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General News.

[We are glad to know that our people are generally delighted with our News columns, both State and General, and as we grow older we hope to improve, and not only furnish the latest but the best, and at the same time condense, till our people can get a pretty correct report of all the news in the two columns devoted to News.]

Our Own Country.

Presents nothing very remarkable or exciting, either for the sensationalist newspaper or the modern Athenian who has nothing to do but to hear and tell something new. The administration is criticised in some quarters and greatly praised in others. Secretary Bayard will soon journey to Missouri. Secretary Lamar is reported as a failure as a cabinet officer, and as a man too fond of leisure to fill so laborious a position as Secretary of the Interior. But this news comes from the enemy, and hence must be taken with a great degree of allowance. Attorney-General Garland is winning golden opinions everywhere, except that he is slow in making changes in his department. He is a level-headed man, and Arkansas has learned to trust him. A rupture is reported between Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, and President Cleveland. Murders, suicides, infanticides and homicides are reported in great abundance all over our wicked land, and will be so long as we are under the reign of whiskey. Rev. Dr. Beecher talked Evolution last Sunday, and Dr. Talmage just simply minced tobacco users. It is frightful. It is in the Globe Democrat of Monday morning, May 18th. Let every tobacco user get it and read it thoroughly. St. Louis had a great day last Sunday. The Bishops of the M. E. Church were in session in the Future Great and filled many of the pulpits of the city, and of course there was grand preaching. The International Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. is just closing at Atlanta, Georgia, and that body will soon disperse. It is a vast power for good in this country, as well as among other nations of the earth. The Baptist convention, which met at Augusta, Ga., adjourned last week, but could not settle the woman question. Elder Cannon, of the Mormon Church, has been tried and convicted of polygamy under the Edmunds act, at Salt Lake City, and walks out of his elegant mansion away from his many wives, into the penitentiary where he and all such belong.

Anglo-Russian Imbroglio.

These great nations are about to make peace, at least for the present. Russia is imperious and Old Albion seems pliable. M. De Giers, the Russian Premier, has been severely reprimanded by the Czar, and neither the House of Lords or Commons are satisfied with the work of Earl Granville, or Premier Gladstone. The fact is, the Bear has the best of the Lion in this contest and has only allowed him to return to his lair sullen and disgruntled. Russia will sustain Gen. Komaroff, and it is only a question of time when he will make a march on Herat.

France and China.

The Franco-Chinese well-we-do-not-know-what-to-call-it has about passed away, and the Celestials will still stuff themselves with rice, while the gay French sip their wine and worship the gods of this world.

Soudan.

Old England has done herself no credit in the Soudan, and will leave the old Bible land in darkness for the present.

There are great and important moves still pending on the chess-board of the nations, and we must wait with patience to see what will be their result.

State News.

Our State seems to have lost the premium as the best fruit-growing State. Somebody is to blame, for it was clearly ours.

Our contemporary, the Gazette, has been very busy with the mayoralty, but will doubtless take time ere long to compare circulation with us.

The Grand Commandery of Knight Templars has been in session in our city. Dr. Tupper delivered them a fine discourse on Ascension Day.

Hon. Thomas H. Sims, of Hempstead county, has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for Arkansas, vice Henry M. Cooper suspended. Another splendid appointment.

A gentleman is reported in Clarke county as having been cured of a rattlesnake bite by whiskey. We know that John Barley-Corn is mighty good to produce snakes and very bad ones.

The members of the Press Association have been returning in squads for a few days past. Nearly all are in now, and Arkansas has a lean corps of editors for the time being. Good time for delinquent subscribers to pay up.

Many of our exchanges are still howling and growling over the appointment of Dr. Welch as Consul. We are not in favor of preachers taking such appointments, but Dr. Welch is an able, safe man, and the President committed no blunder in his appointment, and it was given alone on the score of merit.

The Southern Standard is afraid we have dug up more snakes than we can kill, on the educational question. Well, may be so, but then we are death on snakes. We see our friend Beck got things somewhat mixed in his paper of the 16th inst.—Nic Kupferle's advertisement of a celebrated whiskey in the temperance column. Look out, brothers.

Great excitement in our City of Roses over our city election. According to our leading dailies we were bound to have a bad man for mayor, but then our contemporaries were excited. The contomparies were excited. Hon. Fred Kramer is mayor, and the following are the newly-elected aldermen: Dillon, Kirt, Reichardt, Kuhl, Thomson, Perkins, Bateman and Haliburton. Col. Griffith was re-elected police judge, and J. T. O'Hair was elected treasurer. Now let us all go to work to improve our city in every respect, and remember that it can only be done by a faithful enforcement of the law and by every citizen doing his duty. Mayor Kramer says he will enforce the law. We will wait and see. If he will, then we shall give him our thanks and full support.

The annual convention of the W. C. T. Union of this State was in session in our city last week, and was well attended. Many of the select ladies of our commonwealth were in attendance, and they were cheered with the presence of Mrs. Merriwether, Miss De Velling and Mrs. Saxon. They did much work, and everything seems hopeful. The drink habit is frightful, but the whiskey avarice is worse. Still our cause is just, and our women will not fail. But be careful, ladies, and while you shun Seylla, do not run on Charybdis. Do not permit seen evils to drive you into worse that are not seen. We were sorry that we were unavoidably out of the city during the most of the convention. We only heard one speech, and that was as solid as granite and as strong as adamant. Mrs. Saxon is a fine logician, but she lacks the sweetness and elocutionary powers of Miss Willard; but then the world only has one Miss Willard. Success, ladies; but we implore you to steer clear of all outside and irrelevant questions. Let us conquer the whiskey traffic, and then will be time enough to discuss other matters.

Personal.

J. C. Essex, father of Col. Thomas Essex, is in the city, accompanied by his wife, and guests of their son. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

Rev. A. D. Jenkins was in attendance on the Woman's Christian Temperance Union last week. Can't say that he was a member, but we know that he is for the ladies.

Mrs. J. P. Karnes, of this city, remembers the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and brings the editors under obligations by sending them a handsome bouquet. Many thanks to our old friend.

Rev. R. H. Mahon is doing a fine work at Central church, in Memphis. He is a No. 1 man in every respect, and has a splendid people to serve. We enjoyed our visit to him and his people very much.

Mrs. Janie Thatch, sister of the wife of the senior editor, has been in attendance on the convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which she is a working member at Russellville.

Rev. H. M. Granade, P. E. of Batesville district, writes us to say that he has received the magnificent Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, as one of our premiums, and he is delighted. He is a tip-top worker.

Rev. Wade Preston sends us subscribers and \$5 cash, and then closes thus: "I am doing the best I can for the paper. I wish that every one I preached to would take it and read it." Thank you, brother.

Rev. M. H. Wells is in the midst of a most wonderful work of grace in Weatherford, Texas. It is almost marvelous. We have been written for and then telegraphed for, but had to decline to meet other pressing engagements.

Rev. S. A. Steele has had a fine work of grace at First church, Memphis. Over seventy converts reported. He was assisted by brothers Malone and Ramsey, of the North Mississippi conference, both of whom did a splendid work.

Rev. C. M. Keith and Rev. A. Turrentine are having a lively race for the commentaries. Turrentine is a little ahead, and it now seems that old Princeton will lead the field. She led it once when this senior found his better-half down there.

Rev. A. O. Evans will be in the meshes of a Webb before this reaches our readers. Sorry we cannot be there to witness the fastening of the silken threads that will bind him to that Webb. We send congratulations and blessing in advance.

Col. Frolich is a frequent caller at our office, and is one of the best newspaper men in the State. It is reported that he may undertake a daily in this city; if so, he will make things lively, and Little Rock can boast of another first-class paper.

Rev. W. T. John, Palmyra, Ark., writes: "I am well pleased with your paper, and do not wish to miss a number. Think you are right on the educational question. [Of course we are.] Success to the METHODIST." Thanks. We are having success.

Prof. R. H. Farham, Jr., principal of the Sherman High School, Little Rock, gave us a pleasant call Saturday last. He says we are making a live Christian paper and he likes it. He subscribed, and says he will write for us after this. Call again, Major.

Prof. Dolgarouki sends us an invitation to the Arkansas Chataouqua Assembly, which is to convene at Silloth Springs, in Benton county, June 13th. We hope to be there. This is a step in the right direction. We must prepare to keep our people at home, and expend our energies to build up Arkansas.

Field Notes.

We begin this week with a quotation from Rev. J. A. Anderson, P. E. of Fayetteville district: "I am for the Nashville Advocate and for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, because I am a loyal man, and because they are what we need in themselves, and because I am for a united Arkansas Methodism." Our brother gives us a hearty invitation to north and north-west Arkansas, and we intend to accept.

We next put in a kind note from Rev. J. H. Watts, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ark.: "I received your bundle of papers. Was glad to get them, as they will be a great help to me in taking subscriptions. I am going to try for 20 subscribers, as I need Wesley's Sermons, and I will also be glad to circulate your paper. I am well pleased with the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and would be pleased to hear of every preacher doing his best to circulate the paper in the bounds of the Arkansas conference." Many thanks, my brother, and we know you will succeed.

Next comes our good brother, Rev. Josephus Loving, from Conway. It is splendid: "Next to the 'Personals' I read your 'Field Notes.' They interest and benefit me. By your permission, I will add a mite to that column. On all the lines of church work we are advancing. The preacher is not alone in his belief. The Sunday-school is in good order, and it is running full time. It is on a 'boom' just now. The prayer-meeting also is increasing in numbers and interest, and the preacher is hopeful. During this year some valuable members have united with the Church, and with the other members they are working faithfully for the Master. On the evening of the 5th inst., the sisters—not a few—and some brothers visited the parsonage (rented), laden with bundles and packages and baskets, etc., filled with good things, and, after chatting a short time with each other and with the preacher and his family, retired, leaving their burdens on the kitchen table without telling us what to do with them. The bacon and flour, sugar and coffee, etc., etc., were pleasant to the eye, but they were not the most interesting things on that table. There was money there—hard cash—enough to purchase a genteel suit of clothes for the preacher. That is the way to pound a preacher! Don't you say so, too, Mr. Editor? Conway, 'they say,' 'is a hard place' for a preacher and his family. Well, this preacher's better-half says, 'I want the Bishop to station me here—at this hard place—all the time.' Night and day, God helping, I will work for the salvation of this people." We were on La Grange circuit in 1849, and brother Loving was then one of our faithful preachers, with as nice a family and as pleasant a home as any man ever had. He is now full of years and usefulness, and is one of earth's noblemen.

Next we will give one from Memphis. Rev. David Leith is pastor of our church at Hernando street in that city, and has done a good work: "It has been on my mind for some time to send you a line or two along with my subscription to your paper. I should have done it before now, but I guess you will quote John Bunyan's line to me, 'Better late than never.' I am pegging away at church work as usual, endeavoring to make progress, spiritual, numerical, financial. Have taken twenty-one persons into the Church since conference, fourteen by letter and seven by professing faith in Christ. Finances well up. We are having special services in our church (Hernando street) every evening and night. Evening, at 3 o'clock, is a special ladies' meeting. At 8 o'clock the gospel is preached for the conversion of sinners. Ben Hogan, the convert-

ed pugilist, has been addressing meeting all last week. He is a man, and I believe has done a good in this city. We have thought, at least 25 conversions. I will continue the meeting a week or so longer. I read a remarkable pamphlet lately, 'The Ecclesiastical Pump,' by Rev. J. H. Nichols, of the Tennessee conference. If any of your readers are troubled on the water question (i. e., baptism), by all means let them get this pamphlet. It is a searching and sensible pamphlet. If our immersionist friends could be persuaded to read it, they would see that all the reason and scripture were not on their side in the discussion of this question. I wish I could persuade hundreds of your readers to get this pamphlet and read it. They will have a rich treat when they do." That is good and savory, and our readers will always be glad to hear from brother Leith. We welcome him among our field hands.

Next and the last for this week we give our readers a rouser from Rev. E. L. Beard, of Toledo Ct. It is strong and stirring: "I returned the 23d ult. from the upper part of my work to find your kind letter awaiting me. At a portion of its contents I was astonished, but I am not in a position to criticise. I shall see what I can do. I shall work for the METHODIST, and pray for it and its editors. Sorry you lost your Bright Star dram-drinking subscriber. Wonder if the 'General Rules' have ever been read over there? How the news of the triumph of the temperance people at Lonoke thrilled my soul! As you know, Doctor I have been in the conflict there, and I was with them in spirit in this fight. I prayed for their success, and I rejoice with them and give God the glory. I have faith in God and the ultimate triumph of the right. The liquor traffic is a monster evil, a hideous sin. Clothe it in high license or low license, its deformity cannot be covered up. Its progeny is the same. If these could be made to parade in panoramic array before the vision of the dram-drinking Church members, surely they would call a halt. The liquor traffic stands forth the monster crime of the age. It is thrice cursed—cursed of God, cursed of broken-hearted wives and mothers, cursed of impoverished orphanage! May this relentless enemy of mankind and destroyer of our race speedily be blotted out, in my prayer. Prohibition is the living question of the age. It looks every man and woman in Christendom in the face. What father who has a son, what mother who has a daughter, to be saved or lost, can afford to shirk the issue. Yes, my dear Doctor, it is upon us. We did not bring it. We may have helped; we hope we did. The battle is set. We did not set it; but let us thank God that we are in it and take courage, and gird our armor on, enter the list and acquit ourselves like men. The alignment is being made under two flags; under one, confessedly, is marshalled all the worst elements of society, with many good, yet misguided, men; while under the other, in solid phalanx, stand a Spartan band, who do battle for God and right. I was glad to note in the last issue of the METHODIST that you raise the standard of prohibition. Better go down battling for principle than to play the time serving sycophant and trickster, to the end that you might sail with the popular current. Better stem the flood. Rather than the METHODIST should trail her banner in the dust in the presence of this insolent foe, I would infinitely prefer to see her fall with her face to the foe; then I could mourn an honored friend, and reverse the memory of one with whom I had held sweet communion here. But that will never be. The near future will witness the triumph of the temperance cause. You and I may not live to see it, but our children will."

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ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

Illiteracy as a Source of National Danger.

A great deal of attention has lately been drawn to this subject, and in certain quarters an attempt has been made to "boom" it in a manner that can hardly be pronounced entirely disinterested. In certain educational journals, for example, teachers are urged to petition the national Legislature for the passing of the "Blair Bill," on the ground that it will improve their own remuneration. One form of petition, which we find printed for the convenience of teachers, that "ignorance among the masses of the people now exists to such a degree as to threaten the early destruction of the free institutions of the republic," and that therefore a system of free schools "should be in part established and, temporarily at least, supported by contributions from the overflowing Treasury of the United States." The word "temporarily" here will raise a smile on the lips of those who remember how often temporary protection for "our infant industries" has been applied for, and how invariably the protection so accorded has become a permanent thing. Infant industries that are nourished on "protection" never emerge from the infant condition. However they may extend and expand, they never voluntarily forego the leading-strings or the pop-bottle; and so we shrewdly suggest it would be with the schools "temporarily" assisted by the Federal Government. If, in the course of a few years, they demonstrated their ability to dispense with such assistance, they would do what has seldom been done in this world. It is a most unusual thing for any organism to close an easy channel of alimentation, in order to depend exclusively upon one more difficult. Let the Treasury of the United States once begin to overflow in the way of aid to education "on the basis of illiteracy," it may go on overflowing. The "basis" is not likely to contract, but rather to widen out from year to year.

The question, however, deserves careful consideration. Is the stability of our institutions threatened by the ignorance of the electorate? By "illiteracy" is understood the condition of being unable to read or write; and we are asked to believe that our system of government stands in peril on account of the extent to which illiteracy as thus defined prevails. The language used would point to the conclusion that illiteracy is now a more serious evil than at any previous period of our history. The facts, however, do not support any such conclusion. The census of 1870 gave the total number of white males of voting age unable to write as 748,970. From 1870 to 1880 our population increased thirty per cent. Had the number of illiterates remained, therefore, relatively stationary, we should have had in 1880 not less than 973,661 white voters unable to write; instead of that, the census for that year shows the number to be 886,659 only, a decidedly reduced proportion. It is true, on the other hand, that, among the colored population, education is not keeping pace with the natural increase of numbers, but this fact alone does not justify the interference of the Federal Government to supplement the educational work that is now going on.

What has not been shown as yet, so far as we are aware, is that the so-called illiterate classes are a specific source of danger to our institutions. If we review the several crises of our history, we shall probably find that those who have done most to bring on these crises have been, for the most part, men quite able to read and write. The Tilden-Hayes imbroglio could not certainly be traced to the ignorance of the electorate. Maine is a highly educated State, and yet it was precisely there that a few years ago a condition of war almost supervened in connection with the State elections. The false returns which kept this city, and in a less degree the whole Union, in a condition of fever-heat for days together last fall, had nothing to do with illiteracy, quite the contrary.

Even the Cincinnati riot was not the work of men who could not read or write, but rather of citizens quite competent in these respects, but who had momentarily lost their heads. The fact is, the citizens who can read and write have everywhere the power in their own hands, and if they are only willing to discharge their duties, private and public, in a proper manner, the non-reading and non-writing element in the population will give them comparatively little trouble.

There is, however, another view to be taken of the matter. If our schools are not as efficient as they should be, and if an undue proportion of the whole population escapes the civilizing influence of education, what is the cause? We do not hesitate to say that the chief cause is one which no Government action, State or Federal, can ever reach—viz., defect of home discipline. The boy who will not attend school, or who, attending school, learns nothing, is the boy accustomed to rebellion at home, or the boy whose parents are themselves too negligent and vicious to care whether he learns anything or not. It is no doubt the case that a certain portion of the population of these States is being brought up in partial or total savagery. Not far want of schools, however, for schools abound. The evil is deep-seated, and can only be reached by the vigorous action of public opinion, and by wise measures of reform in connection with the administration of justice. When we explain why it is that our educational systems fail altogether to reach a certain element in the population, we explain, also, why the work of education is in many cases so shallow, and why it even seems at times to do more harm than good. Everything depends on the spirit with which it is approached. A well-known figure in contemporary fiction—Maud Matchin—well illustrates the work of the high-school or academy on the mind of a vain and vulgar girl, who sets no value upon education, save as it may help her to a position in the world, and the vices of whose character are therefore brought only into stronger relief by her wretched varnish of accomplishments. And here we see the folly of all schemes that would set the Federal Government at work to repair the weak places of education throughout the States and Territories. All that is proposed is that reading and writing should be made universal accomplishments, so as to remove the reproach and danger of technical "illiteracy." But there is absolutely no guarantee that the voter newly instructed to read and write would be any better man than he was before. If our high-schools are turning out Maud Matchins by the score and hundred, and if youths by the thousand leave school to pursue a career of "smartness," without one thought of social responsibility, it is evident that the mere extension of educational facilities is a much less pressing need than the moralizing of the whole business of education. Philosophers have told us that it is perfectly possible to educate in an intellectual sense without touching one single moral chord; and daily experience confirms the truth of the statement. Instead, therefore, of engaging the Federal Government to establish more schools, we would engage the whole community to place the schools that now exist upon a higher moral plane, and to render them more effectual in their working by a higher quality of home influence. It is in the home above all that reform is needed; but, unhappily, the school has of late years so dwarfed the home, so interposed between the parent and his natural and proper responsibility toward his child, that to preach "home influence" today is almost like raising one's voice in the wilderness. Things are badly complicated; one thing only is certain, and that is, that more State interference will not help to clear up the complications, or to put things on a sound basis.

It is needless, we trust, in concluding these remarks, to say that we yield to none in the importance we attach to education rightly understood. By education, however, we do not understand merely the ability to read and write, and we are not fully persuaded that our institutions would be any safer than they are to-day if every child in the country over twelve years

old could both read and write. What we know for certain is, that an individual able to do both may be in a condition of very unstable intellectual equilibrium, and so, we believe, might a whole community of such individuals. What we need to improve our intellectual state is not an increase of activity on the part of the Government, but deeper convictions of social duty throughout the community, and, above all, a livelier sense of parental responsibility. Let us have these things, and the republic will be safe, and education will begin to be truly humanizing and truly progressive.—[Popular Science Monthly, for May.

Conditions of a Revival.

How often does the faithful pastor say, "we need a revival of religion," but just how to receive it, he is at a loss to tell; when, if he could only realize it, the revival has already begun in his own heart, and needs only to be cultivated, that it may grow up a great tree and spread its beneficent branches all over the town or community.

A genuine revival has its incipency in the heart of the pastor, whose zeal and enthusiasm ought to be felt by the brethren; and indeed it will be felt and transmitted to them and from them to the world, unless they have rendered themselves non-conductors by a low state of spirituality. The first condition therefore of a revival is, a realization of its necessity upon the part of the pastor. He must feel that a revival is necessary to counteract worldliness in the church and wickedness outside of the church, and to bring sinners to Christ. He must feel that without it the church is shorn of her fervor, that her saving influence is lost, and that sinners who ought to, and would be saved, by her, if she was what she ought to be, are in danger of being lost forever. If he thus feels the necessity of it, his earnestness will become intense, his zeal will become manifest and his enthusiasm will know no abatement; and his fervor will be so strong that it will impart its warmth to others. And they will catch the spirit and thus unity will begin, which is a very essential condition of a revival. Without unity of desire, feeling and action, the revival will be crushed in its very incipency.

How many faithful pastors have failed to have a general revival, for want of co-operation upon the part of the church. To secure a genuine and general revival of religion, at any place there must be unity of feeling and concert of action upon the part of God's people.

The revival always begins with the few, perhaps one; but to develop into a great work it must effect the many. Hence it is important, first, to get the people to feel that a revival is needed, and then get them to unite their prayers and efforts to secure it. This is the plan upon which Mr. Moody proceeds, and hence the success and permanency of his work. Of his plans, a Virginia correspondent of the St. Louis Advocate says, "I think Mr. Moody has learned to conduct his christianity upon business principles. Before he came to Richmond, Va., he took care to engage and secure the support and co-operation of the pastors and churches of the city. He did more; he secured such an organization of these christian forces as gave the meetings, the character of meetings under the auspices of these churches with himself as their chosen leader. In this way the revival was begun before he came, and its continuance after he was gone, was rendered certain." Thus it is shown that Mr. Moody is no more a revivalist than any other preacher, only in so far as he excels others in arousing interest, and in securing the co-operation of christian people. Were he to fail at this point, he would fail to secure a revival that would be genuine and permanent in its results. But he never fails, for the reason that he always unites the people in the work. And when the christians of a community unite their hearts, prayers, and efforts for a revival, it is coming. All the powers of hell cannot prevent it.

The Master ascended into heaven, but bid his disciples return to Jerusalem and wait the promise of the Father—the descent of the Holy Ghost. And we read, "Then returned they

unto Jerusalem. . . . And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women,*" etc.

Now, then, was the "promise of the Father" unconditional? Would that promise have been fulfilled, if they had refused to return to Jerusalem and, "with one accord," wait for it? And is not there compliance with the condition of that promise, fully expressed in the words which we italicize above? And they would not have been "endued with power" had they not complied with the condition upon which the "promise" was given. They wanted power to be witnesses for Christ, both in Jerusalem and elsewhere. Hence they "continued with one accord in prayer" till it came on the day of Pentecost; and oh! what a grand and gracious revival they did have! The powers of darkness gave way! Hell could no longer withstand this one hundred and twenty praying men and women! Heaven became propitious, and in a single day three thousand souls were saved from death and hell.

We need a duplicate of that scene to-day in all our charges. And to secure it, we have only to unite our hearts and minds, and continue to pray until faith takes on the air of Omnipotence; and with Christ as the lever and his word as a fulcrum, we can command a power unknown to mechanics, that will upset mountainous difficulties that may be in our way of progress; and with the shout of triumph we can move on to the world's conquest. Ah! there is a power in a shout of praise, coming up from a heart filled with the love of God.

No wonder Peter had such success that day, with himself to preach, and a hundred and nineteen others to shout. We need shouters to-day. Not noise makers simply; but people who are not too modest to make a religious noise. People whose religious enthusiasm can be felt by others. This was once common among Methodists. The preacher preached and the people shouted, and sinners were converted by the score and by the hundred.

But how is it now? The preacher tries to preach, but in many places it would be very indecorous for any one to cry, groan, grunt or even whisper "amen," much less "shout." That would be intolerable, and decorum would have to be restored or the "refined" would cease to come. My honest opinion is, that "refinement" and "dignity" are the curse of modern Methodism.

A modern Methodist lady said of a holy man, "He is undignified. Why! he even cries in the pulpit." What did she know about the religion of Jesus Christ?

Religion is not all emotion I grant; but take emotion out of it, and you divest it of its power. Like the moon it may give a faint light, but it will impart no heat—no life-giving power.

But I have digressed. But, in the digression I have shown the need of a revival, that the fires of religion may be rekindled in our midst, and our beloved Methodism put on her pristine glory and exert her power as in days of yore. "O Lord revive thy work." A. P. MELTON.

April 22, 1885.

EDITORS METHODIST:—I will begin by congratulating you upon the continued improvement of our paper. It gets better and better all the time. I read with much interest the Field Notes from the boys. Many of them I see are working with a will for the ARKANSAS METHODIST—I like that name somehow—it suits. I wish I could talk "paper" to the people like Dr. Winfield, and make them subscribe like he does, whether they want to or not. I would soon send you such a list of subscribers as would make your hearts glad. But then we can't all be Dr. W.'s, but we could really do more than we are doing. The introduction of such a paper as the ARKANSAS METHODIST into every family is the very best of preaching. I feel a great interest in the success of the METHODIST, and if you will send me some specimen copies I will do my best. If our people would only take

our church papers and read them, we would not have so much occasion to complain of dram drinking and worldly minded Methodists. I asked a good brother not long ago if he could not take the ARKANSAS METHODIST. As soon as he could eject from his mouth something less than half a pint of tobacco juice, he said he was too poor and hard run to take a paper this year. I couldn't say much to him about using tobacco, while from Bishops down to licentiate, so many of the ministers of the M. E. C. S. are slaves to this miserable habit. Brethren this should not be so. Let me appeal to you in the name and for the sake of our holy and blessed religion, stop the practice at once. There should be no such phrase as "I can't," in the vocabulary of a Methodist preacher. You can quit it. I know whereof I speak. I am entirely cured of the habit, after using it incessantly for thirty-two years. As I came home from Little Rock Conference last winter, three of our brightest and most useful young preachers promised me they would quit using tobacco as soon as they reached their new work; would like to hear from them.

That little trip-hammer, Sam Jones, got to weigh about forty tons before he left the city of Nashville—by the way he flattened some of them out. I would like to hear him call the roll and start that hammer to work in Little Rock, with something like a hundred horse power, and just keep pounding and hammering away until the last whisky drinking and whisky selling Methodist could be induced to reform, or forced to quit the church. May God bless and preserve the little Georgia preacher. That's a good surgeon who has the courage and skill to use the knife freely to save his patient.

This work, Chapel Hill Circuit, is supplied by Bro. L. W. Evans, brother to your E. N. Evans, of Spring Street Church. He is quite a young man and was licensed to preach last year. He is thoroughly in earnest in the great work to which he has been called; of five brothers, four of them became Methodist preachers. The gifted Robert, the eldest, soon finished his work and went to his reward. The spiritual condition of this work is not encouraging. But little advancement has been made for several years past. We hope and pray for seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord during this year. Oh, how we need a mighty revival, and we can have it, if we will. Let us have more plain, old-fashioned Methodist preaching, from men full of the Holy Ghost, and of sympathy for their fellow creatures. Let the command be "Forward" along the whole line, and if in separating the church from the work it leaves us but a faithful "Gideon's Band," let us remember that our success does not depend upon our numbers, but it does depend wholly upon our faith. Then let our prayer be, "Lord increase our faith."

ARKANSAS.

Chapel Hill, Ark., April 22, 1885.

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Paducah, Ky., May 6, 1885.

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Messrs. Hornbrook and Townsend have six neat cottages nearly completed, on Izard street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets.—[Gazette.

Wonder how many houses the customers of these gentlemen are building? The difference between whiskey sellers and whiskey drinkers is about this: The sellers build and grow rich—the drinkers help them to build, and grow poorer. Why can't our laboring men see this? Where does your hard earned money go? Who gets the advantage of all your labor, and keeps your families poor and yourselves in want? Who is it that is ruining your health and degrading your manhood? Think of the hundreds of dollars you are carrying the liquor dealer to help him degrade your home and injure society! How long will you keep this up? Let a friend of the laboring classes speak a word to them and beg them, as they love their homes and families, to stay away from saloons. If men of means are willing to enrich these saloon men at the expense of the best interests of society and themselves, you can't afford it, and we beg all laboring classes to shun these saloons.

EDITORS METHODIST:—You state very positively that you intend in your paper to oppose the whiskey traffic—that you are for prohibition all the time. Now that is a political question; and to do as you say, will bring you and your paper into politics. Politics is a very dirty business—or ought to be. In every well regulated place the political caucuses and primaries are held in saloons or in a room over and adjoining a saloon. Saloon men and gamblers, with their "bummers" and "pals," manage these, move the wires and secure the nomination, by all parties, of such men as will suit us. That is the way it ought to be, and we make it so as largely as possible. When the tickets are made out, then such men as you do well to vote your sentiments by supporting the candidates of that party which you prefer. It seems to me that is all you should ask. Don't you know that you cannot attend and undertake to manage these caucuses without loss of dignity and a compromise of useful influence. And then again, you have something else to do. We manage these things wherever there are many saloons. And we want men for office that we can trust. We like for candidates to be good fellows, who will set 'em for the boys and bring us custom; and if we cannot always have that, we want men for office who will not make laws that interfere with us, or who will so interpret, apply and execute law as not to bear too hard on us. Men who want office understand these things. The devil takes them up and shows them the kingdoms of this world more or less, and makes them know that he gives them to those that worship him. And they are going to do it if they want to succeed. And if you want to carry out your policy by political pressure, don't you know you have got to do the same thing? I talk to you like a friend. I want you to let these things alone. This prohibition question, if lugged into the political arena, disturbs all the old parties, and they will fight you. And you don't want dirty mud they will fling at you, nor who will help fling it. Think of Gov. St. John for a minute. Don't we peddle him on all sides? He'll wish he had let prohibition alone before we're done with him. Take warning. There is too much money invested, and too much to be made in our business, for us to be choked off by a few fanatics. There are lots of members in your Church that love whiskey, or their husbands and fathers do; and people that sell whiskey, or their sons, or sons-in-law, or their fathers or husbands do. And you are largely dependent on these for the support of your Church and your church papers. Don't be too hard on us. We know our friends, and we know how to be friendly. Drop all this new-fangled and useless fight on whiskey and saloons, and we'll appreciate it. We'll see that you have spring hats and spring chickens, too. Parson, I want you to believe I am a true friend of yours.

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Trains going South.	Arrive.	Depart.
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Self-denial is essential, both to a profession and practice of christianity. We are never converted till we are willing to practice it and we can never lead a christian life or enjoy religion without it. Jesus said, "If any will come after me let him deny himself."

"To be carnally minded is death." Just as the violation of physical law produces physical suffering and death; so will the violations of spiritual law either by neglect of duty or the indulgence of worldliness produce spiritual death.

"To be spiritually minded is life and peace." Taking delight in spiritual things. It is a poor sign of piety for any one to dislike religious conversation, or take occasion to neglect christian duty. Spiritually minded people will delight in all the means of grace, and they have life and peace.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." What wonderful blessings and privileges are decreed to believers. Our God can and will fill us with all joy and peace in believing; and that too, that we may abound in hope.

St. Paul says to the Phillippians, "Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." How wise these directions! Do not permit yourself to be over-anxious about anything, but take every thing to God in prayer, and the promise that "the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus." How rich this promise, and how complete in its fullness.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." In the seventh chapter of Romans St. Paul is an awakened Jew seeking justification by the deeds of the law, in the eighth chapter he is a christian free from the condemnation of the law, and rejoicing in the evidencies of a truly regenerated man. It is the privilege of a christian to live free from condemnation, and to enjoy constant peace with God. Claim your privileges, ye servants of the living God.

"Walk worthy of your high vocation," and be not again entangled in the yoke of bondage. "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not again entangled with the yoke of bondage." Sin is bondage, but righteousness is freedom. Satan is a tyrant, but our God is a living father, and if we faithfully serve him he will not allow the enemy of souls to enslave. We cannot live above temptation, but we can live without sin.

"Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Who can describe that manner of love? Who can tell what it is to be a son of God? Why are christians unhappy, when our God bestows such love and adopts us as his children. Earth can give no such enjoyment as religion, and the world has no such honors as christianity offers to confer. Let every believer claim their privileges and never be content with less.

Our brethren are writing for us to come and help them in their different fields. We will both do our best to meet these requests, but brethren must allow us to select and go where we can build up the interest you have given us to care for. We assure you we will eat no idle bread this summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Having enjoyed the Sunday-school Conference at Milan last week, we have had our mind invited to this subject in a peculiar manner, and our heart deeply touched, by the discussions, and the deep interest manifested in the children and parents of our church. Our literature was criticised and praised, but our people were urged to take it. The great want of denominational teachings was generally deplored, and catechetical instruction urged upon all our schools. One of the best essays and speeches was by Rev. G. W. Wilson, on our International Literature. He fully brought out the weak and strong points of the system, and showed where it could be wonderfully improved. Preparation for teaching and requisites for teachers was fully discussed, and elicited much interest. We were glad to hear our preachers and laymen stress the importance and necessity of having converted teachers. Dr. Mahon gave a strong, vigorous and sound speech on how to keep our people from leaving our church and to counteract the proselyting system of some of our neighbors. It was timely. Our brother Pepper, of Memphis, captured all hearts on the Oxford League. It was recommended by the late Centennial Conference at Baltimore, and is being rapidly advanced in the M. E. Church. It is a fine system of books, and teachers to instruct our people in the word of the Lord. It can be adopted either in families or schools, and can be made a great power for good in neighborhoods and small towns, taking the place of clubs, and helping to weed out the giddy dance and furnish healthy, mental and spiritual food. Brother Pepper has promised some chapters on it, explaining and urging its importance. We were sorry we could not stay to the close; but an engagement in Memphis prevented. Such a conference in every district would be a great benediction to our Methodism. The Church of God must become aggressive and antagonize the work of Satan. Never was there a time when there was such an effort to contaminate and corrupt our youth. What will become of our children if we are not wise to plan and work. It will do no good to stand off and look on. We abuse the plan of the enemy and denounce the provisions of the devil, but we offer nothing to counteract and supply the felt want of enjoyment among the young. Let us be up and doing, and do not let the Sunday-school become a picnic and the church a social club. Let the preachers take hold of this great instrumentality and wield it to advantage. See to it that you do not nominate a man for superintendent who is deficient in piety and wanting in qualification. A man who can not command the confidence of the children as a deeply pious man, has no business in that position. Again he should be a man of pleasant manners and with great magnetic power. He must be affable and gentle, and never arbitrary or cross. A scolding preacher is bad enough, but a scolding superintendent is worse. Watch what you are doing in selecting your staff officers, my brother preachers. Careless stewards will ruin you, and a superintendent who has neither piety or qualifications, will destroy your work with the children. The neglect of sticking to disciplinary recommendations concerning stewards, has well nigh starved out the ministry, and a want of moral qualifications on the part of Sabbath-school superintendents has banished piety, in many places, from our Sunday-schools. We need greater interest on the part of our preachers in this great arm of the service. Study to be a Sunday-school man and learn how to preach to and be a pastor of children. You cannot be a successful minister without this. It is good to be an evangelist or revivalist, it is better to be a faithful preacher and a good pastor. We are depending too much on extra meetings, and called preachers, and not enough on the church of God and our own faithful work. Teach our church to work in every department, and learn them to win souls. We rejoice that we attended the Sunday-school District Conference at Milan, and we return our thanks to brothers Whitten and King for many attentions. Brother Newsom made one of the best talks of

the occasion, and he says he will help us with our paper. So said others. Our meeting in Central Church, Memphis, was good and it is still in progress.

NOTES FROM NASHVILLE.

The Board of missions adjourned May 9th after a harmonious, but laborious session of four days, to meet again in Richmond, Va., the second Wednesday in next May. All the members were present. Bishops Wilson and Keener were in feeble health, and so was Dr. Kelly, but all were able to be at every meeting of the board. I suppose that this noble trio represents as much missionary wisdom and fire as can be found embodied in a like number of men within our Methodism. The aggregate assessment for missions is the same as last year. The appropriations to the various fields and office expenses foot up only \$160,000. It will be gratifying to our people to know that the Board is determined to bring our entire mission work to a cash basis as soon as possible. We could have appropriated a half million dollars, and then not have enterprised all the work the Board would like to do; but the authorities are tired of borrowing money at 8 per cent., and of accumulating a debt which it is easier to contract than it will be to discharge.

If the conferences will pay their full assessments this year and the next, we would enter upon an era of prosperity and enlargement without a parallel in the history of our missionary work. The Board requested the college of Bishops to write a circular to the churches on the subject of missions.

Our publishing house was never in a better condition. The old debt is now only \$123,000 as against \$350,000 seven years ago. No new debts have been made; the business of the house is now about \$1000 per day. Many improvements have been made on the building, and the Book Committee have ordered the purchase of costly facilities which the increased business of the house demands.

Paine Institute. I had the pleasure of meeting for the first time with the Board of trustees of the above named institution. The attendance was not large, but our meeting was enthusiastic. We wish the entire church could have heard Dr. McFerrin's speech. I hope the day is not distant when Southern Methodism will wipe away the reproach of permitting this most worthy connection enterprise to be presented to a million of Methodists for three years without receiving money enough to meet necessary running expenses. Commissioner Dunlap is hopeful, and sees the dawning of a brighter day for Paine Institute.

To-day, Saturday, has been a rich day to me. It was my good fortune to hear Bishop Wilson at Elm Street at 11 a. m. Though our Pierce and Kavanaugh and Parker have passed into the heavens since last May; yet as I sat in the pulpit with our beloved Wilson, my heart overflowed with gratitude to God that he had been brought up from the gates of the grave to meet his colleagues in Nashville, and to preach so eloquently concerning "the sufferings of Christ and the glory that shall follow."

Watkins Institute was crowded Saturday night to hear the lecture of Sam Jones on "Character and Characters." The intelligence, wealth and piety of Nashville were well represented in the audience. It was a great compliment to the lecturer that he could draw such a crowd at 50c a piece.

He was announced to preach at 8:30 p. m. the next day, under the large tent which the liberality and enterprise of the citizens of Nashville had provided for him. By 2 o'clock Sunday all Nashville was tramping in one direction—towards the tent. Long before the time the spacious tent was crowded to its uttermost capacity. Crowds left who were not able to find standing room in hearing of the great evangelist. For one hour 5,000 people listened with wrapt attention, alternately laughing and weeping, to an arraignment of worldly and wicked church members as terrible as it was true. At 7:30 p. m., a greater crowd returned to the tent now brilliantly illumined with electric lights. The eloquent and earnest

evangelist pursued the same line of sharp, invective and fiery denunciation, for one hour and ten minutes. He has the wonderful faculty of putting truth which will move the people to tears into an anecdote which will convulse them with laughter. I saw the faces of the people wreathed with smiles while their eyes were bathed with tears.

We must have Sam Jones in Arkansas. I told him he must come. He says he wants to. God is with him. Brave, original, earnest, full of denunciation for sin and love for sinners, he voices the law and mercy of God in the language of the common people, and they hear him gladly.

May 10. I turn my face to Arkansas. Long will I remember my pleasant stay with Bro. Richardson and his lovely family in their elegant home. Bro. Reid, one of our China missionaries, and myself are their debtors for as warm a hospitality as we ever enjoyed.

SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.

NASHVILLE NOTES.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Last week we had the pleasure of greeting many of the dignitaries of our church, during their attendance upon the sessions of the several boards in charge of our connectional affairs. The Bishops completed their plan of Episcopal visitations Wednesday, and I mailed you copy of same Thursday.

Arkansas Methodists will again have the pleasure of welcoming the sweet-spirited Bishop Granbery, who made such a favorable impression on his former visitation.

Rev. C. F. Reed, one of our missionaries to China, delivered a splendid address at the McKendree Church last Friday night.

Bishop McTyeire is still in New York, where he went to attend and participate in the funeral services of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald returned this morning from Atlanta, where he dedicated a handsome new Methodist Church yesterday.

Rev. S. H. Babcock, Arkansas' representative on the Board of Missions, was at his post during the past week. He is a valuable member.

Rev. T. F. Brewer, formerly of the Arkansas Conference, but now principal of the Harrell International Institute in the Indian Nation, was present at the meeting of the Board of Missions. He is in good health.

The Board of Missions fixed the assessment on the entire church at \$264,000, the same sum it has been for the past two years. Of this amount the following has been apportioned to the several Arkansas Conferences: Little Rock, \$6,000; White River, \$3,000; Arkansas, \$4,500. A mission was authorized to be established in Japan; and two new mission conferences are to be organized, the Mexican Border and the Central Mexican. This will make forty conferences in our connection. Plenty of work for our five Bishops.

The statement of the Book Committee reveals a pleasant state of things. During the past year the Publishing House issued thirty-seven new publications, which go into the general catalogue. The aggregate sales in all departments amounted to \$240,000. Needed improvements and additions to the machinery and the buildings have been made at a cost of over \$25,000; and the bonded debt has been reduced over \$20,000. The debt of 1878 was originally 356,000; it has been cut down to \$123,000, and all this accomplished without creating any new debts. The outlook for the house is very favorable.

The trustees of Paine Institute held a meeting, and the commissioner of education, Rev. W. C. Dunlap, was before them and made an interesting report as to its prospects. Resolutions endorsing the plans of the commissioner and the work of the Institute were heartily adopted.

The Centenary Committee report that the amount of the Centenary offerings for all purposes foot up \$6,325,785. The church contributed to missions, church extension, the widow and orphans fund, etc., the sum of \$805,123; making the total balance of the church for 1884 amount to \$2,127,908.

Rev. Sam Jones opened his gospel

batter upon the citadels of sin at the mammoth tent erected for him, Sunday after noon. The largest crowd ever seen at a religious service in Nashville was present, and exhibited a deep interest in all this remarkable man said. He starts off admirably, and it is hoped and believed he will accomplish a great work in our midst. Our people are ripe for his labors. During the past few weeks in the revivals in the Methodist churches alone there were 586 conversions and 417 accessions. Splendid result. Prof. R. M. McIntosh, the great southern singer and composer, is leading the music. He was with Sam Jones at Talmage's tabernacle in Brooklyn. More anon.

W. W.

Nashville, May 11.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Daisy and I are very glad to hear from you, and will be happy to do anything we can for your paper—if you can put up with jottings. I send you an extract just put into my hands, which gives a very fair idea of our medical work. It was written by a missionary brother at Ching Kiang, a port upon the Great River Yang. He visited the hospital last December. The French and Chinese are having lively times now. We are quiet thus far. More anon. Yours cordially,

W. R. LAMBURTH, M. D.
Soochow, China, March 6, 1885.

Closing Exercises of Logan Female College.

Annual celebration of the Belles Letters Society, May 30.

Annual Sermon by Rev. W. M. Lettitch, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., May 31.

Oral examinations and elocutionary contests, Monday June 1.

Art Levee and Art Address, by Rev. Jere Witherspoon, of Nashville, Tenn., June 2.

Annual Concert, Tuesday evening June 2.

Graduating exercises and Baccalaureate address, by Gov. J. Proctor Knott, Wednesday morning June 3.

All friends of education are cordially invited to attend these exercises. By notifying the President you will be provided with a home. Send for a catalogue of the College.

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Attorney General Garland drinks no liquor. When asked why, he replied that wandering through the cemetery at Little Rock he came to the graves of so many bright young men who began life with him, but who had fallen into dissolute habits and died, that he realized he was about the only one left. Then he changed his mode of life and began the struggle that resulted in his present success.—[Exchange.]

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Please announce that the Theological Association of the Little Rock Conference will meet at Malvern at the same time of the meeting of the Sunday-school Convention in June. This change has been suggested by many of the brethren. The following is the programme:

- 1st. The Preparation of a Sermon—By J. C. Rhodes.
- 2nd. The Nature of the Unpardonable Sin—By Jno. H. Riggin.
- 3rd. Was Judas a Good Man when called to the Apostleship—Thos. H. Ware, affirmative; H. W. Brooks, negative.
- 4th. The Relation of Infants to the Atonement—H. R. Withers.
- 5th. Is the Substitute Theory of the Atonement the True One—C. C. Godden.
- 6th. Should the clause, "Wear of Gold," etc., be taken from the General Rules—C. D. McSwain.

Let each member prepare on at least one of these topics. Something of the order of this association will be of great benefit to the brethren of the ministry. Let us make a success of it.

Would it be out of order to suggest that a Summer Normal School be projected at Altus. Let the Board of Curators think on this matter. The three conferences might establish a school of some importance if properly considered and planned.

H. W. Brooks

Closing Exercises of Central Collegiate Institute.

The closing exercises of Central Collegiate Institute will embrace the 4th and 10th of June. The following is the programme:

- June 4. Examination of Preparatory Classes.
- June 5. Examination of Intermediate Classes. At 8 o'clock p.m., Exhibition by these classes.
- June 7. At 11 a.m., Commencement Sermon by Rev. J. R. Moore, of Arkadelphia; at 8 p.m., Sacramental Sermon by Rev. W. D. Mathews, of Dardanelle, and the Sacrament will be administered by Rev. V. V. Harlan, of Ozark.
- June 8. Examination of classes in the Collegiate Department; at 8 p.m. Exhibition by the same.
- June 9. Examination continued; at 2:30 p.m., Trustees meeting; at 8 p.m., an address before the college literary societies by Jullen C. Brown, of Helena.
- June 10. Graduating exercises at 10 a.m. The classes will be addressed by Rev. A. R. Winfield, D.D., of Little Rock; at 8 p.m., the Alumnae will be held. At 8 p.m., there will be a grand illumination of the College and Campus and a social re-union of the friends, patrons and students of the institution. The occasion will be enlivened by excellent music, etc.

TELEGRAPH COLLEGE.

June 8, at 11:45 a.m. Essay—Advice to Young Men, by Mr. V. M. Bray.

June 9, at 11:45 a.m. Essay—Electricity, by Mr. T. B. Ewing. At 2:30 p.m.—Essay—Telegraphy, by Miss Mosella Gilroy. General Examination by the Telegraph department at 2:45 p. m.

The public are cordially invited to attend the entire programme.
I. L. BURROW, Pres.
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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Fayetteville District—3d Round—Partial.
Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

- Bentonville circuit, May 9, 10.
- Maysville circuit, 16, 17.
- Center Point circuit, 23, 24.
- Clifty mission, 30, 31.
- White River circuit, January 6, 7.
- Goshen circuit, 13, 14.
- Bloomfield circuit, 20, 21.
- Springdale circuit, July 4, 5.
- Illinois circuit, 11, 12.

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D. T. Holmes, P. E.

- Prescott sta, June 6, 7.
- Washington, 13, 14.
- Hope, 20, 21.
- Fulton circuit, 20, 21.
- Murfreesboro ct, 27, 28.
- Mineral Springs ct, 27, 28.
- Texarkana ct, July 4, 5.
- Midway, 11, 12.
- Lockesburg ct, 18, 19.
- Saline circuit, 18, 19.
- Center Point ct, 22-27 (this will be at the camp-meeting at Pump Spring).
- Dallas circuit, Aug. 8, 9.
- Cove mission, 1, 2.
- Chapel Hill, 15, 16.
- Richmond and Rocky Comfort, 22, 23.
- Little River ct, 29, 30.

Camden District—Third Round.

J. J. Jenkins, P. E.

- Carolina, June 6, 7.
- Hampton, 13, 14.
- Camden sta, 20, 21.
- Harmony Grove miss, 27, 28.
- Falcon ct, July 4, 5.
- Camden ct, 11, 12.
- Magnolia sta, 18, 19.
- Atlanta ct, 25, 26.
- Onachita ct, August 1, 2.
- Magnolia ct, 8, 9.
- Lewisville ct, 8, 9.
- Bright Star ct, 15, 16.
- Eldorado, 22, 23.
- Lapile ct, 29, 30.

The Camden district conference will convene at Atlanta, on Thursday, at 9 a.m., July 23d. Opening sermon, Wednesday, 8 p.m., by Rev. H. Armstrong. Brethren, see that your quarterly conference records are there.

Monticello District—Third Round.

Thos. H. Ware, P. E.

- Monticello sta, June 6, 7.
- Hamburg sta, 13, 14.
- Lacy ct, 20, 21.
- Collins ct, 27, 28.
- Selma ct, July 4, 5.
- Holly Grove ct, 11, 12.
- Mt Pleasant ct, 18, 19.
- Bartholomew ct, 25, 26.
- Hamburg ct, August 1, 2.
- Warren ct, 8, 9.
- Arkansas City sta, 15, 16.
- Lula and Lake Village ct, 22, 23.
- District conference will meet at Rock Springs, July 16th, at 8:30 o'clock, a.m. Opening sermon to be preached on Wednesday, the 15th, at 8 o'clock, p.m., by Rev. J. T. Roscoe.

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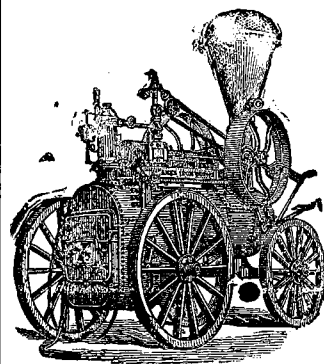
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ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

Little Helpers.

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

Our Work.

Let each "Little Helper," or each family, or each class in Sunday-school, or at least each school, get a little tin bank, and let us fill it with our own earnings, savings and collections. Send it up to conference next winter by your pastor. It will go into the children's fund for missions and for good books for poor Sunday-schools. Raise a little crop of something, set a hen, piece a quilt, do little jobs and errands, save your little mites, ask your friends to help work, pray and look for the blessing of God. Write me a letter about your work, your school, your soul, your Savior.

Another Little Helper.

DEAR BROTHER GRANADE:—Papa and mamma are regular subscribers to the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and I appreciate its weekly visits and take great pleasure in reading its columns, especially the "Little Helpers" department. I desire to have my name registered on the Little Helpers' list, and send three 2-cent postage stamps to secure a little bank to put my nickels in, and promise to use every exertion to have a good report by the autumn. I am a little girl 12 years of age, and have one little brother and sister, Johnnie and Della. I love my dear mamma and papa, brother and sister. Please publish this, as it is the first letter I have written you.

Very kindly,
ALICE ELIZABETH GENTRY,
Antoine, Ark.

An Earnest Letter.

DEAR BROTHER GRANADE:—I have been taking the METHODIST one year. I am pleased with it. I have been reading the letters from the "Little Helpers" and I am anxious to be numbered with them. I don't quite understand where and when I am to send the money. I would like to know all about it. I inclose six cents in postage, for which please send me one of your banks. Your missionary servant,
CHARLIE WALKER,
Lisbon, Union Co., Ark.

Charlie, we are glad to have you come in with us. I send a bank to you. Try to fill it by your own earnings and collections among your friends, and send it up to conference next winter by your pastor. It will go into the fund the children are raising for missions and for Sunday-school books for the poor and needy. I hope you love the Savior and live near him day by day. Do you? That is the very best thing we can do. Hope to hear from you again, and from many others in your part of our State.

A Kind Feeling.

MY DEAR FRIEND, MR. GRANADE:—We had such a nice little missionary meeting yesterday evening (May 9th). I like to go to the missionary meeting. And I like to go up and put my nickel on the table, and when I see all the nickels I have a kind feeling in my heart. I think how much good they will do the poor little Brazilian children, and how many Bible and Testaments they will buy to teach them about the dear loving Savior and Lord. I am six years of age. Your loving friend,
CLARE NEILL,
Batesville, Ark.

I thank this bright little girl for her letter. The "kind feeling in the heart" is love and joy, and is worth more than all the nickels. Our Savior had that "kind feeling" for us all which brought Him from His Father's house on high to live with us poor, needy ones, and to die for us, so as to help us up to heaven. Yes, Clare, that was a very sweet meeting the Batesville Juveniles had. I was glad to be there myself. I wish I could meet with the Little Helpers in every town and neighborhood in Arkansas. "Little children, let us love one another," and "work, work for Jesus—work, work to-day."

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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

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BRENT.—My husband, M. W. Brent, died of heart and lung disease, April 12th, 1885. He was born in Pike Co., Miss., Feb. 18, 1819.

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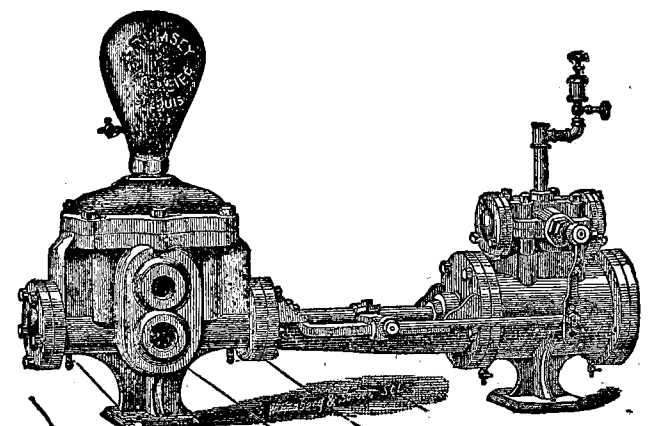
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