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GENERAL NEWS.

FOREIGN.

Bulgaria.—Gen. Kaulber's Latest note. Sofia, October 29th.—Gen. Kaulber, the Russian military agent, has addressed a fresh note to the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, in which he says: "In view of arrival at Varna of government commissaries, who are spreading reports that the presence of the Russian gun-boats there is without importance. I am compelled to inform you that these gun-boats will vigorously affirm their importance if events render it necessary." "Refuse to raise the state of siege. Vienna, Oct. 29.—The political correspondent says, the Regency of Bulgaria have sent a communication to Gen. Kaulbars, informing him of their refusal to raise the state of siege at Sofia, and Vienna, as he advised."—"London, Oct. 29, The Earl of Stafford is dead. He was 80 years of age.—A few cases of cholera are still reported in Austria. Three cases at Pesh and one at Trieste."—"The great scandal of Dilke and Mrs. Crawford is still exciting great interest in London and it seems that our cousins over the sea are as fond of the sensational and scandalous as we are. Great pity.—Bulgarian affairs are still unsettled, and it seems that Gen. Kaulbars can neither persuade or intimidate the people into accepting his ultimatum, and it is affirmed that Russia will soon occupy the country. France is evidently in favor of it. Germany and Austria are neutral and England and Turkey are opposed to it, but the question is to have war or no war. France is elated over the erection in our country, of the Bartholdia statute of liberty. A goodly number of the sons of royalty were upon our soil to witness the unveiling of this wonderful gift from France to our great country. Among the great number who were here was Count DeLesseps and Prince Bonaparte, who is the guest of Col. Jerome Bonaparte, at our capital. These great Frenchmen have been formally introduced to our President, who received them after our republican style.

DOMESTIC.

Tuesday last was election day throughout our country for congressmen and many of the States elected their governors and legislators at the same time. By the laws of the United States, all saloons closed on Monday at midnight and remained closed till Tuesday night, same hour. If this is necessary for the public good, why may not the public good demand closing them all the rest of the days of the year. If prohibition is wrong and license is right, then the rights of these agents ought not to be trifled with on a day when there is a prospect of their doing so much business. The fact that it is prohibited one day, is evidence that it can be prohibited every day, and the fact that the government considers them dangerous on election days, is proof that they ought to be closed entirely and forever.—Mr. Blaine is doing his best to stir sectional hate and trying to renew his chances for another race for President. The days of the "Plumed Knight" are passed, and he will never be elected to the Presidency, that we think is settled. Neither will Mr. Cleveland, or Mr. anybody else be elected, unless they stand on the prohibition platform. Our people are terribly in earnest, and will never rest till the liquor traffic is gone. Such a curse must and will be abated. Tennessee is making a great issue now, on submitting a constitutional amendment to the people, to say whether liquor shall be made and sold in the State. It will no doubt be submitted, and it is of far more importance than who will be governor. One striking feature of the canvass for governor in this State, is the marked courtesy of the two aspirants for each other. The canvass of Alf and Bob. Taylor will hardly ever be forgotten. They are brothers and never forget it in the heat of discussion. Unfortunately,

neither one will take position on the submission of a prohibition amendment, by the next legislature, to the people to be voted on by them, to say whether any liquor shall be made or sold in the State of Tennessee.—Our President is going on a visit to the great "Hub," in connection with some formalities concerning Harvard College. He will be tendered a grand reception at Faneuil Hall, and the ceremonies will be very impressive and on a very grand scale.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. P. Calloway, of the Arkansas conference, has been sorely afflicted by the continued illness of his wife. She is now better and he will be on his work again.

This old senior had his birthday last Wednesday, the 27th—64 years old, 40 years a preacher and thus far safe for glory. Many loved ones and friends remembered us. Thanks.

Rev. J. W. Maxwell, away up toward Fayetteville, writes and sends money and subscribers. He is doing some fine work for us and we are very thankful. Keep up the good work, brother.

Rev. W. B. Palmore's first letter from his trip around the world will be found in this issue. He is a magnificent writer and a ripe scholar, and our people may expect a rich treat in these letters from abroad.

Bishop J. C. Granbery contributes a fine letter to our columns this week. We are so much obliged to him, and do earnestly hope that he will write several more and interest our people in that great missionary field.

Rev. S. A. Steele was in the Bluff City this week, preparing for his future home in Louisville, Ky. Many of his old parishioners are very sorry to part with him and would willingly take him another quadrennium.

Rev. S. L. Cochran writes us that his son Miller will be a candidate for page of the Senate at the meeting of the next legislature, and we do earnestly urge his claims before that august body. We hope they will elect him.

Rev. A. O. Evans writes us a sad note from Lonoke, which tells us of the death of that sterling layman, Wm. Goodrum. He was a Christian nobleman and a man that the church and country could ill spare; but God took him and He never errs.

Rev. T. G. Welch, of Elm Springs, Ark., a local preacher of our church and a fine physician, having determined to join the itinerant ranks, offers his home and farm for sale. Here is a good chance for some Methodist doctor to locate. Write to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Rev. R. C. Atchley, one of our old time boys, sent a letter with a subscriber and a remittance in our absence, and complains that his notes were not printed. An entire oversight, Robert. We could not slight you. Never can we forget 1857 and the two boys on old Lehi circuit.

Rev. H. M. Granade was over this week from Cabot, Austin and Jacksonville. He reports great progress and tells us that the editor of the Bric-a-Brac is tearing up Cabot. Surely the people are easily gulled. Let all our preachers give that man a wide berth. You can't afford to touch him.

Rev. R. H. Mahon, D. D., is closing a four years' term at Central church in Memphis and, how his friends dislike to part with him! He has done a good work, and his place will be hard to fill. By the way, our friend has turned author. His book, "A token of a Covenant," is destined to be a great success.

Rev. A. R. Wilson, the old reliable of the Memphis conference, is closing out his third year at Brownsville, and he is more and more beloved. Taking all things into account, there is no better place in Southern Methodism

than Brownsville, and no people ever had a better pastor and worker than Ashley Wilson.

Bishop Duncan writes hopefully of our work in Illinois. We were delighted to hear it. We have always had faith in that conference, and our final success in Illinois. They came to us in the right spirit and they were loyal. We hope to join this ex-Virginia Bishop over in Mississippi, and we know he will help Arkansas.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Bishop Hendrix deserves to be referred to again for his noble position at the Tennessee Conference. This log rolling and wise pulling at our conferences must be stopped or our itinerancy is gone. Our preachers will not any longer be traded like cattle in the shambles, nor will they be scattered by the simple word and will of a poorly informed Bishop. Let the Bishop with the presiding elders make the appointments and friction will cease. Bishop Hendrix is on the solid granite of constitutional Methodism.

Col. E. W. Cole, of Nashville, Tenn., is a fine specimen of a Christian layman—a man who will put his thousand on the Lord's table and then stop his own business to attend to that of our great Master. He is a great prohibitionist, too. His time and money are being given to the destruction of the saloons and the ruin of the kingdom of the tyrant, alcohol. May our God multiply these men throughout our nation, and particularly in our church. We need consecrated, sacrificing men for the work.

Brother Chipley, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in our city, is an indomitable worker. He never tires of doing good, and he is accomplishing much for the Master. We heard two little would-be men last Thursday night, as we were waiting for the stree car in Little Rock, cursing at a very profane rate. One said to the other, "What sort of a world would this be if all men were like Mr. Chipley?" To his mind it would be intolerable to ours the beginning of a Millennium. Wonder what mothers are raising all of these vulgar, profane boys.

Champion base ball player. Such is the name that our American youth are struggling after. Please tell us what is in it. By what means will base ball improve the world? Surely it was rightly named base ball—full of whiskey and gambling. The country is going wild over base ball. Men are transported from Chicago, St. Louis and other cities, to Little Rock to play base ball, which serves to help railroads, street cars, hacks, saloons, hotels and gamblers. It is high time to stop this and let these boys go to work. It is a shame on our civilization and, strange to say, many of our church people are wild with it. The procession last Thursday resembled a first-class minstrel show. Many of our best people found time to go, but the officers and members could not find time to help their pastor in a protracted meeting. Poor humanity! How fickle and uncertain and how very unreliable. Our people must be more constant if they wish to impress the world with the faith of our religion and the sincerity of their professions. "We are the light of the Universe."

Hon. ex-Governor St. John will be the leading man in 1888. We are neither a prophet or the son of one, but we venture to say that the party that adopts the prohibition plank will elect the next President. If both of the great parties refuse to adopt it, why then the prohibitionists in self defense will put their men in the field and force them to terms or defeat them. One thing is certain, our people are determined to rid themselves of the whiskey traffic and a whiskey government. The saloon must and will go. It has been a terrible curse in politics and a dreadful scourge to

community, socially and religiously. The whiskey traffic will be driven out of this country, our government will change her revenue laws and whiskey and wine importation will be a creature of the past. We cannot afford to pay \$900,000,000 annually and every year send 150,000 drunkards to hell. Our Arkansas will be free in two more years. Let us work, pray and expect it. Happy day that will be. God speed it. Amen.

STATE NEWS.

Arkansas' portion of the Peabody fund for the past year amounted to \$24,000.

A little child died at Ozark recently from the effects of a grain of coffee lodged in its windpipe.

There were 277,281 acres of United States lands homesteaded in Arkansas during the past fiscal year.

The Quitman Light has gone out. The wick refused to transmit oil to the flame any longer.

The Conway Log Cabin now sports eight pages. The Log Cabin is forging ahead.—Life of Little Rock.

The Paragould Press has been enlarged and otherwise improved. It now presents a very unique appearance. May it long live to do good.

Bald Knob was the victim of a very destructive fire on the night of Oct. 24, supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Loss about \$6,000, insurance \$1,500.

The Portia Free Press, of Portia, Lawrence county is a new and interesting applicant for public patronage and approval. We wish it unbounded success both ways.—Arkansas Hub.

Splendid weather, and the farmers are taking advantage of it. The fields are rapidly being stripped of their long white staple, and in the northern part of the state wheat is being put into the ground.

Conway gives birth to an eight page, six column quarto, and has christened it "Arkansas Tribune." The paper is published by Woods Bros. The more the merrier. Now boys, put your shoulders to the wheel and help us rid our grand old State of intemperance.

Two wrecks on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas road last week, one near Cameron, another near Lewisville, this State. Fortunately they were both freight trains; but unfortunately it was the means of sending one man, the engineer, into eternity, and breaking the leg of one of the passengers.

The Batesville Fair which was held last week is said to have been a complete success. We hope that in the near future the farmers and mechanics of Craighead county will organize an association and hold an annual fair here. Such a thing would do a great deal to foster and build up the industrial interests of our county.—Jonesboro Times.

On the night of Oct. 28, while Ward, treasurer of Prairie county was going home from his office in Des Arc, a couple of men seized him, threw a coffee-sack over his head, beat him badly and took his keys, and robbed the office of eleven thousand dollars. He was knocked senseless, and when found his legs were tied together. No clue to the robbers as yet.

At the recent election in Garland county the contest between license and no license was animated and the result of the vote was in favor of license by a small majority. Since then the anti-whiskey element has circulated a petition in the city of Hot Springs and secured over 2,000 signatures, praying the county court not to grant license within three miles of a certain school house. The petition has been granted and the temperance men are happy but the saloon men are not. The order goes into effect the first of January.—Fayetteville Democrat.

President Edgar of the Arkansas Industrial University has written a letter to Judge Hill urging him to call the attention of the people of Pulaski county to the fact that the county is entitled to twenty-five beneficiary scholarships in the University, only fourteen of which have been filled, and not one of the scholarships in the normal department have been taken. The public should remember this, for they are perhaps not fully aware of the educational advantages they have.—Little Rock Democrat.

THE PRESS.

The Mormon "missionaries" at work in various parts of the South are doing the part of moral scavengers. The element they reach we can well spare. But it not pleasant to think of Mormonism as a reservoir of evil that is growing deeper with the influx of bestiality, fanaticism, and knavery from all lands. Let us have advanced Congressional action on this question as soon as possible.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Pending current strikes in Chicago, the Knights of Labor requested saloons to close their doors at 9 at night. The request was a significant commentary upon the traffic by men who knew what the saloon's influence is. During fire, riots, and other public excitements the mayor orders the trouble factories to close, which order proves that saloons can be closed as a public measure. The logic and the authority that can thus prohibit for one day can prohibit for all days.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Unquestionably the popular conscience is rising against corruption in politics. It has come to pass, and not without reason, that politics is a synonym of trickery, dishonor and corruption. A man is supposed to leave his conscience and his religion at home as soon as he enters the field for a nomination. The better class of voters are beginning to realize that God and morality are equal in authority to party. There is going to be a shifting of party positions in the next few years.—The Central Baptist.

The flush income is more than counterbalanced by the easy outgoes. "The Indies," said the Philadelphia philosopher, "have not made Spain rich, because her outgoings were greater than her incomings." With its large promises and high hopes you may be sure, sin comes to plague, deplete, and impoverish rather than to enrich men. A man's condition is never improved by it. If you want an awful bedfellow, ally yourself with sin, great in promise, but niggardly in the realization. Look not, with desire, upon wickedness in gay apparel, in the lightness of mirth and revelry, "at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—Western Christian Advocate.

As the iceberg from the frozen North slowly floating towards the sunny South lowers the temperature of the warm Gulf Stream, so do men who "are cold in blood" chill the warmth of friendly feeling in their most genial friends. Their cold manners cause others to think that "Their love can scarce deserve the name."

This impression may be false, at least in part. Their hearts may be warmer than their manners. Nevertheless, since love is a genial, gentle, self-demonstrating affection, and can only beget a kindred love in others by words that breathe with sympathy, it is a Christian's duty to cultivate, not his inward affection only, but also his outward manners, so that they may be manifestations of that love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness and meekness which are the rich and beautiful "fruit of the Spirit." To merely effect warmth in one's manner without affection in the heart, is hypocrisy, but to add outward cordiality to read love is to beautifully illustrate Christian duty.—Zion's Herald.

PARAGRAPHIANA.

We found the Bluff City last Friday and Saturday full of business. They are 28,000 bales ahead of their receipts to this date last year, and still it is pouring in. Memphis is now a rival of the Crescent City as a cotton mart, and the prospect is she will soon pass her. The great railroad king, Mr. Gould, was there a few days ago and was quite lionized. He was looking after his railroad connections, and of course the Bluff City did him great honor, but it was in poor taste to display the telegrams of his yellow fever gifts.

"This car for the races." "Base ball this afternoon." The champions came from St. Louis to play the Little Rockers, to show them how to play, and they were "wined and dined." Where does all the money come from to support these rollicking sporting boys? Who pays for all these dinners and fine suppers? We do not wonder that there are so many defaulters and robberies reported. Our young men are rushing headlong into dissipation and vice, and not a word of rebuke from the secular press.

It was a very difficult matter for Dr. Miller to get his male members to attend the morning prayer meeting, but oh, what a crowd went in the evening to see the base ball game! What a procession! What strange looking young men! Who are these toasted sons of St. Louis? Are they the elite of the city? Do they belong to the moral corps? Is it probable that they have anything to do with that which is of good repute? It is likely that they belong to the corps of rowdies, still they are wine and dined. What is gained by all this useless waste of time and money? It is time to stop all this foolishness. It has no good in it.

Last Sunday was a great day at Brownsville, Tenn. It was as fine an autumnal day as was ever seen. A splendid Sunday school, an immense audience at 11 and one of the largest communions we ever saw. A tiptop missionary meeting at 3, except the speech. The essay and music were splendid. A crowded house at night—yes, a packed one—and we did our best in a prohibition sermon. Two penitents. Over thirty of the elect ladies were out on Monday at 3 to the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society. A grand rally. At night we talked on London and the Ecumenical Conferences and now we are homeward bound.

Brownsville is doing an immense business this year, but cotton is very low, and there is very little margin for making money on any of the staple commodities of life. This little city has as many princely Methodist merchants and business men as can be found in any town of Christendom, and we think it is about as moral a place as you will find, and still this strange fact comes out: 3000 people, and 1000 members of the church. Little Rock has probably 25000 and not 5000 of them in any church. That is the lesson to be learned. The church of God must be more aggressive.

LAST WORD BEFORE CONFERENCE.—Brethren please renew our subscribers. Please collect what is due us from everybody—let no one escape. A goodly number of our preachers have sent in their names and the names of their past offices, and we are sending out proofs of our mailer just as fast as we can. Now these will aid you in your work of collecting and renewing very much, if you will only give us an opportunity to supply. We do so much need and desire an active canvass between now and the meeting of the conferences of Arkansas. Now brethren, don't delay, let us have your post offices at once and we will mail you proofs at once of our mailer with a full list of our subscribers at each and you can do a great deal to help us and yourselves in the next two or three weeks. We know we have made many blunders, and sent out much poor matter, but you know that we are new men at the business, and if you will only help relieve us from our embarrassment we will promise to make it a much better paper. Let every body come to conference prepared to pay all you owe on the paper and all you owe me on old book account. Do, my brethren, attend to this.

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WESTWARD.

Around the World. From the Ozarks to Rocky Mountains.

On the elevated plateau of the Ozark mountains, at the junction of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad and the Kansas City & Gulf, is a breezy and prosperous city of twenty thousand, called Springfield. "Which none surpasses for honest men and honest lasses." From this point we took our departure at midnight, September 26, for a twelve month's tour around the world. We first "break journey"—as the Scotch say—at the tumbled-up-and-down town of Kansas City, where the people are going crazy over the fabulous prices of real estate. Stepping into a carriage we say to the driver, 615 Wyandotte street. "Judge Holmes," was his ready response. Of course everybody here knows the hospital home of our old and honored friend who has been such a factor for good through these long years of rush and reckless development of this mid continental New York. Horace Greeley once said it required as much brain to keep out of the way of omnibuses on Broadway, New York, as to be a Justice of the Peace in the West. Put omnibus line cars instead of omnibuses and the same might be said of Main street here. As we drive through ten or fifteen miles of kaleidoscopic streets, watching the thousands of varieties of architecture, listening to the explosion of blasting powder, the nervous bells of the cable cars, the ring of trowel, hammer and saw, and talk of price of lots, we are almost breathless. What a magician is the civilization of the nineteenth century! by whose transmutation these lofty hills are tumbling into hollows, and the trees of the forest still point heavenward, in the spires of the churches.

We pause here a few days to attend a session of the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference. There are few occasions in this life when there is such a strange blending of hope and fear, joy and sadness, as at the gathering of a Methodist conference. The Arch infidel of America, probably, never approached nearer to the truth, than when he said: "No class of men ever do so much work for so little money as Methodist preachers." When every church is seeking a first-class preacher, and every preacher a first-class church, there will be disappointments as well as appointments. Doubtless this system involves as little, if not less, frictions than any other. Taking the interests of both churches and preachers into consideration, probably a conference never fares better than when Bishop H. N. McTyeire is in the chair. We doubt whether America can now boast of a superior presiding officer either in church or State. A more heroic and self-denying set of men we never knew, than the preachers of this conference. However, that word "self-denying" we will qualify, somewhat, by saying that a few of these men are brave enough to face a cannon's mouth or a rebellious church who can't refuse a five cent cigar. At 9 p. m., we bade adieu to this conference for twelve months. It may be forever.

Like the star of empire, we were soon whirling westward, over the Burlington route. Lying in the sumptuous couch of a Pullman palace car, we touch an electric bell at midnight and as the porter comes to place a cinder fender ventilator in the windows we could but contrast this night with other nights of our boyhood, when on these same plains we herded a thousand head of unyoked oxen with tendencies to stampede, amid the distant yells of Sioux Indians and howling wolves. The town of Oxford now stands on the ground near which we killed our first buffalo. From one standpoint on the head waters of the Republican we have seen probably ten thousand at a glance. Not one can be seen on all of this trip. Encroaching civilization has driven buffalo, antelope and Indians further towards extinction. One of the most ludicrous and ridiculous plights of life is suggested by these scenes. Having killed some thirty or forty on foot with rifles, a wounded monster made a most desperate fight, chasing us to an elevated embank-

ment of a stream, down which we jumped into a deep pool of water almost cold enough to freeze. Making good our escape we returned to camp, shivering with cold, to face the roar of laughter from the heartless hunters. We then concluded to try another move, of running upon them with a fleet horse or pony and break the spinal cord with a heavy pistol. The grown folks of the party took all the horses and ponies, leaving us still on foot. As a desperate resort we had the teamsters to saddle up a wild Missouri mule, which, unaccustomed to white men, required two to hold it until we were in the saddle. With a navy and dragoon revolver each in our belt, we dashed off for the chase. Ere long a vast multitude came sweeping from the north like a besom of destruction. The advance so pushed and pressed by the irresistible mass that they could stop for neither trains, creeks or bluffs. But the mule never permitted less than half a mile of space between us and the moving mass of buffalo. It was suddenly possessed with as strong southern proclivities as the man on whose farm it grew. With both pistols in the scabbard and both hands on the reins, it was all that we could do for many long miles to steer the mule. After sheer exhaustion of both mule and rider, we had turned sufficiently to the larboard to allow the multitude of monsters to pass. Then without chart or compass, bread or water we were lost on this billowy ocean of prairie. As the twilight began to settle upon the vast plain we rode up to a cemetery of the Sioux Indians, mistaking it for a camp of the living. Knowing nothing of their weird despotism of their dead our horror was unbounded on finding ourselves surrounded by dead Indians wrapped in blankets or robes and tied up on scaffolds and poles. Our movement just then was similar to that of Tam O'Shantar from Kirk Alloway to the Brig of Doon, when his gray mare, Meg—"Brought off her master strong and hale, But left behind her own gray tail."

Raised on a cotton plantation in the South, amid the superstitions of the negroes, we have no predilection for darkness of grave yards to this day.

This vast expanse of land, then so hopelessly sterile and valueless—except for buffalo grass—to the astonishment of all, is filling up with towns and farms. At very few points were we out of sight of plowed ground or corn. Expressing our surprise to Mr. Eustis, the gentlemanly and general ticket agent of the line, we said land was selling along the line from two to seven dollars an acre. Every new railroad breaks more sod, enabling the ground to absorb more of the rain that once fell at long intervals. By evaporation this ground in turn gives off local clouds, thus distributing the rains through time and space. Enough rain for all the country has ever fallen, but at such long intervals of time and space necessitate irrigation to farm or garden. Now a sufficient quantity of sod has been turned, in the opening of farms and railroads to raise good corn without irrigation. In the coming time all the vast plains between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains will doubtless be densely populated.

As we gazed upon Denver city from the elevated dome of the court house, in its splendor and beauty, with 75,000 inhabitants so far from the boundary of former civilizations, two gentlemen from London standing by, we were surprised at the announcement that the city was only a quarter of a century old. One of them, with a twinkle of ambiguity said: "You Americans are fast." How changed since the winter spent here in boyhood when we speared fish through the ice on the Platte, and hunted wild beasts over the grounds where splendid metropolitan churches are now standing! These "trees, planted by the rivers of waters," flowid down by each pavement, were not here then. This murmuring music of mountain water is furnished by Platte river turned from its channel far above the city through an elevated flume across Cherry creek. If you ever see Denver, be sure to view it from this standpoint. The trees and creeping vines were all in their hectic flush. Aspen trees of the mountains were in pure gold, Pikes Peak, in a hazy light stood like a giant sentinel eight miles to the south, clouds were clinging like maddened spirits

around the summit of Longs Peak. Platte river to the east, losing itself in the depth of an infinite perspective. In the immediate foreground fine churches and splendid public school buildings were gleaming on every angle, and over all hung a glamour suggestive of Fairy-land. Distance, however, lends some enchantment to this view. Liquor, laundries and livery stables are the prominent features of a nearer approach. The Democratic state convention was in session here, and judging from the complexion, odor and tone of some of the delegates stopping at the Markham house, Prohibition is to them of this convention a utopian dream.

The contrast of grade in Kansas City and Denver is very striking. The cost of grading in the former is probably equal to the entire building of the latter. Probably no city in the world furnishes finer or more extensive natural carriage drives than Denver.

The "First Baptist" is the finest church in the city. The Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists are all vigorous and active. There is one church, however, afflicted with a superannuated board of stewards. Fearing I may have to pass this way again, some day, I will not name the church. A greater calamity can scarcely befall the government of a church than to have a board of deacons, elders, stewards or trustees composed of old fossils, retired from business, who imagine God has called them to retire the church from the aggressive battle in the conquest of the world. W. B. PALMORE.

Denver City, Colorado.

THE BANNER PROHIBITION COUNCIL.

As far as we have learned, Ashley county polled the best vote against license. The vote stands: For license, 337; against license, 1535. Nearly all of the 227 ballots were cast by whites. Drew county on the north and Moonhouse Parish on the south, annoy us some. We need a good jug line law. The temperance men have been constantly at work. But few speeches have been made.

The tidal wave of temperance is upon us. About one-third of the counties have voted whiskey out. A number of others have petitioned it out, and all the others can do it with a little effort. Will the METHODIST be so kind as to furnish the vote of the counties on this question? It would help to stimulate the "temperance folks. Let us push ahead for a prohibition amendment. The democratic party will need our petitions, because it is expedient for them, and because it is right. If they refuse to grant our petitions, the responsibility is with them. They must give an account of their stewardship to the people.

Our Review has been here some weeks. It is entertaining and interesting. Some real trash facts are in it. The aim and scope of this member gives promise of supplying the demand for this kind of a publication in our church. Dr. Harrison will furnish his readers with some very choice articles in personification. His versatile mind is a warrant that the Review will be interesting and instructive to all. The character of books reviewed promises to be a great help to the younger readers and the ministry in general. We have lean purses and consequently are in need of some authoritative recommendation of books suitable for our libraries.

Harry May has come and gone, and hundreds thank God that he came to Hamburg. Only one has had the temerity to represent our revival in a soreheaded and unbecoming manner. He persists in keeping himself unknown.

Brother Ware helped us some days at the beginning of the meeting. He did some excellent preaching. The charge was ready for revival, and when Harry May came, we were moving up the different columns to the thickest of the fight. The preaching was plain, bold and scriptural. It was with the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Seventy-five were converted in the "good old way at the altar. A few were converted away from the church, so powerful were their convictions—one man twenty miles away. Fifty-three have joined the Methodist, ten the Presbyterian and eleven the Baptist churches. There are others yet to join some of these churches.

Dissensions were healed and 25 family altars were erected. The influence of the meeting extended all over Ashley county. Among the converts are some of our most prominent citizens. These "raw recruits" will be closely watched over by the pastor, and our six class leaders.

Every army needs a recruiting officer, but we do not enter the arena to champion the cause for evangelists. They need no champion but God. The success of the Methodist church in evangelizing the world is drawing all the churches into more active operations against sin. The Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Catholics are sending forth their evangelists. Our economy is admirably adapted to this work of carrying the gospel, but the disuse of class meetings and the lack of help from class leaders has forced the preacher in charge to do a great deal more pastoral work than formerly. Being unable to do all the work he calls in an evangelist to help him. It may be that the evangelist is the P. C. of the adjoining work, or a man of God farther away, "but the evangelist will receive all the honor while the pastor has really done the work." There will be honors enough left for the pastor. In fact, more from the world than he can well manage. But our God will distribute honors as due. No one can take the place of the faithful, loving pastor in the hearts of his people. H. W. BROOKS.

DEAR METHODIST:—I love to write while in a pleasant mood, and as I have not appeared in your columns for some time, I am glad of an opportunity to let our brethren know that the Lord is still with us. We have just returned from a visit to the Tennessee conference at our old home in Clarksville, and was sorry to be prevented, by sickness in our family, from arriving in time to meet our senior editor there, but was glad to see that a good impression had been made by him, and felt proud that the Methodist was being welcomed into so many homes there. Many here testify to the effectiveness of your sermons there, and it was one of the kind I love to hear, viz: "that it was with power."

Bishop Hendrix adorned his office and magnified it in the eyes of preachers and people. He gracefully combines dignity with *sweetness in modo*, and while he holds the reins with a firm grasp, he has such a variety of pleasant stimulants that the whole team pull right along, and hardly seem to feel their load. It seems to be the very nature of the man to bestow honors when and wherever due, even in little things, and especially those whom the world might call little men, and yet he steers remarkably clear of mere falseness, which is a counterfeiter. The honors he confers have the ring, and instead of inflating the emptiness of the vessel with nothingness, will rather excite to diligence and earnestness, that they may be gifted with substantialities. His preaching was spiritual and tended to real heart edification, as well as demonstrating the fact that he was wide awake to the issues of the present day. How it must have kindled the missionary fires in the hearts of the preachers.

This was eminently a conference of collections. Dr. McFerrin was himself and at his post. While taking a collection for the Conference Claimants' Fund, he announced that "Grandma McWhorter, the oldest Methodist in Tennessee, gives \$20." Bro. Sam. Caldwell cried out that a good sister would give \$10 towards making Grandma's subscription \$100, which was responded to in rapid succession until it rounded up.

Among the richest of my pleasures I prize the meeting of Grandma McWhorter, now 91 years old. I was glad to have her parting blessing before leaving when I first came to Arkansas, and have many times felt strengthened by it while here. A true Christian, at a ripe old age, and yet how full of beautiful verdure! She awaits, in a bright hope, the call to go up higher.

Now a word about my work at home, on the Eldorado circuit. The Lord has dealt very graciously with us this year. We have had six protracted meetings one held in the spring at El Dorado. Revs. Harry May and J. J. Jenkins assisted me and we have had over one hundred conversions,

and about eighty have presented themselves as candidates for membership and nearly all received into the church. We still have three meetings to be held, and look for good results.

The cause of temperance has received quite an impetus here, and, as you have learned, Union county has voted the saloons out by 600 majority. Now if the good workers do not conclude that their work is all done, and will follow this up with their efforts to shed their true light and instruct the people properly under the blessing of God, we may expect a bright future before us.

With good natural resources, a sober people, spiritual prosperity and the blessing of God attending, what can hinder us from being a happy people? JOHN H. GOLD.

El Dorado, Ark., Oct. 21, 1886.

MR. EDITOR:—From the enclosed your readers will see that our work for the colored people is put upon a firm basis by the General Conference. We have due unpaid subscriptions to the amount of \$7,000. I beg all our brethren who can to forward their subscriptions at once. Besides this, we want fifty persons to become responsible for \$100 each, to be paid by the person of their confidence. This will pay off our debt and leave \$7000 with which to put up a new building, which we greatly need. We already have five names on this new list, among them one white Bishop and one colored. Our commencement was a success. Bishop W. W. Duncan preached the opening sermon. Seven graduated from the Normal department. W. C. DUNLAP, Commissioner.

CLEVELAND COUNTY GONE DRY.

DEAR DOCTOR:—This is to let you know that Cleveland county went dry on the 6th of September by 306 strong. See what a conscientiously honest man can do! Hon. J. M. McKaskill two years ago staked his all as county and probate judge, fairly and squarely on the temperance question, boldly declaring that if elected he would grant license to no one so long as the laws make it directory with the county court, and was elected by a majority of 214 over a whiskey greenbacker. Still the county voted for license by 146 majority. The Judge was sorely tried and tempted, but to no purpose. He dove to his convictions and promises and no money could bribe, no wit could beguile and no cunning could deceive him into it; but regardless of the frowns of foes or smiles of friends, he moved on in a straight line, swerving not to the right or left, and no license has disgraced his record for the two years. So as an appreciation of his worth, he was re-elected this year by a handsome majority of 447 votes, and the county gave a majority of 306 against license, a net gain of 451 for temperance. Then add to this the grand triumph of our Hon. Carroll D. Wood over Bradley. This surely gives great cause for rejoicing to the lovers of temperance and good government. By the way, Doctor, I would like to know how many county judges there are in Arkansas who have the courage, like our judge, to pursue the convictions of duty and refuse to grant license, even though they petitioned for it. I am sorry to say that we have had no temperance workers among us this year—that is, regular authorized officials. That portion of Cleveland county in the bounds of Toledo circuit gave heavy majorities against license. W. J. STONE.

A SAD NOTE.

DEAR DOCTOR WINFIELD:—I drop you a line to return you my thanks for the mention in your paper of Oct. 15 of my beloved brother, the late W. M. McFerrin. Our last meeting, about ten months ago, was when we visited together the grave of our departed mother, whose remains sleep on Mount Zion, near Vandale, Ark. Side by side we stood and read the inscription on the tombstone, both appreciating the love, good example and holy life of a devoted mother. He returned home in common health, but with feeble limbs, and I went westward, visiting conferences in Texas and Arkansas. I little thought then that we would meet no more on earth; but he has passed away and I am left as the oldest representative of the fam-

ily. He was only about two years my junior. We were born of the same parents, were converted on the same day, were members of the same society and class in our early Christian life; we ate at the same table, slept in the same bed, went to the same school, prayed together in secret and at the family altar, preached together oftentimes and were members of the same conference for many years, and I can truly say that he was one of the most correct, upright, conscientious persons I ever knew, from the time he was converted until the day of his death. I feel his loss seriously, but I know that the time of our separation will be short. He was modest, yet bold for the cause of the Master, and has left the savor of a good name. I bless God for his useful life and peaceful death, and thank you again for the tribute you pay to his memory. But a short time before his death he preached to his old friends several sermons that were said to be marked with more than ordinary power. He ended his days pointing sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world; He now rests from his labors and I rejoice in hope of a reunion beyond the river. Yours truly, J. B. McFERRIN.

Nashville, Tenn., October 21, 1886.

The Action of the General Conference on Paine Institute.

At the last General Conference the college of Bishops in their address called the attention of the body to the pressing needs of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America in regard to the matter of higher education of teachers and pastors of their own race, and invited the attention of the Conference to this subject. Therefore the committee on education recommended that our Bishops be authorized to take charge of the matter, appoint a commissioner to aid in the enterprise by securing "subscriptions, contributions and donations" for the purpose indicated, and also to appoint a board of trustees for the custody and control of the funds thus raised. Rev. J. E. Evans was first appointed, and upon his resignation in 1885, Rev. W. C. Dunlap was appointed. These commissioners raised by contributions and subscriptions some \$14,000, about one-half of which has been collected and expended, and it is expected that the remaining half will soon be realized. Property to the value of \$8,000 has been purchased, situated in the immediate vicinity of Augusta, Ga., on which there is due \$4,000, payable in 1888-89. This debt bears interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum. In 1885 Rev. M. U. Paine, of Missouri, notified the board of trustees that he wished to give the endowment fund the sum of \$25,000, provided grounds and suitable buildings should be secured for the purpose contemplated; and upon this amount he is now paying interest to the trustees at 6 per cent. per annum. The buildings on the grounds purchased have been repaired and remodeled, and are now occupied. For details we refer to the report of the board of trustees, bearing date May 6, 1886.

In their report they say there are now 150 pupils enrolled, and at the close of the spring term the first class will be graduated. The report of the board shows that there has been collected and expended between \$8000 and \$9,000 for the details of which and further plans and suggestions of the board, we would respectfully refer to their report.

There is a small amount of Centenary funds contributed to the cause of education, still in the hands of the treasurer, amounting to \$250 or \$260. In view of the present needs of Paine Institute, we offer the following:

Resolved, That the amount of \$..... now remaining in the hands of the treasurer of the Centennial committee is hereby donated to the Paine Institute, and that the said treasurer hereby ordered to pay it over to the commissioner or board of trustees of said Paine Institute.

Resolved, That the board of trustees are urgently requested to urge the collection of the outstanding subscriptions. A. S. ANDREWS, Chairman

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PROGRESS.

The most amusing thing that has appeared in print is the following resolution of the Liquor Manufacturers in their National Convention in Chicago.

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conformity with the law as contained in Mansfield's Digest.

They would further state, that under the Act of the General Assembly of the state of Arkansas approved Marched 18th, 1885...

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The Grand Jurors empaneled and sworn to inquire in and after the body of the county of Little River for the present term of this honorable Court...

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Little Henry was eight years old. His mother had taught him to always tell the truth strictly. One day he and his mother were writing, and trying to see who could make the best letters. Henry made the letter "E" quite nicely, even better than his mother could. Some time after this his mother was very sick, and little Henry was very uneasy about something. His conscience hurt him. When his mother was better, he put his arms about her neck and with much feeling said: "Mother, I told you a silent lie about that letter "E." "How was that?" asked his mother. "That letter was made on a dim one, some one else had made on the slate and I did not let you know it," said he. His mother forgave him, and he felt better. How many people tell "silent lies" by saying nothing when they ought to speak. To conceal the truth is to lie. If I regard sin in my heart the Lord will not hear me.

Dear Uncle Hervey.—I send you one dollar to help pay the Missionary debt. Forty cents I made selling apples, and the balance is from sister Jennie, Eva Carlock, Eva Rayford, Nettie and Walter Cowan and Bereliah Peterson, 10 cents each. We are all little folks. I go to a Baptist Sabbath School, as we Methodists are too weak to have one. We have an old Virginia teacher in our day school and a Methodist too. I hope we will love her like we did Miss Emma, but she married and left us. Your little niece, BESSIE CARRUTH.

Dear Uncle Hervey.—I saw your call for dimes and thought I would send one too. I want to belong to the little band of workers. I am a little boy six years old. I live in the Harrison District, Arkansas Conference, and my pappie is Presiding Elder. Mama and I go with him sometimes. We enjoy it very much. Brother Mathes is our circuit preacher. We like him very much. We live with grand-pa now. Mama reads the letters to me. Your little friend, TOMMIE SUMMERS, Sylva, Arkansas.

Dear Uncle Hervey.—Hope it is not too late for us to join the band of Little Helpers. Please find enclosed two dimes, one for myself and one for my little brother Edgar. I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday School. Aunt Lou Dobson is my teacher. Brother Douglass is our preacher, and we all think a great deal of him. Your little friend, JODIE CUSTER, Center Point, Ark.

Dear Uncle Hervey.—I am a little girl eleven years old, and have two little twin sisters nine years old. We want to join the Little Helpers. Enclosed you will find a dime for each of us, we made it picking cotton for papa. We live three miles from Hackett City. We belong to Sunday School at Bethel Church. Brother Hamilton is our pastor. We all love to read the METHODIST. Your little friends, Jennie, Estelle and Mozelle Bronson, Hackett City, Ark.

Dear Brother "Muskmelon." I see letters in the METHODIST from the children sending you a dime for Missionary debt, as I am old enough to come into that number. I will send you a dime, hoping to do some good as I go through this world, and thinking that while young is the time to begin. I will not tell you my age, but I am young anyway. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. Brother Rook is our pastor; he preaches well and we like him very much. Yours truly, "YOUNG" LUSTER.

Now, now, "Uncle John R. Y." you think you can slip in among us little young folks in that way, but "Uncle Hervey" has caught you at it. You are as "old as the hills," and much older than many a potatoe hill. And

you think you will have fun by calling this editor "muskmelon." Well, one old Indian did get it that way because the true name translates "Pomegranate," or "Fume-culat-ku," in the Muskokee language, but it means, "Dropping-Sweet-Smell." Well, no matter what you call us, we've got your dime all the same. Come again "young" old man.

Dear Uncle Hervey.—Find enclosed ten cents and number me among the Little Helpers. I am ten years old. I love to read the little letters the little cousins send the METHODIST. School is out and I am helping papa pick cotton. That is the way I earned my dime. How many Little Helpers will pick cotton to help on the Missionary work? Brother Skinner is our pastor. We love him very much. I say my prayers and want to be a good christian. Pray for your little niece, PATTIE TARPLEY, Cotton Plant, Ark.

Dear Uncle Hervey.—I send my dime with this to join the Little Helpers. Mama says you will be glad to get a letter from me because I am a Clay County boy, and that you used to be one too. I live one mile from Mars Hill. Mama says you know where that is. I walk there to school with my teacher every morning. I will be eight years old in a few days. I have two little brothers. For fear my letter will find the waste basket, I will close. Your nephew, CECIL BLACKSHARE, Boydsville, Ark.

Cecil, Uncle Hervey stood on Mars Hill many years ago, before there was any Clay county, and plead for the truth as it is in Jesus. By the way, let me tell you about another Mars Hill, and another preacher who once stood thereon. Away over in the Mediteranean sea—the sea in the middle of the earth—is an old country called Greece, and a great proud city called Athens. Here thousands of people lived in the days of St. Paul, who did not know Christ nor his gospel. Paul went there and found them a hard set. He preached the word of life to them. Some made light of it, and some wanted to hear more about it. So they got Paul to go with them to a great hill of rocks that stood in the midst of their city, called Mar's Hill. On the top of this hill was a great temple dedicated to Mars, the heathen god of war. Near by was a place at the top of sixteen stone steps, cut out of the solid rock, which formed a sort of court. In this place the great men had for many ages met to hear about war, crime, religion, news, or anything interesting or curious things the wise men had to say. So here they gathered in a crowd, with the judges on the stone seats and the traveling preacher standing in the midst, to give an account of his new doctrine. Behold him! surrounded by great temples, altars, images, stone gods and a thousand awful things belonging to heathon idolatry, and before him were those cruel men who were to listen to his preaching. Having observed that the Athenians were very religious, in their way, and having seen an altar in their city, "To the unknown God," this great preacher told them of the true God, and of Jesus Christ, his Son, and with his hand lifted towards heaven, his face beaming with holy light, his heart glowing with the divine fire of love, his words poured out upon those poor heathen as they had never heard before. Although the only christian there, Paul was not afraid, for his God was with him. That sermon he preached is found in our Bibles in Acts seventeenth chapter. How much it has done to bring men to Christ. What a grand thing it is to know the truth, to love it, to tell it and to do it. Read that chapter. Cecil, I hope you may stand on Mar's Hill some day, and preach the glorious word of our God. Be sure now to get ready for the Lord's work.

A Call to the Children. Dear Children of Arkansas.—As it was late in the year before I began to work for you "Little Helpers" I thought we would not make any special effort to raise missionary money through the paper this year. But here is a work so nice, so easy, so much needed, and promising such

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[From our Regular Correspondent.]

There is little or nothing afloat just now connected with the President or his Cabinet. Every thing is quiet in the social world too. Mrs. Cleveland is living quietly at home, gaining in strength to perform the arduous duties of her position during the coming winter.

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