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General News.

Foreign.

The great excitement of London now comes from the exposures of crime in high life and aristocratic circles by the Pall Mall Gazette. It is frightful and the whole city is in a ferment. Instead of trying to correct the evils and abate crime the police authorities are busying themselves to destroy the Gazette and tried to put the paper under the ban of public censure. The whole kingdom has taken it up and the Gazette is being backed up by the Church and Clergy. Dr. Spurgeon endorses the Gazette out and out.

The cholera is raging in Spain with more force than ever and has even attacked the highest circles in Madrid. It is frightful in its destruction.

China is preparing for war with Russia and Japan is preparing to join her. Russia is said to be making encroachments on the Celestials and they will not submit to these outrages from the great ugly bear of the frozen zone.

Mr. Gladstone, the ex-Premier of old England is taking a lively interest still in European affairs. He was too conservative for old Albion, but far ahead in every respect of DeIsrael; but the progressives demanded his removal.

Spain declines to enter into commercial treaty with Uncle Sam, and he is rather snubbed by this country, bowed down with decrepitude and age.

Russia is still in trouble on the Afghan frontier and has lately imprisoned the clerk of the English Consul and gave him a sound beating. Russia is determined to advance in that country.

Little Peru has a revolution and serious trouble is expected.

Austria and Serbia has entered into a treaty—offensive and defensive and will proceed to capture and distribute Macedonia.

Domestic.

Our first home news is anything else but pleasant. Our great Democratic President was out last Sunday on a fishing excursion, spending God's Holy day in this sinful way. We told you that you were throwing up your hats and tearing your garments for nothing. Politics only means ins and out, and it is hard to tell which is the worst. The papers are contenting themselves because he is no worse than Mr. Arthur. But what of Mr. Garfield? and what would have been thought of General Washington on a Sunday fishing? Attorney-General Garland is applauded by the country for stopping all work on the Sabbath, but the President sets the bad example to the youth of the country by fishing on that Holy day.

Dreadful catastrophe reported at Metonka and several lives lost and not a single survivor. A fearful case of mob law in Oxford, Miss., an attempted rapist hung in a church yard in broad day light, and it was witnessed by all the people. Which is the worse, mob law or capital punishment? Answer, ye advocates for abolishing capital punishment; for we will certainly have one or the other.

Gen. Grant was reported better on the 12th and sat near enough to hear the hymns of a service conducted by Rev. Dr. Newman who could not close a service so solemn without expressions that have always marred his discourses. What a contrast. A dying ex-President listening to hymns, and the living President fishing. So men change when they come to die.

The revival influence in our country is not abating at all, but increasing in volume and power as weeks pass along. At Memphis Bro. Sam Jones is simply moving everything before him. The whole town was under excitement and all business suspended. Atlanta is shaken as with an earthquake, and Texas and Arkansas both are sharing largely in the revival. To God be all the glory.

State News.

Fort Smith District Conference at Paris this week. We hope to be there.

The Rural and Workman has a condensed report of the crops from all parts of the State. It is splendid.

Returns come in slowly from the Third Congressional District, but the fight is certainly between McRae and Bearden.

Hon. John McCauley has been appointed postmaster at Searcy, and the people are well satisfied and rejoicing over great prosperity and fine water.

We learn with regret that Col. Lee Thompson, the Senator for Pulaski and Perry, is very ill at his residence in this city. Hope he will soon be better.

District Conferences at Paragould, Pochontas and Mulberry, last week. Our Junior took in the two first and will report. We had good friends at Mulberry.

The Democrat of the 13th has the City Ordinance as passed by the Council in full. It is an abomination of abominations and our people will never submit to it.

Gen. W. T. Cabell has been appointed U. S. Marshall for the Northern District of Texas. Many old soldiers will rejoice at the luck of "Old Tige." We congratulate him.

Col. C. M. Neel is the second largest planter in the South, and will soon be the first. Pine Bluff is proud of her enterprising son, and well she may be. He is an honor to our State.

The Hamburg News is out in a brand new dress, without any patent inside or outside, and looks every inch like a May Queen, and is brim full of good reading. Success to our brother Keith.

The race in the third congressional district is becoming very lively. Hard to tell or even conjecture who will lead, but they are all strong men and we will have a strong man as successor to Senator Jones.

Another of the old time men of Little Rock has passed away—we refer to Major A. J. Hutt. Before the war he took an active part in politics and was a successful merchant. Since the war he has devoted his time to mercantile pursuits with his only son.

There is trouble growing about the working of our penitentiary convicts, and it will become worse and worse. Our State must provide to work these men inside the walls and not bring this convict labor in competition with the labor of her own good citizens.

Hot Springs is excited over the man whom Col. Lamar, Secretary of the Interior, is likely to appoint Superintendent of the Reservation at that place. We remember with great pleasure, Gen. Kelley, when he filled that position. We hope an Arkansas man will get it this time.

Our city is much engaged and excited over the late bill providing revenue for cities of the first class. The ordinance proposed to be passed by our City Council was so manifestly unjust that our people remonstrated strongly against it and one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings we ever saw in Little Rock was held last Monday night, 6th inst., and addressed by Hon. H. C. Caldwell, our Federal Judge. It was a clincher and absolutely knocked all the life and justice out of the occupation tax ordinance. However the Council modified it and then passed it. But it will be enjoined. We own a small house in this city and we believe we are as poor as almost anybody, but we ask for justice. Let our Council at its next meeting order every owner of property to improve their sidewalks, and put a tax on us to improve the streets, but don't impose this unjust occupation tax upon our laborers and mechanics. It must not be done.

Personal.

Prof. Cabell is in Forrest City putting in some good work for Cedar Bluff Female College.

Bishop R. K. Hargrove is off on his western tour. He has a hard field, but he is a very strong man.

Rev. Sam Jones left Murfreesboro, Tenn., this week for the great camp-meeting in Missouri, near Plattsburg.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., our Book Agent, is flying around like a boy in his teens. He is a wonderful man.

Hon. A. D. Bright was one of the large figures at the late Conference at McKenzie, and he made a fine speech based on figures.

Wilson Williams, Esq., bursar of the Vanderbilt, will renew his notes to our paper in a few weeks. He will be very welcome.

Our Junior will go to Salem this week while we journey to Paris. We hope the brethren will return us both loaded with subscribers.

Rev. C. Pope is expected to be at the Pine Bluff District Conference at Toledo. He will receive a real ovation from his old friends.

Early York, Esq., of Palarm, was in to see us this week. He is a great admirer of our paper, and we are always glad to see him. Come again.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., our portly Missionary Secretary, is going right forward and gives a good account of our missionary interests.

Bishop J. C. Granberry was at the meeting of our Church Extension Board last week in Louisville. Every body will be glad to see him in Arkansas.

Rev. E. N. Evans expects to open the new Chapel of old Spring Street Church next Sunday. It is handsome, and when their new church is built it will be a daisy.

Rev. P. A. Peterson, D. D., of the Virginia Conference, is at Hot Springs for rheumatism. He is a noble specimen of the Old Dominion. Hope we will meet our old friend.

Rev. H. Jewell was down in Cleveland county last week, to visit his family, who are summering down there. He brings a good report from the brethren as well as the crops.

Rev. A. West, D. D., of Alabama, sends us a strong endorsement of our editorial on "Counting Converts." The Doctor is one of the bravest men living. Nothing can drive him from the courage of his convictions.

Rev. R. B. Cavett, of the C. P. Church, sends us a pressing invitation to go to his assistance in a meeting at Valley Grove. How gladly would we go if we could, but we cannot. He is a noble christian man and we would be glad to work with him.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire was fresh from a meeting of our Church Extension Board at Louisville, where important steps were taken looking to the organization of a new conference in our Mexican border territory. The Bishop will organize it in San Antonio next fall. He is in fine working trim.

Rev. W. S. Scott sends us a pressing invitation to his protracted meeting, and wishes us to dedicate a new church August 2nd. Sorry we can't go, but we are engaged to attend a District Conference at Rogers, in North-West Arkansas. And for the best of reasons we are compelled to decline an invitation on like business at Salem.

The ministers and delegates of the Washington district who come on the railroad will be met at Nashville on Wednesday the 22nd and carried out to Pump Springs camp ground. The conveyances will meet the train at 12 o'clock. Brethren take due notice. J. M. G. DOUGLASS. Center Point, July 6, 1885.

Field Notes.

We closed last week with a great shout from Hot Springs, and we begin this week with a report from Brother A. S. Blackwood, of Augusta, that delightful city on the bank of the beautiful White. Our brother is a worker and no mistake: "Our third Quarterly meeting was held last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Jeffett was with us, but was very sad over the recent loss of his precious little boy, "Tommie." He preached for us twice and the congregation was deeply moved both times. The reports to the conference showed a healthier condition of the church. We had just closed, a week before the Quarterly Conference, an interesting revival, in which there were eight persons converted to God, and the church much revived. During the revival Brother M. B. Winstead preached for us twice and Brother M. C. Morris preached several times very acceptably. I had to close the meeting at about the most interesting stage owing to sickness of myself. I have recovered, I think, and intend ere long to hold another meeting." A good report, but not satisfied. May the next be much more abundant in good results.

Now we come to our brother, John A. Shropshire, from Roseville. How well we remember that elegant town on the banks of the old Arkansas. Read this good report: "As no one has honored our backwoods here with a field note, I believe I will try and write a few lines and you may call it a little patch note. I thought our pastor R. P. Hardcastle would give our diggings a little puff, blow, or something of the kind, but have not yet seen a scratch from him. Perhaps he thinks we hardly deserve a blow, not even a puff. Well, anyway, he is neither dead nor sleeping—of course I mean spiritually sleeping. He is going right ahead with his pastoral work, trying to accomplish all the good he can. He is what we call an earnest worker, as this is the third year that he has been with us is very good evidence that we like him splendidly. He makes it a point to take a subscription for the ARKANSAS METHODIST every opportunity. We think the paper is improving wonderfully fast. Hope it will soon be enlarged. Poor Gin, we feel so sorry for him. Do try and get the poor fellow to come up to Logan county, and we will try and learn him to do without lots of fun and plenty of whisky. Crops in this locality are tolerably good, cotton though is getting grassy again—owing to so much rain of late. Health is generally good. We hope to see you up here at our district meeting at Paris in July. The last time I saw you was at Old Sardis Church, in Bradley county—I believe it was in 1865 or 1866. Now if our pastor don't write up a little note and tell you something that I haven't, I will give him a good currying next time." Of course brother Hardcastle will write and we expect to pass Roseville and take these notes with us.

Next we will give place to a private note from our old friend Rev. Jas. E. Caldwell, as it gives expression of opinion on a question vital to our Zion at this time: "I have thought of saying a word or two as to change of our name. I think what you say in your issue of the 27th inst. is as a nail driven in a sure place," at least so far as our conference is concerned. Due regard for our good and great men, who lived and died with the name, and the fact that we have prospered everywhere with it, it seems to me quite sufficient to settle the question finally—"No change." This was my notion in 1874, and I can see no reason to change. The M. E. Church, South, is my mother. I love her very name. Hope to see you at our District Conference." It was our purpose to be

there, but our P. E.s have disappointed me.

Next we report from Brother W. A. Freeman, on Social Hill. That is a splendid name, but the report is better: "It is a pleasant task for me to write you this evening, as I have the twenty-four subscribers (the number requisite for the dictionary.) At first I thought it would be indeed a task for me to reach the much desired and needed premium; but when I had secured a few "subs," and the paper began to make its visits (Pleasant visits), "Old Gus," as he is familiarly called, began through his columns to speak such good things, that those subscribers already secured began to "blow up," (as they ought to have done) the "old reliable," and we had no real difficulty in securing the necessary subscribers. How happy one feels when they have accomplished some desired end, that they thought could hardly be done. I often enquire of your subscribers how they like the paper and its "Eds," and thus far it has given entire satisfaction. We are moving off very well with our work and the good Lord is blessing our labors, and is giving us access to the hearts and consciences of the people. This scribe has just had a "gracious refreshing from the presence of the Lord." We thank God and take courage. We enclose you 15 subscribers, making 25, and we are in no notion of "letting up," but will try to make the hearts of two poor, tired editors glad, if the good Lord spares us till next annual conference." Many thanks to you and my old friends.

Next comes a good report from Rev. J. B. Thomas, Bright Star: "Please find obituary of one of the most lovely children I ever knew, all that knew her loved her—her parents are members of our church and request the publication—make any changes you see fit. Bright Star circuit I think greatly improved; a deeper piety exists now than ever before. The discussion that arose from the note I sent you with regard to whiskey has done good. Many who had before been taking their dram, not that it did them any good, or that they really wanted it, have resolved never to touch the accursed stuff again, and I am sure it has done good. Continue to fight the demon until it is banished from our land. The paper is increasing in popularity here. Success to the METHODIST." We are thankful for the good done, and we know that star will shine brighter.

EDITORS ARKANSAS METHODIST:—We protracted the meeting which commenced with the Dardanelle District Conference, June 26, until July 5; was assisted by the Rev. W. D. Mathews, P. E. of the District, part of the time. The meeting resulted in the conversion of 33 souls, and the adding of 23 to the membership of the church. There were 17 adults and 4 infants baptized. There is not a female over 13 years of age in the town who is not religious, and every man in town, save two, are either religious or have promised to be. We are indebted to the brethren of the District and visiting brethren, especially Dr. Winfield, for valuable assistance. But to God be all the glory.

P. B. SUMMERS.

We close this week with a short report from our young Brother Cameron: "I see by the date on my paper that my subscription expires the 27th of this month. I have not got the money to renew, but will have by the middle of May. Please credit me that long, will you? I can't think of doing without it, I like it and must have it. I will renew through my pastor, Bro. C. M. Keith, as he wants the Commentaries and I want to help him. Bro. Keith came to us a stranger, but we soon learned to love him. Success to the METHODIST."

ARKANSAS METHODIST ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1885.

Letter from Texas.

As Britain Johnson would say, "In the first and foremost place," let me say to the Senior Editor that he missed the opportunity of his life in not visiting Texas at the time named in our correspondence. He might have seen and heard sounds and sights, to mortals but seldom given. He knows, and so many others in Arkansas, that great things came to pass in those parts in the years 1854-1874. Often have I wondered at and adored the power and goodness of God, in saving the hardened thousands. Of course, chief among the miracles of Gospel power and grace in that country, was my own salvation. Having obtained mercy of God, I never question His ability to save any one. It may seem a hard speech, but some how I can't help questioning the correctness and thoroughness of a preacher's salvation, when he is timid and hesitating in his offer of salvation to his fellows. That is a wonderfully sensible prayer of Doddridge: "May they that Jesus whom they preach, Their own redeemer see."

Although accustomed to big meetings, we had in this city the most marvelous work of grace I have ever witnessed. Those who have studied the philosophy of revivals know they have their antecedents, agencies or methods, and results. Well prepared ground goes a long way towards securing a good crop. "Faith comes by hearing," and "all things are possible to him that believeth." We did not begin our meeting until we were ready—prepared for it. Nothing that would be called special was resorted to in the work of preparation. When the Methodist machinery is put into full motion, and persevered in, it is only a question of time as to the coming of the revival. The ordinary, so called, becomes the extraordinary when pushed to its best. Our meeting was simply the intensifying of the ordinary means of grace. We went along as usual except in the matter of multiplying services. For illustration, when the first Sunday in each month came we had our usual services appointed for that day. Besides a special sermon in the morning on some phase of practical christianity, we have our Church Communion in the afternoon and "Communion" at night. Our Sunday-school met as of old. Our aim was to teach the congregation that we are always in earnest and God is all the time in the assemblies of his people. Thus may the ordinary become the extraordinary, and every service be a time of spiritual power. We have had penitents in our congregation all the time and now and then some one would come before the altar and profess faith in Christ. That revivals, so called, have been periodic rather than continuous, is a fact of history, but who can say which was the purpose of God?

Our meeting began April 5, and closed June 14—nine weeks. We had two and three services a day and not a dull or uninteresting service during all the while. Many persons passing through on business or visiting for a few hours in the city, attended but one service and went away saying the mighty power of God was in this place. We used the organ as a help in singing, having Christian women to manage it as directed. In all things we tried to quicken the time. Had many short prayers and testimonies, rarely ever sang more than two verses of a hymn, and used PRAYER and PRAISE. The preaching was short, plain, direct and bold. Our methods were all as simple and earnest as you ever saw at a camp-meeting. We had an altar and to it we invited penitents who were requested to kneel and pray. Excepting about a half dozen converted at their homes, the rest were saved while kneeling at the altar. It is an easy matter to count and identify 725 persons who were sweetly saved and yet every one of them could give a clear and straightforward account of the glorious affair. A marked feature of the movement

was the thoroughness of its work upon the hearts of church members. Backsliders, and church members who have never been converted, are the ones, generally, difficult to move to right action. After being in the church and holding high offices for years, it is hard for them to go back to the "mourners bench" and seek pardon. It is not often that a meeting has moral power sufficient to accomplish this much needed work. Thank God our's gained such dominion over the consciences of our people that the tall, the wise and reverent heads bowed as low as others. Men who for years had lived negatively innocent found out a better way and sought and found pardon. Some of our church officers, among them one of our stewards, and a member for twenty years, came regularly for two weeks to the altar, and is now radiant with assurance. A Baptist preacher, who has had charge of a high school in this city for years, is among the happy converts. Heretofore he has preached, according to his own statement, a theoretical gospel. Have we in Arkansas or Texas any such Methodist preachers? Men depending on theory and speculations embellished with a little science and vain philosophy, had better have gone to heaven from their mothers breast. Sam Jones would say that they ought to have been in hell a thousand years before they ever heard of the Ministry. I heard him in a sermon offer to bet that such a man has not saved a soul since the war. The Methodist preacher in that fix has done a fine chance of systematic lying. And that is what their good natured friend, the undersigned, says of them. To get authority to preach in our church a man must say he knows God in the pardon of his sins.

The work of God abides. Three promising young men are recommended to our coming Quarterly Conference for license to preach and will be heard from on the Missions, Circuits, Stations and Districts of our Connection, and may be in China.

Since our meeting closed, I have traveled near 400 miles and helped in other good meetings. But for a temporary illness, I would now be in Graham, 60 miles west, attending the session of our District Conference. From Cisco, situated at the junction of the T. & P. and H. & Texas Central, I went south on the latter road to De Leon. There I was met by a Bro. Lister with nice buggy and pair of horses, and conveyed to Comanche, sixteen miles away, hacks met all trains, but my friend had the kindness to do me this special favor. He was all the time companionable, but in our class-meeting I learned a fact that made him specially dear to me. As a rule I respect Arkansas religion, and when a man tells me he was converted at Mount Pleasant Camp Ground, I have all sorts of faith in him. At one of the few meetings held there between the years 1854 and 1874, to which I did not go, my friend says he was converted. He is a relative of the Landingham's, Handley's and Mays' of that section, and readers of your paper in that region will be glad to learn that he is a prosperous cattle man and a staunch church member. He married into a Baptist family, but his wife, like a good sensible woman, joined our church and was baptized by pouring during the meeting I attended. Comanche is the seat of justice for the county and a thriving town. We had quite a good meeting. While there I met a number of good people from Arkansas. My rule out here is to let it be known that I came from Arkansas and did not change my name, and in this way I gather all the Arkansas element about me. My home was with Dr. C. F. Paine and family and it was the more delightful because his mother-in-law, Mrs. Oliver, from Morrilton, was there. She authorized me to preach as I pleased, and in the event of arrest, she would bond me out of prison and I could skip the town and return her the forfeit. By the way I did get into the jail on account of being from Arkansas. When I learned that Mr. Slack, an old Arkansas friend, was the jailer, I made an appointment to preach to the prisoners. It proved to be a fortunate matter to the poor neglected fellows that two such Arkansas men had met. It was the first relig-

ious service ever held in that jail. Now let me say for the warning of any who may think of coming to Texas, that it is considered a bad sign when a man goes whining over the country about being "water bound in Arkansas-a-s." Away with such poor trash! Nobody here wants them.

From Comanche I went to Waco to see and here that wonderful little Georgian, Bro. Sam Jones. I reached his name too late in this letter to day to say much of him. I heard him seven times and was in his company for hours. He is sweet spirited and companionable in private and terrific in the pulpit. He has a mission and destiny. Don't think you know him when you have read all said of him by reporters and published of him in Sermons and Sayings. If he comes in five hundred miles of you go and hear him. Look at him when he says those curious things. May God bless him and hold him in His right hand.

Never perhaps in the history of Texas was there such a year as this one for crops and revivals. Small grain is harvested at a yield (average) of 30 bushels of wheat and 75 of oats per acre. Corn is immense. Late rains have made an abundant corn crop assured. Farmers have not wanted an hour for rain to date. Cotton is very promising.

Love to all friends. God bless you in your brave and noble work. Pray for us.
M. H. WELLS.
Weatherford, Texas.

FOR THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Letter from Tennessee.

DEAR ED.—Wish you could have been with me in Culleoka last week to have seen how eagerly your last issue was scanned by your friends to see how you would sit on the tripod in the absence of both Senior and Junior. Well, if you could have seen one of your class-mates in search of a situation as a pedagogue as I saw him and heard all said of his size as I did, and then read the opinion of another of your class-mates of the Memphis pulpit and bar, as expressed after two weeks attending church and court in Memphis, you would have been more amused at their amateur adventures in vacation than they and others at your work. But my young brother, I must comply with a suggestion of one of your preceptors, and say something of the articles ament "Sam Jones." Your senior simply spoke the truth in his letter in the METHODIST of June 6th. He saw and heard for himself. Eye and ear witnesses are much better than those who form opinions from what they read and hear. The first suggestion of the writer on Sam Jones, "on his work as a whole," is, "we knew Bro. Jones could never succeed at any other kind of church work." How do we know it brother? Was he not successful in all church work he ever undertook during his years as a pastor? Why does he still return to Nashville to do other church work so essential for permanent good with success with which surprises everybody? Whoever took such collections in Nashville for the good of the church, city and two states? I never saw any person during that meeting sing as they please, talk as they please and do as they please generally. They sung from Prayer and Praise and several thousand copies of a special edition were furnished by our Publishing House. And they did and talked as the great leader directed, so wisely and well.

Secondly—your critic speaks of "a spasmodic revival." I have seen much of revivals for forty years in churches, at camp-meetings, and for four years in the army while chaplain. Never one less spasmodic than that of Bro. Jones. There had been a great and general revival for weeks in Nashville before Sam Jones' great tent was erected. I asked Judge Fariss, of Nashville, this week of the permanent results. He told me of wonderful results which lead me to think that no other power has ever accomplished so much for the permanent spiritual welfare of Nashville in one year, as Sam Jones did in three weeks. I think he has done more to check drinking, dancing and many other sins in Nashville and the Tennessee Conference, than any preacher in the Conference for thirty years.

Thirdly. "The style of conversions

are objectionable." Not to God, I believe. "Quit your sins; believe on Christ; join the church; live for God all the time." I knelt and prayed near Sam Jones with a sinner, when nearly all others had left the tent, the only time I ever heard Sam Jones lead in prayer. His conversions, I think, are as genuine as any converted any where. And I believe with Drs. Winfield, Hunter and the tatters too, in the good old mourners bench way. Ask Bishops McTyeire, Wilson, and all the Nashville preachers, if they do not believe the work of Sam Jones as an evangelist, was as genuine and beneficial to the church as any gospel work they ever witnessed anywhere, by any man in any way. But the answer to the question: "Why do not all good, earnest, preachers have such revivals? Because they do not wish such revivals." That will not do at all my dear brother. We do wish and need all over the world such revivals. But we lack the power that is with Sam Jones. If any person asks me why I do not preach like Pierce, Marvin, Doggett, and other gifted men of God, or write as did Bond, Bledsoe and others, I will simply confess I have not the ability. God is with Sam Jones as an evangelist, as he was with Wesley as an organizer, and Watson as a writer and Whitefield as an evangelist. He does the work of an evangelist and makes "full proof of his ministry," and God gives him thousands of souls to his ministry. I heard Sam Jones talk twelve times; read reports of his sermons in the city papers; have just been reading "Sermons and Sayings of Sam Jones." By Rev. J. J. Lafferty, Richmond, Va. With good portrait and print, only fifty cents. I shall read all I see from him or about him, and recommend him and his sermons, sayings and work to all. And I think all our bishops, editors, and preachers and people will be bettered by hearing him just as we were bettered by the preaching, writing and other work of Pierce, Marvin and other gifted men of God, and we were just about as capable of criticizing or imitating them as we are Sam Jones.

The only reason I don't have just such revivals as Sam Jones, is because I have not the grit, gifts and grace to preach as he preaches. He is comparatively a whale, I but a minnow. In the harvest field he is a reaper and binder combined—I but a gleaner. Let each do his own work, in his own field and his own way, and not judge any man before hearing him, and God will give us all gracious revivals.

S. M. CHERRY.

Bigbyville, Tenn., July 3, 1885.

Sam. Jones.

EDITORS METHODIST.—I have read with interest the many criticisms of Sam. Jones, his work, style and methods; yours among the number, and they have all impressed me as being eminently proper, fair and just, except the one in the last issue of the METHODIST, by Bro. L. M. Keith. No doubt Bro. Keith means well. I do not for a moment impugn his motive. There is much in his article I most heartily indorse. But there are some things from which I dissent in toto. Then there are contradictions, in proof I give these two sentences: "While Bro. Jones is eccentric, novel and sensational in his methods, he is also doubtless very useful; a power for good in the land," and much more of the same sort. Then we have this: "While we know that Bro. Jones, with his peculiarities, or 'manners and methods' could never succeed at any other kind of church work. Still we doubt whether the final results will be of any great good to the church or not." Bro. Keith seems fond of setting up men of straw and knocking them down. I give only two instances, he assumes that those who stand up and promise to lead new lives, are counted as converts. I have never seen anything except in Bro. Keith's article, to justify such a conclusion. Again: he assumes that the churches in Nashville waited for Bro. Jones to come and get up a revival, else there is no force in a portion of his article; while the contrary is true. Just before the meetings under the "Gospel Tent" commenced, there had been a revival in most of the city churches, resulting in an increase of members of about five hundred. Once more Bro. Keith asks: Why do not all

earnest preachers have such revivals? and gives this startling answer: "Because they do not wish to have such revivals." Do not wish to have a revival that shall so quicken and arouse the conscience of the church, as to arrest the steps of theater going, and dram-drinking members, and turn them back again to duty and to God! Do not wish a revival that will cause the banker to pause in the midst of his work of money getting and turn to Christ; the gambler to forsake his club and seek religion, that will arrest the downward steps of the drunkard, that will stop the whiskey dealer in his deadly work! Do not wish a revival that will unify all christians in the work of saving souls! A revival that has thrilled the great heart of the church as it has not been for a generation. No, no. This is not Bro. Keith's meaning. Then what does he mean? For surely the revival that Bro. Jones led so bravely in Nashville was of this kind and much more. I have just read a well tempered article in the Christian Observer (Presbyterian) in which the writer says: Among the converts in Nashville is the "cream of the city." Another writer in the same paper, writing from Chattanooga, has this to say: "The result of one week's work here has been the addition of about two hundred and fifty to the different churches, the union of the people of God, as has rarely ever been seen before; the sinking of denominationalism and sectionalism, the exalting of christianity and the purifying of the moral atmosphere of the whole city."

And adds: "Mr. Jones is sustained, encouraged and upheld in his labors by the devout, earnest and godly men and women of every church." "He is a good man and full of faith and the Holy Ghost." And this is doubtless the secret of his success.

Dr. Fitzgerald rejoices that money was forthcoming to buy "the gospel tent." Bro. Keith sneers at it, (not the money) but the gospel tent. I heard an eminent lawyer say a short while ago that Sam Jones' work "was sensational"—just what Bro. Keith says; but then the lawyer was not a preacher, nor is he a member of any church. Well, I am preaching for just such a "sensational" down here in Toledo circuit. My brother's criticism forcibly reminds me of Dr. Parker's criticism of Dr. Talmage, while on a lecturing tour through England, the great London divine closed his criticism of Dr. Talmage's lectures by saying, "that it was impossible to criticize success." Bro. Sam Jones is a success. That he has defects—faults if you please—I do not deny. Yes, and there are blots on the sun, but he shines with such resplendent lustre that he so dazzles our eyes that we cannot see them without a telescope, the sun is a success in spite of the spots. There are spots on Sam Jones, but he so dazzles me with the splendor of his achievements, that I have to look close to see 'em. The truth is I am praying for Bro. Jones, that he may have more abundant success; "that he may be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

In conclusion, sir, I protest against the terms, "sensational," "spasmodic," as applied to the revival in Nashville. All accounts give it the stamp of a thoroughly genuine work.

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"I reckon not, mister. You jist now said the law was the other way."

"How's that? I probably misunderstood the case."

"Well, the feller come in my orchard and was shootin' rabbits when I ordered him off; but he wouldn't go. So I went at it to knock him off, but I got the worst of it, as ye can see. I reckon he must be one of these 'ere boxin' fellers."

"Ah, ahem! Yes; just so. That puts the case in another light. Of course you can sue him for trespass and assault and battery."

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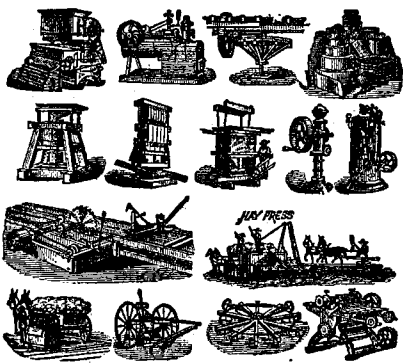
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I, E. E. SQUIRES, Accountant for Mitchell & Bettis, do hereby certify that 21,840 papers is the number printed for the Arkansas Methodist during the month of May, 1885.

E. E. SQUIRES.

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

JAMES L. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

We saw a man on the train a few days ago take a cup of nice water, drink and dip his filthy moustache in it, and then hand to his wife to drink. Guess his mother died when he was a child. If not there was a great failure on her part in training that boy.

We asked a smooth faced brakeman on the M. & L. R. R., to raise a window for us. He spoke gruffly: "Get out and I will." Our young people are not taught to respect age. Parents, watch your children and teach them politeness, for nothing pays better.

Take two seats in a crowded car, and refuse to move and give place to either gentlemen or ladies, and wait 'til the conductor forces you to surrender, and you will have a good time reflecting on your selfishness.

True christianity shines brighter, and is seen to better advantage, when lighting the homes of the lonely, and abodes of suffering, than in glittering diamonds in palatial halls, where passion rules the hour, and appetite rises above moral obligation.

True courage is to act out ones convictions, and stand faithfully by principle. Thousands of the basest of cowards have been on the so-called field of honor, preferring rather to shed innocent blood than to act the true man by confession, restitution and reparation.

We have had much contention about theories and beliefs and seen very little good arising from it. Humanity's sore affliction is a diseased heart. We need regeneration in the inner man, let this take place and the head will soon right up, and the two will harmonize well.

"I hate vain thoughts." How hard it is to control ones thoughts, and if wicked thoughts be indulged, how surely they will pollute the heart and corrupt the life. The great and eccentric Dow remarked: "We cannot prevent the birds from flying above our heads, but we can prevent them from building nests in our hair." So we may not prevent the coming of wicked thoughts, but we can prevent their indulgence.

We heard a dear sister say at McKinze: "Brethren, I could wait and hear you talk on any other subject but this subject of religion, but women must be heard on this—I tell you I am raising my children for Jesus." I tell you she was heard. What would become of our world and our church without our christian women. Christian motherhood is the hope and salvation of the world. They are far above all evangelists.

We had a good report of old Manley's Camp Ground. It is in Henry county, near Paris. Camp-meetings have been held there for over 50 years. Over 5,000 souls converted, and between 50 and 60 preachers sent to conference. Blessed record. We hope to be there this autumn and take in the annual feast of the tabernacles.

Don't forget to disparage your brother preacher by an unkind criticism of his sermon, and some fling at his manner, and then take the sweet consolation to yourself, that you are to blame for his failure to reach souls.

Watch results closely this year, brethren. Don't count converts too fast or be over anxious for a big number. But put them to working and giving as soon as they are brought in. Remember you are to strike while the iron is hot, for you cannot bend it when it is cold.

OUR GREAT WANT.

The press teems with the opinions of our leading men and best writers, as to what is the real want of the church. Our readers will pardon us if we give this article rather a strictly Arkansas tinge, as we are preparing for the usual round of District Conferences, and we desire that these shall prove a great and lasting benefit to the church. We would suggest that we are in great danger of stressing the Gospel of Numbers a little beyond real prudence and safety. Already too many of our preachers are building their ministerial characters and forming their reputations on the barren figures that represent monies collected and work done, and their energies are bent rather toward the building of houses of worship than to improve the church spiritually. We need first of all a better and stricter administration of discipline. Our church is crowded with numbers of people who are of no real value whatever, and a great many more who are a real curse. Only think of the church of God being filled with dram drinkers, dancers, theatre goers, circus attendants, and worse, still, thousands who are living beyond their means, and never pay their just debts. Now we undertake to say that there can be no permanent improving 'til these things are changed. We do not advocate expulsion at all times and under all circumstances, by no means. Let every other means be exhausted first, and let all these means look to the reclamation of these inconsistent and unworthy members. Let our pastors undertake the work of pruning. In your church conferences have a thorough sifting by honest inquiry as to the true state of your people. Visit at their homes and find out their real life. See if you cannot save many of these by judicious investigation and timely counsel. Bring these people before the church and demand that they make public confession and promise of amendment. Never accept a private confession for a public offense. We are no priests to receive the confessions of our people. Let our District Conferences do away with long statistics and tiresome reports on numbers and look into the real spiritual state of the church, the condition of the Sunday-schools, and our financial operations. Let all the preachers compare plans and learn from each other how to be preachers, pastors, evangelists and teachers. We need all these in the church of God. No imitation of Sam Jones, Mr. Robison or any one else; but preach the pure word of God direct to the hearts and consciences of the people. We need a ministry aiming at results. A professional ministry will be the curse of any church. Ministers who have degenerated into mere "parsons," who claim their stipend as mere professional workers, and who are willing for their God-given calling to become a mere worldly avocation to obtain a livelihood. Sam Jones refusing a \$10,000 home, and Sam Jones only receiving \$200 of over \$1,500 offered, is an astonishment to the world and a reproof to those who say we are preaching for money. We need a ministry intent on soul saving. We need a great baptism of the Holy Ghost all over our church. Not a revival that will fill the church of God with unconverted people, but spiritual converts. A revival that will stir all the wheels of our vast machinery. During all our conferences let us knock on all the wheels, like good engineers, and see if they are filled with oil and in good running order. Remember one hot box will hinder a train, and one broken rail will ditch one. Beware of broken rails and hot boxes. Let us have a full inspection of the train, put off all dead heads, and see that the machinery is in good condition and every officer on duty.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

We started to the Paris District Conference on Tuesday evening, July 7th, at 2:45 p. m. Our first objective point was Forrest City to spend one night with our Brother Fiser in his meeting. It was a good time and the Spirit's presence was manifest. We next put in at Springdale, three miles back of Memphis, to visit a sister and her children. We had a real picnic. Nine great nephews and nieces were

baptized, and a day of richer enjoyment we have not had for years. Fond hearts were more closely blended, and our God put the seal of his approbation on the ordinance of his church by blessing parents and children. At night we made a prayer-meeting talk on the Master at the well of Samaria, at the Springdale church, and had a good time. Here we met Dr. Johnson and family, and many friends of other days. Thursday, off for District Conference at McKenzie to meet an engagement to lecture. "It is the largest District Conference I ever saw," was the language of both Dr. Young and Bishop McTyeire. Over 100 were present at roll call, and 128 were present when the election of delegates took place. It was so large and they were so forced for time that they had to pass a resolution that the four persons receiving the highest number of votes should be declared elected, and the next four reserves, and in this way they finished in one ballot. Of course it will stand the test, as the great church lawyer was present and put the resolution to the Conference. They had no statistics but full reports. The committees did their work well, and it was in every way a grand success. P. E. Whitten is a worker and an organizer. He had things well in hand and opened up on Thursday and presided well 'til the Bishop arrived on Friday. He is every inch a sub-Bishop. The district made a good showing, spiritually and financially, but they are behind in parsonages. Albeit, they have built the finest district parsonage in Tennessee at McKenzie, and by hard tugging and good pulling the money is all secure we think to finish it off and pay all debts. Dr. Young was present a part of two days and contributed two splendid sermons and some good missionary talk and brought a storm every time—but it was a rain storm. The Bishop presided from the time he arrived and they worked him well and he worked well. One sermon on Saturday and two on Sunday with a talk to the Sunday-school. They simply put this writer through in lecturing and preaching, but they paid well, and the ARKANSAS METHODIST is better off by over sixty subscribers. Everybody wanted to help and did help. Bishop McTyeire had our paper sent out and distributed in the Conference with kind words and the brethren caught the tune and we had smooth sailing. Our paper is growing more and more popular and many of the preachers and laymen testified that it was always the first paper they read, and everybody said it was a live paper. Elder Whitten talked and worked for us and gave us a full endorsement. He is a worker, and one of the best Presiding Elders in the Memphis Conference. We are under many obligations to brother McGill and the unique Perry Parker for good work. Many of the brothers promised good work in the near future. We had more pressing invitations for church dedications, Conference meetings and other meetings than four such men could fill, but we are going back in August and work up that country. We found the McKenzie Institute firmly lodged in the hearts of the people as a religious school of the first order, and the buildings are simply splendid. We had the pleasure of lecturing in their fine Institute. Messrs. Goodloe and Williams are masters in their profession and will build up one of the finest training schools east of the Mississippi. Their advertisement appears this week. McKenzie is a splendid town, high and healthy and the only hindrance to very great prosperity is—they have saloons. This country is on a boom. The crops are very fine and the whole country under religious influence. We had a grand day last Sunday. It was a rich baptism of the Holy Ghost. Christians were rejoicing and singers started to seek God. It was a grand Conference and everything is moving up in a grand way. We will be at McKenzie again and we never want a better home than we had at Dr. Jones. We had a nice visit to Huntingdon and a fine congregation to preach to and a very pleasant stay at Col. Hawkins. This is one of the good old towns of West Tennessee. Leaving McKenzie at 1 a. m., on Monday morning at 12:30 we are in our sanctum in our own lovely

City of Roses, and writing up this splendid District Conference. We close here by returning once more thanks to all and saying with a hearty good will, God bless you all.

"BISHOP TIMBER," ETC.

Rev. W. P. Harrison, D. D., our Book Editor, we did not see, nor did we have time to call on our Sunday-school men; but all were busy, and our people might as well know that we have no Bishop timber in and around Nashville; the fact is, that the theological needle points to a radical change, which will elect our superintendents every four years, and bring the "Old Guards" to the front in our rapidly growing Methodism.—[Arkansas Methodist, June 14.]

We did not suppose that this view of Methodist Episcopacy found much favor in the South. We doubt whether in this utterance our brother truly represents Arkansas Methodism. The four-year arrangement would have one advantage. It would give more of the "Old Guards" and others a chance. The exclusion of Nashville from the prospective honors of a quadrennial episcopal term will not excite any complaint hereabouts.—[Nashville Advocate.]

Now it may be probable that the editor of the Advocate after one hurried visit to our City of Roses is better posted on the real sentiments of Arkansas Methodism than the editor of the METHODIST who has been on the ground for nearly forty years, but it is hardly possible. We beg to assure our learned contemporary that our observation were not reckoned from the headquarters of Arkansas Methodism, but from the headquarters of Southern Methodism at the City of the Rocks. Looking out from that observatory we saw no Sauls looming up, head and shoulders above the rest of the elders, nor did we see any Davids of ruddy face hid among the stuff. So we drew our own deduction and that was given in the above extract from our paper. It may be found that we are mistaken, and that there is plenty of "Bishop timber" in the Methodistic woods. If so, we will rejoice to see our Methodist Episcopacy continued in its present form. It may be that our Arkansas Methodism will be very thankful to Dr. Fitzgerald for his quick defense of their orthodoxy, but we have heard no charge over here of our heresy. Now we beg leave to assure the doctor that we fully believe in our two orders in the ministry of divine right, and our Episcopacy is a third order or office by right of the church, and this we understand to be the teachings of our fathers. If, however, he believes in the third as a separate order by divine right as strongly taught by some of his correspondents, then this editor is ready to accommodate him in a little controversy on that vital point. We will await his answer.

Arkansas Industrial University.

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fessors fit for the University? and what does it mean that the Trustees had to leave the State and go all over the nation for primary teachers? It is a burning shame and an outrage on our home teachers. We hope they will resent it most fully.

TEMPERANCE PIC-NIC.

The temperance pic-nic at Latham Grove, near Walnut Ridge, on the Fourth of July, was a decidedly pleasant gathering, and a very appropriate way of celebrating our National Holiday. The grove was a beautiful one, the audience large and attentive, the singing excellent, and the dinner was simply splendid. The speaking was opened by

COL. THOMAS J. ROGERS,

of Searoy, who gave them a very practical, sensible and interesting address, interspersed with humorous anecdotes, which elicited repeated applause. It was the best speech we ever heard him deliver; was well received, and will do good. He was followed by this writer, after which Col. W. M. Ponder, of Walnut Ridge, was introduced, and made a brief and appropriate address. The temperance sentiment in that community is strong and growing. The leaders in this good cause in that community deserve more than mere passing mention, but our space will not allow an extended notice, but we will introduce them to our readers. We will present first.

REV. B. A. MORRIS,

a local Methodist preacher, who came there soon after the war from Indiana. He was wild and wicked then, but married one of the best women in the country, was converted, and has since been a zealous and useful man in that community, and an earnest worker, and advocate of the cause of temperance. If we had a few men like Ben. Morris in every community, Arkansas would soon be enrolled for temperance, and blind-tigers would have to skulk away or die. Many pleasant things suggest themselves, connected with our dear old friend, whom we have known long and intimately, but must forbear, and present

MR. HATLEY HAY,

who lives near there, and is extensively engaged in the lumber and timber business. He is an Englishman, and is a total abstainer, will not drink it as a beverage or as a medicine, and insists that the latter use of it makes many drunkards, and ought to be condemned by the temperance people everywhere. He has a great many men employed in his mills, and through his happy influence they eschew ardent spirits, although some of them had wrecked fortune and character when they came to him. He is doing a good work while he is making money.

REV. S. D. EVANS,

is the preacher in charge of this work, Walnut Ridge circuit, and is working for a revival all around. He traveled here last year, and did a good work. We wish him great success. This was our first pastoral charge, and the re-union with old friends was exceedingly gratifying to me. And if our fellowship below be so sweet, what will it be in heaven? We met a few old friends in Walnut Ridge. Bro. B. Israel and family, with whom we supped, Rev. A. C. Phelps, a prosperous young merchant, Col. Ponder and family. Through the valuable assistance of Brothers Morris, Evans and others, we obtained about forty subscribers and renewals to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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Was the site of the recent session of the Helena district conference, but I was denied the privilege of attending its sessions and enjoying its deliberations. Worshipped with them one night during the conference, and one day and night after its close. The preachers were all present except the popular pastor of Helena Station, Rev. Julian C. Brown, A. M. who was engaged in a protracted meeting in his new and elegant church. His absence was regretted by the Conference and citizens of the town, who had hoped to meet and hear him. The modest and excellent Presiding Elder Rev. J. M. Clark, presided with dignity and acceptability, we were told, and our accomplished friend J. B. Sutler, was the efficient secretary, and hope he will furnish the METHODIST with a synopsis of their deliberations.

We found a good home with our hospitable friend, Capt. J. W. Wynne, whose estimable wife and interesting children, always join him in making their gusts welcome and happy. Master Joe is canvassing the city for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and his excellent example might with great propriety be imitated by our Methodist boys and girls all over the State. I am indebted to the pastor, Rev. N. B. Fizer, for assiduous attention. He was deeply anxious for a revival in his work, and the prospect was very encouraging when we left, and we devoutly hope his prayers and faith be abundantly rewarded. Judging from the splendid dinner, his excellent and faithful wife and true helpmeet prepared for us, his parishioners are not neglecting him. Time and space forbid the mention of the names of many good friends whom we were glad to meet again. We took the 5, p. m. train for

PARAGOULD where the Jonesboro, district Conference was in session. We arrived there 8-30, and found Dr. J. W. Cunningham, of the S. W. Methodist preaching, and from what we heard of the sermon, it was an excellent one. The next day we had a good gospel sermon from our old and appreciated friend, Rev. W. M. Watson, of Gainsville, who was followed by our zealous, sunny-faced Sulphur Rock neighbor and friend, Rev. James F. Jernigan, who delivered a stirring exhortation and called mourners. Three young ladies came to the altar weeping and trembling, and we have no doubt have since been converted. Whereupon followed a most gracious season, nearly all the preachers and delegates and members of the church present were happy at once. Rev. W. R. Foster, the faithful shepherd of the Paragould fold, was happier than we have seen him since Bishop Pierce preached his great and memorable sermon at Searcy just after the war. I was sorry his good wife did not arrive in time to participate with him in the glorious spiritual repast. Father Blythe, though very frail and feeble was present and contributed much to the interest and pleasure of the occasion, and was treated by his brethren with marked and tender attention. The energetic and through-going Presiding Elder, Rev. S. L. Cochran, kept the reins well in hand and dispatched business with commendable facility. He and his preachers are doing a splendid work and will make a good report at the next Conference. Mine host, Dr. Hunter and family will not soon be forgotten, and we pray God's blessing to rest upon them. We made many new and pleasant acquaintances, most of whom subscribed for the METHODIST. Our indefatigable friend, Rev. W. C. Malone, of Wittsburgh, was elected secretary, and promised us the proceedings for the next issue. His son, Mr. A. B. Malone, Assistant Postmaster at Jonesboro, was also a delegate and will assist his pastor, Rev. F. E. Taylor, hereafter in the circulation of the METHODIST. Those staunch laymen, Col. H. W. Brooks and Col. J. F. Smith were in attendance and did good service, and others whose names will be given by the secretary. Doctor Cunningham and I stopped off at O'Kean on Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, intending to go to Pocahontas and spend an hour or two with the Newport District Conference, but a fearful dark cloud arose and a heavy rain came which detained us and we took the South

bound local freight. Dr. C. stopped off at Hoxie, and went from there to Memphis, and this scribe went home. We were glad to find the preachers and people generally hopeful and happy. Crops are unusually good thus far, and better than usual at this season of the year. The METHODIST is growing in favor with the preachers and people, and they are going to take it and work for it. Some of its utterances have been criticized, which was to be expected, but for the most part it has been strongly commended, and is regarded now as established, and being a necessity, will live, grow and flourish.

Received a good list of subscribers and renewals, through the kindness and co-operation of the brethren and friends, for all which we are duly and deeply grateful. J. H. D.



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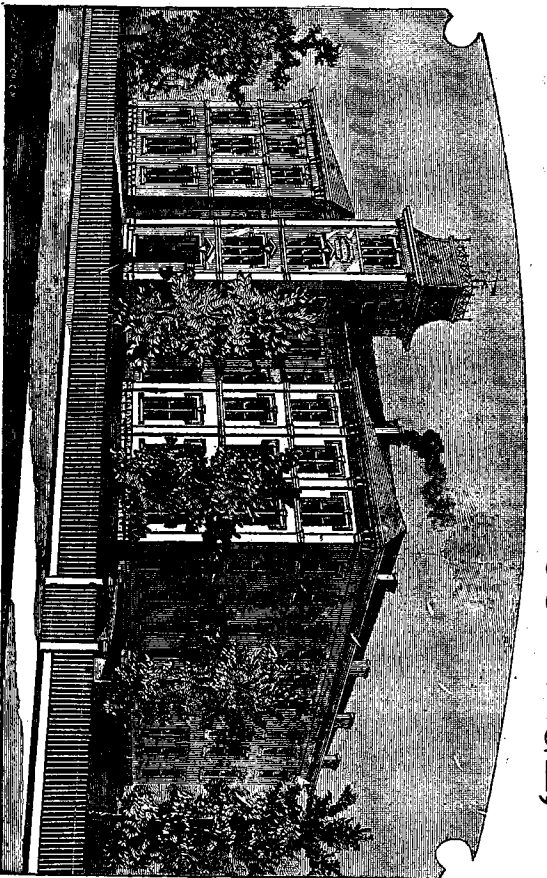
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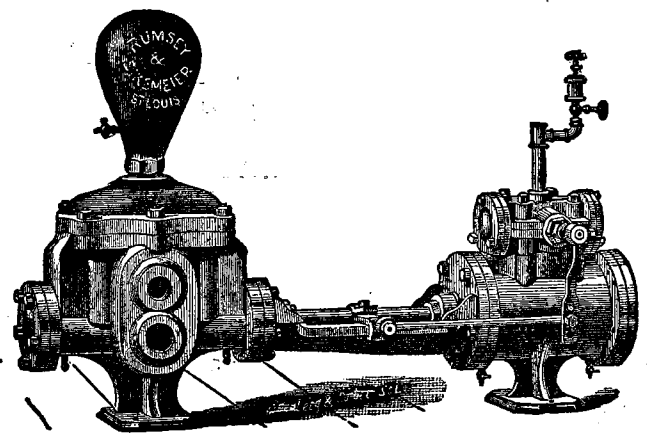


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Little Helpers.

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"I Have Hoped in Thy Word."

(Psalm cxix. 74.)

The Word of God, to me 'tis dear,
I love its golden promises!
For oft as falls the faithless tear
Its precious lore my soul doth bless
And tears and fears are chased away
Before the light of heavenly day.

The Word of God—'tis full of grace!
Of wisdom, beauty, love Divine;
'Twas given to bless a sinful race,
To comfort this poor heart of mine!
Thus blest, thus comforted, I dare
Its sterling worth to men declare

The word of man, howe'er refined,
With sophistry of skeptic schools—
Whereby God's truths are oft mal-
ligned—
And made the scoff of boasting

fools,
Yet cannot with this Book compare,
This heavenly Jewel, priceless, rare!
Margate. C. H. M. READ.

Me Too, Lord.

A great revival meeting was going on. At the altar of prayer were three dear little girls seeking religion. One cried out aloud: "O, I wish I could pray; I don't know what to say." Some one near by told her to say: "O Lord, have mercy on me." Instantly she began saying with all her heart, "O Lord, have mercy on me." The one next to her anxious to be included in the prayer, said earnestly: "Me too, Lord." Thus these tender, confiding little ones prayed as they were told, until the good spirit of our God sent light and life, love, joy and peace into their hearts. Soon all three of them were joined in each others arms, standing up and very happy. The mourners were all asked to kneel again presently, for another prayer. These little girls not kneeling, were spoken too personally. "O," said one of them, "we are not mourners; we are converted." How easy it is when the whole heart is engaged, and we have some one to show us and help us a little, to give ourselves to Jesus. I never went up for prayer but once in life, and that was when a child. A good christian friend helped me, and soon the happy work was done—I was converted. Now, little readers, whenever you hear a good prayer can you not say, "Bless me, too, Lord?" "Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try," and God will answer.

What a Pity.

In my many journeyings I stopped for the night at the house of a Methodist family in a pleasant village where they were honored and blessed with a large family of girls and boys. I was made welcome and very kindly treated, and of course tried to make my visit of some good to them. So I asked a bright little girl if she could read. "O yes, sir," she readily answered. "And can you sing?" "Yes, sir," was her pleasant reply. "And can you pray?" I asked. She did not say a word for a moment, and I said: "Do you not say your prayers?" With a blank face and a puzzled look the dear child astonished me by saying: "I don't know what that is." And here was a man and woman to whom the Lord has given several immortal souls to train for Him and for heaven, and they are growing up not knowing how to pray. O, isn't it too bad! But I found a convenient opportunity and showed the dear little girl how to pray. She knelt by me, folded her hands, and looking quite serious repeated the evening prayer for a child. I hope she will learn to pray in good hard earnest. Are there any of my little readers who do not pray? Do you ask for something to eat when you are hungry? Then you should pray to God for His blessings, and give Him thanks for all His goodness.

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OBITUARIES.

RESOLUTIONS—TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM COLUMBUS SCOTT.

We, the committee appointed by the Salem Sunday-school, to draft resolutions to the memory of our departed brother and friend, William Columbus Scott, report as follows:

We feel deeply and sorely the bereavement of this brother and friend. Since it has pleased the All-wise Father to take from our midst our brother and friend, reminding us that daily some pearl drops from the jeweled thread of life; therefore, be it Resolved; That in the death of Columbus, the Sunday-school has lost one of its most diligent and attentive students, the church one who attended upon its ordinances and supported its institutions, and society a noble and true young man.

2. That we strive to follow his example, for there was much in his character to be admired, and much worthy of emulation.

3. That we tender to the aged parents our profound and sincere sympathy, and point them to our Heavenly Father, who is good to all, and whose tender mercies are over all His works.

4. That we tender to the bereaved family our sincere condolence, and pray God that this bereavement may be the means of strengthening them in the love of the Master, for He has said: "My grace is sufficient for thee."

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the aged parents, and to the ARKANSAS METHODIST for publication, also that they be spread upon the record of our Sunday-school.

WILLIE H. SCOTT.
ELLA CAMERON.
O. E. WATSON.

ELLIOTT.—Sister Fairaba Elliott died in Hempstead county, Ark., April 22, 1885, after a severe illness of pneumonia, lasting only about four or five days; aged 54 years. She was converted and joined Holly Grove M. E. Church, South, about seventeen years ago. It was not the pleasure of her pastor to be personally acquainted with her, but I have heard enough said in her praise by those who knew her best and loved her most, to convince us that she was one of those mothers in Israel whose life is a great blessing to all around her, and her death triumphant in Jesus. On the morning before she died at night, she arose in bed, called for a comb and dressed her own hair, had the sisters attending her bedside fix up the room and set it in order, saying to them that she was going to die that night. She talked to her husband and children all the afternoon of her anticipated death at night, arranged all the particulars of her funeral and burial, and at 2 o'clock that night she fell asleep in Jesus. Another incident in connection with Sister Elliott's death is a little singular, and well worthy of mention. On April 14, 1885, only a few days before her death, her granddaughter, Mary Addie Elliott, died of pneumonia, after a few days' illness. Mary was born May 9, 1871; her parents died when she was a few weeks old, and her grand-parents took her and raised her until her death. Her grandmother, on the day that Mary died, being so feeble and bereaved, remarked to the family that she would follow Mary in a week's time, and she took sick that day and did die, as stated above. Mary was a penitent and converted on the last night of the protracted meeting at Holly Grove last summer, and lived a consistent Christian child till her death. On the very Sunday afternoon in May last, a large audience assembled at Alexander school house, to hear a funeral sermon dedicated to the memory of the subjects of this notice.

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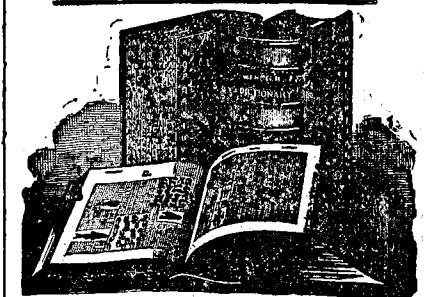
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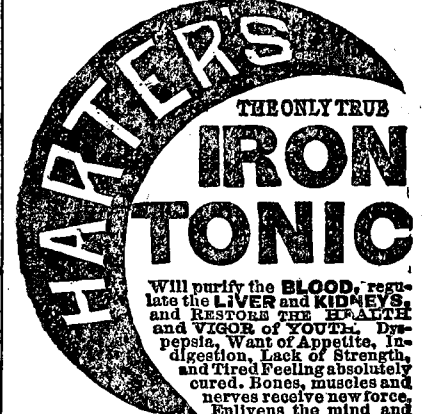
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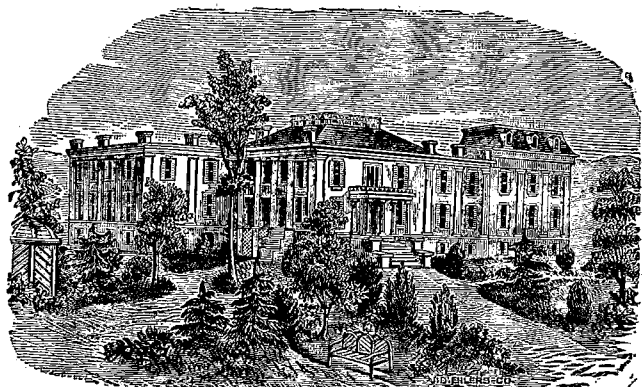
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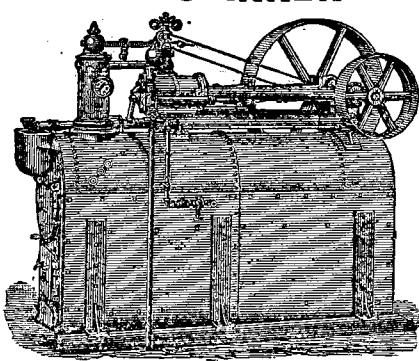
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