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GENERAL NEWS.

Domestic.

There is now a general discussion of the Blair Bill, and our great men are delivering themselves of a great deal of eloquence. The ignorance of the South is a prolific theme for windy orators and small politicians, and a great many of our own senators are willing to confess to the ignorance in order to get the money. A few millions of dollars will mightily blind some people, and hide the deformities of this iniquitous bill. Of course the South wants and needs education, but it will be a dark day for her when she turns this important matter over to agents of the government with books made by and for the government. Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is right. We can't afford to let the general government interfere in those matters which belong expressly to State control. This bill is a Trojan Horse; only let it enter and we will introduce a bone of contention at each offense and a source of endless evils.—The republicans have determined on a bitter opposition to the president and they are very indignant at the refusal to give reasons for the removal of officers. It is said that the president will adhere to his determination, and let them understand that he is president.—A serious affair has come to light in Mississippi involving the governor and some of his staff in relation to the penitentiary. The lessees and others are involved. It is a sad affair. Perhaps if the legislature would quit riding on free passes and taking Sunday excursions things would move along better. Such things are a disgrace.—Another street car strike is imminent in St. Louis.—A committee of ladies waited upon the president of the United States to confer with him in reference to government contracts and the rights of working women, and were denied a hearing. Herein he greatly erred. The working women of this country must have a hearing.—A great steal is reported on Broadway, New York, and two aldermen are in it. Our people are living too fast and beyond their means, and hence the great quantity of stealing.

Foreign.

In the French chamber of deputies yesterday, M. Bathule announced that in a fortnight he would introduce a bill for the establishment of a metropolitan steam railway system. The French government has decided to adhere to its determination of an Universal International Exhibition in Paris in 1889. It is officially announced.—The powers have called on Serbia and the Porte to submit at the same time their proposal for the restoration of peace between Serbia and Bulgaria.—The Loyalists of county Tyrone, yesterday, held a muster meeting at Stewardstown and resolved to oppose Home Rule and maintain the Union.—D'Canville, Auvergne, has been placarded with threats to destroy the iron mills with dynamite unless the wages of the miners are increased.—London is still threatened with mobs.—The war between the Liberals and Conservatives still progresses. The ministry of the old ex-premier, Mr. Gladstone, is by no means satisfactory and he is being closely watched by all parties.—Ireland will soon have a meeting, under the auspices of Mr. Parnell, and present to England their ultimatum on home rule.—It is reported that Greece has crossed the limits of the Sultan with warlike intents.—Lord Aberdeen is in Ireland and has been much toasted.—The socialist law and the liquor bill are exciting much interest in Germany.

STATE NEWS.

Quite a number of laborers have passed through our town this week on the way to seek work on the M. & B. K. railroad.—Forrest City News.

Mr. Penix's little child near Newport was attacked and killed by a vicious old sow, last week, says the Herald.

The wheat crop of this country is not so badly injured by the late cold weather as was first believed.—Bingen Visitor.

The next state election in Arkansas will be held on the first Monday in September. It will embrace all the state and county officers from governor to coroner.—Randolph Herald.

Prof. J. W. Conger and corps of teachers attended the session of the Southwest Arkansas Teachers Association at Hope Saturday, and report a very pleasant and profitable time.—Prescott Picayune.

The steamer Chickasaw discharged the largest lot of freight on our landing last Saturday that has been put off by any boat in the past five years.—Clarendon Sun.

Young Baily, who was with Lee's child when it froze to death is also in a very critical condition from the exposure he underwent. It is thought that he is beyond recovery.—Melbourne Register.

There was a shooting fray at Cotton Plant last Friday in which Sam Ware a saloon man, was killed by Oscar Conway. The shooting was said to have been justifiable and Conway was released.—Clarendon Sun.

On account of the illness of the Circuit Judge, Hon. H. B. Stuart, the application for an order to compel Judge Bell to issue liquor license to Capt. Johnson was not considered at Arkadelphia last week.—Center Point Tocsin.

We understand that several parties are digging shafts, and otherwise prospecting for gold in Sugar Creek township. Hope they will succeed in finding something valuable to the country.—Booneville Enterprise.

A monstrosity in the form of a pig was brought into town last week by Mr. Bob Harris. It was a full-sized pig with no hair at all on it. It had only one eye, in the center of the head, and it had a prolonged snout like an elephant's.—Berryville Progress.

The Hope Mercury says, Tuesday afternoon two small children of Mr. Isaac Stuart, who lives four miles from Hope on the Emmet road, were playing with an axe when the boy, who is about six years old, cut his little sister's hand off at the wrist.

Rev. S. N. Burns and wife were called last week to the deathbed of a brother to Mrs. Burns in Washington county. Mr. Burns during the short while that he has been here has endeared himself to his congregation and they earnestly sympathize with the family in their sorrow. There were no services last Sunday at the Methodist church.—Dardanelle Post.

At the close of morning services last Sunday, Bro. Blackwood read a petition asking congress to take such steps as may be necessary to have text books introduced into the public schools of the country which are under the control of that body; showing the effect of alcohol on the human system, and on motion the congregation endorsed the petition, there being only one dissenting vote.—Augusta Vidette.

Col. Markle has sold to Messrs. Dagget & Briggs, of Terre Haute, Ind., eight thousand acres of land for the sum of \$25,000.00. The land is at and in the vicinity of Tilton, on the Texas & St. Louis road. They expect to build up a town at the crossing of the Memphis & Bald Knob, and Texas & St. Louis roads. Col. Markle says he has sold over one hundred thousand acres of land in this and adjoining counties, during the last three months, mostly to parties from the northwest who are putting mills on the lands.—Jonesboro Times.

PERSONAL.

Bishop Keener has gone to Mexico.

Rev. W. D. Mathews, P. E. of Dardanelle District is pushing the work of his district vigorously.

Rev. A. Turrentine is making a splendid canvass for the organ—He sends in more subscribers and money.

Bishop Granberry has postponed his visit to Brazil on account of yellow fever there.

Washington Hempstead Co., has only a population of 750 and yet has 8 Churches. A splendid showing.

Rev. H. Jewell is speaking of moving to Benton. That will be a great thing for that town. He is an acquisition anywhere.

Rev. W. E. Rutledge, says in a letter sending subscriptions, that he expects to get one hundred. Glorious work. Why not all try it?

Dr. Galloway, editor of the New Orleans Advocate, is opposed to the election of a resident Bishop for China as suggested by Chancellor Garland.

Rev. J. A. Baker, Gurdon, Rev. Stephen Busbee, Bryant, and Dr. Hunter, were pleasant callers this week.

Bro. Leigh of the Morrilton Headlight, called Saturday, and carried long enough to subscribe and pay for the METHODIST for a lady friend.

Rev. A. R. Wilson is the clever pastor of our church at Brownsville, Tenn. He is a prince and a noble man. Much beloved and very useful.

Bishop Granberry it is said will postpone his visit to Brazil. We hope he will soon go and view the ground. His presence is needed.

Col. Robert Martin, of old Dallas County was in to see us this week, and it was a rare treat to see our old friend and hear from dear old Princeton.

Rev. W. F. Walker was with us at Jonesboro, and added no little to the pleasure of the occasion. He is having a fine year at Powhattan and Smithville.

Superintendent Koger of our Brazil Mission has passed away. Oh what a loss to our Methodism. He was a grand man and was doing a great work in that country.

Col. W. F. Smith was over from Marion and reported great things in that region. Our men and women are beginning to drive whisky. King Alcohol will be dethroned.

Rev. James Perry one of the oldest members of the Memphis Conference lives at Brownsville. He is now a superannuate, and his presence here is a constant benediction to the church.

Jim Tom Story has succeeded Judge Curl in the management of Malvern News. He is a good newspaper man, and is making an interesting journal. We wish him success.

The Liberator, the organ of the Knights of labor, is a new candidate for public favor. It is a large, neatly printed and newsy paper. We predict for it a wide circulation.

Rev. J. J. Jenkins steps to the front and puts down 250 copies of our minutes for Camden District. What other P. E. will do as well. Speak out brethren. We need help now.

Rev. G. A. Dannelley writes of the continued and critical illness of his wife. She is a great sufferer, but patient and resigned. Her many friends will join us in prayer for her, and her deeply afflicted husband and family.

Rev. W. W. Alfred goes back to 1825, and tells of that period. We can't remember much of 1825, but we can remember Bro. Alfred in old Sussex circuit, with Rev. Anthony Dibrell and his elegant and accomplished wife.

Rev. A. Anderson P. E. Fayetteville district, sends us a notice of minutes of Ark. Conference, published by Brothers Harlan & Bosewell. It will appear soon.

Rev. J. W. Boswell, writes us a brotherly letter. He was once editor of the METHODIST and is anxious for its success. He refers to its increasing popularity in the north west. He made some good suggestions which we appreciate.

Brother Folsom and Augusta citizens generally are happy over their new railroad which will be pushed to an early completion. We congratulate all concerned. That is a grand old town, and a noble citizenship.

Rev. George W. Yarborough of Virginia, fully endorses Chancellor Garland and calls his document a statesmanlike document. It may be so, but it is about as full of heresy as it well can be. You are wrong this time Bro. Yarborough.

Dr. Lafferty speaks out on the episcopacy and retires from all connectional work. Lafferty is a smart man, but he is off in voting for these old men. Why did you credit the southern with our goods. That was the Arkansas METHODIST that spoke out on the entertainment.

The editor of the Central pokes fun at Lafferty of the Richmond as the junior delegate of the Old Dominion and the only one under fifty. That will hardly do; Lafferty is above suspicion on that line.

Rev. John E. Edwards has a splendid letter in the old Richmond, in the conference of 1835 at Lynchburg. It is charming. The doctor is the only survivor of the class of that year. He is one of our oldest pastors.

Rev. C. H. Gregory proprietor of the Altus (Franklin county) Nurseries, says: 'The Peach crop is undoubtedly killed Mercury fell too low. A great portion of the last year's wood growth, (being the fruit wood for this year,) is killed—probably will never recuperate.'—Russville Democrat.

Rev. John Harrell was for a long time superintendent of our Missionary work among the Indians. No truer or better man, and there were friction and trouble till the superintendency was removed. Let us learn this lesson and stop that business. Form districts and have P. E.'s. That is Methodism.

Rev. E. A. Garrison, Searcy writes us that money is scarce, but that he presents the cause of the METHODIST from the pulpit and privately, and nearly all have promised to renew. That kind of sowing will bring a good harvest. Bro. G. is a good field for the organ.

Dr. Kelly reports that the strain on the missionary treasurer is relieved, for the present, and that the banks are satisfied. This shows that he has received a pretty good sum of money, according to the promise made at the conferences. But why should the preachers not press the collection, and raise it all now? Get it out of the way. It will be much easier to bring up the others during the year. Don't make two bites at one cherry.—Alabama Advocate.

In a note accompanying the communication on first page Bishop McTyerie says: Mr. Moody has just left—after doing much good within a few days. I am glad he is to visit you in Texas. I was pleased—it shows the man—at a remark he made in a company about another evangelist—Sam Jones. He admires Sam, and said: "The Lord has sent that man into the world with a sledge hammer."—Texas Advocate.

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THE PRESS.

IRELAND is threatened with famine. It is said that the people of that country consume 5,069,000 gallons of liquor and 79,000,000 gallons of malt drink yearly, aggregating in value \$55,000,000. The Liberator says that all Ireland needs is Francis Murphy. He can do more for Ireland than Parnell—South Western Methodist.

"We beg Brother Lafferty and all the Peppobaptist editors to reproduce Dr. Burrow's article and show us the weak point in it, if they can."—Religious Herald. The "weak point" is writing two or three columns to prove what nobody disputes—that Christian ought to be baptized. It is exhausting logic on an axiom. It's rowing with the dummy cars of the gymnasium—an hour's tugging leaves you where you were before.—Richmond Advocate.

We sometimes think of the old country meeting house in which we were accustomed to worship in childhood the voice of the pastor, so full of solemn warning as he divided the word Sabbath after Sabbath, giving to each a portion, and the measured step of each elder and deacon, as they slowly moved about, magnifying the duties of their offices. The impressions made on our young heart and mind has often caused us to ask, whether, in the modern stately houses of worship, with cushioned pews and luxurious equipments, there is the same piety and devotion as in the humbler church-house? There certainly is a difference in the congregation of the great metropolis and the humble society of the village or country, but we do believe that there are in both many earnest consecrated Christians, who differ only in their surroundings.—Herald & Presbyterian, Cincinnati.

Some of our worthy co-temporaries have been exercising their brains and using their pencils in reference to the number that should be Bishops by the next General Conference. One says, "That three and no more." Another says, "Five or six, or as many as needed." We take the latter part of the last sentence, "as many as needed." How many? Let us see. There are now just forty Annual Conferences and five bishops,—eight Conferences to the bishop. With the present facilities of traveling any bishop can hold two Conferences in a month, or his eight Conferences in four months, leaving him eight months in the year for other work. During these eight months he "can travel through the connection at large," visit churches, read, write, go to Mexico, China, Brazil, or around the world if he choose.

But elect as many as you please.—St. Louis Advocate.

Riots in London have occurred from time to time through the whole history of England. They have differed greatly from riots in Paris. The Paris mob is intent upon murder; cruelty of the most elaborate and fiendish sort is its natural food, whether stimulated by religious bigotry, pressing need, or infidelity. The Paris mob is as bloodthirsty as a tiger, and as fiendish a laugh as a hyena. An English mob is noisy and brutal, but generally goes to bed at about the usual time, and rarely commits outrages abhorrent to average human nature. Brutal murders would have a disintegrating tendency upon a mob, unless committed in resistance to attack from the authorities; whereas, in Paris, the more they kill the more they wish to kill. We have seen an English mob involving thousands, apparently in such a state of excitement as to be on the verge of terrible violence; but it subsided without murder or arson; a mob, even in this country, as much excited as some of those English mobs seem to be, would be more dangerous than such a mob as that which ruled for a few hours in London last week.—New York Advocate.

New Orleans Feb. 22.—The strike of brakemen and freight handlers on the Morgan Railroad and Steamship Company line has been satisfactorily adjusted by arbitration by a committee of the commercial exchanges and the men have resumed their work. The brakemen will receive \$60 00 per month instead of \$54,00, and the freight handlers who received 25c per hour, are to receive 30c for day work and 40c for night and Sunday work.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin D. D., and Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald D. D., have issued their prospectus for the next General Conference Daily to be published in Richmond next May. Price one dollar. It is to contain all the proceedings, discussions, &c. We hope it will be a great improvement on the two last. If we are to have a report of the proceedings, let us by all means have a full and accurate one, and to do this, a first-class reporter should be employed at first-class wages, and the paper edited and published in first-class style.

Rev. D. C. Kelly, D. D. contributes a splendid reply to Doctor Garland on missions in the last Nashville Advocate. Dr. Kelly is exactly right. If you want to murder our missions, then just go to work and make a Bishop for every foreign field, and your work is done, and well done. Our experience is that a strange Bishop always does better than one so well acquainted and they all do better work when they depend less on themselves and more on the presiding elders. We dread a heady Bishop.

Dr. Landen C. Garland the veteran chancellor of the Vanderbilt University and president of our Board of Missions, has contributed a most wonderful and exhaustive article to the Christian Advocate at Nashville on our Missions. Of course like everything that emanates from his pen it is able and scholarly, but we think it exceedingly faulty. The doctor blunders wonderfully when he affects to find the integrity and perpetuity of Methodism in our Episcopacy. The oldest Methodism of the world has no Episcopacy. He errs again in thinking there is nothing partaking of Diocesan Episcopacy in electing Bishops for special fields. The doctor is still following out his false notions of an indefinite pastorate, which was so effectively killed in 1870. His remedy for the removal of real and imaginary difficulties in our Foreign Missionary Fields, is worse than any disease we know of. He won't do for a doctor on these lines.

The Wesleyan Advocate, the New Orleans and the Alabama Advocates are all opposed to the views of Dr. Garland. Dr. Haygood endorses. The Nashville Advocate gives no positive utterance, but the editor predicts wise, safe and harmonious action upon the part of the General Conference without any infringement of our general superintendency. But how does the views of Dr. Garland strike you in comparing a four years pastorate to a four years Bishopric. You see he is advancing toward low church episcopacy by the war of the diocesan. We are glad to see such a healthy tone in all our conference organs. Our itinerant general superintendency must be preserved as well as our itinerancy itself. No infringement must be allowed in either, and we must never elect Bishops for special places. Our episcopacy will never stand that. We would soon have Bishops as common as other folks. Bishops may act as scape goats, but they are not the panacea for all of our Methodist troubles and missionary failures. We will augment our misfortunes if we undertake the line indicated by Chancellor Garland.

Denouncing the Knights.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—In all the Roman Catholic churches here yesterday a letter from his lordship the Bishop of Ottawa was read denouncing the Knights of Labor and the telegraph operators union.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1886.

EUROPEAN TRAVEL.—No. 12.

We continue our description of the opening of Parliament by the Queen, in 1871. The peers who walked about greeting their friends, who occupied the front or cross benches, added little but color to the general effect; for their robes formed an effectual disguise to grace of figure or dignity of carriage, and in some cases served also to disguise tolerably familiar lineaments. While the House was as yet comparatively thin, a few of the arrivals attracted notice, and among these were Lords Houghton, Cairns, and Lucan, the Bishop of York, and the Bishops of St. Davids, Winchester, Gloucester and Peterborough. The Bishops mostly gathered upon the bench in front of the diplomatic body, and fourteen of the judges took their seats on the benches allotted to them. The members of the diplomatic body vied with the ladies on their contribution of gold and color to the assembly. As 2 o'clock approached, the Duke of Cambridge entered the House wearing his robes over his field's marshalls uniform, and by that time rather more than a hundred peers were present. In a few moments all rose at the entrance of their royal highnesses the Princess of Teck, and the Princess Christian who took their places towards the ends of the woosack facing the throne. The Prince and Princess of Wales were the next arrivals and the prince after speaking to the princess and some of the peers took the chair on the right of the throne, while the Princess of Wales occupied the centre of the woosack. At 12 minutes past 2 the door on the right of the throne was thrown open for the entrance of her majesty who was preceded by Lord Roseborough with the crown. Her majesty wore black velvet bordered with ermine, a white cap surmounted by a small crown, a necklace of diamonds and the Order of the Garter; and was followed by their royal highnesses, the Princesses Louise and Beatrice and by Prince Arthur, who wore a dark green rifle uniform. The robe of state had previously been placed on the throne and when the queen seated herself the Princess Louise arranged its folds around her majesty. The princess then remained standing on the steps to the left of the throne, in front of the vacant chair of the royal consort. Lord Granville stood immediately on the left, Lord Bessborough and Winchester on the right of the throne, and Prince Arthur to the right of the Princess of Wales. A messenger was then dispatched to summon the House of Commons to the presence of the queen and a few minutes of absolute stillness and silence followed, a striking contrast to the rustling of silks, and the murmur of voices that had prevailed but a short time before. Then there came a sound of quickly trampling feet constantly increasing in intensity until the speaker made his appearance at the bar of the House followed by the usual and often described rush of the more active and swift members. In the front rank of these was the prime minister looking as if the rest of vacation had been of no small service to him. As soon as the arrival had been hushed the lord chancellor advanced to the foot of the throne and said that he was commanded by her majesty to read the speech and that he would do so in her majesty's own words. At this statement there was probably some general sense of disappointment. As the chancellor proceeded the queen sat with her eyes cast down, and almost absolutely still, a single slight movement of the fan being all that was at any time perceptible. Such is a description of an opening of Parliament. It is a scene of real loyalty and in strange contrast with our plain republican ways. The churches of London are of great interest to the tourist. St. Paul's is the largest and finest of the great solid city of the Old World. It stands on the elevated position at the end of Ludgate Hill, and its lofty dome may be seen for miles around; the magnificent deep tones of its great bell which is only tolled on the occasion of a death in the royal family, but strikes the hours, can be heard far out of the city; it is ten feet in diameter and weighs four and a half tons. On this site formerly stood another Cathedral

three or four hundred years previous to the Norman Conquest, which was destroyed by the great fire of 1666. The present edifice was erected under the direction of Sir Christopher Wren, built in the form of a cross, 514 feet long, and 287 wide. One architect and one master mason spent thirty-five years of labor on this building; and when familiar with the fact that nearly all such buildings on the continent took centuries to erect, it is a remarkable fact, that it was commenced and finished under the same Bishop, the same architect, and the same mason. The remains of the immortal architect are deposited in the vaults of this cathedral as well as those of Wellington and Nelson who lie side by side. The last named reposes in a coffin made of the mainmast of the ship "L'Orient" which Nelson captured from the French; it was sent him by Captain Hallowell. It is said that Nelson had it set up behind his chair in the cabin of his ship. His outside coffin was made originally for Henry VIII. The cost of the whole building which is of Portland stone was nearly \$4,000,000, and was built from the proceeds of a tax on the coal brought into the port of London during its erection. We will enter this great church next week.

TEXAS CORRESPONDENCE.

Editors Methodist:

The "Arkansas Traveler"—of the itinerant persuasion—comes weekly, and I greet it as I would the face of "mine own familiar friend." The perusal of its pages convinces me, that "Ther's life in the old land yet" notwithstanding twenty years and over have elapsed since I left my native State, yet I remember her kindly, and defend her good name every time it is assailed. "May my right hand forget her cumming if I ever forget her." And what do I remember and love most? her lofty and soul inspiring mountains, her rich valley lands, her deep and lonely forests, or her honest and brave men—a thousand of whom went with me at the blast of the first bugle notes to the Potomac in 1861—her devoted, cultured—and beautiful women—the very remembrance of which carries me back to 1860, and Little Rock. Her long list of faithful and itinerant preachers with whom I met so often at my own itinerant home. Without rubbing up the memory the least, pardon me while I call the roll: Hunter, Brown, Carlisle, Lively, Ratcliffe, Winfield, McKinnon, Garrett, Caldwell, Johnson, Weir, Epps, Gilian, and the long bearded, boy preacher, and stopped at our home on his way to his first conference, M. H. Wells. Oh yes! and I was about to forget the two boys of our dear old neighbor, Brother Watson. How many living? How many dead? I don't know. But I am willing to say of all the dead "These all died in the faith." I only intended to say a word and ask two questions, and here I am on my fourth page. Did you never boil over doctor? Yes I know you have. I'm told you did at Corsicana, so I am thinking about my old mother state.

The questions are, first did Bro. Street ever write his history of Methodism in Arkansas? And, second, please give us more light and information on the semi-centennial of Arkansas Methodism. Was not the name of J. B. Amis on the charter roll? This has always been my understanding. Arkansas in '36, and in '86, Methodism in '36, and '86.—Could he first here falling from the ranks of the first conference awake as from Rip-Van-Winkle sleep? would he know either? I think not, and yet I imagine he would know the state as such, more readily than Methodism, for I am sure the church has out stripped the state.

With profound respect.

J. T. L. AMIS.

FROM TEXAS.

Editors Methodist:

I read the "ARKANSAS" METHODIST with pleasure and find communications from men that I knew when they were boys, and if you will not tell it, Dr., I will just whisper I too was once water-bound between the Culebita and Smack-over for about six years; My father settled near Teore Fabra, then Camden, in 1843. I remember Hunter, Ratcliffe, Colby, Farrish,

Esterbrooke, Steel, Roberts, Lively, Mulky and many others. Nearly all of whom rest from their labors. I confess that I would like to look in on your conference, and your state, but not to stay, for I am from Arkansas and I am glad of it. I like your temperance pluck. You are moving up in the right line, and I trust ere long the forces will be massed A forward movement made and the whisky demons demolished. But Doctor I took my pencil in hand not to write of Arkansaw nor of old friends, nor of prohibition, but to review your editorial on the fourth page of your issue of January 30th. I knew that this was the time for suggestions to be made. And changes to be proposed to the ensuing General Conference, but you surprised me. A man in your position should not be so radical on the time honored P. Eldership as to call it a fifth wheel. It would be well enough for the General Conference to add on page 70 Sec. 60 Ans 2 "To fix the appointments of the preacher" with the aid of the presiding elders—It is not expected and indeed it is impossible for the few Bishops we have to know the wants of the church in the way of pastors and to know the ability and pastoral qualities of the preachers without information and advice. When you say "it is impossible for a Presiding Elder to hold 56 quarterly Conferences in 52 weeks, you forget that Southern Methodist retain the campmeeting; and how easy for the P. Elder to go from his Saturday and Sunday appointment to a campmeeting Tuesday meet all the officials, hold the conference, preach two or three sermons; raise a fine collection; administer the sacrament; and go forward to his next appointment giving satisfaction to all concerned; And no one feeling that the Presiding Elder, has taken the pastors living but all concurring in the scriptural doctrine that "The laborer is worthy of his pay." Presiding Elders are generally elastic, and can afford to be "spread out thin" for the glory of God and the advancement of the church. "No impossibility, about it. You stated indirectly and suppose unintentionally the source from which the complaints referred to arise, in that closing paragraph "in many of our cities is looked on with dread," and why, because there is a growing tendency in some of our cities towards congregationalism, and an unlimited pastorate is the answer. I find no friction in Texas in collecting the Presiding Elders salary—No more than attends the collection of the Pastors support. The Bishops salary Conference fund Missionary monies ect."

The pro rata business has not yet seen its day Doctor but will no doubt survive as the fittest—No entombing and funeral yet. We cannot afford it, it would prove too costly an experiment. I repeat the complaint comes from cities and not from the country, where three fourths of the paying membership reside—and where the strength of Methodism is domiciliated. Let us look at the working of the proposed remedy—to assess the Presiding Elders salary by the board of stewards and let them collect it. Well how will it work. We will suppose, A as pastor and B as P. Elder—A is young, timid, inexperienced and was popular—B is a tried veteran practical, eloquent, and highly social—Everybody would want to pay the P. E., and but few would pay the Pastor. Now over to the next district, C is pastor and D is P. E., C is all that a pastor should be; while D is a plain inassuming matter of fact man; Improves with authority, insists on the rigid performance of duty; and is liking in social qualities Result C is support and D goes unpaid. No, Doctor, let well enough alone; Our preachers are paid better to-day than ever before. We are going forward on all the different lines and do not let us take doubtful departures just now. The Pauline doctrine on giving should be pushed just now, and no turning out of the beaten paths our fathers trod, because a few city boards supported a very few city pastors. Want an unlimited pastorate and congregational government, I differ with you and thousands of others, when you say without any proof that the P.C has

to pay for the people's Presiding Elder. The people pay their P. E. when he does his work, and I submit that there is no class of ministers that work more and accomplish more! than the consecrated P. E.; with 14 appointments visits them all quarterly, preaches from 8 to 20 sermons on each work; administers the sacrament weekly; works through the revival season from meeting to meeting, takes up collections, helps the stewards in their work, preaches to the children, and looks over all the work. And you state he is paid by the Pastor while the facts are that the P. E. has helped the P. C. through, and was instrumental in getting his salary fixed at a living rate and now Mr. Editor I will bow out with your permission and come again in the future. We want very few changes made by the General Conference—and cannot accept your theory on the Presiding Eldership.

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Corsicana Texas, Feb. 6th, 1886.

OUR MONEY ERA.

Editors Methodist:

From Dan to Beer heba the church is all astrin on the money question, until our whole itinerancy has become a grand collecting agency for projecting and maintaining all sorts of enterprises, and liquidating debts which professional financiers have precipitated upon us. The "collections" must be up at all hazards, though the moving brotherhood impoverish themselves to meet this vital desideratum. And lest this ecclesiastical constabulary, for such we are expected to be, should be forgetful of this highest duty of lifting the collections, the overseers, on their rounds, have us to stand up, one by one, for inspection, to be tried by this supreme test of fidelity. More recently the subject of revivals is incidentally adverted to now and then, as a kind of breakwater, perhaps. Questions relating to discipline and disorderly conduct in the church are never propounded. Money is the infallible test of a healthful condition.

Is it not significant of a compromising spirit with the world that the collections are so emphasized and magnified, and the subject of conformity to our vows as members and preachers is so effectually ignored? As a rule, the grace of liberality does not abound where consistency of life is required. But the money must come, and so we are constrained to traffic in "indulgences," there being many who had rather pay their money than lead pious lives. To be successful as a collector the chief function of the pastor, it is also needful that the preacher become all things to all men, enjoying all sorts of folks and winking at all sorts of things.

To those who persist in recognizing that it is their business to declare the whole counsel of God and preserve purity in the church, the situation becomes painfully embarrassing, not to say perplexing. They would inculcate right principles in all things, cheerful giving with the rest, but these do not always come to maturity by conference. They preach the gospel in all earnestness and in keeping with the requirements of the Master, but all this counts for nothing unless the "assessments" are paid in full.

If the Bishops are determined to continue to investigate us in open conference, I do insist that it be done upon a broader basis than the mere accident of a good or bad financial report. Our people may not be as liberal at times and in some places as they ought to be, and yet it becomes us to be considerate of their circumstances and opportunities. Very certain it is that we have a great many poor people in our church, and thank the Lord for it. In many charges they cannot furnish their own pastor a living, and yet there are various other claims of the church to be met also, among the support of numerous officials, whose salaries are ten times as great as their pastor's allowance; and in some cases, twenty times as great.

But we dare not tell our people about this, lest they lose interest in the enterprises of the church, and decline altogether to support them. A presiding elder found it necessary, as he saw things, to instruct his preachers to conceal from the people the amounts

apportioned by the district stewards lest the burden seem so great that they refuse to pay it. And have we come to that? Must we keep our people in the dark in order to reach their pockets, and keep down disaffection? I know of no other policy that will in the end prove more detrimental than this. Against this rock the Southern Confederacy broke to pieces and went to ruin.

Strange are the financial ruts in which we are running, while we are omitting the weightier matters of the law.

Liberality ought to abound much more than it does, and the spirit of church enterprise ought to take hold of us with a firmer grasp, but the emphasis ought to be put at the right place, our machinery ought to be less costly, and the people ought to be kept duly advised in all matters of church work and expenditures.

And the time may be at hand indeed, when the chief management of our finances be put into the hands of our people, rather than our ministers. The Memphis Conference, by resolution, has wisely announced this as the true policy. A. T. GOODLOE.

WEST HARPETH, TENN.

FIELD NOTES.

How bright and cheerful this weather after the dreary month of snow and the long days and nights of ice and cold. Our hands will go forth with a shout now, and we will soon hear of great revivals and a grand movement all along our line. We begin with a sweet note from Brother O. H. Tucker, telling of the wonderful work of God at Harrison: "Harrison has repented. Evangelist Dortch has been with us fourteen days. Had about eighty professions and sixty additions to the various churches at the close. The "cold wave" was not in the way. Praise the Lord for victory."

God has signally blessed his people. Next is our Brother H. Glass from Sweetwater Texas, and it is sweet. Welcome such good cheerful reports, it is really good and it does good: "You made many friends during your visit to our state, and found all of our Arkansas brethren doing well. Had you come out into West Texas, you would have been captured by this western hospitality and you might have telegraphed back for your better half, Dr. Dye, and the ARKANSAS METHODIST and become one with us. If you know of any more clever "Arkansas Travelers" who can preach, farm or able to merchandise, and desire a good home in a grand country send them to Sweetwater or Merkel on the Texas and Pacific Railway, 176 miles west of Fort Worth. Richland, a beautiful water, healthy section, ample building material on good terms; good society, beautiful scenery and all the advantages of a rapidly growing country are offered on such conditions that all may possess homes, that are you and all your friends."

Next we will let our Brother Ted-wine speak from Selma. Like old wine it is better for keeping. Be sure to read him: "Perhaps some of your many readers would like to know what we are doing at Selma. Please say to such: "We are organizing a victory." I reached Selma just before Christmas and began at once to do the work I found most needed. Ours is a beautiful little town conveniently situated, with an elevation sufficient to give us a salubrious atmosphere, is adorned with some substantially well made edifices made beautiful by artistic skill, is well supplied with good water and has access to a rich variety of growing timber near by, which furnish us, at a small cost, a competency of excellent wood which we use for fuel. I find here plain, sober intelligent people, notorious for Christian generosity. Virtue, love of Methodism, noble aspiration and untiring energy characterize the place. Your METHODIST is popular here, too Doctor. We have a splendid church-house and a good parsonage, of which I am truly proud. It is to the labors of my predecessors, Dr. Scott, the church is indebted for these magnificent and costly buildings. Dr. Scott we appreciate your worth. I have two other appointments, (contemplate filling a third—Craige,) viz: Mount Tabor, (six miles from Selma,) and Collier Station, (twelve miles from Mt. Tabor,) has a large membership, and is largely of first-class material, rich in love to God, their pastor and to all justified believers.

While our membership at Collin Station is small, it is said, will do her part at pushing forward the glory of the cross of Christ and publishing the Godhead of His Divinity. To those dear ones at Collin I must say: be not discouraged because of limited numerical strength. Remember! "One can chase a thousand, and two can put ten thousand to flight." Christ, our great "Shepherd" is with us, travelling in the greatness of His strength and is mighty to save. You have a live railroad town, comprising some good men and women who are unconverted. Ob, win them over to Christ. They can, and ought to be saved. There is something for each of us to do. Hear Solomon! "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Now that is first rate. Next we will put our young Brother J. B. Stevens report from Mulberry. I love mulberries, and our Brother Stevenson is working around that Mulberry tree in good style: "Ever and anon as we journey through life we are called upon to praise God for the multitude of his tender mercies and manifold blessings. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to Him that we have fallen among so kind and hospitable people as we find on Mulberry Circuit. We had a very kind reception and cordial welcome by our people. Our wants have been supplied and we are going to work in good earnest. Want to do a good years work for the METHODIST. Must have the dictionary. Send you our names now and will send more soon. We all like the METHODIST, and where it is known best it is read most. Long may it live to "spread scriptural holiness over these lands." May God abundantly bless the senior editor, the long tried friend of my father."

Next we will tell of Brother W. D. Atkinson of Viola, Ark., he is a good worker: "Thinking that perhaps the more congenial climes of the White River Conference would like to know something of the whereabouts of Viola and its surrounding. I beg space for that purpose. Viola Circuit is a strip off the west side of Fulton County, twelve miles in width and length of county, and Viola is a beautiful little village, it would remind one of the flowers by the brook. We arrived here on the 16th inst., with my family after a drive of ten miles over the snow and ice which is now still six inches in depth. We found a kind people with a bosom full of love for the Methodist church, and hearts of gratitude to her preachers. We have eight appointments and have met the people at six of them and have had good congregations, and notwithstanding the severity of the weather the congregation was a model of refined manners, and God blessing and the congregation and it was said by all its good to be seen. I will long cherish a kind remembrance of Bishop Granbery or calling me here. We need but one thing on this circuit to make this a place where all would want to be sent that is church property, houses, parsonages; we own but two small church buildings on the work; and no parsonage. I had to rent a house and was truly fortunate. I got a neat little house in Viola. We have a fine Sabbath School at this place and in a prosperous condition, the others have had to suspend for want of proper houses. The weather is so very cold. I will on my next round see what I can do in the May of subscribers for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, those who are now getting it is welled pleased with it. We cannot close this writing without referring to home and friends their for them we pray continually. Yes we love them, we owe to them next to our God, our hope of a home in the world of bliss, and we expect to meet many of them again at the great reunion when we all have finished our work here. Oh what a firm and blessed hope is ours, yet this great reunion is promised to the elect, or in other words to the finally faithful, those who continue to walk uprightly until his trials in this world shall end, are the elect in this meaning.

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Temperance.

A Correction.

Editors Methodist:

In your report of the proceedings of the recent convention held in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church at Little Rock, there is one error, at least, to which I wish to call attention. In speaking of the resolution offered by the committee on business, of which Dr. Winfield was chairman, you say, "And here is the amendment, offered by Judge Curl and accepted by the committee. Provided nothing in this resolution shall be so construed as to impair, infringe or sever the allegiance to the political party of any citizen who is a member of this Alliance."

Now the fact is I did not offer that amendment. I was offered by some one I think between myself and the president, but I do not know who it was. In my judgement the amendment did not cure the manifest evil in the resolution, my views on which were pretty freely expressed in the convention, and hence I voted against the resolution after it had been amended, and while there were others perhaps who did not vote at all. I believe mine was the only negative vote, and this was my last vote in the convention for after that while I watched with interest the proceedings I took no further part in them, and hence was not counted with those who withdrew, after the adoption of the constitution which followed the resolution referred to.

You are in error also when you say: "our division was on the naked question as to whether ladies should be active or associate members of the Alliance." The very first division was on the question of organizing a prohibition party or association, call it what you will, on the principles, laid down the first resolution offered by the committee on business and which were afterward incorporated into the constitution.

A. CURL.

Editors Methodist:

At the railroad station at R. there is one store, a large farm and quite a number of small farms in the vicinity of that station. Two years ago I visited that place, found the proprietor to be a young man of business and enterprise. His father, an aged man whose cheerful countenance graced by a beard as white as the drifted snow, betokened a life of ease, for around him were enough of this earth's goods to drive away all want from the promised future. I spent a night on that farm with an honest, noble-hearted man, a son-in-law of the proprietor. I saw, also, another farmer and relative of the proprietor, who was pursuing agricultural pursuits. Marvellous indeed are the changes in two years. While the seasons are as propitious and Mother Earth yields as copiously as in former days, yet there is a sad change visible to even a most casual observer. On the left of the door at the store is a raised place on the counter and behind this are several barrels that tell the sad, sad, reality. Deadly poison to all that is good and elevating in man has been dealt out there for one year only. Deep are its inroads upon the young man and proprietor, as well as on others. Instead of finding the business men as they were two years ago, can you believe my friend and I walked to the back of the house and there we saw the proprietor, his father, and his clerk, and also customers around a card table. Never before in my life do I remember seeing father and son playing cards, at the same table. The swollen eyes red face and bloated appearance too plainly tells of the evil of intemperance. Young wife and baby boy will feel keenly his evil whisky rolling and drinking, unless there are changes for the better in the next year or few years at least. The loud oaths of both father and son made me feel deeply and tenderly for their little ones that are being reared by and in the presence of him. If I would ever teach let me teach by both precept and example, Godliness, truthfulness and honesty. Instead of the industrious farmers of two years ago, there looked to be only a whisky bloated. The only clerk was keeping pace with the

surroundings, apparently bathed in whisky. I saw a few miles from there a young man who had visited this place the day before suffering intensely from the effects of whisky. A small vial of this poison bought there. I bid God speed to the Temperance Alliance. Help, Lord, help us to save Arkansas. MAUD.

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Be careless of your conduct, your manners and your company and then wonder that the world calls you bad names and can't appreciate you as a good man. That is inconsistent to say the least of it. If you want this world to think and speak well of you, then show yourself a worthy man by doing good, behaving well and always keeping in good company. We are only judged of by our life and our associations will have much to do in either making that life good or bad. Keep good company and watch yourself closely.

Sixty thousand drunkards are annually in this country and our liquor bill is nine hundred millions of dollars each year. How long can our country afford this drain? It is a real burning shame to our civilization, and a disgrace to our land of churches. Where is the remedy to be found? Will High License meet the demand? Ask all the large cities of our country? Will free liquor? Ask Europe. We must have prohibition, full and entire for maker and seller.

THE ways some of our city clergymen are employing to drum up congregations are simply ridiculous. We thought Dr. Talmage had reached the boundaries of sensationalism, and Henry Ward Beecher of heresy—but these two distinguished clergymen have only set the example and many of their followers have gone far beyond their preceptors. Such things are abominable and unworthy of the Christian ministry. Only look at many of the themes announced. These are patent frauds.

PLAIN preaching is one great demand of this worldly, licentious age. Sam Jones is the plainest preacher to-day and the world is going after him. The masses are tired of sensationalism and they are hungry for the bread of life. Let us not offer them stones. Shun Sam's slang, don't undertake his wit, but follow his plain style of preaching. The world wants plain, old-fashioned gospel truth. Let all our preachers turn to the plain familiar style of presenting very plain truth.

A SENSIBLE remark. We refer to what we heard an intelligent layman say the other day. He said it was no trouble to get up the collections ordered by the churches to pay the preachers where our religious papers were circulated and read. Will the preachers note this fact? Put a religious paper into every family—yes, a Methodist paper. It is time for our people to learn to read their own papers and learn to work for and love their own church. Pull this string, brethren, pull it very hard and very long. It will pay well we feel assured.

MANY papers never weary of slurring prohibition and prohibitionists and declaring that it is all a failure, and still they would be recorded as our friends. They trumpet abroad whatever they think a defeat but they never tell of our victories. Nothing can convince them that prohibition prohibits, but they are much offended if they are called whisky organs, or put down as advocates of saloons. By their fruits ye shall know them. The worst monopoly of this country is the whisky monopoly. See to this, laboring men, and help to break it down.

Dr. Winfield is in Brownsville, Tenn., assisting the pastor in a revival meeting. He reports a glorious meeting.

OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The work, or rather business, of the annual conferences will need a general overhauling next May. It seems that Question 20 is not understood, or strangely misunderstood. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" It looks plain enough. And from the whole scope and tenor of the discipline, we would say it was designed that the P. E's should answer this question, and for a long period in our history they did, but it is not so any longer. They simply report now that there is no ground for charges, but really the preacher has to answer for himself, and every one, young and old, has to stand a trial every year. We don't exactly see where all the statistical reports come into this question, but they come all the same. Every preacher old and young, must read and contribute his pro rata to the privilege of boring and being bored in every square inch of his mortal frame. We bore with gimlets and augurs, great and small, and every body will vote the examination of ministers' characters as now conducted a very great bore. Only think of a hacked audience listening for three mortal hours to these exceedingly dry statistics with frequent reminders from the chair that they must be quiet. All waiting with bated breath and feverish brow and lip to the brethren read their reports. But this is not all; one of those exceedingly interesting reports has been made out and referred to committees and boards to sift, arrange, prepare and then report back, and if they can only get a chance and the Bishop is not in too great a hurry to reach another reading and reporting club, they will read all over again. Then all the connectional brethren and a few strolling editors must have a chance to report themselves and their work and arrangements must be made for anniversaries, and the way these are multiplying we will soon average two to a night and then have a few left for odd times. Two sessions of conference a day, and by Saturday night everybody is broken down. Our boards can't meet—they have no time to meet. At night the Bishop must have the P. E's and they are the very ones that ought to meet the Boards. But very few sermons now. Happy is the man that gets a showing either at 3 o'clock or 7, and as to the old 11 o'clock hour, that has played completely out. Monday a worn out conference is expected to hear, discuss and adopt all these reports by high or low noon, so that the Bishop can leave. Speech-making is out of the question, and there is no time for deliberation, precaution or painstaking care, all must be done in a hurry and under whip and spur. We are all tired of this hurry. The social and religious features of our conferences are being lost sight of. Our preachers do little else but count money and make settlements, and by the time they get through with all that and the board of collectors now going around, they are the worst hacked set of men that were ever seen or known. It is time to call a halt and have a change of schedule. Our preachers do nearly all the giving at these conference collections and it is entirely wrong, for they have to lead in all collections on their circuits. Suppose we try a little retrograde movement and return to the olden way in some respects. Our preachers need more religion, and we do solemnly declare that there is no time given to seek it on our conference occasions now; every body is too busy. Let us have time for more social and religious enjoyment. We ought to cultivate each other more. Let us have more preaching, and some well-timed love-feasts and encouraging prayer meetings. Let the conference be an annual jubilee to preachers and people. We hope the general conference will take time to arrange proper business for annual conferences and rule all else out. A revival at every annual conference for the next twelve months would be a God send to our Methodism in more ways than one.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Notable advocates of woman suffrage are gathering here for their annual convention, which is to be held this week. This is the eighteenth annual time the association has come to Washington to ask for wo-

man's rights and to tell of woman's wrongs directly to Congress. Susan B Anthony, the pioneer of this movement is here as usual, looking a little older and a little more furrowed by the plough of time each year, but she is still erect, energetic, proud of her work, and as confident of final success as she was forty years ago.

Representative women are also here from New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and other states. They report that twelve states have granted school suffrage to women, and municipal suffrage is being advocated and worked for. The delegates to the convention will be given a hearing while here by the Senate committee on woman's Suffrage. It is composed of Senators Blair, Palmer, Chase, and Bowen. This committee has sent to the United States Senate a report recommending the submission to the legislatures of the States for ratification on a 16th amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting disfranchisement on account of sex.

They have no expectation of getting the amendment from this Congress, nor from the next, but they say they will get the matter discussed and the more it is discussed the more popular it becomes. They say there are twenty six Senators who favor giving the ballot to women. Among these are Senator Stanford, the Pacific coast millionaire, President pro tem of the Senate Sherman, and Senators Conger, Hoar, and Blair, who may be called the professional Senatorial champions of women.

As to the Congressional proceedings of this week there will be little that is new and much of the old. The Senate will discuss the great Educational bill, and the House will talk again about the relief of John Porter. The Senate exhausted the subject of Education last Congress, and the House Representatives has exhausted the Porter business during every Congress for nearly twenty years. Nothing has occurred to change the opinions of the friends of either measure, and it is not likely that the opponents of either have discovered anything to modify their objections.

Senator Morgan of Alabama, is one of the bitterest opponents of the Educational bill, and has argued at length the Constitutional and legal phases of the question. He holds that the measure is one to create offices and elaborate the machinery of the Government. If from the 60,000,000 people in the United States," said he "were to be deducted all the dead heads, and non-producers, there would be about 20,000,000 people left who would really have to pay the taxes to carry out the provisions of this bill." If the U. S. Senators were men who plowed fields worked smithies, and paid taxes out of the sweat of their brows, Mr. Morgan could have more respect for them when voting away the money of one man to educate the children of another. He thought this plan for education simply meant pulling down the man who got up by his own exertions in order put up a drunken loafer who would not exert himself.

The President's first card reception of the winter was given last Friday in honor of the Diplomatic Corps, and was one of the most brilliant affairs ever held at the White House. The showy court costumes of the Diplomats and the full uniforms of the Army and Navy officers, mingled with the elaborate costumes worn by the ladies, made the scene in the great East room strikingly gorgeous.

Both Houses of Congress, judicial circles, and officials in Washington who hold commissions from the President, were also invited to meet the foreigners. The latter being the guests proper of the evening they received formal invitations, while the others were expected to attend upon what is called anonymous announcement in the newspapers. This kind of Jeffersonian simplicity was not well received by all classes concerned, and it was noticed that the Senators were few and far between in the throng. In ancient times, before the days of engraved cards, it was the custom to have Presidential receptions announced officially to both Houses of Congress.

About the time for the reception to begin the rain settled into a vigorous down pour, and compelled a carriage levee. An hour later the line of car-

riages awaiting their turn to deposit the occupants on the White House portico, reached from the Mansion east drive to Pennsylvania avenue, along the avenue to fifteenth street stretched in front of Willard's hotel, and up Fourteenth as far as F. street. Fred Douglas, the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia came with his white wife when the reception was about half over. They attracted more general attention and comment probably than any other couple present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1886.

JONESBORO AND RETURN.

A late train when one is tired, sleepy, and anxious to rest is a nuisance, but it is one that cannot be abated, but has to be endured. You can't hurry a train, but one can hurry you very much. Two hours to set and nod and wait at a depot. Ah, it is too bad! But how soon all this is forgotten when once on a sleeper in your berth, and the motion of the moving train rocks you gently to sleep. Four or five hours of sweet sleep, and we awoke at Hoxie. A good breakfast and we were soon at work with tablet and pencil filling up the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. One hour's run from Hoxie to Jonesboro. Our Brother Walker has joined us now and sweet conversation takes the place of writing. At the depot at Jonesboro we are met by Brothers Cochran, Edwards, and Anderson. What a change the railroads have wrought here in two years. Jonesboro is lengthening out into the dimensions of a city. It is wonderful. Still it grows. Our people have built a nice church with stained windows, and when they get in a new pulpit and seats it will be a beauty. Brother Cochran the new presiding elder is fully alive and he is putting life into everything. P. C. Anderson is just installed and everybody pleased with his preaching. Brother Edwards has been hindered, but he will be heard from on that circuit. We saw Bro. Hunton only a few moments. Our visit was to lecture. Had pretty good audiences, but they did not pay out much money. An audience at 25c won't do much in the way of improving churches or helping a lecturer. Socially our visit was a delight and we found our paper much in favor with the people. Jonesboro will give the conference a grand time next fall. Our house is engaged. What a night that was when we left, snow, ice, mud, and water, but we had a good house and a better dinner and made it all right. Good hotel at Knobel, splendid bed and good breakfast.

THE BISHOP PROBLEM.

Our episcopacy has many interesting phrases and the inquiries that are being engaged in concerning it foretoken the development of new and important sentiments of some kind. By the ordering of Providence the strength of our episcopacy has been greatly weakened by death, which seems to suggest that if any important changes are to be made in this department of our economy, now is the time to do it.

Just now, however, the simple question of the number of new Bishops we need is under discussion. Three, you say, and other editors agree with you. Well, be sure that you do not go beyond that number. Two would be enough; and one might strengthen the force sufficiently, when we consider the rapidly increasing facilities for communication and travel. Chancellor Garland's solution of the Missionary problem by the multiplicity of Bishops—one for each Mission—reminds me of Shaw's speech at the last General Conference, and will but magnify our troubles.

But the question of chief importance is, where shall we find our "Bishop timber?" An Arkansas editor would have been elected Bishop by the Tennessee Conference, at its last session, after that sermon and temperance lecture, if the vote had been taken, but, to tell you the honest truth, we want no editor for that office. Nor do we want a school man for Bishop. Well, we don't want a Connectional magnum either; they have been living too high to be in sympathy with the "one-gallows-fellows." We don't want any man who has turned aside from the regular work of the itinerant pastorate at any time, and thus broken the succession. A Bishop is chief pastor, of the itinerant sort, and has

the most to do with those who are doing the hard service of the Church on small pay; let him therefore come fresh from the battle's front, having never been anywhere else. There is plenty of good material there. The reason you find suitable episcopal timber scarce, is because you have been looking among editors, school men, "Giraldes," et id omne genus!

Now I am nearly freezing to nominate a man in the Memphis Conference, and you would second the nomination, I am sure, but we must not put out candidates in this open way. He got a very complimentary vote at the last General Conference, and you must put him in next May. But any man of this type in any part of the Church will suit the common soldiery of itinerant Methodism. Give us a broad-minded, big-souled, experienced itinerant for Bishop.

A. T. GOODLOE.

West Harpeth, Tenn.

MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE BY ARK. CONFERENCE.

The following memorial to the General Conference, to be held in Richmond, Virginia, in May, was offered at the late session of the Arkansas Conference, and, ought to have appeared in the minutes of our Conference, but by an oversight easily explained, was left out. We ask a place at this late day, in the ARKANSAS METHODIST for its publication. The resolution was numerously signed, and after discussion by Dr. McFerrin, was passed:

Resolved, By the Arkansas Annual Conference, That we hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1886, to provide for the better distribution of books and tracts by instituting a system of colportage.

T. M. E. BIRMINGHAM.

[Signed] JOSEPHUS LOVING.

FRANK PARKE.

Attest: A true copy.

JNO. W. BOSWELL, Sec.

Editors Methodist:

Please allow me to say through the METHODIST that our conference minutes were all sent to the subscribers on the 29th, ult., except one dollar's worth. Some one whose christian name is A. A., subscribed for one dollar's worth of the minutes. Bro. Moon, who took his name, did not write it plainly and did not give his post office, so I cannot tell who he or she was. I wrote to Brother Jeffett to make inquiry in Helena, but I have no word from him yet. I wish to send the minutes to the person who subscribed the dollar. The money was paid. The minutes are a marvel of neatness and for sale at 7 1/2 cents a copy and I pay postage.

GEO. THORNBURGH.

CONFERENCE MINUTES.

We take pleasure in informing our preachers, that we expect to have the minutes of the Little Rock Conference ready for delivery by the 10th of March and we desire to know just exactly how many all will take. Those who have responded will receive theirs instantly. Brother J. J. Jenkins agrees to take 250 for his district. We will send them per express to Camden and he can supply all his preachers. What will the other districts do? Please respond at once. Send to us at Little Rock.

WINFIELD & MOORE.

Editors Methodist:

As our presiding elder is a delegate to the General Conference and a very modest young man, permit me to suggest to the preachers of Pine Bluff District that we raise the following amounts to defray expenses of delegates to the General Conference to meet in Richmond, Va.

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| Pine Bluff | \$10 00 |
| Flat Bayou | 8 00 |
| De Witt | 5 00 |
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| Old River | 5 00 |
| Auburn | 5 00 |
| Lehi | 4 00 |
| Toledo | 4 00 |
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| Sheridan | 4 00 |
| Star City | 4 00 |

JOHN F. CARR.

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CHURCH EXTENSION ANNIVERSARY.

The fourth anniversary of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held at Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 26-28, 1886, with the following programme of

EXERCISES.

Friday, Feb. 26. 7.30 P. M., two parlor conferences at private residences.

Saturday, Feb. 27. Church Extension conference at first Methodist Church, First session 10 A. M. Bishop McTyre in the chair. Work done Rev. S. C. Morris, followed by general discussion. Second session, 3 P. M. Bishop Hargrove in the chair. Summary of years work by Secretary of Board. Addresses by Bishops McTyre and Hargrove and Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D.

Sunday Feb. 28. 11 A. M. in all the Southern Methodist Churches of the city, sermons by the visitors, and collections for church extension; 3 P. M., Church Extension in relation to Denominational Interest, address by Rev. C. B. Galloway, D. D.; 7.30 P. M., night services at all the churches arranged by the pastors.

Editors Methodist:

Permit me to congratulate you on your success in causing the Gazette to take decided position on the prohibition question. From this time it will be known as the whisky organ of the state. We have always gained a strongpoint in any contest when we have learned the exact position of an adversary. We know exactly where the Gazette stands. The temperance people may know that from this time they have a strong, influential, wealthy and intelligent adversary in the Gazette, and what makes it the more formidable, we must give it credit for candor and honesty of purpose in its utterances. The Gazette is sincere, though we think mistaken, in its policy. It is a matter of congratulation that so many of the papers of the state are friendly to the temperance movement and the number constantly increasing.

READER.

PATENTS GRANTED.

Patents granted to the citizens of the Southern States during the past week, and reported expressly for the METHODIST by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers, Opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington D. C.

H. M. Bien, Vicksburg, Miss., Automatic fan for furniture.

P. Brown, Louisville, Ky., Door.

R. Lucas, Athens, Ga. Churn.

J. H. Clifton, W. Va., Fire Escape.

G. E. Cooke, Clarksville, Ky., Riving machine.

D. H. Dugar, Cedartown, Ga. Cut off valve.

D. W. Glass, Baltimore, Md. Copying Book.

R. B. Holt, Allensville, Ky. Converting motion.

W. M. Jenkins, Rebding, Miss., Bale tie.

T. M. Lanier, Guiton, Ga. Self cooler and strainer.

G. F. Luckey, Paris, Pea thrasher.

J. Mitchel, Louisville, Ky. Steam boiler attachment.

K. F. Rice, Ureka Springs, Ark. Bustle.

J. N. Snears, Galloway Station Ark. Edging shingles.

J. W. L. Simmons, Baltimore, Md. Propeller wheel.

J. L. Slocum, Edwards, Miss. Cotton scraper.

M. E. Thompson, Bartow, Fla. Plotter for drafting.

TO TWENTY-FIVE SECRETARIES.

Editors Methodist:

There are twenty-five secretaries of Conference Boards of Missions who have not reported at this office. Some of them are in Arkansas. Allow me to call on them through your paper. I am working on my annual report and must have theirs.

R. A. YOUNG.

The Gazette of yesterday "goes for" Dr. Winfield in a column editorial.

When Brother Winfield gets through with Brother Brower the latter will probably feel like devoting more of his space to the "ground hog" tariff and silver questions, and less to the Prohibition Alliance.—Ark. Democrat.

The above was from the Democrat before the last issue of the METHODIST, and the following appeared afterwards:

We knew all the time Brother Winfield was loaded, but Brother Brower did not.—Arkansas Democrat.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 27, 1886.

Missionary Department.

OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

President—Mrs Lou Hotchkiss, Vice-Presidents—Mrs A R Winfield, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs E L Beard, Toledo, Ark.; Miss Louisa Jackson, Monticello, Ark.; Mrs A J Marshall, Camden, Ark.; Mrs Shippy, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs T W Hays, Prescott, Ark. Treasurer—Mrs M J McAlmont, Little Rock, Ark. Auditor—Mrs W H Fields, Little Rock, Ark. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs J P Holmes, Locksburg, Ark. Recording Secretary—Mrs J R Harvey, (Blind School,) Little Rock, Ark.

The third annual meeting of the White River Conference, Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South, was held in the Methodist Church at Helena, Dec. 12th, 1885, Josephus Anderson D. D. in the chair by request. Society called to order at 3 o'clock p. m. and opened with religious exercises by Dr. Anderson and H. M. Granade. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The following members present viz:

Mrs. F. A. Jeffett, Miss Ada E. Rennel, Cor. Sec. Mrs. N. E. Skinner, DeWey Aux, Mrs. J. B. Suttler, Wheatly Aux, Mrs. F. L. Mitchell, and Helena Aux. Delegates. Moved by Miss Rennel, that a vote of thanks be returned to Mrs. Fannie E. Suddarth for services rendered as president of this Society. Carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Pres. Mrs. V. L. Anderson, New Port Ark. Vice Pres. Helena District Mrs. J. B. Suttler Wheatley Vice Pres. Searcy Dist. Mrs. Jno. Penn, Augusta Ark. Batesville, Mrs. H. M. Granade, Newport, Mrs. J. T. Henderson, Auvergne, Jonesboro; Mrs. E. D. Freirson, Jonesboro, Recording Sec. Mrs. Ella P. Hill, Beebe Ark. Cor. Miss Ada E. Rennel, Newport; Treas., Mrs. F. A. Jeffett, Helena Ark.

Bishop, Granberry addressed the Society encouraging them to go on in the good work in which they are engaged. Dr. Anderson in behalf of the Society returned thanks to the Bishop for his words of endorsemments and encouragements. The Cor. Sec. presented her report as follows:

We only give two. No. members 141 Life members 2, Honorary members 12, No. Sub. to W. Miss. Advocate 38, Money remitted \$114,90. Juvenile Societies, Members 40; money remitted \$16,50. Total members, 185; Total money remitted \$131,40, on hand 50c. The (Treasurers report presented but has not yet reached Sec.) Mrs. J. Anderson was elected Alternate delegate to the woman's Miss. Society. Dr. Anderson called the attention of the Society to Miss Haygood's appeal in behalf of the Home and School in Shanghai China. Miss Rennel also made an urgent appeal in behalf of the work. The Society adjourned with benediction by Bishop Granberry. V. L. ANDERSON President. ELLA P. HILL Secretary.

The above has been unavoidably delayed—owing to long move, bad weather, household duties, etc., etc., E. P. H.

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Clarksville District—Second Round. I. L. Burrows, P. E.

Ozark sta, March, 13, 14. Van Buren ct, at Prairie Grove 20, 21. Van Buren sta., 27, 28. Clarksville ct, April 3, 4, Clarksville sta, 10, 11. Alma ct, at Newbury Chapel 17, 18. Chester ct, 24, 26. Altus ct, at Coal Hill may 1, 2. Cabin Creek ct, at Mount Olive, 8, 9. Ozone mission, at 15, 16. Ozark ct, at 22, 23. Mulberry ct, 29, 30.

Pine Bluff District—Second Round. C. C. Godden, P. E.

Pine Bluff Station, March 20, 21. Pine Bluff miss, mch 27, 29. DeWitt, circuit April 3, 4. Arkansas Post, 10, 11. White River circuit 17 '8 Flat Bayou, 24, 25. Old River, May., 1, 2. Auburn, 8, 9. Toledo, circuit, 15, 16. New Edinburg, 32, 23. Sheridan, circuit, 29, 31. Lehi circuit, June 5, 6. Star City circuit, 12, 13.

Dardanelle District—Second Round Wm. D. Matthews, Presiding Elder.

Dardanelle circuit, March 6, 7. Dover circuit, 13, 14. Chichalah mission, 20, 21. Opelo mission, 27, 28. Long Creek mission, April 3, 4. Appleton Mission, 10, 11. Dardanelle station, 17, 18. Atkins circuit, 24. Russellville station, 25, 26. Danville circuit, May 1, 2. Perryville circuit, 8, 9. Gravelly Hill circuit, 15, 16. Rover circuit, 17. Walnut Tree circuit, 22, 23. Prairie View circuit, 29, 30.

Monticello District—Second Round—Thos. H. Ware, P. E.

Arkansas City sta, March 13, 14. Monticello sta, 27, 28. Hamburg sta. April 3, 4. Mt Pleasant ct, 10, 11. Selma ct, 17, 18. Hamburg ct, 24, 25. Warren ct, May 1, 2. Lacy ct, 8, 9. Bartholomew ct, 15, 16. Holly Grove ct, 22, 23. Palestine circuit, 29, 30. Lake Village June 5, 6.

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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.

Worse Than Sneak Thieves.

Bands of confidence operators have been recently let loose in various sections of the west and south, to prey upon and to annoy the housekeeper. They are generally composed of women, although employed and directed by agents of the other sex, and their methods of procedure, as explained by several ladies who have been victimized, is as follows: Obtaining access to the kitchen, they introduce the subject of baking powders inquiring the kind used in the family. Being shown the can, perhaps a fresh, full one, they volunteer to "test" it to ascertain its qualities. Their "test" consists in placing the can over a hot stove lamp or gas jet, or in mixing the baking powder with water both hot and cold. If the baking powder is good for anything the heat will, of course, expel the gas, which, being amonical or carbonic, is apparent to the sense of smell. The claim is then made that this odor indicates something detrimental, although as a matter of fact, a baking powder that would give off no gas when subjected to heat would be without leavening powder and valueless. They will also mix the baking powder given them with water. If pure it effervesces quickly. The baking powder they peddle being simular mixed foams up slowly. This they claim as evidence of superiority, whereas it is the exhibition of a trick only, as this effect is caused by the presence of flour in the baking powder they are peddling, and insure evidence of adulteration. Of course the object of these fraudulent tricks is to destroy confidence in all other baking powders and to sell the particular brand for which the women are traveling. Were this the whole of the operation, the housekeepers would not often be deceived. Every intelligent person knows that baking powder is not made to be used in this way, but in cooking where its action is entirely different from that produced by dry heat are mixed with water alone. The chief object of this jugglery is to destroy the baking powder given for testing; or by heating it to drive off its leavening gases, and so weaken it that when used it will fail to work. At the next baking there is heavy food, of course, and the "tramp" gets the credit of having told the housekeeper a valuable fact, instead of having spoiled her baking powder, as was actually the case. The average "tramp" will, in this way, destroy fifty to seventy-five pounds of baking powder a day.

A second method of spoiling for use the baking powder in a kitchen where they are not permitted to experiment with it, is by dexterously throwing in the can a small quantity of salt, soda or powdered lime. Again, should there chance to be no baking powder in the house, the operators will produce, of the kind used by the family, a sample that has been purposely adulterated or "doctored" to make such an exhibit as they desire under the so-called test.

The only way to protect our food being contaminated by tramps of this kind is to turn all persons who wish or attempt to tamper with it unceremoniously from the door, and to use those articles, only which experience has proved satisfactory, or the official tests have established as pure and wholesome.

Ireland's Ultimatum.

London, Feb. 22.—The Irish party will hold a meeting at Cannon street hotel, this city, St. Patrick's day at which Mr. Parnell will preside. The object of the meeting will be to issue to England an ultimatum of the Irish people concerning home rule. As the date selected for this event precedes but five days the 22d of March, the date set by Mr. Gladstone for commencement of the government's work on Irish legislation, it is believed the national leader means to force a crisis on the home rule question. Mr. Parnell has also arranged to have his party hold fifty meetings throughout Ireland simultaneous with the one he will preside over and the ultimatum will also be announced at these meetings.

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