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General News.

Our Own Country.

The past week has witnessed one of the largest and most imposing inaugurations that has ever taken place in our country. It is estimated that over 150,000 people were present, and the retiring President said it was the largest crowd he ever saw. The inaugural was all that could be asked. The Democrats were delighted and the Republicans could enter no objection. It was sound, solid, conservative and progressive enough. It was a grand sight to see our Chief Magistrate stand before that large audience and take the oath of office on the small bible, the gift of his mother. That little book was dearer to him than any other on earth, and his mother had caused him to take a far more solemn obligation on it in the bright hour of childhood. Only let him follow the teachings of that mother and our country will be safe. What encouragement to Christian mothers. God bless them, for they are the hope of this nation. Our President has three able men, we well know, in his Cabinet. Bayard, Lamar and Garland, would have done honor to any administration, even in the palmy days of our Republic.

But another feature of our country is appalling. We allude to the strikes. In one sense strikers are always wrong. They can not force higher wages and will very likely loose what they have. It is a free country, and if they can't live on what they are getting then they can try elsewhere. But there is another side to this question. Railroads are demanding more time and harder work for less pay than any corporations known. This is all wrong. Men should not be allowed to amass hundreds of millions, while poor laborers and their families are suffering. The wages are inadequate, and in case of sickness there is compelled to be suffering.

Turkey

United States Minister Wallace has resigned.

Franco-Chinese War.

The French and Chinese have had another engagement. It was at Thuy-enquan, and lasted 18 days. Both sides suffered severely, and both claim the victory. The French general says it was a brilliant engagement, and their soldiers did the most gallant fighting of the campaign. The Chinese are assuming the offensive in Tonquin, and both nations are preparing for war on a grander scale.

England.

Is sending forward troops as rapidly as possible to India, and trouble is still imminent between Old John Bull and the Czar of Russia. The bear is on his hind legs for a hard hug, and the old lion is fairly roaring like thunder. The London Times, the great journal of the world, exhorts Her Majesty to demand the entire withdrawal of Russian forces from Afghanistan, and all the frontier, and the leading paper at St. Petersburg says Russia will not do it. War is imminent between these two great powers, and is felt all over Europe, affecting both political and financial circles.

Soudan.

The war in Soudan seems no nearer a close than weeks ago. That prince of agitators, Mr. Bradlaugh, is endeavoring to produce discord in London and elsewhere by holding meeting meetings with the laboring classes and protesting against the Soudan war. The Arabs are now victorious and overbearing, and the English troops are in danger, but this will not last long. A great country like England will show its vast power very soon in subduing this rebellion, and it will be the signal for the advance of the Christian army.

Our Junior is off at this writing in North Arkansas, but will be back ere this paper goes to press.

State News.

Our Industrial University needs looking into. Gen. Hill is right, and our Legislature should by all means investigate his charges, and we are much astonished at the utterances of the Democrat. Why should these things be hushed up. Have tax-payers no right to look after their money? We hope there will be a faithful and full overhauling.

The Free Pass bill hangs fire in the House. Col. Thornburgh thought it ought to be amended to punish the receiver of the pass as well as the railroad. Col. Baker, of Benton, would ride on a free pass to the end of the world, but would vote to tax railroads. Col. Hewitt thought there was a flaw, as there was no provision to reach railroad men living out of the State, and so it went to the Judiciary Committee, where many think it will find a burial. Gentlemen, remember the Constitution is very plain and you have sworn to obey it. The people are watching you.

We are very sorry to learn of the burning of the Court House at Powhatan. It was a splendid building and was a credit to old Lawrence.

Circuit Court at Toledo, in Dorsey county, last week.

We are glad to chronicle the passage of the bill for the relief of H. W. Rogers, the old Sheriff of this county. It was a meritorious case.

A bill has been passed to change the name of Dorsey county, and now it is called Cleveland, after our new President.

If this Legislature has the power to set aside the action of the people of Garland county, and bring whiskey back to Hot Springs, then there is no use to have whiskey laws or any other sort of prohibition laws.

The Legislature has passed a splendid game law, and one that was needed. Let it be obeyed.

It snowed as far down as Newport last Sunday—but our Capital was bright and sunshiney, and large congregations were out to attend preaching.

We observe, with great pleasure, the passage of the bill punishing officers for gambling, introduced into the House by Hon. Mr. Harper, of Calhoun. The vote was almost unanimous and was very flattering to the introducer. We regard it as the best bill of the session and sincerely hope the Senate will pass it.

Hon. Jabez M. Smith is as pure a man as ever held office in Arkansas. He is right on the Free Pass bill and the Gazette wrong. Railroads would hardly furnish all the officers of the State Government free passes without expecting some equivalent. Certainly it is best to be above suspicion, and very safe to follow the Constitution.

Gen. Royston, one of the old regulars, and one too that belonged to the days of old Arkansas gentlemen, has returned from our great National Capital. He took in the inauguration.

Forrest City sustained a great loss last week in the death of their distinguished citizen, Hon. W. H. Howes.

We don't know, but we are rather of the opinion that the Committee on Public Printing has something to do for the State's good by stopping such a vast amount of public documents, and seeing that there are fewer pages with so little on them. Hardly right for Arkansas to pay for a page when there is only a six or ten line paragraph.

Candidates for the Senate are multiplying very fast and the probability is we will have a score by next Tuesday. How strange that men will risk themselves to fill the place of such a man as Garland. No telling the bounds of man's vanity.

Personal.

Rev. A. P. Melton, our popular pastor at Russellville and one of the best agents of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, has been on the disabled list, but he is improving and will soon be in good work in tune.

Rev. F. S. Jackson, of some unknown place in Texas, sends us for a few copies of our paper. Now we would gladly comply, but he gives us no address, and we are poor guessers. This is only a sample.

Rev. J. C. Brown, the popular pastor of our church in Helena, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address before the pupils of McTyeir's Institute, McKenzie, West Tennessee, in June next. There is a rich treat in store for these young men.

Rev. J. E. Sutton, away up in the regions of Perry county, is just pouring in the subscribers on us. He sends five at one time, and promises more.

Rev. A. Turrentine, from Princeton, has sent us nineteen, and still they come. Many thanks.

Rev. W. J. Davis, of Lockesburg, is not far behind, and they still continue to come. He is a worker.

Misses Jennie and Lucy Jones, sisters of Hon. J. K. Jones and neices of the wife of the senior editor of this paper, left on the night of the 27th ult. for Washington City to witness the inauguration of Grover Cleveland. They will be the guests of their uncle, Hon. Samuel Norment, of that city. We wish them a very pleasant visit and a safe return to their Arkansas home.

Rev. Cadesman Pope, formerly of our conference, but now pastor of St. James, Augusta, Ga., contributed a fine letter to our columns. Write again, your friends of Arkansas will always be glad to hear from you.

Rev. C. O. Steele, another preacher of Arkansas, but now on the Golden Shore, sends us a splendid letter. Be certain to read these letters on the Advocate Family page. They are simply splendid.

Rev. B. C. Matthews, of Paris, is bringing us under obligations to him for good work. Five new families, through his agency, will hereafter read the METHODIST.

Rev. E. N. Evans, pastor of Spring street, paid us a pleasant call, with his brother, of Prescott. They were welcome visitors.

Rev. A. Hunter passes every week, on his way to his small circuit on the river. Punctual and faithful as ever.

Rev. J. M. Cline works ahead regardless of wind or weather, and his mission is improving continually.

Rev. H. Jewell is a frequent caller, and brings a good report from the united churches of Methodism in the city. They expect to wipe out the old debt this week. A chapel next.

Our new chapel over Chappy Huston's saloon was crowded on last Sunday night, and there was one bright conversion. Our mission work is growing.

Hon. C. C. Colburn, the editor of that sterling sheet, the Ozark Democrat, called several times during his visit to our Capital city. He put in some good work while in our city, and contributed a splendid letter to the Gazette in favor of the Sabbath. We offer a premium to the man who will be brave enough to introduce a bill to stop trains from running in Arkansas on the Sabbath.

Hon. Poindexter Dunn is in the city. There will be no mistake made if he is elected Senator.

Hon. A. H. Garland is the first Arkansas man who ever had a cabinet position. Mr. Cleveland has honored himself in honoring our great statesman.

Field Notes.

We begin this week's report of our field hands with a few lines from Rev. C. D. McSwain, which sounds like the tones of a triumphant general from the victorious field of battle. Just hear it:

"My pastoral charge flourishes. Good service last Sunday. Col. Dave Dixon joined the Church. Had some old-fashioned shouting and a good collection."

Now that is according to the old way. It sounds apostolic.

Next comes our good brother O. C. Robertson, from his new field away down in old Ouachita:

"Your card was delayed. Please send twenty copies of the minutes. Bro. J. J. Jenkins has been very sick, near death's door. At this writing is improving and will soon be on his round again. The Camden circuit is showing signs of spiritual life. This scribe is kindly cared for by this good people. We have a nice new parsonage to live in. Plenty to eat and wear. Success to you and the ARKANSAS METHODIST."

That has the right ring, and our brother Robertson is rightly named Optimus—the best.

Here comes a few lines from brother J. G. Lowry, one of our best local preachers. He is a true man:

"Brethren, we receive your most excellent paper and read it with much pleasure, and wish you great success and prosperity for the year 1885."

We are certainly very much obliged, our good brother.

Here comes a postal from that old sturdy worker, J. F. Hall:

"Snow fell here 23d ult. to the depth of 6 inches. I am making my fourth round, but cold, rain and mud have greatly interfered with our work, but by the help of the Lord we are going to do our best to get better, do better than heretofore. We expect to work for a revival, all the connectional interests, for our schools, for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, because we are a son in the gospel and loyal to the backbone."

And right next to him we place the veteran, J. E. Caldwell, whose note we appreciate very much, for we know he understands fully what it is to enjoy religion:

"Please allow me the privilege of saying amen to your most excellent editorial on 'Experimental Religion.' I have known good gospel singing to be a precious means of grace to my poor soul. Don't now, never hear it. But, O, the happy, happy memories that well up from the good days when you were my P. E., 1856 especially. Did any one ever see or hear such where instrumental music was used? I'm sure I never did. I may be away yonder behind the times, advanced thought, etc., but I do thank God tonight one blessed glory of Methodism has been her spiritual song. So may it be again, prays fervently her son."

And here comes another, but his real name is withheld; but he is one of our good field hands. Read:

"Owing to bad health, bad roads, high water, ill health and low finance, all combined, I was rather late getting to my work on Fulton circuit, but I am glad to state that I am hopefully filling my appointments and thus far have met a warm reception by the clever, warm-hearted people of this circuit. As we have no parsonage on this circuit, we sought and obtained a location at Columbus, it being one of my appointments, and as you and several of our itinerants know, Columbus is not only one of our oldest little towns in south Arkansas, but a pleasant, healthy, situation, inhabited by an intelligent an hospitable people. As some of our preachers have compared their reception to a storm, will give you a brief sketch of our late storm. At 8 o'clock, p. m., next day after our arrival, the Presbyterian

church-bell commenced tolling out, 'Storm coming! storm coming! storm coming!' Presently a buggy and mule wagon, well loaded, halted at the gate. The house was soon filled with pleasant ladies, who could smile and chat like kinsfolk. The wagon was hastily unloaded and the contents placed in the pantry, which consisted of meat, meal, flour, potatoes, turnips, sugar, coffee, rice, fruits, butter, eggs, molasses, honey, salmon, preserves, jelly, etc., etc., and even coal oil and matches. The storm ending, we read the 103 Psalm, all joined in prayer, thanking God for such storms and warm friends, and prayed for the Holy Spirit to be sent upon us. And now we are made to feel that after all 'the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.' HAZARD."

Here is one that was one of us, but he went out from us. Still we will let him appear on the roll of our field hands. Rev. S. G. Shaw writes from Gonzales, Texas:

"I send you herewith a little anecdote which you can publish if you wish. I would be glad to send you some subscribers, but don't know whether I can do so or not. Most of my people are taking one Church paper, and it is hard to persuade them to take more. Will send you a communication now and then, and I wish you always to feel at liberty to do as you please with what I commit to you. I love the ARKANSAS METHODIST and its editors. One or both of you ought to come to come to our conference next fall (which will meet at this place), and see this historic town and the fine parsonage occupied by this preacher."

Our brother will probably see that anecdote on the associate editor's page, or rather the Advocate page, after while.

Here is an inquiry from a field hand that might as well be answered here as any where. Read:

"I am curious to know whether or not there are any Methodists in Arkansas, and whether any of that denomination are now members of the legislature. Maybe you can tell us. The reason why I ask is this: I see from the Arkansas Evangel that there are some Baptists in the legislature, and from the manner in which the Evangel talks a stranger would be led to believe that the State's law-makers are pretty near all Baptists. How is it? Let us know, if you please. I am glad to know there are some Baptist brethren there, but if there are Christian law-makers belonging to other Churches, it would be fair to let the people know it."

From the roster of the two houses we collate the following, which will not only answer our correspondent, but put an end to such wicked boasting on the part of our contemporary: Senate—Baptists, 9; Methodists, 16. House—Baptists, 28; Methodists, 37. Both together have a majority in both houses and will be responsible for any bad legislation.

Next, and last for this week, we present our brother A. S. Blackwood, from the nice town of Augusta:

"The winter has at last given place to sunshine and warmth, and our congregations are growing. We are moving along quietly in Augusta, with, I believe, an increasing interest in every service. Last Sunday was missionary day with us. The attendance upon the Sabbath school and public worship was very good. At the close of the services I asked for a 'free-will offering' and received \$37.65. We have nearly all of our missionary assessment in hand, and will soon commence on the other collections ordered by conference. And allow me here to say that the ARKANSAS METHODIST shall not be left out. I expect to collect you a goodly number of subs., with the necessary cash. We have been the recipients of many favors from the good people here since our arrival, for which we bless God and pray his blessings upon the people. I am praying and working for a revival, and think we shall have it. Either or both of you will receive a welcome at this parsonage at any time, and if you will come we promise you a good audience and plenty of work. God bless you."

ARKANSAS METHODIST ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1885.

Another Texas Letter.

Prof. D. C. B. Connerly, of Austin, has been in our city. He will be remembered by many of your readers as a teacher at Arkadelphia and Hamburg. From the latter place I think he began to travel in the interest of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, organizing some lodges in your State and then coming west to grow up with the Order. He remained here a week and organized a good Lodge of thirty-five members. For thirteen years he was a member of the Alabama Conference, and afterwards had charge of several fine schools in that State. His old pupils and friends will be glad to learn of his health and prosperity in Texas.

Since my last letter the weather has "cricked" us again. Gardening had then begun under the glow of a genial sun. Suddenly work in that line suspended, and from present appearances, indefinitely. For a month nearly we had a succession of dry and very cold northers. The one now prevailing is thoroughly an immersionist, having been preceded during last night with a regular spring thunder-gust and shower of hail. It is now nearing noon and yet the hail is lying about in heaps. Such is weather in the west. Fortunately the farmers are well up with their work, having used well, the long dry spell, in turning and bedding their land for a crop.

Business is in better shape and improvements on a large scale are going on. In this city house room is an object, and this both for merchandise and residence. The incoming population is more than we can accommodate. Can't you induce some of them to stop in Arkansas? (Don't want many.) Many of them are passing a better country than they find. Not every acre of this country is rich and not every locality desirable. No indeed. But we have the best advertised State in the Union, and herein lies much of the success in inducing people to move. It is another illustration of the power of printers ink. If I put my name in print then letters of inquiry come pouring in upon me. One instance will illustrate many. A gentleman in Virginia saw one of my letters in the St. Louis Advocate and wrote enclosing a stamp for reply. The reply was not specially encouraging, but he was advised to come and see for himself. He has been here for a week. After finding out his wants I told him I could refer him to many places in Arkansas that would better suit his purposes. Such land as he wants will cost him \$20 per acre here. Such land he can buy in Arkansas for \$5 per acre. To satisfy him I was not guessing or gassing; I offered to make him a warranty deed to one or two such farms near Pine Bluff, for the said small consideration. It is not enough that you and others write up your advantages in the papers of your State, but brethren must write to papers in other States and invite the people to come and see. Pardon this unsought advice. But I can't outgrow my devotion to Arkansas, nor forget that it has many advantages for farmers and all the trades and professions. Besides I have seen much disappointment and wretchedness in Texas. Not all who come are happy and get rich. I am careful in my statements about the country, and don't want any one to come on my judgment. We came for reasons and are delighted. If allowed, as other people out of the Methodist itinerancy, to select our home and abide there, we might never have seen or known any other home.

Who started the discussion about Church discipline? It is one of the live (don't print that last word line as you did in my last letter), questions before the Church of to-day. Something must be done. But before action we need discussion and information. Great harm may result from hasty and ill-advised administration. It may be that I shall give mine opinion and somebody will think me radical. For illustration, I am disposed to think we have no more au-

thority for compelling people to quit the Church than for joining it. The same rule works at both ends of the line. But I don't intend here and now to discuss the matter, and the above may not be understood.

Bro. Monk's idea about deficits will do as a rule with exceptions.

Our old friend, Dr. Hearn and family, will have much sympathy and prayer in their sore bereavement.

I am advising your friends in Texas to subscribe for your paper. Is that right? All these folks from Arkansas ought to read it. Success to you. Read your "proof" carefully.

M. H. WELLS.

Weatherford, Texas, Feb. 23, 1885.

Letter from California.

EDITORS METHODIST:—My letters heretofore have been of a random character. I have jettied down facts and incidents as they have occurred to my mind while writing. Hence they have lacked the element of continuity. I do not promise any improvement in that regard. If some things should appear in this letter, which in the order of time should have appeared before, it will be due to the fact above mentioned. While I like system ordinarily, I do not like too much of it in letter writing. To be enjoyed they must partake of the ease and freedom of social conversation.

To undertake a description of the topography of the climate of this country in a short newspaper article would be useless. Its topography includes four general divisions: Mountains, foot-hills, plains and valleys. Among the mountains, Shorter is conspicuous. Its snow covered summit is said to be fourteen thousand feet above the level of the sea. Here you can find almost any climate you wish except extremely cold. In this (Sacramento) valley the mercury goes higher in the summer than in Arkansas; yet the heat is not so oppressive and the nights are always cool. Men work in the harvest field while the mercury runs to 110 degrees, and such a thing as sunstroke is unheard of here.

Many of your readers have heard of the "wet season" of California, and they may be a little surprised to learn that the wet season here is not nearly so wet as the same season in Arkansas. The rain usually falls moderately. I have seen more rain fall in Arkansas in six hours than I have seen here in forty-eight. Nor does it rain more constantly here than there in the winter. It has now been six weeks since we had anything more than a light shower. I have not seen a flash of lightning nor heard the sound of thunder since I came to the State. We have had one "Norther" this winter which continued eight days. The wind blew strong, but did no damage and was not very cold—no freeze.

The hills and mountains abound in springs of almost every variety of mineral. These afford fine summer resorts for persons living on the plains and in the valleys and cities. The Hot Springs of this State, while not so famous as the Hot Springs of Arkansas, seem to be adapted to the cure of about the same variety of diseases. The climate in the hills and mountains, or on the plains adjacent to the foot-hills, is very fine for persons predisposed to pulmonary disease. This class of persons should never stop on the coast. The breeze is too strong and the atmosphere too damp for weak lungs. Many lives have been prolonged by coming to this climate.

Many of my friends who think of coming to this State have desired my opinion of the country. To such I would say: First, I know as yet but little about the country. Secondly, while I am pleased here and expect to make it my future home, I would not advise any one to move here without first coming and seeing the country for themselves. To my brethren in the ministry who are thinking of transferring to this coast, I would say make the matter a subject of earnest prayer and then follow your convictions of duty.

Our Church here is numerically and comparatively weak, but otherwise strong. Preachers are better paid and we have better churches and more parsonages than you have in Arkansas. The average receipts of the pastors of this Conference last year was

about (\$600) six hundred dollars. In the cities the M. E. Church is largely in the ascendant. We are, perhaps, the strongest in the rural districts. The relations between the two Methodisms of this coast are pleasant.

Our Church has a mission to fill here, and we are here to stay. We are making progress. Many persons from the Northern States join our Church.

C. O. STEELE.

Princeton, Cal.

Causes of Spiritual Declension.

John Wesley could speak and write about decline in some of the societies in his day, and yet no one calls him a croaker, but one risks a good deal in speaking or writing about decline in the Church now.

This is emphatically styled the age of advanced thought; and this idea of revision has relieved many of the nightmare produced by the restraints formerly imposed upon them by the Church.

Advance is now one of the most auspicious words in Church nomenclature. There seems to be a universal rush to the front of some mysterious and indefinable somewhere that nobody ever found.

Whatever advance our Church has made, and advance she has undoubtedly made in many important particulars; yet her decline has been as signally marked in several respects no less important.

1. THE FIRST OF THESE, IS DECLINE IN MINISTERIAL FIDELITY.

Our ministry preach the word in purity, as heretofore, as a general thing; for this we have cause to exult in the Lord; but do we observe that farther direction to "not shun to declare the whole counsel?" Are we not guilty of diluting the strong doctrines of the gospel to suit the weak stomachs of many a puny brother or sister in the Church, or sinner in the congregation?

It is evident to every student of Church history that there is a marked difference in the preaching of the present day, and that of a half century ago. Then there were no broad platitudes, mere innuendoes, dodging the issue; but a directness of aim, purpose, and speech that carried overwhelming conviction to the heart. Not so now, except in a few instances. There has been fearful decline in the last quarter of a century in the manner of preaching. You may contend that it is an improvement upon the old, yet it fails to be all-engaging and powerful in awakening men from the deep slumbers of sin, and proves to be but an oplate to assuage the pain of their wounded hearts.

2. MINISTERIAL CONSECRATION HAS DECLINED. A consecrated minister among us is the exception, and not the rule. Who in all things feels, "Thy will, not mine be done?" Who is more concerned for the divine glory and the salvation of perishing men, than ease, position and applause?—stand up till God accepts you as such! Many have betrayed a weakening in the knees of their consecration repeatedly by a too zealous concern that the Bishop and his advisors should make no mistakes in the matter of appointments.

3. HOLINESS HAS SUFFERED A DECLINE AMONG US.

This taproot of our experience has been loosened. Many of the mighty men of the Church give to it a secondary place in religion; while Wesley, Fletcher, Clarke, Watson, Asbury, and McKendree, made it their shibboleth to all possible success in the Lord. We have lost sight of the significant fact that holiness is the lever by which the world is to be raised to the plane of salvation, as well as of Church life and spiritual vitality. This was the focus of Methodism! This was her signal of victory! She felt by this sign we conquer! What avails perfect Church organization and Scriptural Theology if the spiritual life be extinct? Better have a few cranks on Christian experience in the Church, than deny that Jesus "saves unto the uttermost." To discourage a profession of holiness is to cast a doubt on the thing itself. The Church may preserve her form, and her modes of Church action, which may give to her the appearance of vitality, yet she will be powerless in exact proportion as she lacks holiness.

4. DECLINE IS SEEN IN THE LOCAL MINISTRY IN OUR CHURCH.

I would give emphasis to the en-

couraging fact that many of our brethren in the local ranks are not only in harmony with the Church, but also are signally effective in the spread and triumph of the saving truths of the Gospel. As a body, once, they were powerful for good; their purity, consecration, untiring devotion and zeal for God's cause were a little less than marvelous. But how is it now? Have they not in a great degree lost the spirit of their mission, declined in holiness, consecration, and usefulness? But are they wholly to blame for this declension, as some seem to think? or in other words, is the cause wholly with themselves?

Each part of this vast ecclesiasticism is intimately and indissolubly connected with the whole, so that each part is influenced in its operations by the several parts making up the whole of Methodism.

The pastor from his relation to the Church, can and ought to exert an influence on the local ministry, that would put in successful operation this part of our nicely adjusted machinery. To decri our local ministry at District and Annual Conferences, "is of dangerous practical tendency," as well as ungenerous,—to lump the whole, when one or two have been disregarded of their obligations to the Church is sweeping and disparaging. Let us not forget that it appertains to the office of a pastor as much as lieth in him to rekindle the burning desire in the hearts of our local brethren, to save perishing sinners from the wrath to come, and to build them up in that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. We must not forget that out of the local preachers, were chosen the traveling preachers,—we are "bone of their bone and flesh of their flesh." A good general does not do all the drill work, neither can he command in person in every part of the field of engagement.

The pastor must let his local brethren bear part of the administration. They will enter with a heart into the work, and prove hearty coworkers if they are encouraged, and will have a greater appreciation of the pastor. Utilize the local ministry brethren, and strengthen this arm of power, and in less than ten years you will feel their power. More anon.

J. F. HALL.

Quitman, Ark., Feb. 14, 1885.

OUR SCHOOLS.

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

Prof. Humphreys, formerly of Vanderbilt, now of the University of Texas, says: "The young men who come to the Vanderbilt University from the school of the Messrs. Webb, at Culleoka, exhibit as thorough preparation in Greek as any students I have ever met with, whether in this institution or in Washington and Lee University, where for several years I taught students prepared in the best classical schools in Virginia, as well as in many other States of the Union." July 19-

CENTRAL

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, ALTUS.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

Opens the 8th annual term September 4th, 1884.

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

Sunday, 7th, at 11, a.m., the Opening Sermon, by Rev. W. E. Parham, A. M., P. M.—A Lecture or Sermon for the benefit of the two organized Literary Societies, and a Young Men's Christian Association to be organized.

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Temperance.

EDITORS METHODIST:—I see in your paper of the 7th ult. a few lines from the Rev. J. B. Thomas, of Bright Star, in regard to the Christmas egg-nogg and dram-drinking, on which he puts a great deal of stress. He also mentions one or two of his officials taking the ground that there is no harm in an egg-nogg. The one referred to has been a member of the M. E. Church for 48 years and has done more for the cause of the Master than any one else in all this country, and gone as far towards the support of the gospel as any one. And if this entire section was called in question to-day whether his light as a Christian had ever been under the bushel, the answer would certainly be, Not at any time, even when this part was all wrapped up in sin. Now, Mr. Editor, some one would probably like to know who he is, as there have been several preachers on this charge since it was a mission and the one referred to has been here ever since then. Well, it is the old soldier, Edward Terry. Have you passed sentence on him, and said turn him out? When you do, you turn out the oldest member in all this country and cripple the Church. Now, brethren, there has always been in the Church of the living God those that drank their dram, and they have gone to heaven to dwell with the Savior forever. We find by reading God's Holy Word as recorded by Matthew that our blessed Lord came eating and drinking, and behold they call him a glutton and a wine-biber. We believe the Saviour of us all did drink with publicans and sinners. I fear, my brother, that there a great many (even some among ministers) that will strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. Now, brethren, I don't want to be understood to encourage drunkenness. Far from it. Would to Goy that none would ever be found so. Though I do say that if you turn out all that drink a dram, you will turn out the entire Church. Let them that be clear cast the first stone. J. W. TERRY.

Bright Star, Ark.

REPLY:

Our brother Terry takes strange ground on this question, and, in view of the discipline of the Church and the decisions of our Bishops, his views are unaccountable. Why, my brother, that question has long ago been decided, and our Bishops declared it to be illegal for a habitual dram drinker to remain in the Church. Strange, brother, that you would attempt to class our Saviour with dram drinkers. The world called him a wine-biber and a glutton, but there is no proof that he was either. Jesus Christ never did, in word or act, anything that would or could injure our fellow-man. But you say the very best people on that circuit drink drams. Does that make it right? Is it right to violate our general rule and drink that which is destroying so many of our fellow-men? St. Paul declared that he would "eat no more meat if it made his brother to offend." That is, he would give up anything rather than injure his brother. But these are the paying people. Oh, my brother, the Church is at a low ebb when membership can be paid for. What! Keep a man in the Church who is constantly violating the rules and injuring society! No, my brother, never! But it will ruin the circuit. Very well, let it be ruined. A Church of dram drinkers is worse than no Church at all. But our brother says he knows of dram drinkers who have gone to heaven. Hardly, with the light we have now. They may have gone when our people were in darkness and before the whisky devil had done such fearful work, but it won't do to risk it now. "Many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able." Take care, brother. Better not undertake to enter with a whisky breath. But our brother closes in the old way: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone," etc. Better not ask that, brother, for there are enough who never touch whisky to throw stones enough to kill you. Turn all out, brother Thomas, who will not quit, but do your best to get them to quit.

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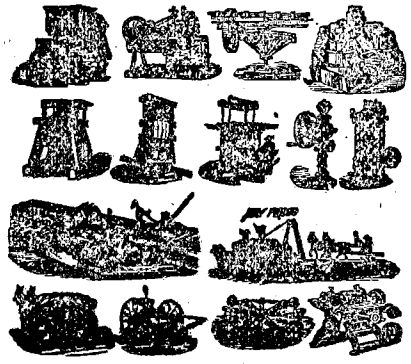
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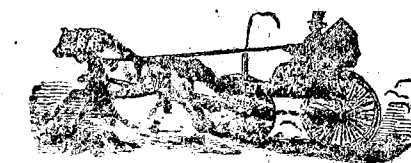
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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1885.

Bishop Parker is dead! How sad the tidings are. Last year we were bereaved of our Kavanaugh and Pierce and thus early in 1885 another has fallen. Bishop Parker was a strong man in every sense of the term. Physically, intellectually and morally he was a really strong man. He was elected to the Episcopacy in 1882, at Nashville, and ordained with Bishops Wilson, Granbery and Hargrove. He was preparing for his official visit to the Baltimore Conference, and was suddenly stricken down. Only a few days and paralysis had done its work and he was gone. More next week.

Many of our good, old-fashioned Methodists will not ask their preacher home with them, and they really hope he won't come and then they will have what they call a good excuse for not paying any quarterage. How much of heaven could such people enjoy.

We see some leading men of families lobbying for a bill to restore whisky to Hot Springs. Wonder if such men ever think of the proverb, "Birds will come home to roost." Take care, gentlemen, you are asking for the restoration of dynamite, and it may be you will get too much of it. Suppose three votes had carried Garland county for license, does any one believe that the whiskey men would ever permit the question to be resubmitted to the people? They never have and never will do such a thing. It will be an awful shame to bring whiskey back to Hot Springs. See how quiet the Valley is now and what a battle they had there last year.

Why not say pleasant things in a pleasant way, instead of harsh things in a cross way. A smile is better than a frown and laughter is more comely than mourning. Never mope but try to live in the sunshine. Be cheerful and happy and strive to dwell in peace with everybody. Tell all the good things you can, and keep the evil to yourself. Don't prophesy evil if you can possibly avoid it, but fight away the clouds and do not give way to evil forebodings, enjoy the good while you can and then take the evil when you can't help yourself.

St. Paul was taught in the school of heavenly philosophy, and learned to be content in whatsoever state he was placed. Christ was his teacher and used privations, misfortunes and afflictions to instruct him. We can, if we will, be taught in the same school by the same master and learn the same lesson. Who will enter as a scholar.

Have you paid your preacher any quarterage this year? He needs some money very badly and now is the time to pay. Don't wait till you have smoked and chewed up all your money in tobacco.

Some of our people are so much afraid the right hand will be betrayed by the left, and their gifts reported, they never give anything. How fearful the Master's meaning has been perverted, and how awfully this verse has been abused.

Stinginess is a very common and a very ugly sin and so few people seem to think they are guilty of it. Liberality is a Christian grace that stingy people never practice. The gift of a few dollars to foreign missions would open some cracks in your hard heart to let in grace and sunshine. Try it.

Brother preachers, your congregations are nearly starving on the empty husks and moulded bread you are feeding them on. Suppose you try a few feeds of "Old corn" in the way of some real sound Holy Ghost sermons, full of the marrow and pith of the gospel.

GOSPEL DEMONSTRATION.

The above is our subject and the following is our text: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Such is St. Paul's account of his own preaching at Corinth. This city was remarkable for its learning as well as for its infidelity. All the schools of their philosophy were rationalistic and anti-Christian, still the Apostle declares that in attacking this stronghold, his preaching and speech was not in enticing words of man's wisdom. Oh! my brethren! How different would be our course now. We would consider ourselves bound to use enticing words. That is, yield to popular demand and make the gospel palatable to the masses. There is now a labored effort not to offend. The old-fashioned truths and doctrines of our holy religion must be sugar-coated to be swallowed by latter day saints and gospel-hardened sinners. Honeyed words and flattering speeches are the staple commodities of the latter day pulpit. Hundreds of pulpits are employed in reconciling science and religion, when in fact there never has been and never can be any disagreement between. So far as scientific men have ever been able to know and understand science, she never has and never will contradict religion. But this is an age of infidelity and the land is filled with skepticism. Another mistake. The land is full of deadly sins and our ministry are simply prescribing patent nostrums and flagrant humbugs, in the way of bald speculations and fancied theories to cure these sins and bring these flagrant wanderers back to God. We are trifling with the souls of men. Such men as Canon, Farar, and the Great Apostle of Brooklyn, trying to do away with a real hell in order to satisfy modern doubt and scientific skepticism. Admitting that there may be a probation after death to satisfy what are called men of earnest enquiry, who would really love to be religious, but who can not tolerate the idea of a hell, but who really desire to disbelieve there is one, so that they may continue to pursue the paths of sin and delight themselves in hellish lust, and eagerly devour the forbidden apples of Sodom. Men are made unbelievers by pandering to their sins and in trying to eradicate the objectionable features of the gospel. Of course the natural man does not like to hear of depravity, nor does the man of wretched lust want to hear of purity. Felix is not the only man who ever said, "go thy way for this time;" nor is Herod the only man who would have killed God's ministers for interfering with their sinful lives and carnal degradation, but they were only representatives of classes. We need to preach plainer. The age demands plain preaching. We are afraid to risk our own gospel. St. Paul was not. "He preached it in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Here is the felt want of the modern pulpit. We are trying to argue and reason with men on the merest speculations and fancied notions, instead of coming right to them and at them with the plain, unvarnished truths of the gospel. Have these truths ever failed? Can they ever fail? Is not our God pledged to make them good? Rev. Sam. Jones is no latter day evangelist, simply asking men to accept Christ without a tear or a sacrifice. By no means. He is one of the plainest preachers of the age. Wherein then is his strength and his success? He stakes everything on the fulfillment of God's word, and the immediate presence and power of the Holy Ghost and he is never disappointed. Whether in Brooklyn, Savannah, Charleston, Memphis, or Waco, God honors the name preached by his servant, the Spirit does its work and souls are saved. My brethren, imitate him, yea, imitate a far greater than he, imitate St. Paul, and go right to your congregations relying on the direct and immediate influence of the Holy Ghost, and demonstrate in the face of men and devils the divinity of your gospel and the sacredness of your calling. Preach, pray, and work for immediate results. Never preach without opening the doors of the Church, or calling for penitents, and it is generally best to do both. Always spread your net expecting to catch something. Quit firing blank cartridges.

FREE PASSES.

The Senate has at last sent the Free Pass Bill into the House, and on last Friday that body by nearly a three-fourth vote referred it to the Judiciary Committee. Now just, exactly what that committee is expected to report upon we are not prepared to say. The Constitution we repeat is very plain and cannot be misunderstood. It says the Legislature shall pass a law forbidding railroads to offer free passes to officers of the State, whether they are executive, judicial or legislative. All these representatives have taken an oath to obey the Constitution. Will they do it? We heard men assert on the floor that they would accept these passes and they were loudly applauded. What does it mean? Do our legislators intend to trample upon our Constitution? All right, gentlemen. Go on in your work. Mock at the introducer of the bill and laugh at the Constitution, but the day of reckoning will come. Your constituents will call you to account on this matter and show you whether you will obey the Constitution. Don't attempt to shirk duty and hide yourself behind the clergy. The railroads are extending no such rights to clergymen, although they are serving the country in their sphere for a year or less than you are getting for three months. A way with all subterfuges and meet the question on its merits. Will you obey the Constitution you have sworn to obey? The Constitution says nothing about bribery or of punishing you for receiving a free pass, but it does say that railroads are not to issue them, and it is your duty to pass a law to forbid it. How can you pass such a law with one in your pocket is for you to say. Don't you think that the plain spirit of the law is against your having it? The Constitution does not make it your duty to inquire into the motive of railroad authorities in issuing them, but tells you to pass a law prohibiting it. Will you obey the Constitution? We will see.

NASHVILLE NOTES.

It is understood here that Atlanta, Ga., is to be the residence of Bishop R. K. Hargrove. He is now there, and will spend the winter at the Kimball House. Georgia Methodists will be delighted to have the Bishop locate in their midst. Atlanta is the gateway to the South, and the railways radiate in every direction.

Bishop McTyeire starts in a short time to Texas on a round of District Conference sessions. He will be absent until about the first of May. He reports a grand outlook for Methodism in the Lone Star State.

The Baltimore Conference meets on the 11th inst., Bishop Parker, presiding. From this city, Dr. McFerrin, Dr. Harrison and Dr. Young will be in attendance. This is the last Conference to be held during this ecclesiastical year. From statistics already on file and from estimates from the Baltimore Conference, it is safe to predict that the net increase in the membership of our Church this year will be over 35,000.

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Nashville, Tenn. W. W.

The Oxford League.

EDITORS METHODIST:—As your humble subscriber listened to the clear, elastic voice of that prince of preachers, Dr. J. H. Vincent, as he stood before the Centenary Conference advocating the projection of the "Oxford League," he could but feel that it was the intimation of a "ground swell" of moral uplifting to all of the Methodist families who will be permitted to enjoy its benefits. Perhaps there is nothing more lamentable in the borders of Zion (outside of the ignorance of the word of God), than the general lack of information relative to Methodist history and polity. A careful catechist of almost any average Methodist congregation on these points would reveal chasms that are perfectly inexhaustible in an enlightened country.

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I should be glad to say more on this subject which I regard as having more outreach in it than anything done at the great Centennial Conference. But your space will not permit and I only write this much to call attention to the subject for the reason that I have seen nothing about it in the chief organs of our Church, while the New York Advocate and Sunday-School Journal have devoted all of their spare space to it and are working vigorously on the list of books and general prospectus.

If any of your readers feel an interest in the subject I should be glad to correspond with them. My name represents an important spy, and Dr. Winfield can tell you there are enough pounds in the package to nearly go around the connection.

J. R. P.
Memphis, Tenn.

Support of the Ministry.

Many have no proper appreciation of the labors of the ministry. They are utterly dead to all essential good. The work of the ministry is not properly estimated by them because they are sunken in sin. They look only on the gross and the material. They will do almost anything, or make almost any sacrifice to continue their existence in this life, but they are utterly callous on the subject of Eternal Life. In neighborhoods which are far removed from the great centers of fashion, and life, and where there is general economy and plainness in the habits of the people, even here, very many gentlemen spend from ten to fifty dollars a year for tobacco, while the preacher of the gospel is often in actual need of some of the necessities of life, and his family are actually destitute of much that they really ought to have, and that a people with any soul in them ought to supply. A preacher, here and there, gets a fat salary, and he often never says a single word to comfort or to aid his suffering brother. These things are a burning shame. I know that our heavenly father is not indifferent to them. Will he not visit with terrible judgment for these things? He certainly will. How can our Bishops live in ease and luxury, and never write a line scarcely to stir

up the church and the world on this subject of ministerial support? I refer to the support of good and faithful men who are constant, and diligent, and earnest in their one great employ of preaching the gospel, and doing their Divine Master's work. Some may suppose that all such are well cared for in so far as mere temporalities are concerned, but such is not the case. Many of our very best men suffer need year after year, while many of the members to whom they preach are living in ease, and luxury, and splendor. "But whose hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" It is absurd and foolish to talk of such a thing. "The love of God" never dwells in narrow-contracted, selfish, covetous souls. Such a thing is an impossibility. The people who allow their preacher to suffer for the necessary things of this life will find themselves destitute of all essential good when the trying hour has come.

L. PULLIAM.

A Transplanted Flower.

EDITORS METHODIST:—That happy Christian home, from which our brother, J. Soule Hearn, was taken two brief weeks ago, has been again visited by the foul destroyer, and the sweet little Florence has been taken, and she is gone to join her sainted father on the bright shores of eternal bliss. The father has one with him where there is no pain, and the grief-stricken mother is left for a few days with sweet little Lucy in a world of suffering. But the meeting time will come very soon. What a meeting it will be when they all join each other in one of the God-built mansions! God bless the dear mother and her little fatherless one. Your husband is among the sons of God, and your little transplanted flower will bloom in the heavenly Eden.

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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, MARCH 14, 1885.

Missionary Department

Our Church Schools.

The educational statistics of the Arkansas conference for the year 1884 are: "One college, Quitman; value, \$8000; pupils, 131; teachers, 8. One collegiate institute, value, \$12,500; pupils, 118; teachers, 8. Two district high schools: Fayetteville district, value, \$4000; pupils, 125; teachers, 3. Fort Smith district, value, \$4500; pupils, 100; teachers, 3. Total: Schools, 4; teachers, 22; pupils, 474; value of property, \$29,000.

I will, in a short time, send to the president of each of these schools a blank report.

O. H. TUCKER,
Sec. Ark. Conf. Board of Education.
Yellville, Ark.

To Members of W. M. S. Ark. Conf.

DEAR SISTERS:—I feel as though I must say something to you in the columns of the dear ARKANSAS METHODIST, although I very greatly feel my unworthiness. Last November while our annual meeting was in session news came to me, while in my sick room, that I was elected president of the W. M. Soc. Ark. Conf. How surprised and how disappointed to hear that our former president had declined re-election. She will be missed, but we hope she will continue to render us much valuable service. The work is upon me and I will do all I can, the Lord being my helper. I desire every officer and private member in each auxiliary to be co-workers in the moving forward of this great work. Let us pray in much faith. Please remember that Mrs. L. M. Venable, Booneville, Ark., is Conf. Cor. Sec'y. Mrs. T. K. May, Clarksville, Ark., is Conf. Treasurer.

MRS. O. H. TUCKER,
Yellville, Ark., Feb. 20, 1885.

To the Preachers of the Arkansas Conference.

Your Board of Church Extension is in a strait. Most of you know that urgent appeals were made to us for aid from distressed churches at our last session at Van Buren. We did the very best we could. Perryville church said they could not open their house free of debt for less than two hundred dollars. We agreed to make the appropriation. After paying Mt. Zion it did not leave enough in the treasury to pay Perryville. The minutes show that we would be due Perryville \$55.20. Bro. Parke says that the minutes are incorrect; that some preacher promised to hand in his amount, but failed to do it. He says we are due Perryville \$87.45. Now we ask the brethren to collect a part of their Church Extension money anyway, and forward it to Bro. Frank Parke, Treasurer, Fort Smith, as soon as possible.

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Married at the residence of the bride's sister, Feb. 3d, 1885, by Esq. E. H. Weatherford, Mr. James A. Hightower to Miss Willie M. Dawson; all of Frenchman Bayou, Mississippi Co., Ark.

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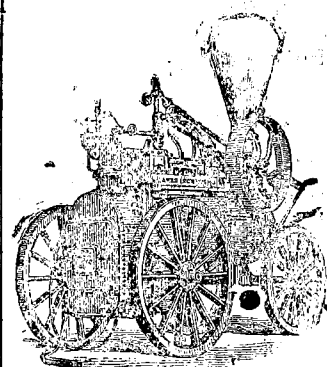
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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1885.

Little Helpers.

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

Flowers and Children.

In pleasant sheltered gardens, The sweet rose blushing red, The pure and fragrant lily, Lifts up its stately head; And gently watched and guarded From careless passers by, They live their life of fragrance, Then slowly, sweetly die.

In wild and marshy places, Among the meadows low, Beside the dusty pathway, Where weary travelers go; Full many a lovely blossom Looks upward to the day, Unnoticed yields its fragrance, And slowly fades away.

But though no careful tending By hand of man is given, The little wayside blossoms Are not unseen by heaven. The same blue sky smiles o'er them That smiles on garden flowers, They drink the same warm sunshine, The same refreshing showers.

Among life's sunny gardens Some little children grow, The tenderest care surrounds them, No sorrow do they know; While others walk neglected Along the dusty way, No earthly friend to guard them, Or keep them lest they stray.

But ah! these little children To human love unknown, Have yet one friend above them, They do not walk alone; Though not one earthly blessing Seems in their lot to fall, They do not live unheeded, Their Savior loves them all. —[Amelia D. Alden.

Second Thoughts Are Best.

"Anything is better than this!" exclaimed a Thrush, after having vainly battered about a frozen snail, which she at last gave up in despair. "Anything is better than this!" chirped a Robin, in a melancholy tone, as he saw the last crumb picked up by a Sparrow before he could hop to it, and knew his breakfast was gone. "Anything is better than this!" murmured a Blackbird, perched on a leafless branch, with his feathers puffed out to twice their usual size. "Why doesn't Master John come and shoot us with his gun? That sharp, short death would be easy compared with this lingering misery!" "Poor, dear creatures!" cried the black cat, who had been watching them and listening behind a snow-drift. "You are all quite right. Take my advice and bear it no longer; and, as Master John doesn't seem to be coming, let me, in a friendly way, put you out of your troubles!" A way they all flew at the very sight of her ears above the drift, without waiting to hear her offer. "I knew how it would be!" she cried, more provoked than surprised. "Though they are silly enough to talk nonsense, they are wise enough to know better than abide by their words." —[S. S. Scholar.

Take Care of Your Friends.

When I was a boy, my mother used to say to me sometimes, "De Witt, you will be sorry for that when I am gone." And I remember just how she looked, sitting there with cap and spectacles, and the old Bible in her lap; and she never said a truer thing than that, for I have often been sorry since. While we have our friends with us, we say unguarded things that wound the feelings of those to whom we ought to give nothing but kindness. After awhile some of our friends are taken away from us, and those of us who are left say, "O, if we could only get back those unkind words, those unkind deeds—if we could only recall them!" But you cannot get them back. You might bow down over the grave of that loved one, and cry, and cry, and cry. The white lips would make no answer. Take care of your friends while you have them. Shut

up all those words that have a sting in them, in a dark cave from which they shall never come forth. If you do not, you will be sorry some day.—[Evangelist.

Little Sins.

You make light of them now, but they are not to be trifled with; they creep on so stealthily that you scarcely notice them; by-and-by you will find it impossible to turn them out. I think of the Indian story of the tiny dwarf, who asked the king to give him all the ground he could cover with three strides. The king, seeing him so small, said "certainly." Whereupon the dwarf suddenly shot up into a huge giant, covered all the land with the first stride, all the water with the second, and with the third knocked the king down and then took his throne.—[The Sunday Hour.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

- Washington District--Second Round. D. T. Holmes, P. E. Prescott sta, March 7, 8. Midway, 14, 15. Washington, 21, 22. Hope, 28, 29. Texarkana ct, April 1. Fulton circuit, 4, 5. Mineral Springs ct, 11, 12. Murfreesboro ct, 15. Center Point ct, 18, 19. Saline circuit, 25, 26. Dallas circuit, 29. Cove mission, May 2, 3. Lockesburg ct, 9, 10. Chapel Hill, 16, 17. Little River ct, 23, 24. Richmond and Rocky Comfort, 30, 31.

Monticello District--Second Round.

- Thos. H. Ware, P. E. Mt Pleasant ct, March 7, 8. Monticello sta, 14, 15. Hamburg sta, 21, 22. Selma ct, 28, 29. Lacy ct, April 4, 5. Collins ct, 11, 12. Holly Grove ct, 18, 19. Bartholomew ct, 25, 26. Hamburg ct, May 2, 3. Warren ct, 9, 10. Palestine ct, 16, 17. Arkansas City sta, 23, 24. Lake Village and Luna, 30, 31.

Little Rock District--Second Round.

- C. C. Godden, P. E. Lonoke and Galloway, March 21, 22. First Church, Spring Street and Little Rock City Mission, 28, 29. Benton Station, April 4, 5. Collegeville, 11, 12. Monmelle, 18, 19. Des Arc, 25, 26. Hickory Plains, May 2, 3. Benton Circuit, 9, 10. Carlisle and White River, 16, 17. Liberty and Pleasant Grove, 23, 24. Hazen, 30, 31. Austin ct, June 6, 7.

Arkadelphia District--Second Round.

- H. D. McKinnon, P. E. Malvern ct, March 21, 22. Malvern sta, 21, 23. Social Hill ct, 28, 29. Arkadelphia sta, 31. Gurdon ct, April 4, 5. Clark ct, 5, 6. Hot Springs ct, 11, 12. Hot Springs sta, 12, 13. Amity ct, 17. Mt Ida, 18, 19. Cedar Glades miss, 20. Caddo ct, 21. Tulip ct, 24. Princeton ct, 25, 26.

Pine Bluff District--Second Round.

- J. H. Riffin, P. E.--P. O., Pine Bluff. Toledo, March 7, 8. Flat Bayou, 14, 15. Old River, 21, 22. DeWitt, at LaGrue, 28, 29. Pine Bluff miss, April 4, 5. Auburn, 11, 12. Arkansas Post, 18, 19. New Edinburg, 25, 26. Sheridan, May 2, 3. Lehi, 9, 10. Pine Bluff Station, 16, 17.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

- Batesville District--Second Round. H. M. Granade, P. E. Evening Shade ct, Feb. 28, March 1. Melbourne ct, Philadelphia, 7, 8. Bethesda ct, at Cove Creek, 14, 15. Mammoth Spring ct, 21, 22.

- Ash Flat ct, at Bear's Creek, 28, 29. Viola ct, at Mt. Calm, April 4, 5. Salem ct, at Union, 11, 12. Mountain View ct, at Pleasant Hill, 18, 19. Sulphur Rock ct, 25, 26. Children's day at Pleasant Grove, Newburg ct, May 1. Newburg ct, at Oak Grove, 2, 3. Batesville sta, 0, 10. Iuka ct, at Pleasant Run, 16, 17. Jamestown ct, 23, 24.

Jonesboro District--Second Round.

- S. L. Cochran, P. E. Wittsburg ct, at Wittsburg, March 28, 29. Harrisburg ct, at Sugar Creek, April 4, 5. Gainesville ct, at Harvey's Chapel, 11, 12. Jonesboro ct, at Oak Grove, 11, 12. Greensboro ct, at Paragould, 25, 26. Boydsville ct, May 2, 3. Marion ct, at Pleasant Grove, 9, 10. Tyrone miss, 16, 17. Osceola ct, 23, 24. Chickasawba ct, 30, 31. Buffalo Island ct, June 6, 7. Lake City miss, 13, 14. L'Anguille miss, 20, 21. Taylor's Creek ct, 27, 28.

Helena District--Second Round.

- J. M. Clark, P. E. Marianna sta, March 14, 15. LaGrange ct, April 4, 5. Helena sta, 12, 13. Spring Creek ct, 18, 19. Forrest City ct, 25, 26. Marvel ct, May 2, 3. Brinkley, Clarendon and Holly Grove, 9, 10. Wheatley ct, 16, 17. De View ct, 23, 24. Forrest City sta, 30, 31. Cypress Ridge ct, June 6, 7.

Newport District--Second Round.

- M. M. Smith, P. E. Imboden ct, March 28, 29. Siloam ct, April 4, 5. Walnut Hill ct, 11, 12. Powhatan and Smithville ct, 18, 19. Calamine ct, 25, 26. Pocahontas ct, May 2, 3. Corning ct, 9, 10. Walnut Ridge ct, 16, 17. Pleasant Hill ct, 23, 24. Newport sta, 30, 31. Jacksonport ct, June 6, 7. Pleasant Valley ct, 13, 14. Oil Trough ct, 20, 21.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

- Fayetteville District--Second Round. Jas. A. Anderson, P. E. Maysville, March 18. Bentonville and Rogers, 21. Clifty mission, 25. Bentonville circuit, 28. Center Point circuit, April 1. Bloomfield circuit, 4. Illinois circuit, 8. Springdale circuit, 11. Goshen circuit, 15. Prairie Grove circuit, 18. White River circuit, 22. Boonsboro circuit, 25. Breatwood circuit, 29. Fayetteville station, May 2. Let the preachers be prepared to settle for the conference minutes, and as far as possible to settle their domestic mission accounts.

Morrilton District--Second Round.

- Sidney H. Babcock, P. E. Conway station and ct, March 7, 8. Mt Vernon ct, 14, 15. Quitman ct, 21, 22. Springfield ct, 28, 29. Point Remove ct, April 4, 5. Clinton ct, 11, 12. Plummerville ct, 18, 19. Pinnacle Springs, 25, 26. Morrilton sta, 16, 17.

Dardanelle District--Second Round.

- Wm. D. Matthews, Presiding Elder. Dover circuit, March 21, 22. Dardanelle station, 28, 29. Dardanelle circuit, April 4, 5. Danville circuit, 11, 12. Walnut Tree circuit, 18, 19. Perryville circuit, 25, 26. Atkins circuit, May 2, 3. Opelo mission, 9, 10. Russellville station, 16, 17. Oakland mission, 23, 24. Rover circuit, 30, 31. Gravelly Hill circuit, June 6, 7. Chichalah mission, 13, 14. Prairie View circuit, 20, 21.

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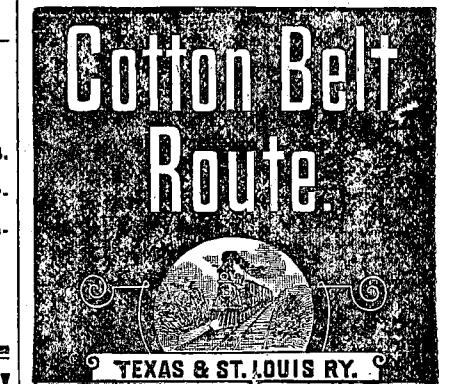
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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1885.

OBITUARIES.

PAYNE.—Frank Farmer, son of C. D. and M. C. Payne, of Hope, Ark., was born November 29th, 1879, and died February 10th, 1885. Frank only lived five years and a few months, but long enough to exhibit sufficient heart and head capacity to form the foundation upon which his young parents would reasonably build, for their first born, a successful future—all beautiful and bright. But the "Artist Divine" at one stroke has spoiled the picture, and the stroke, though now seeming heavy and mysterious, in the end, "by and by," will be as tender and loving. We preached his funeral and buried him, feeling that his spirit, pure and beautiful, had been "caught up" into realms of light, where hearts ache not nor bleed over blighted hopes and prospects ruined. There is real pleasure in attending the obsequies of a child, though submerged in sorrow. As to whether the adult is saved, is pivoted upon the faith of man, but the salvation of the child rests in the fidelity of God. May the Holy Ghost see to it that our affectionate, bright-eyed little Frank may not have died in vain. S. C. STONE.

DOLLARHIDE.—Miss Lucy Dollarhide, daughter of Judge J. S. Dollarhide, of Rocky Comfort, Ark., died in that village, January 2, 1885. She was born June 23d, 1849, in Sevier Co., Ark. In her death the church at Rocky Comfort has lost a useful member, for her life as a member of the Church was like a "burning and shining light." Her sweetest pleasure and highest ambition was to be employed in the Master's work. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1869, and for fifteen years served her Church with an unflinching faith. Much could be said of her life as a Christian, but this short notice will not permit us to say all we knew of her during our short acquaintance with her. She was highly appreciated by all of her friends and acquaintances as a member of society, but, best of all, the light of a pure and pronounced Christianity shone in the circle of her friends. May God bless the family of which she was an honored member, and may the bereavement be the means of bringing them nearer to God. She has a sister who is sharing the toils and blessings of one of our most efficient itinerant ministers in this conference, at Benton station. She died in peace. HER PASTOR.

JOINER.—Mrs. Lucinda Joiner was born June 16th, 1834, and died January 21st, 1885, at her home in Lonoke county, Ark. Aged 50 years, 7 months and 9 days. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when a little girl, and continued steadfast till death. She held her membership at Duncan's Chapel, on Galloway circuit, Little Rock conference. She was a bright, shining light. Her life was exemplary. She was Christ's witness. She indeed loved God's house, and God's people, and God's word. It was a pleasure to preach to her. This writer could always preach better when good sister Joiner was present. I knew I had her prayers. The Church, and all her neighbors, and all the people everywhere that knew her, said she was a good woman. She was poor in this world's good, but was rich in faith, spiritually rich, rich towards God. She had treasure in heaven, "the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." She could by faith "read her title clear to a mansion in the sky." She was a child of the heavenly King. She died in great peace. Gone home to rest forever! Happy sister! May we all meet her in that good country! HER PASTOR, J. M. CLINE.

VANN.—"Our people die well yet." When death comes into our midst and calls for a victim and refuses to be satisfied till the summons is obeyed, it causes tears to flow freely from our eyes and fills our heart with deep grief and sadness. Such was the case February 23d, when the sorrowful intelligence of the death of sister Emily L. Vann, wife of Rev. R. Vann, of Vann-dale, Cross Co., Ark., was made known to the multitude of her surviving

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The musical soiree given by Mrs. Harding at the Searcy College last week was a decided success, largely attended and greatly enjoyed. She is a sister-in-law to Bishop Parker. We welcome her to her new field and home.

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