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General News.

Soudan.

The whole civilized world has been greatly excited by the reported fall of Khartoum and the capture and killing of Gen. Gordon, and still the news is uncertain and the excitement runs high. Gen. Wolseley sends a dispatch to Korti, which was transmitted to Cairo and then dispatched to London, giving his belief of the facts as reported, and leaves but little doubt of the fact that Khartoum has at last fallen into the hands of the Arab mob and the brave, noble and chivalrous Gen. Gordon butchered by the rebel horde. Sad fate of one of earth's noblest sons.

England.

The excitement is intense in the old world, and the whole of Her Majesty's government is filled with the spirit of war. A few millions of dollars taken from British merchants is likely to cost many millions to both governments and thousands of valuable lives. A countryman of ours offers to solve the problem of the ascent of the Nile with Tin-Clads, and with our easily-made stern-wheel steamers, carrying a thousand men and 150 horses, lined with tin, to go over the rapids and mount cascades till the very heart of the enemy's land is reached. His name is Capt. Silas O. Hemenway, of Mississippi, and he is strongly endorsed by Generals Grant and Sheridan. We guess he can go, for one thing we do know, that they went, in 1863-4, wherever they wanted to, and kept going. Gen. Wolseley sends another dispatch to London, confirming the fall of Khartoum and the killing of Gen. Gordon. Warlike preparations are the order of the day, and everything indicates great activity; but, alas! too late for the relief of the great commander, General Gordon.

Franco-Chinese War.

The French seem to be indulging in a campaign of masterly inactivity. Only a few unimportant places have been taken and the mis-named war drags its weary length along. It will require thousands of men and millions of money to ever conquer the 400,000,000 of Celestials. And then comes the question, "Cui bono?"

Our Own Country.

The New Orleans Exposition grows upon the people every day, and is becoming one of the most wonderful and attractive exhibitions ever had in this country, and one that is likely to do more to bring forward the great resources of the South and of the great Cotton Belt than anything ever done or any meeting ever held on this continent. The only question concerning it, or the only trouble in connection with it, is the vast amount of money already expended, and the cry is for more. Ours is an extravagant people, and they rush into it in everything they touch. An extra session of congress is among the possibilities, if not the probabilities, of the near future. Tricky politicians (and the country is full of them) are maneuvering for it, and it is more than likely they will succeed. The Appropriation bills are delayed on purpose, and other public business, so as to render it almost an absolute necessity to have a called session. The air is still full of rumors as to who will compose the next cabinet, and Washington society is on the "qui vive" as to what will be done and what they will wear at the inauguration and reception. The latest agony in fashionable circles there is a formed dude of the Western type, affecting English manners and brogue to the disgust of all sensible people, but almost crazing the society girls. Every little second-class city in the whole country (Little Rock included) is trying to imitate the Capital, and the Capital is in full chase after voluptuous and volatile Paris. The reports of our city dailies of society news and society, as well as society dress, is simply disgusting. But Lent is here and we will have a little rest. "So mote it be."

State News.

Our legislature is moving on slowly but surely. The Industrial University is exciting much investigation and likely to create much attention. Gen. Hill, the former president, gave an awful exposure of the inwardness of the school and the management of the Board of Trustees. It is fearful, and, if true, the Trustees certainly deserve much censure, and some of the faculty should not go free. A committee has been ordered upon the work of investigation, and we hope they will probe things to the bottom. Our people have a right to know all about a University where so much of the State's money is being expended. The senate has had a lively fight over the Article of the Constitution requiring the legislature to pass a law forbidding any railroad to issue free passes to any officer of the State government and forbidding their acceptance of any such passes. The only question involved is this: Will this legislature do what other legislatures have refused to do, but what the Constitution says they shall do; or, in other words, will the legislature obey the Constitution as they have sworn to do? This may seem to be a very childish and foolish affair to our wise cotemporary, the Gazette, and about equal in their view with taking a free drink or a free ride, but to a sober, reflecting man like Hon. J. M. Smith it is a matter of conscience, and should be to every other senator. The Constitution is plain, will the legislature carry it out? The convention of 1874 was composed of the picked men of Arkansas, and they would be guilty of no foolishness or child's play. These men are paid enough and have no right to ride on free passes and charge the State mileage.

Our House of Representatives has added fresh laurels to its brow. The bill to repeal the Local Option law failed of a single vote, and they would not allow the bill to repeal the Three-Mile law to be read the second time. We say, Three cheers for Arkansas! We are ahead of all of the States in the Union, and these apostles of Woman's Suffrage and other foolish things had better go back and civilize Cincinnati, Boston, Chicago and New York. Some little dread that there will be some trifling with railroads before the close, but we hope not. Let the railroads alone and they will regulate each other, and they are certainly taxed enough in all conscience. We know of no other general legislations to report and our paper is too small to report all the special legislation.

Our Solons have before them various bills to fund the State debt, to protect our lumber interest, to regulate railroads and tax them beyond endurance, and it would be exceedingly difficult to report all the bills that are now in the Senate and House to amend Mansfield's Digest. Poor Gantt's has at last faded from view and is finally numbered with the things that were. No one denies the right of the State to regulate and tax railroads, but the exercise of that right is another question. They are already taxed to the utmost cent they can bear, and to undertake to regulate before they are built is a suicidal policy; besides, men with free passes in their pockets are not the men to regulate. They had better obey the Constitution themselves before undertaking to enforce railroads to constitutional limits and guarantees.

Hon. Carl Schurz has favored our capital with a visit, and lectured to a large audience on a national problem. We judge from the report of the daily press (for we were too tired and too poor to hear him) that the problem was the same old plebian humbug of an educated constituency and intelligent franchise. We think we could have given him a better problem to solve, to-wit: How long will this government stand, when it is spending more money for lager beer than for either schools or churches? We are rather tired of these foreign apostles of freedom and morality. They bode no good.

Field Notes.

We begin this week by giving the place of honor to one of our old-time field hands, whom many well remember in South Arkansas. Rev. Burtain Williams has made tracks from Little Rock to the Mississippi river, and away down to the Louisiana line, and now he is working up on the old Arkansas river on the Charleston circuit. He shall speak for himself:

"We are making our third round on this circuit. The weather has been unusually cold for this country, but so far we have tried to keep up appearances and our people seem hopeful. We long for more sunshine, less mud, and spring weather. I got a fall over two weeks ago on the ice or frozen ground. I thought at the time it would be serious, but with kind treatment by Dr. Burt and good nursing, I came off much better than I expected. So I am up again filling my work. My knee, however, is not well yet. We have made more improvements on the parsonage since conference. We have added another room which is a great convenience, used as a kitchen or cook room. Last year we had a new roof, two coats of paint, inside and out, with a new front to the main building. So the preacher's home presents something like a respectable appearance now. The best of all, however, so far as we know, we have been well received and cared for. Our people though not wealthy, are as kind as can be found anywhere. We feel very much at home among them, if we should happen to be in want of anything, they expect us to say so, and the want is met at once. Well, I suppose I might say we are doing well; we have plenty to eat, milk and butter in rich effusion, plenty of hay, shucks and cotton seed, that is what makes so much milk and butter, and as Patrick remarked, "Faith, and I am sure our estate is worth the price of a cow." I would be glad to have the ARKANSAS METHODIST in every family of my charge. I know it would be more to my advantage than the cost of the paper, to say nothing of the benefit realized by its readers. Well, you say, why not carry out your program. Wish we could and will try. I am glad that the centenary of Methodism is over. I think we have had glorification enough and ecumenical and centenary conferences sufficient for the glorification of all the distinguished and great men of our church; true, it is a privilege to enjoy membership in the M. E. C. South, but still greater to be reckoned among its honored and highly-favored ministry. I am glad we have such deserving ones in our ranks."

Sorry our old-time friend got tired of the great centennial. This editor only regrets that Arkansas did so very little.

Next comes our earnest brother on Hampton circuit. Our brother Sturges is a field-hand worthy to be trusted, and he never fails to do good work:

"I saw some extracts from your sermon preached in your new chapel, and was led to think indeed, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform"

and to pray that he may wholly subdue the desires of those men's long unrestrained passions and through you as his instrument drive from their hearts his enemy and there, and that Jesus may be enthroned therein to reign over them. O, that He may cause you to triumph gloriously." The door has been opened to you, and I know you will enter it, and with the armor of God, the bright, glowing shield of faith and the word of the spirit, he will lead you to "conquest, and to victory." Go on, brave soldier of the Lord, the prayers of your brothers and sons in the gospel are lifted to God; daily for the suc-

cess of your mission, but 'best of all, God is with you.' and hence your success is sure. I am working for the METHODIST, and shall feel richly rewarded if I can introduce it into every house on my circuit. All who like it, as far as I know, are well-pleased. And during the week have found it highly complimented by two sisters of sure piety and ability. Hope you will pardon me for trespassing on your time.

Here is one from a subscriber and a brother away up in New Jersey. He is a true man:

"Although your paper is an advocate of the church south your subscriber is identified with the church north, still I see no difference in sentiment from a spiritual standpoint, and I see that we are one on the temperance question, that is on the complete extermination of the rum traffic, the secular press may oppose you in this direction but Providence will bring you out conqueror in the end."

Next comes one of our new hands. He has just commenced, and is in one of our best places. See how happy a good worker can be in one of the very hard fields:

"There has been something about the grand old hills of Garland county, ever since I arrived here in December, that make me admire them. But on the 17th inst., after enjoying a delightful visit of two days' duration in the "bonnie glen" I drew on my "great coat" ear-muffs and gloves, mounted my horse and started for my appointments six miles distant. The road led down a charming brook which wound its way merrily along the base of one of these monuments of God's creative power. The mountains rising to an imposing height, dressed in the emblem of purity. The great rocks standing out in wonderful tiers, the pines decked in changeless green, the oaks trimmed with silvery wreaths, glistening in the sunlight. The murmuring streams below ornamented with millions of icicles, hanging on the twigs along its bank, all conspired to form a picture as it were, as indescribably beautifully as Our Father's "Great White Throne." Though the wind was very cold and piercing indeed I was constrained to stop and gaze with wonder, reverence and gratitude upon the scene, and left it more determined to reach that land of CHANGELESS grandeur beyond. I am on my second round, have preached only seven times owing partly to severe rain and partly to not having houses of worship suitable for the extreme cold. I have gone to every appointment, however, and have visited forty families and found a goodly numbers warm-hearted Methodists have not canvassed very much for your "indispensable" but have taken orders tolerably easy where I have shown them, and explained how absolutely absurd it is to think of doing without it. Hope to send you a long list soon with cash.

J. W. F. SCOTT."

And here is another from one of the best-hearted preachers that ever lived. This note came just in time to cheer us in a dark hour:

"I have not been well this year or you should have heard from me sooner. Please find enclosed two years' subscription to the ARKANSAS METHODIST for myself. You may know that I am well-pleased with your paper to pay two years at a time for, it but it is worth advancing for. You have gone beyond my best expectations and please allow me to congratulate you upon your assured success. Sincerely yours,
BENJAMIN MCGEEHE."

Now that has the right ring. How such a note does help a poor and needy editor and a troubled manager. Ah, life always has its bright spots.

And now we will close the week's work with one from Rev. E. N. Evans pastor of Spring street in this city. He is moving off grandly, and his people appreciate him:

"I have held my peace till forbearance is no longer tolerable. When I had by the kindness of the stewarts, rented a house and made arrangements for Mrs. Evans I left all and went to move her in the new home. On our arrival I found that some person had been in my house and frustrated all my plans by spreading carpets all over the floors, shutting out the light by hanging curtains over the windows, and setting the kitchen in order. They disappeared before our arrival, leaving Bros. Counts and Troy to inform us that no harm was meant. All this I passed over without a word, but last night they came, —the people came—men, women, boys and girls—all came. I saw at once that they meant no harm so we set ourselves in shape to receive company, but soon all the chairs were occupied, and still they came, on foot, in buggies, and street cars, from north, east, south and west and each one had basket, box or paper-bag. They sang, laughed and talked, making the parsonage quite merry, in spite of our embarrassing manner of entertaining them. Some sat down, some stood up, while others walked around. After which they all went away, and we took a light and went about to find what they had left. You would be surprised—almost everything from an apple to a sack of flour—coffee, tea, sugar, eggs, can fruits, nuts, jellies, etc., dry goods, towels table and bed linen. Time and space forbid further particulars. Take it as a whole and they call it a 'pounding' Well, I have seen a few men get a pounding, but this is my first, at least of this kind. The parsonage is quiet this evening and contains two grateful souls who have reconsecrated their lives to God and mean to pay in diligent work the kindness of these good people."

Here our readers will take a rest, and all the field hands will make a grand rally for the paper next week.

Personal.

Bishop Wilson is reported as rapidly recuperating in our famous Valley of Hot Water. He was announced to preach on last Sabbath. We hope he may be speedily and permanently restored.

Rev. G. W. Matthews writes us a cheering and hopeful letter from Tuplip. He is at work among old friends on the New Edinburgh circuit, and meets everywhere a warm reception. Difficulties are vanishing before this earnest itinerant, and with the blessing of God he will come up with a fine report.

Rev. J. L. Massey is moving off in a grand style at the good old town of Clarksville, and he is just pouring in the subscribers on us. Many, many, many thanks, dear brother, and may your example stir up many more to good work.

Rev. H. B. McNeil, another Arkansas boy is heard from this week and from this work. He reports well from his new field in Missouri. We wish him abundant success, but sorry that good Tennessee wife did not take to Arkansas. "Non disputandum de gustibus." Write again.

Rev. J. M. Clark, P. E. of Helena district, is doing a fine work. Six subscribers at one time from Wheatley, and another good letter brightened by a new ten-dollar bill. Come, again, brother.

Rev. A. Hunter, D. D., called this week and brought us a renewal, and promptly paid for his minutes.

Our Junior, after a severe spell, is again at the post of duty, and every iron in this shop will be kept red-hot from this on.

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Temperance.

I believe the devil gets up and carries on many things in our religious and temperance organizations. It looks as though much of the so-called temperance work of the state was in the hands of professional bummers who dash from place to place, organize a little squad, get all the money they can, and really do little else than fill the air with gas and their pockets with money. The folly and wickedness and pernicious influence that go on in the name of temperance and charity and religion is appalling.

Is There no Help in the Law?

A sad, but not unusual story is told of Miss Marion Hall, of Brooklyn, by the press of that city. She was of a highly respectable English family and lived in elegant style with her brother, who was a talented lawyer. Miss Marion developed a taste for liquor and when intoxicated was very abusive. Some two years ago she attacked an unoffending man, which resulted in a collision between the man and her brother, in which the latter received injuries from which he died. Recently, when drunk, she abused a sick child and was arrested. She came into court, elegantly dressed, and listened with a disdainful smile to the evidence. The jury found her guilty and they said she was a common nuisance, and she was sent to the penitentiary for six months. She screamed and struggled furiously when conducted to the Black Maria, which bore her to prison.

Drunkness is becoming a familiar female vice. In the same city of Brooklyn a son made complaint against his own mother for drunkenness, and asked that she might be sent to the inebriate asylum at Fort Hamilton. Yet politicians say that intemperance is an evil for which society can find no remedy but in moral suasion. It can debauch the morals and crowd the prisons, but the State has nothing to do but license the saloons and imprison or hang the drunken criminal.—[Exchange.]

THE MONEY WE SPEND, AND WHAT FOR.

Our Drink and Tobacco Bills.

The figures, which are facts, are startling and humiliating. But we will keep this exhibit standing a few months.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Home and Foreign Missions (\$5,500,000), Public Education (\$85,000,000), Sugar and Molasses (\$155,000,000), Boots and Shoes (\$198,000,000), Cotton Goods (\$210,000,000), Sawed Lumber (\$238,000,000), Iron and Steel (\$290,000,000), Meat (\$303,000,000), Bread (\$505,000,000), Tobacco (\$600,000,000), Liquor (\$900,000,000).

—[Spirit of Reform.]

Constitutional Amendment.

The following is the text of Senate Resolution, No. 2, introduced by Hon. J. H. McDowell, for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage:

Whereas, there is a large amount of money expended yearly for intoxicating drinks, amounting in aggregate to over seven hundred millions of dollars, which expense is worse than useless, as it is one of the most fruitful sources of crime, degradation and disgrace; and

Whereas, the demon intemperance is rapidly growing and spreading over the country, where it is not checked by prudent legislation. It is seizing young men and dragging them from parents and friends and the paths of virtue to the haunts of vice and immorality, and from these to prison and dishonorable graves. It often separates husbands and wives, wastes their estates, entailing poverty, ignorance and want upon their innocent children, thus furnishing new material for the haunts of vice, prison and poor houses; and

Whereas, a large and respectable portion of the people of Tennessee believe that the manufacture and sale of liquor as a beverage is one of the

greatest evils of the day, and ought to be prohibited by a constitutional amendment. Others favor the manufacture and sale of such liquors, leaving each individual to guard his own interest. And,

Whereas, said question of prohibition has been a bone of contention for years, and is one that ought to be settled by the legal voters of Tennessee, disconnected with politics, which can only be done by a proper amendment to the constitution of Tennessee.

Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be and the same is hereby proposed: To add as section 18 to article 11 of said Constitution the following:

No person shall manufacture for sale or sell, or keep for sale as a beverage, any intoxicating liquors whatever.

The General Assembly, by law, prescribes regulations for the enforcement of prohibition herein contained, and shall thereby provide suitable penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof.

Resolved, further, that the forgoing proposed amendment be and the same is hereby referred to the Legislature to be chosen at the next general election for members of the next General Assembly, and that the Governor or other proper officer shall cause the same to be published for six months previous to the day of said election.—[Spirit of Reform.]

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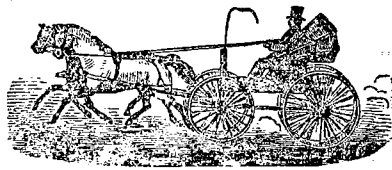
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ENJOYING RELIGION.

All along the advance of our Methodism, our people have been made familiar with the question: "Do you enjoy religion?" It was one of the well established questions of the class room, and our people understood it. There was much implied by it. It embraced much. "The kingdom of God is not meats and drinks, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Righteousness implies a state. Peace and joy imply something to be enjoyed. "Peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." "Joy in the Holy Ghost." "Our peace like a river, and our righteousness like the waves of the sea." David understood the enjoyments of heartfelt religion, when he said so beautifully and with such tender pathos: "Oh! taste and see that the Lord is good." Isaiah expresses it well when he says: "Oh Lord I will praise thee, for though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou comfortedest me." Hear David again: "I waited patiently for the Lord and he heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit and out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God, many shall see it and fear and shall trust in the Lord." Malachi well describes a class meeting and its results: "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard them &c." All through the New Testament there are expressions of rejoicing and notes of triumph. Even at the midnight hour God's imprisoned Apostles were awake and singing praises to God. Our Methodist revival hymns are full of the spirit of rejoicing. Every line has a shout, and every verse is filled with the raptures of the rejoicing soul. It was common in the early days of Methodism for ministers and members to compare notes and speak of their great joy. But what do we mean by enjoying religion? We mean an over-powering sense of the presence of God, and his peace so completely filling the heart that the tongue must either respond in song or the lips to praise him with the loud Hallelujah. We used to hear our people in class and under the preaching, break forth into shouting and exclaim: "Oh, I am so happy! so happy! so happy! We felt then like the Masters disciples on the day of coronation, we must shout or the very rocks would praise the Master. We seldom hear the ringing Glory! Glory! Glory! from happy lips now. What is the cause of this? Was it all wild fire, enthusiasm, fanaticism? Ah, no, my beloved; many who will read this editorial can remember many seasons of refreshing they have enjoyed. Melted heart flowing through weeping eyes, and happy spirit shouting by human lip and tongue. Oh! the precious love of Jesus. Do I doubt that I have felt it shed abroad in my heart? Ah, no such seasons of happy communing with God will never fade from our memory. But, reader, do you enjoy religion? or are you saying:

"What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still;
But they have left an aching void,
This world can never fill."

Is that your state? Then pray:
"Return, oh holy dove return,
Sweet messenger of rest,
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast."

Return unto the Lord and he will return unto you. We are not questioning or finding fault with the piety of our people, but we want them to enjoy religion. The Church is doing much and giving much. Our machinery is moving grandly, and the click of the wheels and roar of the spindles tell of rapid motion and great motive power; but are we enjoying

religion, or are we relying on mere machinery work to convert the world to God? Our people are at work and thousands are being piled upon the Lord's table, but what kind of work is it? The sensible has taken the place of the class room, the club the place of the prayer meeting, and the Church converted into a fun loving and pleasure making society for the gratification and delight of a worldly membership. Not enjoying religion our people clamor for theatre and dance. Our old time people never wanted these things, because they had a higher joy. Oh! my beloved, we know what we are writing about. A Christian enjoying religion would no sooner be found in a theatre, than Peter would or could have gone from the Mount of Transfiguration to a miserable circus. Oh! the preciousness of Jesus and his love. Reader, do you often feel as our old hymn expresses it: "In such a frame as this my soul would sit and sing herself away to everlasting day."

Lifelessness in religion and modern machinery, like Methodism, has brought about a decay in piety, and a lowering in the standard of public morality. We rely on choirs with solos and every other abomination to draw rather than on the power of the Holy Ghost. Fashionable churches with star preachers are all the rage, and the result is the Amen Corners are empty, and the pew has neither song, shout or tear. Beloved there is a better way. Let us return to the old paths. Our people are a singing people—don't let your choirs shut them off and silence the old saints. Our people have an experience give them a chance to tell it. Preach about enjoying religion. Tell of the Master meeting you and of his burning words. Let us come back to good old Methodism with shout and song. Let every reader look back and see how long it has been since you were filled with the love of God. Ah! my brethren, I (pardon the personal pronoun) know what I am writing about it. How often have I heard the happy song of some Christian woman keeping time to her moving wheel, and some plow farmer making the woods ring as the song came from his full heart: "How happy every child of grace, who knows his sins forgiven, &c." and how often my own soul has caught on fire, as faith walked above the mountains of her God, and pointed her telescope above their majestic tops and the skies and domes of the God-built city arose upon the visions of the soul. Glory be to God there is a reality in heart felt religion, and we want all the readers of the METHODIST to enjoy it. Seek for nearness and consecration to God.

Bishop Mallaleu,

Of the M. E. Church, North, has been in the City of Roses en route to Rogers, to meet the Arkansas Conference belonging to his church. It was a strange breach of etiquette for them to assume that name, when there had been a conference of that name in this state organized as far back as 1836, and that, too, by the Old Mother M. E. Church. The Bishop lectured for the benefit of Home Missions on last Friday, "on the Saxon Race," and we accepted an invitation and went to hear him. As a lecture it was a signal failure; but would pass very well for an ad captandum address of the "bumcombe" order. He criticised unmercifully scientists, and their jippant utterances in reference to the origin of the race; but we must be permitted to say that he indulged in a great many unwarranted and unauthorized assertion—himself. If the Bishop is a learned man, he well knows that we must find the divisions of the human family after, and not before the flood, and that Ham, Sem and Japheth, meaning black, red and white, are the representatives of these divisions. Again, we would like to know his authority for saying the Saxons were once cannibals and fire worshipers. His remarks on the Saxons and their advance was good. His utterances on temperance sound; but his personal references unfortunate. He proffered to help some people in Arkansas that he imagined greatly oppressed. Too late, Bishop; you should have come in 1868, when the militia of Gov. Clayton was over-running us,

and the hordes of carpet-baggers devouring us. We are free, now, and in morality and temperance, Arkansas is ahead of the Old Hub, and if you people will restore to us our own we will never beg or borrow. Bishop, you said you had come to stay. All right. But permit us to tell you that you are not needed and you will have an awful lonesome time.

From a Texas Friend.

The very cordial invitation to write for the ARKANSAS METHODIST sounds as if it came from the Senior Editor. And he is such a good fellow to extend sympathy to a suffering brother. Kind in you, Doctor. Thank you. Your old friend uses this method of thanking God, in the hearing of all his Arkansas friends, for returning health. For about ten weeks I have been a sufferer. Most of this time it has been neuralgia of the spine, but for the past fifteen days it has been facial neuralgia. You know that boils always happen at the wrong place. So I now think of neuralgia. When it was in my spine I thought that just exactly the worst place a man could have neuralgia, and then when it moved into my face, head, teeth and jaws I changed my mind. Two things are peculiar to pain—it can't be exhibited or described. One thing is distinctively peculiar to the pain of neuralgia, and that is that it is a little more excruciating than anything in the catalogue. It has fallen to my lot to have a large experience with the malady. I have found out that it is much easier to do, than suffer the will of God. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than have neuralgia. Another good lesson is that sickness and death is no time to make religious or any other sort of preparation for the future. My faith gradually weakens on death-bed repentance and reformation. If men mean to be religious they had better settle the matter in health. A man ought to give the Lord and himself a fair chance. Sickness and death is a good time to appropriate our religion. It will be a grand achievement if the devotion and service of a life time shall tide us safely over the Jordan. Another thing occurs: Now and then a man gets credit for dying satisfied when he has only been driven by pain to desire relief. A man may suffer until he would accept death as a relief. Don't try to palm off that as a triumph of philosophy or Christianity. But this may suffice for a personal, and old friends will condone my apparent weakness as I am having now my first quiet and relief from pain had in the ten weeks past.

Of course my report since Conference to date is meager. But little has been attempted by this pastor. Fortunately Rev. Wm. Price lives here. He is the ex-editor of the Texas Methodist, and supernumerary on this station. He has managed to keep my flock from straying and has rendered valuable service. The few times I have been able to worship with our people I have induced twelve persons to unite with our church here. One of the rare privileges of these months was attendance upon our prayer meeting this week. A good congregation was in attendance and the services signally spiritual from first to last. I can't remember to have ever attended a more profitable meeting of the kind. Our social meetings are all well attended and interesting. Our economy has not provided for one such meeting amiss. No use hoping to maintain the life of a Church without such meetings. We accept and hold every one named in the Discipline.

We have had unusual weather for this region. Great damage has resulted to the sheep and cattle interest from the long continued and severe cold. Our ranchmen are the poorer by millions of dollars. Business has been somewhat depressed on account of these losses. Our farmers are generally hopeful and cheerful about the present year. They are generally out of debt and the crop prospect is flattering. Jan. 24, the cold snap ended and since then we have had nice weather. All around us may be seen men, women and children gardening.

But little has been done by the preachers so far this Conference year. The weather has been against the

itinerants. You will hear from them however when the lizzards begin to crawl, and the ladies begin to carry fans to Church service.

Now let me congratulate you on the success of your paper. I have had just enough to do with newspaper business to enjoy the pro's and con's. It amuses me to hear the criticisms. At one time I thought I was going to get sorry for you, for the reason you seemed to be worried at some objections to your paper. Now I think you will outgrow such childish freaks. You are sending out a cheerful and sprightly paper. It is a credit to your great state, and your people ought to be proud of it and put a copy in every home. I would like to have a little more Arkansas news. Scan your secular exchanges. Of course you have learned by this how to read an average country paper in five or ten minutes, and get half dozen or more line items from it. Then another. You have learned another thing, that the popular paper of to-day is the edited paper. Reprint is too cheap. Fill your paper with your individuality. Get live correspondence, &c. Bear in mind always that Winfield & Dye are editors. The people want to hear from you. Put in your "gab" everywhere. It is my opinion that you will attain a gratifying success. Make up your mind to hard work and the outlay of some money. It can't be avoided. Learn to sleep with one eye open, and don't sleep much that way. Be good to the "field hands." They are the men to shove your paper.

But I must adjourn. Please accept this as a small contribution from a sick brother. Yours,

M. H. WELLS.
Weatherford, Texas, Feb. 6 1885.

Paul's Support—Both Sides.

A few Sabbath's ago, the whole Sunday school world, by the International lessons had attention drawn to the fact that Paul served the church at Ephesus, for about three years, free of pecuniary aid therefrom. Similar service was rendered the church at Corinth. From an inquiry made by a member of my class in our Sunday school at Smithland, it was suggested to my mind that many, who read this text and its parallel text in Cor. iv: 12, and who misunderstand Paul's position do a great injustice both to Paul and the cause (the church) that was dearer to him than life itself, in the application they gave to said text: "I have coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel, yea ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me." Yes, these croakers and covetous persons, ever and anon, refer to Paul whenever they have an occasion to support the institutions of the church, they cry out, "Why don't your preachers do as Paul, preach without money? Let them go to work, they are just as able to work as I am, therefore, I won't pay them anything. I think it is a perfect outrage to be asked to send my money, my hard earnings, to convert the heathen?" With such language as this, every preacher as well as steward, is familiar. This is one side.

The other side is, according to Paul's own explanation, that this was only one of the demonstrations that he "was all things to all men, that he might save some. In 11 Cor. xi, 7-12, he acknowledges that possibly he had committed an offense in serving them free of pay; and also explains why he would not receive help of them. The reason was twofold. First—he determined to cut off any occasion of complaint from those who desired an occasion. Second, that he had access to the missionary fund sent from Macedonia, &c. "Have I committed an offense in abusing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the Gospel of God freely? I have robbed other churches taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man for that which was lacking to me, the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied, and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you—but what I do, that I will do that I may out of occasion from them which desire occasion." Again, Paul had already, in a most

forceful and conclusive argument, taught that the "Lord hath ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel". O, that every member of the church, as well as non-church members, would read and ponder well this argument recorded in 1 Cor. xl-15. Then, there never would again be a necessity for any minister of the gospel to repeat that noted question that Paul propounded to the Corinthian brethren, namely, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a good thing that if we shall reap your carnal things?"

Furthermore, Paul's example may be followed by any minister, who, under pressing necessities, may unite some honest, useful trade or employment with his ministry, without bringing reproach upon himself or the cause of God. Indeed it is better to dig than to beg or starve.

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

J. T. Raymond.

The man who wears the above name has been placarded around town for several days, and has the appearance of a first-class dude. Nearly all the legislature went to hear him last Friday night. He was said to be in his best mood, and was caricaturing modern politics. We hope he did not learn them any new tricks. Our State can't stand any more. Theatres is a poor place to learn religion and not much better for politics. Our Solons had better been on their committees. Baptists and Methodists forget their Churches too often when at Little Rock.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1885.

Missionary Department

Foreigners in China.

The Rev. Dr. Damon, of Honolulu, in closing a letter on Mission Work in China, which we have already published, speaks as follows of other Christian influences:

"No candid tourist can visit the cities of China and thoroughly acquaint himself with the foreign dwellers in that empire and the transient population, including the large, sea-faring community, without witnessing how much is constantly being done for foreigners. On my first landing in Hong-Kong, it being the Sabbath, I heard an excellent sermon at the London Mission chapel on Queen's road, by the Rev. Mr. Eitel, now Inspector of Schools, but formerly missionary of the London Society. Other missionary clergymen of the city preach in this chapel each Sabbath evening, but without compensation. Union Chapels have been erected in Hong-Kong, Amoy, Shanghai, Foo-Chow, Cheefoo, Tientsin and in how many other cities I know not. I was present at divine service in several of these chapels where resident missionaries and others officiate on the Sabbath and sustain prayer-meetings during the week. Hence, in estimating a missionary influence it is necessary and becoming to bring this factor into the account. It is not an uncommon thing to read in secular papers sinister remarks respecting missionary influences, but I am quite confident that no class of laborers 'in the Lord, in any part of the world are more worthy of the love, respect and esteem of all who desire the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. I feel confident that they are doing their Master's work in a more satisfactory manner. If these missionaries, engaged in preaching, teaching, establishing schools and hospitals, translating the scriptures and introducing a pure literature in these lands are not accomplishing their divine Master's work and fulfilling His last command—'Go ye, therefore, and teach, or make disciples of all nations,' then I fall to see how the grand work of a world's evangelization is ever to be accomplished by mortals."

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Married, February 10th, 1885, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. John R. Sanders, Mr. E. F. Whitesides, of Nevada county, and Miss Louellen Bruce, of Hempstead county, Ark.

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Married at the Methodist church in Bellefonte, Ark., by the Rev. J. H. Bradford, Mr. P. W. Harrison to Mrs. Clarinda Ruple; both of Bellefonte, Arkansas.

The February number of The Pulpit Treasury is on our table. We think it excels all its predecessors and is in advance of any periodical of its class. Each sermon and article is instinct with talent and are all on timely and important themes. There are "Sermons," by Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, of New York; Dr. J. Robbins, Oxford, England; and Dr. Newman Hall, London. "An Exegetical Comment" on Christ the Rock, by Dr. J. Brown. "Funeral Sermons" by Rev. J. W. Jones and Professor E. J. Hamilton, and "Leading Thoughts of Sermons" by Pres. O. B. Cheney, Dr. J. B. Thomas, Dr. C. D. W. Bridgeman, Prof. W. B. Pope, D.D., Dr. J. S. Coleman, Dr.

R. W. Hamilton, Dr. D. Thomas and Rev. W. G. Barrett. The "Miscellaneous Articles" cover all phases of Church and evangelistic work and are by some of the best writers of the day, as their names will indicate, viz: Austin Abbott, of the New York bar, Dr. T. W. Chambers, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Pres. Noah Porter, D.D., LL.D., Bishop A. C. Coxe, D.D., John Hall, D.D., Dr. Wm. Magill, Bishop J. C. Ryle, Liverpool, Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, Pres. J. L. Porter, D.D., LL.D., Belfast, Rev. S. Baker, Emilius Bayley, D.D., Theodore Monod, D.D., D. L. Moody, Rev. C. Bailey, W. W. McLane, D.D., and Dr. Murray Mitchell. An excellent portrait of Dr. C. H. Parkhurst is given as a frontispiece and a sketch of his life by the editor will deservedly attract notice. There is also a view of Madison Square church, New York. Each department is richly filled and the whole number abounds in deeply interesting and helpful matter. Yearly, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2.00. Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. TREAT, Publisher, 757 Broadway, New York.



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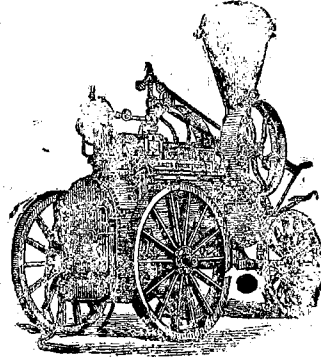
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Little Helpers.

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

Brave Little Frank.

When Frank was five years old, he told his mother and his pastor that he wanted to join the Church.

"Why do you want to join the Church, Frank?" said the pastor.

"Why, to be good," said Frank.

"Do you think you can be good?"

"Yes, I can, by the help of God."

Frank gave his hand and name and publicly answered all the questions, and in a most impressive manner was received into the Church. Many of the people wept with astonishment and joy to see one so young so much in earnest and understanding so well what he was doing.

Soon after this Frank had an opportunity to prove his religion by standing up for it under great temptations. His father was elected to the State senate, and took little Frank with him to the city of Little Rock. One night his father took him into a drinking house and drank some kind of liquor. The whisky seller offered some to Frank, but the brave little fellow refused it, saying:

"I won't drink drunkards' drink, and I don't want to be a drunkard."

Another night, his father, who was a member of the Methodist Church, took Frank to a large house where many people were listening to songs and talking and acting, that was all new and strange to this little boy. But he soon found out it was not Sunday school, nor church, nor anything that was pure and good. His Christian conscience, so carefully trained by a pure Christian mother, would not consent to be led into bad things even by his erring father. "Papa, let us go home," said the dear little Christian soldier, "these are bad people and I don't want to stay here." They went to their room at the hotel, and no more could that unthoughtful father get that thoughtful boy out at night on the streets of that wicked city. Brave little Frank!

Rules of Conduct.

- Never exaggerate.
- Never point at another.
- Never betray a confidence.
- Never wantonly frighten others.
- Never leave home with unkind words.
- Never laugh at the misfortunes of others.
- Never neglect to call upon your friends.
- Never give a promise that you do not fulfill.
- Never speak much of your own performances.
- Never make yourself the hero of your own story.
- Never send a present, hoping for one in return.
- Never fail to be punctual at the time appointed.
- Never fail to give a polite answer to a civil question.
- Never pick the teeth or clean the nails in company.
- Never read letters that you may find addressed to others.
- Never question a servant or a child about family matters.
- Never present a gift saying that it is of no use to yourself.
- Never fall, if a gentleman, of being polite and civil to ladies.
- Never call attention to the features or form of anyone present.
- Never associate with bad company. Have good company, or none.
- Never look over the shoulder of another who is reading or writing.
- Never appear to notice a scar, deformity or defect of anyone present.
- Never arrest the attention of an acquaintance by a touch. Speak to him.

—[Exchange:]

"I S'all S'leep Wiv Him To-Night."

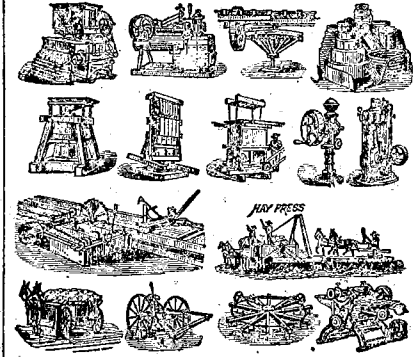
Sometimes I believe the little ones say the best things, after all. I know a little family in Detroit who are heart-broken and sad this Saturday night. There were three last Saturday, but to-day only two are left.

The file that bound them more closely than that which the clergyman drew has lately been loosened, and the light of their countenance went out with the red winter sun only the other night. The father is a railroad man, whose duties call him away from home nearly three-fourths of the time. It was his habit, whenever he was about to start for home, to telegraph to his wife, apprising her of the fact. In these telegrams he never failed to mention the name of the little four-year-old, and the dispatches usually ran as follows: "Tell Arthur I shall sleep with him to-night." The baby boy was very proud of these telegrams, which his mother would read over to him, and he considered the "teledraf" a great institution. The other night, when the fever had done its work and the mother was sobbing out her anguish, the little one turned calmly in his bed and said: "Don't ky, mamma; I s'all s'leep wiv Ded, 'ee know. Send Dod a teledraf, and tell Him I s'all s'leep wiv Him to-night." But the message went up there without the clicking of wires or the rustle of wings.—[Exchange.]

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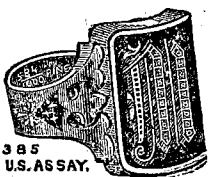


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Texas Express 11:55 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Memphis and Little Rock Railroad.
Arrive. Depart.
Passenger No. 1 1:10 a.m.
Passenger No. 3 11:40 a.m.
Passenger No. 2 3:55 p.m.
Passenger No. 4 1:40 p.m.

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OBITUARIES.

STUART.—Mr. C. Stuart was born in Kentucky in 1810. He came to Arkansas with his father in 1814; settled in what is now Lawrence county. Here, amid the wild and adventurous scenes of Arkansas, he was to be reared and trained for a long and useful life.

He was twice married. First to Miss Adelaide Smith, of Missouri, in 1837, by whom he had several children. Four of them have fallen asleep, four still live.

I. T. MORRIS. Powhatan, Ark., Feb. 3, 1885.

ELLIOTT.—Died in Faulkner county, Ark., near Spring Hill church, Nov. 12th, 1884, sister Leah Elliott, wife of G. K. Elliott and daughter of Robert and S. E. Houston.

Sister Elliott professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in her 12th year, and lived a consistent Christian up to the time of her death.

alize the language of David more than ever before—"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for the rod and staff of Jesus will comfort me."

Z. W. LINDSEY. Pinnacle Springs, Ark. Nashville Christian Advocate please copy.

LOGAN.—Sarah H. Logan, wife of Benjamin C. Logan, departed this life January 24th, 1885. Sister Logan was a native of New Jersey. Had lived in Arkansas since 1828.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

- LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE. Washington District—Second Round. D. T. Holmes, P. E. Prescott St., March 7, 8.

- Monticello District—Second Round. Thos. H. Ware, P. E. Mt Pleasant ct, March 7, 8.

- WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE. Batesville District—Second Round. H. M. Granada, P. E. Evening Shade ct, Feb. 28, March 1.

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All communications for publication or on business, should be addressed to **ARKANSAS METHODIST.**

Miscellaneous.

Studies In the Minutes.

DEAR DOCTOR: The minutes were received to-day. They are splendid. May I presume upon the good nature of the brethren and present your readers some figures?

Including local preachers, Little Rock district has 3,560 members, and paid for missions, foreign and domestic, \$819.25, an average of 23 cents per member.

Pine Bluff 2,317 members, paid \$552.40; 23 cents per member.

Monticello, 2,399 members, paid \$800.40; 33 cents per member.

Camden, 3,210 members paid, \$819.20; 19 cents per member.

Arkadelphia, 3,890 members, paid \$777.65, 19 cents per member.

Washington, 4,130 members paid \$566, 18 cents per member.

The average for the conference is 21 cents per member.

I present also a comparative statement of some of the principal stations:

First church, 231 members, paid \$100; per member 43 cents.

Spring street 301 members paid \$105.00 per member 34 cents.

Pine Bluff 215 members, paid \$218; per member 101 cents.

Monticello, 105 members, paid \$180; per member, 1.71 cents.

Camden, 160 members, paid \$84, per member 51 cents.

Arkadelphia, 187 members paid 149.50, per member 1.09.

Hot Springs 194 members, paid \$44, per member 23 cents.

Hope, 121 members, paid \$68.80; per member, 56.

Prescott, 193 members, paid \$55.25, per member, 28 cents.

I have not presented these figures in any spirit of vain-gory, but to stimulate. Preaching on missions pays.

One more item: I notice one charge which has four local preachers, and 338 members, six churches valued at \$4000, reports one Sunday school with two officers and teachers and twelve pupils. Where will that charge be in twenty years? **J. R. MOORE.**

Above will be found a splendid notice and a timely article of Secretary Moore in reference to our minutes. Thank you. We are indebted to you more than any one else for our correct and splendid copy. Rev. John. McLaughlin says they are splendid, and that he sold about enough at ten cents per copy, before he got home from the postoffice after receiving them to pay for his whole number of fifty. Brothers McSwain, Matthews, Turrentine, Withers and others, have paid and all are pleased. We made, or our printers made, a bad mistake, in printing Godden & Co., and Wilson & Webb both in the boot rather than in the book business. We were also placed in a fearful attitude in reference to the ad. of Wilkinson & Co. They are not dealers in books and stationery nor are they at 33 Main street Pine Bluff, but they are wholesale and retail druggists, 234 Main street, Memphis, Tenn., and all the readers and dealers in our minutes will so read their ad and please call to see them when you go to Memphis. A word more to our brethren and we are done. We earnestly desire the thren of our conference to send the

little amount they are due us for them without delay and our brethren of the White River conference will please remember that we have nearly two hundred of their minutes for sale, at ten cents for a single copy and seven cents a copy when they will take as many as five or more. We need the money for all these and we need it now. Help us if you please. **A. R. W.**

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Our readers will find the ad. in this week's issue of Davies & Rayburn, successors to the Irwin Art Gallery. Read and call on them.

Our State stands in the first rank at New Orleans, and has actually taken the first premium on the best apples produced. Our Shannon has taken the palm. Everything is creditable to us, and our commissioners are putting in their work well.

Correction and Explanation.

We desire to correct an error in the minutes of the White River Conference. The note appearing as coming from the secretary is an error. We do not wish to make Col. Thornburgh responsible for, or to endorse our advertisers. I am to blame, and the error crept in at Nashville. I endorse them. **WINFIELD.**

Dudley E. Jones Co., Little Rock, sells all grass seeds and seed oats.

To Methodist Preachers.

We wish to give away a few hundred copies of the historical picture, "The Founders and Pioneers of Methodism," so as to let it be seen by the public. The price is \$1. Any preacher, traveling or local, subscribing for the Richmond Christian Advocate, the old Methodist organ in the South, and enclosing \$1, gets the engraving free and the paper for one year. **J. J. LAFFERTY, Richmond, Va.**

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Notice.

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EMMA BARTLETT,
 Administratrix of Preston Bartlett.
 By Clark & Williams.

Warning Order.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court, Lavinia Whittredge, Plaintiff.

vs.
 Oliver B. Whittredge, Defendant.

The defendant, Oliver B. Whittredge, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Lavinia Whittredge. **J. W. CALLAWAY,** Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
 Attest: **J. W. CALLAWAY,** Clerk.
 February 6th, 1885.
T. C. Hardcastle for plaintiff.

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Frying Chickens	\$2.50 to 3 per doz.

PROVISIONS.

Bulk meats—long clear DS	6 1/2
Bulk meats—short clear DS	6 1/4
Breakfast Bacon	13 1/2
Sugar Cured Hams	15
Lard, tierce	8
" half tierce	8 1/2
" buckets	9
Cotton seed oil	60 per gal
Flour	3 90 to 6 50 per bbl.

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Coffee	10 to 14 1/2c
Sugar	6 to 8 1/2c
Molasses—New Orleans	45 to 55c
Rice	6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Salt	\$1 50 to \$
Corn Meal—per brl	\$2 50 to \$
Crackers	5 1/2 to 9c
Ginger snaps	9 to 9 1/2
Cheese	10 to 14 1/2
Candy	10 to 20c
Coal Oil	10 to —c.
Eupion	25c per gal.
Grain—oats	45 to 50
corn, shelled	70c per bu
" in ear	60c per bu
Hay—prime per ton	8 50 to 9 00

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Dry Hides	12 1/2 to 15c
Dry Salt	12 to 12 1/2
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