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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Foreign.

With the beginning of the new year, 1886, there are still to be seen specks of war on the horizon of the old world. Neither Bulgaria or Serbia are satisfied. King Milan, of Serbia, has proven to be a very inferior fighter; while Prince Alexander has come to the front as one of the most remarkable generals of his fighting age. While the former has invited the contempt of all the great commanders, the latter is being recognized as one of the rising men of the world. Serbia had all the advantage in the beginning, and every thing indicated that it would be a very easy matter to wipe out little Bulgaria, and carry her conquests into the regions beyond; but the scale turned and soon the Servians were in full flight, and nobody would come to their rescue. At the beginning they seemed unwilling for the powers to touch or take any part, then when they called they would not answer. They are badly used up; but Prince Alexander is of the opinion that Serbia will renew hostilities very soon, and he is calling on Russia to let all her officers, who were called home at the beginning of the war, return and take charge of their respective commands. England still has trouble in the Arabian with the Arabs, and they have recently had a battle in which the Arabs suffered severely. This battle was fought near Koshey, and the Arab loss was 600. They are trying in the direction of Dongua. A great fight is reported in the streets of Fushim. It is reported that the Mahdist fanatics penetrated the British lines, and that many of the British were killed and wounded. It is said that the London papers are suppressing the facts, and the real truth cannot be ascertained. Turkey is still sending out troops to protect her interest near the lines of the belligerent nations. The old "sick man of Europe" has all he can bear, and even the cheerful sunshine of our Sunset Cox, don't cheer him, but then you know your questions or rights to slumber. They made the funeral of the Febian Buckley the occasion for a grand parade and political demonstration, in which numerous trade societies and secret organizations took part. Several of the newly elected members of Parliament were present and took a part. The streets were thronged with people and the whole cortege moved with a grand flourish of trumpets. Music and banners accompanied all the orders, and the people filled the air with their shouts. England is much depressed and all the industries are languishing. They mourn the terrible competition of our country, and say that their people cannot live and compete with us. There is a financial pressure on the "Old Mother Land," and the most sagacious of her statesmen and financiers are at a loss to account for it. Labor is depressed and capital is shut up. France is again becoming what her great son Napoleon, said of her, "decayed in her glory and sunk in her worth." Every day threatens another revolution. The newly chosen Premier De Freycinet is still undecided whether or not to accept the office. He is reluctant to resume the responsibility of forming a new Cabinet in the present condition of affairs in France. But we must turn to the New World, and see what is going on this side of the great sea.

### Democracy.

The Christmas holiday is now over and the New Year has passed by and now the solons of our nation are expected to settle down to business. It was a great disappointment to our people that Judge Edmunds was not chosen President protem of the Senate to fill the place made vacant by the death of our Vice-President Hendricks. Judge Edmunds is a good lawyer, a great statesman, and a conservative politician. Sherman has none of these but is rather on the bloody side

order of statesmen who never aspire or rise to anything either great or good. But we will hope for the best and then take whatever comes. Our Congressmen with the aid of our Senators have driven King Alcohol out of our Capitol and solemnly declared, that the temple of liberty shall no longer be used as a saloon for drinkers. The debate in the Senate was very creditable to gray haired Senators. We were really ashamed of Senators Frye and Vest. (We do hope brother Godley will let Arkansas alone, and send no more papers to give away till he can find for his own Missouri a better fitting Vest than that. What a shame. Senator Cockerell says that great body has had to adjourn more than once because the Senators were too drunk for business, and that he had seen many Senators drunk in their seats and unfit for work. "Oh shame where is thy blush!" Then it comes out that the Chairman of Committees will have drink in their rooms and it is given out that the public business cannot be attended to without the aid of whiskey. Senator Vest denounces the men and women who are working in the great temperance movement as fanatics. How strangely that word trembled on profane lips in that august body of dignified Senators. All the clergy and the best women of the nation, with not a few of the leading men of the church and nation denounced as fanatics. Ah, my dear sir, only hold on to those words, and the prohibition party will soon consign you to the place designed for all such drinking and profane senators. Your political grave will soon be dug by these very fanatics. It is high time for all such men as you are to learn that the American manhood and womanhood have decreed that this country shall be free from drink. The victory at Atlanta and the triumph of Georgia means freedom from the slavish chains of strong drink. Our cause is just—God is on our side, and victory is certain. We are sorry to report divisions in the ranks of the present administration. The speeches of Senator Beck and Congressman Morrison, strongly indicate a wide breach in the democratic party. We are not as yet prepared to condemn the President or to adopt his views on the Silver Question; but we would like for some one to answer or try to answer the great speech of Senator Beck. He certainly presents a very plausible theory as to the cause of our present financial depression and monetary trouble, and then he presents an array of facts that it will be hard to gain say, or contradict. If the President is in the interest of the inflated bond holders, either inadvertently or on purpose, it is high time our sagacious statesmen were seeing it and exposing it as well. The country wants and must have relief. Bankrupt nor homestead laws will not give the relief. All the good such laws do is to fill the country with thieves, and teach men dishonesty. The farmer wants a proper remuneration for his toil and the laborer needs better wages. Why lock many millions in the vaults of our treasury or seek to use these millions to control the education of the country by the general government, while our people are oppressed with debt, and their children unshod are crying for bread. More next week.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Fannie E. Suddorth, of Mt. Vernon, wishes a situation as a teacher. She is personally well known to many of our readers, and is an exceptionally successful teacher. We take great pleasure in commending her. Write her.

Audger Brothers, State Wheel Enterprise, Search, favored us with a copy of their carrier's address. It is nicely printed, but not more so than we should expect from such printers.

Gen. R. O. Shaver, Center Point, made a pleasant call last week, and

dropped five dollars into the depleted treasury of the METHODIST. He is now paid up far in advance. Gen. Shaver was a splendid soldier and officer, and one of the best drill masters in the army.

Rev. E. L. Beard, Pastora, called settled in full for last year. He is a splendid worker for all the interests of the Church and never forgets the METHODIST. He sent us forty-four subscribers last year.

Rev. W. G. Miller, D. D., arrived last Saturday 12m. with his family, and occupied his pulpit First Methodist Church, last Sunday at 11 a.m. We bespeak for him and his family a cordial reception, and a large congregation on Sabbath. He stands in the front rank of able ministers in the South.

Hon. H. C. Tipton of Izard county, has been appointed receiver of public lands at Harrison, Ark. He is a christian gentleman and will make a good officer.

W. W. Garland, Morrilton, called last week. Sorry we did not see an old friend.

Col. John R. Thornton, of Calhoun called Wednesday last. We congratulate him upon his recent appointment. He will make a splendid officer.

Mr. G. P. Murrell, one of the best farmers of Lonoke county, was in to see us, and paid for the METHODIST for 1887. We do like such men, and wish that every one of them had just such a wife as our Lonoke county friend.

Rev. J. H. Collins, who located at the late session of the Memphis conference at Paducah, Ky., wishes to engage in evangelistic work. He will make his headquarters at Bartwell, Ky., where he can be addressed. His little Praise Hymns are real gems. Write to him for terms.

Col. J. M. Finnell, of De Witt, Ark., renews with many good words and kind wishes. Many thanks.

Rev. H. B. Swafford, one of our former field hands in the Little Rock conference, will be found reporting in this New Year's paper. Our folks in South Arkansas will be glad to hear from him.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry, for some years a member of the White River Conference, transferred at Helena, to Florida. He has done hard, faithful and successful service in our Conference. He has revivals wherever he goes and builds up Sunday-schools and family altars. He is a true man and will do good service in his new field, and we sincerely hope he may get a good appointment.

Rev. M. M. Smith, the indomitable P. E. of Newport District, sends his first round with many kind words and a good disposition to overlook all the short comings of these editors. We will do our best, but when our field hands get right into the midst of harvest time, with shout and song we can't keep up, and some will be over looked. Brother Smith says he will help us, and we know he will. His address is Ravenden Springs, Ark.

Rev. J. M. Clark, P. E. Helena district last year, whose transfer to West Missouri Conference was noticed recently, has left for his new pastoral charge, Kansas City Missouri. We have known him intimately for years, and before he was a preacher, and knew him to be an eminently worthy and true man, and a devoted christian minister. He has served several important charges and always with pleasure and profit to his parishioners and credit to himself. His transfer was greatly regretted, but we hope it may prove to have been ordered by the Lord. He is studious and religious, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the Conference to which he has transferred.

Geo. H. Stinson, the famous jeweler of Camden, Ark., never visits for any agent, but always passes at the

right time. Thanks, my old time friend.

Capt. J. W. Miller, the staunch prohibitionist and high-toned christian lawyer from Arkadelphia, was in to see us the past week, and did not forget to renew for the METHODIST. We really like Capt. Joe, for he is a true man.

Rev. Julien C. Brown, of the White River Conference, once connected with this paper as editor and proprietor, has transferred to the Missouri Conference and stationed in St. Joseph. He succeeds W. G. Miller D. D., stationed now in this city. Bro. Brown is one of the most gifted and promising ministers of his age we know of. He is a fine scholar, an able preacher and a ready writer. He is greatly loved by his charge all of whom were deeply grieved at his transfer. We predict for him usefulness and eminence. His many friends and admirers in Arkansas will follow him with their good wishes and prayers.

Rev. Geo. M. Hill and his wife paid our sanctum a short visit, en route to Beebe, and he has called once since. Wish them a very prosperous year in their new charge.

Rev. J. Y. Christmas passed down to Social Hill a few days ago. Our old friends must treat him well. He is worthy.

Rev. A. R. Kennedy, D. D., the popular pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, calls often to see us, and we were delighted to see him. We were the recipient of an elegant Oxford Bible from the doctor and his official board, which we appreciate very highly, but not half so much as their kind words.

Rev. E. M. Pipkin who was transferred from the Little Rock Conference to the White River Conference has had a good beginning in that noble charge, Batesville Station where he was well received in the holiday services. He preached to the edification of a large audience December 27th. His people will proceed at once to build a parsonage. Brother Pipkin is a welcome accession to our working force in the White River Conference.

Rev. W. G. Miller, D. D., the new pastor of our First Church in this city is winning golden opinions for himself, and he is preaching to crowded houses. St. Joe, Mo., has not however suffered severely, for the Brown of Arkansas is a fair return for the Miller of Missouri. Our preachers and people will make the doctor welcome to Arkansas.

Gen. Robert Toombs, of Ga., has recently passed away. He has long figured in public life, and was one of the ablest statesmen of our country. A man of strong convictions, and sterling worth. He was the life long friend of Bishop Pierce, and the good Bishop baptized him and received him into our church.

Rev. P. B. Hopkins has made a fine start on Beasboro circuit, and he is just pouring in the subscribers on us. Noble, true man; we wish him abundant success. He and our brother Fair are leading the host. Happy New Year to you both.

Capt. J. B. Butler, the accomplished merchant of Wheatley, was over this week. He is pure gold, and that Wheatley has choice wheat.

Mr. D. S. Ewell, the travelling prince of McKensie, Tenn., gave us a splendid call; wish we could get Hinkle and Ewell to the City of Reason.

Rev. R. H. Mahon, D. D., of Memphis, sends us New Year greetings, and it was very kind in him to do so, after we had failed to give him credit for that grand Thanks Giving Sermon in our issue of Dec. 19th. We ask pardon, Doctor; but please remember we were at Paducah at that time.

Our Junior will preach the Commencement sermon for Athens College Institute at Athens in June next.

## THE PRESS.

We find that nearly all our State papers took a Christmas holiday. Our great religious dailies of this city only took a day at Christmas and one at New Year.

Our neighbor of the Democrat never lets up in working for a New Constitution and belaboring the Gazette on the Free Pass question. Not satisfied with this, Col. Mitchell has undertaken the tuition of Brother Carl Lee, of the White River Journal, and makes him stand up to say his lessons. Bro. Carl Lee is a hard student and will strike back. We furnish the latest till:

"Its terrible the way the great men of the country are all dying off," said the editor of the White River Journal the other day. "There's only me and Tilden and two or three others left and we ought to be very careful of our health."—[Little Rock Democrat.

"Another one of the big fellows gone," said the Editor of the Little Rock Democrat, after reading the death of Gen. Toombs. "The soft heads are enjoying good health. I feel perfectly safe."—[White River Journal.

But Brother Reuben is not only an unruly pupil, but is becoming a pugilist; he is simply attacking everybody. See how he goes for the Des Arc Citizen:

"Col. J. E. Gatewood has taken charge of the editorial columns of the Des Arc Citizen.

"He announces that it is to be thoroughly Democratic, and in favor of settling nominations by some approved democratic methods. He says if an objectionable candidate is nominated, a democrat is justified in not supporting him, but must not vote for his opponent.

"We cannot subscribe to the last doctrine."

"Coming events cast their shadows before."

They do for a fact cast their shadows before them, and one cast before now is that the day of whiskey men and whiskey rule is at an end. Any party that will nominate whiskey bloats or old worn out political demijohns, will surely be defeated. Our Brother Gatewood did not go far enough. We will vote for the best men, regardless of party or party lines, and will never vote for a bad man no matter who nominates him. Step one step more, Brother Gatewood.

But our Brother Brower, of the Gazette, has never answered categorically the question: Ought the next Legislature to pass a law forbidding Free Passes on all railroads, as the Constitution says it shall? Mark you neighbor, this will be an issue next summer, and no mistake. Our neighbor don't have much to say on High License these days. Will our neighbor come to the front on the question of prohibition? We see he sings at Brother Folsom and intimates that somebody wants to make somebody else religious by a mere resolution. Now Brother Brower knows better than that. We are simply seeking to protect our people by law from the evil effects of whiskey in the making and selling; just as we protect them against the murderer and the rogue. We think it is just as bad and a little worse to be killed by strong drink than by a pistol, and we think the State has the right, yes, it is the duty of the State to protect from both. But our neighbor imagines that all Arkansas is to be benefitted by a description of New Year callers and the dress of society people and ball goers. This is abhorrent and snobbishism run to seed. It is absolutely disgusting. In the name of common sense who can be benefitted by two or three columns of such stuff in the leading daily paper of Arkansas. Our State is on the highway of progress and she needs live papers to discuss the silver, gold and greenback problem, and tell us how to rid ourselves of the vast amount of crime and blighted that it is our land. Our forty papers, we believe,

have already taken out license to sell whiskey by wholesale and retail mostly foreigners, and now a word of condemnation from our city press. Copeland is assassinated in cold blood and found at a miserable place, and hundreds are offered to catch his murderer, but what about the men who are murdering their fellows by wholesale and retail with whiskey? Will our neighbors speak out? In connection with this subject we give a good item from the Union Signal, a live temperance sheet: "The autocrat of all the Russias has decreed that no whiskey shall be sold in his dominions after the first of 1886, except in hotels and restaurants. This will close over ten thousand saloons." Good for Russia, but we forbear and copy from that sterling sheet the Ozark Democrat:

"The average cost of a session of congress is \$3,000,000. The average benefit thereof to the public is \$0,000,000,000.—[Little Rock Gazette.

The cost of a session is too much, yet we can better afford to pay \$3,000,000 a session than not to have a congress.—[Ozark Democrat.

Would it not be better still, Ben. Colburn, to have a congress of sober men and let them set the example to the country of temperance, and if all our people would only follow the example we would have plenty of money to run congress and millions left. But we know you are strongly in favor of temperance men for office, and the following extract will show that:

"Thomas Newton has been appointed postmaster at Little Rock. He is a genial gentleman, and thorough business man. There is only one objection to him—he is too fond of 'single foot.' However, we trust he will hold himself down."

Now in justice to Col. Newton we want to say that we have it from his own lips that he does not and will not touch strong drink and that the people in Arkansas shall never regret his appointment. We will depend on his word and we know he is a truly great business man. But enough for this week and as this is 1886 we close this report with the following from the Humboldt Messenger. Take heed every body.

### CHURCH ETIQUETTE.

Always come to church late. It attracts more attention—to you. If you are ugly and awkward put on fine clothes and people will look at them.

The front seats are best for hearing, but the back seats are best for flirting &c. Which you should choose depends on what you came for.

Talk to the person next to you. Rome was saved by a goose, and probably you may save somebody the trouble of thinking by speaking to them.

The fly-leaf of a hymn-book is good to write notes on. The people who pay for them may object to the vandalism, but you will never hear of that. Think of something funny during the sermon. A silly grin is the best antidote to serious thought you could possibly invent.

Spit on the floor. If it gets very filthy the ladies of the church can scour it up and get it in good condition for you to spit on again.

Look at your watch frequently. It will remind the preacher that there is very precious to those who do not expect to enjoy eternity—cash.

If you have anything to say, talk out loudly, especially during prayer. True, it is sacrilegious and unbecoming; but if any one has the cheek to say so you can get mad and tell the boys what you will do if he says anything.

A good time to leave is just after the preacher takes his text. It is very annoying to the decent part of the congregation, but that does not affect you.

Never go out quietly. The idea you make shows that your contempt for the audience is as near equal to their contempt for you as you can possibly make it.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1886.

EUROPEAN TRAVEL.—No. 3.

On the morning of July 5th, 1885, I hurried to the boat-quartermen of Cook & Son, 261 Broadway, N. Y., to procure my tourist ticket, and make all arrangements to be reckoned with the T. J. MacFoster party, for an excursion to the Old World. All arrangements perfected, we spent the remainder of the day in looking over our great Gotham. We visited Central Park, Brighton's Beach, and Coney's Island. For the first time in life we looked on old ocean and heard the roar of its mighty waves. How majestic! How sublime is the surge of rolling billows, and the tea of the maps on the beautiful waves. We saw New York by electric light, and oh, it was grand beyond description! A sweet night's rest and next morning was spent in preparation to embark. Our vessel was the Bothnia, of the Cunard Line. It is an English company, and everything is done in English style and with English system and regularity. At 10 a. m., our company began to collect and it was confusion—was, confounded. The heat was intense, and no preparation to give water or any other comfort. The vessel was lined with tourists and their friends. It was a time of adieu and tears. We were alone, so far as relations were concerned for all those ones were all left behind. On these departures is a strange event in life, and can never be forgotten. Precisely at 12 the whistle sounds, the bell is tapped, and with hoisted sail, the little tug leads the great giant forth on the bosom of the mighty deep and leaves her to contend with wind and waves for ten days and nights. How a little tug can launch one of these ocean vessels is a wonder, and has a lesson. Small things become mighty when directed by superior skill and guiding wisdom. It is a strange sensation that power comes as the vessel begins the movements of her mighty wheels and we hear the breathing of her tremendous engine, and we know that we are leaving the shores of our native land. Our traveling companion said to us as we trod the deck of the great Cunarder, "the loveliest sight you will see, will be the shores of your native land as you return." So I thought, Not Italy, with all her art, or France, with all her glory and beauty, were half so smiling and lovely as the shores of America, seen from the deck of the returning vessel. We stepped to ponder somewhat as New York was lost sight of, and Sandy Hook faded from view. Shall we ever return? Will our loved ones all be spared to greet us? Will the voyage be safe and the trip pleasant? With sight rather blinded by mistletoe tears, we looked out over the vast expanse of waters and committed ourselves to the keeping of that God "who holdeth the ocean in the palm of His hand, stretches the north star the empty place, and brings the world on nothing." But we turn to our surroundings and begin to look around on our companions as they sleep. A vessel of the size of ours is a real moving city of about 2,000 people and you can select your society as you do at home—all sorts will be found on one of these vessels. There is a gaming crowd, a social crowd, a real society crowd, and then you will find many of the solid people who are traveling for rest, recuperation and real intellectual benefit. There are many ways to amuse one's self on the vessel—pitching quoits, throwing soap, promading, and watching every thing and every body. And there is much to enjoy. The library will furnish you with the finest of literature, and the vessel will supply you with papers of all kinds, then you are furnished good berths and your bill of fare is all as epicurean as should be. The ocean is a grand study at all times and shows as much of the grandeur of God as can be found in any part of His vast domain. It is a grand lesson. We were well entertained when we started abroad about an hour's sailing, as there is so much connected with old ocean to stir the sentimentalist in the poet's breast, we could not help but be together, and we were all well together, after writing bits of the letter to our dear ones, we said, "Well, how can I continue, and how can I stand,

when I see our Bothnia moving with all the grace of a beautiful swan, riding a billow here, leaping a wave there, then rocking in his cradle as old ocean like a mother with her first born caresses her on her turbulent bosom? No pen ever has or ever can do justice to the majesty of the ocean. The thunder of its roar and the music of its surge are indescribable. A sun rise or a sun set at sea is a delight, and furnishes a picture that no artist can imitate, and one to which no poet or poetry has ever done justice. To stand in the morning's early dawn, and watch from the deck of the great steamer, the first ray of eastern light, then watch as the light advances along the distant rim of the horizon, and after Aurora, fair goddess of morning with her magic wand, has brushed away the darkness of the night, you begin to see the great King of day seated in his golden chariot, rise from the bosom of the deep, flooding old ocean with the golden beams of morning, and causing the very waters to sparkle like glittering diamonds, and the wave and billow seem to sing a song of praise and adoration to the great Giver of all good. So you see (if any comparison can be allowed) seems more beautiful still. For one hour after the king of day has been buried out of sight in the bottomless waters, the whole scene is one of bewildering beauty, and the whole ocean seems ablaze like electric light flashing on plains of diamonds and torrents of silver. No, no, to see all this, you must keep your eyes open, you know, is the terror of the ocean and the dread of all tourists. It has never been disguised. It comes when it pleases, and goes when it gets ready. It never kills, and can never be cured, it has simply to be endured. Every body expects it, and very few are disappointed. Ladies go to sea expecting it, and go prepared, and would be dreadfully disappointed if they were not sick. Indeed sea sickness is a luxury when you get used to it, though it is not very easy to do that. It is a blessing too. It will turn you inside out and throw off all malaria, and you are better ever afterwards. We had the full benefit of a storm at sea, but this chapter is long enough and that must lie over.

P. S.—We reproduce our third letter on European Travel this week, so that we may be able to supply our new subscribers with all the chapters. We will try to furnish back numbers to all subscribers sent in by February 1st. Can't promise after that date. We will resume our chapters next week where we left off Dec 26th. Now is the time to subscribe. A. L. W.

EPISTLE GENERAL.

EDITORS METHODIST:—It is always pleasant to go into Arkansas where I once lived, and greet the friends with whom I was wont to mingle. The last days of November and the early part of December were spent in St. Francis county, principally on my farm, six miles north of Forrest City, but I was several times in that thriving county seat. Your friend, Captain Wyne, told me with moist eyes how effectually he had given himself to the Lord, a statement which thrilled me with delight. I have known him ever since he settled in St. Francis, have dealt with him a good deal first and last, and believe him to be one of the most enterprising and successful citizens of that good county. Many other noble gentlemen abide in those parts. Many have crossed the river, and, in obedience to his said, not a few have fallen victims to the strong drink.

The jug business is very thriving at Forrest City, where the liquor traffic has been broken up; but still there is a great improvement upon how things used to be. Squads of loafing saloon patrons, half drunken, and more profane and vulgar, were wont to be seen swaggering about on the street under the former regime. But those jugs ought to be fractured and crushed, it seems to me. At Col's nation, where the traffic is allowed, beefs, fighting and shooting are carried on as they were formerly at old Taylor's Creek, near there, and for which a small tax was named.

By the way, that was my first visit, and it first got the name the year that I traveled it. We had some good meetings, and many souls were converted. Old Bro. Steele, who has been so long preaching my preaching, held at May's school house just after a revival, which I was forward to report,

The steward of that place reported only four dollars quarterly, which, in the estimate of Bro. Steele, discounted our revival terribly, which he said was hardly worth the map of his finger. But it was a new place that we were just trying to build up, which has developed into Wesley, one of the best appointments in that region. What a grand old man was Brother Steele.

Eastern Arkansas abounds this year in game, and I feasted daily on venison, turkey, squirrels and fish, better diet than Queen Victoria is accustomed to. I ate so much wild meat while out there, that my neighbor, Dr. North, said I looked wild when I got back home. Going down one day to Forrest City from my place on the river, I met a man whom I had never seen before, was pointed out to me, and I went forward to make myself known to him. Taking him by the hand, said I, "You resemble an Arkansas circuit rider." "And you," said he, "look like a Missouri or Tennessee exhorter." I opened up. He looks like a fine "field hand," and has a good face for fun. Moore and Fiser are excellent company, and I had the pleasure of being with them several times.

One of our Arkansas boys, Lewis Powell, is my nearest neighbor up here. He has Spring Hill Station, and is doing finely. But I must not say much on this line, as he is a subscriber to your paper. He is a lovely character, and has many friends in this conference. Allow me to say that I rejoice greatly in the prosperity of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and wish that its circulation may be still more increased both at home and abroad. You do well to rebuke the methods of that St. Louis editor. His paper was not needed in Missouri, nor anywhere else, as surely will not root out the ARKANSAS METHODIST in any part of Arkansas. You have a noble constituency, and they will stand by you in your indefatigable labors in their behalf. A. T. GOODLOE, West Harpeth, Tenn.

NOTES FROM MISSOURI.

EDITORS METHODIST:—Before some of us was aware of the fact our Dr. W. G. Miller had left us, and had gone to fill the station at the First Church in Little Rock. Well, while you all are no doubt rejoicing over your gain, we relieve a deep sense of our loss. Dr. Miller is one of the finest preachers and one of the most useful men that we have ever had in the Missouri Conference. He was sincerely loved by our Conference, and he was an immense power for good amongst us that we inexpressibly regret to lose. It will not take you long, after meeting him, to be impressed with the great fact that he is laboring to save a soul. You Arkansians must make up your minds at once that we have only parted with our brother for a short time and when we will ask him back again to Missouri at least. There is a special and a great field for him here.

Bro. Brown will soon feel sorely at home amongst us. Our preachers and people will all give him a sincere and hearty welcome. He comes of what is the largest, and in some respects the most important station in our conference, and we will all pray for his perfect success. We have the fullest confidence that Bishop Granberry is trying his utmost to do the very best he can for all our churches and conferences.

I am writing these notes on Christmas day. The snow has disappeared. The sun is shining forth from a cloudless sky, and the day is one of the most beautiful that we ever saw at this season of the year. Several of our churches united in preparing a Christmas tree, and last night a nice company, of not less than six hundred persons, assembled in the Opera House to hear some songs from a selected choir, and some recitations and a dialogue from the children. At the close Santa Claus came forth with his long white beard and in his wonderful costume and interested the children and the audience wonderfully and in various ways beside distributing the presents. The best spirits in our community were engaged on this occasion; and I am sure that you will agree with me that some real profits were realized, when I give the lines, written for the occasion, by one of our venerable christian laymen, and recited by a lit-

THE GIRL AS AN "OPENING PRAYER."

O Lord, thou art the child's friend; Thou didn't a waddy fast—fery; Be, therefore, Lord, our guest to-night, And fill our souls with pure delight.

We celebrate the Savior's birth, And pray for men and peace on earth; And ask that praise to God be given, By all on earth and all in Heaven.

The Savior loves us all we know; For he was once a child below, Come Jesus, as thou didst of old, These children in thy arms enfold.

And while our Christmas sports progress, We pray the Lord our souls to bless; May every word be just and true; May love appear in all we do.

Forbid that envy, scorn or pride, May in our infant hearts abide. Let kindness through our actions run, And in thy fear let all be done.

And when our exercises cease, May every heart be filled with peace; And to thy name be love and praise; By every heart, through endless days.

You will observe that we did not have the exercises in our church. We do not have many things of this kind. No man, nor body of men in this world, can possibly have any authority to use one of God's houses for any other than the purpose specified when the house is solemnly dedicated from all unhallowed or common uses for the worship of Almighty God. Trustees who give permission for Christmas trees, singing schools, etc. to be held in any of our churches, entirely transcend their authority, and not only do such things without law, but positively contravene it.

FIELD NOTES.

We begin with this New Year 1886, a worthy report of our field hands, and rejoice with them in their harvest, reaped in 1885. The Lord was with us in marvelous power, and hundreds were converted. Conference reports have all come and passed, and after reporting, reviewing and much social and religious enjoyment, we have returned to our field work, and now for hard, full toil and willing sacrifice. This is our semi-annual year, and we must put in a good year for our Arkansas Methodist Conference. We desire to get in reports from all our preachers in Arkansas, and we would like very much for our brethren in Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas to join with us in these reports, and all our brethren must be faithful and forswearing, and not be captious, jealous or disposed to find fault. We certainly have no pets, and we will not indulge one more than another if we know it. Whiteside's—never over three pages of common letter paper—two pages would be better, and not to postal notes than all. Postal introduction. We greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus and wish you abundant success. We will help you if you and all the time if you will give us a chance; but enough, and begin the year with our brother, N. Fair, who is entitled to the post of honor. He has entered his work in good earnest, and has many subscribers already with money, good words and kind wishes. He is a noble worker.

Rev. W. A. Steel writes: We are moving off nicely. Success to the Methodist. Thanks, Willie, my son; help make the success; stir old Columbia for us.

Next comes Rev. W. F. Welke, of Smithville and Poshorn. A nice preacher with a very nice people; re: I have now settled and by far the best round on the Doyer circuit. Pray for us that we may have success in calling souls to Christ. May the Lord bless you.

We next present our brother Jolly, and he is jolly, and he always has a jolly time, and he will do well on the Doyer circuit. Having completed the first round on the Doyer circuit, am favorably impressed with the work of the Congregationalists. Our reception was very cordial. Some of the converts at the marriage were conference, in the way of feeding, clothing, painting, etc. Much of Christmas was spent at church and it was truly good to be there. Many of the young converts were present, full of religion, and testified that this was their happiest Christmas. A few evenings,

since, quite a company of the Doyer people called at the parsonage and gave the preacher and wife a "pounding." After a few remarks, and a word of prayer, the donations were given, leaving many of life's substantial. Their donations were wisely selected; the chickens were not forgotten, and the Christmas turkey was brought. God bless this good people, is the prayer of the parsonage. (I trust during the year you will give a "pounding" with a long list of subscribers to your excellent paper.)

And now a choice report from B. O. Bigelow, formerly of our conference. Our preachers will never cease to love and honor him. We greatly enjoy his report, and we know our preachers will enjoy it too. Reading your paper and thinking of you I thought I would like to write and tell you how much I enjoy the ARKANSAS METHODIST. There is a fire in its columns that warms and stirs the heart and compels the hearty acknowledgment of the mind. The words must come from a heart on fire. They will do good, they are doing good. The aggressiveness and courage and the fearlessness of your paper is what we all want; and then with our hearts burning and filled with the spirit we will take this world for God. Here is to your health, and may you live long and prosper. I do not forget, nor will, that the place where I gave up myself completely to God, work and the ministry, was in the Little Rock Conference, M. E. Church, S. C. and though I am in the M. E. Church here, my heart is warm to the Southern Church. Wife and I both send our love to you and your wife. We would be more than pleased to see you and wife or you alone; can take care of you and will make you comfortable.

You may need a little rest, especially in hot weather, come up in this cool place to take a comfortable rest. And here is one from another Arkansas field hand, but now in Missouri, and hard at work, and still rather disabled. Our White River brethren will never forget brother J. J. Kilburn. "My health has been such that I have been compelled to give up my work. My physician says I must not preach for a year at least and that I must change climate. I therefore shall have to ask you to stop my paper. I know I shall miss it much, but am not able to take it longer. I am sure you are doing much good, and I shall be glad to bless you in your work. Please to send my account to Gateville, Ark., and I shall settle it as soon as I can. Remember me in your prayers, for I feel the need of much grace, so that I may suffer the will of the Lord. I feel that my blessed Saviour is letting me, and that all will end well."

Here is still another from a distant worker, formerly of our Little Rock Conference. Our brethren will remember our little sickly brother, H. B. Swafford, who developed into such a wonderful worker and such a noble true man. I have closed up my years work on the Coquille Circuit, with twenty-one conversions and about the same number of conversions; five Sunday-schools organized—collections more than full, except the salaries, which are a little in arrears. We had a very pleasant session of conference. Bishop Hargrove seems quite sanguine for the success of our church here. The vote on change of name stood—15 against and 5 for. I am appointed to the uttermost parts again, (Bandon circuit or mission rather) intracing the coast near half the length of Oregon; and including Cape Blanes, which recently has been found—as I am informed—to be the most western point of the U. S. Coast, by about 6 miles. I am the only resident minister of any denomination in this vast extent of country. There are children here nearly or quite grown who never heard a sermon nor ever saw a minister. I sympathize with the poor heathen, but I think we ought to send the gospel to our native heathen. The prospect for our church out here is good. In fact we are better situated to much of this country than in any other church. We have just closed a meeting with about 9 conversions and 12 accessions where we organized the first Methodist church on this part of the Coast. Pray for us. We know our dear old Grand Ma of Bonnie Glenn will greatly enjoy this.

Now we close with a note of correction from our Brother C. M. Keith, who led the van of our host last year,

and won two premiums—Commentaries and the great bridged Dictionary. "Please allow me to expect one or two little inaccuracies in the proceedings of our late Conference as published in the Minutes of the 12th ult., lest "honor to whom honor is 'due," should attach to some one. The minutes show me to have been on two committees (Books and Periodicals and Dictionary) when the fact is I was only on the latter. (L. M. Keith being on the former.) Secondly, that I paid five dollars to Paige I write when I only took to the Secretary's table the five dollars paid by another party. I only have to regret that I was unable to pay anything to that worthy associate."

We beg pardon, we will let our Brother D. H. Warren close this week's report. He is a noble man and a good worker everywhere. "I am delighted with the Methodist and the way it is being conducted, and I trust the people at large will properly appreciate your efforts and give you such a paying list of subscribers as will enable you to do more efficient work by reaching the masses in every part of our growing and prosperous State. I hope your subscription list may be doubled during the present winter, and it can, if all the preachers and other agents will go to work at once and in earnest. My best wishes for your success, both religiously and financially, and a good travel list of paying subscribers. P. S.—Our good Brother M. Watson, who has been returned to the Gainesville circuit, has gone to work with energy and determination, and will succeed. He has served the people here for several years first and last, and successively for the past three years, and is very well received. If he would only visit his people and be a pastor as well as preacher, he would do infinitely more good. Hope he will visit more this year, and that the Lord will bless him and his charge abundantly." Who will send us one dollar to continue his paper?

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Standing at a depot in Arkansas... I could but be forcibly struck with the great number of itinerant freight boxes passing on to Texas...

What a morbid state of mind and body and of moral sensibility... who spend so much time, money, power of mind, social and domestic happiness, and finally plunge themselves headlong into the bottomless pit of despair...

But as sure as there is a God who rules on high the glad day draws very nigh when down this evil must go along with Mormonism, socialism, socialism, and many other giant evils that now oppress our land.

All hail Atlanta, Georgia. We people of Arkansas, greet you in the hope of a better day ahead. Hold the fort, for we are coming. Stand firm and strike out bravely for "God and Home and Native Land!"

Our worthy President of the State Christian Temperance Union has called the convention to meet in Little Rock, on the 26th and 27th (we believe,) of January, 1886. Col. W. P. Grace of Pine Bluff, is president, and Hon. H. C. Caldwell of Little Rock, is vice-president.

Removal. That hereafter the convention should be strictly a delegated body, and that no one would be entitled to a seat without proper credentials from the counties they were to represent, and that each county is entitled to as many delegates as they are to members of the General Assembly.

So our friends will see the importance of holding primary meetings and appointing delegates to represent them. Every county should be represented, and that too by the very best men of the county of pronounced temperance sentiments and very decided temperance action.

Our neighbor, Georgia, has made a grand record, and the victory of Atlanta will tell for good on the great Prohibition question throughout the United States. Let us have a rousing convention this year. Reduced fare will be procured and our temperance people must give a few days and a few dollars to this great interest.

Our whiskey men are making and spending thousands, and we must do some work on that line ourselves if we expect to

combat their evil influence and destroy their work of death and destruction. We suggest Saturday, January 16th, at 2 p. m., as the time, and the Chapel of the Presbyterian church as the place for Pulaski county to hold its meeting to select delegates, and we hope all the pulpits in Little Rock will announce it, and urge their people to come and be certain to come themselves. Let us have a full meeting and a rousing time. The county where our Capital is located should be well represented. Let all our temperance people rally. Remember Jan'y 16th, at 2 p. m., at the Chapel of the Presbyterian church, corner of Scott and Fifth. Come one! Come all!

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REC'D. A. YOUNG.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The week has been one of preparation for the holidays. Charitable clubs are busy with arrangements for supplying Kris Kringles and good things to the children of the poor.

Congress, too, made ready for Christmas today by adjourning until the fifth of January.

The emphatic vote 226 to 70, by which the House decided to change its rules showed how general was the feeling that a reform was necessary.

The passage of the bill pensioning Mrs. Grant was not attended by debate, nor did it arouse opposition in either branch of Congress.

The senate debated and passed the Presidential succession bill, which the House will consider immediately after the recess.

In the Senate debate upon the alleged organization of the Territory of Dakota into a state, Senator Harrison, of Indiana, championed Dakota, while Senator Vest, of Missouri, branded her recent proceedings as revolutionary.

The senior Senator Hampton, from South Carolina has introduced a bill in the Senate which is in full accord with civil service reform.

and provides a fine for the misdemeanors. The bill will doubtless find favor with the more independent Congressman, who would like to be relieved of the annoyance of office-brokers.

The President has been visited during the week by a delegation of Indians from Iowa. They recited their wrongs and troubles to him as the Indians usually do.

The President has sent twelve hundred nominations to the Senate since the opening of the session, including the last he has made up to date.

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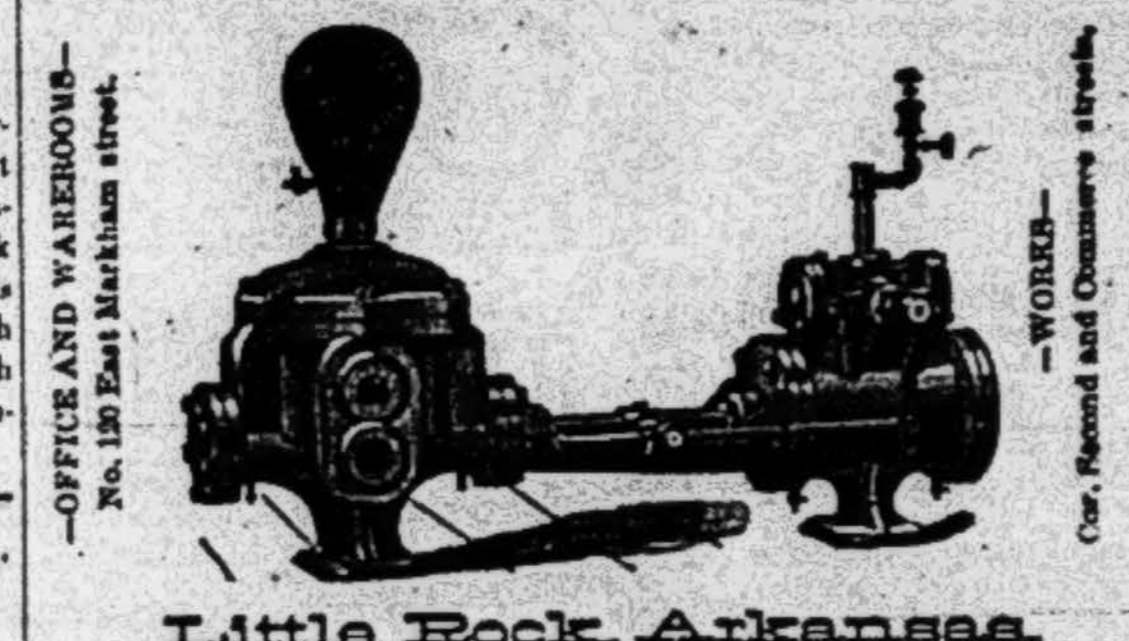
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Who wants in time of sickness A little ale to try, Or beer or wine, or poison, And make her vomit? Not I.

Who likes a boy that tipsles A fiddle on the fly, Or smokes cigars in private? Not I—surely not I.

And when we girls are women (We shan't be by and by,) Who'll have a drink of beer? Some silly girl—not I.

Somebody asked me to take a drink. What did I tell him? What do you think? I told him—No.

Somebody asked me one day to play A game of cards—and what did I say? I told him—No.

"If gamblers notice thee, consent thou not," My little girl, and so on the spot I told him—No.

The Tell-Tale.

If I could find the little bird That tells of everything, I'd climb beside him on his perch, And he began to sing.

"O little bird, O little bird," (I'd cry) "Oh please attend! Don't tell the naughty thing she did—I'm sure she means to mend."

"That darling boy—you heard him say Such dreadful, dreadful words! But please don't tell it—no one heard—Nobody but the birds!"

We'll keep the secret—you and I. We'll hush the whispering leaves, For when a little boy does wrong I know his mother grieves."

Alas, Alas! the little bird Is very hard to find! I've hunted all the forest through And begged him to be kind.

But for my pains, I heard a voice Clear as a silver bell—Whenever I cried, "Don't tell, Dear bird!"

It mocked, "I'll tell—tell—tell!" So little children, one and all, Be very careful now.

I cannot help you if I would (I would if I knew how,) The little tell-tale is a rod, He punts each word and dell, And if you do a naughty thing, That little bird will tell.

He will Come.

"Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh."—Matt. 24 ch. 44v.

He will come, perhaps at morning, When to simply live is sweet, When the arm is strong, unwearied, By the noonday toil and heat;

When the undimmed eyes look tearless, Up the shining heights of life, And the eager soul is panting, Yearning for some noble strife.

He will come perhaps at noon, When the pulse of life throbs high, When the fruits of toil are ripening, And the harvest time is nigh,

Then through all the full-orbed splendor Of the sun's meridian blaze, There may arise the strange new beauty Of the Lord's transfigured face.

Or it may be in the evening—Gleams and sunbeams in the sky, Clouds around the sunset gather, The red and dark the shadows lie.

daughter of O. R. and Bettie Bell, of Rocky Comfort, Arkansas. Little's Dennis was a very bright and sweet little girl of three summers only, with a pure gentle heart and a beautiful face, she was indeed a bright ray of light from our Heavenly Father.

Parents, look up by faith, and see your darling one at the entrance of the "Beautiful Gate" waiting and watching for you. L. W. R.

Charlie Williams at Malvern gathered seventy cents for our good work, and sent it up by Bro. Pipkin his former pastor. Charlie I hope you and the other boys and the girls of Malvern will organize a Helpers Society and help all you can by prayer, loving work and cheerful liberality.

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Edgar's Letter.

I again send you the contents of my missionary jug—one dollar and thirty cents. I managed to get the money out without breaking the jug so as to have it for another year. I hope to send more next year. Use this where it will do the most good.

Our preacher, Bro. Preston was returned to us again this year, which is his fourth year. Every body loves him and will be sorry to give him up when the time comes. God bless you in your labors is the prayer of your "Little Helper."

Edgar's Collection.

Thank you Edgar, you have done well. I will let your collection go to push on the grand work spreading the knowledge of our Saviour over the world. May it do much good, and may ever have in your own heart a joy and peace in believing in Jesus.

Dear Doctor Winsfield:

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how we are all getting along over in Tennessee. Papa saw you at conference, and you said for me to write to you. This is Christmas eve and old Santa Claus will come down the chimney tonight and fill the stockings of all good boys and girls. Tomorrow will be Christmas day the day our Saviour was born, and I think that day ought to be kept holy, and that all christian people ought to meet at their respective places of worship and celebrate this day with divine worship. We are very sorry that Bishop Hargrove was not here to see us on our beloved preaching day. We are all very glad to hear that you are all well and hope you will be blessed with many more years of usefulness. We are all very glad to hear that you are all well and hope you will be blessed with many more years of usefulness.

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OBITUARIES.

PERCY.—Adeline Perry (nee Nance) was born in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Sept. 13, 1821; was married to Stephen Perry Oct. 11, 1843; moved to Arkansas in 1850; died at their home in Early, December 9, 1885.

Sister Perry is dead. How sadly the world will be spoken by many fervent preachers who have met a cordial welcome in her hospitable home, and had their spiritual needs met by her conversation, which is truly a heaven, and the poor! how they will miss the friend that so often supplied their wants, denying herself all superfluities that she might minister to their necessities. But who can estimate the loss to her bereaved family! The loving wife, the affectionate mother, the kind grandmother is gone; no more to plead with God for those for whom she prayed so unceasingly. Prayer is changed to praise and if she could speak to the grief-stricken ones doubtless she would say, "Let not your hearts be troubled. I am with Jesus in the place which he has prepared for me; though I may not return to you, you can come to me; there is room for all. In my father's house there are many mansions." We shall all miss her sadly, especially in our female prayer meetings, where her earnest, fervent prayers lifted all hearts, and her rich, deep experience seemed to indicate that she was fast ripening for glory, fitted for companionship with angels.

Her last illness being brief and painful she talked but little, but we need no dying testimony; her whole life was a living epistle, seen and read by all; converted early in childhood she continued faithful until death, proving the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keeping herself unspotted from the world; not being allured by the world into doubtful amusements, however innocent they might seem to others; never engaging in anything which did not lead to the honor and glory of God. As for her health, she was an active laborer in the temperance and missions cause, having been Conference Treasurer in the Women's Missionary Society of the White River Conference, and at the time of her death Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society in Searcy. A FRIEND.

LEE.—Richard H. Lee, son of the late Rev. B. Lee, who was for many years an itinerant preacher in Arkansas, died at his home in Batesville, Dec. 23, 1885, aged 45 years. Bro. Lee was honored and trusted for a number of years by his fellow citizens with the office of Treasurer of Independence county. His last sickness was a long, weary struggle, which he bore with a quiet, patient submission seldom seen among mortals. He confronted death, and the grave without alarm. I was frequently with him, and always found him ready and devout in religious services. A few hours before his death he took great comfort from the precious promises of God as so richly expressed in that grand old hymn: "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent word." When told that his end was near, he said he had "no fear, but was ready and willing to go." His friends and neighbors laid him beside his venerable father, and commended his weeping wife and three little children to the mercies of him who is "a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless." H. M. GRANAGE.

GREEN.—Sister Nansie D. Green, wife of S. D. Green, and daughter of Edgus and Frances O'Brien, was born January 3, 1846; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, Aug. 20, 1869; died in Tulip, Dallas Co., Ark., July 27, 1885. The writer was appointed to Tulip Circuit, 1851; met Sister Green at one of the members at Tulip church; her health was precarious at times even then, and life with her was a struggle, with many small children to care for, and bodily fitness she gradually declined. She took a trip to Kentucky to see her mother and sisters, with the hope she might find relief from home and be enabled to remain here; but in this her own and her husband's hopes were disappointed. She returned to Tulip, and continued

to "die as usual" it became apparent to all she must die. She talked to friends who came to see her of heaven, and said to them "Over There" and while sitting by her husband and children here, rejoiced in prospect of meeting over there those that have gone before and those who trust in the blessed Saviour here. She was buried in the grave yard at Tulip church, Brother J. E. Caldwell officiating at the grave. May all the children remember her abiding love and prayers, and all her friends meet her "over there in that beautiful land of rest." G. W. MATTHEWS.

ROSS.—William Cecil, son of James A. and Mary I. Ross, was born Oct. 17, 1834; lived just one year, two months and three days; died Dec. 20, 1855. The grief-stricken parents weep bitterly over their first death; yet not "as others which have no hope." As an orient beaute, casting away a gleaming dew-drop sleeping on the bosom of the rose, yet would leave a richer fragrance there; so the blessed God has kissed away the sweet, pure spirit of their lovely child, yet has left in their hearts a sweeter promise and stronger hope that though they shall see him no more here, they can go to him in that bright world of eternal joy where Jesus, who loves little children so well, doth also himself forever dwell. SAM'L N. DURAN.

Danielle, Ark. HAMILTON.—Nancy Catharine McSwain was born in Staaley Co., N. C., Dec. 23, 1855, and was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Mt. Carmel. (now Toledo circuit, Pine Bluff district, Little Rock conference.) During the year 1871; was united in marriage to the Rev. R. M. Hamilton, in Sept. 1883, and died Nov. 1, 1885. Her life was that of a woman of Christian, endeavoring herself to all Christians forming an intimate acquaintance with her. Her sufferings were great for a few days, but not greater than her peace; for in the presence of sufferings she would cry out, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name." When told that she would soon leave us, she exhorted all to meet her in heaven; requested her sister-in-law to take charge of her Sunday-school class and teach them to love the Lord. Said she, "I am going home to die no more." "Tell all my friends to meet me in heaven." God grant that all give heed to this dying request, and sanctify this bereavement to the good of the bereaved husband and relatives. M. S. HAMILTON.

LOVE.—Charles H. Love, of Morgan Co., Ala.; married to Miss P. A. Kent; married the second time to Miss M. J. Williams, (daughter of E. Senator Williams,) July 23, 1861; professed religion about four years ago; died Sept. 26, 1885, near Salem, A. S. Brother Love, though very young in the cause of the M. E. Church, made very marked proficiency in the divine life; he took charge of his class as their leader; was able in prayer, read his Bible much; was an untiring Sunday-school worker; a great deal of his conversation was on the Bible and religious subjects; it was a benediction in any one's converse with him on the subject of religion. He was several months with that awful disease consumption, and as he tread the stormy banks of the last dread river, his faith grew stronger and his prospects grew brighter and brighter, and when the writer would visit him and join with him in prayer and conversation, he seemed anxious if he could not recover, to depart and be with Christ. His last years were spent in uninterrupted fellowship with his Saviour; his influence for good over those with whom he had to do was very great. His death was unexpected, and every reason to believe entered at once upon the joys of his Lord. He leaves a wife and two children; no more a loss that we can ever know but those who have seen through a life of trial, may God's sustaining grace uphold our dear Brother Love, and all his friends and neighbors prepare to meet the Saviour in glory. We presented his funeral services to a very large congregation of friends and neighbors. H. A. VERNON.

LANCASTER.—Ivory Vernon, infant daughter of Dr. J. and Frances M. Lancaster, was born May 22, 1885; was dedicated to the Lord by her mother.

by Dr. M. E. Bels, Sept. 1883, at Clear Creek camp-ground; departed this life Sept. 10, 1884, at Buffalo, Boone Co., Ark. Her life on earth was short, but her sufferings were no more; she has gone to live with God's children in heaven. May the bereaved parents and relatives find in this prospect an additional incentive to press onward and upward to the reunion in a better home. J. H. LEWIS.

ANDERSON.—Wm. C. Anderson was born January 9, 1832; died Nov. 6, 1885; professed religion in 1848, joined the M. E. Church, South; he had a commission and official membership up to his death. Served the circuit 27 years as preacher and as pastor; and held the office when he died also received a commission, held his office clear, was a conscientious man, loved his church and Sabbath-school, worked faithfully in both, paid his preacher and died as he lived, trusting in God. He was a man whose moral status was clear, who departed himself well and was established in the confidence of his many friends. Sound in the doctrines of Methodism, a man of stability, founded upon the eternal rock, the world's rock-mer. He leaves a wife and son to mourn their loss, which is a great grief. May they lean upon and trust for support and support, the God of their husband and father; and when life's pilgrimage shall end, their loved and dearly loved one be united in glory. JAMES F. LLOYD. [Nashville Advocate of the 10th copy.]

LAUNIER.—Rev. C. W. Launier was born Oct. 10, 1811, and died in Dallas county, Ark., Dec. 3, 1885. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in the year 1831, and was licensed to preach about the year 1836. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine, at Washington, Ga., on the 13th day of December, 1837. Brother Launier was a good man and a faithful preacher of the gospel; the trumpet in his hands, gave no uncertain sound, and many no doubt, will rise up in the last day and call him blessed. In exhortation and prayer he was excelled by but few; and many who were present will cherish to memory his exhortation and prayers at the last meeting he attended on earth. Brother Launier was, for several years before his death, the subject of affliction which he bore with patience and resignation to the divine will. I visited him often during his sickness and always found him cheerful and ready to talk of God's goodness to him and of a hope in heaven. The last time I visited him before his death he said to me, "I reckon it was a dream—I was sleeping so good this morning, when my mother called me twice in German (his native language), Charles! Charles! and I felt her hand on my shoulder—just as she used to when I was a boy—I answered her and it awoke me;" he added, "I shall not be with you much longer," four days from this time he died, and that mother, perhaps a guardian angel, conducted him to his glory land. A good man is gone; but we weep not as those without hope, for we shall meet again. He leaves a wife, two sons, two daughters and one daughter-in-law, to whom we would say, we will join you here in which you and your husband and father has gone; and that if you trust in God, his grace will assist you in this sad hour of bereavement. T. Q. C. HOWE. [Give a paper a please copy.]

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

- Washington District—First Round, J. H. Haggis, P. E. Mineral Springs, at January 16, 17.

- Hamburg, at 24, 27. Mt Pleasant, at January 2, 3. Selma, at 8, 10.

- Camden District—First Round, J. J. Jenkins, P. E. Hampton circuit, at Hampton, Dec. 20, 21.

- Helena District—First Round, Frank Ritter, P. E. Howell circuit, December 19, 20.

- Batesville District—First Round, Henry T. Gregory, P. E. Batesville, at January 2, 3.

- Searcy District—First Round, J. M. Talkington, P. E. Searcy, at December 26, 27.

- Jonesboro District—First Round, S. L. Cochran, P. E. Jonesboro and Paragould station, December 26, 27.

- Marion District—First Round, Geo. W. Hill, P. E. Quitman station, December 19, 20.

- Wilby's Cove, at 22, 24. Vitly Springs, at 20, 21.

- Newport District—First Round, M. M. Smith, P. E. Walnut Hill, at December 26, 27.

- Arkadelphia District—First Round, H. D. McKinnon, P. E. Arkadelphia, at Dec. 26, 27.

- Fort Smith District—First Round, Thomas M. C. Birmingham, P. E. Fort Smith, at Oak Bower, Dec. 26, 27.

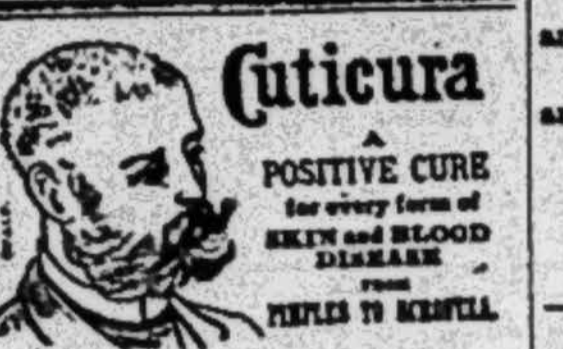
- Fayetteville District—First Round, Jas. A. Anderson, P. E. Bentonville circuit, Dec. 12, 13.

- Dardanelle District—First Round, Wm. D. Matthews, Presiding Elder. Dover circuit, at Cottonwood, Dec. 12, 13.

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