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## General News.

**England.**  
The leading papers in London say the Russian answer regarding the Afghan frontier dispute is illusive and unsatisfactory. Meanwhile the government in London makes assurance doubly sure by telegraphing to India to continue active preparations for war, notwithstanding Russia expressed a desire for peace.

**India.**  
There was a grand review of all the British and native troops at Rawal Pindi, the 6th inst., in the presence of the ameer of Afghanistan, Earl Dufferin, Viceroy of India, and all the native chiefs. It was the most imposing military display ever witnessed in India, and is said to have favorably impressed Abdurrahman, the ameer of Afghanistan, who by the way is exciting the apprehension just now of

**Russia.**  
who evidently believed she had ingratiated herself into his favor and friendship, an exceedingly important matter in the event of war with England. But the gentleman seems to have used both ears, and perhaps both hands, and has listened to England as well, and received subsidies from both. At least, England seems now to have his confidence and co-operation.

**France.**  
We reported last week the defeat of the French forces by the Chinese at Lang Son, and intense excitement in Paris over the news. But when fuller developments came and it was ascertained that they were routed horse, foot and dragoon, and were forced to abandon their artillery and money chests, they became furious and frenzied, and a howling mob formed in front of ex-Premier Ferry's house to attack it, but retired slowly and sullenly when they found it strongly guarded by the police. Mr. Henri Brisson has consented to attempt the formation of a Cabinet. Take it all in all the state of affairs there is by no means desirable.

**China.**  
It is reported that China is anxious for peace and would be willing to pay a reasonable indemnity, but would not consent to any terms in the least dishonorable. She has abundance of men and munitions of war, but she needs money. France evidently would like to effect an honorable peace and it is to be hoped the useless and sinful struggle will soon close.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to visit the principal towns of Ireland, and they are likely to be treated to the usual display of bunting, although the Nationalists are striving to prevent any loyal addresses being delivered.

**Germany.**  
Bismarck is highly gratified over the numerous testimonials of appreciation given on his 70th birthday celebration, and in a letter to his countrymen says that the memory of their good will will never be effaced.

**Switzerland.**  
Numerous arrests of anarchists, chiefly Germans and Austrians, have been made at Berne, Zurich, Winterthur and Saint Gall.

**Our Own Country.**  
Gen. Grant at this writing is yet alive, though under the very shadow of death. His marvelous powers of endurance and resistance have deferred the final hour beyond the expectations of his physicians and family. He is now reported slowly but certainly sinking.

Ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen is dangerously ill.

Three hundred negroes have died of small pox in Cairo, Ill., within the last sixty days.

Norman J. Coleman, appointed Commissioner of Agriculture, was confirmed by the Senate the day they adjourned.

Barrios, the leader of the Central American revolution is reported dead, but it lacks confirmation.

## State News.

Attorney-General Jones has decided that pupils seeking free school privileges can only attend school in the district in which they are enumerated. Persons who move from one school district into another can get their share of the school-fund money from the old district and apply to their credit in the new. So it will be seen that no child is prevented from attending school, provided its parents or guardians will take the proper steps to have the money transferred to the district in which he desires to send.—[Quitman Light. This will answer many questions, and settles a very important one.

**BLIND INSTITUTE.**—The old Board gracefully retires, after firing a parting shot at the Senate and fully exonerating and endorsing Messrs. Patton and Plowman. Well done, gentlemen. The people of Arkansas are grateful to you, notwithstanding the action of the Senate. Such men as Andrew Hunter, Thomas Fletcher, G. W. Caruth, Judge Cypert and our worthy Governor can never be hurt by any such exparte action. The new Board has organized and has commenced business. Rev. J. R. Harvey was elected superintendent till June 30th, prox. Of course this is only a temporary arrangement to give the Board time to select a competent successor to Mr. Otis Patten, who has resigned in the midst of the session. Nobody could blame him. He was outraged, and our lawyers and citizens generally feel that a great wrong has been done him. He originated the Institute, and has given his life to it for many years, and the return is base ingratitude. Bear patiently, my friend, the ills you cannot help, but your reward will come. Your place will be hard to fill, and our new Board had better go slow and do good work. A man of the right sort must be found, or our people will not be satisfied.

Our Governor's veto of the bill abolishing the Boards of Equalization has met with general favor. Wish he had done the same with the outrageous Garland County bill.

Hudgins is still at large, and Mill-sap's gone home. May they never return to our halls of legislation, and we hope Baker will henceforth sing "The Old Cabin Home" at his own domicile in Benton county. Pity he ever saw Little Rock.

The loss of bill 16 may be good for the railroads, but it will prove a bad thing for some of our Senators. Such things are an outrage on legislation.

We hope next week to give our readers a full list of all bills passed by the recent legislature.

A strange case in Union county, Ark. Miss Amanda Brown applies for license to practice law and is refused by Judge Askew. We think the Judge was exactly right and acted in accordance with the law. Stick to teaching, ladies.

The Washington Press is one of the best secular papers in Arkansas, and has very few superiors anywhere. Brother Givens does not fear to tackle wrong anywhere, and he hits very hard licks.

A man named Erwin was drowned in White river last week. Cause—drunkenness. Poor fellow! Another sad temperance lecture.

It is thought that Arkansas will not get much in the way of offices, as we have the Attorney General; but the general government was the obliged party in that transaction. We had to lend it our Garland.

Our cities of the first and second class are now in the midst of their elections of city officers. We hope they will not let the mere financial question overshadow all the moral interest of the people. Look well to this.

## Personal.

Bishop Wilson preached to a crowded house in Nashville last Sabbath. Old McKendree was crowded to overflowing. His subject was the General Judgment. It was opportune and left a decided impression. We are rejoiced to learn that the Bishop is still improving. He is a sensible man and can take care of himself.

Hon. J. M. Hanks, our excellent layman, was in to see us this week. He declined to qualify on the Board of Trustees of the Blind Institute, as there was neither pay, honor or gratitude in the office. Sensible man.

Dr. J. B. Bond, Dr. W. A. Cantrell, Hon. W. C. Ratcliffe and S. N. Marshall, of this city, are trustees of the Blind Institute. We are glad that these gentlemen will serve for the sake of the blind children of our State, and we hope they will be better treated than their predecessors.

Hon. Frederick Kramer is solicited to run for mayor of our city, and by many of our leading citizens. This is very complimentary, and if nothing is wanted but good streets and sidewalks perhaps he is the man, but what has he ever done for the morals of our city? Let open saloons and gambling dens answer. We shall not vote for Kramer.

Grandma Chase, of Bonnie Glen, near Hot Springs, sends us the back number of our paper for July 12th, 1884. Many, very many thanks, dear Grandma. Wish we could look in on you to-day in your sweet home. Hope to do so ere long.

Col. I. C. Mills, the real estate man of Little Rock, was up in our sanctum. Few men would go ahead and work as he does. His energy is wonderful, and his flow of spirits never fail him. Heaven grant him a clear, calm and peaceful sunset, and then a sunrise where clouds never come.

Col. Jacob Frolich, ex-Secretary of State, is a frequent caller at our office, and is always welcome. He made one of the best officers Arkansas ever had.

Hon. S. S. Cox, our newly appointed minister to Turkey, sends us a missive before his departure. See page 4. Our readers may expect something rich from him. He is a truly great man.

Rev. R. A. Young, D.D., our tall missionary secretary, delivers the commencement sermon at Trinity, N. C., this year. Good place—we have tried it. By the way, we see the secular papers at Nashville are nominating the doctor for Bishop. Very premature, gentlemen, and in very bad taste, and we know the doctor will agree with us.

Col. L. D. Palmer is nominated by some papers there, too, for agent of the Publishing House. Rather too early, gentlemen. We think the old doctor will reconsider and try another term, if the General Conference should say so. At any rate, you had better let the Church attend to her own business.

Ex-Senator McDonald, from Indiana, has declined the appointment of Minister to Russia. Wonderful man! He ought to be our next President.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett, we regret to say, is in very poor health. His physician says he must quit preaching for a month or two. His left lung is seriously involved. He must have rest, and the preachers must make up their minds to do without him for awhile, lest they lose him entirely. He will be much missed at his quarterly meetings, but none will regret it more than he, and again we say let him rest and get well.

The Free Pass bill will go through next time without a doubt, and then men will not use them for two years to attend to private business and drumming.

## Field Notes.

We begin our "Field Notes" this week with a former Arkansas field-hand, now in Texas. Read him carefully. Rev. C. H. Ellis, P. E. Weatherford district, North Texas conference, formerly of the White River conference, in a private letter to the Junior, says that he has been in deep affliction, his wife having been at death's door for some weeks. He is well pleased with Texas, the preachers and people. But he, and many other ministers there from Arkansas, watch with pride and pleasure the growth and development of Arkansas Methodism, and all speak of it in terms of praise. He mentions in kind and complimentary terms the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and says it ought to be sustained. We assure our dear friend that he is held in kind remembrance by our conference and the charges he served, and that we all rejoice to hear that Texas has been good to him and his.

Next comes two of our own boys, one in White River and the other in Little Rock conference, and both good. Jernigan and Mills are a noble team. Rev. J. F. Jernigan writes: "Let the METHODIST sparkle in the future as in the past, and all will be well." We will do our best. Pray for us, my dear friend, and send on the subscribers. Rev. W. W. Mills writes: "I send you 4 subscribers and \$6; will send more soon. The METHODIST is gaining ground very rapidly here." Thanks. We hope that this may soon be said of every pastoral charge in Arkansas.

Next comes our brother W. W. Cochran, from Snyder, Ashley county. It is a good one, and we want many such laymen: "My subscription to the ARKANSAS METHODIST has, or is about, expire, and as I cannot well live without it, I enclose you the subscription price. Money being scarce—nothing but silver, and very little of that—I send postage stamps, thinking you may make them answer your purpose. May God bless you and spare your lives long, so you continue to make the METHODIST better and better, and still better. It is truly refreshing to a laboring man, coming in tired, to find your paper on the table. You may imagine the balance." That is good, rich cream, and worth hundreds of your little short, crusty letters, saying, "Stop my paper," "I can't pay," and, "Don't like it much, anyhow." Thank you, brother Cochran.

"I have just received the sad intelligence of the death of my brother John P. Evans. I left him at our old home (Walnut Hill, Ark.) a few days since, with no hope of his recovery. John was a noble Christian boy, converted at ten years of age, and has been a live, active Christian worker ever since. I left him ready and waiting to enter into glory. Bro. Jeff writes that 'he died well—features all bright.' Doctor, I can but thank God for the triumphant death of a father, mother, step-mother and two brothers. They all died well. Bro. John leaves a young wife and a little girl, three years of age, to mourn his death. While I am sad and greatly bereaved, I am not rebellious. 'It is the Lord's doings.' Pray for us." This is a sad one. Our dear brother is in trouble—a brother beloved is gone. Ah! we know what that means. It is all well, brother Olin. Your brother John is safe now, and we will join our loved ones hereafter. Obituary from brother Hamiter on file.

"It may interest some of my friends and others among your readers to hear from old Palestine circuit. We are moving on in the even way, doing all we can to promote the cause of Christ. Our people are alive to the cause. We have some good congregations. Have taken in some members. Several prayer meetings started. Two good

Sunday schools, one of which has been ago all the winter. We think we are safe in saying the circuit is on the up-grade. God bless you and the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Enclosed find \$10. Place to my account for subscribers I have sent." This is our heroic and unflinching Parker, on Palestine Ct., L. R. conference. Our Sam is a worker. Read close.

And then we present you as the next best man, brother R. H. Poynter: "Please send the ARKANSAS METHODIST for one year to Mrs. D. M. Willis, Garretson's Landing, Ark. I will have more subscribers soon, and will forward the money as fast as I can get two subscribers. Have had a very hard spell of sickness—pleurisy and swamp fever. Was confined to my bed for some time at Bro. Willis', near Garretson's Landing. Came home and found my wife low as she could be with malarial-typhoid. She is now on foot again, and I am off to my appointments. I have been able to fill all my appointments but two, and anticipate a real good time this year on Auburn circuit. There is a lively interest manifested by all the people, and I am greatly encouraged. I think I will be able to get a goodly number of subscribers for the METHODIST. Will do my best. Will give you a better letter soon."

And then we will give you a ray of light to show how it was done by Bro. A. P. Melton: "An anti-missionary brother, whom I have not yet been able to persuade to take a Church paper, was induced to take a copy of one and read it. He read it thoroughly, taking the 'Missionary' page as he went. The next time I met him he said, 'I have always been opposed to Foreign Missions until I read that paper you gave me, and now I believe it is right to give to them and I am going to do it Moral: Circulate the Church papers among the members of the Church.'"

And then here is one from our indefatigable worker, Rev. A. Turrentine, on Princeton circuit. He is nearer the commentaries than anybody. He has 32, and still working. We are anxious to send out one sett, for we know they will bring in more: "I write you a few lines from old Princeton circuit as to how we are getting along. We are having peace and quiet, and no friction, and I think the outlook is very favorable. My first quarterly meeting has been held. Had a good time. The stewards brought up a good report on finance. They reported over one-third of the P. E.'s and P. C.'s assessment paid, which was over two hundred dollars paid up to that time. This was a good showing on that line, and still better the circuit is in good spiritual condition. Several additions have been made during the quarter to the Church, some by letter, one by form and one by baptism. We report one infant as having been baptised. We have some rivalry on this circuit in the form of the Free Methodists. They may be free from some things, but are not entirely free from bigotry. I might mention several objections, but it is hardly worth while. Their chief boast is that they are sanctified in a peculiar sense. That is, they are superior to all other denominations in purity; but I cannot see the point. There is one thing, however, that I notice as given in their Christian experience, and that is (expressing it in my own words), they were all what I call 'backslid' before they professed sanctification. Therefore they are only up to the point at which all truly regenerated persons are and have been all the time since they were converted, provided they have never declined in their Christian experience. I feel like saying, and believe I will say it, Oh! that men would come to the truth, and not be ever learning and never able to come to it."



THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1886.

Temperance.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Inclosed you will find one dollar and a half. Bro. Johnson is sick. The paper comes all right. Like it very much.

Now for my first "gun," as I wrote you the "battle" had begun. My dear brother Edward Terry, forty-four years ago I became personally acquainted with a gentleman whose name (i. e., given name) was Edward. He was a wealthy, kind-hearted, generous old Methodist Christian gentleman. When he sold his produce in the fall, he invariably brought back a barrel of good old whisky, which was placed under lock and key, to be used as a medicine. When any of the family happened to be caught in a storm, they were given a dram. When complaining of feeling bad, the dram was administered, only though as a medicine. When neighbor A, B or C came over they most always had a "lower affection," and another Edward (the writer was then quite young) was sent to the garden after tansy or to the branch after mint, while a bucket of cool water was brought from its fountain head, and a "nice" dram was prescribed. When Christmas came on the wings of time, an "egg-nog" was made, and all hands were made happy. Now this second Edward happened to be a boy of a very nervous, bilious temperament. He was what was then called a "genius." So, in course of time, not very long at that, he, Edward junior, began to look for his dram, yea, expect it—yea, my dear brother, love it. Having good opportunities he procured it, sometimes in a very questionable manner. Well, when Edward, Jr., was about twelve years of age Edward, Sr., died. Everybody said he went to heaven. I hope he did. But, my dear brother Terry, where did Edward, Jr., go? He went pretty much where he pleased, and sad to relate, nevertheless truth compels me to say, that when the tansy and mint drams and egg-nog played out at home, he—Edward, Jr.—went where it was, and ere long he found himself irresistibly led to it by an invisible, though potent, hand. And after he saw it was dragging him aimlessly, hopelessly, Godlessly down to hell, it took him, though a man of learning, of pride, of promise, thirty-five long, weary, dismal years to tear himself loose from the skeleton hand of remorse and death—yes, eternal death, worse than death. And 'twas after great earthly sacrifices, much agony, yes, agony beyond description, incomparable, that God in mercy, for Christ's sake, did give him a respite, which I hope is forever, though the future makes me tremble. Now, my dear brother, be careful that some future Edward some forty years from now don't look back with horror at the pleasant reunions and egg-nog drinking at brother Edward Terry's. And for your own sake never call our blessed Savior a wine-biber again. Oh! how Ingersoll would laugh to read that letter, from a Methodist. Yours in kindness and Christian love, EDWARD I. W.

The Danger in the Parlor.

Joseph Cook reached the heart of things in this appeal in his lecture on "Lawlessness": "Let the parlor be aroused!" And not only in the sense of drawing a line between the good and the bad as to the visitors we admit to our hospitality; but let the homes be aroused to the danger "within our gates!" To the heart-breaking possibilities contained in the cut-glass decanter on the elegant side-board. To the wild beast lurking in the private cupboard of the cultured gentleman's "snuggery," where his friends drop in for a smoke and a chat, and a drink. To the growing sullenness and indefinable change that are creeping over the spirits of the once light-hearted and loving husband, together with the bloodshot eye and trembling hand. To the devastation that overhangs many a lofty home, crowded with all that art and beauty can bring, and threatens to make it pass away like "the unsubstantial fabric of a dream." Yes, "let the parlor be aroused!"—[Union Signal.]

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Missionary Department

Paper Read by Mrs. Rev. R. S. James Before the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. C. S., Batesville, at its 1st Quarterly Meeting, March 1, 1885.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND HANDMAIDS OF CHRIST:—I am before you to-day to speak for Him and His work. Missions are my theme. Could a woman stand in a nobler cause? Need we be loth to stand, who were first at the cross? and who were first at the tomb, and the first to tell the glad news of a risen Savior. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, the only son of God. I know some will say it is an old story; yes, it is the same old story, and we come to repeat it o'er and o'er. What is the story? It is that one man laid down his life for a whole world, and his parting words were, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We are called soldiers of Christ; He is our Captain; are we obeying his commands? My sisters, who to-day are holding their first quarterly meeting, be good soldiers; be valiant in His cause; go on working for him; consecrate yourselves anew to his work. Though you may be few in numbers, you can claim the blessing. Keep on adding one stone to another until your structure be complete. Gather in from among you the many precious stones that are lying idle. Gather them up; lay them in their proper places; and when completed the buldler will not refuse it. Having done all this, are we through with our work? No, for we are told to lengthen our cord and strengthen our stakes, and to go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. We know Paul said, "I suffer not the women to teach;" but methinks were he among us to-day he would be a leader of women.

There are different ways and opinions as to the work. Some are for home, some are for state, and some are for foreign missions. Then, again, some are for all, which is the most noble. Some, when asked to do for foreign missions will say, "I prefer to work at home. China, Burmah and Africa are too far away." Then, when you come to ask for home missions, the answer is, "We have worked enough at our own doors;" but let us talk of the heathen at our own door, and such will be the first to take offense, and the last to give one cent. Some may think these harsh words, but years of work and experience in this work enable us to say it. Oh, if we could get away down deep in our hearts the idea that God loves the cheerful giver, then we might have that happy feeling that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Are there not strong arguments why a christian should take an interest in sending the gospel to those who have heard it not?

First, the heathen need the gospel, and we have it; hence, common philanthropy bids us to attempt to supply their want. All who enjoy the blessings of a christian civilization should sympathize with those who have not such privileges. The solid comforts of the gospel, the consolations of the word of God, the preciousness of its promises, all these appeal to our sympathies in behalf of the heathen. What would it be to live without the light of gospel truth? Yet millions are in that state of darkness to-day. Would we be willing to return to the gross darkness of heathenism which enveloped our ancestors? Yet more than half the human family have never emerged from that darkness.

Again, the heathen are actually going down to eternal death for want of the gospel. The scriptures teach most emphatically that the heathen are lost. The gospel alone can save them for it alone is the power of God unto salvation. But that great remedy is committed to our hands. He who entrusted it to us said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." This giving does not impoverish us; for the more we impart the good news of salvation the more do we feel its re-acting influence upon our own souls. Very few

can go in person, but all can contribute their mites bathed in prayer, without which our gifts would be of little avail.

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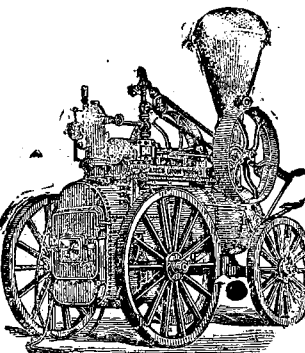
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OBITUARIES.

HARDY.—Mrs. Eliza A. Hardy, wife of Col. W. R. Hardy, was born in Henry county, Georgia, October 21st, 1831, and died in Camden, Ouachita county, Ark., February 13th, 1885. The subject of this brief memoir was converted in early life and joined the Protestant Methodist Church in 1848, in which she lived a consistent member until 1858, when she moved with her husband to Arkansas and connected herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which she lived a truly exemplary member until her death. Sister Hardy was a beautiful type of a true Christian woman. Loving and kind to all, she exemplified the beauties of our holy Christianity in all her relations in life. As a wife, she was truly a helpmeet, indeed, sharing with her husband in all life's trials, and uncomplainingly and uncomplainingly bearing life's sorrows and burdens. As a mother, her affections and loving care were devoted to her children, and she sought by precept and holy example to bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." She was greatly beloved by all who knew her; her kindness and amiability of character endeared her to all her neighbors, and the church of which she was a member feel that truly "a mother in Israel has fallen." For years before her death she was a great sufferer and confined much of the time to her home, being privileged but seldom to attend the service of the sanctuary. This was to her a great affliction, but she bore this as she did all her afflictions, with true Christian patience, resting in the full assurance of the Christian's hope of immortality in that blessed land where no grief makes the heart heavy or the eyelids red. A loving husband and six children mourn her loss.

JNO. MOLAUCHLAN. RAINY.—Died on the 11th of March, 1885, at his father's residence in Raineyville, Jefferson county, Arkansas, Billie Rainey, son of Mr. W. D. and Mrs. P. E. Rainey; age, 7 years, 1 month and 8 days. Our bright, sweet and interesting Billie is no more. O, death, death, why is it you entered this little band of five happy children and snatched from it the sweetest and the best? "Sweet messenger," methinks I hear him whisper. God called him to join the "angel band," and help to swell the "song of redemption" throughout the roll of endless years. Weep not, dear papa, mamma, little sisters and brothers; he was too pure to live here. God took him. Why murmur or complain? The consolation of our holy, blessed religion is yours. God help you to bow in humble submission to His holy will. Though few in years, yet our Billie was not unknown to suffering. Scarcely twelve months ago he was stricken down with that most dangerous malady, swamp fever, and when the last ray of hope for his recovery seemed blighted and his anxious friends gathered at his bedside, he opened his eyes and gazing for a moment, said, "Can't you pray God let me get well," whereupon his devoted father fell upon his knees and, with trembling lips and bleeding heart, poured out to God a prayer most penitent, beseeching Him to spare his darling boy. Surely God hears and answers prayers. Billie was spared, and soon his childish prattle and merry laugh were heard, making sunshine and happiness where sorrow and sadness had been. He loved to go to Sunday school and meet those whom he loved, and when the roll was being called his eyes would sparkle and a smile almost angelic would play about his lips, and when the name "Billie Rainey" was called out, how proudly he would answer, "Present!" Often when tired of play he would sit at his dear mamma's knee and listen while she read the Bible and talked of Jesus. But he is gone! The silver chord is loosened, and Billie is with the angels.

A FRIEND. ALLEN.—Minute Lee Allen, the eldest daughter of Shaek and Ella Allen, was born September 10, 1868, in Memphis, Tenn. Professed religion at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1880, and has

lived a Christian life ever since. Minnie, like all other young people, was fond of pleasure, and it was an exceedingly difficult task to give up earth for heaven. This is the great struggle of mortality, and unaided by Divine power it would never be successful. It is only through grace we ever conquer. She was alarmed at the approach of death, and shivered as she entered the last stream. A few words of assurance from her pious mother, accompanied with fervent prayer, and Minnie had the victory. "She died rejoicing in the Lord." Faith subdues all enemies, hope brightens all darkness and love removes all fear.

A. R. W. GALLOWAY.—My mother, Jane A. Galloway, left us for eternal rest this afternoon. We praise God with subdued hearts for the gift of a religious mother, and we praise Him more for saving her in heaven. How real seems the picture, "How Near Our God!" We stand near the shining portals and witness His goodness, and think of the glories of heaven. Oh, the wonders of that coming morn!

A. T. GALLOWAY. GARLANDSVILLE, ARK. LESTER.—Mrs. Emma Lester, wife of N. G. Lester, died at her residence in Marr's Hill, March 16th, after a long spell of sickness. She leaves no children to mourn her loss, but a broken-hearted husband. She was a true Christian. Joined the Methodist Church many years ago.

G. G. WISE. KEY.—Louisa J. Key, wife of R. B. F. Key and daughter of Thomas and Nancy Clark, died at her home near Gurdon, Ark., March 13th, 1885. She was born in Mississippi June 15, 1844. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, September, 1869; was married to R. B. F. Key Nov. 9th, 1870. Sister Key was an affectionate wife, a kind and loving mother, tried to raise her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Their house has been the home of the preacher on Gurdon circuit for several years. She always met her pastor with a smile and did all she could to make his stay with them comfortable and pleasant, and those who have shared of the hospitality of that home will read this sad announcement with sorrow. We buried her near Okolona on the 14th of this month in the midst of a large congregation of surviving relatives and friends, showing how she was appreciated. She was loved most by those who knew her best, but we sorrow not "as those who have no hope." Her faithful Christian life and peaceful death assure that she is at rest, and that we shall see her again in that land where parting is unknown. Weep not, my dear bereaved brother; she is not dead—she sleepeth. Be faithful only a short time and you will be with her once more forever.

A. B. WINFIELD. Nashville Advocate and Solid South (Conyer's Station, Ga.) will please copy.—[Ed.] CHEEK.—Died near Spring Creek, Lee Co., Ark., on the 25th day of March, Mr. Andrew Cheek; aged, 26 years, 7 months and 29 days. Mr. Cheek had been a resident of Lee and Phillips counties for a number of years. On the 15th day of February, 1881, he was happily married to Miss Mittie Evans, and they lived happily together till the day of his death. They had one little girl to bless their union, but the Master saw fit to remove that little treasure from earth to heaven on the 8th day of September last, and now his wife is doubly desolate—her husband and child both taken from her in so short a time. Mr. Cheek was a kind and affectionate husband and a devoted father. Mr. Cheek never attached himself to any Church, but was a strong believer in the Methodist cause. He was highly respected and much loved by all who knew him. As a neighbor, he had no superior. He was honest and upright. To his dear wife and relatives we say, cheer up. God giveth, He taketh, and in Him we can find comfort and meet your dear ones in the sweet by-and-by.

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