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General News.

Domestic.

Our country is clad in mourning. Our great chieftain and ex-President expired at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., on Thursday the 23d inst., at 8:08 a. m. Viewed by the world's standard of success, Gen. Grant was among the first military leaders of this age. Among the Federals, he only had one equal—McClellan—among the Confederate we see Lee and Stone Wall Jackson both towering above him. He was a great man, but a poor politician. Strong in will power, he was never lacking in determination. The great elements of success in his character, were pluck and energy. Like Napoleon, he ever said: "There shall be no Alps." He was a greatly injured man, when he was made to dwarf the soldier into the politician. He never did measure up to the real standard of a great statesman and politicians made him do many things for the sake of party, that neither his heart or judgment approved. All the reconstruction measures, with the vile men they brought to the front, never could have been in full accord with the sentiments of the great soldier. The endeavor to force him upon the country for a third term was the work of office-seeking, time-serving politicians, who would fain gratify their own cupidity by the great popularity of the nation's chieftain. It seemed that Gen. Grant could never rise above the influence of these little base fellows, some of whom desire to figure even in his burial. 'Tis well that God permitted him to linger so long amid the fires of affliction, till the real gold of this grand character could shine out in all its resplendence, and the dying hero could do more with his death than had been accomplished by his life—in cementing the bonds of his dissevered country. He was one of the great and prominent figures of this mighty age, and the whole world stops to shed a tear over his fall. We are sorry to see the contest over his burial place. Let the sorrowing wife and children attend to that, and let their choice be the easy settlement of the question, and no matter where he sleeps, he will never die out of the nation's heart and confidence.

Foreign.

The great Anglo-Russian difficulty is not yet settled. Lord Salisbury has renewed the proposal that Russia should withdraw her troops from advanced positions in the Zullicar pass, in order to avoid a possible conflict with the Afghans. Russia will agree to it on condition that the Afghans be restrained from occupying the positions evacuated by the Russian troops. Such occupation will be the signal for an immediate advance by the Russians. Military activity.—The military activity at Odessa is maintained. It is rumored that preparations are being made for an early movement toward the Caspian Sea. The Irish question is again to the front in Old England. This time it is Hon. Mr. Bright that has given offense to the Sons of Erin, and they charge him with a breach of the privilege of parliament. Cholera is still raging in Spain. Italy has sent a squadron to Alexandria. The reports of the death of the El Mahdi is confirmed at Cairo. The Panama Canal Company has asked for another loan of 50,000,000 of francs in bonds. The French government declined to accede, as they are not able now to pay the budget. An anti-vaccination convention will meet at Charleval to-day. Herbert, Spencer, Hacket and Buckner, will send approving letters. A large attendance of Swiss, French, German and Dutch medical men is expected. Guess these scientists and doctors have struck their calling at last. They certainly know very little about religion and the Bible.

State News.

Old Camden has had a \$10,000 fire. We are sorry for this loss on our old friends. We love Camden.

The Argenta Incident is out in a new dress, and looks as sweet as a pink. It is a newswy paper.

Hon. Mr. Alexander has been appointed postmaster at Pine Bluff, vice Hon. A. A. C. Rogers, suspended.

Camp-meeting near Holly Wood, in Clark county, embracing the 5th Sunday in August. We hope to take in a part of it.

Sheriff Fletcher, of Lonoke county, returned a few days ago with the murderer, Ruffin, caught at Stormville, Miss.

Magnolia has passed an ordinance that boys under 21 shan't play billiards in that town. How about the grown up children?

Crops are suffering in many portions of our State. The rains are spotted, and corn and cotton are both suffering in the hills.

Pic-nics, barbecues, and camp-meetings are being held throughout the State. Keep away whiskey, drink cool water, and then you will all have a good time.

Hot Springs don't rejoice much over the appointment of Gen. Field as Superintendent. All right. Help to elect him door keeper of the House of Representatives, and then our folks will have another chance.

Hon. S. H. Emmerson has been appointed postmaster at Malvern. We are glad of this. Sam is one of the true men, and Malvern one of the nice towns, and good things should go together as well as good people.

Hon. T. C. McRae was the fortunate man this time, and will make the race in the Third Congressional District. We heartily congratulate him. "Lean dog for a long race." My friend will appreciate this, this hot weather.

"Sunday night services have been discontinued in Christ Church until the first Sunday in September." So says the Gazette. Wonder what will become of the sinners in that time? We thought all the churches in this city belonged to Christ.

We have seen the plats and drawings for the additions to the Blind Institute. They are very beautiful. Dr. Bond has great taste on that line. We are glad to see the Superintendent has been visiting other institutions of like character. We hope he gained much valuable information.

Superintendent Frey has resigned as Superintendent of the Texas and St. Louis R. R., and will receive a very important position on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas R. R. The banquet may have been well enough, but that wit flowing out of wine is a poor affair at best. Better quit such foolishness.

"Angelo Marre has tiled his billiard hall in a most elegant manner, and has sent to Italy for tiling for the front part of his saloon." So says the Gazette, without notice or comment. Wonder how many of his customers will send to Italy for anything. Poor fools! killing yourselves and ruining your families to make this saloon man rich.

The Hamburg News has a good report of the District Conference at Rock Springs. How we hated to miss it. We see a sad item in this paper. One of our dear friends has lost her three little boys at one time. They were all drowned in Saline River. Dear Sister Rowls, how we sympathize with you; but thank God the children are safe. Oh! how dark earth would be without the light of heaven.

Personal.

Rev. H. Jewell returned from District Conference on Saturday evening. Class meeting on Sunday evening with good results.

Revs. J. M. G. Douglas, J. C. Rhodes and Rev. H. M. Granade will receive premiums this week. We like this because we love to help those who are helping us.

Rev. A. D. Jenkins gave us a call on his way to the District Conference at Benton. He did not forget the METHODIST office, and he never does. Come again.

Prof. W. H. Tharp, of the Searcy Male and Female College, was in last week. See his corrected advertisement. This is a first-class college with a first-class faculty.

Our office man took in the Benton District Conference and came back delighted. Guess the brothers and sisters too, dealt very kindly with the young man Edward.

Our Junior returned from the Pine Bluff District Conference on Saturday and will report next week. Sorry we both missed Camden, Monticello, and Arkadelphia. That was our loss.

Sam Jones has stirred the very depths at Plattsburg Camp Meeting and now is in the blue-grass regions of old Kentucky. If Bro. Sam will only leave off a little slang—and steer a little farther from irreverence we will go for him all the way through.

Bishop Wilson is still at Ashville, N. C., summering and drinking from the celebrated Tate Springs. Hope he may entirely recover, and be ready for duty this coming autumn. We desire to hear many more of his elegant sermons.

A friend remembers this senior and with a few fitly chosen words encloses a "V." Such favors are not only appreciated for their intrinsic value, but they are the expressions of love and confidence. Many thanks to that "true friend."

Rev. T. H. Wave, of the Monticello district reports a fine meeting at Plantersville, the place of their District Conference. They gave our paper a rousing endorsement. Many thanks. Sorry we had to miss you, for we have not forgotten the fine time we had last year.

Professor Hancock, of Maple Hill Seminary, near Lebanon, Tenn., was at Pump Springs Camp Meeting. He is the principal of this magnificent school, and we can safely recommend it to all our people. Advertisement next week.

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald D. D., editor of the Advocate is certain that none of the brethren in and about Nashville headquarters would care to have a quadrennium of Episcopal service. Wonder if any of the brethren could be induced to enter for the long term.

Prof. Otis Patten, ex-Superintendent of the Blind Institute, was in to see us. He is always welcome. The good people of Arkansas will never lose sight of, or forget this true friend of the unfortunate. Badly treated, still he will ever live in the love and confidence of our people.

Rev. R. A. Young D. D., our indefatigable Missionary Secretary, sends us the pressing call found on our eighth page. Let every preacher read and attend to this matter very promptly. The case is urgent and there must be no delay. Act at once, like men who love God and his church.

Bishop Hargrove and wife are out toward the Pacific Slope, and will not return before October. Hope they will have a pleasant trip, but don't think they will find much for us in Montana. It is time for us to quit this foolishness. The people in all that region have the gospel, let us turn to Mexico and China—not forgetting Brazil.

Field Notes.

We begin this week with a short note from our old friend and former fellow laborer, Rev. T. A. Graham, of Walnut Tree. He writes: "I am just home from a protracted meeting. Had several conversions and organized a church. I send three new subscribers for the METHODIST. Your paper is giving great satisfaction. Will make an earnest effort for it this fall." Many thanks, my old friend.

Next comes in our brother, C. C. Graham, from Plummerville, with six subscribers, and the following good report: "Enclosed please find nine names to whose address you will please send your paper; will settle for same at Annual Conference. We held our third Quarterly Conference at Center Ridge, July 11th, Bro. S. H. Babcock, P. E., in the chair. Attendance of official members small; spiritual condition of the church very good; finances somewhat behind. Brother Babcock came to us with the credentials of the Master, and at the very first meeting, while he was telling us of the love and power of Jesus, our hearts were filled with love to God and man, and we rejoiced in God our Saviour. The meeting throughout was blessed with the presence of God to own and bless his children. The visible results, are five conversions and five accessions; the church has also been awakened and equipped for future service. Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We join you in that Doxology after that good note and sweet benediction.

Next comes Brother W. H. W. Burns from Cabin Creek Circuit. We give this as handed us by the P. E., as his report to the District Conference at Mulberry. It is a model one: "Cabin Creek Circuit, W. H. W. Burns, P. C. 1. Spiritual state of the church. No. of appointments, 7. No. of appointments added to the charge this year, 1. No. of organized societies, 5. No. of societies that have regular weekly prayer meetings, 2. No. of societies only occasional prayer meetings, 3. No. of societies that have regular class meetings, 1. No. of societies that have only occasional class meetings, 4. No. of members, 308. No. legally disposed of this year, 60. No. received by letter, 10. No. received church vows, 1. Making a net decrease of 49. No. of families in which there are Methodist, 108. No. of Methodist families or families whose heads are Methodist, 89. The proportion of Methodist families who hold family prayer—about 1-5, or 17 out of 89. The proportion of membership who read the Bible daily and have regular secret prayer, about 1-10. The proportion of membership who read the Bible and pray in secret occasionally, about 9-10. The proportion of members who attend regular upon the ordinances of the church, about 9-10. The proportion that attend upon the social meetings of the church, about 2-3. The proportion of the membership supplied with Methodist literature, about 2-3. No. of church papers taken, 50. 2. As to Sunday-schools. No. of Sunday-schools, 3. No. of members, 285. These Sunday-schools are conducted by the formula laid down in the Methodist Sunday-school Quarterly, and patronize our Publishing House, at Nashville, Tenn., in the use of literature and periodicals. 3. As to financial systems—we follow the Disciplinary plan in raising all the collections, as far as practicable. About 9-10 of the membership contribute to all the institutions of the church, as far as their ability will allow. We have four church houses, only two of which can be said to be in good condition. We have a parsonage unfinished and in debt, but we hope to finish and pay it out of debt before the Annual Conference." We wish

we could see reports from all our works at our District Conferences after that plan.

We next present a letter from our brother, J. H. Perkins, from Center Hill, which will show how our old friends love our paper and how they work for it. Wish we had scores of such good friends: "I sent you a communication about June 6th, which I, as well as some others regret that it found its way to the waste basket. It is likely you failed to publish it because I am not a subscriber for your paper. If so, will state in reply to this, I have not subscribed for a paper since I've been in the State, this the seventh year. Reason: I have been postmaster most of this time, and there is always plenty of papers sent as samples and more or less dead on hand. I am a friend to you and am working for your paper manfully. I sent you a legal notice some time ago, that your paper to J. E. Brothers was not taken out, since then I persuaded him to take it, which he is now doing, but am sorry to say to you that your paper addressed to B. F. Sissoms is not taken out. I have done my best on him, but he will not take it out any more. Reason: Not able to pay for it. I am very much interested in your paper and wish you both abundant success. Bro. Dye is very fresh in my memory. Bro. Winfield has forgotten me, does not remember old Papa Goode, on the Panola circuit. Rev. Thos. Goode, at whose house he spent many pleasant hours, as well as myself. I married his daughter, who heard him (Winfield) try to preach (or did preach) on old Panola circuit. Oh, what good old days those were. Bro. Jim Bates is there yet."

And now we will let our brother, J. F. Armstrong, fill out this week's report, with a fine report from the District Conference at Pocahontas: "Just from District Conference at Pocahontas; a small attendance, but sessions and services very interesting. Brother Smith presided with a great deal of acceptability. Bro. Thornburgh was elected secretary, and was eminently useful in all the interests of the church and remarkably religious. The preaching was very good, and the moon shone on Thursday night in all its brilliancy, and one member of the congregation remarked that it was quite a blessing to have the moon at its full, to shine upon us in all its gospel glory and heavenly benedictions. Bro. Harwood arranged for our hospitable entertainment with no little degree of dexterity, and the good people of Pocahontas abounded in a generous hospitality. Bro. Harwood, whose health has been feeble ever since Conference, is still in exceeding bad health and has preached but few times since Conference. Were it not for his zeal and energy in saving souls, he no doubt would quit at once his much loved employ. He enjoys much religion in his bodily sufferings. May God grant him grace to sustain him in all his personal afflictions and if consistent with the will of heaven, may he be restored to good health again. From the reports of the brethren, one would judge the district to be in tolerably good condition, only. Bro. Smith presided with the tenderest regard for the feelings of the brethren composing the District Conference, and respected the privilege of each member. Bro. Thornburgh, I presume, will write you a letter and report in reference to the District Conference. Well, Dootors, the last found its way to the waste-basket; well you are the judges as to what ought to be published in the paper. I am no murmurer, and this may meet a similar fate, but I will send it knowing that the part you are chiefly interested in will find its way to your pockets. Wishing you great success in all your paper and church work, I remain yours, most truly.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1885.

TENNESSEE NOTES.

I am glad to note the growing acquaintance between Arkansas and Tennessee in respect of schools. In the schools with which I am most familiar, in my own State, Arkansas has always had a fair representation of numbers, and these numbers in material have challenged comparison with the patronage from any other State.

While, however, Arkansas has given generous support to our schools, our school men have not advertised largely in Arkansas, except in the excellent work apparent in the young ladies and gentlemen when returning to adorn the active walks of life.

In the ARKANSAS METHODIST of this week I read the advertisements of five Tennessee schools—Vanderbilt University, Culleoka Institute, Memphis Conference Female Institute, Mrs. M. E. Clark's Select School for young ladies, Nashville, Tenn., and Chapel Hill Academy, in Marshall county, Tenn. Vanderbilt, Culleoka and Jackson are old favorites, but Mrs. Clark and Prof. Wall are new candidates and worthy ones.

I visited Mrs. Clark's school at Franklin and I was much pleased with her methods and management. Prof. Wall's school is located in a charming country, and it is one of the best schools I have visited. Prof. Wall believes in the co-education of the sexes, and there seems to be a generous sort of rivalry between the boys and girls that provokes them to good, earnest work.

It was my privilege to attend one of the examinations, and I confess that I was surprised to find a school so fully abreast of the times. The teachers know what to teach and how. I can cordially commend and recommend this school, and the others to those in quest of desirable locality and superior schools.

I was in Nashville last month attending the seventh annual meeting of the Tennessee Conference Woman's Missionary Society. We failed to secure a full representation, but had a good working body with short, concise reports. The delegates present resolved to take stock in the school proposed by Miss Haygood, in the letter published last week in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

The missionary quilt which you kindly noticed, and on which Arkansas Methodism is represented by the name of Rev. A. R. Winfield, was an exhibition, a veritable thing of beauty. We made one hundred dollars on it before the annual meeting, then it was purchased by Rev. Jas. D. Barker, D. D., pastor of McKendree Church, for one hundred dollars. It was then donated to the Conference Society by the generous purchaser, so that we have another year in which to obtain names and money on the quilt; and I cordially invite all who are willing to aid our cause to send me names and a contribution. The work is exquisite embroidery, and different kinds of painting on elegant material. There is a scroll, white, on black satin (painted) on this scroll are the names of Bishops, and other ministers, it is full as are the spaces around. From the scroll are lines, and these lines extend to white winged birds, and are held in their mouths. Of course the legend is: "I saw another angel flying in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

In either corner to the right and left of these winged messengers, are the names from the Indian Territory, sent me by Mr. Jno. F. Simpson, of Eufala, Indian Territory. There are many artistic features on the quilt—flowers of scripture in painting and embroidery—in the center on rich velvet a cluster of large lilies, with the legend, "Consider the Lilies," the legend applying also to some lovely lilies in embroidery. There is also the Mexican Cactus, (painted) and the Pansy Society Badge, with motto from Mrs. Alden, editress of the Pansy, the best children's magazine that

comes under my notice. The list of editors is not long, but we hope to extend it. Winfield and Fitzgerald give a good beginning. But it would take a long letter to tell you all the objects of interest on our quilt. We wish it to make much money for our treasury. No plethoric purse has as yet been emptied into our coffer; no monumental gifts. We cannot hope for enlargement of the work until the grace of liberality be more abundant. O, that many would imitate the example of Bishop McTyeir's and resolve to double their contributions to the woman's work this year.

In the City of Rocks one sees many signs of material progress, and would fain hope that church activities are in *pari passu*. This is at least a matter of speculation. Where one sees and hears so much he seldom takes the time for extra amount of doing.

The genial editor of the great official smiled from behind a prodigious pile of papers, manuscripts, some on the table some on the floor, having, I presume, already been cast under foot. I had only a salutation of greeting and farewell from the Book Agent. Mrs. Butler was absent in the interest of the Woman's Advocate.

The gospel tent looked lonely, but the name of Sam Jones was on many lips. He is at this writing holding forth in Murfreesboro. I understand that one saloon has closed out, but that the stores of Jewish merchants, like the gospel gates, stand open day and night, and Sunday.

The travel yesterday, (Sunday), to hear Bro. Jones, was heavy, excursion trains were crowded, those who could not go were disappointed, and the law of compensation hardly covered their cases.

Meantime, Bro. Jones is Bro. Jones, and all attempts on the part of Bro. Smith to be Bro. Jones are fearful failures. The lion's skin he stretched ever so much, will not hide the ears. Such imitators bring religion into contempt with sinners, and the discovery is attended by all the demonstrations of the old fable—the dogs bark, the mules kick, the old horses prick up their ears and chew thoughtfully, while the thoughtless brood of poultry that were seeking shelter and safety are scared and scattered when the familiar bray is heard.

I missed your editorial, sorry I did, on "Our Name," but I read with great delight and hearty approval, the article of your correspondent, Geo. Thornburgh, on the same subject. As Sam Jones would say, "Them's my sentiments." Let us keep our name—this generation could love no other half so well. Let us keep it and abandon the costly and unnecessary experiment of planting the magnolia in the North. Southward and across the seas let our course of empire win its way.

"Counting the Converts," that editorial ought to be circulated and read and thought upon. I am sometimes like the man in the land o' mist, and cannot discern those that be upon the right nor those upon the left, while the voice of the shadowy pilot sounds afar off and is lost in the spectral darkness. Penitence and prayer and faith, with holy song to help, and the way will shine, and the voice be heard all along the line: "I am the way the truth and the life."

This is my birth-day and I am reminded of Bro. Jones again, on the average husband—not mine—mine does much better; but the one Bro. Jones was telling about says, "this is wife's birth-day—she is a good woman—does a lot of hard work and never complains—she is a good woman and ought to have a present. I will go down town and buy her one." He goes to town, looks all around, sees many pretty things, wishes to buy his wife a present. Finally he buys a handsome hat for himself, for, says he, "nothing will please my good wife half so much as to see her husband with a good hat."

MRS. SUE F. MOONEY.
July 18, 1885.

No Bishop Timber at Nashville.

I have just shaken hands with Dr. Young in the Publishing House, and am authorized by him to say to you that he is at perfect agreement with Dr. Fitzgerald that there is no Bishop timber hereabout! And all the brethren say—a—say—say—A—men!

A. T. GOODLOE.
Jerusalem, July 14.

Letter from New Orleans.

EDITORS METHODIST:—I have just returned from the Sea Shore Camp-meeting. It is useless for me to attempt a description of these grounds or of the meeting to you. The meeting was something new to me (my first camp-meeting.) I enjoyed it far more than I can express. The grounds have been chosen with rare judgment and are a boon to the Methodist people throughout this and neighboring vicinities. Right on the Sea Shore with a most magnificent beach. The slope is gradual and beautiful. I am told that one can walk out two miles in the water and not have the water come higher than the neck. A soft sandy bottom gives the impression of walking on a velvet carpet. The land slope too is very pretty to the shore. The grounds are beautifully shaded by trees of a large variety—Sycamore, Hickory, Oak and Wild Magnolia, being among the kinds. Any Methodist person can go there and build a tent by complying to certain easy rules. A ground tax of \$10 is asked, and it is expected that a tent worth \$100 will be put up. Many persons take their whole families over and stay from first of May till first of November, with every advantage of a sea shore resort.

The tents are mostly comfortable wooden houses, containing from four to six rooms, galleries fronting the water. I occupied Christian Keener's tent, which contained four rooms and a hall; and found myself as comfortable as at home, though, of course, the houses are rough, being of undressed lumber in upright style. But why need I explain a camp ground to you, I expect you have been on many. But this impressed me as such a blessing, outside of the annual meeting, which is of course the primary object in view. The grounds are kept beautifully. Meats and other marketing are brought every morning to the door; and, being a Methodist, one can live there delightfully without any extra cost all summer.

A gate fee is charged of 50 cents for the season of six months; for the grounds, bath houses, warves and boats must be kept in order.

Now for the meeting. It was grand and was an exemplification of how God will bless when there is a concentration and consecration of religious power. I heard there were twenty-eight preachers present. Bishop Keener was there, but only favored us with one sermon—3 o'clock on Sunday—I was disappointed in that, for I felt for every reason that he ought to have preached at 11 o'clock on Sunday, and at other times also. I am somewhat impressed by this that the people down here don't appreciate that man of such grand mind and abilities. His sermons always seem to me like every sentence is a truth moulded and hammered down so that it is as unanswerable as an axiom. Dr. Harrison, of Nashville, was there and preached several times, Dr. Mark Andrews and Dr. Andrew, son of Bishop Andrew, Dr. Carter, Ahrens, and many others. It was a feast. We had music, vocal and instrumental. The committee on music prepared for the instrumental part by furnishing an organ and cornet. To the latter I think at first there were a little whispered objection, but it all melted away as I shall tell. The lad who was hired to go there to play on the cornet had never been in a meeting at a protestant church. I am informed never heard a hymn, i.e. as we sing. At first he made sad havoc of some of our sacred familiar tunes. But being first rate at reading music, they soon got him tamed down. It was soon noticed when not called on to play that he was noticing the words of the hymns, then he was noticed to join his voice with the others, at times when the spirit moved some brother or sister, to start a tune without waiting for the formality of commencement. Then he began to ask the boys questions regarding our methods and about conversion. Much to the surprise of all he went to the altar one night and continued going until he professed to be converted. Preachers who talked with him were much pleased and entirely satisfied at the genuineness of all he professed. He asked many curious questions and would not take the communion until it was fully explained to him. And he said he could

not break his mother's heart by leaving the Catholic Church, and he would consult her and then decide. Said he: "If I can keep my faith and stay in the church I am in, I will." "We will see what we will see." One strange thing about this is that Mr. Werlein, who took the boy out, would not allow anything said to him until he sought it, because he was set against proselyting. I could tell you of many interesting and delightful things, but I commenced this letter on a matter of business, and only thought to tell you I had been to the Camp-meeting, and lo! I have been led to say all these pages.

One thing more than I will desist. A lady arose in the experience meeting and said that years ago she was converted under Bishop Keener's preaching, when she did not understand one word he said. At that time knowing no English. The Holy Spirit took a tone, I suppose, and sanctified it as in the case of Hernandez, our Mexican preacher. The experience meetings were instructive and delightful.

Please, from this time till further notice, send my ARKANSAS METHODIST to me at Plainfield, New Jersey, where I go next week. My sister and I sail by ocean steamer to New York on next Wednesday, 22nd inst.; thence to Plainfield to my sister's, Mrs. Porter. I hope my friends in Arkansas still have interest enough in me to remember me in their prayers.

You say that long time ago I promised you a letter, this will certainly redeem that promise. It may be with such good effect that you will not want another promise soon. Give my love to Sister Winfield and Mrs. Powell. Tell the latter we missed her last spring when we were enjoying Mr. Powell. We are to have another exposition, come to it.

Arkansas is so well off in regard to the appropriation for her display, I have been listening and hoping to hear of her declining the \$2000 promised each State by New Orleans, Louisiana, New Orleans in particular has to bear nearly all the burden of the thing, and yet her claims must only be paid last. It does not seem just. Some of the States acknowledge great benefit, and still have a surplus of money on hand. They ought to be generous and help us out. Wishing you and the ARKANSAS METHODIST a prosperous year, I am, most kindly and respectfully,
MARY S. OBER.

EDITORS METHODIST:—A great deal is now being said about Sam Jones through your paper and others. It would be very remarkable indeed, if we should all exactly agree about the man and his methods. No unprejudiced mind can look over the vast field covered with the rich results, without being deeply impressed with the facts that God is in the work. The results are being tested; and do they not stand the test?

It is not my purpose to drift into the controversy, I wish simply to call attention to one important feature following the revivals conducted by Sam Jones, and that is the fact that the effects are not confined to the towns or immediate communities where his meetings are held. But in nearly every instance a wave is put in motion through his meetings which rolls out for miles away, and the heart of the church is deeply stirred at a great distance. For instance, here at Decatur, Ala., where we had been lying as bleaching bones for many years. We are sure we have realized the sweep of the wave which has radiated from Nashville. We had been praying, preaching and working otherwise, for a deep, mighty revival for months. During the revival at Nashville two young men of our Sabbath-school went there "on purpose to get religion," and they returned full of faith and the Holy Ghost; and very soon after their return I appointed a prayer meeting for the young men, and then the revival began deep down in the hearts of the people. About this time a man of our town was converted while reading one of Sam Jones' sermons in a newspaper. So the work went on until the entire town seemed ready to surrender at the cross; whole families had been converted at the altar. The whole community has been shaken as by an earthquake. It is no "spasm," no "sensation." Nearly one hundred souls have been converted, (pardon

me for counting,) and so far eighty have been added to the churches; I have received fifty-five and more to follow. The ages of the converts have ranged from seven years to seventy-five. Sam Jones is not here, but the great tidal wave has come and lifted the habitations of iniquity.

MILLARD J. LAW.

Decatur, Ala., July 17, 1885.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Newport District, White River Conference, held its first session at Pocahontas, July 9-12. P. E. Smith presided with modesty, courtesy and dispatch. All the pastors but three were present; also a goodly number of local preachers and laymen.

The P. E. was thorough in his inquiries, and brought out the condition of the District pretty freely. The blanks originated by Bishop Hargrove were used, but not fully understood by all. In fact the blanks are not practical in all respects. The General Conference should have a committee on reports of all kinds and provide forms at once, full, practical and convenient.

The committee on Bible cause offered a resolution urging our ministers and people to stick to the King James Bible in preference to the new version, which was adopted, but after discussion was adopted by a large majority.

The committee on Centenary congratulated the Conference on what had been accomplished for centenary objects.

The committee on Temperance advocated a strong position on the temperance question, and a "pull altogether" by the church.

The committee on Missions reported that Corning circuit should be a mission; that there should be a mission between Newport and Cache river; and probably should be one on Jones' creek and Spring river on the State Line.

The committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, gladly reported an improved spiritual condition. The committee urged our people to take more interest in family worship, and as the best means of conducting family prayer they suggested the following:

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Buy a Bible for each member of the family.

Have a convenient place to keep them by themselves.

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The finance committee said the finances were behind considerably, and the principal reason was the want of system and efficient stewards.

Walnut Ridge was chosen as the place at which to meet next year.

Geo. Thornburgh, C. G. Johnston, Joe W. Coffman and W. H. Phipps, were chosen delegates to the Annual Conference; the latter is a local preacher. W. E. Irby and G. G. Green were elected alternate delegates.

Rev. G. A. Dannelly was the only visitor to the Conference. The Junior of the METHODIST was expected, but did not appear. The Conference was as thoughtful as ye Editor—it said nothing about papers.

The prospect was good for a revival when I left. The town of Pocahontas did nobly by the Conference. Every one appeared to be well located.

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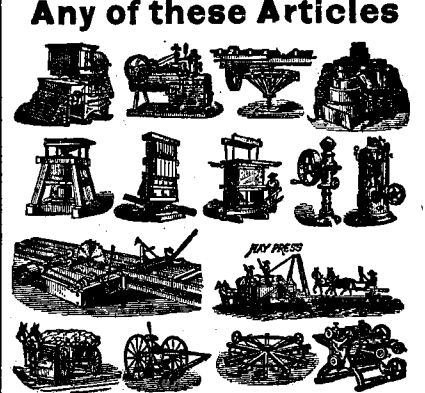


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E. E. SQUIRES, Accountant for Mitchell & Bettis, do hereby certify that 21,840 papers is the number printed for the Arkansas Methodist during the month of May, 1885.

E. E. SQUIRES.

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

JAMES L. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

QUEEN ESTHER.

Esther is one of the most beautiful books of the Bible, and its author was a real poet. It is a marvel in delineation of character, and furnishes us a very important piece of Jewish history. The characters are well drawn and life-like. Ahasuerus, the king, was a man of some noble traits of character; but utterly wanting in all the real elements of true manhood. Vascllating in all his movements, a creature of appetite—he was a fit tool for designing men. Vashti, the Queen, was a perfect model of a beautiful woman, and as modest and pure in character as she was beautiful in person. She was the dreaded foe of the deceitful Haman, and could be neither bought or cajoled into any of his wicked plots or ambitious schemes; hence she became the subject of his envy and the object of his hate. He pursued her to banishment and cruel exile, for not obeying the wicked and unnatural command of the drunken king. Ahasuerus did in a fit of drunkenness that which cost him a life of bitter regret and humiliating sorrow. Firm old Mordecai, the stiff necked old Jew, whose character was a strange combination of church bigotry and pharasaic puritanism, was ever the dreaded foe of the ambitious Haman. He could not neither be seduced or bought up. Haman was as wicked and unprincipled a demagogue as ever cursed a country. Vain and unscrupulous; ambitious and designing; a hypocrite in religion and a demagogue in politics. Too weak to be a leader, and still unwilling to have any other place. Selfish to a fault, and as full of deceit as mortal could be. His designs were all related to his own preference; and looked either to the downfall of an enemy or his own promotion. He was incapable of true friendship, and as full of malignity as satan. Ahasuerus was his weak and imbecile tool. Mordecai watched and despised him, and he both hated and dreaded the stern old Jew. He was fairly outwitted in the selection of a successor to Queen Vashti. Mordecai, by good management, brought his own nation and kindred to the front, and Esther, the beautiful, was the selected Queen. Haman was exalted at court and was being filled with honors, but the old Jew sat in the king's gate and would not do him homage. It was too much for him. The king did not love Mordecai, but the stern old son of Abraham was needed in the councils of the kingdom, and could not be thrust aside. He had shown his devotion to the king by advising him of a conspiracy against the royal family. Now comes the most diabolical and wicked plot that was ever heard of in history. Because Mordecai would not consent to be a supplicant mental to Haman, he determines to plot for the destruction of all the Jews in the realm. Taking the advantage of the drunkenness of the king, he procured a decree for their destruction on the plea that they were averse to all the true interests of the realm in all their religion and life. Besides he declared their destruction would bring much money into the king's treasury. The weak and vain king granted the request without ever stopping to think that his own lovely queen was one of that nation. Poor old Mordecai is in deep distress; conscious of real integrity, he sees impending danger. But there is always one way of safety to the truly good. Our God is ever accessible and his power is unlimited.

Mordecai begins the fast with sack cloth and ashes and throughout the realm wherever the decree came there was great lamentation and fasting among the Jews. Mordecai came near the king's gate, but could not enter. The queen is informed of the trouble of her noble but now sorrowing kinsman. She seeks to clothe and comfort him, but he refuses. He asks her help in this hour of national distress, but she declares herself powerless. He urges her, and tells her that now is the hour for a great emergency to be met, and eminently the hour when she can rise to true greatness, but if she refuses there will be destruction and she will not escape, and if deliverance should happen, she will loose the real hour of her life. Noble woman. She rises to the occasion. Tell my uncle to fast and pray, have all the Jews fast and pray and I will fast and pray "and then will I go in unto the king, which is not according to law, and if I perish I perish." Grand words from the lips of a true woman. Our God begins to answer. The king cannot sleep. The book of the records are brought and read. Poor old fasting, praying and waiting Mordecai, your nobleness will be rewarded at last. Haman is summoned at the midnight hour. What shall be done for the man the king delighteth to honor. What a nice programme is offered by Haman, and as he imagined, certainly for himself. But alas! alas! Haman is soon leading the king's mule through the streets of the city, and Mordecai is the rider. But only the day before Haman was the only guest of the banquet prepared by Esther, except the king. He had left the palace overburdened with joy; but the old Jew sat at the gate and would neither move or bow. Haman hated and feared him, and now his humiliation has begun. He is the one appointed to lead the mule and act as herald while his enemy is riding in triumph. His wife and friends assure him that if he has commenced to fall, his ruin is only a question of time. But while he is grief stricken, he has erected the gallows for Mordecai, and is now speedily summoned to the second banquet of the queen, and only waits the proper moment to ask the privilege of hanging him. But the king has another petitioner. Listen: What is thy petition, Queen Esther? Did woman ever look more lovely? Did tears ever glisten more like diamonds on the face of beauty? Did eyes ever look sweeter, or countenance express more earnestness, or lips ever move or tongue utter with sweeter power the words: "Give me my life and the life of my people." What does it mean, and who is the instigator of this wicked plot? The wicked Haman. Some body else is a supplicant now. Haman pleads for his own life. The day of doom has come. How ready people are to help us when we start down hill. Says one: The gallows erected for Mordecai is ready, and ere an hour passes the crafty Haman is hanging where he expected to hang Mordecai, and very soon the old Jew is the king's best man, and the Jews have their enemies under their feet. Haman is a warning to all politicians in church and state, and all tricksters should ponder and consider well his awful fate. This book is a page of Jewish history. What is to be the fate of that grand old people, was a by-word and power among the nations of the earth? We cannot answer, but we firmly believe the time will come when they will receive Jesus of Nazareth and will join at last in the joyful acclaim that will crown him Lord of all!

The camp-meeting at Shavers Camp Ground, in Izard county, ten miles south west of Salem, begins Friday night, before the second Sunday in August. We want twenty-five families to move on the ground and camp in cloth tents, with provisions for ten days at least. All the preachers of the Batesville district are invited, and one of the editors of the METHODIST must be there.

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Wednesday, July 22nd—Thermometer among the nineties, editor sick and two District Conferences to attend. At 2:45 we are off for Springfield to meet Elder Babcock and his fieldhands. Fine crowd at night and this editor had to dispense the word. It was a melting time in more ways than one. Home at Bro. Hawkins with our Bro. W. W. Garland, who is one of the most quiet large men we ever saw. Thursday sick and a whole day talking ahead. Sister Gardner is one of the best hands to prepare a meal we know, and her husband Rev. W. R. Gardner, can put more medicines and mearer medicines in one dose than any preacher we ever met. Oh me, but didn't it get me down badly. Conference met at 9 o'clock. It was a good Conference and a large one. Presiding Elder Babcock held the reins well and brother J. F. Hall is a splendid scribe. The reports on the spiritual state of the church was good and the discussion in splendid style. They gave us all the time desired to present our interests and listened at us with marked attention, and then endorsed our paper fairly and squarely. We are under many obligations for the personal resolution and for the kind things said of us and our paper. The district was certainly in good condition and we think all the claims will be met. We had a fine crowd to lecture to at night and the journey through Palestine and Egypt was a hot one. Brother Tarleton brought us to Plummerville to be in time for the freight next morning, but that freight was only three hours late, so all hope was abandoned of reaching Little Rock in time to catch the Iron Mountain train at 11:45. We put in the time well in sleeping at Bro. Hobbs'. Home at 1:30, and rested well to leave at night for Washington District Conference, at Pump Springs Camp Ground, but heat and sickness forbade our leaving and we waited until 12:05 next day. At 7 p. m. we were at Nashville, and oh, what a splendid turnout Mr. Shepherd had to take us to the Camp Ground. We were too late for the Conference, but we had the full benefit of the Camp Meeting. We found Bro. Preston preaching, and indeed it was a good sermon. Many penitents were at the altar and many found peace. Sunday was a stirring day; Love Feast at 6; Bro. Sanders preached at 8:30; this writer at 11; Dr. Verner talked for the Bible at 3, and the veteran Dr. Biggs gave us one of his grand theological sermons at 3:30. It had the old ring, and was a square meal of real old fashioned Methodist doctrine. He is one of the clearest and strongest preachers of our church. At night we had the Sacrament and a great season of revival power. The Elders of the Christian (i. e. Campbellite) church of Corinth, sent over a written challenge to the heads of the tribes, at the Camp Ground to come over and debate with them on theological differences. It was one of the coolest pieces of church impudence we ever heard of. Quit your Camp Meeting and have a water scuffle with us. We only replied that we were too busy saving souls, but invited them to come next day and hear a sermon on the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many were there and our God baptized us fully. Many souls were convinced and started to seek God. It was a grand occasion. We were astonished at the growth of Nashville. It will soon be a city. Our people must be helped there, and we must have a good house of worship. Elder Holmes said the Conference was a grand success, and Sanders, the scribe, will write it up. No room for more this week.

Do not Wait.

The Conferences are near at hand, but do not wait. The banks cannot and will not carry us until the Conferences report. The secretary and treasurer are borrowing money on their own personal endorsement to pay current expenses during July and August. This is all right, and there is no danger ahead, if the preachers will forward their missionary money now. Brethren, please to regard this call as very urgent. Determine on full assessments; but send immediately the money you have on hand.

ROBT. A. YOUNG,
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BATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Convened at Salem, Ark., July 16th. Rev. H. M. Granada, P. E., in the chair, and Mr. Neill Shaver, secretary. The opening sermon was by Rev. J. S. Brooke, and of which we heard a good report.

Dr. Anderson preached a splendid sermon on Friday, at 11 a. m., though we did not arrive in time to hear it. Owing to the trains not making connection at Hoxie, we were delayed nearly 24 hours, and on that account only had the pleasure of spending the afternoon of Friday with the conference, although we made a round trip of over 300 miles to visit it. But while we regretted the shortness of the stay, we do not regret the trip, as we were amply repaid by the hearty greeting we received from the preachers and delegates of the conference, and many old friends whom we had not seen for several years, and whom it is always a pleasure to meet. And then by their kindness we secured many new subscribers and renewals, and many warm indorsements of the paper, and hearty expressions of their confidence in its future success and usefulness. Then going and coming on the train, and at the depots we met other old friends, and made many new acquaintances, most of whom helped to swell the long and growing list of subscribers to the METHODIST. Instead of spending the day and night at Hoxie, we went to Walnut Ridge, and stopped at the elegant and hospitable home of COL. J. M. PHELPS,

where we passed the time in reading, writing, sleeping and resting, mostly the latter. We have not had such a day of rest and quiet in months, and we greatly enjoyed it. He and his good wife were members of my first pastoral charge, and have been warm friends ever since. He renewed his subscription, and sent an extra copy to his Uncle, in Wisconsin.

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of the firm of Archer & Hinson, but in what particular we will not mention, lest he be troubled by some one else for a similar kindness. Our little friend, Harry Tunnstall, is here who went to war with us, and as our orderly sergeant, and we were glad to find was trying to live religious and train his family for heaven.

Presiding Elder Granada watched the proceedings of the Conference with the vigilance that characterizes his administration generally. He listened to the reports of the preachers, asking an occasional question, and offering a brief comment here and there, sometimes provoking laughter and eliciting discussion, but always throwing light upon the question under discussion. He is doing a noble work upon the district, his preachers and labors abundantly testify, besides conducting with interest and success the Children's Department of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Rev. S. L. Cochran, P. E., Jonesboro district, and Rev. J.

M. Clark, P. E., Helena district, were present, and received a warm greeting from their old friends and neighbors. Bro. Cochran is slightly indisposed, but hope the mountain air and water will restore him.

Dr. O. T. Hunt, Prof. Ransom Gully and Prof. Randle, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, and they were balloting for the fourth delegate when we left. If the fourth shall be the equal of the others, it will be an exceptionally strong delegation, just such as all our districts should send. Judge Abernathy, Evening Shade, one of the ablest lawyers in North Arkansas, was a delegate to the district conference, and chairman of one of its committees. He is coming to the front in the church, as he has long been on the bench and at the bar. Rev. I. A. Vernon, P. C., found homes for all, and was deeply solicitous for a revival. Sheriff D. P. Tunnstall and County and Circuit Clerk L. P. Kay, are brothers-in-law, and leading members of our church, as their wives have been for years. We have known them all from childhood, and was delighted to meet them again, but profoundly sorry to find sister Mac Kay in such feeble health. But best of all she is ready to live or die. Rev. E. M. Baker, Rev. S. W. Register, Rev. J. F. Troy, Rev. Louis Kelly, Rev. Thomas Vincent, Rev. E. M. Davis, Rev. J. S. Brooke, and last but not least, Rev. Frank Noe, were all present and in good health and spirits, all of whom we were glad to see, and greatly regretted that we could not tarry longer. We left late in the evening and drove to Mammoth Springs, over a lonely mountainous road, reaching there about midnight. The following (Saturday) morning we took the train for Hoxie, but finding there would be no train for Little Rock till night, we went to Jonesboro, and after getting an excellent dinner at the Huntingdon House, went to the post office, where we found Mr. A. L. Malone, life and fire insurance agent, who took us around the square, introducing us to many, who subscribed for the METHODIST. It we had a few such laymen in every locality to cooperate with our pastors, we would soon have 20,000 subscribers. We met while there, Rev. J. H. Porter, one of our ablest local preachers, and found him an ardent admirer of the METHODIST. He kindly invited this scribe to attend a grand Sunday-school concert and picnic, near Jonesboro, Aug. 5; we hope to be there. We also met here Judge J. M. Rains, a Baptist minister, who obtained a state-wide reputation a few years since, by refusing to grant license to sell whiskey, even though a petition should be presented signed by a majority of the citizens requesting it. He subscribed for the METHODIST. We called at the parsonage to see Rev. F. E. Taylor, P. C., but he was absent. His new church will soon be ready for occupancy. He is building upon Brother Foster's foundation, we believe, and Brother Foster is building upon his at Paragould, as they succeeded each other. Both churches were greatly needed, and are highly creditable to the towns in which they are located; to the liberal citizens whose contributions built them, and to the energetic and excellent pastors, Rev. F. E. Taylor and Rev. W. R. Foster, through whose prayerful and painstaking supervision they have been brought, from an unpropitious beginning to almost completion.

We forgot to notice that the conference at Salem met in a new and nice frame church, nearly completed, and for which their pastor, Rev. I. A. Vernon, and his liberal people deserve praise. We need more and better churches.

We heard that the revival at Paragould was still going on and with glorious results.

We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Cobb, of the Times, and Bro. Penn, of the Democrat, both of whom we were glad to find doing well and making good papers, and that they are well supported is complimentary to Jonesboro and Craighead county. After spending three hours pleasantly, bating the hot weather, and profitably to the paper, we took the Kansas City train to Hoxie, where we were pleasantly saluted by Master Berga Israel, and seated by his side we are soon wheeled to Walnut Ridge, where his kind and accommodating sisters,

in the absence of their mother, insist on our tarrying till supper, after which we boarded the south-bound Iron Mountain train for Argenta, where we were permitted to preach twice on Sabbath, and in the afternoon at Hill-side.

REV. E. A. GARRISON inaugurated a scheme at Searcy last Sunday night, which is worthy of serious consideration and wide-spread imitation. At the close of the service he notified the congregation that the time for which most of them had subscribed for the ARKANSAS METHODIST had nearly expired, and he expected all to renew, and that he would call on them during the week, and collect and forward their renewals, but that there were several widows and poor people in his pastoral charge, who wanted and needed the METHODIST, but were not able to pay for it, and he wanted then and there a contribution to send it to them. It is needless to say he got it, and what is more interesting still, some of it came from members of other churches. That was a capital suggestion, and as successful in its execution as it was happy and thoughtful in its conception. How many others will try it and report?

REV. F. A. JEFFETT, although not fully restored, is meeting his appointments regularly. He is not only filling his pulpit and presiding in his quarterly conferences acceptably, but has earned and shall receive the peace-makers blessing. He has succeeded in effecting some reconciliations recently between some members of the church, whose unfortunate differences like portentous clouds, threatened torrents of disaster to the church. He is singularly gifted and successful in this difficult and delicate work, an endowment any minister might covet.

J. H. D.

THE PINE BLUFF DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Met at Toledo, July 23. Rev. J. H. Riggin, P. E., presiding, and the Rev. W. H. Browning, D. D., Secretary. We reached the church just after adjournment Thursday morning, and only had the pleasure of attending the Friday morning session, and could not get a correct idea of the general condition of the district in so short a time and so early in the session. But Dr. Browning or Bros. Riggin or Beard will kindly furnish us a report. We heard a few speeches which we may yet publish, though we have not space now for them. There was a fine prospect for a glorious revival when we left. They met in their new church. It has just been completed, and there remains a slight indebtedness upon it, to which the P. E. and P. C. briefly referred, and which we hope has been liquidated. All the Methodists present, we believe, subscribed for their Conference organ and the old subscribers renewed, and a number of others not of our fold, subscribed for it. Among these was Judge J. M. McCaskill a good Baptist, and an ardent temperance man, and one who had the courage of his convictions, and said in the canvass that if he was elected judge he would not grant whiskey license, "petition or no petition." The blessed result is that there is not a grog-shop in Cleveland county. All praise to Judge McC., and to his excellent constituency. Toledo is slowly declining on account of being missed about four miles by the Texas & St. L. Railroad, and just opposite it a new town on the railroad is springing up and gradually absorbing Toledo. We made many pleasant acquaintances, and was quite favorably impressed with those we met at the Conference, and greatly regretted the briefness of our visit to them. We are indebted for courteous attention to Rev. J. H. Riggin, the scholarly Presiding Elder, and Rev. E. L. Beard, the energetic P. C., Col. Taylor, the able editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*, and our rotund friend, Col. S. M. McGeehee, and others whose names we cannot now recall. Rev. Benjamin Watson, familiarly known as Uncle Ben; once President of Soulsbury Institute, Batesville, and now a superannuated member of the Little Rock Conference, was present, and although blind, he is cheerful and happy. He is held in loving favor by his brethren. They remember his former usefulness as a minister and

educator, and appreciate his deep piety and personal worth. His young brethren honor themselves in honoring him. May it always be so. May we never let our old brethren feel they are forgotten and unloved by us.

After a splendid dinner on the grounds, presided over by Mrs. Rebecca Tallafiero, Master Nic Tallafiero kindly took this scribe to Risson, and in time for the south bound train. Rev. I. L. Burrow, President Altus Institute, who was visiting the Conference in the interest of his excellent school, had just preceded us, having been driven thither by one of his students, young Mr. Frank McGeehee. We stopped off at McNeill, intending to go to Atlanta, but found the distance was too great to reach it and get back to Argenta for service on Sunday. So we had to forgo the pleasure of meeting that District Conference, and hurry home to our own little charge, where we found we had been needed and called for, to pray with the dying and bury the dead.

CAMDEN.

Here we spent one night en route to Toledo, and was the recipient of the elegant hospitality of Mrs. Dr. Brown. The good Doctor was absent at the District Conference. They have a room called the "Prophet's Room," where our preachers have been entertained for years. On the score of hospitality Methodist preachers have much to be thankful for, and in the judgment will have much to answer for. We called at the office of that excellent paper the *Beacon*, and found Col. Holmes in fine health and spirits. We believe he is in the line of promotion, and shall be disappointed if his party and the people do not call him soon to the front. He will stand the Jeffersonian test: "Honesty and capacity." J. H. D.

Important.

Will all, or any of our preachers who paid anything at the last session of our Conference on the minutes of the previous session, prepared by Bro. S. G. Colburn, report how much they paid, and to whom? Please write and let me know. A. R. WINFIELD.

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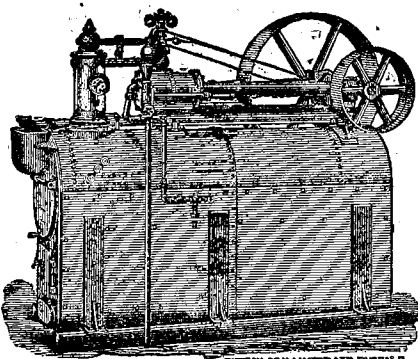
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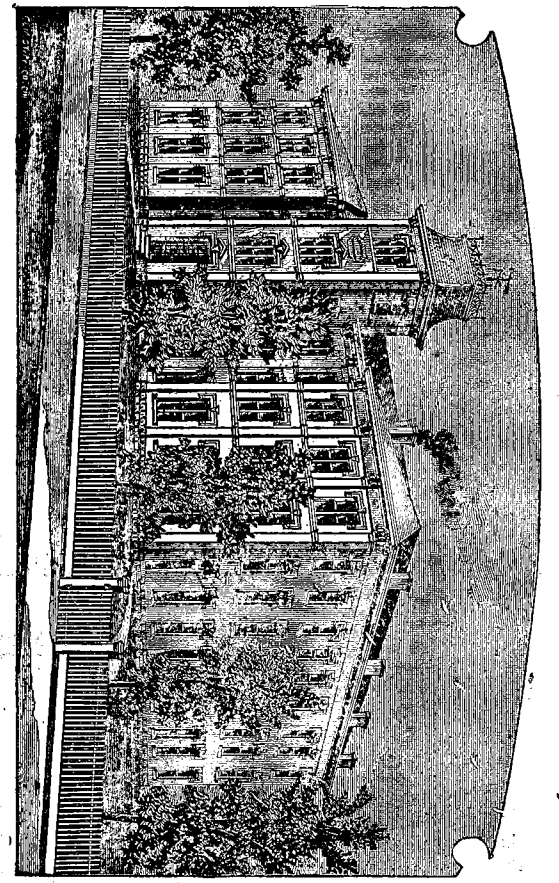
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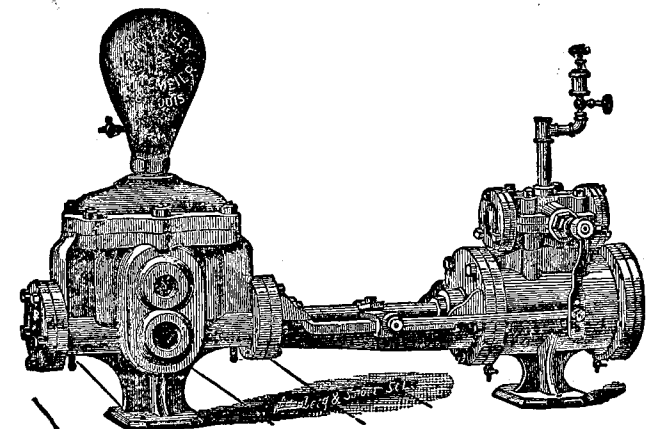


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Little Helpers.

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

August.

Oh, August! you've a lovely moon,
I wonder where you found it!
So big and bright
For many a night,
And then a ring around it!

What is Living Faith?

'Tis putting on the garment white,
Preparing for the blissful sight
Of that rejoicing, glorious feast,
Which saints will share, from great
to least.

'Tis stepping light, though burdened
sore;

'Tis hating sin yet more and more;
'Tis fighting hard, and yet at rest;
'Tis broken-hearted, and yet blest!

'Tis loving with unuttered love
Though hard the heart, and slow to
move;

'Tis laboring, though it's all so small,
I count it laboring not at all.

'Tis telling Thee my every thought;
'Tis finding all I ever sought;
'Tis treading on through life's lone
walk,
In sweet companionship and talk.

'Tis joining in the angel's praise,
'Tis fixing high my eager gaze,
Where all is boundless love and peace,
And freedom marks the soul's release.

'Tis hurrying to a glorious end!
'Tis pressing towards my bosom
Friend;

'Tis meeting Him—come, Jesus, come!
'Tis folding tent, and reaching home!
—[Selected.]

What Kind of Company?

"I don't see why you won't let me play with Will Hunt," pouted Walter Kirk. "I know he doesn't mind his mother, and smokes cigars, and once in a while swears just a little. But I have been brought up better than that; he won't hurt me, and I should think you would trust me, I might do him some good." "Walter," said his mother, "take this glass of pure, clear water and put just one drop of ink into it." "Oh! mother, who would have thought one drop would blacken a whole glass so!" "Yes, it has changed the color of the whole, has it not? It is a shame to do that. Just take a drop of clear water and restore its purity," said Mrs. Kirk. "Why, mother! you are laughing at me. One drop, nor a dozen, nor fifty won't do that." "No, my son, and therefore, I cannot allow one of Will Hunt's evil nature to mingle with one of your careful training, many drops of which will make no impression on him."

"Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners." It is an old and true saying: "Show me the company a boy keeps, and I will tell you what kind of a boy he is." Again: "Keep good company, or none."

DEAR BRO. GRANADE:—My grandmother takes the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Our pastor is Mr. Hearn; we all like him so much. I am a little boy ten years old. We have a nice Sunday-school; I go every Sunday. I enclose six cents for one of your little missionary banks. I will try to make something to put in it. I hope I am not too late. Your little friend,
R. W. REYNOLDS.

Lake Village, Ark.
I send the bank. Hope you may get a good collection in it by the time Bro. Hearn goes to Conference next winter. But especially do I hope you may lay up treasures in heaven, by becoming a true christian now in early life. Ask your Papa to help you. Jesus will help if you ask him. O how good he is!

DEAR BRO. GRANADE:—I have not done very much yet for the missionary cause. I have only sixty-five cents in my bank; but I don't intend to stop at that. My chickens are nearly ready for sale. I want to be a good boy. I want you to pray for me.
DORR HERRINGTON.

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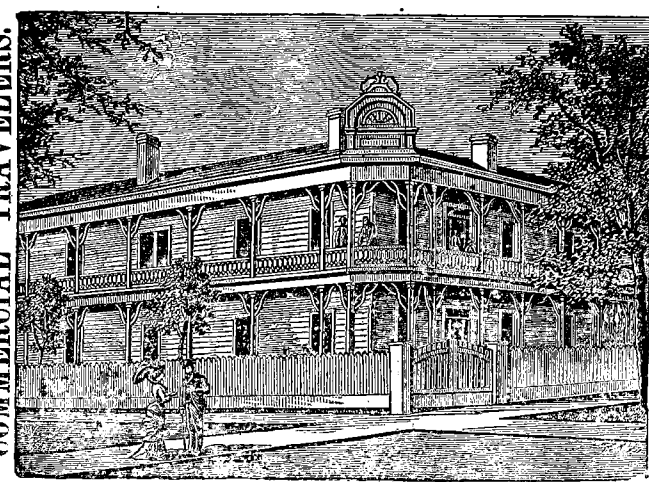
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HARDY.—Harriet Oliver, daughter of James and Fanny Hardy, was born March 22, 1876; and died at Social Hill, Ark., July 4, 1885. In a family of seven children, this was the first death. Ollie was of a mild, quiet disposition; never boisterous; here was a ministry of gentleness. When death came she was perfectly conscious, told them she was dying, and exhorted all to meet her in heaven. The Lord grant grace to the bereaved. O. O. W.

KEY.—Nancy Louisa Key, youngest daughter of W. P. and M. N. Key, was born May 8, 1833, and died June 15, 1885. A bright and lovely jewel; she was permitted to stay and gladden the hearts of fond parents for only a short time, then God took her to himself. Weep not fond parents; just beyond the river she awaits your coming; commit her to the blessed Jesus.

"I take these little lambs, said he, And lay them in my breast; Protection they shall find in me, In me be ever blest."

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ENGLISH.—Rev. E. F. English was born in Sumpter Co., South Carolina, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1799. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Harris in 1821, was converted and joined the Methodist church and licensed to preach about 1822 or '23, and soon after he joined the Tennessee Conference, and for four years he traveled in that Conference as a successful Methodist preacher. But having a large and growing family to support, he felt he should locate, which he did at the end of his fourth year in the itinerancy. From Tennessee he moved to Tippah county, in the State of Mississippi, where he engaged in planting. He remained in Mississippi until the year 1855, when he moved to the State of Arkansas, where he made his home ever after. In 1884 he went over to Tennessee to visit his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Tomlinson, where he died on the 6th of April, 1885. Father English, as we all loved to call him, was a man of clear and positive convictions, and he had the moral courage to live up to them. He belonged to a generation that is rapidly passing away—to a heroic age. Strong in body and strong in mind and of fearless courage. As a Christian he was positive, no doubts about the authority of God's word disturbed him. He had been converted and he knew it. He enjoyed his religion and rejoiced in the hope of the glory of God through the merits and blood of our crucified Lord. What a privilege it was to the writer, the last conversation I had with him, as I talked to him of Christ and heaven. Then about 86 years old, grey, broken, battered by the storms of life, having almost gone; yet his faith was strong and steady, and he was resting securely in the promises of the Son of God. And that all-conquering faith sustained him to the last. A very short time before the old soldier passed over the Dark River, with his face glowing with the light of heaven, he exclaimed: "Though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and staff they comfort me." Oh, no, Father English; you was the hero of a thousand moral battle-fields, and now in the last great conflict the Savior redeemed His pledge and gave you an abundant entrance into the Eternal City. As a preacher Brother English was strong, his was foundation work, he left others to adorn and embellish, he looked to the establishment of Christian character. He, like so many of his contemporaries, was a broad-gauged man, and when in the full possession of his strength he was a power in the pulpit, and he left the impress of his life upon the thought of those with whom he lived.

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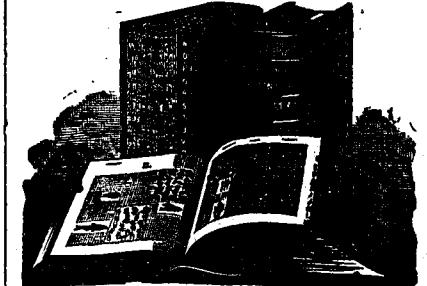
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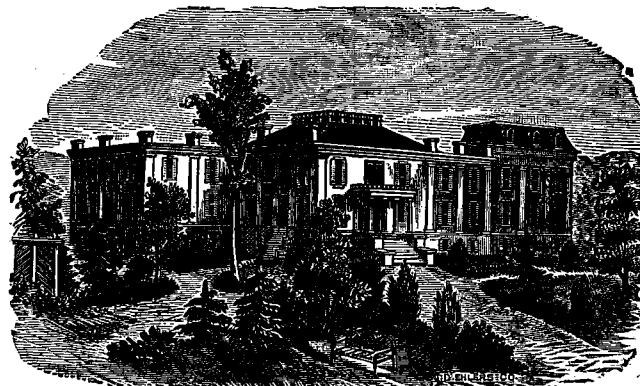
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