

## GENERAL NEWS.

### FOREIGN.

The news from the old world centers in the contest between the Unionists and the Gladstonians. Not for many years has there been such an excitement in Old England. Mr. Gladstone has put forth all his gigantic powers in this struggle as well as his personal influence, in fact he has seemed to stake all on it. His friends are numerous and enthusiastic, but his enemies are greatly in the majority and they are virulent, and excessively filled with bitterness. Hon. John Bright has shown a determined opposition, and charges Mr. Gladstone with unfair dealing, to which the brave old premier replies in grand style, and really gets the best of his great antagonist. It is most to soon to predict with any certainty the result, but all the signs are unfavorable to Mr. Gladstone and indicate defeat, but it is only momentary defeat. Ireland's deliverance must come. The voice of the world is for free government and free speech, and the nations will not tolerate anything else. Ireland must have home rule. The elections are so very close that really neither side has any thing of which to boast, and in twenty-four hours or before we go to press the tables may be turned in favor of Mr. Gladstone.

Some rioting and disturbance is reported in Servia owing to the fact that the peasantry refuse to pay the tax consequent upon the war with Bulgaria, because they were not successful. Difficulties are still rife in Egypt, and affairs in the Bible land are by no means settled. The great preacher of our country is in London, and has been received at the Great Temple with rostrated, being introduced by Dr. Parker England's celebrity. Well our English cousins are perfectly welcome to all the interest that we people of the South have in this Northern Cicero, and prince of heretic, and ecclesiastico-politico divine. Wouldn't it be sorry if he would find it convenient to end his days on that side of the big waters—for it is evident that for many years he has been preaching an emasculated gospel, and constantly pandering to heresy—or pseudo science.

### DOMESTIC.

Our President still piles in his vetoes notwithstanding the hot weather and the fact that the Senate has passed one act over his veto. It is said that he has put forth more vetoes than all the rest of our Presidents combined, but then it must be remembered that none of them had to deal with the hungry horde of men clamoring for pensions. It shows a dreadful state of public morals, when we see so many men that are lost to all sense of honor, and are willing to accept pensions for services never rendered but are guilty of a real effort to defraud the government, and the President is compelled to stand with his veto club to drive off the miserable cormorants who are seeking to rob the treasury. Mr. Randall is getting into bad repute with his party on the tariff question, and is charged with hindering legislation. That question is fast becoming an entering wedge to divide the Northern and Southern democracy on interests that are not identical. Congress will probably adjourn this month and will leave every thing in a very dissatisfied state. The strikes at Chicago continue, and an army is becoming necessary to protect people and property. Many of the press raised a howl a few months ago when the METHODIST advocated an increase of our standing army. Now as these strikes are only the exhibitions of a European disease, which is known in France as Communism, Germany as Socialism, and Russia Nihilism, and the whole the outgrowth of infidelity and too much liquor. What remedy do you propose if you refuse the European? Well there is only one, and that is straight out prohibition. Our cause is gaining, Atlanta has just closed the saloons and had a big jollification. Meridian, Mississippi has fallen into line, and the Capital of the Old North State is free, and still the fight rages. Saloon men and wholesale liquor dealers predict the ruin and death of these cities. All right let them die. Any town or city that has to run on blood money ought to die. We must have prohibition and we will have it.

## PERSONAL.

Hon. E. B. Moore went before the Convention without opposition, and he will certainly succeed himself.

Hon. W. E. Thompson beat all his competitors, and was re-nominated, but they gave him a close run. He is worthy and well qualified.

Hon. J. W. Hewitt, of Lee county, was elected President of the late Democratic Convention, and presided with great ability. He is one of the growing men of Arkansas.

Rev. J. C. Ritter, we found master of the situation, at Wheatley, and doing up everything nicely, in caring for the District Conference. He shows himself the result of good keeping.

Rev. H. M. Granade, has been in to see us, we were rejoiced at his coming and sorry he could not stay longer. None better than he, and the METHODIST has no better friend.

Prof. N. T. Veatch, after his hard sessions work leaves this week to recreate during the summer at Rushville, Ill. We wish the genial gentleman and scholar a pleasant summer.

Col. R. T. Martin, one of our old friends from Dallas county, and representative of that county, was up this week and of course he called to see us. He is again a candidate and we hope he will be elected.

Hon. W. R. Miller secured the nomination for Auditor, over Auditor Files, and there was much rejoicing among his friends, and they are legion, but everybody regretted the defeat of Col. Files. He has made a good officer.

Hon. W. E. Woodruff, Jr. was re-nominated without opposition, and will guard the Treasury for another term. Hardly a man in Arkansas that can beat Billy Woodruff. He is true and always reliable. We bank on his doing right at all times.

Rev. Frank Ritter, P. E. of Helena District, we were sorry to find under the weather, from a bad cold, at Wheatley, but he was surrounded by a noble band of helpers, and we carried him a good hand in the person of ex-P. E. Harlan.

Rev. H. D. McKinnon was up this week, and gives a fine report from Arkadelphia district. He came to meet his accomplished daughter returning from school in his native state of Georgia. He looks well and is doing a great work.

Rev. V. V. Harlan, the agent of Central Collegiate Institute was in the city this week en-route for Wheatley to attend district conference. No grass will grow under his feet this summer, and the people may get ready to help the Institute.

Rev. J. G. Smith, A. M., the accomplished Principal of Dardanelle District High School located at Ferguson's Mills, Yell Co., called to see us. He is a first-class man, a number one teacher, and has a splendid school.

J. F. Munday, editor of the Russellville Democrat, was down at the convention. He is as bold as Caesar and as true as steel. He is a true friend of our temperance work, and never fails to speak and work. Success to the Democrat.

Rev. S. M. Keith was in this week to see us, but his chief visit was to his wife and baby. Well, we were glad to see him and find him in good work trim, but we were sorry to hear him say as we passed Carlisle, that he was sick. He is a good worker and a true friend.

This old Senior is off for Wheatley, en-route to Mayfield, Kentucky, thence to Hickman to meet the elect ladies of the Memphis Conference, Missionary Society, and then to Paris—and then home via Bells Station and Des Arc. We are on the war path now and the METHODIST must go.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

D. E. Dortch, the great music man and maker of a number music books, writes us these words of encouragement. "I am highly pleased with your paper in every respect. As an advertising medium it is by double the best I have found. It brings more satisfactory results than any other. In other words these who advertise in ARKANSAS METHODIST get value received "for their money." Now we like that sort of talk, and we believe every word of it. Only give us a fair trial and we will do you good service.

Rev. E. W. Baird, D. D., formerly of Hot Springs, recently of Searcy in this State, has accepted a position as President of Montgomery Female College, Virginia, and has associated with him Mrs. Pollock, relict of our brother Pollock of the Alabama Conference. Dr. Baird is one of the first and foremost of the Presbyterian church in the South we regret to lose him from Arkansas, but we rejoice that he is entering the field of christian education. He will make a great success of that college we feel sure.

Col. J. L. Palmer of our city is one of the men who never tires of writing and working for prohibition. He is indefatigable. He called this week to inform us of the growth of the work and to say that there was progress all along the line. Our cause was never more in the ascendent, and it is brightening every day. Our Vice-Presidents are at work and our organization is being perfected in every direction. Surely the day dawneth. Let all the temperance men take courage and redouble their diligence. Prohibition is the live question.

Among the notables at our democratic convention last week, was Hon. J. N. Cypert, of Searcy. He is a thorough temperance man and never failed to do his duty when on the bench. He is a man of real courage and always dares to do right. We like to see such men to the front and taking a lively interest in our State and its affairs. By the way, our late convention was made up of the best elements of our State, and they transacted their business in a real gentlemanly way, and there was very little drinking or drunkenness among them. Judge Cypert put in some good work.

Hon. Simon P. Hughes, our present Chief Executive was re-nominated by acclamation and without opposition. He has made us a number one governor, safe, conservative, and always faithful to the public service, and the real interests of the people. His nomination for re-election will be hailed with perfect delight by all our people. We predict great prosperity for Arkansas in the next two years under the second term of Governor Hughes. The METHODIST extends its hearty congratulations. No state has a better right to be proud of her Chief Executive. He is a first-class man.

Rev. L. B. Stateler, of Montana conference we are sorry to see has been wounded in trying to stop a company of saloon men from killing each other in Willow Point, the place of his abode. He was trying to save human life and came very near losing his own. He is one of the rare men of this world. Like Bishop Early he never tells his name and no man knoweth the time of his birth, but his life borders on the marvellous. He told us on our way from the General Conference of his removal from the East to the West, and how he settled and how he lived the first few years in Montana, and it was simply romantic. Grand old man. Hope he will recover.

Preachers and delegates who expect to bring their wives to the Camden District Conference, to be held at Stephens, July 27th, will please inform me at once, at Magnolia. W. A. Steel, Pastor.

## THE PRESS.

### TAKE TIME.

No time for family prayer! You are busier than your Lord wants you to be. You must take time for some things in a world like this, or sin will destroy you and your family.—Nashville Advocate.

### IN A NUTSHELL.

The argument is about this in a nutshell: If selling whisky is a proper business, let it be free as any other; if not, in the name of humanity and common sense stop it.—Nashville Advocate.

Though Christ can be grieved at a thousand things in us that no eye but His own can see, yet it is a pleasant thought to know that no one is so easy to please as He by our little endeavors of love. Did you try to please Him yesterday, and are you trying harder to-day than yesterday? If not something is wrong.—Watchman.

Patience is one of the graces which we must add to faith before the complement is complete, and patience is the child of crossbearing and affliction. We may earnestly covet a symmetrical Christian character and yet be unwilling to pay the price which it costs. We may invite this guest into our home but insist that it leave its chastening rod at the door.—Pacific Methodist.

### THE ISSUE UNCERTAIN.

The appeal to the country on the home rule measure has already commenced. Candidates for and against the measure have been announced in the several districts, and the canvass has opened. Mr. Gladstone has again asked the support of his old constituents in the Scottish districts of Midlothian, and has made several speeches in outlining and defending his policy. He has been received everywhere with the utmost enthusiasm, showing that his personal popularity is almost unbounded. The contest will be hot, and the issue is as yet uncertain.—Pittsburgh Advocate.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE.

It is a strange perversion of human nature that makes one that injures another more intense and relentless in his hatred than the injured. The offending party is ever seeking an excuse for his conduct, and it is easy for him to magnify mole-hills into mountains of gigantic proportions. The innocent or injured party often suffers without murmuring or complaint, while the offender continues to add insult to injury. Is any other argument necessary to show the depravity of human nature?—Arkansas Evangel.

## STATE NEWS.

The B. & B. railroad crossed Village creek the first of the week, and will doubtless reach this city to-day.—Newport Herald.

The State Wheel Convention meets in Newport the 20th day of Aug., and the Republican State Convention meets in Little Rock July 20th.

A large black bear, measuring seven feet in length and weighing 300 pounds, was killed last week, after an all night's chase.—Washington Press.

The prospect for a corn crop at this time is simply immense. Cotton looks well, but a little too much rain for it, particularly on low lands and fresh lands.—Bingen Visitor.

A party of Alabamians came in this week, looking for homes. They will likely locate north of this place. There is room in our country for a large number of first class citizens.—Tocain

The Gazette is owned, controlled and edited by Republicans and Mugwumps. There is but one man among the whole batch that has pretended to be a democrat, and he is a monopoly Gould railroad lawyer.—White River Journal.

During one of the recent rains, lightning struck the cotton field of

Henry Goff, three miles west of town. He says that when the flash came the smoke rose from the ground like a gun had been fired. About an acre of cotton was killed.—Boonsville Enterprise.

The Brinkly Car Works and Manufacturing Company have received an order from the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas railroad for 300,000 cross ties. That number of ties would contain about 9000,000 feet of lumber—a years run for the biggest mill in the state.—Quitman Light.

The war between the ARKANSAS METHODIST and the Arkansas Gazette goes on—in spite of the heat of the weather and the brevity of human life. Brother Brower went into the business of digging up snakes several months ago with a gay and festive spirit, but he finds that he has overcropped himself.—Little Rock Democrat.

"For a fact" the Gazette found that Bro. Winfield "was loaded."—Texarkana Independent.

The Argenta Oil Mill has been undergoing extensive repairs, under the supervision of Superintendent Andrews. The building covers three acres of ground, and it took quite a little army of men to effect the repairs. New flooring has been laid, supported by over 2,000 piers which have just been put in, and the entire building covered by a new roof. A 5,000 barrel oil tank has recently been completed. This mill is in better shape than ever before.—Incident.

The Bric-a-Brac makes a thrust or two at the METHODIST. We stated months ago why we could not notice the editor, but if we had been disposed to do it, the Life and the Republican did not leave enough of it for us to strike at. Here is an extract from the Life:

The conduct of T. J. Shelton, in his tirade against the editor of this paper, has branded him for all time as a preacher without religion, a clown without humor, and an ass without courage. No preacher with the true religion of Christianity in his heart, would descend to such undignified depths as he, no clown with an ounce of wit would use such pointless shafts, and no brave man would skulk from the fray as he when he had drawn down upon it a red hot fire.—Life.

### THE LIFE ON THE GAZETTE.

We copy the following from the Life, as Mr. Bert Brown was once connected with the Gazette and came out of it, and knows them through and through.

The ARKANSAS METHODIST completely demoralizes the Gazette by its systematic and well-founded "indictment," not one statement of which can be controverted. Indeed the poor old girl makes but a feeble effort to stave off the onslaught of damning facts flooded upon her, and the editorial reply to the METHODIST's statement regarding her manner of sneaking out of the "investigation" she invited is the very vapor of weakness, the thinnest, most watery attempt at a defense ever made, even by the Gazette.

A REPUBLICAN RIB.—It is a noticeable fact that no matter how old and tough a body may be, there is always some tender place, some "ticklish spot" where a touch is torture. Old lady Gazette is as tough as a back-woods boarding-house breakfast, yet she has a tender spot among her ribs which sends her into spasms whenever it is mentioned. Tickle her anywhere except in the neighborhood of her "republican rib," if you love her.

"Our democracy is above reproach," cries the editor of the Gazette, yet it is a well known fact that the controlling stock in the Gazette is owned by a republican. Can anything else be expected, but that the paper will be run as this republican rib dictates?

Mr. H. G. Allis is the gentleman referred to, and no one disputes his politics—no one doubts them. He is a good business man and runs the Gazette to make money. Democratic money is at a premium now, and the Gazette whoops up democracy. The war-cry is, "Democrats to your postal Subscribe for the Gazette!"

This is the Gazette's tickle-spot, and she groans in anguish of spirit and rolls up her eyes in holy horror, if a body so much as point a finger at her.

The ARKANSAS METHODIST has touched it slightly several times, and each timetheold lady has had a fit then and there. Democracy is eying her askance, and the public is looking on with a critical eye.

The Democratic party cannot long carry such a burden of corruptibility upon its shoulders as is hidden away in the "Gazette forces."

The Gazette is too cowardly to editorially take up her fight with this paper, but she can open her columns to Brother Shelton, of the Brick-bat, for a fight upon the foe she fears to tackle herself.

### A Remarkable Record of Success.

The Nashville College for young ladies has made the most gratifying record of any of our Methodist schools. Dr. McFerrin, in alluding to this institution, before the Tennessee Conference, in 1884, said that no college connected with our church has made, within so brief a period, so great a reputation as has attended this, the youngest of our female schools. It was established to meet the demands of Southern Methodism for a central institution, accessible to the whole church which should offer advantages of education for young ladies, equal to those enjoyed by young men. This, the N. C. Y. L. now does. With the most admirable school building for its purposes to be found in our section; with a full faculty of able teachers; with direct connection with the Vanderbilt, giving exclusive privileges in the use and enjoyment of lectures, laboratories, cabinets, museums and library, with an organization which provides for the physical, intellectual, moral, social and spiritual culture of the pupils; with a patronage constantly increasing; with a course of study sound, thorough and extensive beyond the usual range of similar schools—with all these eminent advantages, the Nashville College for Young Ladies appeals to the Methodist community for patronage and support. Upon application to the president, ample information will be furnished.

We refer with confidence to Dr. Winfield, who has had the opportunity of visiting the institution, and who is ready to testify to its eminent advantages.

We call attention this week to the ad. of the Nashville College for Young Ladies. Dr. Price has no superior as an educator, and this college is *magnus opus* of his life. It stands connected with the Vanderbilt, and while that gaet University is sending forth men to adorn the halls of legislature and to fill our professions, Nashville College will fit women for their helpmeets and thus these two will become the great reservoir of christian education for the south. We heartily commend the Nashville College to young ladies.

### FAMOUS LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Once more we want to call attention to the Famous Life Association of Little Rock as one of the live institutions of to-day. It has carried on its business in such a straightforward, honest way, that it has received encouragement from almost every county in our state. It is increasing in public favor continually, will certainly win a great success, and our people may feel perfectly secure in taking out policies in this Famous Association. We commend it to the good people of our state as worthy of their patronage and as a safe investment.

In this paper our people will find the card of Montgomery Female College of Christiansburg, Va. Our old friend Dr. Baird, is president and a noble one he will make. We are glad to hear that our friend has received the degree of Ph. D.—doctor of philosophy—and we do not hesitate to say he is worthy. He is an able, true man, and will make a great success of the college. We commend the college to our people.



PENOLLINGS BY THE WAY.

The city of Lucerne is one of the oldest in Switzerland, and this canton was one of the three that formed the first republic. It is situated on Lake Lucerne, one of the most beautiful to be found in the Alpine Ranges. We were fortunate in having such a lovely, quiet spot to spend the Sabbath, and yesterday was a high day for us. We attended the Free Scotch Church, morning and evening, and heard the Rev. Alexander Brown, D. D., of that Church in Scotland, who is temporary supply here. He favored us with two fine sermons, and in the forenoon we were permitted to join these brethren in the holy communion. What a precious privilege it was, so far from home, to find the altar of God, where we could commemorate the death of the blessed Lord! It was good to be there. This, too, was in a Roman Catholic church. It seems that the city of Lucerne has an interest in the building, and gave to our Scotch brethren the right to use it. It was strange to us to hear the pure gospel of Christ preached in that church, and to kneel in that holy place. The Roman Catholics were kneeling outside, while we were worshipping inside. One of our company played on the organ at the evening service—Miss Minnie Magruder. I told her that few American girls could ever say that they had played on an organ in a Roman Catholic church in Lucerne, Switzerland. To-day our young ladies have gone to see the sights from Mount Regl. We old men could not afford to go. We have seen Mount Blanc and the Jungfrau, and now we are done with the mountains for a while. This morning we visited the celebrated Lion of Lucerne. This is a monument to the heroic Swiss Guards, who fell in defending Louis XVI against the Revolutionary mob in Paris, August 10, 1792. There were twenty-six officers and seven hundred and sixty soldiers, all of whom perished; and this Lion, cut out of the solid rock, after a model by Thorswalden, is their monument. It is right in the side of a precipice, and represents a full-grown lion, measuring twenty-eight feet, lying with a broken spear in his heart, one paw on a shield and the other over the city of France—the expression showing intense agony, yet defiance, even in death. This is one of the finest pieces of statuary in all Europe the production of a master mind. There is always something singularly grand about this monarch of the forest, and here it is brought out in perfection. The scenery around is appropriate and imposing—a small lake in front, with a beautiful fountain playing; a rock wall rising many feet above the fine trees growing in rich profusion and luxuriant vines hanging in graceful festoons—all beautify the spot and honor the event commemorated by the monument. It is such a place as a lion would love, and it is most fit to represent the noble hearts that gave their life blood to defend the right.

Near by is the glacier garden, one of the greatest natural wonders we have seen. Many readers will ask, What is the glacier garden? Well, this spot, a few years ago was a wild wood. Some one began to dig for the foundation of a building, and under the earth there was found a glacier mill. Their curiosity was awakened, and investigation continued, as many as ten mills were found, varying in size and depth, the largest being 28 feet in width and 35 feet in depth. A glacier mill is formed by the melted ice waters of the glacier as stones are whirled round and round, by the surging dashing billows of the current, seeking an outlet, and imprisoned by the walls of ice. The mill is as smooth on all its sides and bottom as any sculptor could polish it, and the huge boulder serving as a mill stone is perfectly round and smooth. It is wonderful to look in these wells. There are petrified animals found on the inside of broken rock. A perfect palm leaf was found embedded in a solid rock. Scientific men say that nearly all of Switzerland was once under ice; that is, in the glacier epoch. Many of these mills are found in other parts of Switzerland, and some in Scandinavia. They are singular, and furnish geologists much food for thought and study. I could

A walk on the Reuss crossing the antique bridge, with its strange arches and historical paintings, and then strolling along the bank of the blue-watered Lucerne, was a real pleasure, which was greatly brightened by the company of Mr. Henry West Hughes, a polished scholarly man from Arkansas.

But we are off for Neuhausen, to see the Falls of the Rhine. We paused an hour or so on the way at the old town of Zurich. It now numbers 15,000 inhabitants, and has some splendid manufactories of machinery. We reached the Falls just at night, and it was my good fortune to have a room overlooking them and to be sung to sleep by their magnificent roar. The fall is eighty feet, and the scene is grand and imposing. The hotel is very fine, and the grounds are beautiful. All over Europe they have an eye to the beautiful, and they spare neither pains nor money to improve and embellish their cities and their country. We enjoyed the Falls, and would recommend all tourists to see them. It was a dark, rainy morning, but we ventured to the bank of the Rhine. No river, perhaps, in the world, save the Jordan, has such a history. How many armies have crossed and recrossed this ill-fated stream, and what scenes of war and carnage are laid along its banks! Its history is dark, bloody and cruel. We travel on the Black Forest railroad, and at Singen we pass the custom-house and are in Germany. What a delightful country, what rich valleys, what fine farms, what splendid roads, what queer-looking old towns! Why are the people leaving here for our shores? To free themselves from taxation and oppression.

We are now in Heidelberg, the seat of the great University. To-day we visited the ruins of an old castle of the thirteenth century and the house of the Electors. It was begun by Frederick I in 1274, and continued to be improved till the seventeenth century. It covers forty acres of ground, has several immense towers and walls varying from fourteen to twenty-two feet in thickness. In it are two large chapels, and in one of these there are still seen, portraits of the family of Charles IV. We stood in the old pulpit. We saw the ruins of two towers thrown down by French cannon in 1794. We looked upon the immense wine tun, said to contain 300,000 bottles, and there is another with 60,000 more. We saw the statue of the king's jester who drank ten gallons a day. Did not they need a temperance society? Evidence of the past magnificence and glory of this castle is everywhere presented. The entrance or gateway made by Elizabeth, the daughter of James I, is one of the greatest curiosities, in the way of architecture, we have met. The whole is of stone richly carved and ornamented, and the posts, of stone, are made to represent real wood. Their houses and gardens is the study of months.

We wished to see the buildings of the present University, but they are too much scattered over the city. Heidelberg is on the Neckan and is a beautiful German city. Their Great University once boasted of 40,000 scholars; they now have 700, and a library of 170,000 volumes. Some fine hotels and splendid churches—but the few buildings connected with the University which we saw, are very poor representatives of a university begun in 1386 by Frederic, the Elector, and largely sustained by governmental patronages. We were permitted to enter some of the halls and lecture rooms, and I assure you we were greatly astonished, not only at their barren and rude appearance, but at their utter lack of adaption to convenience and comfort. The seats are of the rudest kind, and the black-boards are but three by five feet, all told. Dirt every where—disorder and confusion reigned. The rooms and bunks of the students, are worse than those of railroad hands. And this is the place where American young men are sent for education. Some of our young ladies had a good time laughing at poetry and pictures, the production of students. Verses by one Mr. F——, of Madison, Indiana, attracted attention. Be careful, boys, how and where you scribble.

Off for Mayence via the old city of Worms, at which we paused to see the monument erected by the government in honor of Luther and his contemporaries.

of the men and the cause they represented in the Reformation of the sixteenth century. The central figure, of course, is Luther mounted on a pedestal of granite forty-one feet square. At the four corners stand the statues of the chief supporters and promoters of the Reformation, Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony; Philip the Magnanimous, Margrave of Hesse; Philip Milaueuth, and John Richlieu. There are also three female figures seated on a syenite pedestal, representing the cities of Augsburg, Magdeburg and Spire. The Luther monument, strictly speaking, is in the centre of the inclosure. Just below the statues of Peter Waldus, John Wickliffe, John Huss, and Hieronymus Savonarola. The statue of Luther is above all and with the pedestal measures twenty-eight feet in height. In front we read the decisive words: "Here I stand, I cannot retreat, God help me. Amen." At the rear is this sentence: "The gospel that the Lord hath put into the mouths of apostles is his sword, with it he strikes the world as with lightning and thunder." To the right are other pregnant utterances of Luther: "Those who rightly understand Christ, do human ordinances will be able to captivate, they are free, not according to the flesh, but according to conscience." "Faith is but the right and true life in God himself." "In order to understand the Scriptures rightly, the Spirit of Christ is required." In front, we behold Luther before the Diet at Worms. At the rear he is nailing up his thesis. On the right he is represented as distributing the holy communion of both kinds, the wine as well as the bread, and as being married by Bugenhausen. On the left he is translating the Bible and preaching the gospel. Underneath his utterances on the left, are the two Swiss Reformers, Ulrich Zuingli and John Calvin. Luther's face is one of the most impressive ever seen. In imagination one can hear him saying: "Though there were as many devils in Worms as there are tiles on the house, I would still go and confess my Lord." Germany honors herself in honoring her reformers. Their words shook the world, and will shake it to the end of time. To visit this monument was a great pleasure, and to look upon the statues of the great reformers, a lasting benediction.

Off for Mayence, a beautiful city on the Rhine of 60,000 inhabitants. We spent but a night, and had time only the old cathedral with its strange statuary and stranger Campo Santo, and hear for a moment its history from the lips of a German lady who could speak a little French. \* \* \* \*  
NOTE.—The Editor regrets that the closing sentences of this letter, on a separate sheet of paper, cannot be given—lost or mislaid—fault either of the editor or compositor. Both sorry, and glad so much remains for the perusal of readers.

WHAT PAPER SHALL I TAKE?

The above question is one often put by the church member to his pastor. It is a question of frequent occurrence and of too great importance to be passed lightly by. It comes from old and young, to old preachers and to young men on their first work. Not unfrequently to the station preacher, but much oftener to the one who has charge of a circuit. It is important with the best posted and most stable, but doubly so with the raw recruit or the one from any cause, not trained and drilled in Methodist economy. The trained laymen comes with the question to his pastor, often for an exchange of opinion in order to determine what is best, not so much for him as for the church. But when the new convert, just entering upon his life work, comes to his pastor—a young man, inexperienced, who is answering this question for the first time, it becomes a serious matter, and one of much importance. His christian education largely depends upon the church paper for which he subscribes, as does that of his family. And this paper does no mean part of the work that gives that whole family coloring for eternity. We need occupy neither time nor space in trying to show that the paper should be both religious and Methodistic. That we take "for granted," But the selection from a large family of Methodist papers is to be made. He readily eliminates all but two, viz: The home paper or confer-

ence paper, and the one which is treasured by the solid truths, apt illustrations, and forcible applications. This master workman has other treasures under his command besides the treasury of the General Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, of which he is the tried and trusted Treasurer. A mere "skeleton" would fail to give to an experienced eye, an insight into the real strength and flexibility of the muscle and sinew of the full grown sermon. It is not too much to say the preacher engraved his thoughts upon the mind of every attentive listener in that large congregation.

At 8:30 p. m. Dr. Kelly gave a sermon to the Y. M. C. A. (at McKenzie), in which he put forth some profound theory, several searching inquiries, and much practical religious common sense! All minds that would think, were put to thinking and will keep on for several days at least. That is the kind I like, even though I might differ with the speaker.

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MODERATE.

Malvern, Ark., June, 1886.

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McTyre Institute will open its Fall Term, the last Monday in August, under the leadership of the same principals. The Rev. T. J. McGill, who was appointed by the last Annual Conference, agent for this institution, announced to all concerned, that light was dawning on the highway of financial prosperity; that there was good hope to believe that by November next, the burden of debt resting upon McTyre Institute, would be removed. May the Lord bless his efforts, and put this school on the high plain it merits.  
R. W. NEWSOME.

McKenzie, Tenn.

QUITMAN COLLEGE.

As you have both, for years, been educational workers, and your paper a staunch friend of education, and especially of all our own schools. I thought I would claim space for an item connected with a conference school of our State. Starting from Searcy, in company with Brothers Geo. M. Hill and Asa S. Blackwood, From beginning to end of the trip, I was royally entertained. H. and B. are whole-souled, big hearted brothers, jovial, interesting, agreeable companions. Such a ride, with such associates, mark the oases along my life's journey, 'tis beneficial to my soul to be with my brethren. We spoke of our itinerant trials, also of our triumphs. Brother B. always could show us the "Silver lining," and when other means would fail, he would chase dejection from our minds with a stirring song. Query! Why would not Bro. B. make a capital Missionary to Africa? Reader, ask Hill.

amid the hills and courts the zephyrs interspersed with its groves of forest trees and well arranged shrubbery. I was delighted with this, my first visit to this town of educational fame, health, renown and good morals. After a week's stay, daily in the school room, I do most emphatically endorse Rev. S. H. Babcock, and his faculty, as conscientious, able, religious educators. They do good, true, square work, are worthy and well qualified. The examinations, exhibitions, concert and calisthenics, all would do credit to many, and surpass some, last of the great Giver, of far greater pretensions. I could write much in proof of Quitman College, as an institution worthy of the support of all to whom it is accessible. Bro. Hill as chairman of the visiting committee will attend to this.

The people of Quitman abound in generous hospitality. They tried to a man, yes, to a woman the apostolic injunction, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers."

We were all delighted and edified with the commencement sermon, by A. S. Blackwood, of Augusta Station, White River Conference. Some said: "I did not know such a sermon was in him." This writer was not surprised, he has known the brother for a dozen years. That sermon was a credit to our brother's head and heart. It led us up Pisgah's heights; it bade the pupils take Christ for their pattern. Brothers H. and B. addressed the Sunday School Mass Meeting, on Sabbath afternoon. Bro. H. made on Tuesday night, a most chaste and appropriate medal-presentation speech.

We were pleased to greet from the Arkansas Conference, our fellow itinerants, Gardner and Story.

All were disappointed in the failure to make his appearance of the silvery tongued P. E. of Morrilton District, who was to have made a Literary Address.

No visiting brother could be driven to stand in Appollo's place—Nay verily!

Parents having boys or girls to educate would do well to write to Rev. S. H. Babcock, A. M., Quitman, Cleburn county, Arkansas.

Searcy, Ark. E. A. GARRISON.

FIELD NOTES.

BATTLING AWAY.

From El Dorado Springs, Mo.  
I am conducting a meeting here at Eldorado Springs, Mo., in a large tabernacle, the same that we had at Hot Springs. Rev. S. M. Chase is the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and I am assisting him in the meeting. Souls have been converted, reclaimed and sanctified. Large congregations. Will be back in Arkansas in August. Commence camp meeting at Prescott, Aug. 13.

To those that invite me to assist them in meetings, I have this to say in love. I expect to denounce church fairs, socials, suppers and such revellings for raising money. I expect to denounce all popular sins in and out of the church. No sympathy with the liquor movement, nor with church members that rent their building for such purposes. Yours in perfect love.  
HARRY MAY.

El Dorado Springs, Mo., June 29,

GOOD FIELD HAND AND GOOD SOIL.

From Marion, Ark.  
We are getting along well on the Marion circuit. We have four good Sunday schools, one at each appointment. I labored with the people in this wise, that they should attend their schools in the morning rather than go off some where to church, and miss the school at that time. It has had a good effect, each school is trying to rival the other by being the best. Its useless to say we use our own literature the facts above tell that. My people are liberal, respond to every call, yet if the P. C. slips up on a collection as he was about to do for an organ at Crawfordsville, why he just shoots the people with his double-back acting self-cocking P. E. and the slain in the battle ground of collection, cash up, are many. I am serious about my P. E. Dye made no mistake when he recommended S. L. C. for P. E. I raised by cash and subscription \$14.75 for the American Bible Society from two of my appointments last Sunday, more than the whole White River conference gave last year. Brethren make up, get a copy of the minutes of the last session, and read, beginning on the 16th page and ending on the 17th, with a cash and sub. collection. I feel sure my folks will pay every dollar of the claims against them, and that noble woman who is not a christian but should be, will be, will succeed in making the pastor a present of a round hundred, the price of a good horse he runs. She has raised near \$40.00 already. Oh, how I ask God to direct so, that I may move such sinners to God and his cause. Saints of the Marion circuit, go often to the throne for your pastor, for he needs your prayers. Let the Elijahs be up and ready for duty. Let the tallest sons of sin be slain, and God's name glorified through Christ in their salvation. God bless you both in your work. Dr., mighty weak coffee, that.  
JAS. F. JERNIGAN.  
Marion, Ark., June 15, 1886.







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Be more careful with your tongue. Remember, too, that "Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back, dead; but God himself can't kill them when they're said."

The chief staple of conversation in society circles is gossip; silly, empty nothings. Such people live on trash, and feed their immortality on the dry husks of ridiculous nonsense. They read novels, visit theatres, go sight-seeing, float around without purpose, and their heads are as full of emptiness as their hearts are of piety. Parents are to blame for raising such children, and if they do not change we will soon have a race of intellectual and moral imbeciles.

FAULT-FINDING is one of the easiest things done that our poor human nature undertakes. It is so very easy to see the faults and imperfections of other people. It is no trouble in the world to find motes, but oh, how difficult to see beams. We find it unpleasant too look within, but the most agreeable business in this world to tear to pieces the characters of others by magnifying their faults while we minimize their virtues. Every reader should pray to be delivered from fault-finding.

CHRISTIAN WORK.—Perhaps no age of the church has been more given to work than the present. This is well, but let us remember that neither giving or waiting can be substituted for either self-denial or self-sacrifice. Then there is a great deal of work that is not real christian work, such as suppers, fairs, festivals and concerts, which on the long run will only have the tendency to dwarf piety and destroy all spirituality in our church. We must work for Christ and in the spirit of Christ, and not work for the church to find pleasure.

"COURAGE of convictions" means that a man has distinct individuality and well established opinions, and that he is prepared and ready to do duty and meet responsibility whenever it is demanded. It is distinct from brutal bravery, and has nothing of rashness in it. It is free from hypocrisy, above cant, and asks with the freedom of manhood and a conscientiousness founded on right and a fine sense of duty. It neither stoops to seek a smile, nor is it afraid to face a frown. It is real, manlike courage.

"HONESTY is the best policy." How often this has been quoted by men of loose morals and doubtful honesty, can never be known. It is a remnant of Puritanism and is unworthy of this age of Bibles. Honesty that has no better foundation than policy is a failure and a fraud. Men should be honest from principle and not policy. A man who is only honest for policy will take advantage in any trade where there is hope of gain and a good prospect for escaping detection.

ONE half of our people do nothing, give nothing, and never enjoy either religion or the world. They are either too poor or too stingy. Now we do not mean really poor people, for of all the people in this world, the really poor are the most liberal, but we mean the pretended poor, or people who mistake stingy penuriousness for real poverty; we mean people who are too stingy to help the church or country, but who have plenty to shave a poor brother's nose, or give him half what an article is worth when he is compelled to have money. Such people could never enjoy heaven.

OUR ministers are to blame for teaching our people how to exercise the grace of christian liberality—the grace that the Macedonians possessed so eminent a degree. Our people do not know the luxury of giving, but too many know with deep sorrow the suffering consequent upon withholding. How many are playing the part of the rich fool, of heaping up riches when they know not who shall gather them, trying to feed their souls on life's empty husks! Many a poor fellow has worked himself half to death trying to save money to buy his widow another husband. Sublime folly!

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

What is it that is at the present moment demanding immediate attention and help from all lovers of society and good order. We hear a great clamor for a change in the tariff, a change in currency, the passage of the Blair bill, and many more, and all these are said to be the great "Sine quanon," for all our public ills and private misfortunes. Labor is becoming imperious and capital haughty and arrogant. Capital is combining in extensive corporations and gambling pools, while labor is uniting in secret organizations to confront the great monopolies or overshadowing corporations of capital. What means all this? Who is to blame for the present state of lawlessness and restless inquietude prevailing everywhere? It permeates all ranks and has taken possession of all circles. There is dissatisfaction everywhere and all business is being conducted upon an unsound and doubtful basis. Indeed the country is full of gamblers and gaming. Wall Street, New York and the exchange of Chicago, are just as much gambling hells as any place that can be found in either of those cities. Again, we ask what means all this? We answer. The government is beginning to reap what she sowed, and the harvest time is coming to a land of society and pleasure loving people. The government for many years has been employed in debasing her own daughters and debauching her own sons, by her extensive whisky traffic, and her import laws, she has invited all other nations to help her corrupt her own people. Fearfully and rapidly has the work gone on, and how our country is filled with drunkenness, debauchery, and crime. Our whole land is now taxed to support crime. Our jails and penitentiaries are crowded to suffocation, and actually it is becoming a serious question to know where to work our criminals and how to use convict labor. Honest labor is demanding protection, and crying out against putting convict labor in competition with the honest labor of the country. At the bottom of all this, is the whisky and beer traffic of our country. How long will Christian America tolerate this blot upon her civilization, and this curse upon her children? Can she afford it? We ask with all earnestness and sincerity—if any sane man or woman can sanction the license system of this country? Look at the saloons with all their products and specimens, and see what good, if any, they have ever done, either for Church or State. Compare the small amount of revenue paid into the government, with the vast amount paid out to support paupers and punish criminals, and then tell us in plain figures about the revenue the government derives from this source. The whisky bill of the country is in round numbers \$900,000,000, enough to bread and educate all the children in the country, and then leave enough to support all the churches, and all this paid out to corrupt our people, and produce criminals. Can we afford the outlay? Can we afford to run our country on blood money? Our cause is gaining ground every where, and the duty of the hour, is for every lover of society and good morals to lend all their aid and influence to destroy the traffic and dethrone this giant evil. We must do it, and as surely as God lives it will be done. Our Episcopal friends are coming to the front, and at last taking hold of this great arm of service. The most earnest applause I have had lately on the platform, was from an Episcopal clergyman, at Georgetown, Texas, in response to an ultra utterance on prohibition. All churches are in the work, and becoming more and still more interested, but to the glory of Methodism, be it said, it has pioneered through on this subject. All parties recognize it as the great living issue of the mighty present. It is no longer fashionable to sneer at prohibition and ridicule prohibitionists. The words fanatics and fanaticism have lost their potency, and now it comes to pass, that the influence of the temperance element is being sought after in every direction. The great whisky rings are being broken down, and men have to learn that the days of treating and being treated are passed. Now then, let it be the duty of the hour, for all good people to make a strong, united effort to break down once and forever, the whisky power, and then we shall see capital and labor enhancing each other, and a day of prosperity will dawn.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Thursday evening, in company with Rev. V. V. Harlan, the stirring Agent of Central Collegiate Institute, we boarded the evening train on the Old Reliable, bound for Wheatley, the seat of the Helena District Conference. On the train, we met many delegates returning from the Democratic Convention, among the rest, the President of the convention, Hon. J. M. Hewitt. We heard a general good report of the convention and its work, but we were sorry to hear that there were a few, who much hindered the business by having imbibed too much of Little Rock's mean whisky. What a shame that men will come to such a representative body, to misrepresent their people and bring reproach on their counties and their State. At Wheatley, we were met by Brother Neeley, and were most kindly cared for. Coming late, and having but little time to stay, we were shown great courtesy by the P. E., P. C. and all the brethren. We preached at night and got several subscribers for the METHODIST, and some of the brethren turned over a few shekels to help us through the dry summer months. Friday morning, at 5 A. M. we were off for Mayfield, Ky., via Memphis. A good time to the Bluff City, and almost all the way a whole car to myself, but when we boarded the train of the Newport News Valley Route, we were not so fortunate. We happened to enter a dress circle car, with a brass button conductor, and were coolly informed that no one was allowed to turn a seat in that car, but we must all sit up in dress circle style and behave ourselves. Too poor to hire a sleeper, and too sick to stand a smoker, you must simply submit to iron rule, and sit straight up and learn to nod in an upright posture. We despise such a stretch of a little brief authority, and we invite the attention of rail road officials to the comfort of their passengers. If the seats are not to be turned, why make them on hinges, or why attempt to force clever, well behaved people, either into an unnecessary expense of paying extra in a sleeper, or go and be smoked sick by tobacco users. At Mayfield we were met by Judge Stenfield, and assigned a home with Brother Ridgeway, with Brother Hooks. The District Conference is largely attended, and the P. E. Brother Sellars, is master of the situation. He is surrounded by a corps of noble workers, and the laymen are here in great numbers, and full of love and zeal for the church. Saturday night we had a meeting in the interest of Church Extension, with Brother G. T. Sullivan to preside, who made a good speech, called an explanation, and Brother Witt, a fine speech as the treasurer, and your wandering editor chatted just a little. Saturday morning the Conference has up the question of Sunday Schools and Education. It is a very interesting session, with splendid work and many fine talks, of course your editor came forward on the subject of christian education, and he was followed by Professor Jones, of the M. C. F. Institute, the cultured son of Dr. A. W. Jones, the grand old educator of Jackson, Tenn. At 11 A. M. on this day, we had a good sermon from Rev. J. T. C. Collins, one of our early colleagues in the ministry. It has the pure ring of the old gospel. Saturday at 2 P. M. they elected their delegates and got good men. At 4 P. M. a rousing temperance meeting was held, and of course, this scribe was pressed into service. We expect to have a Missionary meeting to-night, and everything indicates that we will have a great day to-morrow. Mayfield is the county seat of Graves county, and is a nice little city of 1,500 or 2,000, and it is taking care of the Conference in a splendid manner. Old Kentucky, where they have heretofore made so much old bourbon whisky, is wheeling into line, and is being fully stirred on the temperance question, and local option will soon take many of the counties. By the way, have you seen the news from Meridian, Mississippi? It is now the Atlanta of the good old state of Mississippi, and many more of the towns will soon fall into line, and we hope many of the larger cities will do likewise. The news from North Carolina is glorious. The capital of the old North State is in line, and is free from whisky. Many more of the cities carried local option. Our cause is gaining everywhere. God speed the day of general deliverance to our entire land.

HIGH CHURCHISM.

It is only now and then that it becomes necessary to rebuke the spirit of arrogant intolerance that High Church folks will put forth. Now the Episcopal church as a denomination of this country is every day drawing nearer to other denominations. It was one of the most pleasing features of our last General Conference to receive paternal greetings from the Diocesan Convention of Virginia, which we very heartily responded to. In June while in Texas, the rector of the P., Episcopal church stood on our platform and prayed without a book, and in many other ways we see signs that this old church of the country is becoming more and more identified with other churches in the work of evangelism and spreading holiness over the land. But here in our own Arkansas we see something so dissimilar that we are compelled to report and rebuke. We quote a few paragraphs from a little paper called by this big name, The Diocese of Arkansas. My! My! What a title! But hear Dean Degan speaking to his people who go off to summer vacation to keep away from sectarian places of worship, and to abstain from parties and theatres on Friday nights." So we suppose in the eyes of this great and liberal divine, theatre going is not so bad as going to sectarian meeting houses. Our reverend divine rebukes the daily press for not calling their church Christ church. Why should they? Are not all the Protestant churches of Little Rock, entitled to the name of Christ? No Mr. Degan we will not allow you to usurp that name by which we are all called. But what we started out particularly to notice was an account of Two Missionary Jaunts by the Dean of Little Rock. He visited Monticello where he was permitted to occupy our church, and for the favor called it a Methodist house of worship and said there was no church in that town, but hoped the day was close at hand when the church would be planted there. At Arkansas City he held service in the only meeting house in the place. At Arkadelphia he only found two communicants, and no service. Hope is over run with evangelists, but the church will show them a better way. Here is his plan. On the Sunday after Ascension, I said Matthias, preached and celebrated the Holy Communion. "What a man. At Nashville, he held service in the unfinished Methodist building, but at Washington he found a cozy church." Now we respectfully say that our self respect ought to make us close our churches to all these High church gentlemen till they can learn some manners. Any Methodist preacher who will hereafter let his church to Dean Degan till he repents and reforms, ought to be tried in open conference. We do not write this with any ill feeling to the Episcopal church of Arkansas, but to rebuke the arrogance of this wonderful Dean. We know his own people will applaud us.

A STATEMENT AND PROPOSITION.

1. The Gazette opened the war between itself and the METHODIST by attacking and slurring our circulation. We did not call them liars or slanderers therefor, but immediately published a sworn statement of the same, and invited any and all to examine our books etc., and called the Gazette to do likewise. But she has not done so nor has she published our explanation, nor apologized for the injustice and injury she did us.

2. She attacked the private, moral and ministerial character of the Senior Editor of this paper, by publishing a most scurrilous article copied from a German paper published in this city. For which they have offered neither explanation nor apology.

3. They charged the METHODIST with clandestinely printing whisky advertisements with the words wine and whisky carefully excluded.

The above are charges of the Gazette against us. Our indictment against them we published last week. Now in the interest of peace and truth, and that equal and exact justice may be done to all parties concerned, we submit another proposition for arbitration.

1. That a committee be appointed, composed of five men of intelligence and integrity, whose verdict will be respected by all fair minded persons, and that they shall have full power to investigate and determine the truth or

falsity of all the charges on either side.

2. That the books and files of both papers shall be furnished the committee, and that the testimony of the editors and proprietors and officers of both papers be taken under oath.

3. That the finding of the committee shall be final, and shall be published in both papers. Will the Gazette accept or reject. We are ready to proceed at once. If it suits the pleasure and convenience of the press of the State, we will thank them to print the above and the Gazette's reply.

We reserve our comment on last Sunday's Gazette, in view of the above proposition.

STAY WITH THEM.

Below is a specimen of letters and messages sent us anent the controversy with the Gazette. We only have room this week for this:

"Go on, my dear old friend. You are doing the grandest work of your life. But remember you have attacked a tripple-headed, giant monopoly. When you hit the Gazette, the whisky rings, State and National, and the railroads all stir. What a victory for the people and the right, if you gain it! We would fear and tremble for you, but that we know your pluck and that you have faith in God. No such battle has been fought in our church by one of our advocates, that I know of, unless it was the Texas Advocate, under Dr. John, with the Galveston News. The Gazette has not had such a constigation from any quarter before. Some democrats are uneasy, but why should they be? If you rid them of that Gazette incubus, you have done them a good service, as well as the church and country. Stay with them."

M. G. H.

We have them lassoed, and intend to hold them.—[Eds.]

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

"The preachers beg money and beg tobacco."

This is the proud exultant declaration of one of Arkansas' pert sons, and means a reflection upon the ministry as being a set of common beggars. But does the reflection rest where it is designed? Or does it not rather reflect back upon him who uttered the above words, as well as upon all those who entertain and express like sentiments?

The naughty boy who went into the woods and proclaimed ugly words had those ugly words, with all their accumulated ugliness reflected back upon him in the echo. So we think in this case. Let us see.

The minister has a Divine right to a support from those served by him. The people have a solemn moral obligation, founded in divine justice, resting upon them to provide and contribute that support. The duty to support the ministry is as clearly taught in God's word as the duty to repent and believe and is as inflexible and immutable as infinite justice itself. "Let him that is taught in the word"—i. e. him who receives instructions by the preaching of the gospel—"communicate unto him that teacheth"—the preacher—"in all temporal good things." The plain English: Let him,—without respect of persons,—who is instructed in, or taught righteousness, by the preacher, contribute of his earthly goods for the support of that preacher. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," is a great truth uttered by our Savior, having direct and specific reference to the support of the ministry, and a truth founded in a divine principle of equity and justice.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire" is an equitable truth applying to all legitimate vocations in life, and it would be esteemed any thing but an honor to any one having laborers employed, by his penuriousness to compel those laborers to "beg" for what they had justly earned while he rolled in luxury.

Under the Old Testament dispensation God joined it upon his people as a bound and duty to contribute the tithe or tenth of all their income for the support of the Priests—his ministers. The apostle Paul, under the plenary influence of the Holy Spirit, connects the two dispensations—Old and New—under one common law of equity and tells us, (1 Cor. 9.13,14) that as under the Old Dispensation "they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple etc; so hath the Lord ordained that they

which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Not eat the gospel but have a support from the served for the service rendered. Now it is evident that if the preacher is laid under the necessity of begging it is because the people are not doing their duty. So the reflection rests upon the people and not upon the preacher. And to say that the preacher does not do his duty does not alter the case in the least, so far as it pertains to the duty of the people to support the preacher.

The failure of another to discharge his duty does not release me from, nor lighten my obligation to a faithful discharge of my own. If the preacher is not worthy to be a preacher, and so "worthy of his hire," then prefer charges against him and have him silenced, and so cease to endeavor to hide your own deformity and infidelity to duty, behind the faults and failings of another.

If it be true that "the preachers beg money" then it is certainly a shame, and a disgrace upon those who spend five, ten, or fifty times as much money for tobacco as they contribute to the support of the gospel. At all events I would rather be the preacher begging a little "clean cash" than to be the "tobacco worm" begging, or even buying, the "filthy weed," with which to pollute, to say the least of it, my entire physical manhood, stultify and benumb my mental capacities, and bespatter, and besmear, and pollute the sacred precincts of God's house as some of them do. And right while at this point allow me to digress a little, by way of conclusion, to say, I would to God the next General Assembly of our "great and growing State, would enact a law making it a finable offense for any one to pollute God's sanctuary by chewing tobacco therein, and spitting the filthy juice thereupon.

C. M. KEITH.

THE CONFERENCE OF 1836.

EDS. METHODIST.—I have been written to more than once in regard to the statistics of the first session of the Arkansas conference. It was held in 1836. At the time I received the first letter I did not have the facts at hand. A few weeks afterward I had access to the "general minutes" and copied all the figures. The journal of the conference in my custody as secretary, gives very few figures. It is a transcript of the original minutes, and the transcriber left out much that is in the general minutes, published in New York.

When the Arkansas Conference was organized it included a portion of Louisiana and the Indian Territory. In giving the figures below, distinction is kept between what was reported from the State and from the whole conference. The statement for the conference is correct. What is put down as in the State only may not be exactly right.

THE FIGURES.

No. of preachers in Ark.	23.
In La. and Ind. Ter.	17.
Total in Ark. Conference in 1836,	40.
White members in Ark. in 1836,	2043.
In La. and Ind. Ter.	691.
Col'd members in Ark.	423.
Total in Ark. Conf., white	2733.
" " " " colored	599.
" " " " Indians	1225.
Collected for Missions	\$104.50.
" " Publishing fund	20.00.
" " Conference	178.80.
No other figures given.	
Respectfully,	
J. N. W. BOSWELL.	

MR. SENIOR EDITOR.—It was like your jovial nature to poke that little fun at "Poor Garcon," about being a "candidate for a seat in the next great Sanhedrin." He is not a candidate however—only submissive—and feeling the same noble impulses to some extent, of devotion to the interests of "our Zion" that inspires many nobler breasts, he is free to confess that he would submit, even the suffrage of his brethren to so demand, to be laid trembling upon the altar of sacrifice, as a member of the great "Sanhedrin." But, as he has no aspiration or fears in that direction, after thanking you for so kindly proffering your tender pity to "Poor Garcon," in view of his supposed impending disappointment, he would suggest that you would better reserve said pity for the boys who will "get left" and need it worse.

Garcon loves and reveres both "the old clerical members," and is willing that they should have all the honors due them—always has voted for them, and only wrote what he did because he felt like it and had a right to.

GARCON.











Arkansas Methodist.

OBITUARIES.

RESOLUTIONS

Of Quarterly Conference of First M. E. Church South on the Death of Rev. L. M. Lewis, D. D., Pastor.

Whereas, Since our last meeting in this capacity we have been called upon to mourn the death of our beloved brother and pastor, the Rev. Levin M. Lewis, D. D., which occurred on the evening of May 28, while away from home and family, in quest of health, at Los Angeles, Cal.; therefore

Resolved, First, That in his death we reverently recognize the hand of an All-wise Father, whose tender care, as the Great Shepherd of all, leadeh Joseph like a flock; without whose notice the sparrow falleth not to the ground, and in whose sight the death of the saint is precious.

Resolved, Second, that his absence from our church councils brings sadness to our hearts; and, while, while we remember that no more shall his brotherly cheer and personal magnetism inspire our hearts and hopes in our work of faith and labor of love, yet, as we shall recall his devotion to these sacred trusts, it will the more lead us to desire to emulate his example.

Resolved, Third, that in him as the pastor to feed the flock of Christ, in visiting from house to house, affording comfort to the disconsolate, solace to the sorrowing, balm to the wounded and hope to the despairing, there was ever found that humane and sympathetic friend and brother, who like the Master, could weep with those who wept and rejoice with those who rejoiced.

Resolved, Fourth, that in obeying the Master's command, "Go preach my gospel to all men," he found his most delightful employ, and believing this "Gospel was the power of God unto salvation to all who believe," he here found ample field for the exercise of his rare gifts of earnest eloquence and pathetic entreaty, as the multitudes who waited upon his ministry throughout Missouri, Arkansas and Texas and many other portions of the country can attest.

Resolved, Fifth, That not alone as the Christian minister was he eminently honored and faithful, but also as the Christian soldier and statesman. In camp, on the field of battle or within the prison walls the true and the pure shone out in his life and character, winning the hearts of his fellows in arms, while he is honored as one of their chief commanders and tendered a seat in the highest legislative halls of his country. Yet, like a Moses, he preferred rather the toils and hardships of the camp and field than the more pleasing employ of the senate chamber. His thousand comrades everywhere recall his sterling qualities of sympathy and endurance, and now mourn with us as a church our great loss and tender his loving family their condolence in this hour of their sorrow.

Respectfully submitted. W. P. WILSON, G. W. GROVE, W. H. HOWELL, Committee.

GRANT.—Infant son of A. M. and Jennie Grant was born in Pocahontas, Ark., June 9th, 1886. Our little darling is gone. He was not permitted to look upon this sinful world, but God sent an angel to close the little eyes, that they might not look upon sin, but open in that blissful home of immortality to behold the glories of God's throne, and to sit on the seat with Jesus. That little voice was never heard; no, not in this world. God forbade that little tongue hissing any sound, save in praise to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." As we looked upon that little form, robed in death, and the tears began to fall, our hearts were raised to Almighty God and were made to proclaim thy will, "O, Lord be done." Thank God we can go to him, if he can't come to us. Only a few more years, or a few more days, and Papa and Mama will come. It is only a little way; the journey is not far, and by the grace of God we will meet that little jewel in heaven. We expect to meet at the golden gate, and will expect to be led into the presence of our Father by that little hand. We expect to hear that little voice singing the sweet songs in praise to God. Blessed thought, that we shall meet our little darling again when the trumpet shall sound and call the sleeping dear into the presence of the great Judge. Then we will meet to part no more. And although our hearts are rung with grief, we bow our heads and submit to the will of our Heavenly Father. PAPA AND MAMA.

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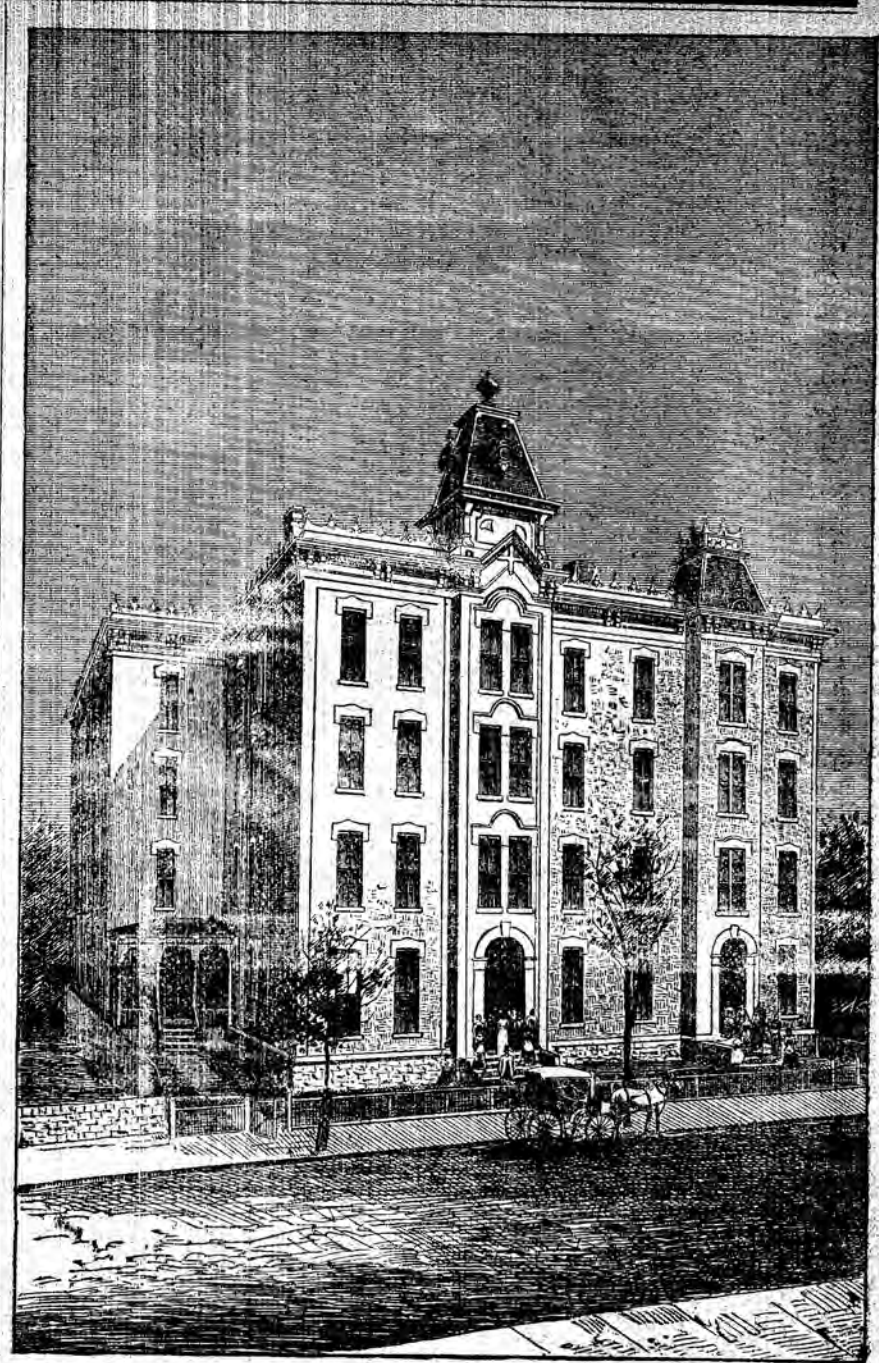
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