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General News.

England.
The principal event abroad the past week was the resignation of the Gladstone ministry. It produced quite a sensation in London, and has been the chief topic of conversation and newspaper discussion since. It is noteworthy and significant that Mr. Gladstone should meet and overcome such determined opposition in the stormy and critical periods when Kahrtoom fell, and Gordon was murdered, and later when Russia invaded Afghanistan, when his policy was so severely criticised and condemned, that after an honorable adjustment of these questions, he should find himself vanquished, when no graver question was under discussion than a two cent tax on beer. The conservatives have nothing whereof to be proud, as their victory was won by an alliance with the Parnellites, who hate the government on account of its Irish policy, and they took advantage of the absence of many liberals, who by the way ought to have been in their seats, and perhaps would have been, and closely followed their leader in any other crusade than against their favorite beverage, beer. The Queen astonished all by her quick acceptance of Mr. Gladstone's resignation, as she telegraphed it to London from Balmoral, instead of sending it as usual by a royal courier. The Marquis of Salisbury has been invited by the Queen to form a cabinet. He may find that it was easier to kill or destroy than to make alive. Mr. Gladstone is greater out of office, than his successors in power. Notwithstanding the Queen's gratification at his defeat and resignation, she will yet need his great brain and wise counsels. It has come to light since Mr. Gladstone's resignation, that her Majesty, the Queen of England, has opposed to bitterness the policy of the government, and that Mr. Gladstone was distasteful to her when he came to power, and that she rejoices that a tory and an aristocrat is in the premiership again. That she will favor the re-occupation of the Soudan, by an active and vigorous campaign, the retention of Egypt, the settlement of the Anglo-Russian dispute on the basis of the Granville-Deglers agreement, the renewal of the alliance with Germany; an entente with Turkey, and no special entente with France. This policy, it is said, has met the approval of the British foreign office all the while, and with whom the regime of the Ex-Premier has been intensely unpopular.

Ireland.
Is rejoicing over the defeat and resignation of the Gladstone ministry, but it is quite possible that the new administration will be less favorable to Ireland than their predecessors.

Spain.
Has a cholera scare; several deaths have occurred and the spread of the scourge is greatly feared.

Russia.
Notes the change in the English ministry with undigulged interest. What will be the foreign policy of the new administration is the absorbing question.

France.
Admiral Galibes, Minister of Marine, announced the death of Admiral Courbet. He died on board his ship; caused by over-work and mental anxiety. As a mark of respect, the Chamber of Deputies immediately adjourned.

China.
The Emperor of China has ratified the Pekin treaty as its treaty of peace with France.

Our Own Country.
The President is still besieged with office-seekers, who demand his attention during the day and force him to work late at night. The N. Y. Herald urges him to shut the door in the face of this little, contemptible, office-hunting brigade, with a bang that can be heard all over the United States.

State News.

Great complaint of rust in wheat in Pope county.

Pinnacle Springs proposes to have an old fashioned camp meeting.

Rev. Dr. Withers lectured last Wednesday night, at Malvern, on spiritualism.

Judge Cates of Jonesboro, and Judge Sanders of Helena, have been exchanging circuits.

A. F. Maberry and W. T. Trice have started a paper at Cotton Plant. We wish our old friends great success.

Rev. H. D. McKennon has succeeded in establishing a district conference at Arkadelphia. We congratulate him and his district.

Crops all over the state, we believe, are clean, have been well worked, and now that the rain has come the yield promises to be abundant.

A little five year old girl, daughter of Mr. Dorris, near Malvern, fell in the well while trying to draw water, and was drowned, a few days ago.

Meltz Pauly, a young German living with our old friend, B. B. Conner, near Augusta, went to town last week and went in washing in the river, and was drowned.

Bro. A. Owen, of Cypress Ridge, called Tuesday, and reports health and crops good, and Rev. Thomas Whittaker, P. C., doing well, also Presiding Elder Clark.

The Searcy State Wheel Enterprise says three hundred and fifty-six agricultural wheels have been chartered in this state, and Grand Secretary McCulloch, circuit clerk of white county, is extending the order into Texas and Tennessee.

Argenta continues to improve. New buildings are springing up. Our true and dear friend T. W. Baldwin, is rebuilding on a larger scale than ever. We congratulate him and his good wife, who are true and helpful friends to their pastor.

Miss Blanche Pette, daughter of our old friend Col. Sam. Pette, of Batesville, was examined recently at a teacher's meeting, and given a certificate, although she was only 15 years of age. We remember little Blanche well at Jacksonport, and her now sainted mother. God bless her.

Monday night a storm dashed into the Northwest part of the State, from we know not where, which swept down the river and railroad faster than the boats or trains ever came. It dashed into this city between 12 and 1 o'clock, and just such a lowering of windows and closing of doors we have not heard in some time before. It didn't tarry long here, however, but hurried on whither we cannot tell. We have heard of no serious damage done except at Knoxville, on the Fort Smith railroad, forty miles this side of Fort Smith, where it blew down four or five houses, among others, the Methodist church there was destroyed.

The Searcy College commencement exercises passed off quite pleasantly. We had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Mr. Long, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, Memphis, who preached the commencement sermon. His sermon in the morning and at night displayed breadth and depth of thought, and industrious research, which made them creditable to himself, and exceedingly entertaining to his hearers. He made a fine impression in Searcy, and we believe he was equally pleased, as he bought a lot near the Spring Park, and will spend his summers there hereafter. We also attended the concert on Monday night and found it exceedingly interesting. Prof. Tharp is greatly encouraged, and expects a larger attendance next session. We wish him abundant success.

Personal.

Mrs. Joe Coffman, Portia, writes she cannot do without the METHODIST.

Rev. H. F. Harvey, Searcy circuit, is doing faithful work, and is planning for a revival all over his charge.

Col. Elias Moore, Secretary of State, will accept our thanks for a copy of the acts of the last General Assembly.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett preached the commencement sermon at New Hope Academy, Indian Nation, last Sabbath.

Rev. A. S. Blackwood, Augusta, is engaged in a protracted meeting, and sends us a Macedonia call. Will go if we can.

Prof. Russell, Lonoke, and Prof. Howell, Morrilton, were honored with the degree of A. M., by the Arkansas University, last week.

Gen. D. McRae, the accomplished secretary of the Arkansas commissioners, at the Exposition, has returned to his home in Searcy.

Rev. J. M. Clark, P. E. of the Helena district, expects a large attendance and a good meeting at his approaching District Conference. So may it be.

Pres't W. D. Vandiver, Caledonia Institute, Mo., writes, "we have had a fine time at commencement, a large number of preachers and other visitors."

Rev. Thomas Vincent has sent us twelve subscribers, and says he has more to follow, and that his people are generally delighted with the METHODIST.

Mr. Harry Warner will start a paper in Argenta this week. He says it will be the livest paper in the State. We wish him abundant success in his new and ample field.

Rev. E. N. Evans says they are slating the roof of the new chapel, and will occupy it in about three weeks. We congratulate the young pastor and builder, and his congregation.

Mr. Hattley Hay, Walnut Ridge, called last week and subscribed for the METHODIST. He wanted a temperance lecturer for a Fourth of July barbecue. He must be accommodated.

Rev. B. A. Morris, Walnut Ridge, writes us inviting and urging one of us to attend a grand temperance barbecue at Mt. Zion, on the Fourth of July. One of us will try and bethere.

Major C. B. Moore and wife have the unfeigned sympathy of our entire city in the loss of their bright and manly boy, Carl. He was bathing in the Arkansas river, just above the city, and was drowned.

Rev. Nat. G. Nunn, C. P. minister, formerly of Lacrosse, is now preaching to a congregation at Benton, and one at Des Arc, alternately. We were glad to meet our old friend a few days since. Our Methodist pastors will find no trouble in fraternizing with this catholic spirited minister.

Rev. J. R. Moore, Arkadelphia, called Monday. He is helping Bro. Carr, at Pine Bluff, this week. Bro. Moore preached the commencement sermon at Altus, and reports an exceedingly interesting time there. He says our Senior's address to the graduating class was the finest effort of his life.

Mr. Ed. W. Winfield will be in this office for a short time, as both the Senior and the Junior will be absent much for some weeks attending district conferences. Mr. Ed. will answer correspondents, enroll subscribers and entertain our friends who call to see us. He possesses, we believe, in happy combination the excellent qualities of his father and mother.

Field Notes.

We begin this week with a kind message sent us by Brother Cline: "A good Baptist lady at Kerr's Station, who subscribed for our paper for six months on trial, renews and says she will never do without it, as it is the best paper she knows of." A very sensible lady.

Another, a good brother, renews, and says, "I send you 75 cents, and will do better when times are easier, but I must have the METHODIST and won't do without it." Many thanks, Brother Shook, and you shall have it.

Next comes Rev. J. M. Cantrell, from Batavia, and of course it is good and savory. Read: "This is Monday morning and I am seated to represent this part of the Arkansas field. I reached the Wilcocksin circuit the first Sunday in December, preached twice that day to good congregations. Since, I have had good congregations, good attention, and have not missed an appointment this year. Eight have joined the church, one conversion and several are earnest seekers after truth. Soon after I came to my work I learned that at some of my appointments there were suitable houses in which to worship, and at some there were not. I began talking about building church houses; and at one appointment the brethren and friends responded; the winter being suitable only for talk, we put in pretty good time arranging and planning. So when spring came and the roads settled so that hauling could commence, we began to put our talk into effect. We secured a deed to about seven acres of land and began to build. We have just finished the hull of the house. We will get one hundred dollars from the C. E. fund, which will enable us to complete the house, and when complete we will have a house worth about seven hundred dollars, which the Methodist church and this community will be proud of. I am doing all I can to circulate our literature. Many of my people read the METHODIST and there are more who want to read it. You may send the METHODIST to J. M. Rogers, Harrison, Ark., and I will send you pay as want as I find out for certain who else wants to read the METHODIST. This is a good country, and I am glad that I can say that the spiritual condition of the church on this work is very good. We are praying "thy kingdom come and over all prevail." I close now to read the METHODIST, which I have just received." How well that sounds, kind words and gentle smiles fall on the needy spirit like rain drops on the parched soil.

Next comes our brother, C. W. Harris, from Cato, in the midst of the work of that great worker, Rev. E. C. Castleberry. No better man or more faithful one in Arkansas. He is a real itinerant: "I venture to write for your columns a brief communication, and especially as I see nothing in them from this part of our State. We must be heard from, and know of no better mode than through the columns of the METHODIST. This is, indeed, a beautiful country; nature and art combined has made it so, and the most beautiful feature about it is that it is settled up principally by a clever, social and christian people, and I mean just what I say. Methodism is largely represented here, nearly every one are Methodist, and members of that church. Churches are numerous and the people generally turn out in full to hear our beloved preacher (Brother Castleberry,) at all of his appointments. We all love him dearly and hardly see how we could ever give him up, and he knows how to infuse the true spirit into the church and keep her alive, and he succeeds admirably in so doing. He preached a good sermon at Mount Carmel church last Sunday, and was full of the Holy Ghost as usual. All were deeply impressed and a grand spiritual feast ensued, and this writer had partaken so largely of the feast that he could not resist giving the preacher a warm

embrace; all seemed to enjoy it and were exceedingly happy; it was good to be there. The health of this community is good, comparatively, but little sickness just now. The farmers are all busy working their crops, and I believe are hopeful and anticipate a good yield. It is to be hoped, at least, that no one will be disappointed in that. How could we get along without the farmers? They are the bone and stnew of the country, and I am sorry to say are not appreciated as much as they should be by some people. Most of our great and good men were once tillers of the soil. While all classes are more or less dependent on each other, let us not forget to hold in high estimation the humble tiller of the soil."

Here we will give a full report of a most wonderful work of grace in Russellville. The whole town was stirred and the fire is catching in adjoining towns. We rejoice with our Brother Melton and his people. Read and prepare to praise God: "Last night closed one of the most wonderful revivals that was ever known in the history of this town, if not the most wonderful revival ever known in the history of the State. Twelve days work resulted in something near three hundred converts to the religion of Jesus, together with many reclamations. The meeting was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Robison, of Milan, Tenn., a preacher of the C. P. Church, who is now devoting his time to evangelistic work. He is a duplicate of our Sam Jones. He came to us as the Savior went to the temple, with a platted scourge, and oh! how he did ply it. Backsliders and hypocrites received such castigation as I never witnessed before. No character of sin and worldliness was left untouched. To describe the man and his methods is impossible. We can only say as the Samaritan woman, "Come see a man who told us all things that ever we did." From what I have seen of Sam Jones, through the papers, they are on the same line. One thing is sure, God is with Brother Robison. He speaks as one having authority. His sarcasm is keen; his humor convulsing, and his pathos touching. He excites frowns, and smiles, and tears, almost simultaneously. For about two days, at the beginning, Russellville was in a perfect bubble. Some were for him and some against him. Some blessed him and others cursed him. But he took it all in a good humor, and was as jolly as a school boy. He said, "the woman took the broom and swept till she found the piece of silver. She raised the dust, no doubt, as we are raising it in Russellville, but is my broom and your dust." The secret of his success is, that he has faith in God and dares to tell the people the unvarnished truth. The good that his visit has done this town can not be estimated. And his visit did not only effect the town, but the country for miles around. Men from Dardanelle, Dover, Potts' Station, &c., come to see and hear and were converted. John Quinn, the sheriff, and Rice Hogan, the ex-sheriff, were both drawn down from Dover and converted. Every tomahawk in town was buried, and peace reigns supreme. The language of our hearts is "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men." Bro. Robison begins at Dardanelle, Saturday night, the 6th inst., and we hope he may be blessed as he was here. I hope we may be able to keep him in Arkansas all this year. He is engaged to go to Morrilton as soon as he works up Dardanelle. He has also petitions from Dover, Clarksville, Ozark and Van Buren. It is to be hoped he will also be solicited to go to Conway, and go and turn it upside down. All the churches of Russellville will reap largely of the benefits of this unprecedented revival. Brothers Greathouse, Massey, Hill, Smith, Steel and Matthews, of our church attended, and Bro. Morphis, of the C. P. church, at Morrilton; Dr. Patton, of the O. S. P. church, of Dardanelle; Dr. Searcy and Revs. Reeves and Box, of the Baptist church, beside the resident pastors." This is a long field note, but everybody will enjoy it, and then we all take a rest for a week.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1885.

The Oxford League.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE ACTION.

The Centennial Conference, held in Baltimore December, 1884, appointed a committee to consider the subject of the Oxford League. This committee consisted of Dr. J. H. Vincent, chairman; Dr. M. C. Briggs, Lieutenant-Governor G. D. Shands, Rev. H. A. Monroe, Judge J. W. F. White, Rev. Dr. C. B. Galloway, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. J. H. Anderson, and Rev. F. M. Hamilton.

The committee's report was adopted as follows, with a slight amendment as noted below:

The Oxford League has for its objects:

I. The commemoration of the meetings of certain students at Oxford, England, between 1729 and 1787, principally under the leadership of John and Charles Wesley, from which meetings were developed the great religious awakenings and revivals of the last century by which the doctrines and spirit of the apostolic Church were given in their fullness to the world, and the power of the primitive Church once more established.

II. The furtherance of the fourfold objects of the original Oxford Club:

1. The more careful and devout study of the Holy Scriptures.

2. The cultivation of a nobler and purer personal Christian character.

3. The study of the ancient classics for literary culture.

4. The devising of methods for doing good to others.

The Oxford League will, in the further development of this scheme, encourage Methodist youth,

1. To study the Holy Scriptures with a view to the promotion of personal piety.

2. To become familiar with the biblical origin of the doctrines, spirit, and methods which characterize their own Church.

3. To trace the presence and development of the Methodist force in the Holy Catholic Church from the days of the apostles to the present time.

4. To trace the origin of the modern evangelic and apostolic revival, known as Methodism—"Christianity in earnest"—in the rectory of Epworth the halls of Oxford, and in the consecrated homes of the best English society; and to promote a just appreciation of the strength, scholarship, and dignity of the Methodist movement.

5. To promote personal consecration to practical work, carrying the Gospel in personal service to the most needy and to the most degraded, to the godless poor and to the godless rich, reading to the bedridden and the blind, visiting the sick-room, the hospital, and the prison, looking after new families coming into the community, and inviting children and adults to the Sunday-school and the public service, studying the various benevolences of the Church, and thus cultivating intelligent enthusiasm in the entire work of the Church.

6. To promote intellectual training under the auspices of the Church among those who no longer attend school, and thus to develop a rational and refined Christian social life in which accomplished people may find inspiration, and people of limited opportunities be brought into gentle, socializing, and sanctifying fellowship.

7. To further these various ends by the publication and circulation of permanent documents devoted to the history, philosophy, doctrines, institutions, and achievements of Methodism.

8. The Oxford League may be adopted by the several branches of Methodism, each Church providing general plans and literature, through its own publishing houses and under its own authority.

9. The Oxford League may be organized in any individual church.

10. The pastor should be ex officio

*The conference directed this word "ancient" to be changed to "Christian." It is historically true, nevertheless, that the original Oxford Club did study the ancient classics.

president, with an assistant who shall be nominated by the pastor, approved by the League, and called "Leader of the League."

4. There may be three classes of members:

1. VOLUNTARY READERS, who need not belong to any Church, but who promise to do the required reading of the Initial Grade. These readers may attend the regular meetings of the League, but shall have no voice in its control.

2. REGISTERED MEMBERS, who shall be members of the Church, and who promise to do the required reading of the Initial Grade, and to attend the four regular meetings of the League each year. These members shall have a vote in the approval of the Leader.

3. ACTIVE MEMBERS, who, being members of the Church, pledge themselves to do the required reading of the Initial and Second Grades, and to attend at least four regular and four special meetings of the League each year. All the business of the Local League shall be in the hands of the active members.

5. Each branch of the great Methodist family, adopting the Oxford League, may appoint such courses of reading as the authorities of such Churches may approve, in Church history, general and denominational; in religious literature, biblical, devotional, and biographical; in benevolent work, missionary, temperance, etc.; in general literature, science, and art; and shall adopt such regulations concerning terms of membership, local control, reports, etc., as they may deem best.

Rev. Thomas J. Neely.

In January last I had the pleasure of several conversations with the above named venerable minister, now the oldest member of the Memphis Conference, being in the 82d year of his age, and a Methodist preacher for 62 or 63 years. I was much interested in these conversations, and took notes of them at the time in order that something might be preserved of a life which runs back to the heroic age of Methodism, and whose clarion voice was awakening sinners throughout the wilds of Tennessee long before most of your readers were born. I give as nearly as possible in his own language, a brief sketch of his life.

"I was born in Williamson county, Tenn., on Leaper's Fork of West Harpeth, December 23, 1803. I was the third son of Major James and Eleanor Gully Neely. My father moved to Rutherford county where I was principally raised. He was a fine fiddler, and sent his three oldest children to dancing school to polish our manners. The neighborhood continued a real frolicing community until the great revival of 1820.

"There was a camp-meeting coming on at Norval's camp-ground in Bedford county, my father looked upon such places as unfit for decent women, and considered the Methodist's wild, fanatical people. Through great persuasion of my mother, who was an Old School Presbyterian, he allowed brother Franklin and sister Susan and me to go, all of us professed religion Saturday evening, August 5th, 1820. Two hundred and fifty persons were converted at this meeting. My brother and sister joined the church of my mother, but my heart was warmed toward the Methodists. I knew but little about them, and my mother's sister rebuked me for thinking of leaving the venerable church of my mother, to consort with a wild, fanatical sect, that no lady could countenance. This confused me, I went to my mother and told her that Aunt Nancy desired me to join her church. My mother asked me where I could best enjoy religion, and I at once answered, with the Methodists. She then told me to join the Methodists. I then joined a little class of six members at Alexander's Meeting House, on Stone River near where the terrible battle was fought in 1862.

"John Brookes was preacher in charge, and Jos. B. Winn, junior preacher. I was made Class Leader, and at once appointed a prayer-meeting at Col. Sam. Hannis' house every Thursday night. At our first prayer-meeting two most interesting young ladies were converted.

"From this little prayer-meeting a

great revival broke out, great numbers were converted and our little class rose from six to seventy odd members that year.

"From holding these prayer-meetings I learned to talk in public, and the class recommended me to the District Conference held at Thomas Camp Ground in Williamson County. Thos. L. Douglass was P. E. The District Conference recommended me to Annual Conference for admission into the travelling connection. This was in 1822.

"I was appointed one of the junior preachers on the Nashville circuit. While I was on Nashville circuit, Bro. Douglass divided the two six weeks circuits, Nashville and Lebanon, into three four weeks circuits, and retained Finch P. Scruggs, as P. C. on Lebanon circuit, with me as junior preacher. About this time Bro. Douglass said to me: "Now, my son, if ever you have to neglect class-meeting or preaching, be certain to neglect the preaching." While on this appointment I was cured of the big-head for all time to come, and it happened in this wise:

"Dr. Figgers and wife joined the church, as seekers, and I went to his house to preach. I did not know how to preach; I could tell my experience, and that was about all. I told it that day very happily, and after dinner the Doctor and I took a walk, and he said to me, "Bro. Neely, you preached the best sermon I ever heard." It nearly ruined me, I was fairly fit to burst with spiritual pride. For two weeks I could not preach or exhort at all, and fell into the depths of humiliation thinking my usefulness was gone but when I recovered, the big-head was gone forever.

"When I entered the ministry, my father was much opposed to it, and thought himself disgraced, but changed his mind before he died.

"My next appointment was to Sandy circuit with Bro. Scruggs as P. C. My Presbyterian Aunt at this time offered to pay my expenses if I would locate and get a little education. This I agreed to do, and located for one year and went to Salem Academy.

"In the fall of 1824, at Conference at Shelbyville, I rejoined the conference and was appointed preacher in charge of the Wayne circuit, with Wilson McAllister as junior preacher. I received twenty dollars quarterage that year, and we had a grand time, and good revivals all over the circuit.

"Next year I went to Forked Deer circuit, having as my colleague, Thos. L. Garland, a brother of your distinguished Senator, A. H. Garland. We had 81 appointments to fill in 28 days. Garland was a talented man, he finally located and died while in that relation. Was a man of zeal and power. I received \$60 that year, and thought I was doing finely, we had seven counties in the circuit.

"The next year I was P. C. of Wolf River circuit, a six weeks circuit, colleagues, John F. Ford and Thos. I. Elliott. Memphis, then an appointment on that circuit, called Chickasaw Bluffs, was a little village in the woods, and had a frame shanty for preaching place.

"In the fall of 1828 I married Sallie N. Putney, a daughter of Capt. Putney, of North Carolina. When I married I located, I remained local for ten years, until 1838. I had by this marriage one son, Dr. Richard J. Neely, who died from exposure during the war. Dr. Dixon C. McLeod persuaded me to rejoin the conference, which met at Huntsville in 1838. I was appointed to Hatchie circuit with James Young, (who is now a great temperance lecturer, and was then a boy of about 17) as junior preacher.

"In 1840 I rode Trenton circuit, and then for several years I was missionary to the colored people, as I was a slaveholder, and that was deemed prudent.

"I afterwards served various appointments, as best I could, until 18 years since, when I was superannuated and have since remained in that relation. I am now past 81 years of age, the evening of life is at hand, I am the last of my ancient comrades. Robert Paine, John Butcher, Wm. McMahon, James Gwynne, Thos. L. Douglass, Thos. Smith. All have gone.

"I feel more indebted to Finch P. Scruggs for his loving kindness and services than to any other one man,

he would go in advance, and open up the way for me, and did me unnumbered services.

"P. P. Neely, a younger brother, whom I educated, proved a great power in the ministry, and I feel grateful at having been the humble instrument in starting out such a shining light.

"My great, great grand father came from Ireland and settled in Botetourt county, Virginia, he had four sons. John, William, James and Robert, William was my grand father and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. My father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought under Jackson at New Orleans. The original spelling of our name was Neely, but P. P. Neely, Gen Neely and I dropped one "l."

"Now, reviewing my past history, there are two things I rejoice in: In my youth I was a strong man, but I never imposed upon mortal man, because I had the ability. Again, when I left my father's house he said, "go in peace—but I do not care if I never see you again, as you will be a disgrace to me;" but in latter years I had the pleasure of helping him to educate his children, and of aiding in his support, and he died in the triumph of the faith, ascribing to me a part of the credit of bringing him to the cross.

"I have no regrets for the past, except that I would like to have been more useful. With declining days, religion grows brighter and more comforting. My colleagues and compatriots of younger days are all gone, and I am somewhat like an old superannuated horse turned out to graze.

"No doubt the younger generation look upon me, an old worn out hulk, who having lived out his days of usefulness, is by some mysterious dispensation of Providence spared to grumble at the degeneracy of modern days. But I believe things must be right or God would not allow them, and for myself I can say, 'All is well, all is well.'"

Brother Neely informed me that he was so much pleased with the religious and temperance atmosphere of Arkansas, that he had fallen in love with our state and people, and if he was not so old would be tempted to emigrate to this growing country.

Let some of our preachers who think they are overworked and underpaid think on the seven county circuits and \$20 and \$30 salaries, and perhaps they will not feel so blue.

J. B. SUTTLE.

To the Presiding Elders, White River Conference.

Your Sunday-school Board submit the following as a programme for the time that you can devote to consideration of the Sunday-school work, at the several District Conferences:

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. The importance of having classes for the older people.

2. Duty of parents and older people to the work.

3. Is there danger of the Bible being crowded out by lesson helps? If so, the remedy.

4. How and by whom should teachers be selected?

5. Should a spirit of emulation be aroused in taking collections?

6. Is it absolutely necessary that country schools should suspend in winter? If not, is it not then our duty to sustain them, even at great sacrifice?

7. Should a teacher or scholar be absent for less cause than the superintendent?

8. Should prizes be offered for proficiency in studies?

We recommend that Saturday be given to the Sunday-school work; if not the whole day, at least the afternoon session, and that a meeting be held on Sunday afternoon, and the 7th question be reserved for discussion at that meeting.

We further recommend that each Presiding Elder appoint a suitable person, either clerical or lay, to lead off on each one of the topics in a short address, to be followed by general discussion, and after such a selection of suitable persons to notify them by letter that they may come prepared.

We earnestly ask that you will give this matter the attention it deserves, both now and at the District Conferences, and not be content with mere casual or perfunctory performance.

J. B. SUTTLE,
Sec'y Conference S. S. Board,
White River Conference.

EDITORS METHODIST:—You are not alone on your position on the school question. In my mind, I gave you the right hand of fellowship, soon as I saw the full size of your foundation, and now I give it by letter, and to Bros. J. B. Suttler, F. D. Van Valkenburg, and others, who have heartfelt, public school religion, and pray for those who have not and hope to see them converted. Since you began stirring the matter I have talked with many; some doctors, lawyers, merchants, farmers, preachers, and good, clear headed women, and the big majority say, "Dr. Winfield is right in the public school question, and being right he will win." We all understand you who want to do so; those who don't won't till they are overwhelmingly convicted and happily converted, and a public sentiment in your favor and which you are fast gaining, will be the overpowering means used in bringing in these rebellious and erring sons of public schoolism. Come in, Prof. P.; Hon. A. A. C. R., and others, and swell the chorus of "reading, writing and arithmetic is a necessity, and beyond this is a luxury, and beyond this the State should not go, and beyond this the State should not go—repeat. I knew if you ever got on the tripod you would work the editorial pedals, and the journalistic organ would bellow loud and long, and its deep bass notes would sound along the line, shaking the citadel of the "Old Lady" even, and all the girls in the State that did not like the "chune" and the sweet notes of tenor and alto are heard clear and distinct above all, and the rich, harmonious strains are calling hundreds of voices to join in the song of reading, writing and arithmetic, &c., &c. J. B. S. is right when he says give a boy these and you give him the foundation for all the balance. These for which you contend will give us an intelligent ballot, and a better system of trade; confidence will return like a dove of peace when this is done. Let the negro and poor white man be able to sit down and add up, and subtract, and multiply, and read, and they will see the man who sells coffee, calico, and everything else to them, is right when he says 2 and 2 are 4, and knowing this he will leave the office satisfied not to go and hunt up some numskull to add for him, who knows but little more than he, and hence makes 2 and 2—5, and says he did not pay you enough, "go back on him." Merchants tell me that an illiterate customer is much harder to please and settle with (as a rule,) than a man who can sit down and count figures; and it is my humble opinion that under the present misapplication of funds in higher education by the State, this string of illiteracy will increase, and I want to say here in the words of Rev. G. A. Dannelly, "that all the illiteracy in Arkansas was not born here; much of it came here from other States." Again, you are right on whisky and tobacco, and although I smoke I can't defend it from a scriptural position, and hence shall not try, but I don't feel like it is a sin. Maybe I will, and when I do I will quit. Who is "R. Gin"? He says the whisky men want to pay license. Well, I believe my part of that, and my part is this: That there is not a liquor dealer in the world who would pay a cent of revenue if the law was silent and did not demand it. They pay it like men pay taxes, because they have to. If some one else does not pay their respects to him, I think I will in the near future. Let him write on; no man can successfully attack a foe without knowing where he is, and what his strength is. FRANKLIN.

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H. D. MCKINNON, P. E.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1885.

Temperance.

Spencer, the Hero of Spencerville!

EDITORS METHODIST:—The power of the press is proverbial. That power may be for good or evil. For this reason I wish to show at least a part of the other side of the picture presented by the reporter of the Arkansas Gazette, of a thief from Tennessee, after seventeen years residence in Arkansas transformed into a great moral hero, and whose reformation is heralded to the world in the Gazette, with appropriate head lines to attract attention. I do this lest some of our boys are affected thereby, as is known to be the case with some of the readers of Dime Novels, and following in Spencer's steps be tempted to rob some citizen, make a fortune with the money, be afterwards arrested and turn out to be a great hero—win the admiration of the world instead of the penitentiary, he so richly deserves. In doing this I "nothing extenuate, or ought set down in malice," for I remember never to have seen the man but once; but this once was sufficient for me.

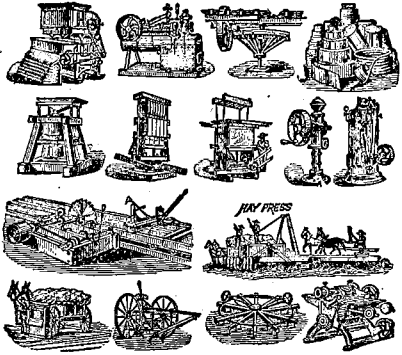
It was my misfortune to rent a house for a short while in a mile of Spencerville. I went to his store to get a small quantity of family supplies for present use. As I entered he handed a countryman a couple of flasks of whisky over the counter and invited me to "smile." I promptly declined. I soon found out from the continuous stream to his store of "lewd fellows of the baser sort," what kind of a store he kept that invited them to spend the money their wives and children needed, and returning make night hideous with their yells, vulgarity and profanity. It was understood that his mode of dealing out "the dark beverage of hell"—whisky—was not original nor unique, but such as was so commonly practiced in Arkansas by his sort, as to cause the Legislature to make it a crime to "give away whisky." It was understood he paid no revenue to Jackson county for license to sell whisky for he did not sell whisky. But he would sell three raisins or a cracker for so much and give the whisky. As his store was on the "Island," that rich, alluvial bottom, in a few miles of Newport, so productive of cotton; there were a great many tenants or croppers—both black and white—from whom he gathered a rich harvest, especially in the Fall and Winter, when the Island was filled with cotton-pickers from the poorer hill country north of it.

To annoy the owners of these plantations by having night made hideous with drunken orgies, wives and children robbed of their husbands and fathers' wages was not all the evils this man did, but I have seen a physician of talent reeling home from Spencer's store, utterly incapable of business, and that "lowly thing, a drunkard's wife," using every ruse her wits suggested to sober him up, or prevent his return to the store for more whisky. I have seen a so-called minister of the gospel, after lying out in the corner of the fence till nearly frozen, and after being warmed in a negro's house trying to talk sober and only betraying by the effort that he had bought "raisins" at Spencer's store. It was understood that another so-called minister of the gospel and his grown sons were some of the buyers of raisins at Spencer's store, and that it was probably here and at this time that he and his sons—bearing the honored names of R. E. Lee and Jeff. Davis—began that downward course which embroiled the father in an affray, and in an effort to clear him of the law, one of the sons in the crime of perjury, for which he was sentenced to the penitentiary at Little Rock. 'Twas near Spencer's store the two men staid, and who perhaps, had bought raisins at Spencer's store, that fired into crowds of citizens promiscuously, killing a stranger in Newport, for which they were taken out of jail and lynched. These are a few, and only a few of the sins for which this Tennessee thief will have to answer at the judgment day unless he repents. ANTI-WHISKY. (To be continued.)

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I, E. E. SQUIRES, Accountant for Mitchell & Bettis, do hereby certify that 21,840 papers is the number printed for the Arkansas Methodist during the month of May, 1885.

E. E. SQUIRES,

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of June, 1885.

JAMES L. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

Joshua was on the right line when he said, "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." He could speak for himself and his family. Everything was debated and decided, and he intended to be a christian man and have a christian household. It is the only true way.

In every assemblage of men and in every expression made by them, we find the great power of womanly influence is recognized and her power extolled, and all the good of the world is ascribed to christian wives and mothers, and still the simple and foolish are disposed to contend for woman's rights. Sad day for the world when the mothers of the country shall exchange their home work for the hustings and the platform. We insist that the christian mothers of the country will accomplish a great deal more good by the home training of the children, than they ever will by either speaking or voting.

Heaven is said to be a rest, but how can people rest unless they are tired. What is the average church member of to-day engaged in to make rest either pleasant or desirable. They neither plan or work, but simply keep their names on the roll.

Our Saviour went out early to hire laborers in his vineyard. He did not seek for dress circle people, who simply go to church to see and be seen, but he sought for laborers. Too many people are contenting themselves with simply doing no harm, but they never try to do any good.

Who does this fit? Sunday morning—Sleeps a little later than common. Breakfast late. Next, reads the daily paper. Then a talk on worldly matters. Walks lazily to church at 11. Takes a back pew and stunts to his pastor as if he were performing penance, and then returns home to find fault with him and ruin any good that he may have done his children. Study that paragraph closely, ye latter day saints.

Another picture. Up early—Breakfast ready, and prayers over by times. The Advocate and Methodist are locked into, his bible is read, and then his soul hungers for the word of life. He seeks the amen corner and he will say amen, and two parties will be blessed that day. The preacher feels the reacting influence as he sees the good effect of his sermon on this good listener. Reader, which will you imitate?

We hear no more of pound parties. We suppose our people have come down to real business, and are now hard at work paying their preachers. To give is good, to pay is better, and to do both is the very best for member and preacher.

We heard one sensible preacher say that his charge was behind with him two or three hundred dollars, and they offered to give him a suit of clothes, which he refused, and told them that he greatly preferred to buy his own clothes, and could and would do so if they would pay him up. A very sensible man.

Prof. H. K. Taylor, of Logan Female College, will be in the city between the 25th and 30th of this month. He will visit different portions of our state in the interests of his college. Ad next week. Prof. J. W. Shipp, late of the Vanderbilt University, will be in the City of Roses within the next ten days.

BOSSISM.

One of the evil tendencies of the times is supercilious and overbearing bossism. It is seen in both church and state. From the least official, dressed up in a little brief authority, to our highest officers. From the little salesman to a bloated bondholder. From the clerk to the banker. All classes seem disposed to usurp authority and exercise power to oppress those under them. Political bossism became so rampant as to cause the masses to rise and drive it from power, and the same will happen with money bosses if they are not aware. It is despicable everywhere, at all times and in all places. During the war it was a terror. A little two or three stripped lieutenant could put on more airs than Stonewall Jackson, and not a few small men made colonels, and some smaller ones still made brigadiers, could put on more style and become as haughty and insolent as a Russian Czar, or an ancient autocrat. This spirit of bossism sometimes show itself in the church, and then it is worse than brass buttons. For instance, a boy only two years old in the ministry, and not yet graduated in Brush College, is sent to C. circuit to take charge of a few hundred members and to build up the interests of the church. He begins by saying that he is going to Bethlehem, and show old brother Jones that he is in charge of C. circuit, and he had as well understand at once that he intends to have his own way, and old Bro. Smith must come to time and work by his orders. That boy needs some one like old Bishop Soule to settle him. Here comes a new fledged P. E., freshly made by the cabinet, and he is fully of the opinion that he is the first P. E. ever put on a district, and all that ever went before were failures. How he struts! How grandly he appears in taking the chair, and directing the old secretary how to begin his minutes, and to tell the experienced P. C. how to make his reports. He is boss, and every body might as well find it out and act accordingly, and he intends to show the Bishop and his cabinet that he will have his own way. But how much worse this spirit of bossism when it appears among Bishops. A few instances might be sighted, and the General Conference of 1888 showed very quickly and very decidedly that Methodism would never tolerate anything of that kind. We hope that we shall never see anything more on that line, but we speak our mind as an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure. Methodism loves her Episcopacy, and she will never do without it; but don't be deceived, Methodism will never tolerate High Churchism or Bossism. Methodism never has, and never will recognize but two orders in the christian ministry and our faith in the Episcopacy is found in the old Latin expression, "Primus inter pares," which being interpreted is first among equals, in and nothing more. Chief Pastors are out of order, and out of order with old Methodist usage. We be brethren Methodist preachers, as well as Methodist people, are loyal and full of love for the church of our fathers. We don't want bosses, but overseers, made such by the call and baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church will not tolerate any man who attempts to lord it over God's heritage. Our people want to be ruled by the law of kindness, and our preachers will respect and obey our Bishops as long as they rule with the spirit and temper recommended by the apostle, and so fully exhibited in the lives of our Paine, Pierce, Kavanaugh, Parker and Marvin. Blessed men! They did fully in honor prefer one another, and may their mantles fall on worthy successors. Let us keep to the old land marks, and let our preachers and people keep Methodism free from all stiffness, and church aristocracy. A general who wishes to have his forces well in hand for good fighting and faithful service, will always cultivate their confidence, and seek their love. So let our Bishops act toward the preachers, and the preachers toward the people, and our great ecclesiastical machinery will move on grandly 'til the world is converted to God.

Rev. J. F. Jernigan assisted Dr. Anderson in his revival at Batesville last week.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Leaving Little Rock at 2:45 p. m. Tuesday, the 9th inst., without let or hindrance, we found ourself at 9 the same evening in the spacious auditorium of Central Collegiate Institute, located at Altus, listening to Rev. G. W. Hill delivering a fine address on Christian education. It was a fine effort, and would have done credit to any man in our state. Our people were disappointed in not being permitted to listen to the eloquent orator of Helena; but sickness prevented his attendance. Wednesday morning we had graduating exercises. Four young ladies graduated with distinction. Their essays were of a fine order, very choice and beautiful, and read with wonderful clearness and fine emphasis. Then this writer tried his hand or rather his tongue on a baccalaureate address. The President said he was well satisfied; but he is a very kind and polite gentleman. The audience was good and the morning cool, so the people did not suffer a great deal in body, however much they were imposed upon, on the mental side of humanity. The Board of Trustees perfected their organization and put in some very hard work. President Burrow was re-elected, and Professors Parham and Coleman returned to their respective chairs; Mr. Henry Penn, a son of Rev. Wm. Penn, of the Arkansas Conference, was added to the faculty. This scribe was allowed to help supply the place of the absent members from the Little Rock Conference. Hope they will do better hereafter, particularly as the financial agent is ordered to pay their travelling expenses. We found the institution growing and prospering in every respect. Altus is beautiful for situation, and the Institute building is a model of architectural elegance. Some of the scenes from the college tower, and the surrounding mountains, are perfectly splendid. We thought a view we had from an eminence in Huntsville, Ala., on the far away Cumberland cliffs, and the beautiful valley of the Tennessee, was one rarely enjoyed, and perhaps not to be surpassed, but we must yield the palm to the gorgeous scene from the college tower, away toward the setting sun, as its golden radiance bathes the heights of the Magazine Mountains, and its mellow tints is seen upon the waters of the amiable, worthless old Arkansas, with its alluvial valley, only equaled by the valley of the Nile, and unsurpassed by any in the world. We were promised a grander view than even this, if we could only have gone to the mountain to see the Conatser Spring, now becoming famous as one of the best of our state. But rain and business prevented, so we had to content ourselves with the report of others. Our conferences must rally to this Institute. We must pay for the property, and then make it one of the very best in the South and West. Arkansas must educate her own sons and daughters at no distant day. We had the pleasure of meeting the following brethren: Boswell, Harlan, Martin, Greathouse, Anderson, Massey, Johnson Boyles, Hill, of the Arkansas Conference, and J. R. Moore, of our Conference, who had charmed every body with the commencement sermon the Sunday before. His praise was on all tongues. Bro. Clayton was there working up the Rising Wave. Our home was at Col. Okane's and we were delightfully entertained. Thursday morning we dropped back to Clarksville to meet with the saints in bonnets, who were to assemble as the Woman's Missionary society of the Arkansas Conference. That evening at 8:30 we had a preparatory meeting and had much good earnest talk from the sisters and a real heartiness in preparing work for the conference. Mrs. Tucker had come from Yellville, across the mountains, to appear in her place as President, and several were present from Ozark and other points. P. E. Harlan and P. C. Massey were present to help the ladies in word and deed. Thursday night we had a rousing meeting. Mrs. Maggie McKinnon read a splendid welcome address, and Miss Bettie Carter made a capital response. The address of Mrs. President was elegant and sweetly softened by the touch of affliction. This rambler was then brought into service for an address, "On Woman's

work for Woman." We had a fine audience, and every thing indicated a tip top meeting. We saw President Burrow getting off the train as we were leaving, and we know they had a joyous time in Clarksville. We found this town of the "good old days of Arkansas," on a boom. One of the best school buildings in the state is now on the mountain top overlooking the city of the vale, and houses are springing up in every direction. The old square is beginning to look tidied and there is a bright future before this old town of pleasant and sad memories. Of course we were domiciled at our Clarksville home with our good friends, Judge Hoyer and his most estimable wife. We had the pleasure of being at tea with Col. Jordan E. Cravens and his cultured wife on the occasion of their seventeenth marriage anniversary. It was a pleasant time and we wish them many joyous returns of their nuptial day. Friday morning we are off for Clinton, via Plummerville, and next week we will report further, but let us give this item to our readers: Our Junior has received the degree of D. D. from Arkansas Industrial University, not that our divinity is sick, but that we may keep it healthy.

ST. PAUL'S WORDS.

Please turn and read what St. Paul says in the 3d chapter of Phillippians, concerning the church of Macedonia, in being ever ready to supply his wants and minister unto his necessities. It is touchingly beautiful and we find ourselves at a loss which most to admire, the christian generosity and thoughtfulness of the Macedonian church or the elegant manner in which the apostle makes mention of it. We think it will help some churches we wot of to read after the apostle and pastor of that old church. How many of the readers of this paper has taken pains this year to find out the temporal condition of their minister. We have heard one recently speak of being pressed with debt, and burdened with want. How difficult to preach when that is the case. Come, my dear brethren and sisters, see after your pastor. Find out about the pantry, closet and granary. See about the milk and butter. A half-starved preacher, will hardly preach to the edification of any one. You don't want your minister to stand before you poorly dressed, and then his scanty wardrobe unpaid for. Remember our God can't and won't bless either stingy churches or close-fisted members. Unlock your cribs, open your pantries, go into your stores and groceries, and then let your purse strings relax, and never stop 'til your minister is paid in full, and has every thing in abundance. A revival commencing on this line will last to the millennium. How many churches will try it. We hope to hear many responses.

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As Others See Us.

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"One great reason for the unprecedented success of the ARKANSAS METHODIST—the immense circulation that it has attained within the last year—is due not only to the unflagging energy of its proprietors, but largely to the fact that it is a good newspaper in addition to its excellence as a religious journal. While it is a distinctively religious paper and a denominational organ, it still recognizes the fact that to succeed it must print the news. This it does every week in a very attractive way."

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Pine Bluff District.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Permit me through the METHODIST to make this request of the preachers and of all the members of the Pine Bluff District Conference. Let us observe the Friday before the District Conference—that is to say, Friday, July 17, as a day of fasting and prayer. Let us abase ourselves before the Lord, with confession and repentance, and earnestly implore his blessing upon the church throughout the District, that there may be a general awakening and revival through all our borders. Let us pray mutually one for another and for the charge and ministry of each, and for the peace of Jerusalem every where.

And will all the members of the church throughout Pine Bluff District join us in this solemn service, seeking the Lord with fasting and with supplications, that he will hear and look upon us in mercy, and visit his people.

J. H. RIGGIN, P. E.

Notice.

The time of the Fayetteville District Conference is changed to July 30. This change is made in order to secure the presence of some visitors who could not be had at the time formerly given. On the preceding night, July 29th, the introductory sermon by Bro. Burns will be delivered. The Quarterly Conference for Bentonville and Rogers will be July 29th, that of the Booneboro circuit will be held July 25 and 26, in accordance with the above change.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1885.

District Conferences.

Dardanelle district conference convenes at Dardanelle, Yell county, June 26. Rev. W. D. Matthews, P. E.

Newport district conference convenes at Pochontas July 9, '85. M. M. Smith, P. E.

Jonesboro district conference convenes at Paragould, July 9, '85. S. L. Cochran, P. E.

Batesville district conference and Sunday-school conference convene at Salem, Fulton county, July 16, '85. H. M. Granade, P. E.

Monticello district conference convenes at Rock Springs, July 16, '85. T. H. Ware, P. E.

Ft. Smith district conference convenes at Paris, July 16, '85. Rev. M. E. Butt, P. E.

Washington district conference convenes at Pump Springs camp ground, July 22, '85. D. T. Holmes, P. E.

Fayetteville district conference convenes at Rogers, July 30, '85. James A. Anderson, P. E.

Camden district conference convenes at Atlanta, July 28, '85. J. J. Jenkins, P. E.

Pine Bluff district conference convenes at Toledo, July 23, '85. J. H. Riffin, P. E.

Little Rock district conference convenes at Benton, July 23, '85. C. C. Godden, P. E.

Searcy district conference convenes at Frenchman's mountain, July 29, '85. F. A. Jeffett, P. E.

To the Preachers of Clarksville District Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Please send me the names of your local preachers and delegates to the District Conference soon to be held at Mulberry. Please send them without delay; and if any of the preachers intend bringing their wives, they will please inform me at once. G. W. BOYLS, P. C. June 13th, 1885.

To the Preachers and Delegates of the Fort Smith District:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our District Conference will convene at Paris, July 16th. Please write me immediately how you will come—if by private conveyance, how many horses? There will be room for the wives of all the preachers, so bring them along, brethren. Fraternaly, BENJ. C. MATTHEWS. Paris, Ark., June 13, 1885.

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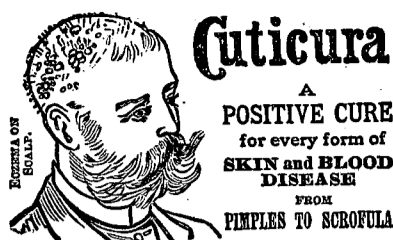
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Warning Order.

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Warning Order.

In the J. P. Court of L. B. Perkins, Justice of the Peace, in and for Hill Township, Pulaski County, Ark. Baldwin & Caldwell, Plaintiffs. vs. M. R. White, Defendant. The defendant, M. R. White, is warned to appear in this court, on or before the 15th day of July, 1885, and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, Baldwin & Caldwell. L. B. PERKINS, J. P. May 28, 1885. June 6-4t

Commissioner's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court, rendered in the cause pending in said Court, wherein John E. Meador, is plaintiff, and Elias Ellenbogen, et al., are defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer and sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the building in which this Court is held, in the west wing of the State House, in the City of Little Rock, Ark., between the hours for judicial sales, on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1885, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Lots nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12), in block two hundred and fourteen (214), in the City of Little Rock, Ark.

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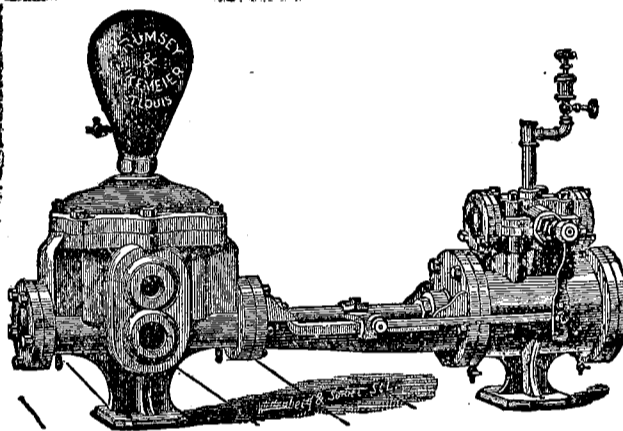
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Little Helpers.

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

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DEAR BRO. GRANADE:—Papa takes the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and I love to read the "Little Helpers" page. My sister Lizzie has gone to West Plains, Mo. I have one dollar and twenty-eight cents in my bank, and a hen setting and will sell my chickens and make money. I make all my money to go in my bank. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Well, I must close.

Your friend,
EDNA THORNBURGH.
Powhatan, Ark., May 30, 1885.

Dear Little Edna, I am so glad to get your letter, and to know that you still love to "work for Jesus." Yours is a good example. I hope your chickens may do well, and that you may learn much at the Sunday-school. My love to all. Let us all be good and true.

BROTHER GRANADE:—We are at work and feel like, though ever so little, it will be acceptable with you and the Lord; and while others are doing more, we hope ours will be like "the poor widows mite." We have not forgotten the Psalm you read for us, and your kind talk about the "cedars of Lebanon." Pray that we may be so rooted in God like the cedars, that the adverse winds may not affect us in this life, and that we may be saved in heaven.

Your "Little Helper" in the Lord,
MANERVA WOODCOCK.

Manerva, I am glad you remember about the trees planted in the house of the Lord, and hope you will grow every day and bring forth much good fruit. Remember a few good apples on a little tree are better than a wagon load of bad ones on a big tree. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

BROTHER GRANADE:—As the children sometimes write to you, I will write. We have a bank and are at work, and hope by conference to have two or three dollars in it. Pray for us. Hope the good Lord will give us access to the hearts of the people in this great work. We hope you will come to see us again. We have not forgotten your kind talk to us, especially on whisky and tobacco. God bless Brother Granade. Your "Little Helper" in Christ, JOHN HIVELEY.

Johnny, I am glad you are at work and that you do not forget good advice. I do love to encourage boys and girls who love to learn. I shall try not to give any bad advice. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

DEAR BROTHER GRANADE:—Papa takes the ARKANSAS METHODIST and I love to see it coming. Papa keeps a business house in Antoinne, and he gave me a little tin bank to put all I can collect for missionary money in. There is no Sunday-school here, but I long to have one here. I am a little girl, 12 years old. I have three little brothers and one little sister. Your missionary servant,
NANCIE C. GENTRY.

Antoinne, Ark., May 22, 1885.
That's right, my little helper; try to get up the Sunday-school. Go and see fifty people about it, and don't let them off. Work and pray and God will bless.

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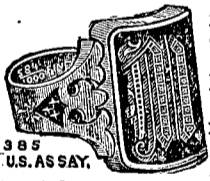
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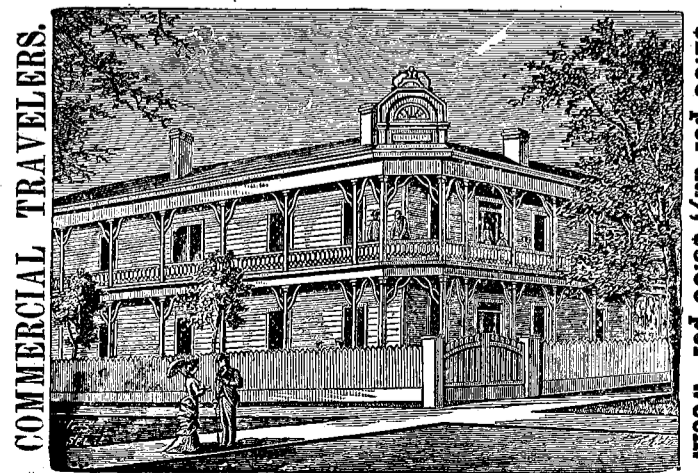
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OBITUARIES.

GUIDE.—Elmore Guice, son of Jas. A. and Mrs. — Guice, was born in Franklin county, Miss., Nov. 7, 1868. He came with his parents to Bradley county, Ark., in 1883, from thence he moved with his parents to Ouachita Parish, La., where he died, April 22, 1885, after a short illness. Elmore was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in August, 1883, at Good Hope, New Edinburg circuit, under the ministry of the writer. From a note just received from his bereaved father, I learn that his life has been that of a consistent christian. In some respects he was a model boy; he had never been known to use profane language, nor its substitute, by-words. His father writes me that he died so unexpectedly that they did not question him about his preparation for the solemn change. But he writes: "Thanks be unto God, we know how he lived." The life is at least the truest index to point us to the home of our departed loved ones. Young Elmore leaves behind a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss; but they have a hope that is both "sure and steadfast," that they will meet their loved one in a land where separation is unknown, and "all tears are wiped away."

E. L. BEARD. Christian Advocate please copy.

BROWN.—Robert D., son of W. D. and Hattie J. Brown, was born Oct. 29, 1882, and died Feb. 7, 1885, in Garland county, Ark. It is a true saying that "Death loves a shining mark." Little Robert was a very bright, promising child, wise beyond his years; his manly and winning ways endeared him to all who knew him, especially to the hearts of his father and mother, but Christ had a use for him and sent and carried Little Robbey home, where he will rest forever; he is not dead but sleepeth, and will rise again in that bright morning of the resurrection. May God help the father and mother of Little Robbey to meet their boy in heaven, and may they bow their heads in submission to the will of the Lord, knowing him to be too good to do wrong, and too wise to err, but doeth all things well and will take care of the sleeping dust of Robbey, in Fourche Lake graveyard, until the Judgment Day, and then it will rise and come forth a bright, shining angel. We miss him, but will meet him again.

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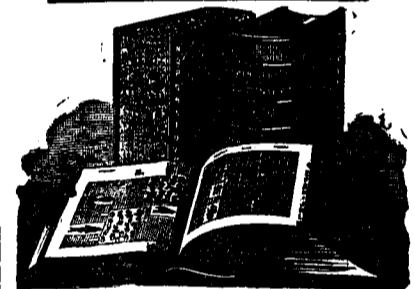
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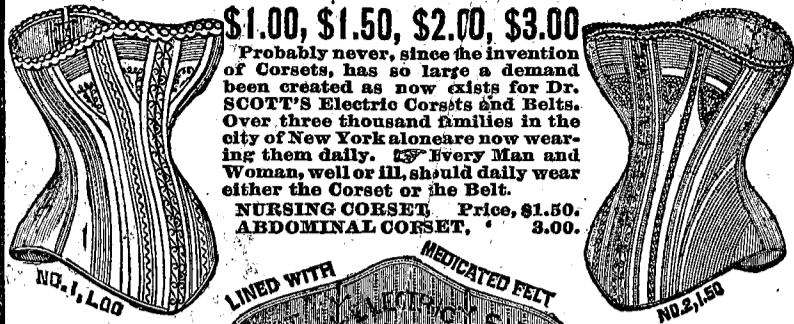
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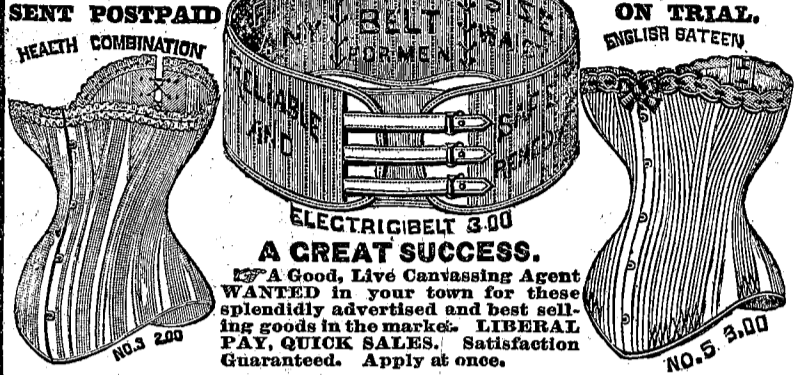
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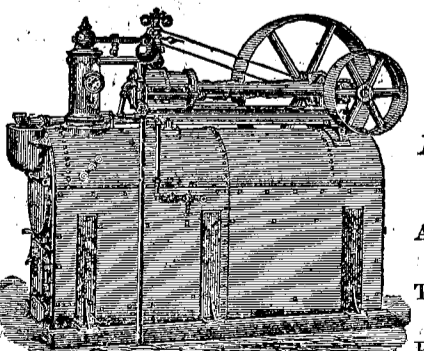
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