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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

The annual session of the Little Rock conference of the Methodist Church, South, convened in Hot Springs at 9 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 1886, Bishop C B Galloway, presiding. The conference was opened by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper. The service was solemnized in an impressive manner, and participated in with great fervor and religious zeal by the brethren in attendance. At the close of this service the conference proceeded to the transaction of business.

The Bishop called the body to order and Rev J R Moore, of Arkadelphia, was elected Secretary. Nine a. m. was chosen as the hour of meeting of conference and 12:30 p. m. as the hour of adjournment. Rev J H Riggins, for the presiding elders, presented a list of committees nominated—which was confirmed. Rev Jno O Wilson, of South Carolina, was introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of the churches injured by the recent severe earthquakes in that State. A collection for their benefit was taken up, to which the brethren and those attending responded liberally.

A motion by Dr Hunter prevailed that on returning to their charges, the preachers will bring before their people the needs of the South Carolina churches.

Rev J S Hawkins, of the North Texas conference was introduced to the conference.

A communication from David Morton, D D, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

A communication from the publishers of the ARKANSAS METHODIST was referred to the committee on books and periodicals.

The character of the preachers was here taken up, and the names of C C Godden, J H Riggins, H D McKennon, Horace Jewell, J H Ware and J J Jenkins were passed.

Rev R N Ross was elected statistical secretary.

Names of supernumerary and superannuated preachers were taken up, acted on, all passing and referred to the proper committees.

Rev Russell R Moore was admitted on trial to the traveling connection. Same action relative to Rev Chas L Adams, both of the Little Rock district. Same action as to Rev Chas B Brinkley, of the Pine Bluff district. Same as to Rev Jno C Marshall and Rev J H Guffey, of the Washington district. Rev English of same district was not admitted.

The names of the following young preachers were called and passed to the class of the second year: Rev Cagle, Thos B Scott, R W McKay, Nathan E Bragg, Samuel A Hill, Wm C Adams, Richard G Nabors and Jesse A Sage.

Under the question, "who are readmitted?" none were reported.

Rev N S Burns was introduced and transferred from the Arkansas conference. Rev Joseph A Baker was elected a deacon. Rev W J F Scott's report was passed for the present.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

COMMITTEES.

The following compose the committees as nominated and confirmed:

Temperance—R P Wilson, R A Bahume, W J Stone, M M Kestersen, G W Logan, J W Honea, J M G Douglass, W R White, C W Keith, Alex Hazen, S C Stone and J J Sumpter.

Public Worship.—H D McKennon, H R Withers and J J Sumpter.

Conference Relations.—John Mc Laughlin, J D Whiteside, J A Biggs, G W Mathews, R M Traylor, M B Hill and E N Watson.

Books and Periodicals.—W Preston, T W Hays, A T Elout, J W Berry,

J P Stanley, W G Rogers, T B Morton, A Hunter, R N Ross, A Terrentine and E M East.

District Conference Journals.—A P Few, H H Watson, L M Keith, C D Collins, J R Cason.

Bible Cause.—T H Gold, A West, R M Mills, J P Clark and J F Carr.

SECOND DAY.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by Rev S J Hawkins, of North Texas conference. Minutes approved and roll call dispensed with for remainder of the session. A communication from Dr J B McFerrer, was referred to the committee on books and periodicals. J G Thweatt was elected assistant secretary. A motion prevailed requesting Dr Hunter to preach his semi-centennial sermon, Sunday night instead of to-night. The name of Rev W R Harrison was called. His character passed and he was advanced to the class of the third year.

Rev J A Callaway was elected a deacon.

Dr John, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, appeared in the house and was introduced.

Rev W A Freeman, reported condition of work in his charge during the past year. His character passed and he was elected to the deacon's order.

Rev L W House, reported from his field of labors. His character passed and he was elected a deacon.

Rev J Y Crimas was called and reported sick. Elder McKennon made his report. Many of the reports from church work, were not what they could have been, especially as to collections for church work.

The Bishop here administered some impressive remarks to the brethren, in regard to the great importance of cultivating the fields of labor more thoroughly. He deplored the meager reports as to conference funds, especially, "It is a sacred fund. The old preachers are like old sailors, without ability to provide a living from the land. But they are not a burden upon the church—they are a benediction upon the church."

The brethren were exhorted to closer diligence in these matters. The character of Mr. Crimas passed, but his election to the orders of deacon was postponed until he could be heard from.

Rev W W Mills reported, passed, and was elected to deacon's orders.

The name of Rev J W F Scott was called and he was duly elected as the others.

The annual report of the Board of Missions was read by the secretary and referred to the Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. Johns, secretary of the General Board of Missions, followed the reading of the report with a stirring appeal to the conference in behalf of missions. He detailed the grand work of the Methodist church, in this inviting field, and told of the thousands in foreign and benighted heathen lands, who are being brought to Christ through the direct instrumentality of the Methodist Church, South. Under the eloquent and pungent appeal of Dr John, a glance over the house evidenced the fact, from the countenances of the brethren, that spirits yearned and were indeed willing no matter how weak their purses. Grand conquests were being made in the land of the Montezumas, where, over the cactus plains of Mexico, the gospel is spreading and the Greasers are yielding to its divine influences. The call comes across the waters for more help, and cheering of gospel victories for Christ there, and the time has come when the church at home, must and ought to wake up to a full realization of its responsibility and duty. Dr Johns, before closing, asked to say something in behalf of the cause, and the Bishop addressed the conference briefly, but most eloquently for the cause.

The following resolutions, offered by Dr Hunter and Rev J R Moore, were adopted:

Resolved, That the preachers of the Little Rock conference are instructed to take up their collections for foreign missions before the month of March, and remit to the treasurer at Nashville.

Resolved, That we will, as preachers endeavor, by the grace of God assisting us, to double the collections for foreign missions the coming year.

The latter resolution met with considerable opposition, Revs John, Mc Laughlin, J H Riggins, C C Godden and Dr Miller spoke against it, upon grounds that they did not wish to pledge more than they could do or their people could do. Upon a close rising vote it was declared passed.

Upon further discussion the vote by which it was passed was reconsidered.

An amendment to the resolution was offered to the effect that they pledge themselves to increase missionary collections if possible, and bring them up to the assessment.

Question 11 was called—"Who deacons of one year?"

Rev J C Bascoe's name was called and his character passed. Not having been before the committee he was retained for another year in his present relations.

Rev A O Evans passed and was elevated to the class of the fourth year.

The character of Rev A M Robinson passed.

Rev A West reported, and from his report some idea of the hardships borne by many of the border circuit riders may be had. Brother West is not altogether a circuit rider, but partially a circuit walker. He told the conference that his finances had been so meager that he was unable a portion of the time to provide a horse, and had walked his circuit half the time. His character passed and he was advanced.

Rev J W Berry Reported. He was delayed a day at home this week by a fire in his town, and did not arrive in time for examination and he was retained in his present relations.

The character of Rev A S Scott, transferred, passed.

Rev O H Cadell passed and was advanced.

The character of E L Beard passed and he was elected to elders orders.

Dr E E Hoss, of Vanderbilt University appeared and was introduced.

Rev S H Parker passed and was advanced to elder's orders.

Rev G W Logan was advanced to the 4th year's class. Rev J P Thomas not having met the committee was retained in the relations of the first year.

Rev M B Hill made a splendid report. His character passed and he was advanced to elders orders. Rev Jno R Carson was advanced to the 4th year.

Rev W W Mills was advanced to elders orders, also Rev J Y Crimas.

13th question, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" The name of Rev H M Harris was called and passed, also W A Cagle.

The chair reverted to the 5th question, and the petition of Rev Cottingham to be re-admitted to the traveling connection was not granted.

Under the 20th question, "Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and conduct?" The name of Rev J H Redwine was reported as under charges, and the case was referred to a committee of trial.

The name of Rev W G Miller was called and his character passed. He is pastor of the 1st church, Little Rock, and made a fine report.

The name of J J Jenkins was called and he made a good report. He passed.

Rev C D McSwine being called offered a flattering report and passed.

An invitation from Prof Jno C Langston, principal of Central school, to conference to visit his school was read and accepted.

Key Dr Vernon of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed conference in its behalf. His address was fluent, eloquent and pungent. After he closed, conference adjourned for the day.

THIRD DAY.

Conference convened at 9 a. m. and was opened with religious exercises led by Rev. B. G. Johnson. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Col. Palmer, manager of the Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., addressed the conference in the

publishing interests of the church. The publishing house of the Methodist church is one of the largest publishing establishments in the country, and its volume of business is enormous. It turns out books, papers and periodicals of all sorts, of a religious character in the main. Col. Palmer earnestly appealed to the brethren to foster and build up their church literature. The publishing house publishes a first-class Review at the low price of \$2 a year. Col. Palmer thought all the preachers should take it. He thought there was great need of education in the church in the matter of reading church literature and keeping up with church progress.

All may not be able to take the Church Review, but he certainly thought the Christian Advocate should be in the family of every Methodist. He did not wish to convey the idea that local papers should be neglected. They filled one want and one sphere, but there remained still a sphere which the church paper only could fill.

Rev. Mr. Williams, of the St. Louis conference, representing the South-Western Methodist, was introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of that paper.

Question 7 was taken up and the name of R. T. Davis was called. Reported nothing against him. He reported condition of his work. He had not been before the examining committee, his character passed and he was continued in his present relation.

Question 20 was resumed and Rev E N Watson called. Character passed.

Rev C M Keith's name was called, his report was received and he passed.

Dr. Andrew Hunter offered an excellent report, at the end of which the bishop arose and, shaking the Doctor's hand, congratulated him on reaching his semi-centennial as an itinerant preacher, and began the gracious old hymn, "Even down to old age," etc., in which the entire conference joined with great enthusiasm. The brethren crowded around the grand old veteran of the cross, and a great time followed, with congratulations and handshaking.

The character of Rev W S Scott passed and he was granted a location.

Under question 20 the following names were called and passed: Rev J M Kline, Dr. Winfield, and Dr J R Harvey, whose name was referred to the committee on conference relations, to go to the supernumerary list, Rev J H Carr, Rev H H Watson, Rev W J Stone, Rev G W Matthews, Rev W J Rogers, Rev J R Sherwood, who was not present, Rev W H Browning, Rev J R Moore, Dr H R Withers, Rev J S Nicholson, Rev W J Davis, Rev C S Stone, Rev R C Atchley and Rev A Terrentine.

Rev I L Burrow, president of the conference school at Altus, was introduced.

The committee of trial in the case of Rev. Mr. Redwine, reported charges confirmed, and named expulsion from the church as the penalty. The report was adopted, but Rev. Horace Jewell, in behalf of the accused, gave notice of appeal to the appellate court of the church.

Dr. Hunter, for the committee on missions, reported. Report with accompanying resolutions, adopted. Dr. Hunter announced that the missionary anniversary will be held to-morrow (Saturday) night, and that the bishop and Dr. Miller had been selected as speakers for the occasion. Rev. H. M. Brooks, chairman of the board of Education, submitted report No. 1, which was adopted. Dr. E E Hoss of Vanderbilt University at this point addressed the conference in behalf of education and the institution he represents. He portrayed the vast need of higher and broader education among the ministry. He hoped the day would never arrive when good, consecrated men who felt called to the gospel ministry would be excluded from the conferences because they may not possess expansive education, yet the point must not be lost sight of that the demands of the times called loudly

for more education and the best education. "It's all right to have fine churches, and it's proper, when confident, to spend money to build them. But it's a bad state of affairs, after all, if we have the fine churches, if we have weak men to put in them. It is hoped that before long an elegant and costly church edifice will be erected in this city. The Church Extension Board ought to give \$10,000 to build such a church as the Cosmopolitan City needs and ought to have. But, brethren, I'd rather have this church, with Dr. Withers in the pulpit, than a Methodist cathedral with a mediocre attempting to divide the truth to the people from its gilded rostrum. Vanderbilt University does all it can for young preachers who are unable to meet ordinary expenses. It charges them no tuition, and all absolutely required fees do not exceed \$15 per term. As far as possible, such young men should get their preliminary schooling at home. We don't want to conflict with home schools. We have nearly all we can do to finish up those who come prepared to enter upon the college course. Get all you can at home, and then come on to us, and we will do all we can for you and turn you out prepared for useful and effective work.

We have now a number of young men from Arkansas, and they are all doing well. We have some from this conference. One, Mr. Hearn, a good young man, with a steady step and a regular onward movement. One is there from Hot Springs—Bro. Dodson, almost a phenomenally bright boy. If you'll promise to leave them there until we get through with them, we pledge you to make them worth something to you—think we can make a good job." The address throughout was entertaining and in a felicitous but forcible style.

Reverting to the question of admitting on trial into the traveling connection, the name of Rev. Martin Hamilton was called. Not admitted. The name of Rev. R. G. Turner, who comes as an ordained preacher from the Congregational church, and who had passed a satisfactory examination, was admitted.

Resuming question 20, the following preachers reported and passed as to character, etc.:

Rev. Mr. Sturgis, splendid report, complimented by the bishop; Rev. J D Whitesides, Rev. H W Brooks, good report and complimented by the bishop; Revs. C A Bayless, R P Wilson, John McLaughlin, J H Gold, H Armstrong, E Garrett, J R Sanders, L B Hawley.

A motion by Dr. Hunter that the presiding elders, who constitute a committee on nominating committees, be empowered to nominate the committees of undergraduates and boards of missions, church extension, etc., prevailed.

The committee of elders then reported nominations for these various boards for the ensuing four years, all of which were confirmed. The various boards elect their own officers.

Rev. C Pope presented the conference, on behalf of Mr. Alf. Whittington, a Presbyterian brother, a box of pocket whet-stones to sharpen their penknives, one for each delegate. The conference voted thanks to Mr. Whittington.

Reverting back, the bishop called the name of B G Johnson, whose character passed and his name transferred to the committee on conference relations, to be transferred to the supernumerary list.

Adjourned for the day.

FOURTH DAY.

Religious services at the opening of this morning's session were led by P. Elder D T Holmes.

Under Question 20 the following preachers reported and their characters passed:

Revs. R M Taylor, D T Holmes, A B Winfield, J M G Douglass, Wade Preston, John C Holmes, T G Galloway.

Rev. Alonzo Monk, formerly of

this conference, but now of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The name of Dr. A R Winfield was substituted for that of Dr. Withers on the Board of Education.

The credentials of Silas R Lawhorn, voluntarily surrendered some time since by reason of ill health, were restored.

Dr. Winfield was appointed as a committee of one to look up certain papers belonging to the conference.

Nominations for place of next meeting of conference were made as follows: Little Rock first church, Camden, Monticello and Prescott.

Rev. Horace Jewell and Dr. Miller advocated Little Rock with great earnestness. Rev. John McLaughlin spoke eloquently of Camden. He thought Camden's claims took precedence of Little Rock or Prescott, both of which having enjoyed conferences since Camden had.

Dr. Brooks, of Camden, seconded Mr. McLaughlin for Camden in a neat speech.

Rev. Thomas H Ware spoke for Monticello. All the other places in nomination, he said, had been visited by the conference since Monticello had enjoyed its presence. Mr. McGraw spoke for Monticello.

Rev. R M Traylor and Rev T W Hayes spoke for Prescott.

Mr. Collins made an eloquent appeal for Little Rock.

Mr. J F Kennedy sent a proposition, proposing to photograph the conference after adjournment.

Rev. J D Whitesides supported Monticello.

The bishop cut off further discussion and took the vote. Little Rock got 23 votes, Camden 26, Monticello 15, Prescott 10. Dr. Winfield, of Little Rock, voted for Prescott. No election. Prescott withdrawn. Not taken again. Little Rock 21; Camden 32, Monticello 13. No election. Third vote resulted as follows: Little Rock 34, Camden 37, Monticello 8, Monticello withdrew. Fourth vote, Little Rock 42; Camden 39. Little Rock was declared elected. Dr. Miller thanked the conference and pledged them a cordial entertainment at the next session.

Dr. Winfield made an appeal to the conference in behalf of our paper, the ARKANSAS METHODIST. He said they had left him off of all the boards and committees and given him nothing to do but to work for his paper, and he wanted to do that well.

Dr. Morton, secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of that cause. It is a great cause, and grand work is being done. We are building church houses all over the country, and hope it won't be a great while till we shall assist in providing Hot Springs with the sort of a house it ought to have.

He strongly appealed to the preachers to give this work the attention it deserves—"One of the important features of the work of this board is the building of parsonages and homes for the preachers. The ladies have this largely in hand, and you must help them. If we have an array of soldiers in the field to fight the grand battles of Christianity, we must provide them with fighting implements—we must build them forts and barricades, and fix them to do effective service." He paid a most glowing tribute to the Christian women in the church who are doing such a vast amount of good in this field of labor. The Church Extension board of the M. E. Church, South, did more work and expended more means in this respect during the first three years of its existence than did the same board in the old and wealthy Methodist church North. "I have traveled over every state in the Union except Michigan and I give it to you as my honest, deliberate opinion that among them all there is not one with grander resources than this, your state. Yet we have expended more money in it than we have received from all the conferences in it."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1886.

ACROSS THE MEDITERANEAN.

MR. EDITOR:—This letter will show in several ways that it was written in the dining-saloon of a ship. On the last evening we spent in Paris the Nashville people numbered twelve in the sitting-room of the St. Petersburg. Eight more were expected.

Now take your map and follow us to the South of France, and then across the Mediterranean Sea. (They call it "blue"—it is deep-blue.) Lyons is the second city in France for population, and the first in manufactures. In clear weather, Mont Blanc, eighty-five miles off, is occasionally visible. Avignon is famous for age. It is the *Arenio* of the Romans. In the year 1309 Pope Clement V. removed the papal seat to this place, which was the residence of his successors till 1377. During the "Great Schism" of the infallible papacy from 1378 to 1418, one of the rival popes always had his throne here. The old palace of their holinesses, a gloomy, Gothic pile, is now occupied as a barrack. "To what vile uses!" It was in Avignon that Petrarch first saw his Laura. Each lived here for many years. The valley of Vaucluse is near, in which the Sorgue has its source—the "chaire, fresche, e dolci acque" of the poet. At the city of Arles one can see an obelisk of Egyptian granite, which was taken from the river Rhone in 1676. It was brought there by the Romans, but for some reason was never put up by them. Marseilles is the *Masiilia* of the Greeks, settled by them B. C. 600 years. It is a commercial city, wealthy and flourishing, the southern sea-port of France. After spending a day at the best hotel we have seen, our party went aboard the *Sindh* for the voyage to Egypt. She belongs to the odd "Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes."

We have often heard that the Gulf of Lyons is rough, but the half has not been told. The Mediterranean has not yet settled down after the late terrible storms, and the Gulf was more tumultuous than usual. The waves reached the region of the steerage and intermediate passengers then to the "ports" of the main deck, on which our state-rooms are—finally one great billow rolled up to the promenade on top of the steamer, and many a gay, chatty Frenchman hurried down to his berth. Nobody seemed to be alarmed, but every-body was sea-sick. Even Mr. Eastman and myself reluctantly acknowledged that we felt slight qualms in "that diabolical contrivance called a stomach." Next morning all was calm, and we found ourselves sailing between the islands of Corsica and Sardinia. Then it occurred to us that the mightiest warrior of modern times was born on Corsica. Bonaparte was the incarnation of the military genius of his age. He had but three equals in all the ages. They were all ambitious, bad men—brave murderers of the human race.

On the second morning we glided gracefully through the Strait of Messina—the volcano of Stromboli in the distance behind us, the "toe of Italy" to our left, and the green Island of Sicily to our right. Everybody was on deck to see our steamer pass between the ancient *Seyla* and *Charydis*, when, sooth to say, the waters were as calm as New York harbor. We are finding out that a great many things are fabulous. The Strait of Messina is a little wider and much safer than the Mississippi river. This evening we are far south of Greece, in sight of the Island of Candia—the Crete of St. Paul's day. The weather is delicious—the south wind blows softly, and every member of our family is on the deck enjoying the breezes. The fascination is so great that I must leave this dim dining room, and go above to see the happy company.

Here are Hindoos, who have been to London to consult their masters; Turks, roving about over the world saying nothing to anybody; English officers and their families, returning to Egypt after the heat of summer is over; missionaries, on their way to Beirut and Jerusalem; an English Baronet and his wife, going to the Holy Land to look after a hospital they have endowed; an Egyptian pasha and one of his wives, finishing up a European tour; a North Carolina judge

and his wife who live in Alexandria, and any number of French. These all have crowded the ship until there is not a berth or cot unoccupied. Judge Barringer and his wife have made themselves especially agreeable to our American party, and have invited us to their home in Egypt. Dr. Deems, the old Chapel Hill professor, spent two days with them when he was traveling in this country.

The Mediterranean is the fourth large body of water we have crossed, and by far the most interesting. Nearly all the enlightened countries of antiquity bordered upon it, and there is scarcely a square mile of its waters that has not been reddened by some naval battle. Persian and Grecian, Roman and Carthaginian, English and French commanders have all passed this way repeatedly. Over this sea apostles and early missionaries sailed in their efforts to spread the gospel; and now these priests and nuns are going back to the Holy City to illustrate how deeply the Church of Rome had corrupted the simple and pure religion of the Nazarene. Ponder this, all ye Churches that have high and shining places open to the ambitious and the intriguing. Here is where the corruption and ruin have always come in, and where they always will to the end of time.

This writing is done about seven hundred miles below Constantinople, and, if providence permit, it shall be finished in the city of the Ptolemies. Egypt is the oldest of kingdoms, but it has enjoyed no real independence since the Persian conquests, long before the year of our Lord. After the Persians came the Greeks, then the Romans, then the Arabs, then the Turks, and now the English. The present Khedive is only a nominal viceroy kept in his position by England. The city of Alexandria, made up of all the nationalities upon the face of the earth, is full of English officials. At Cairo there are still six thousand red-coats. John Bull is supreme here where Pharaohs and Ptolemies, Caesars and sultans have governed for ages.

This city was founded by Alexander the Great, and in it he was buried in a golden coffin. The gold was needed afterward by some of his successors, but what became of the body? Here was made the Septuagint version of the Scriptures, and here St. Mark planted the Christian Church. The theological schools of Alexandria were famous at one time for orthodoxy—at another for heresy. The largest library of the ancient world was burned by the Saracens near where I am now writing. This is the city where Queen Cleopatra fascinated, ensnared, and ruined her royal victims—notably Pompey, whose Pillar we shall see tomorrow. When learning and philosophy left Athens they settled in Alexandria. The bishops of this region were *popes* in fact before the bishops of Rome received the name.

The vernacular language of Egypt is Arabic, as it is of all the countries from Morocco in Africa to the Euphrates in Asia. It is the language of the Koran, therefore sacred, and immutable, and universal, where Mohammedanism has full sway. The words of the Koran are not considered sacred in any other language. But the people who live in Alexandria are not all Mohammedans. We could worship the Lord next Sunday with Copts, Armenians, Romanists, Greeks, or Protestants—with Episcopalians; Presbyterians, or Congregationalists. The Presbyterians have about fifty mission-stations in Egypt, and support three flourishing institutions of learning.

Our vessel arrived here this morning before day, and anchored outside the harbor, near the spot where the ancient Pharos stood. About daylight she came in. What a scene! Hundreds of Arabs, in all sorts of uniforms and in several species of small craft, came skimming over the waters to meet us, and drum for passengers to the shore—for carriages to the wharf, and for the leading hotels. It was a fleet—manned by human beings that seemed nimble as squirrels. Those who come out for the British Consul were covered with cheap velvet, laces, belts and swords—regular picture-book Arabs. Directly the boat ordered for us came in sight, rowed by men in red turbans and jackets. We placed ourselves in their hands, and they soon had us ashore, and through the Custom House, to the front of our hotel. They fairly exhausted their little stock of

English to let the "Americans" know that they and their baggage were "all right." We cannot spell the name of our hotel, but we have been here long enough to know that it is equal to the average English or French house of entertainment. The first thing offered us at the entrance hall was a profusion of roses and tropical flowers. You may depend that Mary Green, Lenamay, and Susie went to breakfast "decked out." (A company of Pilgrims, just home from Mecca, have marched up the street, amid general rejoicing.) All things about the establishment—the halls, porches, rooms and furniture—indicate that we have reached a warm country, where the people are fond of ease. There is no sign of a fire-place. The tall palm-trees grow so near the outside windows that one is tempted to reach out and gather some fruit. Although it seldom rains in Egypt, our rooms are lavishly supplied with good water. The Nile runs through this country. Visitors are expected to bathe. Ice is brought to the table as it is with us. So it seems that in the course of a lifetime we shall pass one year without seeing a winter.

Alexandria has a population of 166,000. We have visited all the places of interest here, from an Arab school for children to the palace of the Khedive. We have been "from the center all round to the sea." We are so much interested and instructed that we have made a new arrangement with our interpreter, which prolongs our time, and extends our travels in this wonderful old country. To-morrow we are off for Grand Cairo; thence to Memphis and beyond.

There may be mistakes in this letter. There is not a book on Egypt in our company. I shall buy one in the morning. Meanwhile I shall give a few hours to Judge Barringer, whom I found to be an encyclopedia during our voyage to this place. They are building more new houses in Alexandria than in any city we have seen since we left New York. They take the place of those burned and bombarded during the late war.—R. A. Young, in Nashville Advocate.

FROM YELL COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR:—It has been in my heart to commune with your many readers, through the columns of your paper for quite a while. While I have meditated of the "fire burned" within until I surrender the thought of the hour for your inspection. The Summer time has passed, and with it have flown the sweet mouthed birds, whose pure blithe spirits warbled a melody to our listening ear, and all too soon hid them away to a sunnier clime. The flowers too, frail, sweet images of the pure and the beautiful, passed out from view with noiseless fall, and left us naught save the fragrance of their short life. How close the relationship of the natural with the physical state of this life. The fading leaf with its varied hues is a fit emblem of human existence, and as we wander amid the autumn frost, our hearts are sad as the foot-fall crushes the withered leaves, for we think of those we love, who rest embalmed in the sacred earth. The summer and fall has been a season of tears to many hearts. Death, with silent, yet sure tread has brooded over many a happy home, and made all dark that once was bright with love and hope. In the heart of summer, I waited and watched by the couch of a dying babe. It lingered long and lovingly as though it fain would stay with the loved ones who vainly wooed it back to life. I saw the placid look of heaven upon its brow. I knelt and kissed its tiny cheek, and felt as though I touched an angel in the flesh and soon the little one gave up the struggle, and soared up and out to meet its God. Again, I stood in the presence of death. A bright, winsome boy, lay breathing his life out so gently that one might think it a gentle sleep, were it not for the pallid brow and the swimming eye. This told us dear little Oscar was fast going out from his earthly home to heaven. A moment more and mama's heart is crushed, as she sees only the faded image of her darling resting strangely quiet in the tiny bed. A moment more and the bud of promise that bloomed so sweetly upon earth, has been transplanted in the garden beside the "river of life," there to bloom and emit its fragrance in the presence of the Great King. And yet again

does the sad note of death ring out upon our ear. In a quiet country home in White county, lived a sweet little boy named Arlie Hammons. Although more than five years old he could never speak distinctly, and was to a great extent, a child of affliction, requiring constant care, and yet so artless and pure that the family had always considered him a baby boy. The trying season approached, and little Arlie was called to his heavenly home. The thoughtless critic may say. It is well that he has been called thus early to his Savior's arms, yet to those who ministered to his comfort, to the fond mother, who most faithfully and lovingly caressed and nurtured him, to her, there is an aching void, an empty cradle, a vacant chair, that none can fill, and in a mother's memory the angel boy will ever live, while down deep in the chamber of her love, the fair, sweet image of little Arlie is enshrined. Oh, the depth of mother love. How it surpasseth every earthly friendship and clingeth to the idols of her heart, though they crumble into dust. How sweet to think our sainted little ones are forever safe, in the dear Father's loving arms, and while our crushed hearts bleed, and our poor helpless arms long to entwine them to our lonely bosoms once again, how sweet to re-kindle the torch of faith from these fierce fires of our affliction, and with its beams to see a light of hope and love spanning the abyss of death. How precious to the bereaved to hear above the storm of grief, the assuring voice of God, calling to us from the gloom. It is I, be not afraid. What a victor the christian is. He may sink into the arms of death, and with his last breath shout the glories of a ransomed soul. The dear heart-broken mothers, let us commit our loved ones calmly trusting to the dear Lord, in the full assurance that in the after time, when our spirits shall have passed over the turbid river, we shall rest us neath ambrosial trees, with those we have mourned for here. Then let God's triumphal host pass on until in unison with the flaming seraphim, we, with our little ones shall cast our crowns at the Master's feet. Tenderly inscribed to the memory of little Lillie Pickard, Oscar Moseley, and Arlie Hammons, aged three, four five and one-half years, by their mother's friend

MRS. FANNIE E. UDDARTH.
Ola, Yell county, Ark.

APPOINTMENTS

Of the North Mississippi Conference.

Sardis District.
S. M. THAMES, P. E.
Sardis and Davis' Chapel, T C Weir.
Como and Fredonia, J C Lowe.
Senatobia, K A Jones.
Senatobia circuit, J H Hunter.
Hernando and Cold Water, J W Bell.
Horn Lake, A P Leech.
Lewisburg, H T Gaines.
Cockrum, H L Vaughan.
Chulahoma, J M Huggin.
Mt. Vernon, R P Gear.
Batesville and Wesley, J E Thomas.
Pleasant Grove, W J O'Bryant.
Panola, J H Brown.
Mastodon, to be supplied by W H Eckled.
Eureka, J W Luter, J W Bates.

Grenada District.
C. N. TERRY, P. E.
Grenada, W T J Sullivan.
Grenada circuit, G H Hodge.
Water Valley, J S Oakley.
Abbeyville, R M Davis.
Coffeeville, T G Freeman.
Charleston, J W Killough.
Oxford, E B Ramsey.
Toccoola, A J Foster (C C Grisham, Sup.)
Banner, T L Foster.
Pottsboro, S A Ellis (J M Hampton, Sup.)
Atlanta W C Lester (E J Kilgore, Sup.)
Sarepta, R C Calloway.
Minter City, J L Futrell.
Sunny Side and McNutt, W S Shipman.
Carrollton, R A Burroughs.
Lodi, James Potter.
Grenada Coll. Institute, T J Newell, President; J A Bowen, agent.
Prof. Miss. University, J J Wheat.

Winona District.
R. P. MITCHELL, P. E.
Winona, J M Wyatt.

Winona circuit, D C Foust.
Vaiden, W S Lagrone.
Carrollton and Greenwood, T W Lewis.
West, G W Brown.
Black Hawk, J F Evans.
Lexington and Durant, T Y Ramsey, Sr.
Richland circuit, T Cameron.
Ebenezer, W A Dollar.
Newport, A W Langley.
Kosciusko, J W Malone.
Sallis, W W Williams.
McCool, D M Cogdell.
Ethel, H C Parrott.
Zilpha, to be supplied by W B Hull.
Newtonville, J M Massey.
Belgond, D M Geddic.
Sidon, N G Augustus.
Prest. Centenary College, T A S Adams.
Colportage and book agent, G W Bachman.

Columbus District.
R. G. PORTER, P. E.
Columbus station, J W Price.
Columbus circuit, B F Philips.
Walthall, W C Harris.
Crawford, T B Malone.
Brooksville, E H Cacy.
Macon, S D Long.
Hebron, Q A Oates.
Salem, J R D King.
Shuquak, C R A Brantley.
Louisville, J A Leech.
Plattsburg, J E Buck.
Starkville, J H Scruggs, W S Harrison.
Starkville circuit, B P Fullcore.
West Point, J D Cameron.
Tibbee, W W Dorman.
Lampico, W R Rainey.
LaGrange, E H Rook.
Chester, W T Barnett.
Sturges, L D Worsham.

Aberdeen District.
AMOS KENDALL, P. E.
Aberdeen station, T W Dye.
Okolona, J Ritchey.
Okolona circuit, J M Barnes.
Verona and Tupelo, E L Spraggins.
Prairie, B. S. Rayner (J T Cunningham, Sup.)
Buena Vista, H R Tucker.
Houston and Wesley, E Johnson.
Sparta, F A Whitson (T J Lowry, Sup.)
Pontolac, J R Roberson.
Shannon, W W Hoskins, C M Threadgill.
Richmond, T J Taylor.
Saltito, W T Shell.
Fremont, to be supplied by J A McDougal.
Fulton and Smithville, G W Gordon.
Athens, A B Dearing.
Ebenezer, W D Bass.
Caledonia, to be supplied by T D Hollingsworth.
Whitworth F. College, W. B. Murreah, President.

Corinth District.
J. B. STONE, P. E.
Corinth station, J H Mitchell (J Johnson, Sup.)
Cointh circuit, W M Young.
Iuka station, D L Cogsdell.
Iuka circuit, to be supplied by H M Young.
Harmony circuit, to be supplied by A M McCoran.
Kosuth, F M Harrison.
Blackland, J O Bennett (J M McEhane, Sup.)
Jonesboro, B B Sullivan.
Ripley and New Albany, D W Babb.
Ripley circuit, G H Jacobs.
Booneville and Rienzi, George S Inge.
Baldwyn, O N Koon.
New Albany circuit, R A Ellis.
Marietta, Jas. A Whitehurst.
Pleasant Ridge, M E Tumlin.

Holly Springs District.
J. BANCROFT, P. E.
Holly Springs station, E H Moon.
" circuit, J W Porter.
Pine Mt., Wm. Woolam.
Byhalia and Victoria, J M Moody.
Marshall, J W Anderson.
Olive Branch, O S Savage.
Early Grove, C H Owen.
Ashland, J R Morris.
Emery, J H Brooks.
Snow Creek, J J Brooks.
Cornersville, J H Smith.
Hickory Flat, to be supplied by M Adams, and H C Moorehead Sup.
Sheiby Creek, to be supplied.

Greenville District.
J. W. HONNELL, P. E.
Greenville station, R M Standefer.
Osceola, H B Scruggs.
Faison, F P Spencer.
Mound Bayou, to be supplied by W T Ashford.
Clearland, J H Shumaker.
Clarksdale, A P Sage.
Jamestown, J W Dorman.
Aust n, M H Honnell.
Friar's Point, J D Newsom.
Concordia, T Y Ramsey, Jr.
Bolivar, J B Harris.
Australia and Rosedale, J A Randolph.
H E Smith transferred to North Texas Conf., J A Simmerman to North Ga. Conf. and N R Hamer to Florida Conf.

FIELD NOTES.

GOOD RESULTS.
Dear Editors:—Rev. Harry May closed his two weeks' meeting here last night, with great good. Monticello is in a new plane. Drunkards, gamblers and Sunday-breakers have joined the church. Brother May made many warm friends here. Yours truly,
J. A. RUNLEY.
Monticello, Ark., Nov 8, 1886.

A FINE MEETING.
I have just closed a fine protracted meeting at Center church, one of our new church houses, built this year, where we have a membership of 18 year. The house and land are deeded to the M E Church, South, and free from debt. The meeting resulted in three conversions and four accessions to the church, and the membership greatly revived. This is the second new organization and new house this week.
GEO. W. LOGAN.
Emmet, Ark., Nov. 15, 1886.

MARION CIRCUIT.
Mr. Editor:—Please allow this note of thanks to my people, saints and sinners, a place in the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I wish to thank them for raising \$129 in cash to replace the horse I lost Augst, and \$38 raised to pay for the one that died, making in all \$167 paid me, or given me, to get a good gospel carrier.
Bro. H. M. Brooks, that man who keeps the best quarterly conference journal in the Jonesboro district, and as good as any in the State, I venture, was the prime mover in raising the \$129. Bros. Fred Kozer and Alex Hemphill fell into line, and the matter was done.
Miss Julia Johnson raised the \$38 before her conversion and union with the church. May God bless such people one and all. The contributions run from \$1 to \$10. We will be up solid, all through and through, at Jonesboro D. V. Yours,
JES. F. JERNIGAN.

FROM NEW LONDON.
Dear Brother Winfield:—I take up my pen to write the ARKANSAS METHODIST a brief report of my year's work on the Lopolie circuit, and am pleased to state that for the most part, the year has passed pleasantly. I came to this work in February, having been transferred by Bishop Granbery from Peytonville, the appointment I received at the conference. My welcome here was kind and cordial, and my associations with this generous, intelligent and appreciative people have been pleasant and beneficial, and I rejoice in the encouraging success which has attended and crowned my ministry. I have conducted interesting spiritual revivals at each appointment in the charge, except one. Several conversions and accessions to the church, and more vigorous, healthy, spiritual zeal and consecration seem to pervade and inspire the church. Will have very good financial report at conference. Missionary money all up in full, and the other collections will be nearly if not quite full.
We are pleased with our presiding elder, Rev. J. J. Jenkins. He is very popular and exerts an immense influence throughout the district.
We congratulate and heartily endorse the ARKANSAS METHODIST in the independent spirit it exhibits in the position it assumes in regard to the whiskey traffic and rejoice at the brilliant victory it has won in the Gazette controversy. May it long live—the flourishing organ of Arkansas Methodism. Your brother in Christ,
R. T. NABORS.
New London, Ark., Nov. 24, 1886.

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PURE GOLD.—We mean that man who serves God from principle, and pays as he prays for the glory of God and the good of souls. He has an emotional nature like other men, but it is made to bow to principle and do homage to real truth, for the truth's sake. He is religious at all times and in all places, and never falters in the path of duty. His piety is neither subject to the cold of winter, nor the heat of summer, and he pays his preacher in full and without stint, and never stops to enquire whether he likes him or not, but pays to please God.

OUR CADETS.—We are now drilling in our training schools, hundreds, thousands and millions of cadets, for the great army of our God. In this war women can fight better than men, hence; we are teaching all the little girls the manual of arms, and the drill of our soldiers. It is only a question of time when our Sunday schools will turn out one of the grandest armies that ever marched to the music of heaven or under the banner of our great Captain, and then we will only have to wait a little while for the world's conquest.

GOOD, BETTER, BEST.—Education is good for the masses. Ignorance is a curse to men, and a hindrance to piety. The masses must be educated. People must understand how to think and how to vote. Education is good. Knowledge is power—as well too for evil as for good. Christian education is better. Cultivate the head and leave the heart untouched and you will make a rascal. Cultivate both and you will have a polished christian. Home education is the best. The hope of this world in the way of activities is praying mothers teaching their children.

SURFACE PIETY.—Oh, how much we have of this in the present age of the world. It is a counterfeit, a sham and a fraud. We refer to the religion so called, that is always clamoring for dance, theatre and circus. It is of the earth earthy, and has neither soul, body or heart, a mere emotion. The shedding of tears, or a little abolition of feeling, which people mistake for true religion. We believe in emotional religion, that is when it is the result of a living faith and hope, and these combined produce a good consistent life. Surface piety neither blesses the world or its possessor.

"She hath done what she could." So our dear Master rebuked covetousness and approved avarice. Why should Judas and the rest of the disciples have spoken of waste in the presence of such a beautiful illustration of woman's pure love for her Savior. Alas! how many have the same spirit. Why this waste of money for the heathen, when we have so many calls for charity at home. All such expressions are born of covetousness and wicked avarice. Let the women alone. Let them work, and christian ministers see that you help them.

LITTLE SAMUEL is the very best specimen of true, good work, to be found in the Bible. Elkonah and Hannah certainly did the right thing in giving their child to God even before his birth. He was absolutely born in the church and for the church. Only think of a sweet little boy of eight years, with glossy curls and ruddy cheeks, ministering at God's altar, as his priest and then as a great judge. Let all the boys read First and Second Samuel, and find the merit of true greatness. Let mothers ponder well the birth and life of Samuel.

THE GRAND MOTHERS.—We do not recollect that the word grandmother occurs but once in the Bible, but that one grandmother left a great legacy to the church. Grandmother Lois trained little Timothy for the church and he learned the Bible and loved it from his youth. What a sweet specimen of a grand mother's love and work. God honored it and the books in the Bible called I. and II. Timothy are precious gems, and real results of loving and abiding faith. Our grandmothers have a great work to do. May God bless them.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Leaving home at 3 p. m. on the evening train of the M. & L. R. railroad, we were soon whirling through the prairies of Lonoke county. As far as Lonoke we had the company of Brother Jewell, P. E. of the Little Rock district. We passed the Bluff City at 9:40, but this scribe was in profound slumber, and neither saw nor heard anything of the great commercial city of the South and West. We were soon awakened by a loud-talking son of Abraham, who was very unkind of his fellow-travelers' comfort. Such people are bores.

At 3:30 we left the M. and L. R. road for the little branch road to Florence, Ala., where we arrived at 4 a. m. and were soon at the hospitable home of Judge Wood, where we were soon in a warm room and a warmer bed. At 9 we made our way to the Methodist church, where we found Bishop Hendrix and the North Alabama Conference under full headway, and we never met a warmer welcome from any body of Methodist preachers. They gave us all the opportunities we could ask for to work up our paper, and they gave us a fine list of subscribers, with a good full purse. How glad we were to see Drs. West, Oliver, Stephenson, Thompson, Hardy Brown, Gregory, Monk and a host of others! It is a noble body of workers and they are cultivating a magnificent field. All their interests are growing, and their watch-word is "Forward!" Sorry we could not stay longer. Florence is a splendid old town, and is now putting on a new dress. The whole country is wild with excitement over the newly found mines of Sheffield. Capitalists from Birmingham, Nashville, Memphis and other cities are on the ground, and the old land of North Alabama are rising from \$10 to \$200 per acre. The future of this country cannot now be told. We shall wait and watch with great interest the developments of the coming years.

Friday at noon we left with Prof. Tillett, of the Vanderbilt, and Dr. Wilson, of Charleston, for West Point where the North Mississippi Conference was in session. We arrived at 4 a. m., and this scribe was taken charge of by an old friend, T. J. Taylor, and made very comfortable till breakfast was ready. At 9 a. m., for the first time, we saw the sunshiny face of Bishop Duncan in the chair of presidency of an annual conference, with everything moving in the same old Methodist order. It was no new thing to find oneself with this body of Christian ministers. We were once one of them, when they were a part of the grand old Memphis Conference. We had once been with them since their division, and they were set up to house keep; but we found them much improved, and advancing and developing into one of the grandest conferences in our connection. Most of the old corps had passed away. We were glad to find Brother Lowery Brooks and other of the old Memphis Conference, and then many of the old Alabama and Mississippi, and besides these a noble corps of young men who have come in in the last few years and taken their station in the first rank.

Saturday afternoon we had our little say and then talked to the Board of Missions at night. Bad weather, good crowd and a splendid collection of \$260 in cash. Sunday was a bitter cold day, and while the Methodist church was well filled, there was no overflow, and the rest of us poor mortals had small crowds. Monday we pushed our battle to the gates, and the North Mississippi Conference just loaded us with cash and subscribers. We return many thanks to the brethren of these two conferences for their hearty welcome and kindness to us. Our Arkansas dynamite shall do them much good during this next year, and we hope to meet them at their next session to hear of great victories won.

On Tuesday morning the Bishop read the appointments, and we left at 12 m. for the Memphis Conference at Jackson, Tenn., and we reached that delightful city at 7:30 p. m., and this scribe was soon in the hospitable home of Mr. N. S. White, the banker of the city. Bro. Sullivan was our colleague and no preacher ever had a better conference home. We return thanks to Mr. and Mrs. White for pleasant entertainment, and the young people did help mightily to make everything pleasant. We only remained with the conference until Thursday at noon, but they did not send us empty away.

We heard much praise for our paper, and got much substantial help.

Off for home at 11 on Thursday. Hope to see our better half and our kind Bishop to-morrow at 9 a. m.: Rev. Dr. David Morton, our portly Church Extension Secretary, will put in an appearance on Saturday. We hope he will do better than at West Point, Miss. He took two naps in the sanctuary, and repudiated his bill for lodging that we were ordered by the Bishop to collect. Dr. McFerrin reached the Memphis Conference before we left, and was fairly toasted around. Dr. Cottrell, the inimitable, was on hand, working for the Centenary. Only one Cottrell. Can't be any more—no room for another.

A SCHOOL-GIRL'S ITINERARY.—8.

We have just returned from the City Temple, where we heard Dr. Parker preach. I could not shake off the impression all the time he was preaching that I was listening to Henry Irving, the actor. Their voices are exactly alike, and they have much the same manner and gestures. There was too much elobution in it for me, and it seemed so studied and prepared that I could not enjoy it. There were no striking thoughts—only pretty words. He is not to be compared to Spragg. Then, the music, except the doxology was unfamiliar; so I did not enjoy the service much.

We had a delightful excursion to York, and on the way back stopped at Cambridge. This it a beautiful place; we drove all over it and saw the seventeen colleges. Uncle Robert was in his glory. We got back to London at night, and stopped at the Midland Grand Hotel, said to be the finest in Europe. It was nice enough, but nothing to compare with some of ours. We spent one day at the Colonial Exhibition. It was very good indeed. We saw a perfect representation of an African jungle, with all the animals, trees and undergrowth complete. At night the gardens were illuminated and it was the most beautiful sight I ever saw. There were thousands of little colored lights all over the tops of the buildings, in the trees, on the shrubs, around the flower beds and lakes, and in every place where there was room. The fountain in the center of the lake was illuminated with different colored lights. It was more like fairy land than anything I can imagine.

Mr. Arthur Marks, of Tennessee, son of ex-Governor Marks, is in the drawing room, so I must put up my pencil and go down.

Mr. Marks did not have much home news, but is quite pleasant and intelligent. We will attend service to-night at a Wesleyan Chapel. Uncle Robert was there last Sunday night. We had "brown bread ice" for dinner last night. I didn't like it all. While at the Exposition we sat down at one of little tables in the garden to hear the band play, and asked a waiter to bring us some lemonade. He went off and brought four bottles (Uncle Robert was not present). When he poured it out in the glasses it foamed up like soda-water and we tasted it. I think lemonade is the last name I should have given it. It tasted a little like hard cider, but more like home made soda water. Do not want any more English lemonade. Now for a sample of appetite. We had a regular "lark" at Cambridge the other night, were waiting for the train and dreadful hungry, when Uncle Robert got us some sandwiches and cake; we ate all that up and he bought us a second supply we ate them and he went off and came back with a paper bag of cold hard-boiled eggs. We ate them and sent him for more; but he had to wait for them to be cooked, and by the time they were done the train came. We got into our carriage and continued our feast on hot eggs. I have never been so hungry before.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.
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Dr. Morton's speech throughout was fluent and enthusiastic. At its close the venerable Dr. Hunter approached him and placing a contribution in his hand proceeded at once to canvass the congregation taking up a collection. He was assisted by other brethren and about \$25 was raised.
The following young preachers were admitted into full connection and will be ordained to the full work of the

ministry to-morrow: Joseph A. Baker, W. R. Harrison, J. H. Calloway, W. A. Freeman, L. W. House, J. Y. Christman, W. W. Mills and J. W. F. Scott.

The Bishop delivered to these a most able, earnest and impressive charge.

The committee on conference relations reported the following for the superannuated relations: R. H. Sanders, J. A. Caldwell, A. W. Simmons, A. Avery, J. C. Rhodes, B. Watson and B. G. Johnson.

For the supernumerary relations: B. E. Mitchell, Joseph Turrentine, J. R. Harvey, W. J. Davis. Those proposed for superannuation were confirmed. After some opposition to granting Rev. Mr. Mitchell the relations, the report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Alford, from the Methodist Protestant church, presented credentials and was admitted as a local elder. Credentials of Rev. J. J. Swails, of the General Baptist church, was presented and was admitted as an elder. Rev. R. G. Turner, admitted on trial from the Congregational church, was admitted to elders orders. The committee on education submitted their report. It revealed a very promising outlook in the church educational interests. Following the report which was adopted Dr. I. L. Burrow, president of the Central Collegiate Institute, the church training school of the state, addressed the conference in behalf of that school.

SUNDAY.

After morning service Bishop Galloway ordained the following deacons, (traveling) Joseph A. Baker, John H. Callaway, William A. Freeman, Lorenzo W. House, James Y. Crimas, Wm W. Mills and John W. F. Scott. (local) Hiram M. Harris and Wm A. Cajal. They were presented by J. R. Moore, Dr. Andrew Hunter read the epistle, and Dr. A. R. Winfield the gospel. In the afternoon after sermon by Dr. W. G. Miller, the following were ordained elders: (traveling) Edwin L. Beard, Moses B. Hill and Samuel H. Parker, (local) J. Asbury Clower. They were presented by J. R. Moore. Alonzo Monk read the epistle, Dr. W. G. Miller, Horace Jewell and Alonzo Monk assisted in laying on of hands.

FIFTH DAY.

Conference met at 9 a. m. The religious services were led by Dr. R. N. Ross. The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Dr. Morton addressed the conference.

Question 11, "What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?" Bishop Galloway presented the following paper: (Bro Thweatt, answer from Bishop Galloway's report. Questions 11, 13, 15.)

On motion the vote by which report No. 1 of Board of Education was passed, was reconsidered.

Dr. Winfield moved that the report be amended by striking out the first resolution. The report was amended, and it was adopted as amended.

C. S. Collins was granted leave of absence.

A Monk addressed the conference briefly in the interest of Huntsville Female College.

E. H. McDaniel was granted leave of absence.

The committee on Bible Cause, through J. H. Goed, made report. The report was adopted.

C. S. Stone, for the committee, read the report on temperance. The first and second resolutions were adopted. J. H. Riggan moved to amend by striking out 3d resolution. Moved to lay on the table—lost. Pending action H. Jewell submitted the following question for Episcopal decision. The report was then adopted.

Dr. Withers stated that Bro Rooks of White River conference had been transferred to this conference, but on account of an informality could not get work, and he was here with a sick family, whereupon a collection was taken amounting to \$33.05.

C. D. McSwain read report of the Joint Board of Finance. The report was adopted.

Question 28, "What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied. Answer, \$2,299.54 applied as follows:

To whom paid.
Sister Colburn, \$10.10, T. H. Ware
" Robertson & D 187.55, S. C. Stone
" Stanley \$25.20, J. H. Sage
" Pryor \$75.20, H. W. Brooks
" Weir \$40.20, R. P. Wilson
" Haskins & Co. \$175.40, B. B. McCraw
" Husbands \$25.20, J. R. Moore

R. H. Sanders \$175.00, Self
Sister Marshall \$100.20, Self
C. Goddin \$50.20, H. W. Brooks
B. Watson \$250.00, J. T. Carr
J. H. Blakely \$200.00, J. A. Clower
A. W. Simmons \$175.00, J. F. Carr
Sister Lowry, &c. \$270.90, C. A. Bayliss
A. Anry \$50.00, A. T. Holmes
Hagan children \$100.45, J. A. Biggs
Sister Ward \$50.20, H. D. McKinnon
" Davis \$75.20, A. J. Holmes
" Greenwood \$10.20, J. S. Nicholson
J. E. Caldwell \$275, Self

W. Preston read the report number 1 of the committee on books and periodicals. Report adopted.

He also read report No. 2. Pending its adoption, Dr. Winfield spoke to the report. The first resolution was read and adopted. Second resolution adopted. Third resolution adopted. Fourth resolution adopted.

E. L. Beard submitted an amendment to this report which was accepted by the committee and incorporated in the Report as the fourth resolution.

The preamble was then read and discussed by various persons. Dr. McLaughlin moved to strike out that part of the report criticizing the management. The motion to strike out prevailed. The preamble as amended was then adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole.

C. A. Bayliss read the report of the S. S. Board. Report adopted.

Resolution by T. H. Ware in reference to Wadley adopted.

Moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2:30.

Adjourned with doxology and benediction by Dr. Miller.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 2:30, pursuant to adjournment and was opened with divine service by Jno. McLaughlin.

Dr. Hunter by request of the Bishop in the chair.

The minutes of the morning read and approved.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? \$1484.71 for domestic, \$4201.71 for foreign.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? B. B. McCraid chairman passed but not having been before the committee he was continued on trial and in the class of the first year.

Question 7.—Who are the deacons of one year? A. P. Few, character passed, but not having stood his examination, was continued in the class of the third year.

The bishop appeared and took the chair. R. N. Ross, the statistical secretary, read the report:

Question 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions during the year? Local preachers, 166; members, 22,625.

Question 22.—How many infants were baptized? 720.

Question 23.—How many adults have been baptized? 1920.

Question 24.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? 315.

Question 25.—What is the number of Sunday School Teachers? 1747.

Question 26.—What is the number of S. S. scholars? 13,116.

Question 30.—What has been contributed for Ch. Extension? \$908.85.

Question 31.—What is the number and estimated value of church edifices? Number of churches, 293; value, \$166,702.

Question 32.—What is the number and estimated value of parsonages? Number of parsonages, 40; value, \$24,216.

Question 33.—What are the educational statistics? One school house, \$15,000, and joint ownership of the C. O. Institute.

L. M. Keith read the report of the committee on conference journals; the report was adopted.

M. B. Hill read the assessment made by the mission board for 1887. C. C. Godden read the assessment of the Board of Church Extension for the year 1887.

The minutes were read and approved. The bishop announced the 278th hymn, which was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Hunter, and the bishop announced the following appointments

APPOINTMENTS.

Little Rock District.
HORACE JEWELL, P. E.
Little Rock First Church, W. G. Miller.

Fifteenth and Center Church, A. D. Jenkins.

Benton station, C. D. McSwain.

Benton circuit, E. N. Watson.

Collegeville circuit, S. N. Burns.

Maumelle circuit, H. Townsend.
Liberty and Pleasant Grove, A. Hunter.
Lonoke station, A. O. Evans.
Austin circuit, J. A. Biggs.
Des Arc and Hickory Plains, Z. T. McCann.

Wattensas circuit, J. R. Sherwood.
Hazen circuit, R. R. Moore.
Carlisle circuit, L. M. Keith.
Galloway circuit, S. H. Parker.
A. R. Winfield, editor of ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Pine Bluff District.
T. H. WARE, P. E.

Pine Bluff circuit, J. F. Carr.
Sheridan circuit, J. Y. Christman.
Toledo circuit, J. W. Berry.

New Edinburgh circuit, G. W. Matt-haus.

Lehi circuit, C. M. Keith.

Auburn circuit, to be supplied by R. H. Poynter.

DeWitt circuit, N. E. Bragg.

Stuttgart circuit, R. W. McKay.

White River circuit, C. B. Brinkley.

Old River circuit, W. J. Stone.

Flat Bayou circuit, W. J. Rogers.

Redfield circuit, R. T. Davis.

Arkadelphia District.
C. C. GODDEN, P. E.

Arkadelphia station, John McLaughlin.

Clark circuit, J. A. Baker.

Amity circuit, J. A. Bayless.

Gurdon circuit, J. M. Kline.

Mt. Ida circuit, J. C. A. Marshall.

Hot Springs Station, H. R. Withers; W. J. Davis, Sup.

Hot Springs circuit, J. S. Nicholson.

" " mission, W. A. Steel.

Malvern station, S. C. Stone.

" " circuit, R. C. Atchley.

Social Hill circuit, A. West.

Tulip circuit, W. R. Harrison.

Murfreesboro circuit, E. Garrett.

Princeton circuit, A. Turrentine.

Washington District.
J. H. RIGGIN, P. E.

Washington circuit, J. R. Sanders.

Fulton circuit, J. A. Sage.

Hope station, L. B. Hawley.

Prescott station, R. M. Traylor.

Emmett circuit, D. T. Holmes.

Mineral Springs, A. B. Winfield; J. R. Harvey, Sup.

Center Point circuit, J. M. G. Dug-las.

Richmond and Rocky Comfort, W. C. Adams.

Little River mission, J. H. Guffy.

Peytonville circuit, to be supplied by F. E. English.

Lockesburg circuit, J. T. Rascoe.

Chapel Hill circuit, T. G. Galloway; B. E. Mitchell, Sup.

Saline circuit, J. H. Calloway.

Cove circuit, to be supplied by J. B. Williams.

Dallas circuit, to be supplied by A. P. Alexander.

Silver Springs Mission, to be sup'd.

Camden District.
J. J. JENKINS, P. E.

Camden station, J. R. Moore.

" " circuit, J. R. Cason.

Ousatcha circuit, C. L. Adams.

Carolina circuit, H. Armstrong.

Buckner circuit, O. H. Keadle.

Texarkana circuit, W. W. Mills.

Bright Star circuit, R. T. Nabors.

Magnolia station, Wade Preston.

Stevens circuit, G. W. Logan.

Atlanta circuit, T. D. Scott; J. Turrentine, Sup.

Eldorado circuit, John H. Gold.

Lapile circuit, W. A. Freeman.

Fordyce circuit, H. H. Watson.

Bearden mission, J. B. Thomas.

Monticello District.
H. D. McKINNON, P. E.

Monticello station, B. B. McCraw.

Mt. Pleasant circuit, J. M. D. Sturgis.

Selma circuit, E. L. Beard.

Arkansas City, W. H. Browning.

Holly Grove circuit, L. W. House.

Lake Village and Lake Fort, A. P. Few.

Lacey circuit, J. D. Whitesides.

Hamburg station, H. W. Brooks.

" " circuit, J. W. F. Scott.

Bartholomew circuit, R. G. Turner.

Palestine circuit, S. A. Hill.

Warr'n circuit, R. P. Wilson.

Transferred: J. T. Galloway to Louisiana conference; A. P. Holmes to N. W. Texas conference; A. S. Scott to the Los Angeles conference.

We see in the Democrat of the 11th inst a call for a nice social gathering at the parlors of the Arkansas Female College on the 16th inst, the design of which is to start a library for the use of the pupils. We call this a step in the right direction, and we heartily recommend it to our people. Let everybody take a part in it and help heartily.

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UNCLE HERVEY, Editor.

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Which delivers you and me;

From the cabin on the prairie
From the vaulted city dome,
From the dark and briny ocean
Where our sailor-brothers roam;

A hundred years of marching
And a hundred years of song;
The Conquer advances,
And the time will not be long;

When the waris over,
With the saints, forever more,
On the blissful heights of glory,
We will shout the battle o'er,

Dear Uncle Hervey—I am a little
girl not quite three years old, but
ma wishes me to join the Little
Helpers, and by and by to be a great
helper in the work of God.

Dear Uncle Hervey—I send you
two dimes, one for myself and
the other for my little sister, who is
eight years old, to help pay the
missionary debt.

Dear Uncle Hervey—Our papa
does not take the paper but we see
it at cousin Fannie Smith's, and
hear the little letters read, and wish
to be known as Little Helpers.

Dear Uncle Hervey—I herewith
send thirty cents for the missionary
cause, ten cents for me, ten for my
cousin Oscar Wolfe and ten for little
Effie Peery.

Dear Uncle Hervey—I am nearly
six years old and go to school every
day. I can read in the first reader.

Dear Brethren—We little ones
are in good earnest about helping
to save the whole world for our
dear Savior.

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little girl not quite three years old,
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Helpers, and by and by to be a great
helper in the work of God.

pair of woolen socks for the young
circuit preacher, who had no one to
knit for him in those days; and strange
as it may seem to you, we had no
merchants with stores full of goods.

Dear Uncle Hervey—Papa takes
the good old METHODIST, and I very
much enjoy reading the letters from
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does not take the paper but we see
it at cousin Fannie Smith's, and
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to be known as Little Helpers.

I knew a woman who was converted
at one of our chapels. She was bitter-
ly opposed by her husband. He said
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OBITUARIES.

MEDLOCK.—John William, infant son of John F. and Mary A. Medlock, was born Dec. 28, 1885, and died Oct. 15th, 1886, near Collegeville, Saline county, Ark. Little Willie was a sweet and interesting babe, and bright were the hopes which twined around this lovely blossom, which was only lent for a little while, to show how sweet a blossom could bloom on earth, and sad are the father and mother because the ruthless hand of death has culled this lovely flower.

"Twas only lent—it will droop no more, In the beautiful land on the unseen shore; And joy in affliction is surely given To the mother who owns a child in heaven."

A FRIEND.

MALLOREY.—Rogers P. Mallory, son of J. W. and Martha A. Mallory, was born near Forrest City, St. Francis county, Ark. He professed religion at Forrest City, in 1882, and soon after joined the M. E. Church, South. On the morning of September 5th, 1886, he was accidentally shot, and died instantly. The evidence of love and sympathy was evinced by a very large congregation assembled at Mt. Vernon, on Sept. 6th, to witness the last scene, as beyond description. A cloud of gloom overspread the multitude. Intelligent, of good morals, loving to engage in the work that would tend to elevate and build up society and promote the cause of religion as the chief work of life, borne where God's spirit was resting on the family altar, all could say truthfully, he was a good man. On the Sabbath preceding his death, he left the house of his father and mother for Madison, to assist in the organization of a Sunday school. The shot that severed life from his body, passed through a Senior Quarterly, which was found in his breast pocket, and thence to its work of death. He has gone to meet beyond the grave, the faithful sister, who preceded him only a few weeks. His death makes a vacancy that cannot be filled, and his absence is lamented by all. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we feel that our loss is his gain, and the circle that has just been broken will be re-united in our Father's House.

[Richmond Christian Advocate please copy.] M. B. UMSTED.

GILES.—Bro. S. A. Giles was born Sept. 19, 1832, in Madison county, Ala., moved to Arkansas in 1858, and settled in Phillips county, where he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1872, and lived a consistent member of the same, until his death, which occurred Sept. 11, 1888. Rev. Giles was a true man and a true Christian, faithful in the discharge of every duty laid upon him by his church. Ever ready to assist in her laudable undertakings, he is missed greatly in the church and in the community in which he lived. But more sorely is he missed by his beloved family. He leaves a wife and five daughters to mourn his loss. But he has gone to meet four other daughters who passed before him into the Glory land. May his loved ones press forward until the whole family is again united where death can no more part them. W. J. VICK. Moro, Nov. 19, 1886.

MILLER.—Mrs. America Miller, nee Walker, was born Sept. 29, 1869. She professed religion in 1883 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which she lived a consistent member until her death. She was married to Harvey J. Miller September 16th, 1885, and died September 14th, 1886. She was a good child and a good wife; was soundly converted and was a happy and useful church member, and was loved by her church. She died peacefully, saying to her father, "I am going to heaven." Her parents weep sorrowfully, and yet they rejoice. The young husband is in great distress and is hard to comfort. He thinks his loss is irreparable as to this life, but he is a Christian and will find comfort in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. Peace be to thy dust, dear America, till then. E. M. WATSON.

ROGERS.—Ida Maud Rogers, daughter of Jeff and Alice Rogers, was born at their home near Kingsland, Cleveland county, Arkansas, September 27, 1876 and died Nov. 8th, 1886. Maud, as she was usually called, was a very sweet child, and was much loved by all who knew her. She was baptized in infancy and taught that she was a member of the church, and was particular to so deport herself as she grew older and understood Christian obligation and duty.

Her death is a great trial to her parents, who loved her so dearly, and only have a younger son left. How much this dear little boy will miss his loving sister we cannot know, but our Heavenly Father does all things well. Their loss is her gain, and heaven is dearer than ever to them, because their little Maud is there. May they all meet again, where separations never come, is the prayer of one who sincerely weeps with those who weep. G. W. MATTHEWS. New Edinburgh Ct., Pine Bluff dia.

LOVE.—Mrs. Virginia Love, nee Dumond, was born in Arkansas county, State of Arkansas, on the 18th of March, 1828. She was reared in the same county. She was married to Isaac Love on Nov. 12th, 1847, and died in the 59th year of her age at her home in Dardanelle, Yell county, Arkansas, November 13, 1886.

She lived after marriage in Desha county, Arkansas, and moved to Yell county, Arkansas, in February, 1867, in which she lived until her death. She had been a widow about six years, during which time she lived alone with her only living son, Dr. L. E. Love, who is the only one of her children now living, that remains unmarried. She was the mother of seven children, only three of whom are now living—the doctor above mentioned, Mrs. Lou Wilson and Mrs. Frankie Cole. They felt most deeply the irreparable loss her death has brought to them here and which they must sustain with their grief-stricken hearts, without the hope earth will ever restore to them the precious treasure borne from them into the incomprehensible future.

As at the close of day the milder radiance of the setting sun touches, with the more delicate pencilings of fading light, the earth and sky, revealing to us charms and a beauty which lay hid all the day from our view, so with the lives of those who have gone from us.

Their love and self-sacrifice, their deep solicitude and faithful counsel, their smiles and tears, songs and sighs, the sweet music of their voices and their words of cheer, their gentle caresses and their sacred ministries—all the innumerable tokens of confidence and esteem, offered with hearts overflowing with tenderness and sympathy could never appear so precious, nor impress us with such a sense of their priceless worth as at the hour of our long separation.

The citizens of Dardanelle, with the relatives of the deceased, weep for the great loss sustained to earth by her death, but not as those who have no hope, for in the glorious day of eternity we will see her life crowned in all the perfection of beauty and loveliness, and glowing with celestial splendor beneath the bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness. SAMUEL N. BURNS.

STELL.—We are called upon again to chronicle the death of another of our Sunday school scholars—Willie B., son of J. W. and M. L. Stell, aged 15 years, 11 months and five days.

Willie, like his sainted sister Linnie was known only to be loved, but when the call was made he expressed himself as willing to yield. The bright hopes of future usefulness, and the proud anticipations of a dotting father and mother are blighted. Willie has gone to enjoy the happy greetings of that Golden City. At its open gate he will wait and watch for the coming of brothers, sisters and parents left behind. His life had scarcely begun when it ended on earth, but he liveth in a "house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Then, parents, brother, sisters and school mates, strive to meet him in the Celestial clime of Glory.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

At an early hour this morning the Capitol was the objective point of hundreds of pedestrians, who thronged the streets and avenues of the city.

The Senate, seated, grave and dignified as usual, proceeded to business at a few preliminaries, in as quiet a manner as had adjourned over from the previous day.

In the house of Representatives but few changes were noticeable. The doors were also draped in black and the chairs and desks of the two members who died during the Congressional recess, Messrs. Beach and Arnt, to donate that their former occupants were dead.

free traders and Democratic protectionists, of Republican revenue reformers and Republican high tariff men, of Republican and Democratic prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists, labor men and anti-labor men, and men of all other kinds of conflicting aims and schemes and ambitions.

For several weeks the air has been full of predictions that nothing will be done this winter beyond passing the necessary appropriation bills. That sounds pessimistic, and there is too much that ought to be done to indulge in such foreboding.

"The virtuous are not resentful." This is substantially the plea of almost every Congressman, when interviewed about the scheme of the Washington police force to keep an eye on the whole fraternity.

Among the Congressmen on the floor of the House to-day I noticed Mr. Price, of Wisconsin, whose pale face indicated the incurable malady from which he is suffering.

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