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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

### FIRST DAY.

The White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its twentieth session in the M. E. church in Jonesboro, Ark., Dec. 15, 1886, at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, presiding, called the conference to order, conducted the religious exercises and opened the conference.

George Thornburgh, the secretary of the last conference, called the roll of members and delegates.

On motion George Thornburgh was elected secretary; J. B. Suttler and N. B. Fizer were elected assistant secretaries.

The hours of the conference were fixed at 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. The following compose the committees, as nominated and confirmed:

On conference relations: Geo. M. Hill, M. C. Morris, Thos. Vincent, W. R. Foster, J. A. Vernon, J. F. Troy and J. F. Armstrong.

On Public Worship: S. L. Cochran, W. W. Anderson and A. L. Malone.

On district conference journals: J. M. Hanks, C. G. Johnston, Ransom Gully and L. B. Audigier.

On church property: F. R. Noe, J. L. Howell, J. I. Maynard, James T. Henderson.

On books and periodicals: F. A. Jelfett, J. J. Alexander, Neely Shever and L. Adair.

On Bible cause: N. E. Skinner, Jno. Moore, J. F. Pike and F. E. Taylor.

On temperance: R. G. Brittain, D. P. Tunstall, J. W. Patton, H. M. Granade and J. F. Jernigan.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin, book agent, was read, and with the accompanying documents, was referred to the committee on books and periodicals. Dr. J. B. McFerrin addressed the conference in behalf of the publishing house.

A communication in regard to the Calvin fund, with a check for \$12, was received from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, which was read, and the check handed to C. H. Ford, president of the joint board of finance.

A communication from the Sunday school secretary, was referred to the Sunday school board without reading.

A communication from the secretary of the board of missions was read and referred to the conference board of missions.

A communication from Josephus Anderson, as treasurer of the general conference delegation, was read and ordered recorded.

C. G. Johnson, lay delegate from Newport district, was excused from further attendance during the conference.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of J. M. Talkington, Frank Ritter, M. A. Smith, H. T. Gregory, S. L. Cochran, Josephus Anderson, John Rhyne and E. T. Jones were called and their characters passed. John Rhyne asked for superannuated relations and E. T. Jones asked for supernumerary relations. Their requests were referred to the committee on conference relations.

M. D. Early, of the Missionary Baptist church, Chas. H. Cary, late of the Kansas Conference, T. Ready, late of the Western conference, Wm. Wright, of the Southwest Missouri conference, Edgar M. Pipkin, formerly of Little Rock conference and Prof. W. K. of St. Louis, were introduced to the conference.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

L. M. Cryer, from El Paso circuit, Searcy district; Richard M. Manly, from De View circuit, Helena district; Stone W. Anderson, from Beatley circuit, Helena district; Robert A. Jackson, from De View circuit, Helena district; Fay C. Sterling, from Newburg circuit, Batesville district; George M. Smith, from Bethesda circuit, Batesville district; Few Ball, from St. Francis mission, Jonesboro

district, all recommended by their several quarterly conferences, and having passed approved examinations, were admitted on trial.

James E. Vick, from Taylor's Creek circuit, Helena district; C. C. Skipper, from Walnut Ridge circuit, Newport district, and Wm. E. Bishop, from Milborne circuit, Batesville district, were recommended by their several quarterly conferences, but failing to pass approved examinations, were refused admission.

Prentiss B. Wallace, recommended by the quarterly conference of the Bethesda circuit, Batesville district, passed an approved examination, but was refused admission.

By vote of the conference, the presiding elders are allowed to employ the said C. C. Skipper, P. B. Wallace and Wm. E. Bishop, if found necessary.

Question 5.—Who are admitted?

James G. Miller, recommended by the quarterly conference of Pocahontas circuit, Newport district, was readmitted as a deacon in the class of the third year.

James S. Best, recommended by the quarterly conference of the Sulphur Rock circuit, Batesville district, was readmitted as an elder.

Albert P. Saffold, recommended by the quarterly conference of Jamestown circuit, Batesville district, was readmitted a deacon in the class of the third year.

Question 2.—Who remain on trial?

Wm. Manly and Dudley W. Reid stood an approved examination, their characters passed and they were continued on trial, and passed to the class of the second year.

R. C. Bland failed to pass an approved examination. His character passed and he was continued on trial in the class of the first year.

J. M. Dennison was not before the committee. His character passed and he requested a discontinuance.

Question 3.—Who are discontinued?

J. M. Dennison, at his own request. Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

### SECOND DAY.

Thursday morning, Dec. 16, 1886, Conference was opened at 9 o'clock. Bishop Galloway presiding. Religious services were conducted by Andrew Hunter, of the Little Rock conference.

The names of those absent on the day previous were called and the following named answered: Members; R. D. Moon and W. M. Watson. Delegates, Louis Audigier, Jas. V. Henderson and H. F. Harvey, from Searcy district; H. T. Blythe, J. D. McKin, W. S. Blackshire, from Jonesboro district, and J. M. Howell, from Helena district.

The calling of the roll after to-day was dispensed with by vote.

Rev's Andrew Hunter, D. D. and C. C. Godden, of the Little Rock conference, Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D. of Vanderbilt University, and M. G. Williams, of the North Alabama Conference and President of Athens college, were introduced to the conference.

Question 2.—Who remain on trial?

R. S. Deener, Wm. Vick, T. B. Williamson, Wm. A. Peck and E. M. Davis, stood approved examinations. Their character passed and were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

M. J. Hively, W. S. Southworth and Michael Marty were not before the committee. Their character passed and they were continued on trial in the class of the first year.

Question 7.—Who are the deacons of one year?

E. L. W. Arnold, J. D. Rutledge and W. E. Rutledge stood an approved examination, (E. L. W. Arnold last year,) their character passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

J. J. Maynard and J. R. Edwards were not before the committee. Their character passed and they were continued in the class of the third year.

Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other conferences, Chas. H. Carey, from the Arkansas confer-

ence in the class of the fourth year, Wilber F. Wright, from the South-West Missouri conference, in the class of the fourth year, Wm. T. Ready from the Western conference in elders orders.

Question 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders? The names of Lewis Kelley, Joseph S. Brooks and Wilber F. Wright were called. Their character passed and having stood an approved examination, were severally elected elders.

The committee on books and periodicals made its report No. 1, which was adopted, (see appendix.)

Dr. Winfield addressed the conference in behalf of the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Question 8.—What traveling preachers are selected deacons? A. M. R. Branson, Thomas Whitaker and A. J. Johnson, stood an approved examination. Their character passed and they were elected deacons. C. W. Rook and W. F. Walker were not before the committee. Their character passed and they asked for a discontinuance.

W. A. Pendergrass stood an approved examination. His character passed and he was advanced to the class of the third year. (He is a local deacon.)

Question 3.—Who are discontinued? was answered. C. W. Rook and W. F. Walker at their own request.

Dr. E. E. Hoss addressed the conference very earnestly, in behalf of the theological department of Vanderbilt University.

Question 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons?

Wm. Vick from Spring Creek circuit, Newport district, D. M. Robinson from Siloam circuit, Newport district, Wm. R. Robbins from Siloam circuit, Newport district, F. E. Hill from Iuka mission, Batesville district, Watson H. Pierson from Barren Fork circuit, Batesville district, Thomas Graves from Harrisburg circuit, Jonesboro district, recommended by their several quarterly conferences, were elected deacons.

On motion by Geo. M. Hill, the vote taken yesterday, by which Prentiss B. Wallace was refused admission on trial, was re-considered.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial? was resumed and the said Prentiss B. Wallace was admitted.

The conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

### THIRD DAY.

Friday morning, Dec. 17, 1886. Conference was opened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Galloway presiding. Religious services were conducted by Thos. Vinson. The minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Rev. J. G. Johns, D. D. missionary secretary, Rev. E. E. Hamilton D. D. of the Memphis conference, Bro. J. C. Alexander, of the St. Louis conference, and V. V. Harlan of the Arkansas conference were introduced to the conference. A telegram, worded as follows was received from Rev. J. C. Brown, St. Joe, Mo., Dec. 16, 1886.—An absent son sends greeting to his mother conference. Pray for us. Ephesians 1st, 23d verse.

The secretaries were requested to respond to the telegram at once. They sent the following telegram: "Your mother conference loves and prays for you. 1st Timothy, Fourth Chapter, verses 12, 14, 15 and 16.

The credentials of Charles B. Hutton as a deacon and an elder, and the credentials of Monroe G. Powers, a deacon, were surrendered to the conference.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of E. A. Garrison, R. P. Harwood, J. F. Pike, Z. T. Bennett, G. M. Hill, H. M. Granade, T. B. F. James, G. A. Dannally, A. S. Blackwood, John H. Dye, F. A. Jelfett, M. B. Umstead, T. A. Craig, J. C. Ritter, M. C. Morris, C. H. Ford, N. E. Skinner, S. W. Register, T. E. Taylor, W. R. Foster, Thomas Vincent, S. D. Evans, R. D. Moon, J. F. Armstrong, E. M. Pipkin, Jno. Moore, J. A. Vernon, J. J. Alexander, J. F. Troy, F. R. Noe, W. W. Anderson, J. S. Watson, R. G. Brittain, E. M. Baker, A. C. Griffin, B.

Harris, J. F. Jernigan, N. B. Fizer were called one by one and their characters passed.

Dr. John addressed the conference in behalf of the missionary cause.

J. F. Jernigan offered the following resolutions which were adopted: Resolved, That we will take up our foreign missionary collections by the first of March, 1887.

Second, That we will, by the grace of God, work to double our foreign missionary collections the ensuing year.

Talbert Rawlings, a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, presented a letter of dismissal from Searcy Presbytery of said church, and asked to be recognized as an elder in the traveling connection. He was recognized as an elder in the traveling connection upon conditions that he take upon himself our ordination vows.

G. N. Henry, lately a minister in the Protestant Methodist church, in elders orders, recommended by the quarterly conference of La Cross and Evening Shade station, Batesville district, presented his application for recognition of his orders, accompanied by a note certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of our church, and he was recognized as an elder in the local ranks, on condition that he takes upon himself our ordination vows.

The statistical secretary made his report, which was laid over till until tomorrow.

H. M. Granade and N. B. Fizer, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. Andrew Hunter, D. D. is hereby requested to preach his semi-centennial sermon to the White River Conference, on Sunday night, Dec. 19th.

Dr. Hamilton addressed the conference, R. Gully was excused from further attendance.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

### FOURTH DAY.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Galloway presiding.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. C. Alexander.

The minutes of the third day were read and approved.

The committee on conference relations reported, recommending that John Rhyne be granted a superannuated and Ed. T. Jones a supernumerary relation.

Question 18.—Who are supernumerary? Ed. T. Jones.

Question 18.—Who are superannuated? John Rhyne.

Question 19.—What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

The committee on books and periodicals made their report No. 2, which was adopted—see appendix.

John H. Dye addressed the conference in regard to his discontinuance with the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and his cause generally during the year.

Rev. J. Ditzler, D. D., was introduced to the conference.

Question 16.—Who are located this year?

T. B. F. James, at his own request.

The board of education made its report, which was adopted. (See appendix.)

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A. M. R. Branson, Thomas Whittaker, W. A. Pendergrass and A. J. Jackson stood approved examinations before the committee. Their characters passed and they answered all the disciplinary questions; and after being addressed by bishop Galloway, were severally admitted into full connection by vote of the conference.

Question 34.—Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Searcy, Ark., was nominated and elected.

H. M. Granade moved that the presiding elders nominate five trustees for Central Collegiate Institute, which was adopted.

The joint board of finance made a report, which was adopted. (See appendix.)

The committee on district conference journals made its report, which was adopted. (See appendix.)

The committee on temperance made its report, and it was adopted. (See appendix.)

M. M. Smith offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That every preacher in charge be required hereafter to pay into the hands of the secretary, at each annual conference, \$1 to pay for printing the minutes.

Resolved, 2nd, That the preachers be allowed to collect this from their charges, and that the minutes be sent to the preachers for free distribution, and to laymen who pay for them.

(Signed) M. M. SMITH.  
J. F. JERNIGAN.

George Thornburgh moved that L. B. Audigier be elected publisher of the minutes, and that E. A. Garrison be appointed to raise \$30 to pay part of the cost of publication, and that the said publisher be authorized to obtain advertisements of a respectable character to pay balance of cost. Adopted.

The committee on Bible cause made its report, which was adopted. (See appendix.)

Question 27.—What amount is necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,539.70.

Question 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected \$831.50; Calvin fund, \$12; Total, \$843.50, applied as per report. (See appendix.)

Question 29.—What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign missions, \$1,323.55; Domestic missions, \$716.25.

Question 30.—What has been contributed for church extension? \$227.20.

Joseph N. Sheaks, lately an elder in the Missionary Baptist church, recommended by the quarterly conference of Buffalo Island circuit, Jonesboro district, applied for recognition, and accompanied the same by a note certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South, and he was recognized as an elder in the local ranks.

The secretary of the conference was directed to give A. S. Dees a certificate of his recognition as an elder in our church.

Question 34.—What are the educational statistics?

An interest in the Central Collegiate Institute at Altus, Ark.

On motion of H. M. Granade J. M. Dennison was requested to act as Culporter for our conference as his abilities will permit.

A. L. Cochran moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet tomorrow right after service, which was adopted.

J. H. Dye was granted leave of absence for the session.

The time of the conference was extended indefinitely.

The presiding elders nominated and the conference elected the following named persons to compose the board's and committee's mentioned, to-wit: Board of Missions.—G. A. Dannally, M. M. Smith, E. M. Baker, A. M. R. Branson, J. S. Brooks, F. R. Noe, and W. T. Ready.

Sunday School Board.—F. A. Jelfett, J. B. Suttler, E. M. Pipkin, T. J. Rodgers, S. D. Evans, J. N. Stayton, H. M. Grenade, H. N. Glasscock, W. M. Watson, R. Gully.

Board of Education.—B. Harris, O. A. Vernon, Geo. M. Hill, R. P. Harwood, H. T. Blythe, J. F. Smith, J. F. Reves, Jr.

Board of Church Extension.—E. A. Garrison, M. B. Umstead, J. F. Troy, N. E. Skinner, J. T. Henderson, G. Thornburgh, E. G. Brittain.

Trustee's of Central Collegiate Institute.—G. A. Dannally, F. A. Jelfett, E. M. Pipkin, J. T. Henderson, J. B. Suttler.

Examining Committee on trial, C. H. Lord, E. E. Taylor, J. F. Armstrong. First year, W. W. Anderson,

M. O. Morris, J. F. Armstrong. Second year, E. A. Garrison, J. F. Jernigan, H. M. Granade. Third year, E. M. Pipkin, John Moore, M. B. Umstead. Fourth year, W. T. Ready Jno. S. Watson, J. F. Pike.

Question 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers 163, members 16,765.

Question 22.—How many infants have been baptised during the year? 425.

Question 23.—How many adults have been baptised during the year? 1024.

Question 24.—What is the number of Sunday schools? 221.

Question 25.—What is the number of Sunday school teachers? 1441.

Question 26.—What is the number of Sunday school scholars? 10475.

Question 31.—What is the number and what is the estimated value of church edifices? Number, 182; value, \$121870.

Question 32.—What is the number and estimated value of parsonages? Number, 26; value \$13045.

At 1 o'clock conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

### FIFTH DAY.

Dec. 19th, Conference met after services at night, Bishop Galloway presiding.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Question 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

A. M. R. Branson, Thomas Whitaker and A. J. Johnson.

Question 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

W. J. Vick, T. E. Andrews, D. M. Robinson, F. E. Hall, W. H. Pearson, T. J. Graves, J. B. Clark and Allen Dodd.

Question 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

F. R. Noe, Lewis Kelly, J. S. Brooke, W. F. Wright and Tolbert Rawlings took the vows.

The Board of Church Extension made its report, which was adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to citizens for hospitality, to Baptists for tender and use of their church and to committee on entertainment for good arrangements etc., were adopted.

The vote approving report of Board of Finance was reconsidered and assessments changed.

The Missionary Board made its report which was approved.

Question 3 was resumed.

Robert A. Jackson was discontinued at his own request.

On motion Judge Hanks was placed on Board of Missions in place of J. F. Kerr.

Resolution of thanks to Brookfield & Brown, Ware, and Culbertson & Co. for committee rooms, were adopted.

Resolution of thanks to Dr. Hunter for his Semi-Centennial sermon and that he publish in ARKANSAS METHODIST so much of sermon as refers to history in Arkansas.

Question 35.—Where are the preachers located this year?

The appointments may be found on the eighth page.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Bishop Galloway.

### SUNDAY.

After eleven o'clock sermon by Bishop Galloway, deacons were ordained, and after sermon at three o'clock by Dr. R. — elders were ordained.

Ditzler, the great debater, is at Jonesboro, and will deliver a series of lectures on baptism and kindred subjects there, by request of the Methodists and Presbyterians.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1886.

## EGYPT.

MR. EDITOR:—If I had the descriptive powers of Washington Irving you should have some fine writing now. But everybody knows that one who reads after me will have to content himself with facts.

We came from Alexandria to Cairo by rail—thanks to the late enterprising Khedives. The country is perfectly level, and the most productive we ever saw. We did not see a single elevation until we reached this city, then the range of mountains appeared in sight, through which Moses and the Children of Israel passed on their way to the Red Sea. Not a sprig grows anywhere without irrigation, yet the whole land is greener than Ireland, and bears a much heavier crop. There is corn in Egypt, and cotton too. The corn-fields remind one of Illinois, and the cotton has a much longer and stronger fiber than it has with us. We can think of nothing that grows in the South that may not be seen in great vigor here. The canals and ditches, great and small, conveying the waters of the Nile to every part of the country, must have cost as much as the pyramids, or the colossal cities and temples.

This fertile region has been crowded with people for about four thousand years. In a run of more than one hundred and thirty miles there was never a moment when an Arab was not in sight. The majority were dressed in the loose, flowing garment of the East—others were scantily attired—a few stark naked. Not a wheel turns between Alexandria and Cairo, except water-wheels for the irrigation. Everything is carried by women, donkeys, camels, and canal-boats. We knew that a competent woman could carry much inside of her head, but we never knew before that she could carry such enormous loads on the outside.

We do not suppose that the costumes or customs of the natives have been changed since the days of Joseph. There are thousands of foreigners, here dressing and living as they did at home. We are at "Shepherd's," which would be a popular hotel on Broadway, but it is "so English you know," that the waiters in the dining-room seem to be the same we had in London. Except one Arab. He shines and glitters with silk and tinsel. Outside of the office and dining-room the functionaries are all Arabs. Wife says there is not a chamber-maid in the establishment. Women here do not aspire to such elevated positions. Animals abound—camels and donkeys, horses and cows, sheep and goats. They are strangely mixed up with the people, especially in the villages of the Bedouins. A fat guinea pig makes a first-rate pillow!

Our arrival at Shepherd's reminded us of one of Dickens's pictures of Italy, wherein he describes his reception at an Italian hotel. They all received us here, and fairly "swept" us to our rooms on the first floor. The house is only two-stories high. It extends around a court filled with beautiful shade-trees. They give us bread, butter, coffee, and "sweets" for breakfast at five o'clock—five courses for lunch at six o'clock; and ten courses for dinner at eight o'clock. The Americans are the only people in the world who rise early. Everybody over here seems to be taking his time. When we land at New Cairo we shall think the city is on fire, and the men are running to put it out. "Early to bed and early to rise" is still the motto of our party, but we are awfully hungry when the light breakfast comes.

To-day, Friday, was the Mohammedan Sabbath, and we did our best. We went to two mosques, a Coptic church, and the Howling Dervishes. We should never have suspected that this day was one of rest and devotion if we had not been so informed. The business and gaiety of the city had not abated and although the Muezzins were calling long and loud, the faithful did not come to prayers. We did not see a dozen in any place of worship until we reached the Dervishes. They numbered about forty. The first mosque we visited is the oldest in Cairo. Here Sultan Hassan is buried. The souls of our shoes were considered unclean to touch the floor of this sacred edi-

fic, so the attendants at the door gave us some curious old slippers to wear. After this we drove to the Grand Mosque, built in connection with the Citadel. The immense structure is lined throughout with alabaster. Within lies the body of Mohammed Ali, great-grandfather of the present Khedive. From the battlements of the Citadel ten pyramids are distinctly visible. The Copts claim to be the purest type of Christians on earth. They tell us that their ancient church, near the Nile, stands on the spot where Joseph, Mary and the infant Christ lived during their sojourn in Egypt. So they tell us that the beautiful island of Roda, near by, is the place where Pharaoh's daughter found the infant Moses, as he wept in his ark of Bulrushes. We see no special reason why both statements may not be true. We are certainly very near to the place where Moses was born, and where the Holy Family may have lived. Of the Dervishes nothing needs to be written, except that they are a lot of vagabonds and fools. The day closed with a drive through the principal streets and suburbs of the city.

One day later. We have been to the pyramids. There is not such another twelve miles' drive on earth. There is a row of trees, on each side of the road, planted regularly and closely together. They have been so manipulated that limb meets limb overhead, forming a shade all the way. This road is sprinkled and the trees are watered by Arabs every day. An artillery corps, mounted on camels, passed us as we went out. There is a tribe of Bedouins living near Cheops and the others. The tall and venerable Sheik, accompanied by his best man, took charge of Mrs. Young, and the Doctor with his donkey accompanied Mrs. Eastman. Twenty more were ready to do service and honor to Mr. Eastman, Mr. Dattari, and our girls. Thus aided and protected, we walked about the great pyramids, and looked upon the gigantic Sphinx, and wandered through the subterranean Temple. After all this wading through sand and climbing over rocks, we met for lunch at the base of Cheops. Our dragoman had been mindful of us, and brought two baskets full of Shepherds. When all had eaten, the fragments were divided among the Arabs. Then everybody gave "backsheesh" to everybody else—every son of Japheth bought a "curiosity" or an "antiquity" from every son of Ishmael, and we departed with hand shakings and blessings. After thirteen silver coins and our card had been put into his hands, the Sheik declared himself satisfied with our visit to his sandy domain. The day was appropriately closed at Boulak, examining the immense collections of this well known Egyptian museum.

The question on Sunday morning was how to make the Lord's day profitable. We could not worship in a Mohammedan temple. The Christian services are held in Arabic. So I proposed that we should go out to Heliopolis—the site of the ancient Temple of the Sun. When our dragoman closed, I gave our little company a short discourse. There I stood, in the shadow of the oldest obelisk in Egypt, surrounded by the ruins of the vast circular inclosure. There stood my little audience in the shade of palm-trees and tamarisks. 1. The history of Menes, founder of the Egyptian monarchy. 2. The story of Joseph, prime minister of Egypt who married the daughter of the priest of the Temple. 3. An account of the childhood and youth of Moses, who was taught here in all the learning and wisdom of the priesthood. Conclusion. Plato and Eudoxus studied here for thirteen years, under the masters of Heliopolis. Along this line I talked to seven Protestants, one Romanist, and one Mohammedan. We adjourned to the "Virgin's Tree," where, tradition says, the Holy Family rested on their arrival in Egypt. This tree is a good stand for business. The Bedouins in the garden, sold our party half a dozen elegant bouquets. Cairo has a population of 370,000, and contains one mosque for every thousand. There are, perhaps, twenty Christian churches. The principal university of the Mohammedan world, and the most celebrated in all the East, is located here. Its average attendance is 12,000 students. It is an interesting sight to Western eyes to look upon all these, divided into groups or circles, amid a forest of columns, listening to learned professors and tak-

ing notes. Each student must qualify himself in every subject taught in the institution before receiving his diploma. (They all sit on rugs.)

I have been hunting for the origin of Cairo, and have given up the chase. Menes, the first recorded King, founded Memphis, the ancient capital. The order to build Alexandria was given to the architect Dinocrates, B. C. 323. The foundations of New Cairo were laid one night by Gowher, the conquering general of El Moez, in A. D. 969. The next year he built the university. The city was named Kaherah—pronounced Cairo by the Europeans. The word means victorious. But who built the old city? I have traced it back to the Romans—thence to Cambyses, the Persian conqueror, thence to Sesostris—and thence into pre-historic night. Further researches I leave to posterity.

This region is what may be denominated "The Pyramid Field of Egypt." As many as you care to see are in full view. They are all on the left or west bank of the Nile, and when the seventy were perfect, the line from Maydorm to Abou Reash was nowhere broken by a distance of a distance of more than seven or eight miles. They are all situated above the level of inundations, and all, except those of Abouoseer, upon the rocky platform which borders the desert. As to the purpose which pyramids were intended to serve, I have read carefully the whole argument of M. Mariette, the latest authority, and agree with his conclusion—"The pyramids, then, are only tombs, and the enormous size of some of them can furnish no argument against this conclusion, since there are many no more than twenty feet high. Be it remarked, moreover that there is not in Egypt a single pyramid that is not situated in a Necropolis: a fact enough of itself to settle the question of their destination." The pyramid in the hieroglyphs is denoted by the word *abumer*—"a great tomb." The word *pir-am-us* also means the same thing.

The Sphinx interested me more than Cheops; but I have no language to describe my feeling when I saw the immense figure of a lion rising out of the sand, with his great, solemn, human face towards the rising sun. I will tell you all about it some day.

We can go no farther up the Nile for want of time, and because we have made still another contract with our interpreter to accompany us along the whole coast of Asia Minor, from the terminus of the Suez Canal to Constantinople. He will also return with us through Greece to Italy. Beyroot and Smyrna are beginning to attract as much as Athens and Corinth. We may never pass this way again; so we propose to see and learn something more while we have the opportunity. The money we might save by coming home would make us feel absolutely mean all the remainder of our lives.

Tewfik, the reigning Khedive, has just passed along in a very plain, open carriage, and with a body guard of only sixteen soldiers. He saluted the "Americans" most gracefully. (Now what is to be done with us?) Tewfik is about thirty years of age—the son of a Turkish father and a Circassian mother. He has but one wife.

We return to Alexandria this week and hope to worship Christ next Sunday in the city of Jerusalem. Almost every thing we have seen of ancient Egypt illustrates the literature or confirms the truth of Holy Scriptures. In especial, the doctrine of human depravity: We never knew so fully before the necessity of saying, "Lie not one to another." *Salami! Salami!* Cordially.—R. A. Young in Nashville Advocate.

## LETTER FROM MRS. MOONEY.

DR. WINFIELD:—This has been a feast day for me among the papers. You can't imagine what a pleasure it is to me on this narrow neck of land, to look over into Arkansas, Texas, Virginia and my own beloved Tennessee through the papers. To make you feel good "agin," I'll tell you what our little Marvin said when the ARKANSAS METHODIST put in its appearance: "Is that Dr. Winfield's paper? Well, I just wish I could see him again and hear him lecture once more. He's got some fun about him, and knows exactly what will please people." All of this household agree with him, only this scribe says, "there, now you have interrupted my work, and I don't know when I shall compose my-

self again, for I shall all day be feeling those Egyptian fleas getting up and sitting down again."

So you see that we have a lively and feeling recollection of your visit and work in Tennessee. I wish to say, too, that we are hoping that it may be among the pleasant possibilities to see you and to hear you in this particular place in Missouri.

Here are saloons, many of them, and a large German population, that count it no wrong to drink beer and go hunting on God's holy day. The Roman Catholics were first in the field here, and they occupy two large churches—one for English-speaking people and one for Germans—with elegant equipments of every sort, with a school for young ladies, a school for young men, and Paracual schools. All church interests conserved, and, if need be, secularized, tell how this mother church has retained the affections of her children.

She has, too, all the associations that cluster around the time when her sons planted the cross in this new world, amid hardships and perils, both by land and water, turned their faces toward the setting sun and chanted their vesper. Here are buried her dead of the olden time—antedating the time when Missouri was a part of Louisiana.

The old Catholic cemetery is a quaint and sadly suggestive God's Acre. It overlooks the Mississippi, and in it sleep the children of many strange lands. Here in a little space is represented by a dead man or woman Germany, France, Ireland, Belgium and America. Some of the inscriptions are really pathetic. Here is a monolith whose date is away back in the seventies. It is in memory of two children of the church, we know from the cross and from the Virgin, who is not without a look of sorrow, even in stone, as she seems to listen to the following lament and prayer:

"Thou art gone and I am left,  
But O, how cold and dark to me!  
This world of every charm bereft,  
Where all was beautiful to me."

On the other side it reads thus:

"Holy Virgin, I'm wearied and trembling,  
Seeking my tranquil home;  
For clouds and tempests veil the skies—  
I am sad and alone;  
Take me, my Holy Mother, to heaven,  
Where sorrow is unknown."

I wander for a long time among these unknown graves. I watch the smoke of the steamer and my eyes follow the curve of the mighty river. I scan the long, low, lonely stretch that lies on the opposite side, and say to myself, "no, not here; let me rest, when I quit the cheerful walks of men." And then, right amid stream, what do you suppose I see? A great bed of light—warm, it looked, and golden, just as if it had shot right down from heaven! And I thought of John and Patmos, and I think I know just how the little island looked to him that day, when he heard the new song and saw the innumerable company out of every nation, kindred and tongue. I began to have, too, a fuller meaning of John's affectionate address to the churches—"your brother and companion in tribulation." And so with the sunlight resting on the river, glancing toward the graves and warning my heart.

I take my way to another quarter of the town, along the river front, and out to where the Jews and Germans most do congregate. Well, they are a foreign folk, though they have been here so long. They are a sombre-looking people to me, and I think of the great black forest that shadows so much of their native land; and, somehow, I fancy that they grew grim like it, and have not been long enough in the sunshine to get gay and light-hearted.

I will go soon to the German Methodist church, a modest little brick, not so large as our own church, if I may use that qualifier at all in connection with Protestant churches—that is, English Protestants. The Lutheran church is an imposing and stately structure to the eye, as seen afar off, while its interior is altogether pleasing to the eye and ear. I mean the music is pleasing to the ear, for the time is perfect and all the people sing, but in an unknown tongue. I am glad to believe that the new song, though to be sung by all nations, kindreds and tongues, will be, in speech, familiar to us all.

I have not made acquaintance with the Missouri editors, personally or through their papers, except the South Western Methodist, which awaited my coming and has come ever since. I met Dr. McAnnally at the session of the Tennessee Conference held at Nashville, a few years ago, and heard him preach a grand sermon. The other day I was out visiting and I saw on the table a copy of the St. Louis Advocate, and almost the first article my eye alighted upon was from my dear old friend, Dr. John Wesley Hamer, of Clarksville. I read it with laughter and tears, for his pen-picture of his boyhood provoked both. I think I should know that old "fur hat," even if I should chance to see it on a "woolly head," away off here in Missouri. It will never wear out, now. I know somewhat of the disappointment little John felt about that preaching, and say to myself, "if preachers only knew what grand opportunities they miss sometimes, of preaching sermons to our liking!"

When I was a little girl I heard "Old Uncle Goldman Green" preach at a camp-meeting, and he made the whole encampment and a big congregation cry at the pictures he gave of a poor old man, just ready to go home to heaven. The personality was vivid and I wept uncontrollably at the thought that I should see his face and hear his voice no more. Imagine, then, my surprise and revulsion of feeling when, a few hours afterward, that same old man got up to preach! And it was in a mixed sort of way that I asked my father, in an awed whisper, "what made him say he was going to die, and then didn't do it?"

In after years I was glad he didn't die, but for the time I felt that he had gone back on his word, "and I wouldn't cry any more."

I have something strange to tell you, but not now.

MRS. SUE F. MOONEY.  
P. S.—Lady Maud says she loves you as much as any of the children do, if you did not talk kindly to her old Mother Hubbard, calling it all sorts of names.  
S. F. M.  
Cape Girardeau, Dec. 6, 1886.

## A SCHOOL-GIRL'S ITINERARY.—9.

London, England.

Dear — It has been raining all the morning; and as we have seen about all the lions, have contented ourselves within doors. I do not object to a little rest now and then. I was sealing up a letter in our room Sunday night, when Mary Green rushed in and announced "that Mr. Chas. Eastman Miss Kate (his wife) were down stairs." They had landed at Liverpool that morning and had been traveling all day. Of course we were very glad to see them, and I am sure we would have talked all night, but they had to go back to the Arundel Hotel where they had engaged rooms. They are here with us in adjoining rooms. They had a storm coming over. Miss Kate was sea-sick and they give a most dreadful account of their voyage. The sea was so rough that neither passengers or mail were landed at Queens-town. Some part of one of the engines broke while they were in mid-ocean, and they had to stop and fix it. Nearly everybody on board was sick and they had awful times. Am so glad we crossed when we did, for our voyage was delightful. Miss Macklin came over with Mr. Eastman and will go with us as far as Paris.

We spent yesterday in going over the immense establishment of Whitley. I never saw anything so large. You can buy everything there—furniture, dry goods, confections, hardware, animals, jewelry, stationery and everything imaginable. I saw a magnificent brown silk and velvet dress, beautifully made for seventeen dollars in our money. Never saw anything so cheap anywhere. I bought a beautiful pair of heavy silk gloves for a half crown (about sixty cents) and everything else is cheap in proportion. Tomorrow we expect to go to Brighton, have done up London pretty thoroughly. Yesterday we went on a boat up the Thames to Chelsea, where we saw the house where Carlyle lived and died. It was here that Mrs. Carlyle wrote the letters that were so popular. The house is on Cheneu Row, and is decidedly the worst looking one there. It is "to let" but I don't know who would live in it. It is old and looks dreary and cheerless enough. Our window looks out on Lincoln's Inn

Fields, and you never would imagine that so many trees and so much grass could be growing right in the middle of London. Yesterday we passed under about fifteen immense bridges, one of them the old London bridge. We went down to Greenwich, and Mary Green and I climbed the hill to the observatory. We saw the big magnetic clock. I procured here a pebble from the acknowledged center of the world, for a certain boy geologist.

We girls (American savages) wait in the drawing room at night until the stiff English ladies leave, and then we have some good, old fashioned republican romps. There is a right good piano here, which we practice on it as far as memory goes. We have just got through darning some stockings, didn't enjoy it much but it had to be done.

They are awfully close with the things over here—bring just enough pieces of meat to the table to go around, five little cakes of butter, five little moulds of ice cream, and you may be sure there is nothing wasted. We eat all they give us. My appetite is fine as usual. Uncle Robert keeps on the look-out for points to entertain his American readers. We ask lots of questions, and I tell you it takes a deal of pumping to get anything out of these English people. They are profoundly solemn and dignified. But we are bound to know, so we keep right on asking anyhow. We have not had the pleasure of seeing Her Majesty the Queen yet. She is not here now, and hardly ever is. We saw her wax figure at Madame Tussaud's. The little boys with their stove pipe hats, walking canes, short pointed coats and kid gloves are really ridiculous. An American boy so dressed would be laughed off the streets in short order. We have no sweet potatoes or corn bread, and the waiters are puzzled when you ask for them. They sell tomatoes at the fruit stands for a penny apiece just as they do pears and apples. It will not be long before we have to pack up and take up the line of march. Uncle Robert heads the procession, Susie and I tag along after Aunt Anna, and Mary Green delights in bringing up the rear. We are all well and very jolly.

## FIELD NOTES.

## PROHIBITION AHEAD.

EDS. METHODIST:—At the general election in September, 1884, the electors of Sharp county voted for whiskey license 917 votes and against license, 427 votes, giving "for license" a majority of 490 votes. At the general election in September, 1886, they gave for license 705 votes and against license 619 votes, giving for license a majority of only 86 votes. These figures show again in the two years against license of 404, had there been a little more pains taken and work done at the last election in this county, whiskey might have been voted out of this county very easily. Several townships where saloons had formerly been, gave handsome majority of votes against license. We hope and pray that by the next general election prohibition will prohibit, and that the good people of Sharp county will vote whiskey entirely out of the county. Much success to you. Very truly yours,  
C. W. SHAVER.

Evening Shade, Ark., Nov. 22, '86.

## VICTORY.

DEAR METHODIST:—I believe it will be for the glory of God for you to publish this extract from a letter received from Rev. R. P. Wilson, of Warren, Ark., relative to the success of the meeting held by me. Yours in Christ,  
HARRY MAY.  
"Dear Brother May:—I have good news to write. Read it to your congregation. Five weeks ago to-day this town was given over to idolatry and bold wickedness. To-day the great (?) Sells Brothers' circus stretched its tents in our midst, and what do you suppose was the result? This town gave them 'the gentle go-by' so they folded their tents and left here without giving an exhibition at night. At the usual hour the church bell rang out this evening, where a special service had been appointed in opposition to that circus, calling the people of God to His house, where He blessed a number of us. Amen! It is the opinion that the circus lost heavily. Amen! again, and amen! Yours in Christ,  
R. P. WILSON."



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A great many people, both inside and outside of Raleigh, are watching with great anxiety the practical results of prohibition in Raleigh. During the past four months we have tried it...

We have taken the trouble to go over various portions of the city, and we have interviewed the mayor, the chief of police, some of the merchants in all lines of trade, and some of the lawyers, and the universal testimony of both prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists with whom we conversed is at prohibition has been a great blessing to Raleigh.

It was argued by many, and feared by some good men, that closing the saloons would injure the trade of Raleigh—that it would drive tobacco and cotton and other trade away from Raleigh. And on this idea an attempt was made to turn our business men against prohibition.

We have gone among the business men and inquired if their business had been injured by prohibition, and they have every time been that they were enjoying a better business than before.

One prominent merchant said he was really afraid it would hurt his business, and voted against it, but at his business was not hurt at all; on the contrary, that it was better than usual.

The grocery merchants all said that they are doing more business now than heretofore. We could not find a single business man whose business had been hurt by it except a liquor dealer himself.

They said to their credit, have submitted as good citizens to the enforcement of the law.

The place to find out the facts as to the amount of drunkenness in Raleigh now and before we had prohibition is in the police records. What those records show? Two years ago had a political election in November, so we will compare the past four months with the same months two years ago. In July, 1884, there were 12 arrests in Raleigh for drunkenness. In July of this year, our first month of prohibition there were only 7. In August, 1884, there were 19 arrests for drunkenness—in August of this year ten. In September, 1884, there were 32 arrests for drunkenness—in September of this year there were only 12. In October, 1884, the month preceding the election, when liquor generally flows more freely, there were 50 arrests for drunkenness in Raleigh—in October of this year, the month preceding the election, there were only 10 arrests for drunkenness. So that during last month, with the great circus and the State Fair, and the unprecedented crowds in Raleigh, and the candidates and politicians all in the field, we had only thirteen arrests for drunkenness; and in October, when the bar-rooms were open, had 69—a difference of 56. Or in other words, there were over five times as many arrests for drunkenness in 1884 in one month preceding the election as we had in the same month preceding the election this year. This is sufficient to convince any fair-minded man of the good effects of prohibition in police circles. And let it be remembered that everybody is looking for drunkenness more now than when the bars were open, and the police are all on the alert.

But as good as the above showing the best effects of prohibition may be seen in the homes of the men who used to drink, but never were arrested here is where its best blessings and strongest advocates may be found.

Now, it does seem to us that it is shown above that prohibition has not hurt the business of Raleigh. This is shown from the statements made by our merchants and by our city paper, which gives the facts and figures as to cotton, tobacco, freight receipts, and trade generally. The chief of police, who ought to know, says the law is being enforced, and that its enforcement is having a good effect on those who used to drink, especially on the colored people; and that the police records show that there is considerably less of drunkenness in Raleigh than there was before we had prohibition. The good order order of Raleigh since July 1, 1886, when prohibition went into effect, is proverbial. It has been a subject of remark by citizens of Raleigh, and by visitors to the city, and so marked has it been that our city daily papers, neither of which advocated prohibition, have alluded to it frequently and at times enthusiastically.

A distinguished lawyer, who was not in favor of prohibition, said to us that he could plainly see the effects of prohibition under the court docket of Wake county. He said there were not near so many small cases that generally result from whiskey-drinking. Another distinguished lawyer said to us that he saw very plainly the effect of prohibition upon the very first political convention that assembled in Raleigh after prohibition went into effect.

The above are the facts as we have them. Some interested parties, as they travel through the State, are trying to make the impression that prohibition does no good in Raleigh. No credence need be given to what they say. So far local opinion operates as well as we could expect, and if an election should be ordered next year, our opinion is that a much larger vote in its favor would be polled.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

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"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Perfection professed allows nothing for either expansion or growth. To grow in grace, means to increase in strength, to resist evil and do good, and also to have more of the favor and likeness of God. But we must increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This means both experimental and practical knowledge. Experience should become brighter every day, till we can fulfill all that is meant by the path of the just shining more unto the perfect day. We should have more and more the mind that was in Christ our Lord. Search the scriptures and be led by the spirit into the marvelous meaning of the holy oracles. The soul must feed on the precious truths contained in the holy book, and she will be sure to grow in grace and increase in knowledge.

"He that believeth in the Son hath the witness in himself." We cannot search too much, or be too particular about our inward or spiritual experience. The witness must be found in our own spiritual convictions and consciousness, and can neither be known by what we believe or do. Devils believe and tremble. Pharisees do, but have no evidence of conversion. Witness in ourself. God's spirit with my spirit. Spirit enlightens spirit. Spirit convicts spirit, and spirit converts spirit. Then as a matter of course, spirit must witness with spirit, that the work is done and that it is genuine, and this will bring the sure evidence of our acceptance. Let there be no error or doubt here, for every such error or doubt will paralyze and depress. Keep the evidence clear and strong, and there will be continuous joy, and still a hugging and thirsting after righteousness. Oh Lord fill us with thyself.

"WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE REAP." In nature, like always produces like, and corn will always produce corn and never wheat. We do not gather thorns off grape vines, or grapes from thornbushes. A spend-thrift saves no money and the sluggard always comes to want. The indolent never accumulates, and the man who never reads or thinks ever becomes a scholar. The bad boy makes the bad man, and the wild, fast girl the wicked woman. Early profligacy never fails to bring premature and sorrowful old age. Early wickedness will bring a hardened old sinner. Love sin and bring misery. Love whisky and reap curses. Love cards and reap gamblers. Our crop will be according to our planting. It is so here and will be more so in eternity. Sam. Jones is right. The gospel needed to-day is the gospel that calls on men to repent or perish, and that is the old gospel.

"Be not deceived. God is not mocked." We are very liable to be deceived by the world, and we are very liable to deceive ourselves. Life moves on brightly. The seasons come and go. Flowers grow in spring and fruits ripen in autumn, and all the world seems so filled with loveliness and beauty, that never foolishly dream that there will be no likelihood of trouble, and say to themselves that all is well till they are suddenly alarmed by some awful mishap, and awake to trouble, calamity and overthrow. God is not mocked. The wicked may spread himself like the green bay tree but he will soon be gone, lost trunk and branch. The rich fool awoke to find his property all gone and his soul lost. Lazarus leaves rags and dogs for a chariot to heaven. The rich man his palace and good things for an awful hell. Our God will surely punish sin.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

By some strange mishap our Christmas editorial has not come to hand. It was written from Palestine, where we were enjoying the East Texas Conference, and placed in the hands of some one to mail, and it has not turned up. Our recollection is that we gave it to our colleague, Dr. Heidt, and we rather suspect it is hid away in that fine

University overcoat, and now it is 5 p. m. on Tuesday, and our paper is ready to go to press. We have no time to write another, and if that good natured University president would ever think to send it, we will give it to our readers as deferred matter. In the mean time we send our greetings and wish all our readers, young and old, a very merry Christmas. Let all the young folks be happy without any rudeness or sinful indulgence, and let the old folks be happy in singing "Joy to the World," etc., with devout hearts, and thanking God for the gift of His Son. The birth of Christ is the event of all history, and makes the calendar of all ages. Without him the world has no history. He is the center around which all governments move, and He is the beginning and the end of all things. Contemplate him and be happy. Don't forget the editor.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

After a long delay, we reached the Valley of Vapors on Friday evening, just in time to reach the hospitable home of Dr. E. A. Shippey and get well ready for night service. We had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Hoss, of the Vanderbilt, and while this sermon was not up to his standard, it was good to edifying, and was richly enjoyed by the large audience who listened with rapt attention in a badly ventilated room. Our better half and that elect lady, Mrs. Shippey, met us at the depot, and two such radiant faces soon dispelled the gloom that had settled on our own face, caused by delay. Railroads do have a wonderful advantage of passengers. They come for you when they are ready, make you wait as long as they wish, leave you when and where they please, and you have no redress, only to make a fuss, fret and scold, all of which does no good. When will the legislatures begin to legislate for the welfare of passengers and the community at large? Is there no redress? What about loss of time and money? We really think they should be forced to make connections with each other, and when they detain travelers they should, without lawful excuse, be made to pay the loss of time and money. So much by way of parenthesis.

We found the conference well advanced in business, and they gave us all the time we wanted to talk up the ARKANSAS METHODIST and take a part in all the proceedings of the body. Saturday at 3 p. m. we had the anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society, with addresses by Dr. Morton and Bishop Galloway, and a collection by this editor. The meeting was rendered a gloomy one by the announcement that Miss Dora Rankin, one of our female missionaries in China, had passed away to the home above. A few years ago this sweet girl offered herself for the distant field, and then in a few months her sister followed her. Their noble brother is presiding elder of our church in California. God has wonderfully honored that family in selecting these to be the heralds of the Master in distant lands. She has an honored grave, and her rest will be sweet. Angels will watch that tomb, and our God will surely call for her when he makes up his jewels.

Saturday night was our missionary anniversary, with two fine speeches by Dr. Miller and Bishop Galloway. The old beggar was then called into requisition, and raised in cash and subscription nearly \$230. Sunday was a red letter day. Love feast at 9, and it was a feast of love. At 11 we heard Bishop Galloway on the Living Christ. It was indeed a grand sermon. At 3 we took in the children's meeting.

At night we heard Rev. A. Monk, and of course he talked well, for he is a talker. We heard fine reports of our other preachers.

Monday was a busy day. We had a fine debate on our temperance report, and some real hard tilts on the little Arkansas dynamite, the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Well, we got stirred up, and then some good strong endorsements in the way of resolutions and good promises. Our brothers seem to think we are too progressive and far too aggressive, and in a little danger of heresy. Some wanted us to speak the real sentiments and views of the conference, but before they got through they feared that would be a hard task, as no two of them could agree concerning anything, and our

Brother J. declared he was right. That twelfth jurymen is not yet dead, and those eleven stubborn men still live. Guess we will have to write our own views until the brethren can agree among themselves, and there is no danger of our being convicted of heresy, for there will never be an agreeing jury to try us. Well we all talked freely, and then they indorsed us and promised to work for their paper. All this proves that the ARKANSAS METHODIST is a live sheet.

At 4 p. m. on Monday the Bishop read the appointments and disappointments, and all the brethren departed for their old and new fields. Rev. John P. Holmes, one of the old corps, goes to the Northwest Texas Conference. He is one of our tried and true men. His wife was for a long time corresponding secretary of our annual conference Woman's Missionary society, and did a fine work. She was one of its earliest advocates and helpers. Brother Holmes is a sound, solid preacher, and both he and his wife are good teachers. We commend them to the preachers and people of the Northwest Texas Conference. Brother A. S. Scott, one of our staunch friends, was transferred to Los Angeles, and Brother A. L. Galloway, another, to Louisiana. Bishop Galloway is at this writing holding the White River Conference, which closes his present round. He has captured Arkansas and won the hearts of preachers and people. He has been invited by the Canadians to attend the next meeting of their Board of Missions at Toronto, and to preach in their Metropolitan church. The Canadians were delighted with him on his recent visit. We hope soon to hear from our brothers all along the line to have some good work for our paper.

THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

The Memphis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Jackson, Tenn., adjourned at 1 p. m. on the 13th inst., after a brief but pleasant session. Bishop W. W. Duncan, of South Carolina, presided and gave great satisfaction. The following were the appointments made:

**Memphis District.**  
 W T Harris, P. E.  
 First Church, R H Mahon.  
 Central church, R W Erwin.  
 Hernando street, J M Spence.  
 Georgia street and Saffaran street,  
 W H Evans; D D Moore, supernumerary.  
 Springdale, J T Wiggins.  
 Bartlett, A C Smith.  
 Raleigh, J P Walker.  
 Bethlehem, A H Thomas.  
 Collierville and Germantown, J H Maxwell.  
 Lagrange and Moscow, J E Treadwell.

Williston, J D Sullivan.  
 Macon, T L Boswell.  
 Grand Junction, T F Cason.  
 Saulsbury, J A Russell.  
 Chambers' Chapel, Wm. F Hamner.  
 Memphis District High School, M F Leake.

**Brownsville District.**  
 A R Wilson, P. E.  
 Brownsville station, W L Duckworth.

Brownsville circuit, W A Freeman.  
 Alamo and Bells, J W Knott.  
 Alamo circuit, W A Dungan.  
 Denmark, W D Jenkins.  
 Stanton and Mason, E H Stewart.  
 Braden, T P Ramsey.  
 Somerville station, R B Swift; R V Taylor, supernumerary.  
 Somerville circuit, G T Peebles.  
 Dancyville, H J Turner.  
 Whiteville, W F Barrier.  
 Bolivar, Miss., D L Hines.  
 Bolivar station, B A Hayes.  
 Belmont, to be supplied by J C Wilson.  
 Wesleyan Female College, John Williams, president.  
 Somerville Institute, R F Chew.

**Jackon District.**  
 Warner Moore, P. E.  
 First Church, Guilford Jones.  
 East Jackson, B F Blackman.  
 West Jackson, J J Lenenberry.  
 Jackson circuit, S F Chambers.  
 Spring Creek, A S Taylor.  
 Henderson station, G W Wilson.  
 Pinson, J W Blackard.  
 Medina, T L Adams.  
 Humboldt station, N P Ramsey.  
 Trenton station, David Leith.  
 Treaton circuit, W T C Young; O P Parker, Sup.

Bradford, B F Peebles.  
 Milan station, E B Graham.  
 McLemoresville, E B Plummer.  
 Memphis Conference Female Institute, A W Jones; agent, J A Fife.  
 Jackson District High School, G W Wilson.

**Dyersburg District.**  
 W C Johnson, P. E.  
 Dyersburg station, E T Hart.  
 Dyersburg circuit, S H Williams.  
 Newbern station, T F Sanders.  
 Rutherford, C J Mauldin.  
 Kenton, M M Taylor.  
 Friendship, B Medlin.  
 Woodville, J T Simmons.  
 Ripley and Durhamville, G K Brooks.  
 Henning, J S Renshaw.  
 Covington station, E K Branford.  
 " circuit, E E Hamilton.  
 Mt. Zion, George H Martin.  
 Randolph, W W Adams.  
 Hales Point, Miss., to be supplied.  
 Wilsonville, G W Evans.  
 Dyersburg High School, A J Meadors.

**Union City District.**  
 J H Evans, P. E.  
 Union City station, J G Clark.  
 " circuit, S L Jewell.  
 Hickman station, R M King.  
 " circuit, J W Waters.  
 Columbus station, G E Hilliard.  
 Tiptonville, W O Lanier.  
 Troy, A J Wheeler; R T Blackwell, Sup.  
 Sharon, F Bynum.  
 Beech Creek, R E Graves.  
 Martin, R W Newsom.  
 Edgar, W H Frost; S Weaver, Sup.  
 Fulton and Water Valley, J T C Collins; J Moss, Sup.  
 Fulton circuit, T J McGill.  
 Dresden station, A C Moore.  
 Salem, Robert L Norman.

**Paducah District.**  
 W E Sellars, P. E.  
 Broadway, J C Hooks; J W Fly, Sup.  
 Third street, H P Owen; W H Leigh, Sup.

Paducah circuit, J Edwards.  
 Hinkleville, J R Hardin.  
 Winklife, H I Stephens.  
 Millburn, S B Love.  
 Clinton station, G T Sullivan.  
 Clinton circuit, J H Witt.  
 Wingo, D M Evans.  
 Mayfield, J M Scott.  
 Farmington, P H Fields.  
 Briensburg, A N Sears.  
 Benton, C D Davis.  
 Palestine, C A Haskell.  
 Birmingham, D A Ross.

**McKenzie District.**  
 J H Roberts, P. E.  
 McKenzie station, W C Waters.  
 Paris station, W G Haffley.  
 Paris circuit, J H Johnson.  
 Congerville, R H Pigue.  
 Manleyville, J H Warmath.  
 Gleason, R L West.  
 Huntingdon and Hollow Rock, H B Johnston.  
 Trezevant, R E Humphrey.  
 Murry, C C Bell.  
 New Providence, J H Cole; B B Rienshoover, Sup.  
 Big Sandy, W J Naylor.  
 Cottage Grove, C N Goulder.  
 Huntingdon, J R Bell.  
 Murry and Benton W J McCoy.  
 Agent for McIyeire Institute, J A Moody.

**Lexington District.**  
 W A Cook, P. E.  
 Lexington and Saltillo, N R Marr.  
 Lexington circuit, J H Garrett.  
 Sardis, to be supplied.  
 Cecaturville, H D Overton.  
 Scott's Hill, Thomas N Wilkes.  
 Sulphur Springs, Miss., James H Cason.  
 Camden, Chas. A Coleman; D M K Collins, Sup.  
 Sugar Tree, Joel B Knight.  
 Mifflin, W B Matthews.  
 Adamsville, W T Locke; Thos. G Pettigrew, Sup.  
 Shiloh, A J Anderson.  
 Falcon, Miss., J G Jones.  
 Bethel Springs, Joseph S Carl.

Rev. Marcus G. Williams, D. D., the worthy president of that excellent school, Athens, Ala. Female College, attended the session of the White River Conference at Jonesboro, last week. His old friends were delighted to see him, and to hear of the large measure of success which is attending his efforts at Athens. Parents who contemplate sending their daughters abroad will do well to write him before they make terms elsewhere. We sincerely wish our old friend continued and increasing success.

EAST TEXAS APPOINTMENTS

**Marshall District.**  
 R W Thompson, P. E.  
 Marshall station, James Campbell.  
 Marshall Mission, Leon Sonfield.  
 Harrison circuit, F J Browning.  
 De Barry, W H Ardis.  
 Centennial mission, S M Thompson.  
 Hallville circuit, H H Vaughn.  
 Long-View station, G A LeClere, H M Booth, sup.  
 Kilgore circuit, L M Fowler.  
 Church Hill, G W Langley.  
 Henderson station, T P Smith.  
 Henderson circuit, J C Calhoun.  
 Treupe and Overton, W A Sampey.  
 Alexander Institute, Isaac Alexander, Pres.  
 Agt. Am. Bible Society, J B Hall.

**Tyler District.**  
 U B Phillips, P. E.  
 Tyler station, H M Du Bose, M E Blocker, sup.  
 Tyler circuit, Albert Little.  
 Mineola station, W H Crawford.  
 Lindale circuit, C H Smith.  
 Canton circuit, J O Allen.  
 Edom circuit, D P Cullen.  
 Athens station, R S Finley.  
 Athens circuit, W M Wainwright.  
 Malekoff circuit, D Towns.  
 Larissa circuit, T T Booth.  
 White House, E D Ogburn.

**Palestine District.**  
 John Adams, P. E.  
 Palestine station, J S Matthis.  
 Palestine circuit, M Donegan.  
 Kickapoo circuit, J M Mills.  
 Grapeland, Thos. Brash.  
 Crockett and Augusta, E R Bolton.  
 Crockett circuit, Lacy Boone.  
 Trinity, A J Frick.  
 Mt. Vernon, J M McCarter.  
 Alto, A G Scruggs.  
 Rusk, J T Smith.  
 Jacksonville, E F Boone.  
 State Prison at Rusk, J C Wollam, chaplain.

**San Augustine District.**  
 W B Patterson, P. E.  
 San Augustine station, C F Smith.  
 Melrose circuit, W W McAnally; A D Parks, Sup.  
 Center and Tencha, J W Johnson.  
 Shelbyville, John Hempenstall.  
 Carthage, Geo. R Hughes.  
 Beckville, J M Smith.

**Pine Bluff, J L Dawson.**  
 Buono Vista, sup'd by H Toomey.  
 Nocogdoches and Timpson, J T Browning.  
 Sexton circuit, C H Ellis.  
 Linn Flat circuit, H W Hawkins.  
 Hemphill mission, Jas. McKnight.

**Beaumont District.**  
 R. M. Sproule, P. E.  
 Beaumont station, W W Hopper.  
 Orange station, S A Burk.  
 Liberty circuit, Littleton F Smith.  
 Sparger circuit, To be supplied by Wm. Sproule.  
 Woodville circuit, J A Smith.  
 Jasper station, J F Archer.  
 Jasper mission, Robert S Averill.  
 Burkville circuit, M D Long.  
 Homer circuit, J W Tinnin.  
 Livingstone circuit, W L Pate.  
 Moscow circuit, Thomas S Armstrong.  
 Newton circuit, James A Murphy.  
 G C Hardy transferred to N. Tex. conference and stationed at Beldem circuit.

G D Willson transferred to N. W. Tex. conference and stationed at Cedar Island circuit.  
 J P. Rogers transferred to W. Tex. Conf. and stationed at Beville Ct.  
 Joel T Daves transferred to La. Ct.  
 J C Cates transferred to N. W. Tex. Conf. and stationed at Carlton Ct.

The Alabama Advocate says: "The ARKANSAS METHODIST, some time ago, asked Bishop Key's views in writing on the doctrine of sanctification. Bishop gave them, and the METHODIST published them. Nothing funny in that. But it was funny when, in the same paper, the METHODIST controverted the Bishop's propositions. And it is still more funny that the METHODIST continues to ask the Bishop questions with the evident purpose of trying to upset his positions. It looks like inviting a man to your house for the purpose of quarreling with him at the front gate."

We don't think the Texas Advocate would endorse this paragraph. We were aiming at nothing funny or quarrelsome, but simply to discuss with the Bishop in a friendly way the great doctrine of sanctification. Sorry for the dullness of the Alabama Advocate. We never invite people to see us for a quarrel, but we find pleasure in a discussion with such a man as Bishop Key.

HIGH LICENSE.

"The high license system has proven successful and satisfactory in every State in which it has been tried, and the legislature of Alabama is on the right track when it seeks to increase the license in this State," says the *Scms. (Ala.) Times*. High license work very well everywhere; out as it relates to regulating and lessening an evil which cannot be wholly abolished, and does not aim to accomplish the impossible, it excites the bitter opposition of all the impracticables.—Gazette.

Here comes our old adversary again with his same old heresy. Has no Little Rock enough high license? Why don't you stop liquor selling in our capital city. "Impracticables!" No aint that nice, coming from the whisky organ, the Gazette! Of course you don't mean prohibition. You are not accused of that. Everybody knows you mean by high license whisky making and whisky selling. Give us the town where your high license has ever stopped the whisky trade. We challenge you to do this. You mean whisky aristocracy. You can't deceive the people of Arkansas.

Rev. James A. Anderson, in the *Southwestern Methodist*, has this to say to malcontents touching the presiding eldership and episcopacy: "By the way, will you allow us to say to these fomenters of trouble, on the subject of bishops and presiding elders, scattered, as they are, here and there through the church, that if they are really dissatisfied with our economy at this point, they ought to seek relief for themselves without disturbing the peace of our Zion? If they really believe that 'the bosses ought to be kicked from power everywhere,' James O'Kelley believed the same thing before they were born, and James O'Kelley's notions finally crystallized in two distinct forms, one of which ought to suit all whom we do not suit. If they pardon me, I will say definitely that there was formed about the beginning of this century, in the State of Pennsylvania, a sect under the style of 'The Evangelical Alliance.' I believe in a quadrennial, elective episcopacy, with its correlated principle and they hold Methodist doctrine. Those among us who believe in a quadrennial episcopacy ought to go to the newspaper correspondents *et id genus*. As to those who want no bishops nor presiding elders, it will profit them to remember that about the year 1830 there was a church formed on this basis, which still exists and would give them a welcome. Protestant Methodist Church.—Advocate

Be cautious, my young brother, in your enthusiasm and zeal you assign to other folds some of your talents. Men you are talking about stood in the breach against change and revolution, before you were born. Go slow. We don't think our Texas conferees would endorse any such sentiments. People have a right to sell their own bed-fellows, and our correspondents will do it.

HOME CHRISTMAS.

Just home from Palestine, Texas, where we met the brethren of the East Texas Conference. It was a grand occasion and was much enjoyed. I write a full account of this Conference and White River for our paper, in the meantime let us thank the former for a fine list of subscribers and the latter for a full and hearty endorsement of our paper, without either note or criticism, and all the preachers for much good work. All our Conferences will do us better work than ever. Now let us have a happy Christmas.

A REPORT.

EDS. METHODIST:—In my communication last week I did injustice in not understanding the financial works of the first charge during the last year. The report, as actually read upon the conference floor, was as follows:

For the ministry,	\$2,425.00
Ladies' Aid Society, for parsonage,	300.00
Parsonage band,	350.25
Sunday school,	200.00
Conf. funds, missions, etc.,	464.00
Woman's Missionary,	72.00
Education,	117.00
Mission S. S.,	5.00
Bible Cause,	3.00
Poor and miscellaneous,	275.15
Total,	\$4,603.65

I have not given all the items in detail, but the above shows the aggregate for all purposes, and I give it because I think the people ought to know what they have accomplished as a body. Fraternally,  
 C. S. C.  
 Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 14, 1886



ARKANSAS METHODIST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1886.

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

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Missionary Department.

HARRISON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

P. B. SUMMERS, P. E. Yellville circuit, Dec. 18, 18. Valley Springs circuit 25, 26. Bellfonte circuit January 1, 2. Harrison circuit 8, 9. Big Flat circuit 15, 16. Wileys Cove circuit 22, 23. Mountain Home circuit 29, 30. Lead Hill circuit February 5, 6. Carrollton circuit 12, 13. Berryville circuit 19, 20. Eureka Springs station 26, 27. Huntsville circuit, March 5, 6. Kingston circuit 12, 13.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

GEO. W. HILL, P. E. Quitman station Dec. 11, 12. Springfield and Spring Creek station 18, 19. Plummerville circuit Jan. 1, 2. Opollo mission 8, 9. Conway station 15, 16. Cadron circuit 22, 23. Morrilton station 29, 30. Conway mission, Feb. 5, 6. Perryville circuit 12, 13. Quitman circuit 19, 20. Mount Vernon circuit 26, 27. Clinton circuit March, 5, 6. Copeland mission 12, 13. Eglantine mission 19, 20.

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WANTED

By a lady of experience, a position as teacher of music in a school, or private class in music. Best of references. For address apply to editor of Arkansas Methodist. dec 11, 4t

ARKADELPHIA DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

C. C. GODDEN, P. E. Hot Springs station, Dec. 25, 26. Clark circuit, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Malvern station, Jan. 8, 9. Arkadelphia station 15, 16. Okolona circuit 22, 23. Gurdon ct. 29, 30. Hot Springs mission, Feb. 5, 6. " circuit 12, 13. Social Hill 19, 29. Bockville 26, 27. Tulip March 5, 6. Princeton 12, 13. Malvern circuit 19, 20. Amity circuit 26, 27. Mt. Ida, April 2, 3. Murfreesboro, 9 10.

The district stewards meet at Arkadelphia Jan. 14 at 7 p. m., at the Methodist church.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

J. H. RIGGIN, P. E. Mineral Springs, Dec. 25, 26. Center point Jan. 1, 2. Washington, Marvin, 6. Emmett, Ebenezer 8, 9. Chapel Hill, Norwoodville 15, 16. Little River mission, Union 18. Peytonville, Hick's school house 20. Richmond, Rocky comfort 22, 23. Prescott 29, 30. Fulton, Liberty February 2. Hope 5, 6. Looksburg, Brownstown 12, 13. Dallas 16. Cove, Hope 17. Silver Springs 19, 20. Saline, Green's Chapel 26, 27.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

J. A. ANDERSON, P. M. Ozark station, Dec. 11-12. Van Buren station, " 18-19. Alma circuit, " 25-26. Van Buren circuit, Jan. 1-2. Chester mission, " 8-9. Mulberry circuit " 15-16. Ozark circuit, " 22-23. Clarksville circuit, " 29-30. Clarksville station, Feb. 5-6. Ozone circuit, " 12-13. Parthenon mission, " 19-20. Cabin Creek circuit, " 26-27. Collins, March 5-6.

District Stewards will please meet at Altus, Dec. 21, at Institute building at 9 o'clock, a. m.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

HORACE JEWEL, P. E. Benton station Dec. 25, 26. Lonoke station Jan 1, 2. Fifteenth and Center 8, 9. Hazen 15, 16. Carlisle 22, 23. First Church 29, 30. Austin Feb. 5, 6. Wattensaw 12, 13. Collegeville 19, 20. Galloway 26, 27. Des Arc March 5, 6. Maumelle 12, 13. Liberty and Pleasant Grove 19 20. Benton Ct. 26, 27.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

J. J. JENKINS, P. E. Eldorado at Eldorado Dec. 25, 26. Atlanta at Atlanta Jan. 1, 2. Onachita at Steels Chapel 8, 9. Lapile at Hillsboro 15, 16. T. xarkana at Mt. Pleasant 22, 23. Buckner at Buckner 29, 30. Stephens at Mt. Prospect Feb. 5, 6. Magnolia station 12, 13. Camded at Ten Springs 19, 20. Camden station 26, 27. Bearden mission at Union Mar. 5, 6. Fordyce at Fordyce 12, 13. Carolina at Center 19, 20. Bright Star at Concord 26, 27.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

THOS. M. C. BIRMINGHAM, P. E. Charleston Ct. Dec. 18, 19. Fort Smith station 25, 26. Hackett City Ct. Jan. 1, 2. Greenwood Ct. 8, 9. Hartford Ct. 15, 16. Cauthron Ct. 22, 23. Black Fork mission 26, 27. Waldron Ct. 29, 30. Boonville Ct. February 5, 6. Fort Smith Ct. 12, 13. Webb City mission 19, 20. Paris and Roseville 26, 27.

NEWPORT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

GEG. M. HILL, P. E. Jacksonport station, Dec 25-26. Portia circuit, Jan 1-2. Newport station, " 8-9. Walnut Ridge circuit, " 15-16. Pocahontus circuit, " 22-23. Siloam circuit, " 29-30. O'Kean mission, Feb 5-6. Oil Trough circuit, " 12-13. Powhattan and Imboden, " 19-20. Smithville circuit, " 26-27. Tuckerman circuit, March 5-6. Corning mission, " 12-13. Shiloh circuit, " 19-20. Lorado circuit, " 26-27. Walnut Hill circuit, April 2-3.

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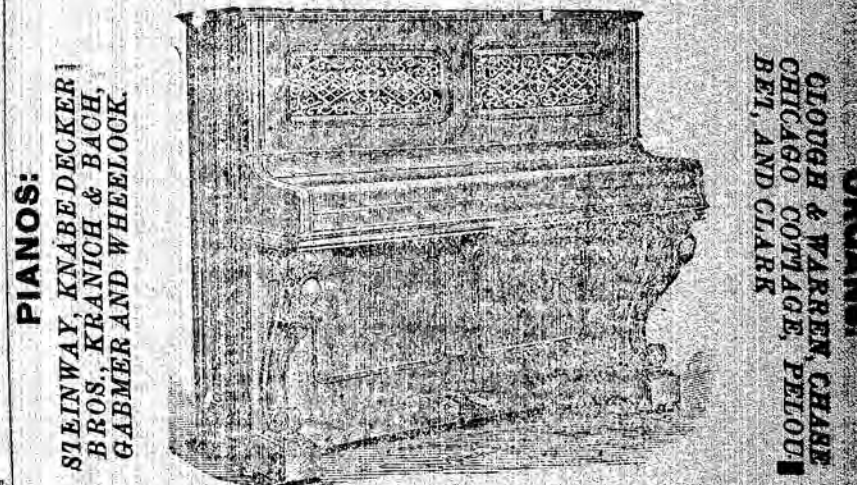
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The candles? No. The tinsel? No. The skates and shining toys? Not so, indeed, nor yet the eyes Of happy girls and boys.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The preliminaries of an interesting tariff battle, the passage of some long pending bills, and the national convention held in this city to promote a great international Exposition in 1892 at the nation's Capital, were among the most important events of the week here.

While some interesting questions have been sprung in Congress already little was done during the first session. To the House is due all that has been accomplished. When the Senate met Thursday, the first thing it did was to agree to do nothing on Friday and Saturday. The House also took no action on Friday according to the time-honored custom of adjournment when the death of one of its members is announced. It was Representative Downey who sat in his seat for the first three days of the session, apparently in good health, and returning to his New York home, was stricken down suddenly.

Two members of the present Congress have died during the week, the other being Mr. Price, of Wisconsin, which swells the death list of the forty-ninth Congress beginning with Mr. Hendricks, the late presiding officer of the Senate, to twelve.

Before adjourning out of respect to the deceased member, the house had passed two important bills during the week and had discussed several others. The first measure adopted was the bill to extend the free delivery system to every incorporated city, village or borough containing a population of 10,000 or to any post office which produces a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year of not less than \$10,000. There are one hundred and seventy-nine towns which will be benefited by this bill.

While the Senate was indulging in some talk a few days since, the House was debating the bill to create a Department of Agriculture with a seat in the Cabinet for its head and this subject unexpectedly led to the Tariff. The proposal to dignify Agriculture with a position in the Cabinet encountered sharp opposition from Arkansas, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia Congressmen, all of whom took the ground that the best thing that could be done for the farmers was to open the markets abroad, where they must sell their products to American purchasers and take the important duties of the lumber, steel, iron and other materials needed by the farmers. It was a notable fact that all the states whose representatives took this position were agricultural states with the partial exception of W. Va.

A Tariff fight seems imminent and it may commence this week. Representative Anderson of Ohio, was saying that the time had come when those surplus millions had to be stopped in some way, from piling in the Treasury and that mutual concessions would have to be made. For his part he was ready to let every penny of duty be

knocked off Ohio wool. "Would you really favor a reduction on an article in which your state is so largely interested?" was asked. "Yes, replied Mr. Anderson, "I would favor anything that will relieve the people at large of this halter about their necks. I know such sentiments will not make me more popular at home, but it is for the good of the country. It must come of somewhere," continued he, "and if everybody looks out for every little interest in his particular locality, nothing will ever be done." Mr. Anderson says he will vote for a bill to reduce the tariff thirty millions now, and more in the future.

Patriotic speeches may be expected to begin soon in behalf of a perpetual United States fair to be added to the already many spectacular and educational institutions of Washington. The Exposition convention discussed and adopted resolutions which call for a committee of fifteen that is to urge Congress to prepare for a celebration in 1889 to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the Constitutional Government. Then the committee is to ask for buildings and money for a permanent exposition in 1892 in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. The committee is also authorized to get up a statue for Columbus on the Exposition grounds.

A few days since some Grand Army men from New Jersey who were visiting the city went over to the White House to shake hands with the President. As they were filing out of the East room, Gen. Sherman and Sheridan who had just concluded a visit to Mr. Cleveland in his private office, descended the stairway and became mixed up with the crowd of veterans who filled the hall. They were instantly recognized by those who had served under them during the war, and as all were anxious to pay their respects to the two eminent generals, the latter stopped in the hallway and held an impromptu reception, shaking hands and exchanging greetings. The accidental meeting was much enjoyed apparently both by the generals and by the soldiers.

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