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GENERAL NEWS.

FOREIGN.

The old Premier is beaten and all England is full of anxiety to know what he will do. Will he resign or fight it out and try again. Mr. Gladstone can not afford to retire now. He has staked his all on the issue, and must abide the result. Defeat is not always failure, nor is victory always success. The history of Ireland is a most wonderful one, and it may be that her day of redemption is not yet come, as her cup of sorrow and suffering is not full. Ireland has never been and is not now a good soil for Protestantism, but she has hugged Romanism to her heart, and any people who can yield up to their private conscience to their religious teachers, will hardly do to trust in their own government. We may deplore, but can't help till they will help themselves. Russia is still encroaching in the East. Turkey complains but she still goes forward, and the old Bear will soon house him safely and be in condition to defy the old Lion, and take quiet possession of all he wants. Turkey has trouble, Bulgaria and Romania will for a consolidation or combination, and then a treaty offensive and defensive, and will give the old Sultan trouble. The Montenegrans now mean fight, and have notified the Porte that they will fight unless the Albians are made to behave and keep quiet. The Bulgarians are clamorous for the dethronement of Prince Alexander, blaming him for all their troubles.

DOMESTIC.

Our country furnishes nothing new at this time. Congress is still in session and Mr. Cleveland still pours in the news and reports. It is evident that the supporters of the administration are not satisfied with what has been done, and the different leaders as well as the different sections are beginning to throw blame on each other. Never has there been known in the history of our government such a scramble for office, and such a disposition for men to attempt to force themselves on the government for support. Hundreds and thousands of pretended soldiers from the gay and festive drummer to the marvellous man with the long brass horn, even down to the poor soldier who really carried his gun and knapsack, there is a clamor for a pension. Now the last named are really deserving of consideration, and no government has a right to refuse help to those who aided her in the time of her distress, but the herd of hungry cormorants, who have neither suffered nor helped, must be driven off, and the President has taken the only course to do it that we know of—and it may be that many deserving soldiers and their families will suffer because of the unworthy. It is again rumored that Gen. Garland will leave the Cabinet, but those best posted do not believe it, neither do they think that Secretary Manning will retire. We think any change will be wrong at this time. Give Mr. Cleveland a fair chance with the Cabinet of his own selection, and let them have a full term of service and see if they can man up the old ship of state and get her in the old channel where she ran so gloriously and safely in the days of her historic glory. The strikes continue and our horizon is by no means clear. From the manufacturers to the farmers, and from the biggest and most skilled artisan to the humblest laborer, there is dissatisfaction and discontent. We need better regulations and wiser laws, and then we need to have removed all the temptation to dissipation and idleness. It is a burning shame that our government will perpetuate a trade and uphold a traffic that is polluting her citizens and filling the land with crime and blood. We can not as a christian country undertake any longer to run our government machinery on blood money. Let our people read and think.

PERSONAL.

Misses Lucy and Jennie Jones, left last week to spend the summer at Eureka Springs. A pleasant time.

Judge W. S. Knox, of Searey, called to pay his subscription. His affability is always delightful in our office.

Rev. E. N. Watson, failed to put in an appearance at the district conference last week. His brethren missed him much.

Bishop J. C. Granbery, has gone to Brazil, and is now furnishing the Old Nashville with some good correspondence. We hope he will not forget us.

R. J. Brown, Editor of the Life, is as brave as Caesar, and a fluent and graceful writer. Eminence and distinction await him in his chosen field of journalism.

Judge A. Curl, a prominent attorney and leading citizen of Malvern, called Tuesday. He was going as far as St. Louis with his mother who was returning to N. Y.

Any one sending information of the whereabouts of Mrs. Sally Jones to her dying and destitute mother Mrs. Stalcup, in Atlanta, Texas will be thanked.—J. W. Graves, Atlanta, Texas.

Rev. Z. T. McCann, endeared himself to preachers and people very much by the kind way he entertained us at our last conference in Des Arc. He did it elegantly and lovingly.

Bishop A. W. Wilson, will soon be off to China, and may be around the world before he returns. We hope he will have a grand voyage, and return in full health and brim full of missionary zeal.

Rev. V. V. Harlan, spent last Sabbath in our city filling Dr. Miller's pulpit in the morning and brother Jenkins' at night. He preached to the delight of all. He is doing a fine work for Central Institute.

Young Edward Winfield, in his card in the Democrat last week, displayed an amount of good sense, and a spirit of manliness which must win for him the respectful friendship of all fair-minded people.—The Life.

The Bric-a-Brac, a little bantam sheet has been launched upon the turbulent waves of Little Rock journalism and is bound to make a ripple. There! you unknown squib! We've noticed you. Are you satisfied?

Dr. J. M. Hill, formerly of Atkins, now of our city, called to see us this morning and assured us of the good work we are doing for the people of Arkansas in our war on whiskey—and its great organ. We are solid on that line and will stand by our colors.

Rev. L. M. Keith, is in this week on a visit to his sick wife. She is quite an invalid. Brother K., reports the closing work of the Little Rock district conference, but we fear we will not get copy on time. He says they gave us a rousing endorsement for which we are thankful.

Bishop W. W. Duncan, was expected at Paris, Tennessee, last week but did not come, owing to the fact that he had to meet the Bishops at Sea Shore Camp Ground to elect an associate editor of the Nashville Advocate. We have not heard who was chosen.

Two of our Congressmen are due our thanks for their remembrance. Hon. C. R. Breckenridge for valuable reports sent. Hon. T. C. McRea sends his able speeches upon the "Rail Road Land Question" which shows how he is representing our "grand old common-wealth" in Congress.

Rev. A. Hunter, D. D., was in this week looking as fresh as a boy and as full of fire and zeal as he was when we were storming old Dallas county in 1851. He is going to take rest in August and lie up in dog days—he ought to; but boys like this Senior can go on through without trouble, provided the fever don't catch them.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. Geo. H. Morton, is a whole team to manage a big picnic. What a great time we did have at Bell's Depot, Tenn. It was simply magnificent, and every body went home happy and brim full of temperance.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., is one of the liveliest men; one of the coolest men; one of the best praised men, and one of the most philosophical men this world ever saw. Such a disposition as he has is a fortune to any man, and is worth millions to a home. His face is a benediction and his smile perennial. His home is a modern Eden and a perpetual delight, a visit there is a luxury, and no one goes there who does not wish to return. God bless you Doctor, and may Park Place always have as good a partner.

Professor J. B. Hancock, of Maple Hill Female Seminary, of Lebanon, Tenn., was in to see us this week. He is a first class man, and has a first class school. We invite attention to ad and notice elsewhere. Lebanon is the Athens of Middle Tennessee, and is very popular as an educational point. We do not know of any school men superior to him, and we know that our people who have patronized him are delighted. He is a polished scholar, and a finished christian gentleman, and we are delighted to introduce him to our readers as first class in every respect.

Rev. I. G. John, Zaccheus like, Missionary Secretary, sends us a batch of Missionary matter which shall appear in our columns, as soon as possible, also King Cole's letter to the church on our missionary matters. Our people must wipe out this debt at once, and let our great church machinery move along and our Missionary Board be unfettered and free to move up and occupy all the territory opening up to us. The nations are perishing for the word of life, and we must send it to them. Of course we will help you, Dr. John, for we know you to be true, reliable and never failing.

Rev. Amos B. Jones, D. D., LL. D., writes us a very encouraging and kind letter. We have been delighted to see the honors that have been conferred on our brother. Two degrees in one season from separate colleges, is an honor to be coveted by any one, but he is more highly honored in being the President of Huntsville Female College, one of the very best colleges for young ladies, in America. We don't think he has a superior as an educator. See ad and notice elsewhere. We are very thankful for his notice of our paper. We will try to merit all you say and keep our vessel in the channel and in good time.

Rev. John W. Hewitt, D. D., Regent of South Western University, of Texas, writes us a long clever letter from the great Empire State of Texas, and speaks highly of our visit and work at Georgetown. We enjoyed that trip, and found it only too short, and we hope to renew and stay longer hereafter. Come to see us. You have a great University and our people in Arkansas would love to hear from you, and make the acquaintance of yourself and your colleague, Dr. J. H. McLean. Our State is large and we have a great many people, and if you can secure a few of our sons and daughters, all right.

Rev. W. M. Keith, of Doakville, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, writes us a letter away back in May, and owing to misplaced letters overlooked. He says: "I must say your paper is fast taking rank among our great Church papers. I admire your pluck. Stand fast, God will rally the moral forces of the universe on your side. We must win, for the Lord is with us in all the great issues of the day. God bless you and the Arkansas Methodism." Many thanks, my brother. We will certainly stand to right and principle, and what we believe to be true Methodism and moral right, and that which is good.

THE PRESS.

CORRECT.

The Church assumes that the infant, at the time he is baptized, is, through the atonement of Jesus Christ, a member of the kingdom of God, and regards said infant as a candidate for membership in the Church of Jesus Christ.—New York Advocate.

IMMERSION CONTROVERSY.

The Central Baptist declares that the "controversy" about immersion, "now exists only among the half-learned and the uneducated." We had a suspicion of that ourselves, but we had too much regard for our Baptist friends to say so.—Southern Christian Advocate.

WE ALL KNOW HIM.

We know a preacher of some prominence and reputation who, in our presence, for fourteen years or more, has often expressed his judgement of many other preachers' sermons that he had heard. We have no recollection of his ever speaking of any of the sermons of other preachers otherwise than unfavorably.—Christian Neighbor.

PERHAPS.

Perhaps when Henry Ward Beecher comes back from the exciting fight in behalf of Home Rule in Ireland, and finds his brother, Dr. Edward Beecher, and his son, Wm. C. Beecher, in the Young Men's Prohibition Club of Brooklyn, he will also take a hand in behalf of the home rule party of this country.—N. Y. Voice.

JUST RIGHT.

The London Methodist Times, while outspoken and progressive on all questions of the day, is staunchly protesting against all use of "the sacred machinery of Methodism" for party ends.

This is just right. Let us have free discussion and the utmost limit of light and personal freedom, but the Church, as an organization, should have nothing whatever to do with political parties.—Zion's Herald.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

In Charleston, W. Va., the first Saturday after the closing of the saloons, the merchants of the place took in more than four thousand dollars more than their former average receipts on that evening. In Worcester, Mass., the records show the arrests last week of license, in April, were 61; commitments, 31. For the first week in May, the first of no license, the arrests were 12; commitments, 4.—Cincinnati Christian Advocate.

A CORNSTALK REVIVAL.

The best way to prevent what Sam Jones calls a "cornstalk revival" is to put a religious newspaper into the home of every new convert and every reclaimed backslider and every church member in your work. At the close of the protracted meeting is the opportune time to speak in favor of a religious paper. When people's hearts are melted under a sense of the preciousness of the Divine presence they will not refuse the small sum necessary to secure the weekly visits of such an aid to religious life and experience as a good religious paper will afford. There is nothing which will better conserve the results of a revival of religion than the religious weekly. Let the preacher clinch the work of the revival meeting by inducing every one of the converts to subscribe for the Advocate.—Richmond Advocate.

Another new candidate for public favor appears this week, in the shape of an ad of Franklin Female College, Franklin, Tenn. This college was formerly owned by Bishop R. F. Hargrove, and presided over by him, then Mrs. M. E. Clark took charge, and finally the property was sold to Prof. M. Thos. Edgarton, who commenced a little over one year ago. A few months ago the main college was consumed by fire, but already the corner stone for another and larger one is laid. This college is perfectly splendid in all particulars. Society good and it is everything you can ask for.

ON THE CONTROVERSY.

Dr. Winfield cannot be downed by a newspaper article, be the article good or bad.

The violent attack by the Gazette on Dr. Winfield, proves a regular Boomerang on the Gazette, recoiling on its own head, while the Dr. goes unharmed.—Carlisle New Departure.

Bro. Winfield has stirred up the bile of the Gazette, and that paper Saturday gave Bro. Winfield the benefit under the caption, "Is this man without shame, drunk, or crazy?" Dr. Winfield is too well known in Arkansas to be disturbed by the Gazette's innuendoes, and we presume the "old lady" will in the next issue of the METHODIST find that he still has on hand a good stock of ammunition.—Independent.

"A more considerate and conservative paper than the Gazette, and one less puffed up with its own greatness and power, would have contented itself with merely twitting Dr. Winfield on the public demonstrations of its peculiar religious eccentricities. If any issue with him at all had been considered necessary, that would have been sufficient. Dr. Winfield is now a gray haired man, nearing the evening of a long, useful and in many respects a brilliant life. He is perhaps not as vigorous in mind, in some respects, as in younger days, and is less disposed to view with allowance questions involving issues antagonistic to his religious scruples. This is the natural result of age and a life time of religious belief and teaching. Dr. Winfield may be what more free thinking men would deem erratic and eccentric, but if so, liberal minded people can and will afford to overlook that, in view of the above reason. The Gazette, however, regardless of propriety, has ruthlessly hounded this veteran of the cross, with a spite decidedly malicious, because he knew Dr. Winfield was sensitive and easily worried. Finally, however, the old time vim and vigor of the aged doctor became thoroughly aroused, and he brought out in his last issue a most withering arraignment of the Gazette and its proprietors which completely paralyzed "the old lady." Although taking two days to prepare an answer, and although nearly the entire editorial page of Sunday's issue was taken up in an effort in that direction, it must be the verdict of disinterested parties viewing the fight from afar, that the doctor's terrific indictment remains as yet unanswered, and he is on the top. The Gazette has found out, too late, perhaps, for its own good, that Dr. Winfield knows too much truth about its history and business, and that he is by no means mealy-mouthed about telling it right out. The Gazette's egotism and lack of discretion have again carried her into trouble.—Hot Springs News.

The able and independent editor of the Texarkana Independent copied the statement and proposition of last week's METHODIST and says: "The above propositions are certainly fair, and we trust that for peace and harmony, and the reputation of journalism in Arkansas, the Gazette will except them." The ARKANSAS METHODIST indicted the Gazette a week ago Wednesday last, giving a large number of facts which were beyond contradiction. The editorial bile raged high within the dyspeptic inwardness of the old lady. After three or four days of festering the editorial pimple came to a head, and the public was sickened Sunday morning by the sight of four and a half columns of "answer" in the Gazette. And such an answer! Not a statement made by the METHODIST was controverted—not a charge disproved. Four columns and a half of personal abuse leveled at the head of Rev. A. R. Winfield, the editor of the METHODIST, and twenty-seven repetitions of the insulting, low-bred query: "Is this man without shame drunk or crazy?" What a sight—what a shame! The only palliation for such a wholesale slaughter of common decency can be found in

the supposition that the Gazette was in one of the two latter conditions referred to in her oft repeated and echoed query.—Life.

Bro. Winfield seems inclined to go into the swabbing business, from the style in which he has lately been "mopping the earth" with the Gazette editor. He should take out papers for a new patent, and present Bro. Brower as a model—before too much worn. The truth is, Bro. Winfield is generally "loaded," whether with the pen or tongue, and when he "goes off" somebody is hit. He is a hard customer to handle, and we feel gratified in never having had to tackle him in good earnest, for we should regret having to destroy such "game"—it is too scarce.—Little Rock Republican.

ANOTHER CHURCH.

Mr. Thomas Harding, the architect, has finished plans for a new Methodist church to be erected in Argenta. The Rev. John H. Dye, whose friends on both sides of the river are co-extensive with his acquaintanceship, will be pastor of the congregation.—Life of Little Rock.

An endless, tireless worker, this man. Our people will call to memory when only a few years ago he was the prime mover and main leader in raising funds to build the beautiful Methodist church which stands at the head of Arch street in this city. Again, in his new home, he is in the same commendable enterprise. A few such men as Rev. Dr. Dye would soon revolutionize our Christian country.—Searcy Enterprise.

A SAD DEATH.

The sad intelligence of the death of Miss Mamie Mitchell, daughter of the editor of the Democrat reached her father Tuesday. We tender him and the deeply bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. She was an intelligent and lovely girl and gave much promise of great usefulness. But she is at rest forever.

WEBB'S SCHOOL.

The annual re-union of "old students" to be held at Montegale. On the 29th inst, the Messrs. Webb have made arrangements for the annual meeting of their old students at Montegale. All the boys will be the famous Hamilton's and Platonics. If you know of an old student, write to him and get him to go. "Sammy" and "Johnnie" will make things pleasant. We would like to see a crowd of their boys go up and inspect the new home of the Webb's School, formerly at Culleoka, which has done so much for Arkansas. An excursion leaves Arkansas on the 20th or July, for Montegale. Go and stay until the 29th and you will never regret it.

It is a pleasure as well as a profit to us to advertise such firms as this. Messrs Wells & Dungan are active energetic men. They are succeeding and will keep the ball rolling. They are business men honest, square and fair. Every body knows John Dungan and likes him. We raised him here and of course he is first class. Our patrons will do well to go to see these men. They are PLUMBERS, GAS-FITTERS, ETC. We hope soon to see them the leading firm in their line in the State.

If our patrons are looking for a school to send their boys to, we beg leave to call their attention to Washington and Lee University in Virginia. This institution of celebrity was endowed by Washington then by Lee, and is now fostered by the "Grand Old Mother of States." This gives it a prestige enjoyed by few other colleges. We could rehearse the history of this institution with interest to our readers, but suffice it to say that her reputation is not waning but her faculty and honored president will ever keep her abreast of the times. Any of her cultured students can give you information; and notably among them we point to Deadrick Cantrell of Little Rock.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1886.

PENCILINGS BY THE WAY.

My last letter closed with our party in Cologne, the great emporium of the celebrated Eau de Cologne. Here it was first made and there are now over one hundred establishments that claim to make the only pure article. Our impressions at first were all unfavorable. Our prejudices had been aroused against the city. It has been represented to us as a very dirty and disagreeable place. But we found the reverse to be true and our stay was very pleasant. The Hotel Ditch is one of the best we have found in Europe. Cologne has now 140,000 people and is a city on the Rhine of great importance. Its history begins in early Roman times, dating back to a period before Christ. It is one of the most strongly fortified cities in Germany, as well as one of the most important commercial cities. Eight-ninths of the population are Roman Catholics. There are some fine churches—the cathedral one of the finest on the Rhine, vieing with that of Milan, St. Mark's at Venice and others of great note. The towers, which constitute the front of the cathedral, are the grandest in the world—simply immense. They perfectly captivate the beholder. The building is in the Gothic style of architecture and all its arrangements resemble our modern churches, even to the pulpit. We were present at the morning service and heard the music of the great organ, and a multitude of worshippers, even thousands chanting their beautiful litany. It seemed that everybody was singing, and it was as the sound of many waters. Then a priest arose and began to preach. He was earnest and zealous; but as we could not understand a word, we made our way to the English Church. Here we found Churchianity in full—no marrow of the gospel in the discourse. We were sorry that we were in attendance. Churchianity and Ritualism are the bane of the land. The people are starving for the bread of life.

We had no time to see the curiosities of Cologne—left on Monday for Brussels, the proud capital of Belgium. We passed through a rich and highly improved country. Germany is a mighty empire and one of the great Powers of the world. Belgium is fortunate in having such a neighbor and more fortunate in her geographical relations to other countries. Situated in the corner of the great nations, neither one will permit another to possess it or pass through it with hostile forces. Belgium is proud of her king and her capital. Leopold has the affections of his people, and the confidence of the nations. His army is strong and well disciplined, and the people satisfied with their government. Brussels is next to Paris in gaiety and fast living. It is a center of fashion, beautiful in appearance. The boulevards are splendid, and the buildings will compare well with those of any city in the new or old world. The Palace and House of Parliament are grand, and the Merchants' Exchange magnificent. We visited the House of Parliament and Senate and found the question of Church and State, as yet unsettled, and under consideration. The seats of Liberals, Radicals and the Church are all separate and distinct. The City Hall fine; but the paintings and statues are so inferior to what we had seen that we could hardly pause to look at them. Here are made the celebrated Brussels laces. We saw one woman at work with 4000 bottles and 2000 pins, on some lace so fine that she could finish only a yard in six months; but it sells at \$80 per yard. She makes twenty cents a day. We saw a pattern of a veil, for the Queen of Austria, which required for its manufacture the toil and skill of four hundred women for three months, and its price was \$7000. How is that for grandeur? Some of the stores are indeed magnificent, and on some of the most fashionable boulevards one could almost imagine himself in Paris. Brussels is said to be well nigh as corrupt in morals as the gay and wicked capital of France. Indeed, dreadful things are now being written against Brussels and her police—the city maintains her bad reputation for sin impurity. Byron, you will remember, tells of "Belgium's proud capital" and of the ball—"On with the dance"—when the

thunder of Napoleon's cannon was heard on the morning of the battle of Waterloo. The famous battle was fought only fourteen miles from Brussels, and I greatly desired to visit the scene of strife and the monument which commemorates the victory of the Allied Powers; but could not well gratify the desire. We visited the ball room. Was it not strange that the Duke of Wellington should have been that night in the midst of that revelry? Perhaps no one battle in Europe ever decided greater issues than did the battle of Waterloo, with which closed the career of the greatest warrior of modern times, and the most ambitious man that ever lived on earth. Napoleon Bonaparte was a terror to the nations, and it was an imperative necessity to resist and overthrow him; but the civilized world will never applaud the course of the British government in banishing him to St. Helena.

But we must pass from Brussels to Paris. Our road for the most part was through a marshy country, apparently suited for meadows and grasses. On the route we noticed a number of manufacturing cities. At length, passing through fine farms and gardens, and splendid vineyards, we reach St. Denis, the chief attraction of which is the Abbey, the burial place of French monarchs. A chapel was built here as early as A. D. 240. But we are too near the city of Paris to stop at St. Denis. Here we are once more in the gay capital, and as your correspondent is wearied, after six weeks constant travel, with permission he will take a night's rest.

Our three day's sight-seeing in Paris, "the world's great Vanity Fair," have been much retarded by the continued rains. On Thursday we made an excursion to Versailles, where we saw the ruin of the palace, St. Cloud, once the home of so many kings and emperors of France. It is still splendid, though in ruins, destroyed by the Germans in the war of 1870. Close by St. Cloud is the palace erected by Louis XIV for his mistress, Madame de Maintenon. It is a gorgeous structure. Why the French people permit it to stand as an advertisement of the shame of one of their great kings, is a mystery to me. He it was who asserted himself to be the government, trampled on the authority of law, and violated nearly all the properties of life. Portraits of him are seen in every gallery, and busts in every museum. He did much for France by the encouragement of art and by many public improvements, but he did much also to degrade her. The main palace of Versailles is best seen from the garden to which it presents a facade a quarter of a mile in length. The center is the original chateau of Louis XIII—it is of brick and stone. The wings were added under Louis XIV. Adjoining the chapel is a pavilion erected under Louis XV, and to the left another pavilion added by Louis XVIII. In the left wing, looking toward the Rue De La Bibliothique, is the hall for the sittings of the Chambre de Deputies (House of Commons). The Cour d'Honneur is adorned with statues above life size of the celebrities of French history from Bertrand Duquesin and the Chevalier Bayard down to Mortier, marshal of the Empire, who died in 1835. In the center of this court is a colossal statue of Louis XIV., on horseback, made of cannon brought from the Rhine. The Musee Historique, founded by Louis Philippe, is an unrivaled collection of historical paintings, said to have cost £600,000. Each painting is inscribed with the name of the artist. This museum is open daily from 12 to 4 o'clock, except on Mondays. The changes which the Palace of Versailles have witnessed are pages in the history of France. Louis XIV died here. Louis XV was born and died here. It was at Versailles that an attempt was made to assassinate the last named king. Louis XVI was forcibly carried away from the Palace in 1790. In 1795 the Palace was converted into a manufactory of arms. In 1815 it was pillaged by the Prussians. After the fall of Napoleon Bonaparte, it was occupied in succession by Louis XVIII, Charles X and Louis Philippe. In 1855 the Queen of England was received here by Louis Napoleon. In 1871 it was occupied by the German forces, and on the 18th of January King William of Prussia was here proclaimed Emperor of Germany. Upon the departure of the

Germans the palace became the seat of government under the presidency of M. Thiers. The beautiful gardens of Versailles were laid out originally by De Notre, the famous landscape gardener. They are very fine, and cannot fail to attract the visitor.

The fortifications of Paris must be viewed. These immense defenses, which extend around the city, were constructed by order of M. Thiers, in 1871, at a cost of £5,000,000. The walls are 33 feet in height, surrounded by a moat 18 feet deep. At various intervals sixteen detached forts, outside walls, mounted with heavy artillery of the most scientific modern construction, form an outer circle of defenses.

Now we must pause to view the arch of Triumph, erected by the great Napoleon. It is called the "Arc de Triumphe de l'Étoile," the finest triumphal arch on earth. It is situated five miles from the Palais Royal, on an eminence, and can be seen from almost any part of the city. It is 160 feet high, 146 feet broad, and 72 feet deep, and cost £400,000. On its sides are recorded the campaigns of the imperial chieftain of France. From its summit there is a fine view of Paris.

Now let us look upon the Torcadaro Palace, with its fine grounds, fountains, and splendid chapel, where 8000 people can be seated; but it is kept for show only. Now we go to the Louvre, the great museum of the Fine Arts. It is a study of days, and a work of a few hours, as was ours, furnishes a poor opportunity to see a place filled with wonders. It is one of the finest collections of paintings in Europe. We looked in upon the Hospital Invalides and the Palace of Justice. The former was an honor to its founder; the latter seems a misnomer. The famous Notre Dame, of course, must be visited and then we look in upon the store called the Louvre, and see 1500 salesmen all busy.

Go down to the boulevards at 10 p. m., and see the gas and electric lights flashing on the jewelry and diamonds in the square of the Palais Royal. and you can form some faint conception of Paris and its gaiety. The boulevards are certainly the finest in the world, and if Louis Napoleon had confined himself to Paris and its improvement, he could have been a far greater man in history. He had genius for war. The improvement in Paris begun by him, and many of them finished, are his best movements.

We had a splendid Sunday in Paris, Sept. 4. Dr. McFerrin gave us a fine gospel sermon in the morning, and Dr. Wilson, a strong talk a night. The service in the morning was an hour long, and left but thirty minutes for the sermon. At night they spared us the service—thanks. But we must leave Paris, with her millinery and fashions, and hasten the Ecumenical Conference in London.

FROM THE FAR WEST.

DEAR DR. DYE.—I arrived safe on the 5th and entered upon my duties on the 7th inst. I am as well pleased with the surroundings as I expected to be. Ft. Hall is ten miles from the Utah & Northern Railroad. The nearest point on the road is Blackfoot; my present post-office. The school under my control is in the Fort Hall Reservation, a desolate-looking region, 45 by 65 miles in extent, covered by the wild sage bush, which grows to the height of three feet, and with scarcely a tree to be seen, save a few dwarfed pines on the mountain sides, and a little underbrush along the margin of the streams. The altitude of this region is 5000 feet above the level of the sea. Rain falls here in June and July. The atmosphere contains but little moisture, and hence but little dew is deposited for the support of vegetation. The snow king has all seasons for his own. When snow is wanted, one has to ascend a few hundred feet to obtain it. The mountains surrounding Fort Hall are white with it—some of these 12 or 15 miles away, while others are 150 miles distant. Icebound, as this beautiful valley is called, is the loveliest, it is said, in all Idaho. There has been, as yet, but little summer. While I write, I am sitting by a roaring stove, in a close room, clad in full winter apparel, with the wind whistling by with all the fierceness of a December blast. It has been necessary to my comfort to wear an overcoat, and when riding at night, to wrap in a blanket.

But this state of affairs, under the

very nature of things, cannot last. In mid summer the sun is above the horizon about 17 hours out of 24. This will give us a long day and a correspondingly short night. The accumulation of heat by day will exceed the loss of heat by night, and for a time we will have summer in the bleak, snow-capped mountains of Idaho.

Twilight lasts longer here than in Arkansas. The sun sets at 8:30 and at 9:15 I have read ordinary print by the aid of twilight alone. At the time of the summer Solstice, June 21st, the days will be longer than now, as your readers know, and it will be no difficult task to read the METHODIST at 9:30 p. m. without the aid of artificial light.

The difference in time between Little Rock and Fort Hall is about one hour and thirty minutes. When it is noon at the former place it is 10:30 at the latter. A chronometer running on exact time in Little Rock would be an hour and a half too fast for this place.

The fauna of this part of the country is as remarkable as its flora. Some of the same species of the animal kingdom exist here as in the South and East, but their habits would indicate that they belong to a different species. The well-known lark, found in the old fields of the South, has its habitation here, but its song is so unlike that of its Southern sister that it would never be recognized as the same bird. Birds of prey, as the hawk, for example, perch upon the ground, for the very excellent reason that there are no trees for them to light upon. The badger, an animal resembling the raccoon, the prairie dog and ground squirrel, all burrow. The prairie dogs settle in villages, each little animal having a burrow of its own, where it lives alone, unless, as it sometimes occurs, it enters into co-partnership with a species of owl, and occasionally with a snake, the three living in harmony in the same narrow home.

The deer, antelope and elk are to be found in some portions of the Territory but they are very scarce. The buffalo that once roamed over the barren hills of Idaho, have vanished. The hunter and his Winchester have well nigh destroyed that once numerous family. The buffalo robe, once the most important article of traffic with the Indians, is now a thing of the past. It is questionable whether an Indian boy of 15 could name a robe if asked to do it. In my next I will tell your readers something about the Indians.

Truly Yours, B. P. BAKER.

ATHENS FEMALE COLLEGE.

This school is located in the classic old town of Athens, Alabama—equal distance from Nashville, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala., and only thirteen miles from Decatur, Ala., where the L. & N., and the M. & C. railroads cross.

The commencement exercises of this school have just closed, and they were more than ordinarily interesting. The examinations were very satisfactory and reflected great credit on both the teachers and the pupils. There was decided regret that Dr. J. H. Dye, who was to have preached the commencement sermon, failed, through sickness, to reach us. Rev. Thos. H. Armstrong, of Decatur, Alabama, kindly served as alternate; his sermons both morning and evening were splendid, characterized by thoughtfulness, strength and beauty.

The annual address, by Rev. Hardin Brown, D. D., of Birmingham, Alabama, was profoundly eloquent, striking and strong at every point, and elicited the heartiest approval from the large and appreciative audience that assembled in the college chapel Wednesday evening, June 9th, at 8 p. m. to hear it.

This is one of the best places in the South to educate young ladies. The accessibility, the healthfulness and the refinement of the community all tend to adapt it to school purposes. The buildings are substantial and commodious brick edifices, admirably adapted to the ends for which they are designed. The grounds are large and beautiful—the best in the range of my acquaintance. I wish to call special attention to the advantages which the college offers for thorough training in music. This department is presided over by Miss Rebecca Williams, the accomplished daughter of the President, and she is, by the way, a native of Arkansas, and this I know is the highest recommendation she could have to the senior

editor of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, so this fact, in addition to the marked proficiency of the young ladies in this department, will obviate the necessity of my saying more of the superior skill Miss Williams as a music teacher.

I desire also to make mention of the facilities given those wishing to take lessons in drawing and painting in all of its branches. This department is in charge of an artist of decided ability. The studio is large and well furnished with the appliances necessary for the successful study of this beautiful art.

The home department is under the immediate charge of the president and his most estimable wife. The table is abundantly supplied with the best the market affords, and the rooms are large and well ventilated.

Of the moral and religious tone of the school I can speak advisably, having been intimately connected with it, both as pastor and patron, and I can say unhesitatingly that I know of no school where the moral and religious interest of the pupils is more carefully guarded.

In conclusion, I say to parents who wish to educate their daughters where they will have the best advantages as to health and body, and thorough training of mind and heart, I must gladly and heartily commend the Athens Female College, presided over by Rev. Marcus G. Williams.

JOHN B. GREGORY.

Athens, Ala., June 17, 1886.

REFLECTIONS.

Here is an old man, but not as old in years as in experience; seated in his humble cabin—who is as free from bias, as was Elijah, when Naaman visited him, to be cured of his leprosy. And as he meditates—it is sad to him and he wonders why it is that Christians in name, are not Christians in reality. We have an example in Jesus how to live as laymen; and how to govern as rulers. Why do not our Bishops do like Jesus did, when he sent out the twelve apostles, and then the seventy. No money was needed then, but a positive command not to use any. No equipments were necessary but the benediction of Jesus.

Has the plan of Redemption ever been changed?

Is not the commandment the same to-day as it was when Jesus led his disciples out as far as to Bethany, and blessed them, and then was carried up to heaven. Leaving his benediction promising to be with them even unto the end of the world.

Did not God take the children of Israel out of Egypt into Canaan, without money or means? Will any one show me where a dollar was ever used in the apostolic days, for the benefit of the church of Christ?

I know that money was sent to the poor saints; and that the "Rich young ruler," was commanded to sell all he had, and to give it to the poor. And in the days of "Pentecost," they sold out and, had one common treasury. But the commandment of Jesus to eat whatever was set before them; or, *eat such things as are set before you.* Was never countermanded.

Jesus said, "Blessed are ye poor." No, not too good to walk from place to place—not too good to suffer reproach. So this old man concludes that the great factor we need so much to convert the world, is not money so much as some other factors. Now if you want to know what it is, ask Jesus. "If you love me keep my commandments."

Education and money, will keep up a formal religion.

Education as a fulcrum, and money as a lever, will do much. But the "Holy Ghost," will do one thousand times more to save immortal souls. "But one thing is needful."

J. H. AYCOCK.

Tuscumbia, Ala.

FIELD NOTES.

A CALL FOR HELP.

From TUCKERMAN, ARK.

BRO. DYE.—Can you possibly "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty" here in Jackson county? There is great need of work here, we need revival and organization. The membership is so small that there is no one to work in most places. The people will be glad to see you as you well know, and you can do good here. Please let

me know if you can come at any time during July, August or September. Write to me and we will make arrangements for you. This is one of the finest countries, and a good people. Surely they are worthy of the labors of more workers than are now here. Hoping to hear from you favorably. I wish you success.

W. A. PECK.

EVANGELIST COLLINS WILL VISIT ARK. From Byhalia, Miss.

The Lord is with us in power here at Byhalia, about forty professed conversions yesterday. We move into Arkansas next Saturday and commence a meeting at Forrest City. Pray for us. J. H. COLLINS. July 5, '86.

A GOOD MEETING.

From Bentonville, Ark.

Bentonville station has enjoyed a good meeting. Dr. C. W. Watts, of the Missouri conference, was with us. He is a good preacher and a man of deep piety. We hope he may come see his Arkansas brethren again. June 30, '86. C. B. MOSELY.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

From Augusta, Ark.

In our printed minutes, pp. 23 Brinkley and Clarendon station is reported as having paid for Domestic Missions \$6.85, for Foreign Missions \$10. Holly Grove a part of Brinkley and Clarendon station paid for Domestic Missions \$10.15, and for Foreign Missions \$18.60, for which it gets no credit in the minutes. Feeling that Holly Grove ought to receive credit somewhere, I send you this statement.

Of course this mistake was unintentional upon the part of our Statistical Secretary, but the above amounts of money were paid in and reported to the conference in my report as Treasurer. Brother Joseph Johnson writes me from Holly Grove, saying that other amounts were paid in for conference claims, church extension etc., but as I have nothing to do with any moneys except the missionary collections, I can not make the necessary corrections. A. S. BLACKWOOD.

A BLIND TIGER CAPTURED.

From Searcy, Ark.

A blind tiger was captured here to-day, was tried before Esq. Faucett, and fined \$200, and thirty days imprisonment. I understand he will be tried again tomorrow for selling without license. One of the parties skipped out. I think the den is broken up. A prominent gentleman remarked to me, "It is a glorious day for Searcy." May the growl of such a tiger never be heard again in this town is the sincere wish, and earnest prayer of many good citizens. Bold steps are being taken by bold men, and strong means to enforce the law, and see that the good people of Searcy shall not be outraged by these clandestine foes of law and order. A strong written agreement has been signed by many of the best citizens pledging their money and their influence to the support of the law and the maintenance of prohibition. They mean business. Don't you say amen?

J. M. T.

[The above item is a little old, being late in reaching us. But it is too good and important not to publish. We rejoice with our friends and if all communities thus afflicted will use the same remedy the evil will be speedily cured. Eds.]

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ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1886.

"What think ye of Christ?" Infidelity would answer, he is a good man, but not a God. But this cannot be, for he claimed to be a God, and if not a God he was a deceiver of the people. The vicious infidel says he is a hypocrite and an imposter. But are his works and words those of a hypocrite and an imposter? What did he teach, and what was and is the effect of his teaching? Is not all for good and not evil? Then he is neither hypocrite or imposter, and his doctrines and works prove him a God.

CHRISTIANITY is real, not ideal and is intended to impart a real good and fit man to real life. It is no vain conceit of the mind or abstract principle, but it is a real system of truths, and a creed of well established doctrines, whose author is the lowly Nazarine. We should enter upon our investigation of these truths and doctrines with a desire to know, to understand and to do. Or in other words, to lead a real christian life, and work our way to a real home on high. Heaven is a real place, and is to be inhabited by a real people, and will afford them a real home and give them real blessedness.

JESUS put himself and his doctrines in the hands of every man to test for himself. "If any man will do my will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." Why not do this instead of rejecting, criticising and doubting. The Master has promised that upon repentance and faith a man shall be converted and certain signs will follow. The man shall experience a moral change, called conversion, and he shall know it by the direct witness of the divine spirit and internal consciousness. Here is the demonstration and the man himself is the demonstrator, and christianity is demonstrated.

OF ALL the annoyances and evils that are coming up in our economy, in these our evil days, there is nothing much worse than our church debts. There is a disposition everywhere to build beyond our means. We insist that every church building should be the best house in every community, but no people should build beyond their ability, and it is generally the non-essentials that bring on the debts, either stained windows or finely cushioned pews. Build for comfort and economy, and not a dollar beyond what you are able to pay. A church debt will beget turmoil and turmoil will vent itself in suppers, fairs, festivals and many doubtful ways of raising money.

IT is a vain thing to attempt to meet men on the field of bald speculation or flippant skepticism, to controvert the differences of our creeds, or the reality of religion. Scientific dogmas, whether settled one way or the other, has really nothing to do with the truth or falsity of our religion. Our christianity is not to teach science, but to convert and save men, teaching them real life, and fitting them for this life and the next. To make us happy and useful here and eternally blessed hereafter. It undertakes to change the fountain from whence flows all the actions of men, as well as their thoughts and words. Look and see if this is done, and know the tree by its fruit.

THE Bible is the book that unfolds duty and destiny, and is to be taken in whole and not in part. We can neither understand the old or new, if taken separately, for it takes both to make the book we call by way of eminence the Bible, or the book. The old is the lock and the new is the key, and neither can be of service without the other. The old tells of the Christ to come, and the new tells of the Christ already come. The one appears with the song of creation, the other the song of redemption. The one shows a garden deserted, the other paradise restored. The one shows the first Adam covered in sin and shame, the other the second Adam full of light and life. The one reveals a world full of death and sorrow, the other the conqueror of death. Read it altogether, it is a full revelation and a way bill to the home of God.

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF A WORKMAN.

Workingmen are in demand in our Zion. The Master went out to hire laborers, into his vineyard. He did not want pleasure lovers nor pleasure seekers, but laborers. Jesus said, I must work the works of him that sent me. We need skilled labor and well informed artisans. We have too many novices. So many of our preachers never become pastors and never learn to work the machinery of our church. No church in Christendom has such perfect machinery as ours. The little book called discipline is the marvel of all men. It contains more than any other book of its size in the world. It requires a Master to understand all the wheels, belts, bands, cogs, screws and taps in our vast and complicated machinery. Every preacher should make it his duty to understand and know how to run this machinery so as to prevent friction and save time and expense. Study your discipline thoroughly, keep it with you and obey its directions. Do as you promised in your ordination, keep but do not amend, you can't improve upon our ritual, and you had better use it in all the services where it is required. You will make a bad botch of matters when you either undertake to marry a couple or bury the dead without your ritual. Be sure to use it in the sacraments of the church, and learn how to use it. Practice makes perfect—so practice reading over and over the book so that you can read it all impressively and to edification. Don't say *sacris* but *sacrafize*—and sacrament not *sacra*—ment, and so on. Try to make all weighty and impressive, and neither read hastily or lazily, and never carelessly. Observe the book in all the operations of the church, holding every conference and conducting every service according to the rules laid down. Post yourself in the business of all the conferences and be prepared to do your part in all of them. Learn how to write reports, conduct trials, and be prepared to serve wherever you may be wanted. Read all the books that can be had that will help you to understand the discipline and help to make you a skillful engineer. Read Baker, and Hedding and study the Manual of Discipline closely. Though without official authority, it will aid you much in working the machinery of our Zion, and aid you in becoming a first-class workman. Many of our leading preachers know nothing of properly conducting a church trial and they are entirely lost in an appeal case. Our records are not what they ought to be, by a great deal, and the blunders of administration are numerous. We have hundreds of coblers and a great many tinkers. We need improvement. Let our committees take time at our annual conferences to find out whether our under-graduates understand the operations of the church and can over-haul our machinery—oil the pistons, tighten the taps, and make the whole run without a hot box, or rattling spokes. Let all be done in decency and in order. A master mechanic always commands good wages, but a tinkerer is in the way, and a careless workman is a nuisance. If this plainly written editorial shall result in causing any of our preachers to devote more time to the study of discipline and resolve to become skilled workmen then we shall not have written in vain, and we will rejoice that the Spirit put it into our heart to write. Our Bishops would do well to change our P. E.'s, oftener, and not raise up a class of groove men. Put them back on mission, stations and circuits, and try some of our boys on district work. We have known men kept on districts till they were dreading every where else, and really they were disqualified for other work. Change is the law and life of Methodism. All our machinery is formed and must be operated upon the genius of our itinerancy. A man who has not received an appointment from a Bishop in fifty years, may imagine that he is well prepared to talk about the wants of our growing Methodism, but he is badly deceived. Methodism of fifty years ago, without lay representation, will not stand for the Methodism of to-day. No man of Methodism should be a groove man nor allowed to become and remain a connectional man. Dr. Young is right. His thanks should be deep and profound that he is again in the regular pastorate. We love our Itinerant

General Superintendency but the life feature is not in accordance with the genius of itinerancy, but smacks of Diocesan. We desire in conclusion to say that we love the Machinery of Methodism and it is a delight after a hundred years to hear the movements of the mighty pistons, the roar of the wheels and the steady click of all the cogs as she rolls on to fill the world with the theology of John Wesley, and the music of the hymns of his brother Charles.

LAST CHAPTER—GAZETTE.

Our people do not expect me, and my family would not forgive me if I were to answer the long and abusive article in the Gazette of the 4th inst, besides it has been well answered. Whether insane or intoxicated, as the senior editor of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, we are willing to stake our reputation and standing before the good people of Arkansas, for forty years, on our proposition to make good these charges whenever the proofs are demanded, and the Gazette's files, books and committee furnished us, with the sworn testimony of the editors, owners, and officers. We are sorry that our son sought a personal encounter with Mr. Brower, but it was the only way he had to defend his father, as he thought. My tactics are different, for while we do not fear the man that walks, and claim no exemptions as to age or occupation, we think we have offered the Gazette the only honorable way of settlement, and as she declines, we here end this part of the controversy till it shall suit her to seek an investigation. We will not seek in public journalism to impair private character, but the official character of news papers and corporations belong to the public, whom they are seeking to serve. We stand on our private and public record, and defy criticism to hurt either. We are duly sober and entirely sane, and with our junior, we are ready to make good all our charges when called on, and now we are done, and the Gazette is welcome to all the capital it can make out of this controversy, but will the people and the democratic party be satisfied for their leading organ to refuse an investigation of such serious charges. We will await their verdict. The Gazette, wants our colleague colleague, Doctor Dye to come up and let them in their own private office, convince him that we do carry whisky ads. Now we undertake to say our partner will not do that, but if Mr. Brower will consent to let him bring Messrs. Williams and Tobey, who have made an investigation, along, he will come at any time desired. And while the committee are in the Gazette office, let them be shown at least, the post office receipts, which show the postage paid by the Gazette, and then weigh the paper, and they can soon determine the number they send abroad. The city issue can readily be determined, and that would settle at once one of the most important questions in the controversy. If in the judgment of the committee, we fail to substantiate any or all of our charges, we will withdraw them, and make the *amende* honorable. And the Gazette ought to be willing to do likewise, if they fail to make good their charges against us. In the meantime see the report of the committee, as follows:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we were present at the office of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, June 29, at 5:30 P. M., upon the invitation of the editors and proprietors, to examine their files and report upon the charge made by the editor of the Gazette, (D. A. Brower) that they were carrying ads. of houses where liquor was sold, with the words wines and liquors carefully excluded. We further certify that we were shown letters that said Brower was duly notified of time and place, and we were shown his reply, in which he declined to appear, and we further certify that we examined the files of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and that we failed to find any evidence to substantiate the charge of the Gazette, and we give it as our decision, that the charge is not sustained. Mr. Brower was sent for but could not be found.

S. W. WILLIAMS,
W. E. TOBEY,
Little Rock, Ark., June 30, 1886.

Subscribe for the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

JOURNEYING ON.

The Sunday at Mayfield, Kentucky will not soon be forgotten. The thermometer was in the nineties, but the temperature of the people on religion was far above this, and way over one hundred Fahrenheit—or rather according to the spiritual thermometer of true revivals. Your correspondent was made to do a very hard days work, by trying two sermons and one prohibition address. The county of Graves is red hot on prohibition, and Local Option will carry it in August by an overwhelming majority. On Monday morning we dropped down to Water Valley, Ky., and spent the day in rest and sleep, and then a lecture at night to a rather small audience that did not pan out much either for the church or the lecturer, but the kindness of brother Moss and family compensated for all lack. Tuesday we fell back to Paducah Junction and stayed till 2 P. M. with Capt. Randle, waiting for the train to Hickman, Ky. On the way we met with many of the elect ladies, and some of the clergy enroute to the Woman's Missionary Meeting. Among the rest Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Watson. The former the President of the Woman's Missionary Board, the latter the President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Memphis conference. We met among many others Dr. W. T. Harris, and he assured us that the cities we were passing were very important, hence our delay. Well we will not call in question their importance, but we do say that it is the slowest road in Christendom or Heathendom that we know of, between Paducah Junction and Hickman, Ky. absolutely two hours to fifteen miles. It is too bad. Sick Tuesday night and disappointed the saints in bonnets, but we left them on Wednesday morning in a large and enthusiastic meeting and every thing indicated a good time. We hurried on to Paris, Tenn. to their district conference and had the pleasure and honor of preaching their opening sermon on Wednesday night. Thursday morning the conference met with P. E., Roberts in the chair, and of course Granville Goodloe as secretary. Large attendance. We opened for them, talked Arkansas Methodist and left at 10.15, for Bell's Depot to talk prohibition. Tennessee is boiling hot and the next Legislature will submit the amendment to the people to be voted on, and to say whether they will stop the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits. We talked at 3 P. M. and at 8, to large crowds, and nearly every body shouted for prohibition. We are under many obligations to brothers Sellar, at Paducah, Heflin, at Hickman, Roberts and Brooks at Paris, and Martin at Bell's Depot. Our work done in Kentucky and Tennessee, we hasted to Arkansas, and fell in on the brethren at Des Arc, at 4.30 Friday evening. P. E. Jenkins was sick and Dr. Miller was doing the honors of the Presidency in splendid style. He was working well and the brethren were working him well. We had all the time we wanted on the Methodist, and every body showed a disposition to help us and bid us God speed. Saturday we left and took in Hazen by the way, where we tried to preach to a good but late congregation, and then left in a storm of wind and rain which lasted till we reached the City of Roses. A good Sunday and now we are in our office.

MAPLE HILL SEMINARY.

Located Near Lebanon, Tenn.

LEBANON, TENN., July 5, 1885.

I have patronized Prof. J. B. Hancock, proprietor of Maple Hill Seminary, for the last ten years. I have known him well from his boyhood to date. I regard him as being eminently qualified as a first-class educator. Besides, he has associated with him some of the most competent teachers in the literary and music departments. He is one of the most careful and attentive proprietors, as to the health and comfort of his pupils, I have ever known. While he is a strict disciplinarian, he is kind and accommodating, and Mrs. Hancock, the matron, is one of the kindest and most affectionate women I have ever met with; ever ready and willing to wait on and care for the pupils when afflicted.

SAM'L T. MOTTLEY,
Cashier National Bank.

LEBANON, May 8, 1885.

I have been a patron of schools for the last fifteen years. None have given

me more general satisfaction to me than the school taught by Prof. J. B. Hancock. His school is thorough, has strict discipline, and combined with economy is one of the best schools in Tennessee. Persons having daughters to educate can send them to this school and feel that they are in safe and trustworthy hands. W. H. BROWN,
Cashier Second National Bank.

LEBANON, June 2, 1885.

As to Maple Hill Seminary, I can state, without disparagement to other schools, that Prof. Hancock, its principal, with his corps of teachers, are not surpassed by any school for the education in the South. They have a happy art of governing and inspiring their pupils with confidence and a love for study. Their course of instruction is thorough. No parent or guardian need have any fears in sending their daughters to Maple Hill. Their health, morals and education will be looked after, and as strictly regarded as if they were under the parental roof. I have patronized the school ever since its foundation, live near it, and have watched with deep interest the mode of teaching, government, etc., and know whereof I speak.

JAMES HAMILTON,
Pres't Bank of Lebanon.

LEBANON, April 1, 1885.

Having been a patron of Maple Hill since its foundation, I have watched its progress with great interest, and it now affords me great pleasure to bear testimony to the following points of excellency in this young but growing school:

First, its thorough methods of instruction.

Second, the general desire to excel excited among the pupils.

Third, the beautiful, healthful and commodious buildings and situation, combining country air with city advantages.

These, and other points that I might mention, place this school, in my estimation, among the very best in the state.

R. P. McCLAIN.

LEBANON, June 29, 1885.

I have been the attending physician at Maple Hill Seminary since its organization.

Except one epidemic of typhoid fever that was brought there from Cumberland river, there has been less sickness, for the number of persons constituting the family, than any place I ever knew. The location is all that can be desired for health. Prof. Hancock is active, diligent and careful in his efforts to keep the place free from everything that would tend to produce disease.

I have never seen the sick more carefully and intelligently nursed than at Maple Hill, by the principal, his wife and teachers. I always feel sure that my daughter is properly cared for at Maple Hill.

J. L. FITE,
Health Officer of Lebanon.

PROF. J. B. HANCOCK:

I feel under many obligations to you and your kindness shown to my children while in school, during the past three years. I am perfectly satisfied that you have done your whole duty towards them. I will use my influence for your school, for I think there is none better for the training of girls and parental care over them while in school. We all join in love to you and Mrs. Hancock. I am your friend,

FRANK K. TAYLOR,
Bonham, Texas.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., July 27, 1882

I know Prof. Hancock and his school and its surroundings well, and can safely commend him as one of the best educators of the day, and his school as one of the best places for the education of girls in the country. Those who have girls that they contemplate sending from home to school, can find no better place than Maple Hill.

J. M. LINDSEY,
President First National Bank
Gainesville Tex.

I cheerfully endorse what Judge Lindsey says as to Maple Hill Seminary and Prof Hancock.

J. H. BRITTON,
Sherman, Texas.

Having been three years a patron of Maple Hill Seminary, and living only a few miles from it, I think I am qualified to express an opinion as to its merits. The opinion is, that there is no better school for the education of girls anywhere. By "education, I mean knowledge acquired and applied, and not surface accomplishments.

R. L. C. WHITE,
Editor Lebanon Herald.

TO METHODISTS.

The publisher of that unique and rich volume, "The Sketches and Portraits of the General Conference," has added a full-page engraving of the Bishops (new and old). This "Bishops' Edition" is mailed (in a box) for three dollars. To ministers, theological students, or Sunday-schools, wishing to sell the "Sketches," the price will be a fraction over prime cost. The number on hand is limited, and no more will be issued. Write to Dr. Laferty, Richmond, Va.

THE GAZETTE EDITOR'S POLITICS.

The Gazette stated last Sunday that the first vote of the president of the Gazette Printing Company was cast for Samuel J. Tilden. What was the editor of the Gazette doing at that time? He was the editor of the Memphis Avalanche, which bolted from democracy, and under his leadership helped to disrupt the party in Western Tennessee. In 1876, the Avalanche, with Col. Brower at the editorial helm, affiliated with the Greenbackers, spat upon democracy, fought Samuel J. Tilden tooth and toe-nail, and did its best to help defeat him. To-day the Gazette, with Col. Brower as editor, talks of "us democrats," and with tear-dimmed eyes speaks of "the sage of Grammarcy park."—The Life.

Resolution unanimously adopted by the Gainesville District Conference.

WHEREAS, Church festivals, concerts and other indirect methods of raising church money, have become somewhat popular, and whereas, the scriptures teach that "to obey is better than sacrifice," and St. Paul has said, "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity" and

WHEREAS, Christian giving is a means of grace. Be it the sense of this Conference, that these indirect methods of giving are unscriptural, un-Methodistic, immoral in their tendency and hurtful in their effect, and that we do most emphatically condemn these methods, and insist on straight-out working, straight-out asking and straight-out giving.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Glorious Fourth coming on the fifth year, it was celebrated at the Capital in the usual way. By direction of the President, orders had been issued closing the various Executive Departments, and the Government clerks had holiday.

The U. S. Senate celebrated the nation's birthday by taking a holiday, but the House of Representatives honored it by working hard on Appropriation bills. Secretary Whitney invited the employees of the Naval Department to celebrate the day with their families at his suburban residence on Georgetown Heights, where he provided a substantial lunch for them.

Mrs. Cleveland made her first visit to the Capitol on Saturday. She visited the House first, and occupied a seat in the Executive gallery, accompanied by Mrs. Vilas, Mrs. Lamont, and Captain Eads. While the party remained, it absorbed the attention of our lawmakers to the neglect of their business.

Mrs. Cleveland's pleasant ways continue to be a subject of favorable comment in all circles here. She is

making many acquaintances at her regular Tuesday and Thursday receptions, which are held from twelve to one o'clock. Society people are complaining a little at the hour she has named. They would prefer it later in the afternoon, thus giving an opportunity for a more formal occasion.

In regard to the monumental bridge with which it is proposed to connect Washington City and the National Cemetery at Arlington, just over the river, a Southern Senator expresses some new views. He was enthusiastic in behalf of the project, but he wished to make it a monument to commemorate the reunion of the North and South rather than as an honor to individual citizens.

"Do you object," I asked "to making this bridge a monument to Lincoln and Grant?" "Not at all," was the reply. "if that is desired. In fact, I would rather the proposed monuments to Lincoln and Grant should take that shape than to have unsightly monuments of Lincoln and Grant erected in the public parks—the one proposed on Rock Creek, for instance to be called Lincoln Park, and the other on the reclaimed Potomac Flats to be called Grant Park, and both to be provided with monumental structures.

"That Miss Jones is a nice-looking girl, isn't she?" "Yes, and she would be the belle of the town if it wasn't for one thing." "What's that?" "She has catarrh so bad it is unpleasant to be near her. She has tried a dozen things and nothing helps her. I am sorry for I like her, but that doesn't make it any less disagreeable for one to be around her."

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22nd. Let preachers see that quarterly conference records be there. We hope no one will arrange to leave the conference before the 26th.

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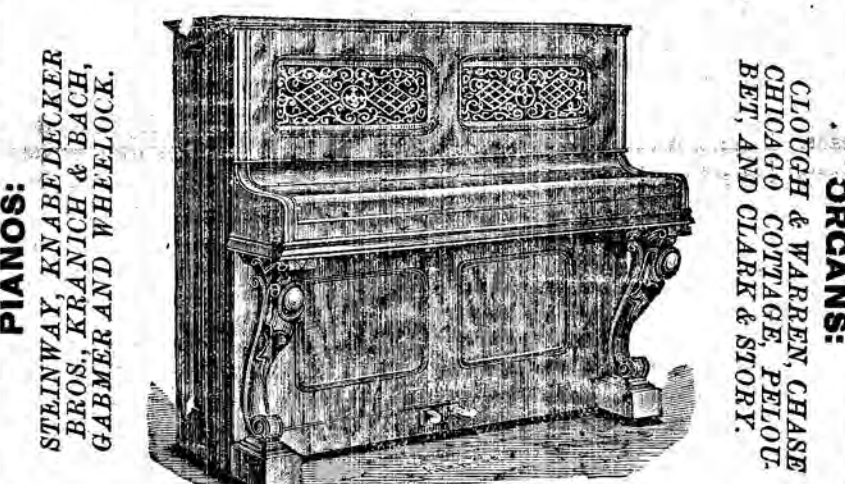
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SORRY SCHOOL IS OUT.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—I see in the dear METHODIST that you want one thousand boys and girls to send you a dime each, to help pay our Missionary debt. I send one hoping it will do good. Uncle Hervey, my school was out last Friday, and I was very sorry. I study arithmetic, reading, grammar, geography and spelling. I am fifteen years old, and now want to join the Little Helpers. Your little friend, Lisbon Ark. CHARLIE WALKER.

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Dear Friend:—It is with pleasure that I write. Our school is out but I have employment. I am waiting on another preacher. I think a heap of the preachers. I wish you were here so I could carry water for your wife this year, as I did last. I received my package and was pleased with it, for I found a heap of good reading in it. Your friend, WILLIE HARRIS, Batesville, Ark.

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Dear Uncle Hervey:—I am a little girl ten years old, living in Pocahontas. I am not going to school now; my school was out the 8th of June. I like to go to school very much. I study fourth reader, geography, arithmetic, spelling, grammar and history. I go to Sabbath School every Sunday. Brother Maynard is our pastor. If this escapes the waste basket, I will write again. Your little friend, KATIE M. JONES.

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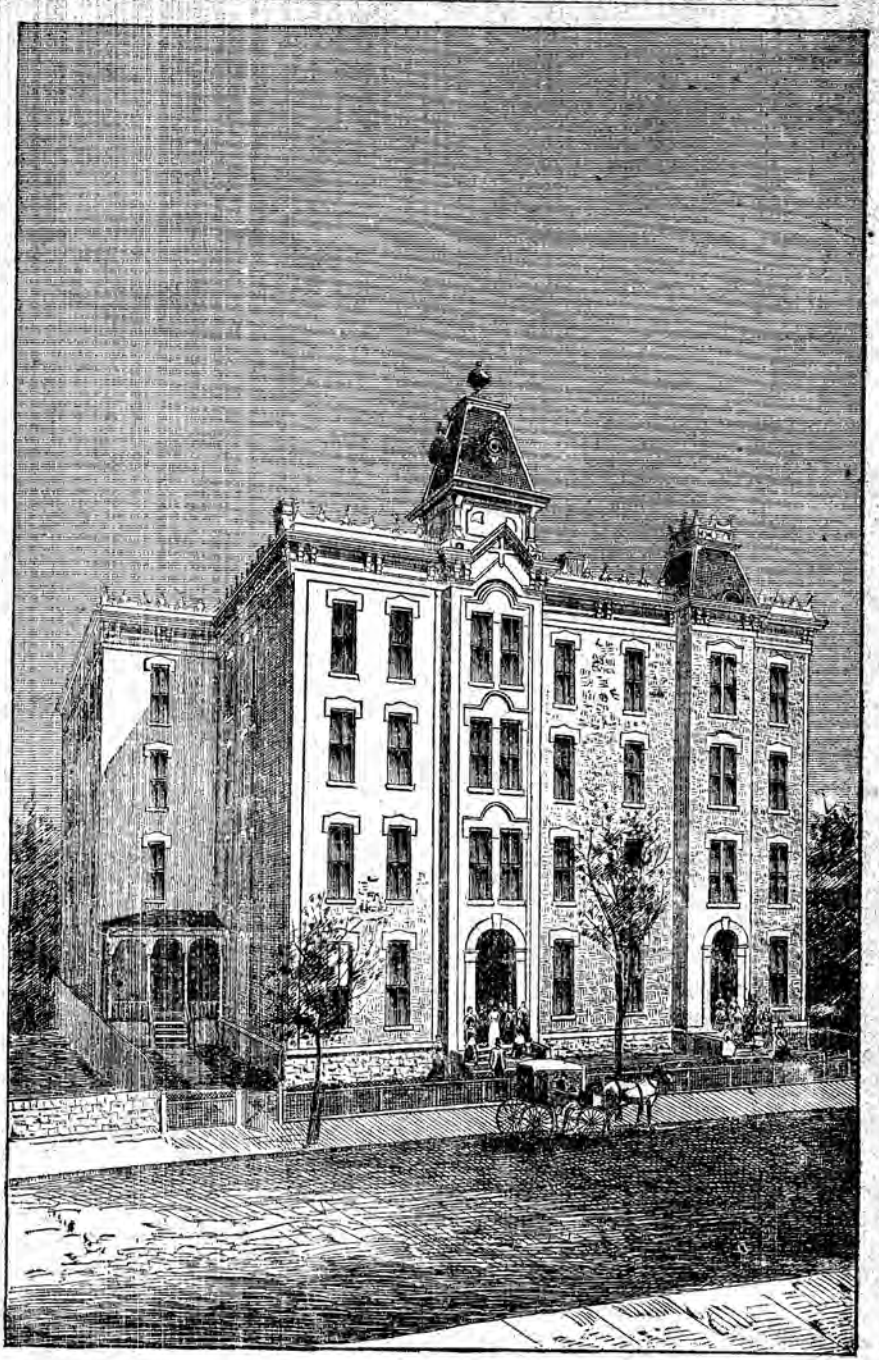
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