

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1883.

For five consecutive weeks our paper has contained much very eloquent writing upon the subject of Missions. In variety and ready ad such matter we do not think any other paper published by our Church has done so well. May all these articles in behalf of Missions be blessed by the Holy Spirit to the good of all our readers.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Local Herald condemns "praying at people"—the practice of gathering people while in the attitude of public prayer—saying "the practice is a purely upon mere prayer, and often approaches blasphemy." Referring to a recent public service in which the pastor in prayer complimented President Harrison, who was present, the Herald says, on those words, it was "a profanation of the privilege and office of prayer."

Through the mediation of others we secure reconciliation with God, the benefits of the sacrament—the communion with God. This was the aim and object of our Saviour. In imitation of His blessed serving the supreme mission of His Church is to bring all the world into harmony with God. The accomplishment of this divine purpose is foreshadowed in the dawning of the most necessary period of the world's history. Now as ever the numberless influence of Christ makes some offering for the propagation of the gospel and the establishment of His kingdom in all the world.

As we go to press the Trustees of Galloway Female College are in session at Seneca, for the purpose of electing a President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. H. W. Davis. All our people may rest assured the Board will do all in its power to make Galloway Female College worthy of the most liberal patronage on the ground of real merit. Besides this, being the property of our dear Church in Arkansas, it has special claims upon all our people, who should do all they reasonably can to further the cause of higher education in our own Christian colleges.

Freedom under our Republican government does not mean license to defy law and to override authorities for its enforcement. Just here large numbers of foreigners come to taught a valuable lesson. They claim the benefits of our free institutions, but are prone to ignore and despise the severity of law, by which these institutions are preserved. The illustrations look at the defiance of law in large cities. Therefore foreign predominance, and many who oppose this law are filled with unshaking impurity. It is high time all patriotic Americans were bravely demanding respect for American institutions, which were bought with the blood of their forefathers.

About to give us, when the victory came," such was the expression coined by Rev. C. M. King in this paper last week, and such has been the experience of many quarters in protracted meetings. It is often the case that pastors on circuits have too short a time for special revival services at each of their many appointments; hence, they most frequently close a meeting too early—before seeing the fruits of earnest and faithful preaching. Really it would be better in bold longer meetings at fewer places than very short ones at many places. Adequate time is often necessary to large revivals, even in protracted meetings. Referring this, we have often thought it would be well the two or three congregations near together to unite in one meeting, where the pastor could remain longer, and where a larger number of circuits' pastors could be brought together in active service.

We sincerely hope we may now have the Week of Prayer for Missions more generally and prominently observed than in former

years. We hope also that the missionary offerings, especially in Arkansas, may be far in excess of the special contributions last year. We know money is very scarce at this season with many families, who would delight at the close of this week, to make a liberal offering to the cause of Missions. In their case we respectfully suggest, that they write on slips of paper the amounts they wish to pay over as special offerings for the Week of Prayer, let these promises to pay be included in the final collections next Sunday, and then let these pastor report these amounts accordingly. May every member of our beloved Church give an enlightened Christian conscience decision, and may God's blessing be poured upon our beloved Zion at home and in foreign lands, in richer abundance than ever before.

day was desecrated, which they occasionally believe was holy."

In our issue of date above we said and now repeat: A citizen should not plead religion or conscience in favor of actions, which injure the public freedom and outrage public sentiment, as would be the case in prosecuting the voluntary pursuit of labor on Sunday; and if individual conscience must be respected to the extent of allowing secular work on Sunday, then by parity of reasoning, it would be wrong to require a Seventh Day Adventist to perform duty or witness service on Saturday, to acknowledge the service of any legal process on Saturday, or to pay for the support of Public schools, in which it is taught that Sunday is the Christian Sabbath. Again, the Seventh Day Adventist, who has a store and closes during Saturday as a matter of conscience, must perforce of law remain closed through Sunday, while his brother Adventist may perform any kind of manual labor, haul along the public roads, or run his blacksmith-shop, coffee-gro or saw-mill on Sunday. In other words the existing law protects the Adventist-farmer, teamster, peddler, ginner, or miller in his secular work on Sunday, but the Adventist merchant, with as much religious conscientiousness as his neighbors, must close his store on Sunday, though it may really be no more of a public place than the shop, gin or mill owned by his neighbors and brethren.

THE NEXT TIME.

In his "field note" last week Rev. J. H. Bradford said: "Will send you some new subscribers at the close of this meeting." Many of the most successful agents for church papers have found seasons of general religious interest the best time to secure new subscribers. It is quite natural that it should be thus. Many who are then converted, and others who are seeking spiritual comfort, will upon proper solicitation subscribe for religious papers; and certainly all who are received into the Church ought to become readers of its denominational religious paper. During these seasons of great spiritual interest some church members, who have not hitherto taken a denominational paper, may be easily induced to subscribe for one. If they have not been reading religious papers every week, they certainly ought to begin after the close of their protracted meeting; for a good religious paper visiting their homes weekly, will surely prove helpful to their religious experience and Christian usefulness. Pastors should, therefore, improve every favorable opportunity to introduce their denominational paper into the homes of all members of their Church; for it becomes at once a helper to the pastor in all the departments of his important work.

If all our pastors will earnestly present the claims of this paper at the close of their protracted meetings, ten most desirable objects will be secured: our paper will have several thousand more new subscribers before October, as many homes, now without a religious paper, will be cheered and blessed by its regular visits. These considerations constrain us to make now an urgent appeal to all our pastors, making special and timely efforts to put this paper into all Methodist houses in this State. To such praiseworthy efforts they will have the cheerful assistance of our patrons generally. Let the good work be pushed vigorously during the protracted meeting season.

TO HOLLY SPRINGS AND RETURN.

At 11:15 last Friday night we started for Holly Springs church in Nevada county. Arriving at Prescott about 4 a. m. we found Rev. W. F. Evans at the Depot, and going with him to the home of his mother-in-law, Sister Thomasson's we slept about one and a half hours, ate a good breakfast, and with Bro. E. started in his buggy for Harmony church ten miles distant on the Carolina Ct. There we preached at 11 o'clock to an appreciative audience, larger than we expected on Saturday, and formed the acquaintances of many brethren, whom we hope to see again. Near this church is a good parsonage in which Bro. Evans and family are living in comfort and plenty. With them we spent nearly three hours, first sleeping a half hour, then eating an excellent dinner, and then sleeping again till Bro. E. said it was time to start. Unwell and when we started to Holly Springs ten miles away, where our new church was to be dedicated at 11 Sunday morning and where he was to hold a meeting this week. For the first time we remember we had to decline

trying to fill the pulpit—in fact, we did not go to church that night.

In the home of Hon. W. H. Hasle, an intelligent and sweet-spirited layman of our Church we had splendid fare, refreshing rest and good company. At 11 o'clock Sunday morning we saw one of the largest congregations we ever saw at any country place, and many were unable to get seats in the large and well finished new church. Crowded as they were and hot as the day was, the preacher was heard most attentively in a sermon of seventy minutes' length. He was much pleased, beyond expectation, with the appearance of the people—heathy, well dressed, well mannered and most of them apparently religious. All in that community but one, Bro. Z. W. Bailey, "the raw-bone steward," were strangers, but we soon felt all were brethren or friends, and really we wanted to remain longer. At Bro. Singleton's we had a first-class dinner in company with Bro. Evans, Whalen, Franks and Joe Garrett, and with the latter at 3 o'clock we started in a two-horse buggy over the long, rough road for Prescott. Bro. Garrett had never been to Holly Springs before, and he too was pleased with the people, the fair does especially, and will go again if the Garlandville attraction will permit it.

Arriving at Prescott we found Rev. J. R. Cason waiting and unwilling to accept any excuse of being unwell or fatigued; so to the parsonage we went and in a short time to the church, where we preached poorly to a small congregation late assembling after the rain. With Bro. Gardner, Editor of the Presbury, we spent the night, and after a good breakfast and meeting some brethren Monday morning, we started homeward, arriving at our office at 2:15 p. m., as much worn as we have ever been from any trip. We hope good was accomplished by it.

On Thursday night, July 25, 800 to 1,000 saloon-keepers of Cincinnati held a meeting and resolved to keep their saloons open the following Sunday in defiance of law, and that all who might be arrested should march to court Monday morning in a body, preceded by a band of music. The police authorities were determined and prepared for serious work, most of the saloons weakened, but many opened their saloons and 135 arrests were made. In one locality there was a narrow escape from a riot, when a policeman was assaulted and seriously injured.

On Saturday, July 27, Governor Foraker of Ohio—~~and~~ Mayor Mosby of Cincinnati: "Do not tolerate any defiance of law. No man is worthy to enjoy the free institutions of America, who rebels against a duly enacted statute and defies the authorities charged with its enforcement. Smite every manifestation of such spirit with a swift and heavy hand." We predict these rebellious saloon-keepers will be deterred from the open and shameful defiance of law, and we honor Gov. Foraker for his brave, patriotic words. Truly, such contemptuous violators of law are "not worthy to enjoy the free institutions of America."

Bishop Fowler of the M. E. Church had in the N. Y. Advocate, July 23, an article on "Problems in Italy." Noting the causes of Italy's financial distress he says:

"The Catholic Church has become the organized center of nearly all the troubles of Italy. Centuries of absorption, and of free and forced requests, and of wild-style robberies reaching so many nations through so many generations, have made the Catholic Church in Italy enormously rich, the proprietor of very much of the wealth of the land. Of so much of the wealth that, as in Mexico before the confederation, there are little left for the people, and almost nothing within reach of the government to produce a revenue. The strong wise hand of Victor Emmanuel restored a little of this plunder to the public and the State. Other steps in the line of recovery are carefully proceeding under the far-sighted Iermani, Crisp, now at the head of affairs. The criminal code has been extended to the clergy, so far that arrests and punishment may follow incendiary speeches against the Government. The transfer to laymen of the control of endowed charities may soon be a fact of history. The hundreds of millions that have been accumulated in trust funds, and that now are administered by the priests, and by which a vast power is exerted to keep the people servile to the Church, may become available for their proper object without reference to the aggrandizement of the hierarchy of the Roman Church. It is not impossible that the Constitution may be ad-

vanced as to allow the Crown-Prince to ally himself by marriage to some Protestant power. The recent visit of Humbert with the Crown-Prince to Emperor William is thought to have significance in this direction. Whatever the fact may be concerning the future Queen of Italy, this much is significant, that Italy is drawn into a Protestant friendship and alliance as a surety against the Vatican. As William and Humbert rode together up the great German thoroughfare, it was not by accident that they passed by a conspicuous motto: "None, the Capital of Italy." Nor was it idle pleasure that William called Humbert's attention to it. It is also significant that the great throngs we saw were going to bid their king Godspeed on his visit to Berlin, and that in all the thousands one could find no priests except a few who were accidentally in the popular net and would struggle like soared flies to escape."

The Independent (N. Y.) closes an editorial on "the growth of the Churches" with the following observations:

"We have spoken of the returns as encouraging. Certainly a net increase of nearly \$77,000 Christians for the year is to insignificant return. The deaths among the 18,790,823 Christians of last year must have made a large figure. This loss and all other losses have been made good by conversions and immigration, and nearly 200,000 gained in addition. We now have 142,767 churches, and 38,322 ministers, showing a net gain of 3,382 churches and 3,360 ministers. A clear addition of an average of between ten and eleven churches, and as many ministers every day in the year, does not appear to indicate decline of power of growth. A daily harvest of 249 souls is not sympathetic of that decay which certain skeptics profess discover in Christianity in this country.

If in addition to the grand totals of churches, ministers and communicants, and the gains in each for the year, we could give the grand total of millions, yes billions of money, invested in Christian churches and Christian institutions, and the millions upon millions more raised for the spread of Christianity's Gospel, we might hope to convince even the Free-thinkers, who think that now is the opportunity for Buddhism to take America, that Christianity has still some hold upon the people of this country.

DREVITIES.

"The amount of money and securities in the U. S. Treasury Aug. 1, was \$11,400,000, of which the actual cash was \$2,000,000.

"In a recent letter from Mr. H. M. Stanley he refers to the arrow poison used by its natives of the lower Congo in Africa, and says "that several of his party, being hit by the arrows of the natives, died almost immediately in great agony. The poison was found to consist of the bodies of red ants, ground to a fine powder, and then cooked in palm oil. This mixture was smeared on the arrow-heads; its poisonous effects are due to the formic acid which is known to exist in the red ants. This acid is also found in the stinging nettle."

"By mistake a preacher in the Arkansas Conference recently sent us two copies of one article instead of two articles as he intended. One copy contained errors, blunders, words crowded and interlined, but these defects did not appear in the re-written copy, which was ready for the printer's use. He was our thanks. Another correspondent sent an article as long as the former, written on both sides of the paper, on the top and side margins, words crowded and interlined, sentences and blurbs, and many cross which he could have corrected by carefully rewriting; but instead of doing this, he said "you can't tidy up, so I deleted it off hurriedly!" We sincerely wished he had deleted it once more—into the fire. He could have easily put his matter into respectable shape, but was too careless or indolent. Some can not write any better than they do; in this case we *cheerfully* prepare their matter for the printers.

"Last week Bro. Ben McGee sent an obituary which the herald declined to publish in two Tennessee papers; hence, he thoughtfully enclosed stamp (3cts) asking us to print and printed copies of the obituary in the papers named. Others would have simply added below the obituary—"the"—and—will please copy" which would not be done probably more than once time in ten. Our paper does not go to some papers requested to "copy," and besides this we do not suppose any editor or look over the obituary in other papers searching for requests to "copy." We have never done so, and we think no requests are generally made. The best plan is to write and mail to each paper at same time, marking length according to space each paper can reasonably afford to give and the next best is to do as Bro. McGee did. We have been requested to publish obituaries of persons, whose families did not take our paper, and then mail copies of the paper to many relatives or friends in different places, all free of any charge. Why should we do all this gratuitous service for any family not willing, though abundantly able, to take and pay for our paper? Why should we?

"Bro. Dr. Flaggard says he has on file enough copyrighted matter to fill the Christian Advocate for months to come"; that some of the manuscripts will be printed but others equally well written, must be rejected for good reasons and

"That we have always made the best selections from the superabundance of matter placed at our disposal, it would be absurd for us to claim. That we have honestly tried to do the right thing in every case, we do affirm. If we have offended any good men by erroneous judgments, we are sorry. For the generous and magnanimous action of many brethren whose wishes we have been unable to meet, we here express our thanks."

In this paragraph our "sentiments" are well stated. We set up no absurd claim of uniting judgment, but we do affirm that we have tried faithfully and sincerely to do the best we could for all concerned, without conscious partiality or favoritism. Some have been displeased, because we declined to publish certain matter. Again some have been impatient about delay, when we were really doing the best we could; and some few have not only said, "the time to print it is past," but have also told us what page to print it on. Finally, some who could easily do better, with so carelessly, that we are severely taxed in time and labor to do what they should have done—*ignore* these matter for the *Advocate*.

PRAYER THE NEED OF MISSIONS.

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impious force of the whole world by seven. Who will say that every son and daughter of a ruined race could not be made to hear the news of salvation before the year 1900 shall come in? I dare to say it. If it be only a question of money, we of the United States alone could accomplish the result, and be far wealthier than we are now. The Church has millions of money. "All ye have been unfaithful in the unrighteous mammon who then will commit to your trust the treasures?" "What shall the Lord of these servants do when he cometh? I am ashamed to publish these facts.

If the doors are open, if the missionaries are waiting to be sent, if the Church has such wealth, what wait we for? O, Lord turn this question into every conscience. What wait we for? Why tarry we so long in the wilderness? Why do we not go over and possess the land? Ah, why?

"Say to the gold, 'The Lord hath need Thine hoarded treasures yield.' If you will hear it, brother, here is the point where the emphasis of prayer is needed. The simple truth of the matter is that greed of gold in the Church is stronger than love of Christ, or else those who have the gold do not really understand the matter. In either case God's help is needed to release the money for Christ. But does any man doubt if a million of Southern Methodists should cry to God for grace He would grant the grace of giving the missions? In this week of prayer let prayer everywhere be made for this specific end.

"But faith is an element of prayer, and I have no faith in missions." You can afford to have faith in anything that has God in it. If God is not in the missionary movement he is in nothing. God the Father is in the movement. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the health for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." This is His language to His Son. God the Son is in the movement. "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth, go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." * * * And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This is the Son's language to His disciples. The Holy Ghost is in the movement. Hear him: "Separate me Lazarus and Saul (your best men) for the work whereto I have called them." What is that work? A missionary movement which for boldness and energy has never been excelled. Do you ask if God be in the movement? why not missions succeed? I answer, they do succeed. I unhesitatingly say that missions have been worth all they cost Christendom in a commercial point of view. I do not hesitate to say that missions are in a religious point of view worth all they have cost. I do not hesitate to say that from the unabated activity of religious progress in foreign fields, there is every reason for faith and nothing to fear. Our own work is perhaps about an average. Take a few figures, made up from the last report of our Board. We entered China in 1848, 44 years ago. We have spent \$46,000, \$10,000 of which we have in property there now. What is the result? Nine native preachers, 200 native converts. You say that is small. Suppose one of the 200 were you? Suppose six of these were you and your family, plucked at brands from the eternal burning?

"We have been in Central Mexico 15 years; have spent \$46,000. We have 20 native preachers, and 1518 members there. We have been operating the Mexican Border Mission 15 years. Have spent \$24,000 and have 41 native preachers, and 1577 members. We have been in Brazil since 1873; have spent \$185,000; have 8 preachers, 232 members. We have been in Japan 3 years, costing \$28,000; members 161. These precious souls, with those who have gone up on high from among them, have been saved. The mistake is that men make when they come to deal with these figures is that of supposing that matters will go on at the same rate. No great movement in which thousands of people engage goes by the same ratio. The ratio of advancement is geometric, not arithmetic. Geography is as old as Herodotus, but the last two generations have done more to develop this science than all that came before. Men have learned more about political economy since Adam Smith than all the wise men before him ever knew.

Missions was from 1810 to 1815 getting one convert in China. If the ratio of progress was thereby established there ought to be just 10 converts in China now, after the lapse of 75 years. As a matter of fact there are over 20,000. It took from 1814 to 1812 to get one convert in Armenia; but in the next 80 years there were 7,000. And the ratio is rising all the time.

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The ratio of increase from 1851 to 1861 was 53 per cent. From 1861 to 1871 it was 61 per cent. If the logic of figures goes for anything, it goes to show that missions are not only successful, they are increasingly successful. Take this statement from a high authority for what it is worth: Christianity has enrolled more adherents during this century than in 1800 years preceding.

Again, it is out of the question to think of failure in this work. The very success of the Church and the very integrity of the divine government depend upon it. God Almighty has set this battle in array, Jesus Christ His own Son is Captain. Ages of preparation in which prophets and priests, apostles and angels have worked, have been spent. The mighty hosts are marshaling for greater conquests than ever before. Can it be that in this dreadful conflict with the powers of hell our Lord shall be conquered? Shall the time ever come when He must strike colors to Satan? Shall he gather up the remnants of a shattered army, and sound the last retreat, with the unioins of the cross trailing in the dust, while hell's black battle banners blow in the breeze victorious? I ask you that time ever come? Your loyal hosts will say no, forever no. Then Christ shall be conqueror. Yet, my beloved, hold up the cross and signal to all the militant church "In this sign thou shalt conquer." Jesus Christ is moving for the fulfillment of His Father's promise that the uttermost part of the earth shall be His. It is the purpose of God to press the hosts of Satan till He is driven from every continent, and from every kingdom, and from every State, and from every country, and from every township, and from every square mile, and from every square yard, and from every square foot, and from every square inch of this world's territory, and then to enthronize His Son, Jesus Christ as Lord over all. It seems to me that if we were ascended to heaven, glory we could not afford to rest while the devil contends one inch of the earth with our Christ. God hasten the time when He shall flood it, over every land and over every sea, with the glorious light of His blessed gospel. "Then shall the end be, when He shall have put down all rule and authority and power." Then shall He come to assert His own reign of peace and love upon the earth. Who does not want him to come; to come and put an end to grief, and shame, and sorrow, and death? Who does not want him to come, and right here on this earth, where the conflict has raged, bring quiet and peace forever more, and wipe away all tears from all eyes? All this lies on the other side of missionary success. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Rev. Dr. T. C. Barrett, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in this city, is away on a month's vacation.

On Tuesday we had a pleasant call from Rev. Horace Jewell of Pine Bluff Station en route to Seaway.

On Tuesday we had calls from Bro. Adams and Holt of Jacksonville and S. G. Neely of Craig's Mill—all typical readers of our paper.

Mr. H. M. Cohn, one of our city's merchants, departed for the East on Friday, to buy new goods for the popular firm of M. M. Cohn & Co., v.

Our old friend Judge W. S. Knott of Seaway on Friday renewed his subscription and said he was building a bridge across Fourche near this city.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter gave us a short call last Tuesday, as he returned from his visit to Batesville. He will preach at Beebe next Sunday at 11 a.m.

Rev. Felix G. Davis of Grand Lake preached at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on second Sunday in July, at places two miles apart, and was overjoyed, costing sickness two weeks.

Rev. A. H. Wood, Neal, Sebastian County, died July 18, leaving a widow and three children. Rev. W. J. McAdoo writes that he was a good man and expected to join Conference next fall.

Mr. L. B. Ellis, Agent for that generally popular institution, Nashville College for Young Ladies, gave us a short call Wednesday last. After visiting different points in this State he will go to Texas.

We regret to learn from his official note in this issue, that Rev. F. H. Fox of the White River Conference is ill, and without prospect of early recovery of health sufficient for special work needed. Brothers will pray for their fellow laborer.

While we were at Harmony and Holly Springs on the Carolina C.M., it was pleasant to hear brethren express their appreciation of their pastor, Rev. W. F. Evans, of former pastor Rev. H. J. Ralston and G. W. Legan and of their P. E., Rev. H. H. Watson and his beloved predecessor Rev. J. J. Jenkins, whose faithful service is held in grateful remembrance.

SPECIAL AND BUNDY.

Rev. John H. Thomas sends a new book, and reports much revival interest in the Lapine C.M.

Rev. J. Loving sends a new book, and reports a glorious revival of interest in the neighborhood of Swan Lake.

The Editor of this paper expects to preach at Smyrna in White County on Sunday morning and probably at night.

Brother, send us short reports of your revival. State work in small towns, that all charges in the State may be reported.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter will go to Batesville next Saturday and preach there at 11 o'clock Sunday. We hope all old friends near there may hear him.

Rev. J. A. Baker writes that Bro. Geo. A. Harrison, an old class-leader and book agent, who lived in the woods of Princeton C.M., died in Murfreesboro, Ark., where he had gone to

attend the Arkadelphia District Conference. A suitable obituary will appear soon.

Rev. Piero Merrill writes of great revival interest on Kingston Mission. His meeting at Little Chapel resulted in 5 conversions, 2 admissions and a great revival in the Church.

In a business letter Rev. J. R. Sanders reports a good meeting in progress at Carrollton—conversions and admissions up to Aug. 1, and after full of penitents.

The Fort Smith District Conference requested the publication of Rev. J. A. Anderson's sermon on Missions. We have the pleasure of giving it to our readers in this issue.

In busy proof-reading last week several errors in Bro. Jeffcott's letter were overlooked—the worst being the omission of part of a long sentence—"will himself be a husband to his bereaved wife."

A final graduate of the Wesleyan Female Institute, Staunton, Va., desires a situation as teacher, and prefers Science, Literature or French. For references address Lock Box No. 34, Forest City, Arkansas.

But we know money is very scarce just now, but we hope all our agents and subscribers, who can do so, will remit us at such amounts as they can conveniently. Our receipts have been so small for several months that we have not cash enough to meet bills falling due. A little each from many will achieve present want. Please attend to this urgent request.

Yours truly, INVIS. E. BAKER,

GRAVEL HILL CAMP-MEETING.
The Annual Camp-meeting for Dover circuit will begin Sept. 6th. The Camp-ground is a beauty. In the midst of fine groves, free from mud in wet weather and dust in dry weather, an abundance of fine cold mineral spring water. The meeting will be held under a large well-seated shed. Rev. W. G. Miller, D. D. is to be present, besides other faithful ministers. Bro. Ed. Wimberly and the Editor of The Methodist are earnestly requested to attend. J. S. CROWDER, P. C.

DAVIS CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

Brother BENNETT.—The 50th anniversary of the Davis Chapel Sunday school was a success. The day was pleasant, the assembly very large and very attentive. Bro. Ed. Wimberly made an eloquent address, and made good impressions on the young, that will have a telling effect in the future. Send Bro. Ed. up to the Camp-meeting this fall. Dr. Palmer, our visitor ex-P. E. was with us. His visit was appreciated, his speech eloquent and impressive. In fact this was a time of rejoicing and was blessed both to old and young. The occasion was graced with a wedding.

G. W. O. DAVIS,
Gen. Secy., July 25.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. FROM LITTLE ROCK CONF.

July 5, Rec. pr Rev. J. A. Sage, Mt. Pleasant circuit, \$10.00.

July 18, Rec. pr Rev. L. C. Wilson, Little Rock circuit, \$4.00.

July 18, Rec. pr Rev. J. H. Bradfield, El Dorado circuit, \$20.00.

July 25, Rec. pr Rev. A. Turrentine, Gordon and Birne, \$20.00.

July 25, Rec. pr Rev. S. A. Hill, Lucy circuit, \$20.00.

July 25, Rec. pr Rev. E. Roshing, Missouri Mission, \$3.00.

Aug. 1, Rec. pr Rev. G. W. Matthews, \$20.00.

Total \$104.60.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS REPORT.

July 10, Rec. pr Rev. J. A. Biggs, Nashville C.M., \$10.00.

July 10, Rec. pr Rev. C. C. Golden, Hot Springs Sta., \$20.00.

July 18, Rec. pr L. C. Wilson, Redfield C.M., \$10.00.

Aug. 1, Rec. pr F. J. Shaw, Auburn C.M., \$20.00.

Total \$82.00.

A. D. JENKINS, Pres.
Center Point, Ark., Aug. 1, '89.

FIELD NOTES.

MARION C.M.—I closed my revival meeting at Cedar Grove last night. We had four conversions and five admissions to the Church. It was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. I am happy! Praise be to God! Cordially, A. C. GRAHAM, Aug. 3, 1889.

Kosciusko River Mission.—The Lord is with us. We just closed two meetings at Golden and Beaver, resulting in 41 conversions and 35 admissions to the Church. It was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. I am happy! Praise be to God! Cordially, E. GARNETT, Avilla, Aug. 3.

PANONIA C.M.—We had a very good meeting at Greersboro. It began with our Quarterly meeting 2d Saturday and Sunday in July and lasted ten days. Bro. M. M. Smith, our P. E. did some very effective preaching. His sermon on the prodigal son was the best I ever heard on that subject. In fact he is inspiring wonderfully. Our meeting resulted in 17 conversions and 12 admissions. Several of our brethren entered into a covenant to eat their family share. May the good Lord give them grace to keep their word. If our people are religious at home there will be religion at church, but if there is none in the home there will be none in the Church. To-morrow I commence a meeting at Wood's Chapel, where the revival fire has been burning all the year and where it takes a big rain to keep the people from holding prayer-meeting. Yours in love, W. W. ANDERSON, Bethel, Mo., July 28.

MURKIN C.M.—The third Quarterly Conference was held at Mt. Carmel, No. 1 on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in July. Our P. E. Rev. Geo. M. Hill was with us and preached five times to profit. Bros. Overton, Hall, Higsworth, Skinner and Hayes did good work. We protracted six days and ten nights. Results: 18 conversions, 7 admissions (more to follow), 1 adults and 6 children baptized, and the Church wonderfully revived. To God be all the praise.

Yours in love, W. W. ANDERSON, Bethel, Mo., July 28.

PORTER C.M.—We closed a meeting of eight days' duration at Poplar Grove on last Sunday night. We had a grand time. Bro. Hiltner, our beloved P. E., preached three soul-stirring sermons for us. Bro. J. J. Alexander of Marion Fork and Bro. Sterling did excellent work. We had twenty conversions and 15 admissions to the Church with more to follow. We are building a nice church at Poplar Grove. Hope to have it completed soon. Brothers, pray for us. W. W. ANDERSON, Latrobe, July 28.

DECATUR C.M.—I have held two protracted meetings at Missouri and Ebenezer. The Lord did abundantly bless us; the Church is greatly revived.

REV. J. A. BAKER writes that Bro. Geo. A. Harrison, an old class-leader and book agent, who lived in the woods of Princeton C.M., died in Murfreesboro, Ark., where he had gone to

attend the Arkadelphia District Conference. A suitable obituary will appear soon.

Rev. Piero Merrill writes of great revival interest on Kingston Mission. His meeting at Little Chapel resulted in 5 conversions, 2 admissions and a great revival in the Church.

In a business letter Rev. J. R. Sanders reports a good meeting in progress at Carrollton—conversions and admissions up to Aug. 1, and after full of penitents.

The Fort Smith District Conference requested the publication of Rev. J. A. Anderson's sermon on Missions. We have the pleasure of giving it to our readers in this issue.

In busy proof-reading last week several errors in Bro. Jeffcott's letter were overlooked—the worst being the omission of part of a long sentence—"will himself be a husband to his bereaved wife."

Yours in Christ, Zama, Aug. 2. W. W. MILLER.

STEPHENS C.M.—Have just closed my fourth protracted meeting. The Lord was with us at each appointment in convicting and converting power. Results about 24 conversions and 27 admissions to the Church and the Church greatly revived. I have been assisted by Revs. Jas. F. Carr of Camden, Dr. L. W. Pierce of Mt. Prospect, Wilkeson of Wade and Brothers Owen, a student of Hendrix College. Camp-meeting at Magenta Springs, Stephens C.M., will commence the first Sabbath in Sept. —Geo. W. LOGAN.

Stephens, Aug. 3.

WALNUT TREE C.M.—We have just closed a meeting of eight days, in which we had good success. The Church was greatly revived and did good work laboring incessantly and singing and praying with penitents. Their labors resulted in 44 conversions, many of the hardest sinners, 22 additions to the Church and more to follow, 2 children baptized and 15 family altars erected. We are now in another meeting that will continue several days—have had conversions up to this time, the latest increasing. Good Lord have the glory.

Yours truly, STEPHENS.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE.

AT SET OF SUN.

We are bound at set of sun
And cover the things that we have done.
And sweating, God
One self-slaying act, one word
That saved the world, man was freed,
One glance from him,
That full like sunshines where it went,
We've used no heat by the way,
But if through all the living day
We've used no heat by the way,
It through it all
We've done so much that we can trace,
That brought the sunshine in a lace.
No such, most small,
That helped goodness, and nothing else,
Even that is as worse than none.

—Bentley.

LETTER FROM JAPAN.

DEAR MR. BALDWIN.—The Methodist has succeeded in his quiet regularly. Foreign visitors are not frequent here. I appreciate the sight of the face of the old friend every time he comes.

As you perhaps already know, I have made my home since the beginning of this year at Matsuyama, which is an enterprising town of thirty or forty thousand inhabitants, located on the north side of the Island Shikoku ("Four Provinces"), the fourth in size of the great Islands. Until within the last month I have been the sole foreign resident on this side of the island. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes, missionaries of the Congregational Church, are here now, the fact of which fills me with the glory I had had of being the only foreigner living in all this region; however, it is a French Catholic priest hidden up somewhere, the most to be known of him being his unknownness.

While living in the interior without an associated worker to share your solitude as well as your responsibility, is not the most delectable thing even in Japan, it does not meet in this country all that it does in some of the other mission fields of the world. When I hear the blast of the war gun, whether at sunrise, noon and evening and the silent notes of the whistle from the narrow gauge, which connects the city with the sea-port town, I am reminded that western civilization is being added to the beauty of this land among the seas. And when to these is added the cheerful sound of a chorus of children voices, worn at their play, singing "Come to Jesus" ("君はおまえだ") I am impressed more deeply.

If this vision of stored electric does not appropriate what is best of Europe and America, it will be measured the more inferior others before them for the service of their kind in judging of what is best. This view of the Japanese character may be a sufficient reply to the question in a recent letter of a friend. "Are they superior to the negro race," meaning I suppose, of course, the race as represented by the majority of those in Southern United States.

I have lately had the privilege of reading a copy of the new Constitution of England. An anti-slavery one that which represents so much of the brain of American and European statesmanship would be quite beyond my reach. Still there are elements which are distinctly Japanese. If there is that which strikes a warmer as being an ancient sentiment in western costume, it is now so thin as might have been buried had we judge fairly.

C. H. NOYES,
Strayton, Japan, June 29, '89.

A BRIGHT SURPRISE.

It is related that Dr. Adenreis, while laboring as a missionary to the British, fell a strong desire to do something for the salvation of the children of Abraham according to the flesh. But it seemed that his desire was not to be gratified. During a long course of years, even to the closing bright of his life, in his necessities, Dr. Judson lamented that all his efforts in behalf of the Jews had been a failure. He was departing from the world satisfied with that thought. Then, at least there was a gleam of light which shone into his heart with grateful joy. Mrs. Judson was sitting by his side when he was in a state of great languor, with a copy of the Watchman and Reformer in his hand. She read to her husband one of Dr. Hayes's letters from Constantinople. The letter contained some items of information which filled him with wonder. At a meeting of missionaries at Constantinople, Mr. Schindler stated that a Bible book had been published in Germany giving an account of Dr. Judson's life and labors; that it had fallen into the hands of some Jews, and had been the means of their conversion; that a Jew had translated it for a community of Jews on the borders of the Euxine, and that a message had arrived in Constantinople saying that a teacher might be sent to show them the way of life. When Dr. Judson heard this his eyes were filled with tears, a look of almost reverent solemnity came over him, and clinging fast to his wife's hand with several fingers of his dead hand made a nice quilt for his

what to make of it." "To make of what?" said Mrs. Judson. "Why, what you have been reading. I never was so deeply interested in any subject; I never prayed so sincerely and earnestly for anything, but it came, at some time—no matter how distant the day—somehow, in some shape, probably the last I should have desired, it came!" What a testimony was that! It lingered on the lips of the dying Judson; it was entwined with grateful tears, and in worthy to be transmitted as a legacy to the coming generation. The desire of the righteous shall be granted. Pray and wait. The answer to all true prayer will come. In Judson's case the news of the answer came before he died, but it was answered long before. So we may know of the results of prayers and trials even while we journey here, but if not, what sweet surprises shall await us in the great beyond! —Northwestern Christian Advocate.

DIED AT HER POST.

Many instances of heroism were given by women in the Conemaugh valley. Along the Pennsylvania road most of the telegraph towers are in charge of women operators, and not one deserted her post when she saw the awful mountain of water rushing down upon her. Mrs. Ogle was one whose name deserves to be recorded on the roll of the nation's martyrs to principle. The warning of impending danger flashed to her over the wires, and she sent it on to those below. Back came the pleading message from those who loved her, "Save yourself!" She answered, "My life is worth more here than it can ever be elsewhere," and it was. Message after message her swift fingers sent, of warning and direction, by which hundreds were saved. The wave advanced on her; she telegraphed, "This is my last message," a peculiar click told the operator at the other end that the connection was broken, and all was still. The tower and its brave occupant had gone down together. —Union Signal.

A KIND WORD.

A kind word costs but little, but it may bless the one to whom it is given all the more. Now, have not kind words been spoken to you which have lived in your heart through years, and have borne fruit of its soul? Let us speak kindly to one another. We have tended and nurtured, but let us not therefore rasp and irritate those over us; these we love, those Christ would have us save. An exchange process this thought in these impressive words: "Speak kindly in the morning; it softens the rates of the day and makes the household and all its affairs more pleasant; speak kindly at night, for it may be that before dawn some tender one may clutch his or her sparrow of life for this world, and it will be too late to ask forgiveness."

—Cumberland Presbyterian.

LET IT SETTLE.

The wind wants drying and setting right many times a day. It resembles a compass placed on a rocky table—the least stir of the table makes the needle swing round and point untrue. Let it settle, then, till it points a right. Be perfectly silent a few moments thinking of Jesus; there is almost divine force in silence.

Drop the thing that worries, that困扰, that interests, that thwarts you; let it fall like a loadstone to the bottom, until the soul is no longer torn, and say secretly, "Jesus, I beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful servant, pardon and peace, that I may be cleansed from all my sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind." —Bishop Hartwell.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE HOOLEST RULE OF LIFE.

There is life, however low
or high as it is born,
That may not from its shore break
the strength of the earth.
Each little blossom weighs down,
Though looking heavy rain,
Pretty often all its down
To make the summer fair.

The latest star, though far away,
Dare stand an evening down,
And keep by its trembling golden ray
The view of night to crown.

The river flowing to the sea,
Was all its gathered treasures,
Takes up its cargo, full and free,
Then washes it never leaves.

The stars prove in many a way
The noblest rule of living;
Would retell of them day by day,
Instructs thy story by giving.

—Boston Journal.

TO REV. C. B. MORELY IN JAPAN.

DEAR BROTHER MORELY.—We have just had a delightful District Conference in your former charge Bentonville, Ark. You are often in our thoughts, our prayers and conversations. Oh, you would have enjoyed the meeting had you been with us. Your little friend Little Corley and her brother were of four girls invited by friends and made a nice quilt for us.

French fluently. He was an expert flute player. In addition to this he was proficient in every line of fencing and horsemanship, and although he did not weigh more than one hundred and thirty pounds he could strike a thirty-pounds blow with his fist. He always in turn devoted half an hour a day to each subject. He kept this up unceasingly for five years, and finally attained such a degree of proficiency in each that he might almost have been called a master. The secret of his success was hard work. He wasted no time. It is true that he might have devoted his time to more profitable studies, and had he done so he might have made a great name for himself. I only instance his case to show you that you and almost every man of your acquaintance wastes enough time every day to make his guest, had he devoted it to his proper uses. —New York Mail and Express.

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I have derived great relief from Ayer's Pills. Five years ago I took to the habit of smoking, and I have states to do this yearly. I took three boxes of Ayer's Pills and continued to smoke. Since that time I have not taken a puff of tobacco since. —W. H. Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis.

I have used Ayer's Pill for a number of years, and have never found anything equal to them for curing me of appendicitis, colic, and constipation. I always keep them in the house. —H. J. Johnson, Waukesha, Wis.

We have used Ayer's Pill many years, and think them a very excellent family medicine. —A. B. Foster, Clinton, Iowa, Webster, Iowa.

I was troubled with severe constipation for years, but was greatly relieved by taking Ayer's Pill. —P. H. Haag, Toledo, Ohio.

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OBITUARIES.

HARRISON — Julia May, infant daughter of Rev. J. W. and Miss J. Harrison, was born at Harrison, Ark., May 21, 1882, and died at Alton, Tex., June 20, 1883. A bright, sweet child, beloved. Those suffering pain and transplanted in the womb of the good mother are in the Kingdom of Her Para-

AMURIN — Sister E. J. Amurin suffered 12 months from Paroxysms and died July 17, 1883. Elizabeth Amurin was born near Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1, 1842, married to Wm. B. Amurin, 1862. Died 1883, leaving her wife, Rev. J. J. Amurin, and W. B. Amurin still living. She was married to G. Amurin in Aug. 1863, moved to Louisville, Ky., and to Clinton, Ark., August 1864. From this meeting were born, Rev. Dr. Amurin and Henry Amurin. Dr. Amurin gave the mother a joyful greeting when Sister Amurin was buried in the Presbyterian Church, joined the M. E. C. S. in May, 1873. Rev. Amurin's earthly career was brief, but he known to be well loved by his wife and friends. There were no mourners sorrowing over McGraw, "Mother," Ark., July 27.

STRICKLAND — Sister N. Strickland was born in Tipton co., Tenn., March 1841, moved to Ark. in 1874, married Sampson Strickland in 1875, and survived him in 1883 in a nursing home, conducted by Mrs. Howard of Jonesboro. She died herself to the Methodist Church and lived a quiet life until death, June 18, 1883. Her last words passed from earth to heaven. These words of comfort were given her, and when she passed her spirit was prepared for the next world. She leaves a husband, two children, aged parents, two brothers, one sister and many friends to mourn their loss. From the beginning of her illness she talked sweetly of her deliverance from the trials of this life and the higher enjoyment of the life prepared for the soul. The thought of death did not frighten her for she had been born in order and was ready to die. Her last hours on earth were spent in extolling all to meet her in heaven. When her work was finished she gently folded her arms and her soul went home. May God grant us such as hopeful welcome into His gates at rest of our sister.

S. J. BROWN.

AVENUE — Sister Lydia Aves Averell (nee Morse) was born in Lauderdale co., Tenn., Jan. 8, 1841, married to J. B. Averell in 1863, and joined the M. E. Church, South, the same year under the pastoral care of Rev. C. M. Gandy. She died Nov. 1, 1883, after much suffering for 34 days with slow fever, which she endured with great patience. Her funeral services were held Sunday, July 21, at Oak Grove, Rev. C. M. Gandy. Then we learned Sister Averell had been brought into the exciting relations of salvation to the Lord, understanding this relation to the end of her pilgrimage. She was a most excellent, reverent Christian lady, devoted, loving wife and mother. She had no regrets at the margin of the last river, but of leaving her husband, daughter and two sons. She died in great peace after bidding them all adieu. May the Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved, and bring them to a reunion with the loved one departed in the full enjoyment of the interests of the soul in light. Sheridin, Ark. J. S. Nicolson.

BARK — Mrs. Nancy E. Bark, wife of J. S. Bark and daughter of Brother and Sister A. A. McElroy, was born in Union co., Tenn., Jan. 19, 1842, came to Fulton co., Ark., with her father in 1867, was married Feb. 29, 1870, to J. S. Bark, professed faith in Christ about 1870, and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in which she lived an exemplary Christian life until July 3, 1883, when the summons came and she went to the church triumphant. Her home was always ready for the Methodist preacher as well as her own preacher. She and her husband were loved by all who knew them. She leaves a sorrowing husband, kind father and mother, three brothers and one sister, two sweet little girls to mourn her loss, besides many friends. Yet Nancy as she was faithfully called, will be missed by the weary pilgrim as he makes his round on the State Line Mission, for there he always met a cordial welcome. May God bless the bereft family. The writer was present at her death and a more triumphant death I have never witnessed perfectly resigned to the will of Him whom she in health had trusted and followed. Rest thy soul, as I invited you to sing—joined in the song and passed calmly to her reward. Thank God therefore the well. She now joins in song with the angels.

J. R. Edwards, P. C.

BARK — Thomas Edwin Hall was born in Harrison co., Ark., July 15, 1872, and died at First's Chapel in Harrison, under the ministry of Rev. J. A. Vernon in July 1883, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at

that place with his father J. T. Hall and lived a devout Christian life death and resurrection and interred, after a brief but severe illness, July 25, 1883, and was buried in the old Walnut Hill Cemetery, beside his mother and grandmother. Mrs. H. T. Hall was long preoccupied with the care of her husband and son, and was greatly distressed over his death, especially, as was indicated by many friends that attended her burial and the manifestations of grief on the part of young and old alike. A pastor read the funeral service, "Why should our hearts be so full? Why should our hearts be so full?"

HARRISON — Miss Mary, infant daughter of Rev. J. W. and Miss J. Harrison, was born at Harrison, Ark., May 21, 1882, and died at Alton, Tex., June 20, 1883. A bright, sweet child, beloved. Those suffering pain and transplanted in the womb of the good mother are in the Kingdom of Her Para-

Amurin — Sister E. J. Amurin suffered 12 months from Paroxysms and died July 17, 1883. Elizabeth Amurin was born near Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1, 1842, married to Wm. B. Amurin, 1862. Died 1883, leaving her wife, Rev. J. J. Amurin, and W. B. Amurin still living. She was married to G. Amurin in Aug. 1863, moved to Louisville, Ky., and to Clinton, Ark., August 1864. From this meeting were born, Rev. Dr. Amurin and Henry Amurin. Dr. Amurin gave the mother a joyful greeting when Sister Amurin was buried in the Presbyterian Church, joined the M. E. C. S. in May, 1873. Rev. Amurin's earthly career was brief, but he known to be well loved by his wife and friends. There were no mourners sorrowing over McGraw, "Mother," Ark., July 27.

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