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GENERAL NEWS.

Domestic.

Galveston, Texas, has had an exceedingly destructive fire. A stiff gale was blowing and the fire feind could not be stayed till hundreds of houses had been consumed. Relief committees are at work in the interest of the homeless sufferers.

Jay Gould has sent the Galveston sufferers \$5,000.

W. J. Joblin, son-in-law of Ex-Gov. Miller, and formerly of Batesville, has been appointed clerk of the Federal Court in New Mexico, of which Juge W. F. Henderson is the Sumpreme Judge.

It is reported that Senator Mahone is so disgusted and disgruntled over his recent political defeat in Virginia, that he will move to Dakota.

Chicago wants a world's fair held there in 1892, to commemorate the landing of Columbus in America 400 years before.

Foreign.

A dispatch from Belgrade says it is officially announced that the Bulgarians have attacked the Servians at Veasin. King Milan accepts the act as a declaration of war, and peace therefore ended at 6 o'clock this morning. King Milan has assumed command of the Servian army, and active operations began at once.

Later.—The Servian army has commenced moving forward and an advance on Sofia is anticipated. The troops display much enthusiasm.

The Servian army is marching in three divisions on Sofia. Gen. Horvatovitch commands the left wing, Gen. Leschenia the right, and King Milan the centre. The whole force is expected to concentrate at Sofia Nov. 22. Roads are covered with snow, retarding the progress of the army.

Dispatches from the front state that a sharp fight occurred between the advance guards of the Servian and Bulgarian armies on the road between Tjen and Bosnia. The Bulgarians retired.

Canada.

Reil, the leader of the rebellion in the north-west, has been executed. It is believed by many that England has made another monumental mistake in his execution.

GERMANY'S EXPULSION OF THE POLES.

The excitement in Germany over Bismarck's continued enforcement of the edict of exile of Russian Poles from Prussia still continues. Great relief committees have been formed to assist the unfortunate at Limberg, Posen and Cracow. The relief committee at the latter city reports that 2000 Poles in one Russian settlement were recently ordered to settle their affairs and quit Prussia without delay. A majority these are Roman Catholics, and many of them have resided in Prussia so long they have forgotten their native tongue. To make matters worse, Russia has issued an order prohibiting the entrance of the exiles into the czar's domain unless they can prove they were born there. In consequence of this there are at present encamped at one place on the frontier no less than 1500 exiled Poles, penniless, homeless and most miserable, without the right to move forward and with imprisonment at hard labor staring them in the face if they dare return.

STATE NEWS.

Helena's new public school house will cost \$2,000.

Van Buren has received about 4,000 bales of cotton this season.

The Fayetteville public school building, just completed, cost \$12,000.

The army and navy hospital at Hot Springs will be ready for occupancy January 1st.

J. M. Russell, of Boonsboro, Washington county, has the largest fruit farm in the state.

The business men of Memphis are agitating a project to connect Pochontas and Hoxie, Ark., by rail.

There is an oar factory at De Valls Bluff this state, and it recently shipped four car loads of boat oars to England.

The Iron Mountain Rail Road land office have sold 4,464 acres of land the past month to 69 different purchasers.

A vicious hog attacked a child near Cotton Plant Thursday and ate his arm off, besides biting him in several places. We understand the child was dangerously injured.—Vidette.

Nine criminals, charged with various crimes—from murder down—succeeded in burning their way out of the jail at Arkansas City, on the night of the 11th, and made their escape.

Mr. Sam J. Crabtree, of El Paso, White county, will start a paper at Beebe soon, to be called the "Hub." He was once the editor of the "Watchman" at that place. We wish him success.

We learn that the store-house of S. Hammer, at Portia, was burned last Wednesday night, but did not learn whether or not the goods were burned. Mr. Malone informs us that Mr. Hammer had \$1,000 insurance on the stock.—[Jonesboro Democrat.

The gin house and mill on the plantation of the late Dr. J. M. Taylor, near Winchester, in Drew county, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. There was no insurance upon the property and the loss is estimated at \$2,000.—Pine Bluff Press-Eagle.

It has been carefully estimated that enough hot water flows from the mountains side here to bathe 20,000 people daily, so that the talk about there not being enough to supply the needs of the army and navy hospital is all moonshine, and has no foundation in truth.—Hot Spring Sentinel.

Lonoke county has another mother who recently gave birth to four children. This time it is a colored woman. The only instance we know of in the State. We believe the children are all doing well, the colored, but the white ones did not live long. Lonoke is a great county.

There is a fierce war being waged between the Arkansas Telegraph Company and the Western Union. The former have been putting up posts and wire between this city and Hot Springs, and Monday the Western Union tore down the poles, and then followed them filling up the holes as fast as the others dug them. The Arkansas company, we understand, will introduce legal proceedings at once to compel the Union company to allow them to proceed with their lines.

PERSONAL.

—Dr. Winfield is in the "Lone Star Empire," visiting the Conferences.

—Rev. C. M. Keith's field note in this issue should be read by all. Splendid record.

Revs. G. W. Logan, A. Turrentine, J. J. Tarleton, A. S. Scott, and others have done noble work for this paper.

—Rev. E. N. Evans, the popular pastor of Spring Street charge, in this city, will transfer to Texas. It is a great loss to us.

—Rev. John McLauchlan, the genial and excellent pastor of Camden station, called Monday en route to Des Arc, to visit his daughter.

—Rev. Benoni Harris, Mountain View circuit, was a pleasant caller at our boarding house this week. He is an humble, faithful Methodist preacher, and we are always glad to see him.

—Rev. Thomas Vincent, P. C., Evening Shade circuit, is winding up the work of the year and getting ready for Conference. He has not forgotten his church paper this year, nor will it forget him.

—Hon. J. K. Jones, Arkansas' portly and able United States Senator, and Hon. Dan. W. Jones, Arkansas' talented and efficient Attorney-General, called Monday. Senator Jones has gone to Washington.

—Rev. N. E. Skinner, Devew, has had a happy and successful year. His excellent wife writes us that "The Lord has been very gracious to us this year. Many souls have been converted; revivals in every charge."

—Sam Small, formerly connected with the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, and converted, we believe, under the ministry of Sam Jones, has been delivering temperance lectures and preaching with wonderful power and success.

—Sam Jones will commence a series of meetings in St. Louis next Sabbath. May his wonderful success at Birmingham, Ala., recently, be multiplied an hundred fold in St. Louis. His success is phenomenal. We must have him in Little Rock.

—Rev. H. M. Granade, P. E., Batesville district, and Editor of the "Children's Department" of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, is closing a laborious and successful year's work. Scarcely a week has elapsed during the year but that he has sent us subscribers or money.

—Rev. Frank Ritter, Newport station, has an interesting meeting in progress, and grows better day by day. Rev. M. C. Morris has been assisting him. We sincerely hope our dear friend may close his labors with one hundred conversions. He has labored faithfully and deserves success.

—Rev. I. A. Vernon, P. C., Salem circuit, will dedicate his new church in Salem next Sunday. He and our valued friend, L. P. Kay, sent us an urgent invitation to be present. But the absence of the Senior, and the daily demand of many duties forbid our going. It will be named for the sainted wife of Brother Kay. We beg to assure our friends we deeply regret our inability to be present.

FIELD NOTES.

Another week's work is done and now we present another report, and we will give the preference and place of honor to our Brother J. E. Caldwell one of the old veterans and a noble old warrior he is. "Bro. Atchley has just closed quite an interesting meeting at this place, and requests me to report results—eight conversions, and ten accessions. The church much revived. The young men commence their prayer meeting tomorrow night which to my mind is a move in the right direction. Let all the pastors look after the young converts, start them right, especially get young men to work. Bro. Atchley is doing a faithful year's work. Pray for us."

Next comes our Brother O. H. Tucker, from Harrison Ark. It is good to edifying. "Have just closed a soul-saving meeting at Harrison. The whole church is revived, one profession of sanctification, 12 conversions and 14 joined the church. Praise God."

Next we will give a rich bugle blast from our old and honored friend Benoni Harris, from Mountain View. It is a glorious vision from Pisgah. "Bros. Oyler, Parrit and myself held a meeting in Mountain View, including the first Sunday in September, which resulted in the conversion of more than thirty persons. Religious people were greatly revived, and I trust much good was accomplished."

Next is Rev. Z. W. Lindsey, from Pinnacle, and he is on the pinnacle, hear him. "As I have not said anything this year about Pinnacle circuit, I will say I have just closed my last protracted meeting, on this circuit, the Lord has been with us in power, and demonstration of the spirit, we have had about 100 conversions and about 70 or 80 additions to the M. E. Church, South. At one of our meetings four miles east of Springfield we had 43 conversions, we have been trying to build a new Church and parsonage on the circuit this year, I think now we will have them completed by conference, collections good, preacher well cared for."

Then comes a brother from the heights of Boston Mountains, and he shall have a hearing. "We think a few lines from Copeland circuit would not be out of place, although we are up here in the Boston Mountains, where cars never run; and where steamboat whistles are never heard, and we have no colleges nor universities to boast of; not even a church that we can worship God comfortably in, so as the autumnal winds begin to blow we are necessitated to bundle up our Sunday schools, prayer meetings and class meetings and go into winter quarters; from which we sustain great losses. While the preacher is going forth seeking where he may preach to a freezing few, having no Sunday schools to instruct the young; and no prayer nor class meetings to warm the old, which will be the case until we have houses of worship in every community. We would have done something on this line this year, but God has visited us with a very heavy drought, and our collections are behind."

Then comes our dear departed Bro. Dickens from Oppelo, this was written just before the chariot came for him.

What a grand report he would give us now. Read the report of an ascended man and brother preacher, how sweetly his words sound to us now. "We are in the midst of a glorious revival at Oppelo. Conversions are an every day occurrence, 10 up to date. Our place of meeting is under an harbor prepared for a dance, and they that did dance are now shouting the praises of God on the same ground. We commenced the meeting on the night of 2nd Sunday in September, and the interest began just when we did, and is deepening and widening all the time. The work still going on. Strong men are bowing and sinners yielding. Such a time has not been known at Oppelo for many years past. We have been ably assisted by Rev. E. L. Massey, of Perryville. He did us good work and we only regret that his stay with us was limited. Our collections on Sunday the 20th reached \$28.10 I see now, Doctor, that a collection on Sunday does not disturb public worship when taken up in the right spirit. I will be able to report decks all clean at our annual conference, and this a mission. I will close by saying that God has done great things for us all over this field, whereof we are glad, and to him be all the glory now and ever amen. Can't do without the METHODIST, Doctor."

Next comes our Brother W. T. Walker, from Charleston. Good, very good. "We have just closed our meeting at marion. The Lord favored us with a gracious season. About 29 souls were converted, 24 joined the church; 6 infants were baptized, and the church is alive and giving thanks to God for the great blessings we enjoy. One gentleman and his wife who were earnest penitents at the altar went home dissatisfied, but in their determination erected a family altar upon which to offer their evening devotions. May God bless and save them. We are indebted to Rev. B. Medlin, of the Memphis conference, and Rev. G. A. Donnelly, of our own conference for faithful work and soul stirring sermons rendered. The Lord bless our ARKANSAS METHODIST."

Next we will hear from ou Brother T. G. Galloway at Texarkana, and we will report about him in our enlarged paper as we expect to take in that city. "My protracted meetings are all over and although I cannot make a glowing report I will write something which you may publish if you see fit. We had a few conversions, and thirty accessions. The church has been greatly revived, and quite a number of family altars erected, this is my hobby for if I can get the people to be religious at home. I have no care for the rest, the people have been especially struck with the interest of the kind sisters hitching up a wagon and driving themselves four or five miles to bring words and other things more substantial; and on opening my quarterage sack as I returned from visiting a dear afflicted sister I found not the gold cup, but the gold ring valuable but most appreciated as showing her appreciation of the gospel and the ministry; this lady says she loves your paper, no wonder. Crops are being gathered well in this (Miller) county. Cotton is better than for several years. Corn in great abundance. God bless you and your paper."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1885.

AIRING GRIEVANCES.

EDITORS METHODIST:—It occurs to my mind that it is not altogether appropriate to air such grievances as Dr. Goodloe talks of through the columns of the Advocates; and, if appropriate, Dr. Goodloe has not gone at the matter in the proper way. Before feeling aggrieved, and thrusting his grievances upon the public, he ought to have brought charges against the delinquents, to whom he refers in the proper court. Then a hearing could not have been denied him. Has he done this? I suppose not, as nothing of the sort has been intimated in the prints. Instead of this he merely talks about the delinquencies of men high in authority, what connectional officers have done, and what two Bishops allowed in open Conference. These Bishops, connectional officers, and men in high places, perhaps know who the Doctor is striking at. The world and the balance of mankind do not. All we know is: they are miserable delinquents—men guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors" in our Methodism; yet all our Bishops, connectional officers, and men in high places visit the church at large, and everywhere are hailed as brethren beloved, loyal, exemplary and useful. If any of these are "wolves in sheep's clothing," and Dr. Goodloe is cognizant of the fact, he ought to let them be known as such. The brethren out on the "selvedge edge" of the church might suspect the wrong men. If the Doctor is bound to get the ear of the church, let him be consistent and tell who these corrupt officials are. If Dr. McFerrin, Dr. Kelly or Dr. Young are the guilty connectional officers, then, unless Dr. Goodloe preferred charges against them at the late session of their Conference, of which he also is a member, he is derelict. If Dr. Fitzgerald is the guilty party the way is open to reach his case before the Pacific Conference, and so on; all of which Dr. Goodloe already knows.

Again, by all the tokens we understand the evils complained of occurred somewhere in Tennessee. If so, I fail to see how any good is to be accomplished by "stirring up the mud" here in Arkansas. And I seriously protest against using the columns of our Conference Organ for any such business. It is a little too significant that Dr. Goodloe, after having been denied an airing in the Nashville Advocate should fly to the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST and the Richmond Christian Advocate. The Doctor could not have selected a surer method of bringing his hobby into disrepute, and especially by seeking aid and comfort in Richmond.

Let the Doctor name his men, bring charges and sustain them by the proof, and he will have the hearty endorsement and thanks of all lovers of our common Methodism—but not until then. Respectfully,

JNO. W. BOSWELL.

Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 4, 1885.

We simply wish to say, without any attempt to reply to Bro. Boswell, that we do not recognize the right of Bro. B., or any other individual member of an Annual Conference to interfere with our editorial rights and prerogatives; and that we are, and will be, the judges of what shall appear in our paper, holding ourselves responsible for every thing that appears (only so far as editorial responsibility is recognized) to all aggrieved parties and to our conferences; and when ever the conferences, or in the interim of the conferences, the publishing committee shall, in their official capacity, say that

we have transcended our bounds, or that our utterances are injurious to our church in either doctrine or discipline, then we will either accept their decision and change our views, or we will dissolve our connection. But we will not allow ourselves trammelled as to who we will permit to write, or what shall be written; so long as articles and writers steer clear of offensive personalities and wicked and vulgar utterances. Under no circumstances will we permit anonymous writers to attack either men or articles in a personal way; but our brethren shall be heard, and we recognize no one in our church as being above criticism. Evil can only be corrected by being exposed, and just censure and kindly criticism will injure no one. It is a very easy matter to write about protesting about this or that, but how long would we have a Conference Organ unless all our agents work. We like to be called to friendly account, but it is always more pleasant when done by a good, sympathizing and working agent. Now if we were to apply the rigid rule our brother contends for, we would certainly exclude his article, for he is far more severe on the Richmond Advocate and the ARKANSAS METHODIST in his strictures than Bro. Goodloe was on any body or any paper; but we know our brother is a true man, and only means good, and so we admit him, and so we admitted Bro. Goodloe, and so we will admit all other good brothers.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. John J. Crouch was born in the State of Kentucky, February 1824; professed religion 14th of August, 1844 in Tennessee; licensed to preach in 1848 by Moses Broch; was admitted into the Arkansas Conference in 1850; traveled the Montgomery circuit in 1851-2; the Arkadelphia circuit in 1853, Brownsville circuit in 1854, and left without an appointment on account of ill health. In 1855 he traveled the Eldorado circuit, in 1856 Plum Bayou circuit, in 1857 Dewit circuit, in 1858 Lacy circuit. Located in the fall of that year and settled in the bounds of the Arkadelphia circuit, and remained local until 1881, and then joined the Little Rock Conference and was assigned to the Mt. Ida circuit in 1882, in 1883 Bartholomew circuit, in 1884 Dallas circuit; he then located again and settled in the bounds of Clark circuit, where he died May 16, 1885, in the hope of a blessed immortality. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine in 1852 at Clarksville, Ark., ordained Elder by Bishop Pierce in 1856 at Princeton Arkansas.

Brother Crouch was a laborious, earnest man, and has left many friends to mourn his departure. He was not what the world would call a brilliant preacher, but he was a true, good man and a useful preacher; whether traveling or local, he did what he could and all he could to advance his Master's Kingdom, and without a spot on his ministerial character or a blur on his license, he has laid down the Cross for the crown and gone to claim his mansion in the skies. May the Lord bless the widow and children, and may they all meet in heaven. A. R. W.

Letter from Rev. F. M. Moore.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Not having anything of special interest to communicate hitherto, I have refrained from writing to you; but not wishing to ignore entirely our METHODIST, hence I have concluded to write anyway, "such things as I have I give unto you." The Booneville circuit, to which I was appointed by Bishop Hargrove last fall, was never a very important work, and, having been divided into two circuits at our last conference, it is now a very small affair indeed, if estimated by numbers in the church, and their financial ability; still there are here some points of in-

terest to us, as a church. We have had this year several interesting and successful revival meetings, at least 60 conversion from the world, and the number would be increased largely if we were to count those reclaimed and restored that were already in the church. We have received as the result of these meetings about 55 members. Our net gain for the year, after deducting the usual losses by death, removal, etc., will be over 80 members. The spiritual condition of the charge seems to be very much improved over what it was at the beginning of the year. Two new organizations have been made during the year. In financial matters the outlook is not so encouraging. We are at this time very much behind on ministerial support, and on nearly all our conference claims. The prospect now is that there will be a large deficiency upon some of our collections, particularly upon that of foreign missions. A partial explanation for this state of things may be found in the financial embarrassment of the people, in consequence of a continued succession of short crops. Another reason is a large assessment—nearly double per capita what it has been previously—an average of 55 cents for every member on the register for missions alone.

As an offset to our delinquency, upon the regular conference claims, we have some other financial items of interest to report. We have paid something over \$100 of a lingering parsonage debt that has been hanging over us for several years. Also collected and paid \$350 for chemical and philosophical apparatus for the use of our District High School, and also for improvement and furnishing the school building. This was absolutely necessary to be done, and it was money wisely spent. Speaking of the school building, it may not be amiss to speak also of the school. The school is now in its thirteenth session, and its prospects were never brighter than they now are. The present session began about the 15th of September, and already we have 135 matriculates, and new ones are coming in every week. Prof. M. P. Venable, who has been in charge of the school for nine previous sessions, is still the principle of the school. Prof. Venable has proven himself to be one of the most successful educators in Arkansas. The evidence of his efficiency may be found among his numerous students all over this section of the State. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of good that has been done by Prof. V. and the Fort Smith District High School for the cause of christian education in this country during the last ten years.

This work is sadly deficient in church buildings; only one small house belonging to us, and it is old, small and unfinished. To remedy this defect in part, we have projected two new church buildings on the work, and though we are moving very slowly in the matter, we hope eventually to see them completed.

I close by making a somewhat "original" remark, that this has been a "hard year" for preachers in this district generally. How to get a hundred per cent. living out of a forty per cent. support, continues to be a problem to the unsecularized preacher; and this reminds me that there is some of us up here that want Dr. Winfield to give us his views upon the question of "secularity." Is it secular to preside over a school, edit a newspaper, or preach the gospel, for a salary or not? If not why not? If you say not. Is it secular to work with our hands for a living while trying also to preach the gospel? Please give us an editorial upon that subject. I close by congratulating you upon the prosperous condition of the METHODIST. Booneville, Arkansas.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

EDITORS METHODIST:—I want to call attention to the statistical reports of our annual conferences. If you take these reports for a series of years you will find them curiously interesting. They show great fluctuations in the market values of church property. They will show a wonderful change in the number of sittings and value of churches without expenditures. They will show large expenditures and yet a great decrease in value. They will even show an increase in the number of churches without an equivalent of money expended.

On the membership, &c., equal absurdities will appear.

Many of these difficulties may be accounted for on the ground of real estate markets, removals, &c., but much evidence will be found to sustain us in the opinion that our preachers do an unnecessary amount of guessing. There is every evidence of general looseness in church business, our preachers should be business men.

Let us have uniform and correct reports. If all our preachers would use our blank reports, and be careful to ascertain the facts needed, and then place the figures under their proper headings, we would soon have better results. If business letters should be brief and pointed, statistics should be at least, equally so.

I wish you had room for a few specimens we had before us last conference. Well, one of them had all the blank below the figures and even a letter glued on the bottom of it, giving the spiritual state of the church, number of family altars erected during the year, together with a promise to build two new churches the next year. Now all this was added to the "Report on numbers in the church."

Another was in regular letter form—several badly written pages—with the figures all scattered and mixed with their several explanations. The conclusion was: "I guess we have about" so "many member," and about "so many house of worship"; "I suppose worth about so many dollars." Neither of these reports were from boys. Let our preachers send to C. C. Godden & Co. for blank reports, and fill them out correctly, and save much trouble, and secure better results. This is not an "ad."

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

EDITORS METHODIST:—In closing my year's labors on the Boydsville charge, I have concluded to give you a few items which may be interesting to some of your many readers. Our membership on this circuit is small though generally of the best class. This year in many respects has been a pleasant one to me. God's power has been present and manifest in conviction of sinners. Since January last fifty have professed faith in Christ and about forty have been added to the church. The collections ordered by the conference are about half up. The old plea of hard times is still offered as a reason for not paying. The Baptist have recently challenged the Methodists to discuss certain questions. For reasons best known to myself, I have refused to discuss these questions, though Bro. Phillips, one of our local preachers has accepted, and the discussion will begin the last day of November. A few copies of the ARKANSAS METHODIST is coming to this charge, and these few are making for the paper a good reputation. I think the paper will have more readers here in the future. JOHN S. WATSON.

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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1885.

Temperance.

EDITORS METHODIST:—We are closing the labors of our second year at Warren, during the time we have said but little through the public prints, owing to the fact we have had but little of interest to communicate. Our labors at this place have not been blessed with that degree of revival influence, nor ingathering of souls as has been our earnest desire, however we believe the labor has not been in vain in the Lord; much and lasting good has been accomplished, directly and indirectly. The time has been spent in seed-sowing and cultivation. But few have been received into the Church, but few have been expelled, a few have crossed the river, and a few have moved away. With the above exceptions, the roll of membership stands pretty much as it did two years ago, when I first took charge of the work. Under God we have endeavored to faithfully discharge our every duty, and unto Him we trust for the results. Our ministry has ever been blessed with some degree of revival influence, but here at Warren we measurably failed, no gracious revivals have been ours; however we have had many precious visitations from the Lord, and not unfrequently have we "topped the mountain."

This appointment to us, has been an incalculable blessing; here in the midst of a warm hearted and generous people we have been well received and cared for.

The work is very small, and we have had ample time for reading, study, meditation, etc. We will ever look back to Warren as an oasis in our ministerial life, 'tis here we will leave behind us, when we go, ties that will be made stronger as eternity endures.

This is a good place, and the way is, now at last, opened for a mighty work. I believe that good day is near at hand. The light from the celestial city is beginning to break in upon us. For two long, long years the dark cloud of intemperance, under the license, reign of terror, the "whiskey devil" with angry brow has frowned upon us.

Thus the "demon king" ensconced by law with defiant threatenings has stalked abroad claiming his right to widow the wife, orphan the children, and beggar the land. But enough of this sad tale already! But thank God deliverance has come. By a large majority we have succeeded in having an order made, according to law, by the county judge, that no license for whiskey here for at least the next two years. The demon goes, and we have good reason to believe he goes for all time to come. Wise men may speak their opinions, but fools may speak whereof they know. Local prohibition does do good, even if it is poorly carried out, it is better than license, anything is better than license. What legalize a crime! O God, let civilization blush. Warren has thrown off the yoke of tyranny, steps to the front and registers her name along side her sister towns in the march of civilization. Thanks be unto God who who gave us the victory. R. P. WILSON. Warren, Arkansas.

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Mail and Express.....	12:30 a m	12:45 a m
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Local Freight.....	11:00 p m	4:00 a m
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Texas Freight.....	8:40 a m	4:30 a m

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Arrive from Arkansas City.....	11:30 a. m.
Arrive from Arkansas City (freight).....	9:45 p. m.

Hot Springs Railroad.

Passenger, depart, Malvern.....	2:45 p m
Freight and Accom, depart Malvern.....	2:40 a m
Passenger arrive Malvern.....	1:18 p m
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Our secular papers are making a great ado about the vulgarisms of Sam Jones, and the eccentric methods of some of our evangelists. Well, we confess that neither the one nor the other is after our taste; but it seems to us very much like satan reproving sin, for these wicked editors to call attention to it. Better sweep before your own door, neighbors.

We like a man who will ever be found in his place on Sabbath and prayer meeting nights, and will help in song and be liberal in giving, but for a constant stand-by, and for one who will silence wicked men and confound satan, commend us to the man who pays all his debts, dollar for dollar, and never let his accounts run out of date. Such is worth hundreds of your noisy, but inconsistent kind.

We dearly love a great christian worker, who never fails to attend all the prayer meetings, missionary meetings and aid society meetings; but, above all and beyond all, commend us to the woman who looks well to home and orders her house for Christ. Our hope for the conversion of this world is mainly through the instrumentality of faithful preachers and Godly mothers.

One of the sweetest sights of this earth is a christian home, where a pious father walks with a perfect heart and a sweet, affectionate christian mother presides with queenly grace, and sheds the rich perfume of angel sweetness on husband and children, or she rules the whole with the power of sanctified grace and heavenly love. Such a home is paradise re-opened and heaven on earth begun.

"Let your words be sweetened with the riches of grace, and your conversation such as becometh people professing godliness." If we would all remember that rule, idle gossip would be avoided, and slander would soon die out and be forgotten. We do not quote the exact words of the apostle, but the sense is the same, and we commend it to all christian people.

"Be not weary in well doing." Life has its constant sense and seasons of weariness, and the spirit sighs for release and rest. How often we pause to ask, what of all this toil and suffering? Who will show us any good? Reader, sow, for this is seed time. Work when summer comes, and then wait for the harvest. The angel reapers will come after awhile, and then we will shout the harvest home.

Let every body turn their attention to the next semi-centennial year of Arkansas Methodism, and of our State, as the one where we will make a firm, united and strong pull, and a pull altogether to drive whiskey from our borders. What a grand thing to do in that memorable year. Let all our towns follow the example of Morrillton and Poplar Grove, and drive the accursed traffic from their midst. Oh for more such judges as we have in Conway and Philips counties.

We like, yea we love a man like our long and able missionary secretary, when Dr. Goodloe called attention to the fact that the name of Dr. R. A. Young was among the trustees of the Atheneum, of Cumberland, Tenn., where dancing was taught and recognized, the doctor did not get mad, but he had his name removed at once. Dr. Young loves Goodloe. Dr. Y. has a soul capable of that.

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POPULAR EDUCATION.

Our readers must not weary of this question. It is one of the live questions of to-day. We make the amende honorable to the Batesville Guard for failing to see that the credit of the paragraph we answered was given duly to another paper. Brother Todisman must excuse us, and he must excuse us from a reply to his reply. We know nothing of "hot house politicians," and can't afford to run on that line. The writer of the two labored articles in answer to certain questions asked, is well known, as the ear marks are clearly discernable and will come to light in due time. We thought that it was the universal custom in all debates for the affirmative to lead off in argument, and that it was claimed as a privilege of debaters. You prove nothing by all your quotations and statistics, unless you can show that your ignorant men could neither read nor write. If it be the duty of the State to educate her children for her own good, then it is her duty to furnish the means, and she has no right to tax people to support schools that they have neither respect nor love for, and which tend to the ruin of their own. Most if not all of our people would support a system of public schools with the Bible recognized and strictly kept to their legitimate work, and not be permitted to go beyond the three R's, and then they will demand good and competent men, both intellectually and morally, but further than this they will never go. But enough. We don't think our readers would like for us to indulge either the editor or his well known helper any farther. We leave them to enjoy the fruits of their wordy victory, while we pursue the even tenor of our way in trying to make our system of free schools what it should be, by putting a Bible in every one, and by having christian men and women to teach our children. We have no fears as to the result. Every day brings us the strongest testimonials that we are right and that the people of Arkansas duly appreciate what we have done and what we are trying to do for them. We know we are right and will move right forward. If our contemporary is over-anxious for a debate, we refer him to the Popular Science Monthly, where this subject of popular education is discussed from a national and civil stand-point, and in which the able editor shows that it is educated rascals and not ignorant fools that are disturbing our country and filling it with vice, crime and blood. We tried this question in our own penitentiary, and found that at least four-fifths of those present, both white and black, could read and write, and many of them were there because they had learned this much. While we admit and know that ignorance is a misfortune, we are just as well convinced, that un sanctified learning is an unadulterated curse. What is the crime to a community of a poor ignorant negroe stealing a hog to be compared to Fred Ward, the accomplished thief, making way with hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is the accomplished rascals that are the bane of society and curse of the world. We are to the fullest extent in favor of educating the masses, but we say the State should either do this work on a moral basis or turn it over entirely to the church.

OUR CONFERENCES.

Another conference year will soon be gone, and our host will assemble at our annual gathering to compare reports, reckon spiritual longitude and latitude and start out for another twelve month's voyage. This has been a marvelous year in our history. Many thousands have been converted and the church wonderfully blessed. Our financial reports will not equal our spiritual. The drought has been

frightful, and our crops were cut off. Our preachers are meagerly supported and all our collections, we fear, will be behind. Many of our brethren will be up with full reports and full pockets. The full must help the empty, and there must be no rejoicing over the brothers who have failed. All of us are not gifted in the same way or on the same line. Some of our brethren are elegant pastors but poor collectors, and others are magnificent preachers but have no money sense. Let not the strong despise the weak and do not under value your brother's gifts while you magnify your own. Let us try to teach and help each other, and be certain to divide liberally with your brethren in the ministry. We hope our laymen will take hold of the financial question of the church. We need a better system, one that will reach everybody and bear alike on the rich and poor. We must educate all our people to pay. Let the widow contribute her ten cents per week, and don't keep back the children with their nickels. While the rich give of their abundance, let the poor contribute from their poverty. We cannot depend on large gifts to run the church. We must have something from every member, and that at stated times and regular amounts. We can't run our finances on uncertainties. We must have a basis. Mr. Wesley said the great power of Methodism was found in a penny a week and a full salvation free for all. Let us remember this. Again, we need to teach others how to run Sunday-schools. Very few of our preachers are gifted, on this line. How often we hear it said by our leading men, "I do not know how to talk to children." Very few of our brethren have answered this question correctly this year: "Has the pastoral instruction of the children been attended to?" How this important question is trifled with. Some say, "As far as practicable;" others, "I have tried;" others, "I don't know how." Oh, my brethren the command is imperative—"feed my lambs." Let our Bishops look well into the gifts and graces of their men. We hope all our Bishops will practice the art of more reading. It is a most wonderful gift and should be sought from God. Above all let us seek for a gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost at the present session of our conferences. We must pay attention to the needs of the preachers. We need a revival at every conference to prepare us for our work. Let us pray for the rich anointing and the divine unction. Our men were giants when they possessed this unction and power. It comes from God. The church cannot impart it, nor can it be learned from books. Let us see to it, brethren, that we do not permit the financial features of our work to over-lap and over-shadow the spiritual. Let every preacher and every preacher's wife go to conference to seek for a richer or a fuller consecration to the work of God. Let all the laymen follow the preachers, and our Zion will move forward grandly.

OUR TEXAS TRIP.

Leaving the gay City of Roses Wednesday at 12:5, we were in the pulpit in Washington a few minutes before eight, stopping at Hope long enough to take a good supper at Bro. Ware's and have a delightful hour with Bro. Stone. On the way we met Evangelist Harry May. He was just from Amity, where they had enjoyed a great revival, and flushed with victory, he was making preparation for the bombardment of Hope. Bro. Stone and the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church had all things in readiness and the work commenced in good earnest on Wednesday night. The enemy were being dislodged as we returned on Thursday, and the fight was raging. The Evangelist was

cheerful and confident of success, and his commanding faith was having its influence on others. At Washington we found our Bro. Sanders closing a meeting of great power, and we were very glad to perform our part in helping at its close. It has been a wonderful meeting, and one of very great power, and has left an influence on Washington that will be felt for years to come. Thursday night we lectured to a large audience in Texarkana, and then kept our brother Walker up nearly all night, as we were waiting for a train on the Texas & St. Louis R. R. We left this border City at 3:30 in the morning and reached Corsicana, the seat of the North West Texas Conference at 4:30 p. m. At 7:30 we had the privilege of preaching to a crowded house, and saw a wondrous display of the power of the gospel in converting an aged sinner. Saturday morning we were introduced to the conference, and then a chance to work for our ARKANSAS METHODIST. We find the Texans genial, hospitable, and friendly. Arkansas is well represented here. We find Stanford, McCarver, Wirburn, Morris, Rogers, Henry, Vaughan, Mackey, Wells, Barlow, Annis, Jones, and a host of others from the three conferences, already among the leaders, and here too is our Brother John R. Steele, just in and ready to enter the field. Arkansas has well nigh absorbed this portion of Texas. Our brethren are in high repute among the brethren of this great Empire State, and they sweetly blend in one. We find Dr. McFerrin at his post much weighted down with accumulating years, but the fires of youth still burn in his eyes and the blood leaps with juvenile velocity through his veins. Our church never had but one McFerrin and will never have another; he is to all intents and purposes, "Sui generis." Dr. Young, our tall sycamore of East Tennessee, is waking up missionary interest and power everywhere. Missionary anniversary last night; collections a little over \$750. We have met our confrere of the Texas Advocate and find him a real broad-gauge man, and one of the sweetest spirits we have met. The Texas Advocate is on a boom, and we will have, my dear Junior, to work night and day if we ever catch up. You will see an account of the great Galveston fire. It is after the style of the great Chicago fire, that occurred over a decade of years ago. Over forty blocks of buildings gone in a few hours. Two millions of money buried in one day. How men toil for naught. The millionaire of today is the pauper of tomorrow. Such is life! Nothing real but heaven, but our truant pencil must call a halt. The Sabbath will be a grand day in Corsicana. Two bishops are here, Bishop McTyeire is the president, and Bishop Hargrove is a visitor, both will preach today, and Dr. McFerrin will come between, and the rest of us small fry be scattered around. This is a fine country around Corsicana, but it is awful between this place and Texarkana, "but the Texans say I will see the cream now." All right, if it is so turns out we will report in our next. The delegates will be elected Monday, and then comes the vote on the name of the Church, but our Church will ever be called the M. E. Church, South. "So mote it be. Amen!"

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EDITORS METHODIST:—As I have not been reporting much from my portion of the "field" this year, I will ask you to indulge me a little while I make a brief summary report of my work for the conference year now closing. I am now in the midst of my last round of appointments for the year. Have preached 167 times, besides many exhortations, prayer-meetings, and other addresses and talks on various topics and occasions. Have visited a great many families, but not as many as I wanted to visit, or as I hope to visit another year. Have received 43 members into the church and have disposed of 30, leaving a net increase of 13 only. Have baptized 12 children. Have taken 73 "subs" for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, 10 for the Nashville Christian Advocate. I have my collections all in hand and in sight as I feel sure. Think there will be an excess in most all of them. My stewards are mostly coming up, I think, well with my own and the P. E.'s salary. There will doubtless be some shortage on that line, but hope not much. We would delight to report full on everything at Conference. The good people have been very kind to us, and have cared for us admirably so far, and have thus laid us under lasting obligations to them. I came to the circuit without a horse, having had to sell my horse last fall to pay expenses of living, etc. Neither had I the wherewith to buy a horse, so they kindly furnished me one to ride during the year, and now in addition to all the other kindness so liberally bestowed upon me by them, they have bought and made me a present of a splendid pony. What preacher would not like to serve the good and generous people of the Colledgeville circuit? I hereby and now heartily return them my sincere gratitude for all this abundant kindness, and pledge them my prayers that heavens blessings may ever attend them. God graciously bless the kind people of Colledgeville circuit. Fraternally,

C. M. KEITH, P. C.

Alexander, Ark., Nov. 10, 1885.

Rev. C. Pope, President of Millersburg Female College, expects to attend the sessions of Little Rock and White River Conferences, and will spend some time in the State canvassing for his school. The spring term opens February 1st, and we are authorized to announce that any young ladies who wish to enter his school the next term, and will arrange to go back with him in December, will not be charged any tuition until February 1st. Only board and tuition in music will be charged till the opening of the spring term. This will give those who may avail themselves of it, a fine opportunity to get ready to take an even start with the classes in February. We hope our old friend will carry back a number of our best girls to augment the already large number under his charge. Address, Rev. C. Pope, Millersburg, Ky.; or after Nov. 15th, at Little Rock, Ark., care Rev. A. R. Winfield, D. D.

CHURCH EXTENSION---LAST CALL

To the Preachers of the White River Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS:—The session of our Conference is near at hand. Please make another effort to raise your church extension money if you have not already succeeded. For the sake of the good and important cause of church extension, and for our own, and the reputation of our Conference let us take up the full assessment, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

JNO. H. DYE,
Pres. Church Ex. Board.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the White River Conference, will be held at Helena, Friday, Dec. 11, 1885. An informal meeting will be held in the morning, preparatory to the public meeting in the afternoon. It is greatly desired that the officers of the society be present, and that each auxiliary send at least one delegate.

ADA E. REMMEL,
Conf. Cor. Sec'y.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1885.

Baking Powder Tramps.

The danger to the public health from the indiscriminate use of the many lime and alum baking powders of commerce has been so fully exposed that everybody desires to avoid them. As "forewarned is forearmed," housekeepers will thank us for apprising them of the special efforts at present being made to dispose of such powders in this vicinity.

The proprietors of some of the worst of these powders are now going from house to house, trying by means of a trick, or so-called test, with heat and water, to show that their article is as good as the Royal Baking Powder, making the comparison with this brand because everybody recognizes it to be absolutely pure and wholesome, the object, of course, being to supply their own goods in place of the Royal, which housekeepers have for so many years relied upon to puff up the morning biscuit, and to make the light, palatable, and wholesome roll, cake, and pastry for which it is famous.

The housekeeper will do well to be on her guard against these baking powder tramps. Every intelligent person knows that any goods peddled from house to house in this manner, or that are given away in samples, or sought to be introduced by secretly traducing the character of other goods well known to be pure and reliable, have no merits of their own, and have failed to find purchasers through legitimate means.

We are informed, as a matter of fact, that one of these tramps is trying to introduce a powder that has been found by the Government chemist to be 11.85 per cent lime, while the other peddles a powder that is 20 per cent alum—one a powerful caustic, the other a corrosive poison.

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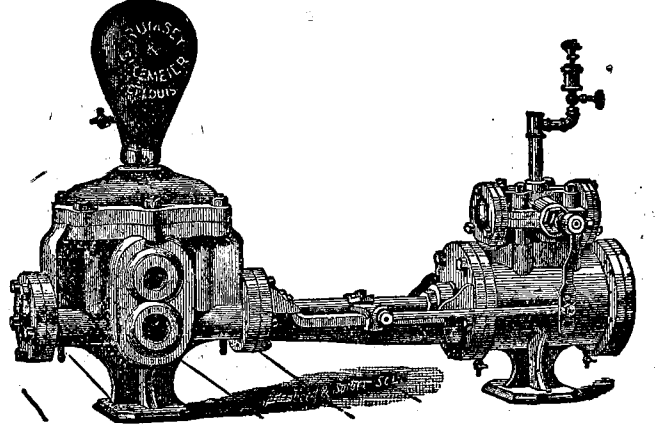
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Little Helpers.

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When I was a Boy.

It has been a long time ago, but I certainly was a boy once. I like boys, that I do. I'd rather own a boy than a dozen monkeys. Some folks are always "laying it on" to "the boys." If a little mischief is done, a pane broken, the melons eaten a day too soon for them, or any little matter of that sort I'll warrant the boys have to bear all the blame. Well see here my boys, I want to just drop a word of encouragement in your ear. Now let it go down into your hearts; for strange as it may seem to other people most boys have hearts. Well, here is that word of encouragement for you. Men are all made of boys; and it won't be many years until the world will call for a new crop of men, and then you'll see some of these same mad-caps, plagues, or pests of boys march right into the great places and useful places of earth. Well, if that is so had'n't a boy better be getting ready for business, real earnest business? And many a boy is getting ready. Why, the very hardships of our early life turn out for our good.

But I must tell what took place when I was a boy. I was the eldest boy in a family of ten, six of whom were girls, three older than "we boys," and three younger. So you see they had us in the middle. When we were all very small we were allowed to answer: "yes, no," without ceremony; but our good parents—there—wait a moment boys, my eyes are full of tears since writing that precious word: "parents," for long, long ago mother, our sweet little mother went home to the God she so loved, and after awhile father went too, and then we were as some of you are now, orphans. But as I was going to say our parents took "us boys" squarely in hand and taught us to say: "yes'm," and "no'm," and treat our sisters like they were little ladies. It was cutting to our pride to be compelled to always call them "sister"—and to speak to them as we would to company or to grown people. But I tell you it was good for us, and now I see that it was alright, for it formed habits of kindness and respect all females that every true boy should feel glad to have. Well, when dear mother died, who do you suppose took her place? It was those very girls, our loving sisters, and they did so well at it that this old boy has never forgotten to love and thank them for it. "Little children let us love one another."

When I was a Boy.

MY MOTHER.

Ah, that sweet word, Mother! How it thrills and stirs a boy's heart. 'Twas her who caressed me to rest and peace when weary or distressed in any way, and gave me the first and best advice I ever had. One day just as I had gotten through the First Reader, and was presented with a clean new Second Reader, I was sitting on the porch floor at my mother's feet as she sat busy with her work. I was delighted with my new book and all absorbed in the first lesson for next day at school somebody had left the back gate open and the geese came chattering into the yard to nip the green grass, my mother said to me: "Hervey, drive the geese out and shut the gate."

I answered carelessly: "Well I will directly," but went on with my book. Again, she told me, and again I was slow to go. After a little with a tenderness and heart-breaking rebuke which none but a good christian mother can give she called me by name, and

as I looked up into her face down while tears came rolling now, she said: "Is it possible that my boy is getting so he will not mind his mother?"

Ah! children, to look at that sweet face all bathed in tears and hear that voice of kind rebuke was the worst whipping I ever got. Oh! it hurts yet! What! not mind mother, and that quickly too! I ran and did as she had bidden, but lost interest for the time in my new book, and tried by sorrow and better behavior to make amends for my heedless disobedience. Truly "the way of the transgressor is hard." I never forgot that scene.

And when some time after that my dear mother lay silent and dead in our sad home, I looked upon those dear sweet features and thought: "Oh! that I had always been as kind, and obedient to her as I ought to have been." And now looking back over more than thirty long years without a mother I charge you my dear little readers never forget the first commandment that God gave with a promise, which was given to children: "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

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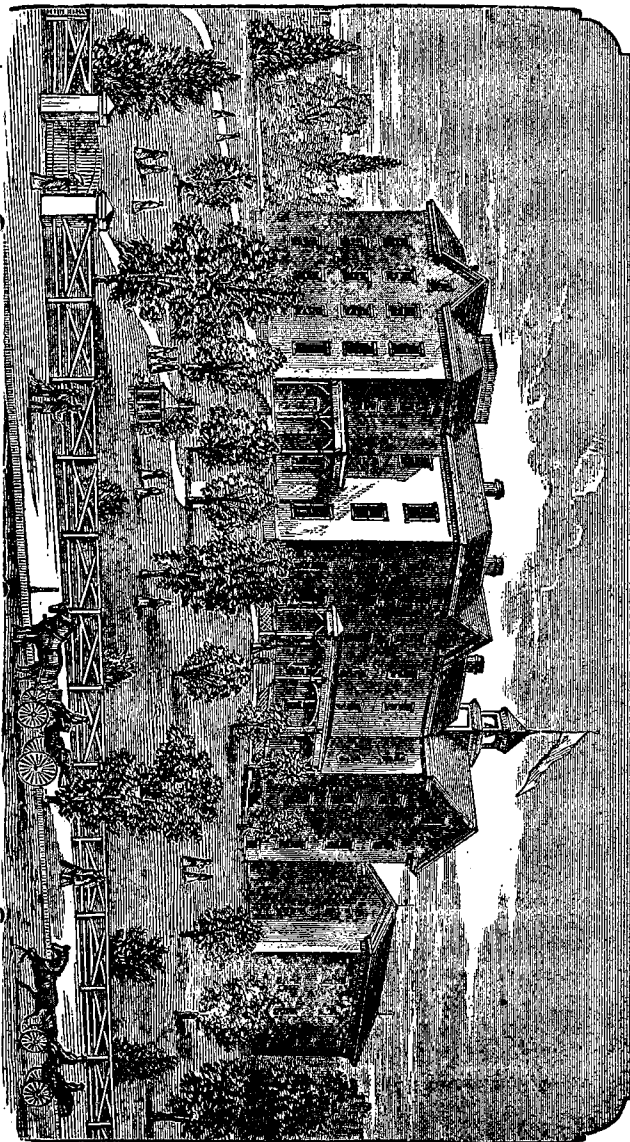
"Nor every farmer's daughter that is capable of making one," said mother, with a little pardonable maternal pride.

"Nor every one that would be willing, if she were able," said Mr. Wilber; which last was a sad truth. How many daughter's might be of use to their fathers in this and many other ways who never think of lightening a care or labor! If asked to perform some little service, it is done at best with a reluctant step and an unwilling air; which robs it of all sunshine, or claim to gratitude.

Girls, help your father; give him a cheerful home to rest in when evening comes, and not worry his life away by fretting because he cannot afford you all the luxuries you covet. Children exert as great an influence on their parents as parents do on their children.

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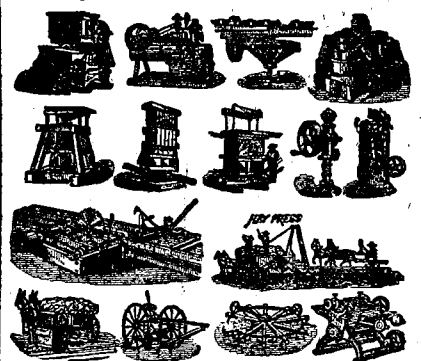
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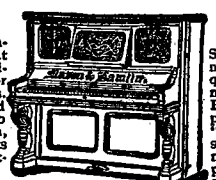
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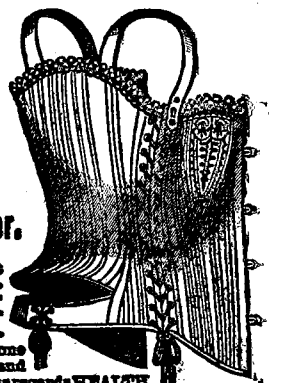
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J. E. CALDWELL.

Tulip, Arkansas.

CLIFTON.—Mrs. Sallie Clifton, wife of Mr. George T. Clifton, Treasurer of Faulkner Co., Ark., died on the 25th day of October, 1885. The deceased was the daughter of Brinkley H. and Eliza Tyler, and was born in Conway Co., Ark., August 3, 1850. On the 31st day of December, 1867, she was joined in holy wedlock to the now bereaved George T. Clifton. In early life Sister Clifton sought and obtained salvation, and without delay joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and walked in all the commandments and ordinances of God blameless to the end of her life. As a wife she was devoted and dutiful; as a mother loving and painstaking; as a neighbor kind and liberal, and as a friend excelled by none. Kindly disposed by nature, reared and cultivated by christian parents, and purified by pure and undefiled religion, Sister Clifton's life is indeed an example worthy of imitation. To the bereaved we say mourn for your departed one, but sorrow not as those who have no hope. She is safe forevermore, and, following her example, you shall see her again and part no more.

J. LOVING.

Conway, Arkansas.

DENNISON.—Sister Susan Dennison, the subject of this notice, was born in Madison Co., Alabama, April 14, 1821; her maiden name was Pitts. She was married to R. B. Dennison in her native home. They came to Arkansas in 1849, and to Washington in 1853. Shortly after coming here her husband died in 1854, and she remained a widow the rest of her life. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Washington, in 1857, and died here July 4, 1885. Sister Dennison was the embodiment and truly an example of christian patience; having been sorely afflicted for many years, she was never heard to complain; she has been so afflicted that she has belonged to the "shut-in band" for something over ten years, not having been able to go to church in that time, though her church was only a few yards from her home. Her afflictions seem to have increased her confidence in God and steadfastness in the christian faith, and it was refreshing to the soul to hear her talk of her hopes of heaven. Just the day before she died she clapped her hands and shouted, "Glory, glory." For years she has been taken care of by a widowed daughter,

whose work has been untiring and devotion unending, to make her mother as comfortable and happy as possible. Oh, how happy such aged parents must be at death, to know their child or children have been so kind and devoted. Sister Dennison loved her pastors dearly, as many pastors who have preceded me here will testify. Oh, may all of us meet grandma in heaven.

JOHN R. SANDERS.

Washington, Ark.

TRENT.—Mrs. Sallie Trent, (nee Woolsey,) relict of Josiah Trent, was born in Illinois, Feb. 22, 1813. Her parents immigrated to Arkansas in 1831, and settled in Washington Co., near where Farmington now stands. At the age of 18 years she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church under the ministry of the sainted John Harrell. She became a member of Ebenezer class, the first ever formed in Washington county, soon after its organization. Married, Feb. 21, 1833, to Josiah Trent, who afterwards became a much beloved and useful local elder. She was the mother of four sons and seven daughters. Her husband and three children preceded her to the better world. She was taken with typhoid fever, Sept. 29, 1882, which resulted in paralysis, and for nearly three years she was helpless as an infant. It was thought that the Eureka Springs water might prove beneficial to her. She was taken to that place 19th of June last and appeared to be improving, but was taken suddenly ill at night, July 8, and after three days of intense suffering she quietly closed her eyes, folded her arms, and with her face wreathed in smiles, she departed to her eternal rest, July 11, 1885. Sister Trent was a faithful and consistent member of the church 54 years. Her character was strong, her spirit meek, her faith steadfast, her hope sure, her love quiet and steady. She was a great sufferer; for three years, patience had its perfect work in her. Her heart did not weary, nor her tongue complain. Her beautiful, unostentatious life reached its perfection at the ripe age of three score and twelve, amid the triumphs of undisturbed peace and perfect resignation.

J. A. WALDEN.

Farmington, Ark.

HAWKINS.—Elizabeth Hawkins, wife of J. W. Hawkins, was born in Burk Co., N. C., Aug. 20, 1810, and died July 21, 1885, at her sons, E. M. Hawkins, near Wooster, Faulkner Co., Ark. Sister Hawkins professed religion and joined the M. E. Church during the year 1829. She was married to J. W. Hawkins, February 28, 1833. Sister Hawkins was a devoted christian and an affectionate mother; Sister Hawkins was the mother of ten children; three of them preceded her to the glory world, and six are living near Wooster, Ark.; they are all members of the M. E. Church, South, and are following their mother as she followed Christ, to heaven. When Sister Hawkins was asked concerning her doubts and fears, she said she had none; she said, "All is well, I have been living a long time for heaven." She seemed to be ready for her departure and she also seemed to know it was at hand, and all who knew her and the very expression of her countenance in the last moment of life, said she had fought a good fight and had kept the faith. It was the writers privilege to converse with this old sainted mother in Israel some few times, and she would not talk to me about anything else but religion and her bright future; we have no fears or doubts about Sister Hawkins; she died a most triumphant death and now with her beloved husband, who preceded her to the glory world about fourteen years ago, and three of her children, she sweetly rests under the shade of the trees. I would just say to you children, weep not for your mother, but weep for yourselves and your children; follow Christ as she did and you will meet her after a while where pain and death never come.

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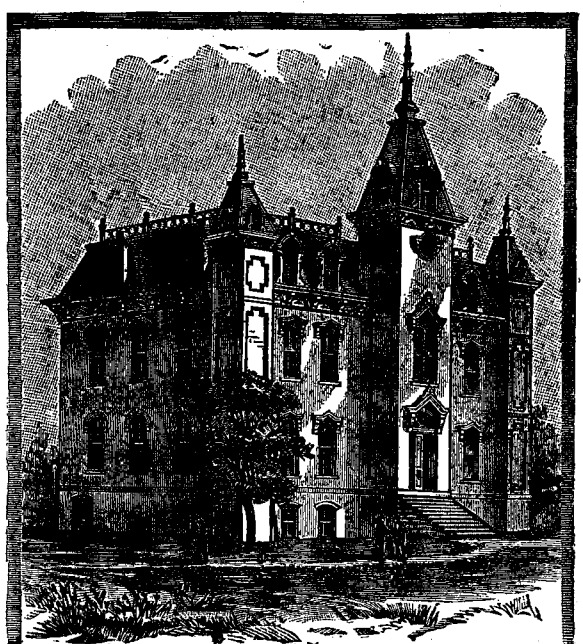
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