapers and postage, than all such things would cost in three terms. We are sorry to see a disposition to do a vast amount of small business and to waste the session on Gantt's Digest. Gentlemen, "do spare that old book!" Remember how it has suffered in years gone by! and do wait for the new one by Judge Mansfield. Call a halt on Gantt's Digest. Very sorry, too, we are to see that the Senate is wasting time and money, and seem disposed to refuse the aid asked for by our Commissioners at New Orleans. They ask for \$7,000, and now there is an amendment pending for \$3,000. That is an open insult to our Commissioners, Senators. Give them what they ask and stop your grumbling. Let Arkansas have a fair chance at this Exposition—she is entitled to it. It will be worth millions to us. We suppose the great contest over the senatorship will be decided this week, and then the legislature will get to business in good style.

"Batesville has passed an ordinance fixing the rate of liquor license for the town at \$1,000; which, added to the State County and Federal license to gether with incidental fees, makes the saloon men of that town pay \$1,763.50, before they have the right to keep a decent, orderly dram-shop." —[Arkansas Democrat.] But who ever heard of a decent, orderly dram-shop? Just as well talk about a good Satan. They are all evil. Good for Batesville. If they will have them, then tax till the red comes.

Dallas county has no saloons. Good for Dallas.

Arkadelphia has voted to have licensed saloons and try once more the wicked policy of cursing her own people to raise revenue to run the city. They will regret it. Mark the prophecy.

Hon. S. P. Hughes was duly inaugurated Governor of this State last Wednesday. His inaugural address was very fine and gave very general satisfaction. He enters on his official duties with great will and determination. If devotion, purpose, intelligence and true patriotism are the real elements of success, then it is already assured for he certainly has all these.

Our newly elected Secretary of State, Hon. E. B. Moore has entered on his official duties, and Secretary Frolich gracefully retires to the shades of private life, where he will not remain long, for the people will not permit it. He has made the State a magnificent officer, and saved several thousand dollars of the money allowed for current expenses. Arkansas owes him a debt of gratitude.

Governor Berry speaks very complimentary of the management of the Lunatic Asylum in his recent message to the Legislature, all of which we endorse with a great deal of pleasure; but we feel sorry that his Excellency did not feel free to recommend appropriations for new buildings, and improvements for the Mutes and the unfortunate Blind. We hope our General Assembly will vote all these institutions ask for. We can't afford to economize where blind children are liable to be burned up, and the deaf and blind are suffering.

Our Legislature is now taking its first ballot for U. S. Senator. The vote stood in the Senate—Dunn, 10; Berry, 9; Jones, 7, and the Republicans voted for Ferdinand Havis, of Jefferson. In the House the vote stood—Jones, 25; Dunn, 31; Berry, 24; Republicans for Havis, and the rest scattering.

Personal.

Bishop A. W. Wilson is now at Hot Springs in this State seeking health in that wonderful valley. We sincerely hope this Siloam of Arkansas will entirely restore our Bishop and let him with renewed health enter upon his loved employ.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry has gone to Georgia to visit his parents. We wish him a very pleasant visit and a safe and speedy return to Arkansas.

Rev. E. N. Evans is getting fairly at work at Spring street, and his accomplished wife is now with him. Their people gave them a rousing reception. It was good.

Rev. G. W. Briggs, the new editor of the Texas Advocate, is throwing new life into the old Texas Advocate, and is fairly making it sparkle. It may be better in some respects under its new regime, but it will never have a braver man at its head than Dr. Johns.

Bishop Granbery had his losses as well made up as possible when he reached St. Louis, and he is well and safely domiciled in his new home—3006 Chestnut street.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E. of Searcy district, went home sick before the election of chaplain to the House, and his name was not placed before that body. He is improving, we are glad to say.

Rev. J. L. Hays, of Waldron, Scott county, and a supernumerary of the Arkansas conference, also an ex-Confederate soldier, has been elected chaplain of the House and entered on his duties.

Rev. Frank White was elected chaplain of the Senate. He is a Missionary Baptist, and being blind he distanced his competitors. One of them, Rev. M. D. Early, was a minister of his own Church.

Rev. W. A. Clements, a local preacher of our Church, is a member of the House and has the honor to represent Yell county.

Bishop Parker is among the flowers of Florida, and working for our Methodism in that growing State.

Mrs. Sue Morrison, widow of the Rev. A. A. Morrison, D. D., Denver City, has given to the Church there for the cause of Church Extension town lots valued at \$4,500. Noble gift from a noble woman! May their number be multiplied.

Rev. Sam Janes, the great Methodist evangelist, is in Brooklyn helping Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage in a great revival meeting. The giants are together now, and we may expect to hear of the rattling of bones in the valley of dry bones, or rather in the great Sodom of America.

Rev. E. R. Hendrix, of Central College, Mo., never lets up on our Centennial affairs. He continues to put in the very best licks possible, and if this year is not more fruitful than the past it will be no fault of his.

Bishop Hargrove is holding conference in Minden, La. We have most pleasant recollections of that noble town in North Louisiana.

Mrs. Sue Mooney continues to contribute to the Church press. She is a gifted writer. We hope the METHODIST will sparkle ere long with one of her shining, glittering, diamond-like letters.

Rev. S. M. Cherry and wife, of Culloka, Tenn., will have each a letter in our next paper, and it will be difficult for our readers to determine which is the best, for they are splendid.

Rev. Jno. H. Dye, our junior, was over at Searcy last Sabbath, and our new chaplain, Rev. J. L. Hays, officiated at Argenta in his stead.

Field Notes.

The field hands are doing well and many of them are having a good time and we congratulate them on their good position and pleasant surroundings. We begin with a note from that sturdy, strong P. E., Rev. D. T. Holmes. Hear him:

"Mr. Editor: All the preachers on the Washington district are at their posts except two. O. H. Keadle has not come to Fulton circuit, and I have not heard from him. E. M. Wright, appointed to Dallas circuit, went back to Georgia on a visit, and on account of feeble health has declined to return. So I need a preacher for this place. If a young man could be found at once he would find a welcome and a field for usefulness. Will you help me to get the right man?"

We will do our best. We make the call this week.

Here comes that stirring, indefatigable preacher, Rev. A. S. Blackwood, of Augusta, Ark.:

"Yesterday we packed our household goods and with my family boarded the steamer Chickasaw, at West Point, en route to this place. At midnight we landed here and were met by Mr. Ed Bonner and conducted to the parsonage where the ladies of the Church had put in order one room, putting wood in the fireplace that only awaited the touching of a match, which was soon done and we sat down to rest, in comfort. Before leaving Mr. B. informed us that breakfast would be sent us in due time. My brother W. B. Otey was on hand with his drays and soon had our goods put in the parsonage, so that by 3 o'clock, a. m., we are enabled to kneel down and thank God for a prosperous journey and retire for the remainder of the night. This morning at seven o'clock we are up and do justice to a good breakfast sent us. At nine o'clock a dray drives up and begins to unload flour, meal, meat, molasses, rice, sugar, coffee, tea, cheese, and many other good things too numerous to mention. We now begin the work of unpacking, etc., the monotony of which is broken only by the sight of a sumptuous dinner sent us by the ladies. We now begin to realize the force of a remark made by a good woman who had once lived here, "that the people of Augusta know how to treat a preacher and his family to make them happy." May the Lord bless this people for their love and kindness. I will do all I can for the METHODIST. Bro. Garrison did much for the paper, and I think opened the way for a greater work. Many prayers will be offered here for his success in his new field of labor. I am praying and working for a revival. Pray for us."

Next comes Rev. B. G. Johnson, Ex. P. E. and as true a man as ever breathed. Hear the "Old Reliable": "I am trudging along on my second round on Mineral Springs circuit. The weather has been rainy, snowy, sleety and gloomy, and it has been difficult for one to keep his mental and moral faculties properly harnessed so as to be on up grade. I have been reading and praying, writing and preaching and trying to get ready for a vigorous campaign when the dark days pass away. It is an effort for me to adjust myself to my small charge after having been eleven long years on extensive district work. Like Isaiah I may say, "the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself on," but by God's grace I am going to do the best I can. We must not despise the day of small things for out of them great things are made. I am in striking distance of home all the time which is a great compensation for loss of latitude and longitude. We have eight appointments on this circuit, embracing our growing town, Nashville, at which place we have no house for worship. During my tour of district work

I have traveled about thirty-three thousand miles almost entirely on horseback (only using two horses); held about five hundred and thirty quarterly conferences and eleven district conferences, and preached about three thousand times. Never have I missed but three appointments through the entire time, one from physical affliction and two by sickness of my wife. How good the Lord has been to me through those long and laborious years. During this time many young men have entered the traveling connection from my fields of labor. Some have gone to their great reward and others still cultivating the Master's vineyard. I have just entered my twenty-fifth year as an itinerant Methodist preacher in Arkansas, and if the Lord should spare me twenty-five more years I expect to spend them all in his service. I can but recognize the fact that a Divine hand has led me all along the past. I never had a poor appointment. They have always been better than I merited. My salaries have been small, yet we have lived well and the children have been educated."

That has the true ring. From P. C. to P. E., then again to P. C., and still with a devotion unflinching and a determination unflinching, the old veteran pursues the path of duty without one word of complaint. Thank God for the itinerancy.

Next comes an old P. E. of the Memphis conference, himself the son of one of the best P. E.s that ever mounted a saddle. G. W. D. Harris was one of the three men of our Church of faultless voice and manner. The other two were Bishops Paine and Peirce. All masters. But hear his son, W. T. Harris:

"I have been reading your paper for some time. I like it. It is outspoken, fearless, earnest and in every respect a clever paper. You are against whiskey, tobacco, filth and rascality generally. You are Methodist to the core. You are not as learned as some papers I read, not as elaborate in your discussions as others; but you are clear, decided, honest and brave. You are doing good. May your paper live long, go into every Methodist family in Arkansas and many out of Arkansas. I now, in the presence of all your readers and everybody else who will see, shake hands with Bro. A. Hunter on his Centennial Notes, especially his views on "Organic Union." I give my other hand to brother L. Pulliam on old fashioned "class meetings." I am for class meetings and for loving the M. E. Church just as she is. I am sure I can love her just as much at this distance as I would if we were united. As an individual member of the M. E. Church, South, I can join her—if she will have me—when I get ready, and I trust I will be ready when the trump sounds and Jesus comes. Then may we all go into the Church triumphant together!"

Next comes Rev. C. M. Keith, of our Conference, with such a good report that he must have the closing word:

"We have just had, to us, an entirely new experience in itinerant life. We never before, so fully comprehended the significance of the term, 'pounding,' as so often used by our preachers, as we now do; for, to-day a wagon came from the good people of Salem, and gave us a most merciful 'pounding,' and we found it to mean pork, butter, lard, molasses, flour, sugar, rice and fruits (dried and canned), turnips, onions, potatoes and other culinary articles, such as an itinerant entering upon a year's labors, after a long move, rejoices to have. But, Doctor, what am I to do with it all, now I have it? for I have no one to take care of it for me, (my wife not having come to our work yet,) nor to serve it up so that I might take care of it myself. However, we feel very grateful to those dear, good people for the kindly remembrance. It makes us still more desirous to serve them with our might. God help us to be faithful, and serve them acceptably, and to Divine approval. Accompanying the goods was the following kind, expressive note: 'Dear Bro. Keith—Please accept these presents from the good people of Salem as an humble offering. They wish you a successful and prosperous year's labor.' And who could doubt the sincerity of that wish, being accompanied, as it was, with such unmistakable tokens of good will. Again, we tender our heartfelt gratitude, and say, God bless the dear people and help us labor to faithfully with them to His glory and their good."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 1885

Preachers Aid Association of the White River Conference.

MY DEAR BRETHREN:—I call your attention through this medium to the Association called as above, which has been in existence some three years. Its organization was effected, first, in the town of Beebe. Its object is, as the second Article of its Constitution explains, to provide a fund for the benefit of the family of any clerical member of the Association at his death. Laymen become members by paying two dollars, but are not beneficiaries. Upon their sympathy, benevolence and love, for the families of our dead preachers, we rely for their continued membership. Quite a number of noble laymen are even now enrolled on our books. Each clerical and lay member pays \$2, by assessment, and this is held in bank until a clerical member dies, when it is paid over at once to his family or those authorized to receive it. Another assessment is then immediately made to be deposited as before in readiness to relieve the next beneficiary. So far the Association has relieved two widows of dead preachers. First, the widow of Bro. W. M. Avery. I beg leave to subjoin her letter in reply to mine enclosing her check for the sum of only \$56. It was as follows: "Dear Bro: You will please accept my thanks for your Christian favor. The draft I received has been cashed, relieving me of absolute want. I was left in destitute circumstances with three helpless little girl children. Any favors the Conference may show me will be cherished in the heart of a humble Christian woman." The next amount, \$80, was sent to the widow of Bro. M. J. F. Beasley. The third assessment has been made and \$74 now deposited in bank to assist the next. Several members have not yet paid in the assessment, but when they do the amount on deposit will be something more than a \$100. This shows a gradual increase. This would secure an amount sufficient to settle in tolerable comfort the families of our dead brethren. If our preachers would all look after the matter we feel assured that in a short time this number of names could be secured. And we owe it brethren to try and do something for those left thus destitute. Let any traveling Methodist preacher in any Conference, who reads this send me his name and the \$2 assessment and thereby become a member. And let every member exert himself to get at least two intelligent laymen to become members. We must have the two hundred and fifty names. Below I give the Constitution of the Association as adopted at its second annual meeting.

JULIEN C. BROWN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be known as the Preachers Aid Association of the White River Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II.—The object of this Association shall be to provide a fund for the benefit of the family of any clerical member of this Association at his death.

ART. III.—Any layman may become a member of this Association, but shall not receive any benefit from the funds of the Association.

ART. IV.—The mortuary fee or assessment must be paid within sixty (60) days after notice of the death of a member or the delinquent forfeits his membership in the Association.

ART. V.—Two-thirds of the clerical members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. VI.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member, without reward, immediately upon the death of a member, that mortuary fee or assessment is due.

ART. VII.—The President shall call a meeting of the Association at each annual session of the White River Conference.

ART. VIII.—The election of the officers of the Association shall take place annually during the sessions

of the White River Conference.

ART. IX.—This Constitution shall not be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present and only after notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous stated meeting.

ART. X.—The Secretary shall be required to record the proceedings of each meeting in a book, with the address of each member of the Association.

GEO. A. DANNELLY,
JULIEN C. BROWN, President.
Secretary.

*Notices of proposed amendment to this Article have been given which reads as follows: First, strike out the word "clerical" and insert the words "itinerant preacher in full connection." Second, to strike out the word "clerical" and insert the words "itinerant preacher."

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Little Rock Conference.

Messrs. Dye & Winfield made the following propositions to the Arkansas Conference, viz: We come to tender you the paper, requesting you to continue it as your special Organ; and this request is made on the following conditions and specifications:

First—The Conference is not responsible for ONE DOLLAR, either to purchase the property or to continue its existence.

Second—We only ask the preachers to act as our agents in securing and collecting subscriptions. We promise you a live, religious, Christian newspaper, which shall be devoted to the interests of the Church, and will help to foster and build up its interests. We ask you to work for it, and help to put it in every Methodist family in Arkansas.

We desire the Conference to appoint a publishing committee of three to act with other committees of the other Conferences in Arkansas, and these committees shall have power to supervise the columns of the METHODIST, and whenever the paper is not conducted in a manner satisfactory to them, they may, during the interim of the Conferences, dissolve your connections with it, and in case of the death of either of the editors, they shall have power to fill the vacancy, giving the surviving partner the right of nomination. And in case of the death of both partners, they shall elect editors till the meeting of the Conferences.

With these propositions before us, and influenced by the belief that it is an almost universal desire to establish a medium of inter-communication among ourselves, and also among the three Conferences in the State, which will prove a most potent factor in building up every interest, moral, educational, social and religious in their varied details, and believing, too, that a Local Organ is a strong helper to the chief organ in carrying on the great connectional interests of our beloved Methodism, we heartily recommend that you adopt the following resolutions:

1st. That we adopt the ARKANSAS METHODIST under the foregoing propositions of Dye & Winfield, editors and proprietors, and that we do plight our faith, and the work of our hands for the active circulation of the paper.

2nd., We do not believe it material to the interests of all concerned to have any associates or corresponding editors, therefore we decline to elect one from this Conference. And we recommend that the other Conferences take like action, and that the editors of the Children's, Woman's Missionary and Temperance Union, Departments, all be dispensed with, and that columns be set aside or apart for these subjects, to be supplied with the very best matter from the best possible sources.

3d., That we hereby appoint A. Hunter, C. C. Godden and H. Jewell to represent the Little Rock Conference as a committee on publication.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—REPORT NO. ONE.

The committee on books and periodicals to whom was referred the paper pertaining to the action of the Arkansas Conference on the ARKANSAS METHODIST, have had the same under consideration, and after mature deliberation have adopted said action and recommend it to the Conference

for its consideration.

NUMBER TWO.

The report of Dr. McFerrin, the Book Agent, which was referred to your committee, shows that the Publishing House has enjoyed another year of prosperity; that the Christian Advocate is increasing its circulation, its list of subscribers now reaching twenty-five thousand; and that the Sunday-school Literature is in a healthy condition. The sales of merchandise, according to this report, have increased at a satisfactory rate, and the old indebtedness has been decreased \$41,225.

It is with pleasure that your committee have learned that Rev. C. C. Godden & Co., have established in the city of Little Rock a Book House for the purpose of supplying the demands of our people in this great and growing State, with the publications of our Publishing House at catalogue prices with the usual discount to preachers.

Your committee offers for the adoption of this body, the following resolutions:

1st., That we, the members of the Little Rock Annual Conference, will continue to call the attention of our people to the excellent quality of the books on sale at the Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., and at Little Rock, Ark., and also of the periodical literature of the Church, gotten up in connection with the Publishing House; that we pledge our patronage to these houses, and especially to that at Little Rock; and that we recommend them to the favorable consideration of all who need anything in their line.

2nd., That the endorsement of the conduct and management of our Central Organ, the Nashville Christian Advocate, and its extensive circulation, by the members of this Conference cannot be too strongly emphasized.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The committee, after a careful examination of the specimen number turned over to it, with the communication from Dr. J. W. Hinton, editor, pronounces it a most excellent work, deserving the patronage of all our preachers and people. It is certainly of the highest order of literature as it relates to theology and philosophy. Closing its sixth volume with a broader circulation than ever enjoyed before, shows that it is attractive and valuable to those seeking a higher order of literature.

The committee offers for the adoption of the Conference, the following resolutions:

1st. That we fully concur in the opinion of the editor that the Church needs a first-class Quarterly.

2nd. That we will, as far as practicable, sustain the efforts of the editor to supply the Church with such a periodical, and will recommend the same to our people.

Resolved, That this Conference request the presiding Bishop, R. K. Hargrove, to appoint A. R. Winfield to the editorship of the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

NUMBER THREE.

The reports of our preachers show a decrease in the amount of books sold. The amount sold last year was \$3,254.40; this year \$2,268.40. Number of Christian Advocates taken last year was 789; this year 680. The number of other Church papers taken last year was 1,024; this year 1,365.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HUNTER, Ch'm.

BIBLE CAUSE.

There are a few facts connected with the Bible work in this State, which we think claim your most thoughtful consideration.

First—That truly grand and sublime institution, the American Bible Society has furnished us with 32,681 copies of the word of God during the year closing March 31, 1884; 27,790 of which were donated to facilitate the work of colportage. It has also furnished the means, to a very large extent, by which the work of distribution has been carried on. For more than forty years we have been asking favors at the hands of this institution, and never once have we been denied. Should it not then have a very warm place in our affections?

Second. We are informed by the District Superintendent, that "all the Protestant Churches in the State co-operate with the institution." We cannot but pause here, and ask: Is

this co-operation vital, active? Our fears are awakened, brethren, that this is not the case. The board of managers of the American Bible Society tell us, that, unless the cause is more generally and pressingly presented in the Churches, and the friends of the Society respond more liberally to its claims, the time is near when the work, both at home and abroad, must be greatly curtailed.

To every Protestant Christian man and woman to whom these presents shall come, we beg to ask, "Can you consent to this? Let your prayers and contributions answer—No!

Third—We are glad to note an increase of \$273.23 over last year's collections for this work in the State.

We recommend the adoption of our usual resolutions.

First—That we invite the District Superintendent to visit our respective pastoral charges, pledging him our hearty co-operation.

Second—That we will take up collections for the Bible cause the first Sunday in February, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and remit to Rev. W. H. Vernor, D. D., District Superintendent, Little Rock, Ark.

J. E. CALDWELL, Ch'm.

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This institution was adopted at the last session of this Conference as our Male College, and trustees were appointed, some of whom with the visiting committee attended the late commencement, and were delighted with the exercises of the college. Indeed it was an agreeable surprise. They found a large two-story brick edifice of the most approved architecture, situated in a ten acre campus, with a capacity for three hundred pupils on the brow of a mountain overlooking the railway at its feet on the North, and the Arkansas River four miles distant on the South, with exhilarating landscapes in all directions, where fruit and flower vie in their ministry of refinement and culture, a guarantee of health and cheerfulness. We cannot too strongly commend this Institute to the public.

This Board is informed by communication from the Arkansas Conference, that that body has bought from Rev. I. L. Burrow the school property of Central College at Altus for the sum of \$12,500, payable as follows, viz: One-third January 1, 1885, and the residue in notes running two, three or five years, with six per cent. per annum from date of first payment; and requests this Conference to unite with in said purchase as joint owners thereof; wherefore,

Resolved, That we accept the proposition to purchase said Central Collegiate Institute.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be and it is hereby authorized to accept a deed of conveyance for said property in accordance with the terms specified.

Resolved, That said Board shall be composed of an equal number from each Conference that is now or may hereafter become owners of said property—not less than four from each.

Resolved, That said Board of Trustees be directed to take such legal proceeding as shall be necessary to make the charter of said college accord with the new ownership thereof.

Resolved, That the Bishop be and is hereby requested to appoint H. R. Withers as financial agent of Central Collegiate Institute, in conjunction with his regular work, to co-operate with V. V. Harlan of the Arkansas Conference to raise funds for said College.

BINGEN HIGH SCHOOL.

The Board has information that the Washington District High School at Bingen is reasonably prosperous, and commands respect in the District. We recommend it to the public, and ask that Rev. A. W. Robinson be appointed principal.

PINE BLUFF FEMALE INSTITUTE.

This institution is flourishing under the able presidency of Dr. Browning. It has eighty pupils, and has just entered on its second year. We recommend that Dr. Browning be appointed principal.

The agent of the High School, Washington District, Arkansas Conference, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America, was before this Board and represented it as a necessity of that people. We therefore cordially commend it to the sympathy of our people. It bears the relation to the Arkansas

Conferences that Paine Institute does to the General Church. Certainly a missionary door is open at the very threshold of our homes, and the cry for help comes from our very door neighbors. Therefore,

Resolved, That we commend the effort of that Church to educate her preachers, and to elevate the standard of their society, and that we will do all we can consistently, with other claims, to help build and equip their school. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. R. WITHERS,
Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, Methodism has from the beginning been pronounced against intemperance, both drunkenness and drinking spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity, being condemned in its fundamental law, which even the General Conference cannot revoke; and

Whereas, The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, are also forbidden to our members by the Discipline; and Whereas, These evils are wide spread, if not increasing in the world; therefore

Resolved, That the preachers of the Little Rock Conference are requested to emphasize these subjects in the pulpit, and to administer firmly but mildly the law relating thereto.

H. JEWELL, Chairman.

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. O. Jones, M. A., or the President.

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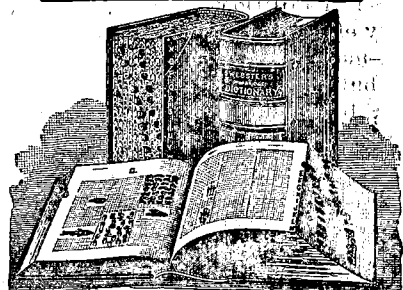
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1885.

Rev. C. W. Miller, D. D., of the Kentucky Conference has passed away. Dr. Miller was one of the very able men of our church. A fine preacher, a sound divine, and a writer second to none of his age either in his own or any other Church. He was a master in debate, whether oral or written, and his works will stand the test of the severest criticism. For three years he has struggled with disease, but his manly form had to yield at last. Far away amid the orange groves of Florida he wandered in quest of health, but all to no avail. Consumption did its fearful work. Slowly but surely. What energy and will was exhibited by this wonderful man. During these wonderful years of pain and sickness, he wrote that remarkable book, "The Conflict of the Centuries." It is a masterly production, and will be read with greater interest ten years hence than now, and will have then very few to criticize. It was one step out of the old ruts and other steps will follow. A great man has fallen. In the strength of manhood he was hewn down, but he was a conqueror. We lay this as our feeble tribute on the grave of our friend.

Wonder if our preachers know that we have a regular form for service in our good book of discipline? Don't think they do, from the way in which they conduct them. Sounds very badly to Methodist ears for a P. E., to open the morning service without repeating the Lord's prayer, and often without any lesson from the Bible. We once heard Bishop Paine say that he never failed at any service to read a portion of the Bible, because he knew when that book was read the people got something good. Preachers, imitate the Bishop.

How to Succeed.

Aim at something. Let your sermons be prepared at home, and do not rise in the pulpit and turn page after page in your Bible, as if you were hunting for a lost text or gathering your scattered thoughts. No firing blank cartridges or delivering crude, undigested thoughts in a careless, awkward manner. Let serious solemnity mark your every movement in the pulpit, and impress everybody present that your great aim is to do good. Preach to the heart through and by intelligence. Do not imagine that preaching to the heart means to talk at random, and exhort without either sense or feeling. Avoid ranting, stir the conscience, move the passions, arouse the feelings, and then take time to call penitents and pray for sinners. Open the doors of the church every time you preach, and let the people feel that you expect to accomplish something. Try these hints, and if you fail let us know.

A Real Want.

That is to get our people interested in our services so that they will conform to worship. We are ritualists, and could not be if we were to try, but the Episcopalians do conform to modes of worship better than any other protestant denomination. Presbyterians will not stand and Methodists will not kneel and Baptists neither stand or kneel. Something must be done to interest our people in our church services. If our old Methodist women carry their hymn books the choir won't let them sing, and the preachers are getting too fashionable or lazy, we don't know which, to have two prayers at a service, and the old praying men are left out. Our services are frequently like a performance, and the preacher and a house full of men and women are the performers, and the rest are dress circle listeners. Such services are an abomination. It is not time to call a halt, and let the people all have a part in worship. A few Bible readings would be a great improvement.

OUR DUTY.

We come now to speak of our duty to society, and our relation to our fellow man. Society is made up of integral parts, and the world is composed of the great brotherhood of men. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself is the safe and certain axiomatic principle of our holy Christianity. Society is a social compact formed by the surrender of certain rights, and a mutual compromise entered into by all for the benefit of the whole. Our duty in this regard may be summed up under two heads. First—What we are to do; and, second, what we must not do—what we must deny ourselves for the benefit of our brothers, and what we must contribute in the way of individual exertion and personal gift. It is safe to say that we may not do anything to injure our fellow man, and we ought to be willing to surrender any lust, desire or pleasure that would injure him; still here is the most difficult part of duty. Men love pleasure and they delight in gratification. Our nature is averse to God and holiness, and we are carnally sold under sin. We are born in sin, but not sinners. Depravity is not sin, but sinfulness, and this sinfulness is found in every heart. Here is one difficulty: We desire to see our brothers good and happy, but we are unwilling to surrender what we think our innocent enjoyments or doubtful pleasures to make him good and cause him to be happy. We often join him in these things or entice him to them when we know they will injure him, and still we claim to be his friend. How can we love our neighbor or perform our duty toward him when we treat him thus. Now, drinking is the bane of society, and the constant destruction of your friend and still you ask him to drink! Go with him where it is sold and drink. Help to put temptation before him and put him in the way of temptation and say you love him. Perfectly preposterous. You are aiding to murder him and kill his soul. Our duty to our fellow-man demands that we not only keep aloof from these open evils, but that we stand in open opposition to them. Saloons are read and known of all men to be evil, then our duty clearly is to keep away from them and frown upon them as curses and slaughter houses. How about theatres and circuses? Who doubts that these are evil, and only evil? If there is good, then please say when and where? Are they not sensual and wholly so? Is there anything about them that is refining? Who can defend the modern drama, the obscene circus? and who will undertake the defense of the modern dance. They are all kinfolks, and all the children of unhallowed lust, and going together in the work of ruin and death. Our duty is clearly seen in giving up all these—for the sake of society and the real good of our fellow man. Let the reader pause and see his relation to society and his fellows in regard to all these mentioned and many more. Are they evil or good? Will they bless or curse? Will they help or hinder in the race of improvement? Answer these questions and govern yourself accordingly. Secondly—Your duty will impel you to work for society. Every man owes a contribution in this regard. As a citizen your duty will call you to enter actively every field of active enterprise, and engage in all works of benevolence and usefulness. All works of public benefit demand our constant aid. Public schools, public highways, and all the works of government have claims on us, and we cannot measure up to duty, unless we engage in and help them all. Political economy holds that every man owes a duty to the government and society, and they have a right to tax him, both for money and labor, and to restrain him whenever and wherever they think their interests require. We often hear the expression or rather epithet—a public spirited citizen—this means one alive to every thing connected with and interested in the public good. So then we may sum up, or rather repeat, our duty is two fold—negative and positive. We must learn to forego all that is injurious, and do whatever is beneficial. Society improves or retrogrades, just in proportion as her citizens perform duty in these regards. How grand and noble a man appears among his

fellow, performing duty while he loves and blesses his fellows. How contemptible a small, miserly man undertaking to live for himself and to dwell alone in his "little pent up Utica," a full and fitting example of the old poetry:

"He breaths but does not live,
Who much receives, and nothing gives.
Whom none can love, and none can thank,
Creation's blot, creation's blank."

MEMPHIS AND BACK.

It seems so natural and right ever and anon to stroll over the "Father of Waters" and take a few days in the Bluff City, and mingle with friends of other days, to be reminded of "Auld Lang Syne." In 1836, this writer, then a boy, rode up on the Chickasaw Bluff and looked for the first time upon this vast "Inland Sea," and away ever to the wilds of Arkansas, just then admitted into this "Glorious Union." Memphis was then a small town of only a few thousand. West Tennessee was comparatively new and North Mississippi was just being opened up to immigrants. The country was full of banks and flooded with shin plasters, and the whole West on the high tide of advancing prosperity. Ten years later and this writer was again on the Bluff, this time with horse and saddle bags to join the itinerant host. Thirty-eight years and upwards have passed by, and now we are in the city on business for the Great Religious Weekly of Arkansas and to canvas for advertisements for our conference minutes. How rapidly the town has grown in these years! The little village of 1836 is now a city of nearly 50,000 and still increasing—more rapidly than ever before—and but for the visitations of yellow fever, it would have reached 60,000, and we may safely say that this great railroad center will reach 100,000 in the next ten years. We see great and rapid improvement every time we visit the city. Some of the largest wholesale houses in the South are to be found in Memphis. We mention Shoofield, Hananer & Co., Porter & McRae, Hill, Fontaine & Co., Brooks, Neely & Co. and Newsom & Luhnorn, Hardware; Orgill & Bros., Cotton Traders; J. R. Godwin & Co., W. F. Taylor & Co., Dry Goods; B. Lowenstein & Co. and Menken Bros. We wish we could speak singly of all these, but space forbids. Our Arkansas friends know them and will patronize them. B. Lowenstein is one of the largest wholesale dry goods men of the South and has a large and increasing trade. His retail store is perfect in all its parts. Our Arkansas people will recollect to call for Mr. Thompson. He is every way reliable, and will give you prompt and pleasant attention. We went through the great emporium of trade presided over by Menken Bros., with their large list of clerks, male and female. This is the finest building of the mercantile order this side New York. It reminds one of the beautiful houses of gay Paris and will compare well with the best in our Gotham. It is five stories high, with all the latter-day improvements. First and second stories, retail; third and fourth, wholesale; fifth, mantua making, millinery and packing departments. It is simply splendid and perfectly magnificent. This house is doing an immense trade. Here you will find that clever gentleman and splendid business man, Mr. T. W. Arnold, and our old friend Taylor, formerly of Taylor & Strange, is here. At the very door the smiling face of our friend Arnold will greet you, and what a pleasure it is to him to show you through. If you want drugs, call on Wilkinson & Co. on Main street, corner of Union. If you want clothing, find Johnston & Vance. If you want jewelry, find E. T. Byrd, and when you want groceries you will certainly look up Shoofield, Hananer & Co. and Newsom & Luhnorn. Our brother Miller knows nearly everybody in West Tennessee, and he is just as clever as he can be to everybody in Arkansas. Look up that clever old gentleman Mr. Lewis Hananer, who is actually seeking to divide the honor with this writer in being called old Arkansas. I shall never forget his kindness and courtesy to me on this visit. Many thanks to brothers Miller and Hananer. Don't fail to find brother Newsom, and close by are brothers Godwin and Mullins. Thurs-

day it rained all day. Friday it sleeted and snowed, but we did good work in Memphis and we return our thanks to all who helped. Read all the ads in our minutes and remember they are all endorsed and govern yourself accordingly.

Several Things.

My papers are all rich this week. I never weary of their coming, but always hail them with fresh delight. Dr. Fitzgerald's leader on "The ways in which Church membership is cheapened," is suggestive and profitable. I think his editorial, a few weeks since, on "Worldliness," was one of the most clear-cut and searching articles that I have read for many a day. I felt its quickening and purifying influence on my own mind and heart, and I realized some very severe twinges of conscience while reading over his pointed sentences. Bro. Bounds wrote some articles a few weeks since calling attention to some of the great matters set forth in our Discipline. It seems to me that our editors generally fail sadly just at this point. They ought to give us constantly those great and terrible facts which cannot be evaded, but which strike the conscience directly. I think we need more tenderness and purity of conscience, and a much deeper tone of piety manifest in our church papers, and in our pulpits, and in our churches, and our homes. I repeat what I have said heretofore in regard to your paper—I like it. Its perusal is profitable and suggestive. You speak plainly to all and of all. You seem to be free from a cringing fear. Sometimes we lack courage to speak the truth to those who most need it. We all need to be dealt with plainly and faithfully. Some men hear little but applause flattery, and they soon seem to hold themselves above all rebuke. All true Christian men are meek and teachable in spirit, no difference what their present positions may be.

The New York Christian Advocate is always edifying and grand. Dr. Buckley is amongst the very ablest of living editors. His great paper however seems to me to lack the intensely, devotional element, which should specially characterize and continually pervade all our church papers. I may be wrong in this opinion. I have noticed that in reading Methodist history, and the writings of the early Methodists, that I am led to cry to God, and I am continually pressed into a great agony of prayer, but much of the writing and preaching of the present does not seem to have a similar effect. I think we need heart power more than intellectual power. Whenever this is manifest men are led to prayer and repentance. If I could see my hearers so awakened and impressed that they were led to cry to God immediately, then I would know that my preaching was not in vain.

L. PULLIAM.

A Great Methodist Meeting.

Yesterday the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was to assemble in Baltimore. It is one hundred years since the Methodist Church was organized as an independent body and Bishop Asbury, the first American Bishop was consecrated. There had been Methodist Churches before this, but the self-sustaining organized body, which is now so thorough in all its ecclesiastical machinery, so vast in its membership and so widely useful in every part of this land, dates from 1784.

This "Christmas Conference" is of special interest, because now for the first time in forty years representatives of about four millions of Methodist Church members will be included in one assembly. Members of the Church, North, and of the Church, South; African Methodists and Canadian Methodists—nearly all the shades of opinion in the denomination being represented—will meet for a seven days' Conference. Coming together for the promotion of the best interests of the Methodist Church and of mankind, invoking the presence of the Holy Ghost, and intent upon Christian unity, peace and concord, we may hope that the session will be of service to the whole Church of Christ. We believe that such a Conference will harmonize and consolidate the denomination, but we pray that it will also send forth a spirit of revived

Christianity through the land in which all its people may be blessed. —[N. Y. Observer.

Good Books Needed.

A pastor in Iowa writes, after receiving a donation of books from the Presbyterian Board of Publication for his Sabbath-school: "I hardly know how to thank you for them. If you could have seen the joy in the faces of the children in our schools, you would know that their hearts were filled with gratitude. Indeed, many of our children never saw a library in a Sabbath-school, and have nothing to read that is of value. I can fully confirm the statement of a recent writer from Iowa, who said that 'infidels here are bold, defiant and aggressive.' Their writings, tracts and papers are to be seen everywhere. Police News, Police Gazette, nickel stories and every variety of sporting papers are for sale at book-stores. It is poison and nothing but poison everywhere. In view of these facts I hail the coming of good books as one of God's greatest blessings. Allow me, in the name of the children of our schools, to thank the Board for the books." Should not such a picture lead Christians to multiply such joy among the children in many Sabbath-schools in our new States? Let them supply pure, wholesome reading in the place of that which is pernicious, by sending liberal gifts to the Missionary Fund of the Board of Publication, so that its grants may be made freely and in quantities suited to the great need.—[Ex.

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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.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1885.

G. M. Trumpler, as will be seen by reference to his advertisement, has succeeded his father in business. But his father will remain in the house, and continue to work in the shop, as heretofore, but the management has been committed to his son.

We are asked to state that Ministers, Evangelists, Sunday-school Teachers, Tract Distributors, and all Christians who labor for souls, will always, on application by postal card, be furnished free of price and postage, with all the Gospel Tracts they desire. Address, Amos H. Gottschall, Harrisburg, Pa.

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Formerly the square piano was generally used, notwithstanding it was always cumbersome and inconvenient, as compared with the more elegant upright piano. Undoubtedly this was because the former was best as a musical instrument. Improvements in the Upright Piano have latterly given it the preference. One recently made by the Mason & Hamlin Company is likely to give the upright still more acceptance. By an ingenious arrangement, they fasten the strings of the Piano directly to the iron plate, dispensing with any intervention of wood. The result is more perfect vibration of the strings, producing more pure, refined, musical tones, and much greater durability, including freedom from liability to get so easily out of tune.—Boston Journal.

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At Mrs. Pyle's Hotel, in Lonoke, Ark., Dec. 7th, 1884, by Rev. A. O. Evans, Mr. W. Ray and Miss Mabel Webster—both of Little Rock, Ark.

Married, Jan. 7th, 1885, at the residence of the bride's father in Mastersville, Texas, by the Rev. Seth Ward, Mr. C. G. Bratton to Miss Emma L., daughter of the Rev. Samuel Morris, of the Northwest Texas conference.

Married, Jan. 18th, 1885, at the house of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Hart, by J. A. Biggs, Mr. W. W. Smith to Miss W. O. Tooa; all of Lonoke county, Ark.

"YOUR BEST FRIEND," by John Martin.—A servant of Christ, passing through a town, met an aged German woman to whom he offered a Tract, but she shaking her head said: "I can't read English." He replied, "Jesus is your best friend!" To this she joyfully exclaimed: "Yah! Yah! Jesus isht mine besht friend!" (Yes, yes, Jesus is my best friend.) We see in this incident the power of Jesus' name, the mention of which drew out the deep responses of her heart; not in despite and hatred, but in love and gratitude.

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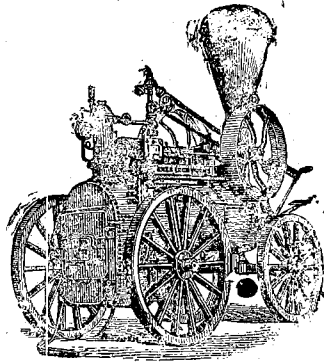
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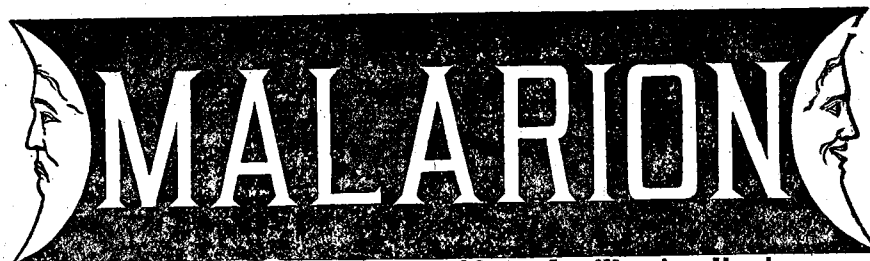
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1885.

Little Helpers.

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

A Boy's Experience.

He had pious parents, and especially a mother who prayed every day from his birth until her death, when he was fourteen years of age, that "God would make him a good little preacher." The very first things that he can remember were religious things—his mother's prayer; the good old week-day circuit preaching, with the class-meeting at the close, by that venerable and gracious man, Rev. H. C. Thweatt, now in heaven; how his mother spoke of the love of God in her soul and how happy she was in His delightful service. These things, accompanied by her consistent daily life and sweet, firm, religious training at our dear old Tennessee home, made everlasting impressions on his mind and heart, and gave shape and tone to all his after life. He can not now remember a single day in all his life (now beyond forty years) when he did not try to be a Christian. When only about eight years old, he was sent one day in the old way to mill, with a large sack of grain on a tall, scarey animal. Away off in a distant neighborhood in a dense dark river bottom among the tall solemn trees he found the mill, but no miller; and so he got off to go into the mill and down came the sack to the ground. Here he stayed the whole day, all alone, terrified by the roaring of the waters at the lonesome mill and every other surrounding object. He could not get the heavy sack up on the horse again, and he would not leave it to be torn by the great big hogs that were there. At last after much fatigue, hunger and crying, in the last desperate effort he resolved to try prayer. Mother had often said, "God is a present help in every time of need, and his ears are always open to our cries." So down by the sack, with streaming eyes and throbbing heart, he knelt and in earnest cries called upon God for help, promising Him at the same time that if he would only help him this one time he would serve Him all the days of his life in any way God might require. When this vow was made, suddenly in a moment the woods seemed lighted up with a strange gleam, the boy's tears dried up, his whole frame was thrilled as if by an electric shock, and he arose instantly, feeling assured that God was just at hand, had heard his prayer and would send help at once. And, sure enough, in a very few moments here came a negro man who put up the sack for the astonished boy. All the way home and for a long time Satan annoyed this boy with the suggestion that he had made a hard bargain in promising God a lifetime service only for lifting up a sack. But at the age of nine and a half years he publicly professed religion, feeling a joyful and conscious assurance that he was born again. And now after thirty-seven happy years of service for Jesus he gladly testifies that God has power on earth to save little children and begs all parents to early give their little ones to the dear Saviour, and prays that all the dear children who may read this will now, right now, give their whole hearts to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

An Angel's Touch.

One evening, not long ago, a little girl of nine or ten entered a place in which is a bakery, grocery and saloon in one, and asked for five cents' worth of tea. "How's your mother?" asked the boy who came forward to wait on her. "A wful sick, and ain't had nothing to eat all day." The boy was just then called upon to wait upon some men who entered his saloon, and the girl sat down. In five minutes she was nodding, in seven she was sound asleep and leaning against a barrel, while she held the poor old nickel in a tight grip between her thumb and finger. One of the men saw her as he came from the bar, and after asking who she was, said: "Say, you drunk-

ards, see here. Here we've been pouring down whisky when this poor child and her mother want bread. Here's a two-dollar bill that says I've got some feeling left." "And I can add a dollar," observed one. "And I'll give another." They made up a purse of an even five dollars, and the spokesman carefully put the bill between two of the sleeper's fingers, drew the nickel away and whispered to his comrades, "Just look a-here—the gal's dreaming!" So she was! A big tear had rolled out of her closed eyelids, but the face was covered with a smile. The men tiptoed out, and the clerk walked over and touched the sleeping child. She awoke with a laugh, and cried out: "What a beautiful dream! Ma wasn't sick any more, and we had lots to eat and wear, and my hand burns yet where the angel touched it!" When she discovered that her nickel had been replaced by a bill, a dollar of which loaded her down with all she could carry, she innocently said: "Well, now, but Ma won't hardly believe me that you sent up to heaven and got an angel to come down and clerk your grocery"—[Ex.

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