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ATTENTION EVERYBODY!!!

Read! Read! Read! Read!

We are compelled to resort to this appeal to our friends and to give a notification to all. We are now issuing weekly over 6,000 papers, and our expenses are enormous and we have to pay cash for everything. Many of our subscribers have never paid us one all. Many owe for over a year. Now we need money and we must have it right at this time. We are not in debt, nor do we intend to be. The paper can and must pay its way. We now give fair warning to all and hope no one will take offense. We do not wish to lose a single subscriber, but we desire that all renew and stay with us as long as the METHODIST shall live to work for the church in Arkansas. On the 1st of March we desire to begin to renew our subscription books, and we must and will leave off all expiring in 1884, and none will be continued expiring in 1885 unless their renewal is either made through themselves or our agents. Your paper will give you your time, and tell you how much you are behind. If your paper expires in '84, it will require \$3 to renew you to '86. If it expires in '85, it takes \$1.50 to renew to '87. All expiring in '86 should be renewed before their time expires to '87. All for whom our agents will vouch will be continued. All our preachers, local and travelling, are authorized to act as our agents. If you desire to continue, remit to us or notify our agents and pay to them. We have sent a large number of postals and will send others. We mean no offense, but business is business and all business men send out these notices. We hope for a general and prompt response.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

TURKO-GREEKIAN IMBROGLIO.

On Sunday and Monday the eastern dispatches indicated almost certain war between Greece and Turkey. It is claimed that if the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia is recognized, that Bulgaria will absorb 1,000,000 of people belonging to the Greek race, and it is said that Greece will resist it to the bitter end. England has ordered Greece to disarm, and declare that they will not permit Greece to make a naval attack on Turkey. Warlike preparations are going forward in both of these nations, and the dispatches continually passing between England and Greece indicate a very fixed determination on the part of Greece to continue hostilities and prevent the severance of her boundaries and to enforce what is due, even under the treaty of Berlin. Greece declares her ability to handle Turkey easily on the sea, and to overcome her on land. Her minister declares that at the very first signal of war, Macedonia and Albania will be set in flames, thus cutting off the land communication of the Turks, and at sea ports. The great diplomats are in council with Lord Salisbury to prevent war in the east. The news from Athens is of rather a depressing nature in consequence of the determination to coerce Greece. The gossip of the lobbies in England is to the effect that the government will fall within a week and that Mr. Gladstone, the great Ex-Premier, will be ready to resume office. The Irish question is no nearer

a solution, and the fight goes bravely on between the Conservatives and Liberals. Hon Maj Sanderson is the great conservative leader, and Mr. Parnell stands at the head of the liberal and is now urging the liberalists of Armagh to vote for the liberal candidate in Parliament to fill the place caused by the death of Mr. John McCane loyalist. The old man on the banks of the red Tiber in the old "Seven Hilled City," watches with intense interest the great struggle of the Eastern Powers, and is extremely anxious to regain power, and his organ says he wishes the time would come when Protestantism should be driven from all Europe. His wish we trust will never be realized.

Domestic.

Our country is still agitated with the silver question, as to whether the silver dollar shall be stopped. The METHODIST is not burdened with any kind of dollars, and would be willing at this time to take a few in greenbacks, gold or silver, and if any of our readers are burdened with the heavy unwieldy silver dollar, just bring them in and we will credit you dollar for dollar and give you this live religious weekly for a year, for one silver dollar, and a half. We are not much in discussing questions of finance, but good on a collection, and think a dollar should always mean a dollar, and one kind of currency should never discriminate against another. There is as yet no open rupture between the President and the Radical Senate, and the members of that party in the House show no disposition to give the President any trouble; but they are ready for large and liberal appropriations to carry on the affairs of government. We hope there will be no effort to coerce the President on giving his reasons for dismissing or removing any one of the opposite party from office. The President has certainly shown a very generous disposition toward his opponent, indeed his magnanimity is most wonderful. The news is cheering everywhere from the advancing church of Christ. Prohibition is gaining ground everywhere, and the decision of Judge Brewer in Kansas will not check it. Drs. Beecher and Talmage still hold their great crowds in Brooklyn, and Sam Jones has taken hold of whiskey-loving and whiskey-selling Cincinnati. Success to our Sam.

STATE NEWS.

An important suit was brought on the 14th involving the value of "Points of Rocks," Little Rock verdict, \$20,000, appealed.

The boys who attended the United States court at Little Rock this week say that Judge Caldwell won't have a bit of foolishness in his court. He brings the lawyers and everybody else to time.—[Jonesboro Times.]

It is estimated that the State of Arkansas contains to-day forty-one thousand three hundred and twenty million feet of pine lumber. This is saying nothing of her vast and unequalled resources in other woods and timbers.—[Washington Press.]

We understand that a party of gentlemen were in the city this week looking for a location for an extensive shingle manufactory, one that will cut at least 100,000 shingles per day. All things considered, we are decidedly of the opinion that Newport is the very place they are looking for. If a manufactory of that kind cannot be run successfully here, we can't see why Herald.

There is talk of a railroad being constructed from somewhere in Kansas through Arkansas to New Orleans, touching Hot Springs, Malvern and Hampton. Such a road would find more lumber to be transported to the markets than an ordinary railroad could handle in a half century, to say nothing of the general farm products of a country mostly very fertile.—

Malvern News. The road would also give us direct connection with the great markets of the northwest. An air line from Kansas City will also bring us many additional visitors from the northwestern states.—[Hot Springs Sentinel.]

Capt. E. C. Postal of the steamer Chickasaw last evening received a dispatch from W. J. Joyce, the gauge tender at Newport saying White river was falling and was within 3-10ths of the lowest water reaches this season. It was snowing there yesterday afternoon and there was a heavy gorge both above and below the town with the ice seven inches thick.—[Avalanche.]

Hon. H. P. Vaughan was elected delegate to the temperance convention to be held at Little Rock on the 26th last. A good selection.—[Des Arc Citizen.]

If the old saying, that a good crop year follows a severe winter, this section ought to be blessed with fine crops, the present year. At any rate, we have just passed through a spell of weather which, considering its duration and severity, was unprecedented, for this latitude.—[Camden Beacon.]

Rev. S. L. Cochran, this morning purchased of J. R. Smith, the right to Mississippi and Crittenden counties, for the safety singletree and has gone to the territory.—[Jonesboro Times.]

PERSONAL.

Hon J. H. Rogers has been changed to the judiciary committee in the House. Quite a compliment to our distinguished representative, but Hon. F. R. McKennon will soon take that seat.

Hon. C. R. Breckenridge has been appointed on the Committee of Ways and Means. A place so ably filled by Senator Jones. Hon. Mr. B. is a man of good ability, but rather sectarian in his appointments.

Hon. T. C. McRae has a place on two important committees and is being rapidly advanced.

Hon. Mr. Peel, the great worker of the northwest, has been advanced and is on two important committees. He is an able man.

Rev. T. C. Tupper, D. D., the very popular pastor of the Scott street Episcopal church, gave us the light of his countenance last week. Come again, Doctor, you will be always welcome. We are low church Episcopalians but high church Methodists. We cling to the old landmark.

Rev. Phillip Tuggle, formerly of the Memphis Conference, has recently passed away in California. Brother Tuggle was once a prominent member of the old Memphis. He died a member of our Centenary church in San Francisco, California. A good man is gone and his place will be hard to fill.

Bishop A. W. Wilson has been paying Danville, Virginia, a visit and gave our brother Lafferty a call. We hope he will be well and fully at himself in May. He is the Cicero of Southern Methodism.

Bishop R. K. Hargrove is for the present stopping at Nashville, and all his brethren and friends will address him there. How long he will be there this deponent saith not, for he is emphatically an Itinerant General Superintendent.

Rev. A. D. Jenkins is stirring things lively at 15th and Center. We worshipped with him and his people on last Sunday, and tried to put in a word in due season.

Dr. Miller is warming them in more than one way at 8th and Center. He is simply shelling the woods, just hews to the lines, and he don't seem to care where his chips fly and who they hit. Doctor if you don't mind you will hurt somebody's feelings; as Sam Jones would say, may be that is what you are after.

Hon. F. R. McKennon of Clarksville, was down a few days ago and put in an appearance at our sanctum. He is a progressive young man and one that is destined to make his mark. Col. Rogers will find in him a foeman worthy of his steel, and he is almost certain to be successful in the race he is now making for congress.

Rev. Wm. Penn, P. E., of Clarksville District, is still lying very low from the stroke of paralysis that he was stricken with at Clarksville a few weeks ago. His family are with him in deep affliction. Let all our church make prayer for him.

Rev. J. W. Honnoll, P. E. Greenville District, Mississippi, has a ringing letter in this issue. He visited our conference at Helena, and made a most favorable impression. Write often, Bro. Honnoll. Wish Brother Standifer, the popular pastor, Greenville station would do likewise.

Dr. Mayo, of national celebrity, and a minister of the Congregational Unitarian church, has paid our city a visit lecturing on Universal Education and giving out what is good for us poor Southerners. He is an able man, but we had rather our educational views came to us from some other quarter. Something good may come out of Massachusetts, and from the old Hub, Boston, but we are rather incredulous. For gracious sake let us alone, and let us build up ourselves in our own way. We did not hear him and we don't expect to if we can help ourselves.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs E. F. Bonner writes us as follows from Lexa, Ark.: "Bro. Dye enclosed you will find \$1.50 to pay for the subscription price of the ARKANSAS METHODIST for one year. It is a blessing to our homes and little ones. Hoping that the present year may be laden with new pleasures for the editors and unbounded prosperity to the paper, I am yours in "Him." How delightful such a note, it is a real ray of genial sunshine. How many of our sisters will follow this example.

Miss Mary A. Ober writes us a very kind and sisterly letter from New Orleans renewing her subscription and another. She gives a fine description of a missionary work being done in that city by some Protestant Episcopalian missionaries. They are doing work she says pretty much after the model furnished by Mr Wesley one hundred years ago. The Crescent City has had a little touch of winter. Your friends in the City of Roses are keeping open doors waiting for your return.

Rev. T. A. Jeffett writes from Helena of a grand reception and a hearty welcome. Helena has a great many noble people and they have a fine church. Bro. Jeffett says he has a plan to pay their church debt in a short time and then all hands will move up for a great revival. All right we will test you and see what we can do in a well lighted and well warmed room. Wish you great success.

Rev. John H. Dye, D. D., our junior editor is now a great sufferer, and is confined to his room, and we are on double duty; hence our friends must overlook the vast amount of typographical errors in our last paper as well our want of proper arrangement. We hope he will soon be out again and we will try to do better in every respect. Our changes are numerous, our new subscribers are many, and there has been much delay. We are catching up and all shall have the paper and have it in time.

Rev. C. M. Keith has entered the list of workers again and will cope for our largest premium. He is a tiptop workman and will give the other brethren all they can do if they beat him. He has a tiptop people too.

Rev. A. Turrentine is out for the

first too, and on his circuit in 1861, this writer secured in one round 100 subscribers for the Memphis Christian Advocate just started in the Bluff City with Dr. Isaac Ebbert as editor. The circuit then embraced all that is now embraced in Tulip, Hampton, Harmony mission and Princeton circuit and a part of the present Malvern Circuit. Bro. Turrentine has a fine field and will be hard to beat.

Rev. J. M. G. Douglass is in this race and he to is a worker and has one of the best fields in this state. Douglass has a happy faculty of pleasing people and of being very pleasant to them. We only mention them now and don't tell what they are exactly working at, but they will understand. Why don't White River and Arkansas fall into line, all of them are Little Rock Conference men, Please don't give the field up to them. Certainly your wives need organs and sewing machines, and you want books. Fall into line brethren.

THE PRESS.

The Secular age, an infidel paper that is the organ of the Liberal League, of Cleveland, charges Bob Ingersol with pocketing \$580 in lecture receipts that belonged to the League. Bob might retort that in repudiating the Bible he made no mental reservation as to the Ten Commandments.—[St. Louis Post - Dispatch.]

Rev. Dr. Durbin, the Methodist orator, used to say that it cost him a mighty effort to get through any sermon without saying something about the missionary cause. How does that compare with the preacher who allows a whole year to pass away without preaching once on the subject of missions?—[Southern Advocate.]

Sensational use of texts is not confined to the "seats." An Episcopal minister in this city last Sunday, preaching on the Press, contorted one of the grandest passages to his purpose. His text was "Day unto day uttereth speech." This is as bad as the Western eccentric on the same theme, who took "And he sought to see Jesus, but could not for the press," or as Dr. Talmage, when he preached a Thanksgiving sermon on Machinery from the text, "And it was said in my hearing, O wheel."—[N. Y. Christian Advocate.]

The only thing that can effectually counteract the centrifugal influence of antagonistical sectional interests and race antipathies in these United States is the conciliatory, unifying influence of the gospel of Christ. If half of the professed Christians of the country were real Christians, they would be able to maintain its peace forever. They represent that kingdom of God which has the promise of this world as well as of that which is to come. Let them be worthy of this high calling.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

The Knoxville Journal announces that Dr. John H. Brunner will shortly publish a new book on "Church Union against Schisms." The Journal seems to have some inkling of the work, and says that it "will provoke a deal of criticism north and south—especially south." We are aware that Dr. Brunner has espoused the cause of Organic Union, as between the two great Methodisms of the country; and we suppose his book will maintain this idea. If so, it will create a sensation. His position is not just now popular in the south, and he may be prepared for some breezes other than spicy.—[Holston Methodist.]

Why not turn the whole church into a revival meeting? What can not 992,000 Methodists do in the way of saving souls? Why can not each member, by personal effort, secure the conversion of one soul before the first day of January, 1887? The task is not a hard one. Let the preachers suggest the plan to their various char-

ges, and if a man, woman, young man, young woman, boy or girl, can be found in the entire church, who is unwilling to make the effort, then let special prayer be offered for that member.—Texas Advocate.

It is a grand thing for a Christian to be able to say "The will of God is my will." To take all that comes of Providence, not only submissively, but cheerfully, however dark or seemingly adverse it may be. Nothing is really adverse that God orders for his children, but the weakness of our faith does not always so recognize disappointment, afflictions, and losses. Yet it is when these come upon us that we most need implicit confidence in God, and, if we exercise it, are likely to experience the deepest evidences of his fatherhood. The pressure of the life that now is sometimes—alas to many of us too often—dulls our perception of the things that are not seen, so that we find it hard to understand God's methods of preparing His children for the life that is to come; but if our consecration be complete, and we have grown into full sympathy with our Lord's prayer, "Thy will be done," we will not be less thankful when the sunshine is hidden from us than when it is brightest day. Then are our hearts so completely His that distrust of His goodness or watchful care or tender love towards us never enters our thought, or weakens our faith; for though at times "sorrowful," we are, nevertheless, always rejoicing that, wherever it may lead us, it is by God's hand we are being led, and that sufficeth us.

Important Notice.

By order of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, all applications for aid for Churches must be made out on blanks, which we furnish free to all who ask, and must be on file in our office by the 29th of March 1886, in order to secure attention at our Annual Meeting which begins April 8th 1886.

DAVID MORTON, Sec'y.

Louisville, Ky., January 22 1886.

For nearly a month the yellow flag has waved in front of our son-in-law's residence, adjoining the home of this Senior. Old and young have all been sick, and most of our folks closely confined. The worst is passed, we believe, and we now look for health and brightness again. Our friends have been very kind. We return thanks to all.

Last Call.

We have only received responses from the brethren for minutes amounting to three or four hundred. We can't publish without losing money, unless we get a thousand or twelve hundred. This is the last call. If you want the minutes of your last session say so.

Rev. W. S. Scott having been compelled by ill health to give up the Hazen circuit, Little Rock Conference. I am anxious to secure the services of a preacher for that work. Anyone wishing to correspond with me in reference to the work will address me at Little Rock, Arkansas.

HORACE JEWELL.

Editors Methodist:

Please announce in the ARKANSAS METHODIST that Rev. Harry May will commence a meeting here on the night of January 20th. We are looking for a glorious time. Pray for us.

JOHN R. SANDERS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1885.

EUROPEAN TRAVEL.—No. 8.

Of the most remarkable places to visit in London, is Westminster Abbey. This old pile of grey stones and mossy walls is filled with English history. "That antique pile, behold where royal heads receive the sacred gold; it gives them crowns, and does their ashes keep. There, made like Gods, like mortals there they sleep; making the circle then complete—these sins of empire, where they rise they set." Here the royal coronations have taken place since the time of Edward the Confessor up to the present time with great pomp and magnificence, and even though the ceremony had been performed elsewhere, it was thought necessary to repeat it at Westminster in the presence of all the great personages of the land. At the moment the crown is put on, a signal is given to the Tower guns to fire a royal salute. The Abbey is of gothic design, built in the form of a cross, 400 feet long and 200 feet wide. It was originated, in the year 610 by Sebect, king of the last Saxons, but was destroyed by the Danes, and afterwards rebuilt in 958 by King Edgar. It was again rebuilt and enlarged by Edward the Confessor in 1245. During the reign of Henry VIII, it suffered great injuries and still greater by the Puritans, it being then occupied as barracks for the soldiers of Parliament. After having sustained these injuries, Sir Christopher Wren undertook the reconstruction of it, and in the most able manner added to its former beauty and solidity. During the progress of reconstruction several singular discoveries were made of ancient monuments and also the mosaic pavement in front of the altar in the choir. Since 1856 a large number of the windows have been painted, illustrating the most beautiful and touching pictures of the *Te Deum*. The largest window, painted in 1735, represents Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Moses and Aaron and the twelve patriarchs; the arms of King Sebect, King Edward the Confessor, Queen Elizabeth, King George II and Dean Wilcocks, Bishop of Rochester. The south, or marigold window of stained glass, designed by Messrs. Ward and Nixon in 1847, represents different subjects from the Old Testament, incidents in the life of the Redeemer and the word Jehovah surrounded by angels. The north or rose window is commemorative of our Savior, the twelve apostles and the four Evangelists. Near the Abbey stood the sanctuary used in former times as a place of refuge for criminals. Edward V was born here, his heart-broken mother found refuge in this place for herself and her son Richard from the persecutions of his cruel uncle. We will enter at the Poet's corner (south transept) and notice a few of the monuments which are the most remarkable. Milton, bust and tablet, with a lyre around which is entwined a serpent holding an apple. With what admiration we look upon the author of Paradise Lost and find ourselves lost in the beauties of his works. Shakespeare, full length statue, leaning against a pillow with the crowned heads of Queen Elizabeth, Henry V and Richard II. How much sadness it awakens in the mind to think of such talent having passed forever to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns."

All hail, great master; grave sir, hail I come
To answer thy bent pleasure; be it to fly.
To swim, to dive into the fire, to ride
On the curled clouds, to thy strong bidding task
Ariel and all his quality.—*Tempest*, Act, I."

Here we will let the reader rest and will give you another chapter on this old Abbey next week, probably two more, for it is the most remarkable pile in all Europe. Dr. (now Bishop) Wilson and myself went here in 1881 to hear Dean Stanley, who had just been taken with the sickness of which he died. We had to take Bishop Dndley of Kentucky in his place. We did not get much of a sermon, but heard as fine a solo as ever fell on mortal ear. The echoes of that sweet voice lingers with us still.

TENNESSEE CORRESPONDENCE.

Editors Methodist:

From some cause your paper has not been regularly received by some of your Nashville subscribers since our conference. Our family miss it much. We take special interest in your Temperance Column and European Travel. We say amen heartily to your paragraph last week about a church that will use concerts, bazaars, fairs, suppers, raffles, etc., to build their house, and all at once become too religious to have a lecture on temperance. Of course none of us favor throwing churches open to every crank to talk on temperance. But any man that I will invite to preach in my pulpit or talk to my Sunday school can speak to the people on temperance in the church of which I am pastor at any time. Temperance is as much a part of the gospel as repentance and faith. We need it in the form of lectures, sermons, essays, discussions and all kinds of exhortation in the church and out of the church, until we drive the drink demon from the church and State.

Glad to see so earnest a call twice in your last issue for your people to attend the State convention. Georgia heads, Arkansas is second and Tennessee third in the great temperance movement in the South. You will have to watch sharp and work well or Tennessee will take second rank in the grand advance. I enjoy much the tone of our city press toward prohibition of late. They see and feel that the conflict is coming. They are sharp enough to be much more careful now than heretofore concerning what they publish. They can read the signs of the times. They know that prohibition is growing and gaining in strength. Once it was ridiculed, now they treat the question with a seriousness that amounts almost to solemnity. 'Tis well. It will be a trying time here in a year or less time. Each candidate for the legislature will be expected to tell the people whether he favors submission of the question to a vote of the people. Few will say no. Fewer still of such men will be elected. Then will come the tug of war. The question must go before the people and if the sentiment continues to increase in favor of prohibition in the future as it has in the past few years, Tennessee will go dry in less than two years, so I think. One of our preachers that I did not know favored prohibition until after your address at our conference, now thinks Nashville would vote for prohibition if the question was now submitted to the people. I do not agree with him but I have long loved to see the enthusiasm of new converts, especially if they shout and their faces shine when they come through. When converted they strengthen the brethren.

We had a genuine revival among the Episcopalians in Nashville, as the old year went out and the new year came in. Rev. W. Hay, M. H. Aitken and Rev. James Stephens and Mrs. Cronch and Miss Parker, all English evangelists or missionaries as the revivalists called themselves held seven services the day they made their debut in Nashville, in three different buildings, one for men only, one for women only and one for youths and four promiscuous. I heard the Rev. Mr. Aitken only five times during the six days of his stay in the city, and like everybody else I heard express an opinion, I was delighted with the eloquent, zealous, gifted evangelist. The force, power and fluency with which he fired hot shot into the sinners in the church as well as out of it, was truly refreshing. He emphasized repentance and spiritual regeneration as absolutely essential to salvation. His best sermons were in the forenoon to the church on *The Christian Life*. The after services day and night were very much after the style of after services by other evangelists. Instructions given to penitents, exhortation extemporaneous prayers, singing of revival songs, etc.

All Christians were invited to commune with them on New Year's day. Among the preachers who accepted the invitation was a Vanderbilt professor who preferred to commune with the Episcopalians rather than go to a dining. Another professor went to the dining after the sermon. I have not heard the excuses of the brethren who left the church after sermon. I always commune whenever invited. Rev. D. L. Moody will be

in Nashville the first week in next month. Of course I will hear him. Very fine revivals have prevailed in some of our city churches since conference. The weather has been intensely cold for some days and now incessant rain to-day with an east wind. A beautiful winter hitherto.

Vanderbilt University is flourishing. Never so prosperous. Our Culleoka boys are doing well in their classes. The telegram in one of our city dailies to-day, stating that the Webb school would leave Culleoka is premature. It is their purpose to remain till June when their lease expires. Then if they find a change of base will promote and perpetuate the prosperity of their splendid training school of course they will go where they can accomplish most for their school.

They are plucky men in the war on whiskey. They put their hands as deep into their pockets as any men I know of to wage war on whiskey and other gross immoralities. Success to them all the time and in every good cause. S. M. CHERRY.

ARKANSAS CORRESPONDENCE.

Editors Methodist:

It is near the hour of midnight, and the gentle rain is falling slowly on the roof, producing a kind of humming sound, and while listening at the same I began to think, and beginning to think I took up my pen to write my thoughts for your live and much improved paper. The paper is gaining friends. Your liberal views regarding obituaries are hailed with gladness and approval, and I think it is an example worthy of following by our other church papers. It is true there is much sameness about obituaries, but the subjects are all different individuals, and there is where the difference comes in; and when I think of the earthly object and end of our holy religion, which is to live well and die well, our people and the world should know it, and how can these facts be known by the public unless they are given to the public through the medication of the press? Again, it says to us who write these notices of our beloved dead. "You need not fear that you will be too prolix and have to be cut off at both ends and pressed together in the middle." I think this feature alone will solicit and secure many new subscribers this year. I could say more in praise of the paper but will forbear, as it will talk for itself, where any one gives it a chance to speak, and it is a good deal like its senior editor—it will just talk any how. I have said more than I thought I would when I began, but I endorse it all, and pass on to what I was thinking about when I began to think about writing this letter. It was something like this:

Ministers telling yarns and folks of such nature and character as lead men of the world to admire them more for than their piety. And here I'll say your scribe don't profess to be beyond the criticism of his own pen on this point, but he can claim and does claim that such yarns as the "barrel of pepper" and "Yam potatoes" can't be, and are not written down against him in that book of records above as idle words for which he must give an account of in the great day of this wrath, I think such yarns wicked, and why? Because I heard a very wicked man say last year in referring to one of those celebrated yarn spinners I do love to hear that (o-l-d) man tell his yarns: He did not say I love to hear him tell of Jesus. I do love him for his piety. No but he loved him for "the loaves and fishes" of fun. Again, I think these yarns told in promiscuous crowds are harmful, mischievous and are utter worthless in a minister as an attractive trait. They are wrong to tell to a young preacher for many of them have just enough sense to try to tell them, themselves where they should not. I love life and fun, but if it takes on the form of ungodliness I will let it go by at the risk of being called a Puritan. Facts in the New Testament don't present any jokes nor yarns. Christ told none. Paul told none. Peter (much like a Methodist preacher as he was) told none, and shall we, their successors in faith and practice, tell such, if any, as I have mentioned already? God forbid. Now this is not a splenic effusion, nor one produced of bile, unless facts and men are spleen and bile, but is the offering of a heart and head desiring the salvation of men and the glory of God. Amen.

FRANKLIN.

MISSISSIPPI CORRESPONDENCE.

Editors Methodist:

A new preacher has appeared in the bounds of the Greenville District, North Mississippi Conference, namely the ARKANSAS METHODIST. We like his pleasant face, general information, moral principles and are well pleased with the work he is doing, especially the sledge-hammer like he is dealing the cruel monster of intemperance, and from the Mississippi side of the river we would shout aloud, "lay on McDuff." Down with the whisky traffic, the great curse of our land; the evil which is blighting hope, breaking hearts and dragging to the grave thousands of our race. We congratulate the citizens of Arkansas on their success in the great temperance cause and hope that the tidal wave dashing against us from Arkansas and East Mississippi, may soon overflow this entire valley which, but for the whisky traffic, would be one of the most prosperous sections in all the land. But at least one-fourth of all that is gathered from this rich soil, goes into the coffers of the wholesale whisky dealers of the North. Thirteen millions annually from Mississippi and more than half of that from this valley, for which we get nothing in return but misery and death. Far better to commit this amount annually to the flames. O, when shall we open our eyes and behold the victims which we are offering to the whisky traffic and hear the cries of suffering orphans, disappointed mothers and wives. How long will we endure this great evil?

J. W. HONNOLL.

Clarksdale, Miss., Jan., 21.

FIELD NOTES.

Another week of sleet, snow and ice and it has been what we call a bad time for our field hands, but our brothers must not be discouraged. The blooming of flowers and singing of birds will come after a while and then you will have better and brighter days. First is a cheery note from Rev. B. C. Matthews on Springdale circuit, in north-west Arkansas. Good place and a good preacher: "We are moving off well, health greatly improved. We are being cared for in good style; made one round and met a kind welcome and a little cash at all six of my appointments, have all necessary provisions for man and beast. One good Bro. B. Greathouse father of our B. H. Greathouse came to hunt me up as soon as he heard that the P. had come and paid his compliments by leaving me a horse and raising some cash."

Next is a peculiar card from one of old army friends. He won't run us down, but the reading don't suit. We guess Flynn is either a Baptist or belongs to the church of disciples. Well Major we will agree to disagree. Read up the Major: "I wish you would stop sending me the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I am no methodist and don't like your paper at all, and it is never opened, I paid Mr. Winfield \$1.50 for one year on account of old army acquaintance and thought of course he would stop it when the time was out. I tried to give it away but no one wanted it, it would of course suit a methodist preacher but there is none here the paper is good enough for them that like that kind of reading. I don't want to run down your paper it is good for them that feel that way."

Pretty tight, but here is an offset from the empire state of Texas: "The paper is par excellent. It only can equal the preaching of the Arkansas Traveler at the Texas Conference."

Now you see our Brother Adair likes the kind of intellectual pabulum we furnish. Let us step over into Kentucky and we find we are still making some headway: "After parting with you at Clinton, Kentucky, I came on to Bardwell and went out to my home in the country. Here I thought to rest and read; gave out an appointment to preach in the neighborhood which is Baptist. At our first appointment the Lord was present to convict sinners, and the meeting was protracted several days when the heavy snow prevented further operations. 31 professed conversions and we organized a church of 26 members among these some of the best citizens of the community. I am under promise to assist the pastor at Bartlett Tennessee and Brother Moore at Memphis, then if the way opens will perhaps come into the state of Arkansas. My wife join

me in the work and holds meetings for the women and children. The ARKANSAS METHODIST comes regularly to hand, and I am pleased with its perusal especially the piece headed "European Travel."

Our Brother Collins knows a good thing and he is a good worker. Here comes a man of very fine sense from Yellville Arkansas. Our Brother Wilson is a level-headed man and we mean to comply with his wishes as fast as we can: "At the beginning of this another year we have discontinued the St. Louis Christian Advocate and subscribed for your paper in lieu thereof. Not because we were dissatisfied with the St. Louis Advocate, not at all. But for the purpose of assisting and encouraging a methodist organ within our own state. We hope you will give us the Sunday School Lessons in your paper, and also one or two columns devoted to the general news of the week."

Our brother W. C. Wilson is on the right track, and let others follow. Next comes our brother T. G. Welch of Elm Springs, one of our best local preachers and one of our best agents: Allow me in this to make a statement that should have been made months ago: I believe in the METHODIST you say that one is entitled to the paper on sending 5 new subscribers with the cash. I claimed that I sent you what would be equal to that amount, that is 2 for one year and 6 for six months so I hoped to have the METHODIST for last year, now I will hand to my pastor Bro. Matthews \$1.75 which is to be applied to the renewal of my paper and the continuing Bro. E. G. Philbeck for six months more; his goes as you will, see on your books to Osage Mills Benton county, would have sent you the money by registered letter but did not think the amount would justify. I have no news to write you things are moving on as usual. It may be that we are wintering a little more religion than common, we have most excellent prayer meetings every week, no whisky to be found in Elm, all quiet all through Christmas times. We old settlers say that it is wonderful for this place a great change. If Dr. W. started it when he was up last summer, hope he will come again and give us another send off, the folks all like him; like the METHODIST and say the other fellow writes well. Success to the METHODIST."

Then a good traveling agent; our brother J. J. Tarleton never fails: "After our arrival here we had to board among the members until New Years before we could get a house, we fared sumptuously for three weeks until our house was secured and made ready for us. We moved home on Friday the first and begun to arrange for the future. Saturday we began to get an occasional sack of flour until we had on hand quite a handsome lot of that article, also sugar and coffee. Late in the afternoon one of the good sisters notified us that we would have some company that night but just at night we had a rainstorm and I thought this would thwart all their plans, but not so, between 7 and 8 o'clock a wagon halted at the gate, and here they came, groceries, dry goods, ready made clothing, canned goods and in fact almost every good thing that a preachers family needed, after an hours social conversation and some music, we had prayers and they retired and left us to inspect their liberal offering, and our hearts swelled with gratitude to God that our lot had been cast in such a pleasant place. God bless the people of Alma, they are so generous and kind to us. I send you today two subscribers; Sarah E. Howell at Alma, J. W. Moss, Dyer. I have made one round and baptised one adult and one baby. Have received 19 members into the church by transfer from other places. I will send you some money soon. It is so very cold I can't do much but make fires. If you want to use any part of this do so but please correct it. Success to the METHODIST."

And now we will close with a good one from our Bro. M. R. Hanger in Oregon: "Find enclosed \$1.50 for the METHODIST another year according to your order, and with it send us some good preachers, men of ability, strong men, all we need to claim this good country for the master is some good men of ability, and a little help from the parent board; and in a short time we would be self-supporting and could pay back with inter-

est, (and walk without crutches) we have a grand country and a good field for our church, but if we don't claim it soon it will be forever lost to us. We have a little band of as noble, self-sacrificing preachers here as are to be found in the connection, in this Columbia County. We have but one preacher Rev. J. B. Chamberlain, and we are about as well represented as any other denomination, this county has a population of 6,000 inhabitants; Dayton our county seat has 2,000 inhabitants. Last year there was 55,000 acres in wheat that yielded 2,000,000 bushels, 9,000 acres in barley and oats yielding 400,000 bushels. The soil and water can't be excelled in the United States, vegetables and fruits grow to perfection and it is the healthiest county I have any knowledge of. Who from the Arkansas Conference will come to help take this county for the Master. I pray the blessings of the Master on you and your paper. If agreeable please to publish the above as I receive a number of letters of inquiry about this country and the probable prospects of our church, I can't very well answer all of them so the above would reach the most of them and you will very much oblige. Come to our Conference next fall and see one of the finest countries under the sun."

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The premiums not yet delivered, but due our brethren have been ordered and will be forwarded at once. If they are not received promptly please notify us and we will be much obliged to you. The necessary and unusual pressure upon printers and publishers caused by the holding of our three Arkansas Conferences in three consecutive weeks, and the Memphis Conference at the same time of the White River, has necessitated some a in the change of post offices, etc. It is also quite possible, in handling so many names that some mistakes have been made. If papers or changes ordered have not been attended to, please notify us and it will receive prompt attention. Our preachers and postmasters will do us a great kindness if they will notify us of any who are getting two papers, or who are still getting the paper after it has been ordered stopped. We will return the kindness in any way we can.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

Temperance.

To All Who Want to stop the Liquor Traffic in Arkansas.

We are engaged in an organized effort to suppress the liquor traffic in this State.

The organization known as "The State Christian Union and Prohibition Alliance" has had this work in charge for several years.

RESOLVED, 1. That this convention shall hereafter be a delegated body. That at all future meetings the delegates be required to bring credentials and present the same to the committee on credentials, who shall approve the same, before the delegates shall have a voice on this floor.

RESOLVED, 2. That the basis of representation for each county shall be the same as the present House of Representatives.

From the reading of the above resolutions we gather that no person, who may attend our next meeting, will be permitted to take part in the proceedings unless he has proper credentials from some auxiliary organization. Attention is here called to this fact, so that those who desire the success of the temperance cause in Arkansas, may at once go to work in their respective neighborhoods, if they have not done so already, and organize auxiliary societies in all the counties in the State, and be prepared to send delegates to our coming convention.

At our last annual meeting, the convention did me the honor to elect me president for the ensuing year, and among other things I have attempted to watch the progress of the temperance cause among the people, and I think I can safely say that our cause is gradually gaining in public confidence and public support.

The liquor traffic is such a gigantic evil, without any mixture of good to relieve it, that almost all men, when their attention is called to it, will admit that it is the greatest evil of the age, and to-day is doing more to corrupt our morals and sap the foundations of our republican institutions, than any other one cause, if not more than all others put together.

Woman in all ages has proven herself to be the best guardian of the virtues of the home, and the same qualities, if they were allowed, would make her the best guardian of the purity of the ballot box. I will conclude by saying if we had the aid of women, with the ballot in her hand, our victory would be certain and speedy, but without this aid in this way the contest will be long and the issue doubtful.

no doubt about the enforcement of it. As the law stands, the people of each county, at each general election, which is every two years, are asked to vote on the question whether they will have licensed saloons in their county or not, and several counties in the State, taking advantage of the ballot on this subject, have voted against the saloons, and in a large majority of the counties by an examination of the votes, it will be found that the prohibition vote has increased.

It seems to me that for the purpose of building up public opinion in favor of prohibition 'he best thing we can do now is to have our friends to put in force the three-mile-law in every place where it can be done. In this we have the aid of our women, for they can sign the petitions, and their names have as much potency as any other names which may be on the petitions. Women take a deep interest in the temperance question, and on all occasions where they are given a chance, a large majority of them will eagerly do what they can to suppress the saloons.

They are the only certain force upon which we can rely to suppress the saloons. Men will not do it, though they have the ballot. They could have done so at any general election for the last six years—they have been tried and failed. Would it not be well for us to do all we can to utilize women still further in this great contest with the liquor traffic by giving them the ballot on the subjects of schools and whisky. I know many good people would object to this for the reason, as they say, if we put the ballot in the hands of women on these two subjects, society will lose more than it would gain, even if they should vote out the saloons; that if women were permitted to vote, even on these two subjects, the effect will be to detract from their modesty and delicacy, and men would not continue to have the high appreciation of them which they now entertain, and in that way society would sustain a great loss, which would not be compensated by the good which would come from the suppression of the liquor traffic.

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"WHATSOEVER a man soweth that, shall he also reap." How true. True in every relation and in every condition of life. True of all men and classes of men, sow sin and reap misery, sow wild oats and reap a harvest of tame misfortunes and a whole lifetime of misery. Sow a lifetime of evil and reap an eternity of sorrow and pain. Stop and ponder on these things.

"MY sin is ever before me." Poor David! How bitter thy experience. One act of seduction lead to murder, and these two combined formed what he called "my sin." This act was ever before him. How terrible his pain and how dreadful was retribution. As one blot will serve to despoil the most lovely picture, so will one foul act ruin and blight character forever. Steer clear of any fatal act or wicked wrong.

"Be temperate in all things." St. Peter reckons temperance as one of the graces to be added to faith. Mr. Webster, the great lexicographer, defines temperance to be the lawful use of lawful things, but he did not think it worth while to specify what things are lawful. Now if we will take the Bible as the real guide to faith and conduct, this question is easily answered, and we may safely say that whatever injuries our body or mind is unlawful, and we cannot be considered temperate if we indulge in any of these things.

"ENOCH walked with God." What a privilege and what a grand companionship. Walking with God. How highly honored. Men esteem it as something very great to have kings for their companions, or queens for their friends, but to have the king of kings for our daily companion. Talk is connected with walk and the words of God will be filled with comfort and sweetened with joy, and they are all life-giving.

OUR temperance convention convenes just as we are going to press, and too late for its proceedings to be given this week. We hope to present them in full next week. We publish the circular address of President Grace this week, and have only time to say we totally disapprove of its woman's rights sentiments. We are sorry they were written. It will ruin temperance to tie on to that question.

"HE was not for God took him." His companionship was so delightful that God wanted him near to him and sent for him to come home, or rather he brought him home in his own hands. The first man who passed up the shining highway of the Gods to the Celestial City without crossing the River of death. Honored Enoch. A walk of faith ended in a God built home. Reader, claim thy birthright and take the hand of thy Heavenly Father, and let him lead the home.

ST. PAUL'S experience, as given to the Corinthians: "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago (whether in the body I can not tell; or whether out of the body I can not tell; God knoweth) such a one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, whether in the body or out of the body I cannot tell; God knoweth. How that he was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words which it is not lawful for a man to utter." Was that not a grand experience? No wonder he was ready for conflict, prison or death. Such visions of glory were well calculated to dissipate all fear and drive away all dread for time and eternity. How very far we live below our privileges and how we plod through swamp, morass or drear wilderness instead of marching along the king's highway always in view of the spires and domes of the great metropolis of our Father's empire. Let us get out of the wilderness.

OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Another question of vital importance to come before that body will be our Presiding Eldership. For a great many years these men have been ex-officio members of the Bishop's cabinet and still there is no law for it, but the discipline expressly says that the Bishop shall make the appointments and arrange the districts. Not a word about making these men advisers. It is true that the action of the General Conference in 1820, when it proposed to make this office elective, and Bishop Soule declined ordination would indicate that the Bishops regarded these men as constituting their cabinet and hence that they should have the right to appoint them, but it was never done. This question gave us trouble in the days of O'Kelley, but we do not wish to revive any part of that controversy, but only to contend that what is now being done without the sanction of law should either be made lawful or stopped as being illegal. It is easy to add after the words "and to make the appointments of the preachers," these words: "With the aid of the Presiding Elders, who shall compose the cabinet of the Bishop." Again, this office must be advanced in dignity and importance or abolished. It is now being made a mere fifth wheel in our machinery. A district with eighteen or twenty appointments or even fourteen or fifteen, is a caricature of Methodist machinery and is intended to injure any man who is appointed to the office. It is requiring a man to do an impossibility, i. e., to hold 56 quarterly meetings in 52 weeks, leaving neither a day or week either before or after Conference. It requires a man to spread himself out so thin that he is not felt anywhere, and the wheel rolls on hardly making a track, and the quarterly meeting occasion has lost nearly all of the great interest once attached to it, and in many of our cities is looked upon with dread. Again, there is friction in collecting the salary of the presiding elder that ought not to exist. This pro rata business has had its day and found its tomb, and the next general conference should have its funeral and give us some change for the better. On our circuits it is working an absolute hardship on our circuit preachers and is exceedingly unpleasant to our Presiding Elders. For instance, Marvin circuit has eight appointments. Quarterly conference is on hand and question 7 is called. Six out of eight of these appointments make their report and the net amount is \$60, but all in provisions. The other two report \$20; total, \$80. Presiding elder claims one-fifth, \$16, leaving \$4 in money for the P. C. Some times it is worse and not a dollar is left for the P. C.. Guess the looks of the P. C. and imagine the feelings of the P. E., and see the wondering look of the stewards. Only two sermons and took all the money. We respectfully suggest that the claim of the P. E. be assessed as it now is by the district stewards, and let the district stewards on every charge be the steward for the P. E. and collect his claim separate and apart from the claim of the P. C. and let there be no division about it. As the matter now stands the P. C. has to pay for the people's Presiding Elder, and he is not able to do it. This matter has been before our General Conference several times, but that body has not taken time to examine it on its merits. Another matter that needs attention is to fix the relation between P. C. and P. E. on our Domestic Missions. This is now left to our Annual Conference Boards, and they very imperfectly attend to it. In some instances they fix the prorata of the P. E., and in many say nothing about it. We contend that these boards should make the assessments entirely separate, but in all instances give the presiding elder a claim on the Mission or elsewhere. Let a Mission run for ten years and pay the presiding elder nothing and you have ruined that people on that line for all time to come. Educate thought right at the beginning and let them understand the dignity and importance of the Presiding Eldership. We believe with these modifications and changes the office will revive and still perform great service for our advancing and progressive Methodism.

BOYCOTTING.

This is a new word, so very new that we fail to find it in Webster's Unabridged, either in the dictionary proper or in the supplement. It is a mischievous word, yea it is a dangerous word. We have heard of liquor dealers uniting to boycott men who opposed their trade, but for labor organizations to unite to boycott their employers; or to boycott men supposed to be opposed to them and then call upon friends of all pursuits to help in their boycott is marvellous indeed. That is to say a labor organization, has a quarrel with a business man and they immediately demand that all labor organizations shall sever connections with him and not only so, but all men of capital must turn upon their enemy either supposed or real and down him at once or make him submit to their terms. So they not only undertake to control labor and make it fight capital, but capital itself must yield to the demands of labor and fight whoever they shall determine to boycott. Men running as we do, a religious newspaper with neither idea or chance of money-making, but to serve our church, we are not in condition to take an active part in the supposed combats of labor and capital but as a journalist whose duty it is to observe the signs of the times and to oppose whatever we believe to be for the injury of society and the public good, we view boycotting as many in late filled with evil and coil and that continually. The only labor organization that will accomplish legitimate results and bring forth legitimate fruit is the one that will unite, all who are working in their line and then stand together for each others good, not to fight capital but to help labor. These two must go together, don't forget that. They belong together and are mutually dependent upon each other. They can only prosper when they respect each others rights and work for each others good. Let us say to all labor organizations never resort to force or undertake co-ercive measures. Men will not be driven and you can gain nothing by filling your ranks with enemies. Let laboring men live and work for each other and let your code of honor be so perfect that one laboring man will never undertake to supplant another. We are always for labor but will ever oppose a boycott. We rejoice that this one has passed and all is peace, and so may it continue. Our interests are identified and we must harmonize and work together. Capital must never oppress but uphold labor, and labor must not fight capital. Boycotting is a two-edged sword cutting both ways, and never fails to wound the hand that wields it. Arbitration is better and we are glad Typographical Union 92, will henceforth adopt it. The olive branch of peace is now offered to all, and henceforth let us all work together and all for the good of Arkansas.

RECOLLECTIONS OF MY ITINERANT LIFE.

Editors Methodist:

The communication I sent you last week was written from memory, and slightly inaccurate in one or two points. There were between seventy and eighty conversions at my Sardis camp-meeting, instead of one hundred, and Uncle Tommy Hunt's sermon was Sunday night, at which hour's service there were thirty conversions. So states my journal under date of September 20, 1854.

Oct. 1st. Preached at Jones' Chapel, on the Plum Bayou Circuit; 1 Tim., 1:15. Here is where I was raised, and where my relations lived. My uncle, Harvey Caldwell, was out, and I was told that this was the first time he had attended church for many months. He had been much opposed to my religious course, especially to my being a Methodist preacher. I rejoiced no little to see this change, at least in his mind. Now when I visited his house he himself got the Bible and hymn book and asked me to hold prayers. A few days after this he visited Hot Springs where he met with and heard Bishop Kavanaugh preach. He requested of the Bishop that I should be sent to the Plum Bayou circuit. It was so appointed at the Conference, held at Washington, Nov. 22, 1854. I had thought of continuing these recollections, not only for the pleasure it would give me in reviewing the fields of labor, embracing

the best and happiest years of my life, but in the humble hope of still doing a little good with my pen. I must add that during the year I labored on the Plum Bayou Circuit, it was my privilege to witness a good work of grace there. My uncle, though he never joined the church, evinced great interest in religion and showed me and other brethren in the ministry every possible token of regard. With a hearty God bless, you, Mr. Editor, and all my dear brethren in the ministry, I lay down my pen and take up an implement of agriculture.

J. E. CALDWELL

TULIP, Arkansas.

Editors Methodist:

Christmas and New Year have passed with their usual festivities and we hope good resolutions on the part of some. Our town has been improving for some time and a railroad is anticipated in the near future. Evangelist Dortch who has been holding a meeting at our neighboring village Bellefonte with successful results began a meeting here on the night of the thirteenth at which we trust many souls may be converted. We have had prohibition in our town for four or five years which has proved a great blessing. But sad to say at the recent term of our County Court the Judge refused to make an order prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within three miles of our school house notwithstanding a majority of adult inhabitants within said limits signed a petition requesting him to do so, he also granted license for three saloons in this place. We understand the Judge gave as his reason for refusing to make the order that a number of the names on said petition were written by the man who circulated the same although the names were written at the request of the petitioners and in their presence. Away with such technicalities, and with such Judges as can be influenced by the fallacious reasoning of lawyers hired by the illegitimate gain of saloon keepers to believe that such is the law. The petitioners have taken an appeal from the order made by the County Court. If the higher Court should reverse order of the county court which I doubt it will, what becomes of the license I will leave for legal men to say. Give us pure minded men for office, christian gentlemen who would not for position honor or earthly gain disregard their official oaths. I long to see the day when Christian men will vote to put down this demon alcohol. When the church will rise in one voice against it, when preachers will preach more about it and condemn the idea of an individual living in the church and at the same time favoring licensed saloons. You have our best wishes for the prosperity of the Methodist.

PETITIONER.

Harrison Ark., Jan. 18.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Congress, which began the last week with a promise of steady work, ended it by an indulgence in a recess, having adjourned over from Friday until today. While in session, however, some industry marked its proceedings. The House even held a night session for the purpose of considering minor measures, and also discussed and voted for the Succession bill, which makes Cabinet officers, one after the other, succeed to the Presidency in case of an emergency.

The Senate listened to a number of long speeches on silver coinage and other subjects, and confirmed several hundred of the President's nominations in its daily secret sessions.

There has been a great deal of talk about the friction between the President and Senate in regard to removals and appointments to officers. But, so far, the Republican Senators have not become very much excited in their search for reasons for the suspension of federal officials, and some of them hold that the President has the right to suspend arbitrarily, if he pleases, and give no reasons. There will be no open rupture without further developments.

The Republicans in the House of Representatives are, as a rule, kindly disposed towards President Cleveland, and are in favor of giving him a fair chance. They expect to vote for liberal appropriations, particularly for the Navy, and for coast defenses. They say they will favor giving Secretary Whitney all the money he needs

to carry out his plans for building up the Navy.

The recent action of the Senate in ordering that all nominations, confirmations, rejections and withdrawals be published in the Congressional Record, is regarded by some Members of that body as the first step to a final abolition of secret sessions. A short while ago the Senate would have been shocked at the mere suggestion of publishing the proceedings of its executive sessions. But some senators now believe that the system of secrecy with regard to nominations tends to encourage vicious attacks upon men named for office, and think, if nominations were considered openly, malicious persons would be deprived of opportunities they now have for secretly making changes and insinuations against nominees.

On the other hand, many Senators are fond of the freedom of their secret sessions and would never agree to give them up. They say the public sessions of such a decorous and dignified body as the Senate heavily tax the physical powers of Senators, most of whom are elderly men, or men who have passed the meridian period of their strength. When the doors are closed and the world shut out, they can, without neglecting their duties, smoke a cigar, lounge on the sofas, or in other ways enjoy a restful change.

On Saturday afternoon there was a melancholy interruption of social festivity at the White House, through the sudden death of Miss Kate Bayard, eldest daughter of the Secretary of State. Miss Bayard had seemed well and extremely gay at the reception in her mother's parlors the evening before.

But when she retired at 1:30 A.M., she complained of great fatigue, and having been asked to assist at Miss Cleveland's weekly reception at three o'clock on Saturday, asked that she might not be disturbed until one hour before time for the White House reception. Her sister Nannie went to awaken her at the appointed time, and found her lying in her bed dead. She was the favorite child of the Secretary, and the main reliance of her invalid mother in all social affairs. The fact that the Bayard household will remain in mourning for a long time will detract from the round of entertainments at the White House, as both Mrs. Bayard and her daughter were expected to take a prominent part in them. Secretary Bayard was at the State Department when he received the announcement of his daughter's death. For a moment he seemed to be too much stunned to realize the fact. Then he gasped for breath and became deadly pale. Recovering his self-possession, he walked to his carriage trembling in every limb, and was driven to his home. Miss Bayard's death was from physical exhaustion and heart disease, hastened by the active part she has recently taken in the social life of the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, 1886.

PATENTS GRANTED.

Patents granted to citizens of the Southern States on January, 5, 1886, and reported expressly for the METHODIST by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers. Opposite U. S. Patent Office Washington D. C.

J F Barringer, Bennettsville S C; Broom holder. J T Boyd, Cooper Miss.; Scraper. J M Burrows, Hawkinsville, Ga; Plow. L S Flatau, Pittsburg, Tex; Seed planter. W H Dodson, Humboldt, Tenn; Churn. G S Burnap, Marietta, Ga; Flour bolt. J B Miles, Lincoln, Ga; Motor. W B Miller, Hampton Ark; Scraper and gage. J B Mitchum, Munfordville, Ky; Tobacco planter setter. P Moran, New Orleans, La; Elevator shaft device. T J Reamy, Nashville, Tenn; Mechanism for saw mills. P E Rogers, Mullin's Depot, S C; Seeding machine. J W Rykard, Abbeville, S C; Automatic fan. W W Sutcliffe, New Orleans, La; Bagasse furnace. G B M Adams, Richmond, Va; Fire alarm indicator. J Woods, Columbia Tenn; Plane.

The Thorne of Woman.

The well-being of society rests on our homes, and what are their foundation stones but woman's care and devotion! A good mother is worth an army of acquaintances, and a true-hearted, noble-minded sister is more precious than the "dear five hundred friends." The love we experience for domestic blessings increases faith in

an infinite goodness, and is a foretaste of a better world to come.

Our homes, as one well observe, are the support of the Government and the Church, and all the associations and organizations that give blessings and vitality to social existence are herein originated and fostered.

Those who have played around the same doorstep, basked in the same mother's smile, in whose veins the same blood flows, are bound by a sacred tie that can never be broken. Distance may separate, quarrels may occur, but those who have a capacity to love anything must have at times a bubbling up of fond recollections, and a yearning after the joys of by-gone days.

Every woman has a mission on earth. Be she of high or low degree—in single blessedness or double—she is recreant to her duty if she sits with folded hands and empty head and heart and frowns on all claims to her benevolence or efforts at the wellfare of others. There is "something to do" for every one—a household to put in order a child to attend to, some parents to care for, some class of unfortunate, degraded, or homeless humanity to befriend. "To whom much is given, of them much will be required." That soul is poor, indeed, that leaves the world without having exerted an influence that will be felt for good after she has passed away.

There is little beauty in the lives of those women who are drawn into the gay circle of fashionable life, whose arena is public display, whose nursery is their prison. At home does woman appear in her true glory! In the inner sanctuary of home life can she be most like those who walk above "in soft, white light" and follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.—New York Christian Advocate.

We have received from W. Atlee Burpee & Co., the well-known seedsmen of Philadelphia, a copy of Burpee's Farm Annual for 1886. Unlike any other catalogue published, this book of 128 pages, in addition to seeds, bulbs and plants, fully describes and illustrates the leading breeds of swine, sheep, Scotch C.oly dogs, and fancy poultry. It contains much valuable information, two beautiful colored plates, and hundreds of illustrations of all varieties of vegetables and flowers, including novelties of striking merit. Those of our readers who are interested in seeds or thoroughbred stock, can obtain Burpee's Farm Annual, free, by addressing the publishers at Philadelphia, Pa. W. Atlee Burpee & Co., enjoy a wide reputation for the fine quality of the seeds grown and sold by them.

MARRIED.

EBLIN-HALLOWS.—On the 23d ult., at the residence of the brides mother, in Argenta, by the Junior Editor of the METHODIST, Mr J. W. Eblin to Miss Alice Hallows, both of Argenta.

The most important event of the season in the growing town of Argenta, was the celebration of the nuptials of Mr. John W. Eblin, and Miss Alice Hallows, on the 23rd ult. Mr. Eblin is the junior member of the firm of Eblin & Son, one of the leading mercantile firms of Argenta, and Miss Alice is one of our most popular young ladies. They moved into their new home, provided and elegantly furnished by their parents. The wedding presents were many and beautiful. The METHODIST joins their many friends in wishing them a happy and successful voyage through life, and a home in heaven at last.

In this issue appears the advertisement of M. M. Kerr of the Palace Music House, also the name of different instruments that this house carries. Mrs Kerr is too well known to the public to refuse an introduction at our hands, having been associated with our citizens from childhood, and has always been recognized as our leading musician and teacher. Mrs Kerr also keeps a large stock of sheet music and books. Mr. Schaad her brother is associated with her and fills the position of tuner, Miss King of the State University at Fayetteville, and also Prof. Hoffman of the Searcy College endorse him as one of the best piano tuners in the State.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1886.

Missionary Department.

What Are Our Women of Arkansas Doing Now for the Woman's Missionary Work?

Such a question as this may seem to some rather presumptuous on our part, but we ask the question on good faith, having a strong desire to know just what we as a body of Methodist women of about twenty thousand are doing.

Women have formed important factors in all ages of the world. Many have made themselves prominent in history by their evil deeds, but a greater number of their deeds of charity and benevolence to all races of mankind.

Dr. Allen, in China, is calling for one hundred and fifty missionaries—men and women. How surprised some of our people are to hear of such a call; and yet, if the President of the United States were to call for one hundred and fifty thousand men to accomplish some great end in national affairs, in less than a months time they would be equipped for the great movement.

Now we are wedded to the world and how little we care for the work of the Lord—the salvation of souls.

It is astonishing how few of our women read our church papers, and especially the Woman's Missionary Advocate. Some read so carelessly that they stand unmoved; they read it like it was a fairy tale. Yet these papers are filled with the true statement of affairs, and are deeply in earnest about the spread of the gospel; and in every number we have letters of explanation of the work, and reports of the same, from our missionaries in the different fields of labor.

The Misses Rankin who were the first sent out by the woman's board, and who have sacrificed home and friends, and labored long and faithfully as teachers in China, are from Milan, Tenn. Miss Watts, of Louisville, Ky., a teacher in Brazil, South America. Miss Holding, of Somerset, Ky., a teacher in Laredo, Texas. Miss Toland, of Chapel Hill, Texas, a teacher also at Laredo. Miss Muse of Atlanta, Georgia, a teacher in Shanghai, China; Miss Gilbert, of Winchester, Virginia, and Miss Jones, of Norcross, Georgia, have been teaching in San Luis Potos, Mexico, but whose work is suspended just now.

Miss Haygood, of Atlanta, Georgia, a teacher in Shanghai, China. Miss Hamilton, of Paris, Texas, and Miss Atkinson, of Rock Mills, Ala; are also teachers in China. Miss Bruce, of Plattsburg, Missouri, teacher in Piracicaba, Brazil. Miss Wolfe, of Pensacola, Florida, teacher in Saakwa, Indian Territory. The Misses Phillips of California, Missouri. Miss Mildred Phillips, M. D., sent as physician to Soochow, China, and her sister, Miss Lou, to assist in nursing the sick.

(These last mentioned ladies were once pupils of mine, and although much interested in the welfare of all, I feel peculiarly interested in them.)

Sisters let us pray that ere another year shall have passed, that some young lady in Arkansas will find it in her heart to say, "Here am I; send me."

Arkansas has been doing something

in this work for five or six years, but has not been keeping pace with her sister states.

"What though thy power, compared to some, Be weak to aid and bless; Because the rose is queen of flowers, Do we love the heart's ease less? Others may do a greater work, But you have your part to do; And no one in all God's heritage Can do it so well as you."

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Trains going North. Arrive. Depart.

Mail and Express..... 2:25 p.m. 2:45 p.m.

Texas Express..... 2:55 a.m. 3:10 a.m.

Local Freight..... 9:00 p.m. 9:20 a.m.

Texas Stock..... 8:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Texas Stock..... 10:40 p.m. 10:45 p.m.

Trains going South.

Mail and Express..... 12:30 a.m. 12:45 a.m.

Texas Express..... 12:10 p.m. 12:30 p.m.

Local Freight..... 11:00 p.m. 4:00 a.m.

Fast Freight..... 9:10 a.m. 9:40 a.m.

Texas Freight..... 1:30 p.m. 2:25 p.m.

Texas Freight..... 4:40 a.m. 4:25 a.m.

Memphis and Little Rock Railroad.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

No. 1—Leaves Memphis..... 5:10 p.m.

Arrives at Little Rock..... 12:30 a.m.

No. 2—Leaves Memphis..... 4:50 a.m.

Arrives at Little Rock..... 11:55 a.m.

No. 3—Leaves Little Rock..... 9:20 p.m.

Arrives at Memphis..... 10:25 p.m.

No. 4—Leaves Little Rock..... 2:05 a.m.

Arrives at Memphis..... 8:50 a.m.

Arkansas Valley Route.

Leave for Fort Smith..... 11:45 a.m.

Arrive from Ft Smith..... 5:10 p.m.

Leave for Arkansas City..... 8:30 p.m.

Arrive from Arkansas City (freight)..... 7:45 a.m.

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..... 1:10 p.m.

Freight and Accom. arrive Malvern..... 6:55 p.m.

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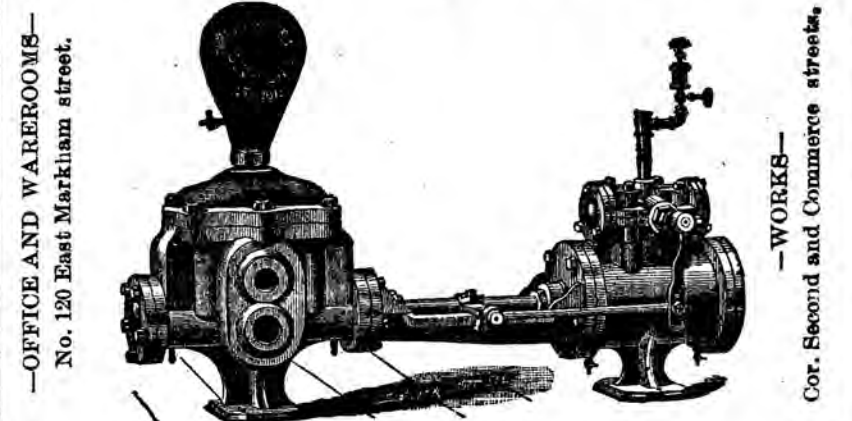
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