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## SPECIAL AND EARNEST APPEAL TO OUR AGENTS AND FRIENDS.

Beginning with its issue of May 1st this paper will give very full reports of the proceedings of our approaching General Conference. Its value and the promised assistance of our agents from this State will make the ARKANSAS METHODIST as interesting and instructive as the very best of our Church papers during the General Conference; and it will reach its readers in Arkansas with the latest Conference news ahead of all other weekly papers. It is printed and mailed in less time than any of our Church papers west of the Mississippi, and will contain the proceedings up to one day before its publication.

Now, we want to put it into 3,000 additional homes by May 17, and this can be done with the prompt and earnest help of all our agents and friends. To this end we make this Special Offer: For fifty (50) cents each, in cash, we will send this paper till October 14, to all new subscribers, whose names are received before or on Saturday May 17. All names received on this special Trial Trip offer will be discontinued after Oct. 14, unless we are advised to continue them.

We urgently request all our pastors, with the assistance of our local preachers, class leaders, stewards, Sunday school superintendents and all other friends to see that this special offer is clearly and earnestly presented in our congregations on the three ensuing Sabbaths and on every suitable occasion. And if all these will promptly and kindly comply with this special and very earnest appeal, our paper will be placed in more than 3,000 additional homes. Friends, brethren and sisters, help us and help now.

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We expect to report how our seventeen Districts stand in the order of their responses to this appeal.

We sincerely hope our preachers and people will speedily and clearly show what the Methodists in Arkansas can do upon short notice, and we would be glad to fill next week one column with the names of cheerful helpers under this call.

In the Raleigh Advocate Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin says: "Since our last General Conference one of our Bishops has died. One of the present number is far advanced in life. So we will need, beyond all question, from two to four new Bishops. Where are they to come from? Well, from where ever they can be found, whether from one or four Conferences. We want the men, it makes no sort of difference from what territory they are to come. Then when they are found, would it not be the proper thing for the church to say, where they shall reside? As it is, we have one in

Spartanburg, one at Aikland, Va., one in Baltimore, one in Nashville, one in Jackson, Miss., one in New Orleans—six in the old well organized fields of the church, and only two in the great West. It seems to me that this is an unwise distribution of our General Superintendents. It is almost next to impossible to get one of them to locate his family, even temporarily, outside of his old Conference boundaries. At present, Bishop Key is the only exception to the rule. The result is that our Bishops, living so far away from some of their fields of labor, do not fully understand the conditions and needs of the church in distant localities as they should. A hasty visit can not give them the opportunity for studying these matters like a four year's residence would give them. Let the church give us more Bishops, and fix the places of their abode."

### FROM LOUISIANA.

DEAR METHODIST:—You allow us a few words now and then, and here are a few if you please.

Notwithstanding the past exceedingly mild winter, this Spring is more backward than last. Up to March 1st our gardens were well advanced, but being nipped we had to plant some seeds again. Gardens and crops are booming now where they have a fair showing. There is a great overflow here this year, and while this is over thirty miles from the Mississippi river, the backwater at this writing is in plain view from this town. Our Presiding Elder is doing but little toward District work as a large number of his appointments are under water. The water is in our way. We have two organized Churches, and this year took in a swamp appointment, a little railroad town with no organized church of any kind. The trains have not ceased to run, but the track is under water between here and there, and everything is transferred, so we are waiting the waters decline. We give one Sunday there in each month and we are paid each trip thirty dollars. How does that do for a lot of sinners?

One disagreeable concomitant of the overflow is the buffalo gnats. They kill horses, cattle and mules, and to work stock in gnat time is attended with trouble and danger. The bite of the gnat poisons the blood and produces a disease called charbon. It is very fatal and examined pathologically we think the diagnosis would be erysipelas. Gnats that bite stock with the disease and then bite men, produce charbon in men with sometimes a fatal result.

On the 8th inst there was a reunion of old ex-Confederates at Arcadia, a nice railway station in Breckenridge parish. It was very enjoyable. There was a general and cordial hand-shaking, a recital of war reminiscences, some appropriate speaking and a fine barbecue dinner. On the 25th of May there is to be a grand re-union of the Blue and the Gray in the city of Vicksburg Miss. thirty-five miles east of here. We are anxious to attend as it will be the first, and perhaps the last opportunity of our life to see old comrades in arms. As we were in a Miss., regiment the surviving members are sure to be there. These old comrades we have not seen since the roar and din of battle, on Stone river Tenn., January 1, 1863. All this may be very dry reading to persons who know nothing of war, but the mere mention of re-union fires the old soldiers heart more than anything else. It produces in our mind thoughts of the grand re-union on the unfading fields of glory, after the great King's battles are fought and victories won. In this connection we naturally think of many of the good people in Arkansas with whom we have mingled our prayers and tears. First we mention Drs. A. R. Winfield and W. R. Gibbon, who lovingly persuaded us to enter the ministry in 1875 after a delay of nineteen years. Next Dr. A. Hunter our first Presiding Elder whose fatherly counsel and Holy Ghost preaching we shall never forget. Thos. H. Wake who aided us in our meetings our first year when we most needed help. Of the lady we have only space to mention a few: At Carlisle, father Turrentine and Dr. T. J. Reiff and family, at Bright Star, S. W. Mays, W. T. Bond, J. W. Groves and J. C. Tison. At Richmond and Rocky Comfort, Sister Corlan, Bro. J. Cook and family, Judge McCrary and Judge Dollarhide's family, at Mineral Springs, J. G. Ward and family, at Auburn, Sisters Alice and Zula Douglas and Henry Hardy, at Toledo, John Niven and sister Taliaferro, at Carolina, Aunt Laura Potter, J. E. Marsh and family, Uncle D. G. Pipkin, and Zach Bailey, J. F. Hendrix, and Robt. Copeland and family. With

these and many others we expect to meet in the beautiful town of the sweet bye and bye. God bless you. H. ARMSTRONG.  
Delhi La. April 22.

### FAYETTEVILLE DIST. CONF.

The Fayetteville District Conference met in the beautiful town of Springdale, April 24, 1890, and adjourned April 26.

The reports of the pastors and delegates revealed a most hopeful state of affairs throughout the District. The preachers are hard at work, and, though serious difficulties confront some of them, especially on the missions, yet with faith in Christ and consecration to His cause, they are carrying the gospel to saint and sinner. Many of the brethren of the laity and the faithful elect women are united with their preachers and local ministers, and all the brethren think the prospects for an advance in all the interests of the Church in the District are hopeful. More money has been paid for Foreign and Domestic Missions up to April than was paid last year by August 1.

The interest and enthusiasm in Christian education is still increasing. Dr. H. M. Welch, principal of Prairie Grove Institute, sent in the best report as to attendance and good work ever sent out from that school. Prairie Grove and Fayetteville District will miss their best opportunity if Dr. Welch is not nobly and handsomely sustained. Let the Methodists and their friends give the Doctor their hearty support in patronage, and in fitting up the necessary rooms.

Some revival meetings have been held and a number of professions were reported, but the spirit of faith and hope already upon the brethren, is a prophecy of a glorious harvest at hand.

The Conference took a new departure in organizing a District Church Extension Society. Twenty-three members are enrolled of the backbone of the District, and a stir of church builders will follow.

The occasion was enlivened by the sermons and speeches of Dr. C. C. Woods, president of Scarritt College Institute, Neosho, Mo., and Editor Bennett of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST. The speech of our editor met a hearty response in the feelings and purposes of the Conference. No resolutions or compliments were voted, but I am sure I express the settled conviction of a large majority of the Conference present that THE ARKANSAS METHODIST deserves a strong support, and shall have it. The memorial service held in memory of Bro. H. M. Granade came from loving and bereaved hearts. The preachers and the community knew him. Many had received his ministrations in years gone by. The tears, the prayers and loving words were sincere, and worthy of our departed brother. Seven new churches are in course of construction, and two others are ready for dedication. It is common to say that our beloved Presiding Elder presided to the satisfaction of all, but we must be allowed to say that ours has the grace and love and ability to draw his preachers and people nearer to their divine Lord.

Delegates to the Annual Conference, B. C. McCurry, W. G. Vincemiller, Wm. Blackburn, A. S. Gregg. Next Conference goes to Huntsville.

J. A. WALDEN, Sec.

### THE FITTEST DOES TRIUMPH.

Christianity has triumphed and is triumphant to-day, despite the fact that skeptics, infidels, and agnostics sneer at it. To-day all classes, high or low, learned or ignorant, believer or skeptic, if they desire to point out a model character and teacher, turn not to Socrates, not to Voltaire, not to Emmanuel Kant, not to Darwin, but to Jesus the Christ. John Stuart Mill declared that the ethics of Jesus can not elsewhere be equalled. Was he not a competent judge? Herbert Spencer asserts that the ultimate ethics of humanity will be the ethics of Jesus Christ, rationally understood. Felix Adler, skeptic though he be, declares that "when Christians live up to their religion that there will be no need of lectures on ethical culture." What an admission in favor of the intrinsic worth of the fundamental principles of Christianity! Prince Bismarck declares that "Christianity without phrases" is all that is needed to promote the social well-being of the human race. Francis Bacon, the great author of the Inductive Method, and a devout Christian, in his essay on atheism well says, "I had rather believe all the fables in the legend, and the Talmud, and the Apocrypha, than that this universal frame is without mind. . . . It is true that a little philosophy inclineth

man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion."

How significant the testimony of these Master minds. Let those who are inclined to think that the foundations of the Christian religion are giving way ponder these statements. Let them note the fact that agnostic and skeptic and Christian alike, when discussing any important point in ethics, speak with double confidence when they can quote the teachings of Christ in proof of the position for which they are contending. The fact is, the heart of the human family is to-day turned toward Christ as a model and an authority on all that pertains to right living as it has never turned to any other. All this is significant, and points with unerring certainty to the fact that Christianity as a system of ethics—as a system for the uplifting of humanity—is destined to survive all other systems, because it is the fittest to survive.—Religious Telescope.

Brother, Sister, speak to your neighbors about our special offer—this paper till Oct. 14 for 50cts. cash.

### THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

In his farewell discourse referred to in our last issue, Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler said, as reported by the N. Y. Advocate:

I invite your attention this morning to the nineteenth and twentieth verses, second chapter, Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians: "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy." These words were written by the most remarkable man in the annals of the Christian Church. Great interest is attached to them from the fact that they are part of the first inspired epistles that Paul ever wrote. Nay, more. The letter to the Church of Thessalonica is probably the earliest as to date of all the books of the New Testament. Paul was then at Corinth, about fifty-two years old, in the full vigor of his splendid prime. His spiritual son Timothy brings him tidings from the infant church in Thessalonica that awakens his solitude. He yearns to go and see them, and one day he lays aside his tent needle, seizes his pen, and when that touches the papyrus sheet the New Testament begins. The apostle's great, warm heart kindles and blazes as he goes on, and at length burst out in this impassioned utterance: "Ye are my glory and joy."

Paul, I think there for a thousand things, but for nothing do I thank thee more than for that golden sentence. In these thrilling words the greatest of Christian pastors, rising above the poverty, homelessness, and scorn that surrounded him, reaches forth his hand and grasps the royal diadem. No man shall rob the aged hero of his crown. No chaplet worn by a Roman conqueror in the hour of his brightest triumph rivals the coronal that Pastor Paul sees flashing before his eyes. It is a crown blazing with stars; every star an immortal soul plucked from the darkness of sin into the light and liberty of a child of God. Poor is he? He is making many rich. Despoised is he? He wouldn't change place with Caesar. Homeless is he? His citizenship is in heaven, where he will find myriads whom he can meet and say to them: "Ye, ye are my glory and joy." Sixteen centuries after Paul uttered these words, John Bunyan re-echoed these words when he said: "I have counted as if I had goodly buildings in the places where my spiritual children were born. My heart has been so wrapped up in this excellent work that I accounted myself more honored of God than if he had made me emperor of all the world, or the lord of all the glory of the earth without it. He that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways doth save a soul from death; and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."

Now, the great apostle expressed what every ambassador of Christ constantly experiences right in the thick of the Master's work. His are the joys of acquisition. His purse may be scant, his teaching may be humble, the field of his labor may be so obscure that no bulletins of achievements are ever proclaimed to an admiring world, difficulties may sadden and discouragement bring him to his knees, but I tell you that obscure, toiling man of God had joy vouchsafed to him, that a Frederick or a Marlborough never knew on the field of bloody triumph, or that a Rothschild never dreams of in his mansions of splendor, nor an Astor with his stores of gold. Every nugget of fresh truth discovered makes him rejoice as they who have found golden spoil; every attentive

auditor is a delight; every look of interest on a human countenance flashes back to illuminate his own. Above all, when the tears of penitence course down a cheek, and a returning soul is led by him to the Saviour, there is great joy in heaven over a repentant wanderer, there is a joy in that minister's heart too exquisite to utter. Then he is repaid in full measure, pressed down, running over into his bosom. Converted souls are jewels in the casements of faithful parents, teachers, and pastors. They shall flash in the diadem which the righteous Judge shall give them in that great day. Ah! it is when an ambassador of Christ sees an army of young converts and listens to the first utterances of their new-born love, and when he presides at a communion table and sees his spiritual offspring gathered around him, more true joy that faithful pastor feels than Caesar with a kingdom at his heels. Rutherford, of Scotland, only voiced the yearnings of every true pastor's heart when he exclaimed: "O, how rich were I if I could obtain of my Lord the salvation of you all! What a prey had I gotten to have you all caught in Christ's net! My witness is above that your heaven would be two heavens to me, and the salvation of you all would be two salvations to me."

Yet, my beloved people, when I recall the joys of my forty-four years of public ministry, I often shudder at the fact of how near I came to losing it. For very many months my mind was balancing between the pulpit and the attractions of a legal and political career. A single hour in a village prayer-meeting turned the scale. But perhaps a beloved mother's prayers were moving the mysterious hand that touched the poised balance and made souls outweigh silver and eternity outweigh time.

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### "I CAN'T AFFORD IT."

"Indeed, I can't afford it," was the frequent reply of a merchant when asked for a contribution to religious or missionary objects. He was doing an extensive and apparently lucrative business, and professed to be warm in his devotion to Christ. Yet his givings were very meager, when he gave at all; and generally his ready excuse was at hand, "I can't afford it," as his apology for refusing even a trifle.

A well known gentleman, who lived in the same city, and sometimes acted as an unpaid collector for a very important missionary society, called one day at the merchant's dwelling-house to solicit a contribution. Often had he been denied at the office with the words, "I can't afford it," and in the grand residence, as his eyes rested on the magnificence which several open doors unveiled, he began to discern that there was some truth in the apology after all.

The owner of the house shortly appeared. His visitor explained the reason of his call, but immediately added: "I see, sir, that you really can not afford it, and I can not think of presenting any claim upon you. Such a scale of expenditure as I see indicated by everything around me can indeed leave you little, if anything for the cause of Christ. I must look elsewhere for support to our operations. Good morning sir."

The well-meant reproach did its intended work. The merchant ere long sought an interview with his faithful monitor, and thanked him warmly for his straightforward and brotherly remarks. Handing him a check for \$200, as a donation to the missionary society for which he was collecting, he said that henceforth he meant to act as a steward of God and that never again would his style of living prove a hindrance to the exercise of ardent piety and practical love.

There are too many Christians, among both the richer and the poorer classes of society, who like the merchant, can not afford to give for the advancement of the gospel simply because they spend so much upon themselves and their families. We were not created, we are not up-holden and prospered from day to day, merely that we may eat and drink and dress and glorify ourselves by dazzling the eyes of our neighbors. The proper object and the true enjoyment of existence are to be found, not in self-display, but in self-sacrifice, under the constraining love of Jesus, living for the glory of God and the temporal and eternal welfare of our fellow-creatures.—Messenger.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

#### NO. 1.

In the Discipline of 1870 it is made the duty of each pastor to see that a Sunday school be organized wherever ten children can be enlisted. He is to-day given the oversight and made ex-officio the Superintendent of all the Methodist Sunday schools within his charge.

And here we enquire, what denominates or names a Sunday school? Reasoning from analogy we answer the doctrine taught. As in a grammar school the teaching and study of grammar denominates the school, so the literature used and taught names the Sunday schools, this should be literature from our own Publishing House. Literature is as much a necessity in Sunday schools as text book in our common schools; but Union Literature is but a bone of contention and Union Schools a hot-bed of denominational strife; for who ever knew a zealous Baptist, teacher or pupil, attend a Union Sunday school six months without attempting to immerse it.

With the literature—Quarterlies, Lesson Papers and Little People and Magazines for teachers and Supts., the next duty of the pastor is to nominate to the Quarterly Conference a suitable person for S. S. Supt. Such a person, man or woman, should be truly pious, well informed, prudent, firm, respected, not confined to routine but possessed of adaptability, well acquainted with the Bible and who knows and loves the doctrines of his Church.

If such a person cannot be secured, then let each pastor select the most suitable person from the Sunday school workers connected with the School. The pastor and supt. are at all times a standing committee on Sunday schools and should advise together as often as practicable, as to what is being taught in the school, how it is being taught, what amount of spirituality exists among the teachers and pupils, what is the average attendance and what efforts are being made to arouse and cultivate a love and zeal for missions. All these demand earnest and prayerful consideration on the part of pastor, supt. and teachers.

In my next I hope to describe the model teacher, duties of pupils, and further duties of supt. while holding each session of school.

C. A. BATES.

Byrant, April 16.

You are a friend to this paper and a lover of the cause it is striving to promote. In our Special and Earnest Appeal, 1st page, we beg a kind token of your helpful friendship. Please do not disappoint us.

The iniquity of the opium traffic carried on between India and China has never been told. Only Christian missionaries who go everywhere in China see the extent of its degrading effects and view them in the light of morals and religion. The opium trader like the rum-seller refuses to regard the matter from any other than a commercial point of view. The opium habit furnishes him with the large profits which are always made by those who cater to depraved habits. English Christians have for years petitioned the British Parliament to put an end to this infamous traffic so far as it subsists by treaty arrangements with China. The story of these treaty transactions is a dark blot on English history. And now a special effort is making to destroy the traffic. W. E. Robbins, a missionary to India, and Mr. A. S. Dyer, of the Bombay Guardian, has undertaken to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Court of Peking, praying that the opportunity now afforded for a revision of the Tientsin treaty with Great Britain may be embraced so as to exclude the legalized importation of opium. The English Government will hardly dare to use again the coercive measures which signaled this treaty when it was forced upon the protesting Chinese. The petition to which we have referred is signed by about 750 foreign missionaries, 1,200 native pastors, and 5,000 other Christians in India, along with another memorial containing the signatures of persons residing in England and America. Christians everywhere are interested in this anti-opium crusade. The outlook is more hopeful than ever before, and we can but hope that the days of the legalized opium traffic are numbered.—Central Advocate.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1890.

## HOLINESS MEETING.

Bro. W. A. Freeman, P. C. of Okonema, requested us to announce that the Holiness Association will meet at Okonema May 28, instead of May 26, as published.

## TO MY FRIEND AND COUNSEL, LOUIS LEX.

After thanking you for your kind suggestions in regard to sermonizing, especially a text so appropriate to the subject in hand and exhorting your "Addenda," I wish to say: That the description you gave of your "Addenda" and his maneuverings I am bound to conclude that he is the same person as that has been infesting our hunting grounds. And in the event he takes a notion to "set up shop" for himself, if you are not very careful while his subordinates are catching some of your trout with "well disguised flies," he will capture some of your best fishing tackle, for he is known among the Nimrods as "Col. or Captain sly," for this reason:

Recently some of our young and less experienced hunters had a called meeting to investigate the revised tactics of the disaffected Col. or Captain and his crew, for it was claimed by them to be quite an improvement on all former plans and tactics for capturing game. But to their surprise and sorrow found them to teach the art of digging pit-falls, setting gins, nets and snares in which to entrap the unsuspecting game and a by-law granting its members the privilege of hunting on Sunday and in the night on grounds that were seldom if ever hunted over by the members of the "old order." All of which is a violation of the recognized laws and by-laws of all honorable hunters (for hunters have laws of regulation as well as anglers and ordinarily more strict in their discipline.) I noticed how ever one member whom we had taken up from obscurity and furnished with all the necessary equipment and trained and thought to be a successful hunter—and one that was considerably in debt to the "old order" refused to record their votes. However we deferred any further action till the general counsel which convenes sometime this spring to adopt plans and make new by-laws (preparatory to a general campaign next fall) at which time and place will be present our oldest and most experienced hunters who will keep a sharp lookout for the outcropping of the clovenfoot. During our called meeting, I observed with much satisfaction that while a few of our younger hunters were a little nervous from an apprehension of meeting in the camp a large majority had such confidence in the loyalty of the great body of the "old guard," they had no fears of such a catastrophe.

Yours fraternally,  
L. O. W.

## HOW I GOT TO COLORADO.

Having read in several papers that they were giving away lots at Montrose, Colorado, I wrote and received the deed so promptly, that a large number of my friends at once sent, and after getting their deeds, they appointed me a delegate to visit Montrose, through the courtesy of the Colorado Homestead and Improvement Co. I got a free ticket there and back. I had a lovely trip, and while there sold my lot for \$127.50. Any person can get one lot absolutely free by addressing the Colorado Homestead and Improvement Co., Montrose, Colorado, enclosing 25 cents for Notary fee and postage. By giving every third lot, they will bring thousands of people there. Montrose, the county seat, is a railroad junction, and a beautiful city of nearly 3,000, and will have ten thousand within a year. Their motto is "Get There Boys," and certainly free lots and free tickets are sure winners. When property can be obtained free, why should not every one own a real estate. S. S. N.

Elizabeth, N. J.

## THE OVERFLOW IN ARKANSAS.

Bro. B. J. Coopwood, writing from Red Fork, April 16, says of the overflow in his section:

"We have been under water ever since the last of January, and at this writing, although the water is falling slowly, yet you can see nothing but a sea of water. Now and then on high points may be seen old Mother Earth again, in our fields and around our houses, for some, but many are still from four to six feet deep yet in the water. As you have had so many descriptions of the damage caused by overflows, I will not attempt to say more than great has been the loss and suffering of many. Overflows are like wars. Everything becomes demoralized and confused, so the result cannot be told till after it is all over. Just now everything looks gloomy for us. But hope and expectation still mark the features of some, and each day as the little spot of ground gets large, joy and hope begin to brighten, and many a heart is made to feel glad, but we will be glad to see the limitation of the overflow of the water."

soon depart. In conclusion, we feel thankful to the people of Little Rock and Pine Bluff for those liberal donations to our distressed circumstances. Many prayers have been uttered in their behalf. It is good to the house of mourning that the heart may be made better thereby and O, if we are purified by participating in human suffering, how much greater the advantage to be derived from sympathizing with Him who for us entered a state of earthly probation and sorrow."

## IMPORTANT.

To the members of the Arkansas Conference:  
DEAR BRETHREN—I write to call attention to the fact that our Conference is sadly behind on expenses of the delegates to the General Conference. The estimated expense of the entire delegation for board, transportation, etc., is \$376.76; of that amount we have paid \$133.65; so that we lack \$243.11 of having enough to pay the actual expenses of our delegates. Now what will we do? I suggest that we take another collection for this purpose—say about the first Sunday in May, and forward the amounts thus collected to Bro. R. M. Traylor, Van Buren, Ark., and he can then forward the money to the brethren at St. Louis. Come, brethren, let's do what we can in this matter, for it is not right for the delegates to have to pay their own expenses. If any brother can think of a better plan than the one suggested for raising this money, please let us have it. Yours Respectfully,  
Booneville, Apr. 19. I. B. HICKMAN.

## Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. A Boston lady, whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their's would last longer; that I might take it on ten days trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, knew what it was, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other. When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand. I looked like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." Mrs. ELIA A. GORE, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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Rev. Z. T. BENNETT, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1890

Read again the opinion of that paper, and after the reading, let all friends of the paper make earnest efforts in its behalf.

The date of the Arkansas Press Association is changed from June 11 to May 28, and this writer must lose the honor of being the "orator" on that occasion.

Col. Jacob Frolich, ex-Secretary of State, died at his home in this city last Friday and a large concourse attended his burial on Saturday. He had a multitude of warm friends scattered all over the State. To his sorrowing wife and children we tender sincere condolence.

We know a P. E. who wrote to all his preachers asking them to push this paper under our Special Offer till Oct 14 for 50 cts. No interests of our Church are neglected by that stirring P. E., and we predict his District will show an advance along all lines. Seventeen P. E.s can help this paper wonderfully before May 17, and all the pastors will be glad to have their assistance.

We are advised, that a beloved layman at Pine Bluff, told his pastor he would pay \$10 to send this paper to ten poor, deserving persons one year. He authorized us last year to send it to three needy persons, and wanted to pay \$1.50 for each, but we accepted only \$1 for each. We wish many other noble laymen would imitate his example, and each send this paper to five, ten or more of the worthy poor, under our special offer till Oct. 14, for 50c. Brothers, here is an opportunity to do much good at small cost. Try it.

If they were able to do so, many of our preachers would promptly pay the money to send this paper into Methodist homes, from which it is now kept out on the plea of inability to pay for it. But in almost every charge generous laymen of means can be found willing to help send the paper to all poor but deserving families in their charges. Brother preachers, ask such laymen to assist you in putting this paper into all the Methodist homes in your work, under our special offer till Oct. 14 for 50c. After that many would decide that they could pay the low price for this paper, and also pay to the Church more than they had been paying, because they would learn more about the demands upon them and their personal obligations to support the institutions of the Church. We read of one Church Conference raising money to send their church paper into the homes of all members not then taking it, and we think the expenditure proved a helpful and remunerative investment. No enterprise of our Church yields to it a better income upon the cost than its religious papers. To this statement we concede no exceptions whatever. In this direction many zealous, wise and thoughtful laymen and preachers should do more efficient work for the Church they love dearly and serve cheerfully. At this point a widespread revival is much needed and can be secured.

The Wesleyan Advocate thinks the General Conference should elect one Bishop and says: "But the one should be no ordinary man—an ordinary man would do as well without the diadem as with it; perhaps better. But he should be a man of strong nerve, of good digestion, of a healthy skin; in spirit a brother to the race, and a friend of God, of wide outlook, and with a genius for work, having, under a strain, the equilibrium of a fudge, and in action, the force of a thunderbolt. Not too old, lest he early faint under the burden, and not too young, lest he pull against the yoke, and so waste his strength. Find us such a man, and if we are there we will vote for him. Millions for improvement; not one cent for compliment."

We are not sure about the meaning of the last sentence, but we think the General Conference can find more than one suitable man. We favor the election of two Bishops, and oppose the increase of salaries except the salaries of the traveling

expenses while visiting the Annual Conference. Then let them be paid monthly instead of being paid as they are now.

## AT FORREST CITY.

In 1882 we attended an Annual Conference session in Forrest City and have often passed through the town, but last Saturday we made it a visit which proved a very pleasant one. Arriving about 6:20 p. m. we were directed to the parsonage, where to our regret we found our pastor, Rev. W. D. Kelly, abed sick from an untimely and perhaps abundant supply of ice cream, which was served the night before by the Ladies Aid Society for the benefit of some church enterprise. How many things would never be done and how many others would be very poorly done, in the absence of godly women whose devotion leads them with willing hearts and planning minds and ready hands to work in and out of season for the cause of their loving Savior? God bless them and enlarge their number everywhere. This hand will never write a sentence severely censuring them for any harmless method of earning money to be used for religious purposes. It has not been ten years since we heard some preachers and others speaking against church suppers, festivals, etc., in such manner as to embarrass a few zealous ladies by whose energies chiefly their neat but unpretentious little church was secured, and whose patient hands scrubbed the very floor on which their strong-minded counselors were then standing! But we are digressing.

On Sunday morning and night we preached to kindly and (we thought) appreciative audiences, and enjoyed the excellent music rendered by the choir, with Mrs. B. D. Hatcher presiding at the organ. The church is a new brick less imposing without than beautiful within, and is furnished with splendid patent seats for nearly 300 persons. We understand ours is the best of the three churches in the town, but we did not enquire its cost. Adjacent to the church is a neat parsonage of four or five rooms, with pastor's office in the yard. This manse Bro. Kelley is now occupying for the second year, living and preaching in favor with his charge, and having an admirable helper in his amiable and devoted wife. To them we are much indebted for thoughtful courtesies and hospitality.

After the morning service we had a buggy ride of three miles to the pleasant farm home of Mr. T. J. Davis, who with his good wife and her brother Henry W. Hood, cousins of ours, made the entire afternoon socially refreshing in conversations about loved ones on earth and in heaven. They were sorrowful in late bereavement in the unexpected death, April 16, of their brother William Hood, at Hot Springs, whither he had gone for relief from rheumatism. He was a good citizen, a devoted Christian and died in peace, leaving a widow and four children to lament their great loss, while they live in hope of the sweet home beyond. Here we see broken families, but when God's dear children have been gathered one by one into the celestial city, there will be no more death and no sad partings.

Monday night we had the pleasure of hearing the opening sermon for the Theological Institute, by our highly esteemed brother Rev. R. S. Deener, who is now serving his fourth year in Marianna station, greatly beloved by his congregation. We enjoyed his sermon very much and wished it had been longer than thirty-five minutes. Monday night we spent with Bro. Deener in the elegant home of Mr. Rollage, sharing generous hospitality, and having opportunity to talk of many things occurring since Bro. D. became a member of our charge in Dec. 1877. Then a mere youth of warm heart and model example; now a useful and scholarly preacher of growing prominence and happily married, having an accomplished young wife in hearty sympathy with his work.

Tuesday morning the Institute was formally organized—Revs. Cochran, Craig, Deener, Ford, Hunter, Kelley, Skinner, Sterling and Umsted of that District being present and others expected on each train. We were delighted to meet these brethren and regretted very much to have to leave them at noon, especially before hearing the discussion of pertinent topics on their programme. We were pleased to learn all the preachers of the Helena District are moving along well, and that

their sub-Bishop Rev. M. B. Umsted is making full proof of his ministry in the important and (to him) new office of Presiding Elder. Blessings on all these brethren and their charges. We want to meet them again and likewise to repeat our visit to Forrest City.

## GENERAL CONF. NOTICE.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the General Conference "to negotiate for railroad rates and hotel fares," in the plan adopted for its entertainment, has performed that service, omitting no effort and sparing no pains to fulfill the commission entrusted to it. The undersigned were delegated respectively to conduct negotiations with railway companies, and to provide for the entertainment of the delegates, and other arrangements for the session of the Conference at St. Louis, and with authority to appoint a local committee. The following announcements may suffice for all present need of information, but, if there may be need of further information, it can be obtained by addressing the office at St. Louis.

The session will be held in the main audience room of the Centenary Church, located at the corner of 16th and Pine Sts., and will be opened on May 7, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Entertainment has been provided at hotels, within convenient distance of the Conference Room, at reduced rates, and by private hospitality. Delegates will each receive notice, before leaving home, of routes and rates of travel and of the location of their home in St. Louis, with directions how to reach it on arrival. The reduced rates, both of transportation and board, are available to the families of delegates. All bona fide visitors are entitled to reduced rates of travel, but not of board. They may obtain information of the location and rates of board at hotels and private boarding houses, at the office of the local committee in St. Louis, by applying in person or by correspondence.

Arrangements for transportation have been made with nearly all the railways within the bounds of the Connection, and with all most used.

Attention is called to the fact that in most cases a rate of one fare for the round trip has been secured, especially from territory from which the larger number of delegates is expected.

In territory from which but few delegates were expected, the roads hardly felt justified in making less rate than fare and one-third, which is all that could properly be expected.

Where rates are named as being applicable on the certificate plan, the passenger pays full fare in going to the meeting, and secures a certificate-receipt therefor from the ticket agent, by request, at time of purchase. This certificate, when properly filled out and signed by the Rev. T. M. Finney, at the Conference, will be honored for return ticket over the same road between same points, either free (if rate is named as one fare for round trip), or at one-third the regular limited tariff fare (if rate is named as one-third fare for the round trip).

Where the journey is made over more than one line, it may be necessary to purchase separate local tickets and certificate-receipts therefor for each of the lines over which he travels in going to the meeting. Passengers should therefore ascertain from the ticket agent what portion of their journey can be covered by the certificate procurable of him, and purchase tickets and secure certificates filled accordingly. Failure to procure or present certificate invalidates any claim for reduction in return fare.

Certificates will not be honored for return tickets later than May 31st.

P. S. The St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, Little Rock & Fort Smith, St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas, and St. Louis & San Francisco Rys, will grant a rate of one fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, on tickets purchased between May 3d and 8th, inclusive, and on other dates during the meeting these lines will grant rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan. R. M. Scroggs, Cl'n.

In answer to other delegates the editor of this paper expects to leave Little Rock for the General Conference next Tuesday, May 6, at 6:10 P. M., and arrive in St. Louis in ample time for the opening of the Conference.

## VOICE FROM THE PACIFIC.

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST:—Concerning General Conference entertainment Bro. C. C. Godden, in THE METHODIST of March 19, struck a chord which vibrates clear to the Pacific coast. I want to say amen to his sensible words. Just think of the "apostles and brethren" assembled in General Conference (Acts 15:2) having so far departed from the Master's instructions given in Matt. 10:11, that they are all boarding at the first-class hotels of Jerusalem! How would this passage read, if put this way: vs. 7, "And when there had been much disputing (until the Apostles and elders had well nigh exhausted the funds which the churches had sent up to Jerusalem for their entertainment, and they were in danger of being turned out of the inn, then Peter being strengthened in spirit, and be-

ing much grieved for the delay of the proceedings, arose and said: "Men and Brethren" etc.

## OREGON ITINERANT.

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

I write this on my lap in a hotel in Van Buren. In the room are two tables, but they are in use by card players, whose "low game," "high Jack," "set 'em up" and occasional oaths are as cheerless to this writer as the darkness and rain without. I do not know any of them, and will not try to entertain, nor will I disturb them after the manner of an intentionally eccentric evangelist a few years ago. He did not win from them the respect due a preacher. Whenever one of them swore he would say "bless the Lord," "praise the Lord," etc., staring at them as he uttered these expressions. After a few interruptions, they supposed him to be an escaped lunatic and one of them advised the landlord to keep a watch on that crazy man! Our Savior gave wise instructions about the use of pearls. I preached to-night to a small part of Rev. R. M. Traylor's congregation in a large and beautiful church, which reflects the taste and enterprise of our people here. Bro. Traylor gives a favorable report of his charge and expects to have soon a protracted meeting.

He and his family occupy a good parsonage, well furnished, and situated on the church lot. With them we had a pleasant hour and a good supper. This is Bro. T.'s second year here; he hopes it may be a fruitful one, and is working to that end. Among the hearers to-night was Dr. W. Riley, formerly of White county and a beloved member of the first charge I ever served. His cheerful hospitality and brotherly counsel in 1875 I shall never forget, and something else will be remembered. In close or warm atmosphere he would occasionally nod during preaching, and as I had no reason to doubt his personal regard, I was about to accept the painful conclusion, that he was not interested in my preaching. I thought of an early opportunity to satisfy my own mind on this point.

The Quarterly meeting would soon be held, and the new Presiding Elder, whose enviable reputation had preceded him, was looked for with interest. He arrived on time and preached very acceptably—and I felt much relieved to see one of his best and most intelligent hearers nod! Since then observation has taught the effect of carbon as well as soporific preaching on some of the best people I have ever known. In many fields along the L. R. & Ft. S. road I saw farmers trying to plant their crops, but the rain today and tonight will probably stop planting again. The outlook for farming operations is very discouraging, but this may yet prove a year of bountiful crops. At this date none can foretell with positive certainty. The Christian's duty is clear—"Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." "There is a heart, there is a hand we feel but cannot see; we were always provided for, and we always shall be." So I believe and so I write. At this time I shall express no opinion about pestilence, famine, flood and flame being used by the Almighty to punish people for ingratitude, forgetfulness and sin; but flagrant sins of this age and wickedness in high places emphasize the ever true words of the prophet: "Woe to them that be at ease in Zion."

On my trip to-day I had the pleasure of traveling with Col. Steele of Little Rock enroute to Mt. Nebo, editor R. W. Leigh of Morriston and Rev. T. J. Reynolds of Altus. At several stations I had a few words with friends and brethren, among them Rev. V. V. Harlan, who is planning to have missionary meetings of two or three days at several places in his District. I think the plan a good one and would like for Bro. Harlan to tell our readers how he will conduct these meetings.

Among other passengers to-day were the sister and three beautiful little motherless daughters of Judge Sandels, whose wife died several months ago in Little Rock. I love children and give them attention everywhere. I hope I may never feel differently, when I look into the innocent faces of the dear little ones, of whom Jesus said, "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." The youngest of these little daughters (about two years old) would now and then try to sing "Home, sweet home." The broken speech of her tender voice revived sad yet precious memories, but I will not write now of departed loved ones, whose children are left in orphanage. "Home," yes, "sweet home," it is with a Christian mother to all with the joy and brightness

typical of the home above for the pure and good. Mother, home and heaven. The first and second I have, with the last I hope for an abundant entrance in the sweet bye and bye.

It is now 12:30 and I leave here at 1:30 to reach Springdale at about 4:15—thus losing both rest and sleep after traveling all day and preaching once. Z. T. BENNETT.

Van Buren, April 24.

P. S. 7:30 a. m. Since 1 o'clock I have been waiting in depot sitting room for a train expected every hour. Have gotten short naps by stretching out on a common plank seat, when I could find space enough in the common and crowded room. Thunder was roaring, lightning flashing and rain falling, when I came to the depot last night, and now I am distressed at the very heavy rainfall, and it is still pouring down in torrents. I begin to think like the old "tar heel"—that "it always rains most in wet weather." Clouds are more quickly made and emptied. I will be late reaching Springdale, and I am tired now and sleepy. It's a great thing to be an itinerant editor!

I will not write of the picturesque scenery of the Boston mountain range, nor of the magnificent farming and fruit lands in Washington county, but the traveler naturally supposes its people ought to be prosperous and happy in this garden spot of our State. Arriving at Springdale at noon I was given a home at the new and beautiful residence of Mr. Z. H. Lowdermill, who was absent himself, but his excellent wife and cultured daughter Miss Anga very pleasantly entertained their guests, Rev. Z. W. Lindsey and wife and the writer. I was greatly pleased with the appearance of Springdale, which has over 1,200 people, who are noted for hospitality and enterprise. There were about sixty preachers and laymen in attendance upon the District Conference, which will be reported in THE METHODIST by its efficient and sweet spirited secretary, Rev. J. A. Walden. I learned with pleasure more than I had previously known of its P. E., Rev. F. S. H. Johnson. He presided admirably and just before final adjournment made a brief and cheering review of the work in his District: Up to date about 100 conversions, 25 per cent increase in pastors' salaries, more money collected for missions than by August last year, much interest in building and repairing churches, every pastor at his post and every charge pleased with its pastor. And I learned from those who know, that preachers and people are delighted with their Presiding Elder.

I enjoyed the pleasure of hearing Rev. Dr. C. C. Woods, President of Scarritt Institute, Neosho, Mo., in his address before the Conference and twice in the pulpit. He had the ears of the Conference and in sermon-lecture showed himself a master of assemblies. I heard good reports of sermons by Revs. H. J. Brown, B. H. Greathouse and P. B. Hopkins, and was pleased with the religious spirit manifest in the deliberations of the Conference. For our paper the brethren personally expressed suitable appreciation and are making efforts to give it a larger circulation in all their charges. I think they will get many new subscribers under our Special Offer. I must forego the pleasure of spending the Sabbath here, and at 2:30 to-night I expect to be in Fort Smith. Springdale, April 26.

Our two churches in Fort Smith are prospering, and both are highly pleased with their pastors. Preaching for Rev. Julien C. Brown in the morning and Rev. J. L. Massey at night, I had the pleasure of seeing both congregations. As I expected Bro. Brown draws well in Ft. Smith, and his prospects are flattering. Bro. Massey has received about forty members since Conference, has good congregations and his charge is in splendid condition. This is written since returning home, and more would be said but for lack of space. To Bros. Brown and Massey and Dr. E. H. Stevenson I am indebted for special courtesies.

Z. T. B.

## CHRISTIAN POLITICS.

The Supreme court of Wisconsin by a writ of mandamus now orders the sheriff to take the Bible out of all the public schools in that State. On reading such an announcement one almost instinctively inquires what has it done? whom has it deceived? whom has it robbed? or whose throat has it cut? that it should be preceded against a malefactor and disturber of the peace of society and its arrest and removal decreed by the officers of justice? None of these crimes are alleged against it, or even possible; for the theme of the book is "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." But the learned judges declare that parts of it teach the divinity of Christ and the doctrine of eternal punishment, and as these views are not accepted by all the Churches, its teachings are sectarian and hence prohibited and in that State it now can only be restored by an amendment to its Constitution.

In reviewing such an outrageous decision it may not be amiss to consider, if we are not traveling in the same direction in this State. While under our code laws we

rendered any such opinion, the school Board of Little Rock and some other cities have passed orders that are its full equivalent; and by authority of law the Bible is now excluded from many of the public schools in Arkansas. And this is done in the face of the fact, that conformity to its teachings is the sure foundation of a nation's prosperity. The lesson of all the ages from Adam on down to the present time, is that every turning aside from the guidance of the Holy Scriptures has proved disastrous to the welfare of humanity. In view of the benefits of its teachings, not only for the life to come, but also that its study is one of the best possible preparations for the duties of citizenship, and that the public schools are and will likely remain the chief source of education for seven-eighths of the American people, would it not be well for the Christian men of Little Rock and all over the State at the next school election which will be held at 2 p. m. May 17, to see that directors are chosen that favor the Bible in the public schools. I wait for a second to the motion before proceeding to show further the benefits of such course.

THOS. M. C. BIRMINGHAM

Altus, April 26.

## RELIABLE STATISTICS.

The relative numbers of the various Churches are frequently controverted by interested advocates. A reliable summary of the Baptists throughout the world, from a really trustworthy source, is found in the "Baptist Hand Book for 1890," published in London. This excellent work is prepared by English Baptists, from the most accurate and latest date. In this volume of more than 350 pages we have all the details of Baptist Churches in Great Britain, and the most recent intelligence from every part of the world. I compile from the last table the following instructing figures:

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

|                                        | Pastors or | Ch'ls. | Memb.     |
|----------------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| Baptists in Europe—                    |            |        |           |
| England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, &c. | 2,768      | 1,581  | 329,128   |
| Remainder of Eur.                      | 189        | 635    | 74,320    |
| Baptists in Asia                       | 1,033      | 419    | 78,382    |
| Baptists in Africa                     | 33         | 79     | 2,313     |
| Baptists in U. S.                      | 27,699     | 24,664 | 3,194,320 |
| Remainder of N. A.                     | 927        | 512    | 89,504    |
| Baptists in S. A.                      | 7          | 17     | 341       |
| W. I. and C. A.                        | 204        | 79     | 41,418    |
| Australasia                            | 126        | 112    | 15,198    |
| Total                                  | 46,125     | 28,985 | 3,816,286 |

The two Methodist Churches, North and South, have more than 3,430,000 communicants. To these add the African Methodist Episcopal Churches, Bethel and Zion, the colored Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant, and other Methodist Churches, and we have a total exceeding 4,800,000 members in the United States. This gives us more than 1,600,000 in excess of the members of the Baptist Churches. There are more Methodists in the United States than there are Baptists in all the world. STATISTICIAN.

## THE SIXTH RESTRICTIVE RULE.

MR. EDITOR:—My husband is one of the supernumeraries among the preachers of Alabama, and may have right to say some things about the sixth Restrictive Rule and of the money being diverted from its objects and applied to raising the salaries of confectional officers. Some years before the war, husband wrote a book which he submitted to the criticism of Dr. Summers. He readily accepted it, and it is still among the salable books of the Publishing House. It is safe to say that at least 1,000 copies have been sold; how many more I will not venture to say. But at this computation it has yielded \$750. He made a present to the Publishing House of the copyright, with no reservation of any of the proceeds. Some years after the surrender, and we had lost all in our common great disaster, he made application for a hundred dollars and did not get a dollar. When the House itself was struggling for existence, he continued to render such assistance as he could. Others probably gave twice as much as he did. Now is it fair to take such money for other purposes? People are willing to pay a good price for first-class literature, and when it is not first-class they do not want it at any price. This is especially true of religious works. The reasons are so obvious that we need not present them.

ALABAMA.

N. C. Y. L.

Commencement Exercises of the Nashville College for Young Ladies. The commencement sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel, pastor of McKendree Church, in the new West End Methodist Church, at eleven o'clock a. m., Sunday, June 1, 1890.

The graduating exercises will take place in the Theatre Vendome on the evening of Tuesday, June 3, at 8 o'clock, p. m., at which time the literary address before the Senior Class will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph H. Young, D.D., of Louisville, Ky.

The year now closing has been the most prosperous of the entire decade since the founding of the institution. The enrollment will reach nearly if not quite 400.

An average of twelve new subscribers on our special offer from each pastoral charge in Arkansas will give this paper nearly 8,000 more names to read. Kind readers will not help an enterprise that is struggling for life.

## PERSONALS.

Bro. H. J. Jones, junior preacher on the Memphis street called to see us Friday.

Bro. H. J. Jones of Rover called Monday and renewed his subscription in advance.

Rev. S. S. Key, P. C. of Alma and Mulberry, is visiting his father in White county, and will probably spend next Sunday in Searey.

Col. A. S. McKinnon of Clarksville came down Monday, and informed us he could not attend the first week of the General Conference session.

Rev. E. S. Deener of Marianna gave us a pleasant call on Wednesday. He was here to make an address in the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars.

Rev. E. A. Tabor and Bro. J. C. Gist of Conway gave us short calls last Wednesday, being in this city to perfect arrangements for building Hendrix College.

Returning home Monday we had for a short distance the company of Rev. D. J. Weems, P. E. of the Clarksville District. He reports favorable prospects in his District.

Bro. T. M. East of Okolona gave us a short call Tuesday morning, and informed us of the dangerous illness of his brother-in-law, C. R. Duncan, at Hot Springs.

Returning home Monday night we were very sad to learn of the deaths of Mrs. A. E. Harris of Monticello and Mrs. M. H. Hamilton near West Point—devout Christians, who made the world better by their lives. Obituary of Sister Hamilton next week.

Rev. Geo. W. Miles of the Holston Conference returned Monday from an extended visit to his son, Oscar L. Miles, Prosecuting Attorney, residing at Booneville. Bro. Miles is a charming traveling companion, and we were benefited by his presence.

## SPECIAL AND SUNDRY.

Wanted—by May 17, under our special offer, 3,000 new subscribers at 50c each, and the friends of this paper can get them for us.

Our seventeen P. Es. can do much for this paper in the next two weeks. We hope to see fruit from their kind service for it.

Many persons who are not Methodists will be interested in the proceedings of our approaching General Conference, and by solicitation would pay 50c for this paper till Oct. 14. Kind reader, get your neighbor to subscribe through you or your pastor.

In a private letter Rev. B. T. Craws says: "I am glad to see that you are level on the 6th Restrictive Rule. God bless our old preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers. I will stick to them while I live. Your paper is a thing doing great good. I endorse it through and through."

After our next issue we cannot use many communications for several weeks, as precedence will be given to General Conference proceedings. We hope, however, our preachers will send in many field notes and items of religious news, and mail them in time to reach our office on Friday and Saturday. Do not forget this request.

We think there are in this State 25,000 homes in which Methodists live. If our paper was taken in just half of these homes, we would have 12,500 Methodist subscribers in Arkansas, without counting our subscribers, who are not Methodists and who live outside of Arkansas. Under our special offer our preachers and friends generally can help us get 12,500 Methodist subscribers in this State.

We copy the following from the Fort Smith Times: The elegant service at the First Methodist Church last Sunday was but briefly noticed yesterday owing to lateness of receipt of copy.

It was the first Easter service ever in that church and bears out the prediction the TIMES made when Mr. Brown first took the pastorate—that he would bring out the people and bring out the church. The house was full, the decorations profuse and rare, the music superb, and the sermon grand. Let doubters ask those who were there, and they will find it even so.

The array of Easter bonnets is matched beautifully by the plants and living green about the altar. The altar cloth itself was a gem of workmanship with the choir decorations. The above consisted of 17 persons, heretofore enumerated, and they sang with zeal and style and strength. The first grand selection "Hallelujah Christ is Risen," was rendered as a soprano solo with full choir and orchestra accompaniment. "Blessed is He that Cometh" by Gounod, was sung by Mrs. Bartlett, the leading soprano, choir and orchestra accompaniment. At the evening service, there was a trio, violin, cello and organ, which was one of the grandest of successes as church music.

The quartette "How Oft Alas" embodied solos by Mrs. Ketcham and Mr. Mehlberger. Mr. Mehlberger has the finest bass voice in the State without exception. "Father, Oh Hear Us" consisted of soprano solos by Mrs. Ketcham and Miss Harrison, with choir accompaniment. Their selections were of the heaviest class and were charmingly executed.

It might be supposed that in the midst of all this elegance of decorations and wealth of music, there was no sermon, but those who listened to the pastor's remarks will remember them forever.

He said there is no Scriptural authority for the observance of Easter, and plead for a broader, purer religion.

## CONCENTRATE FOR SUCCESS.

DEAR BROTHERS:—I have just finished reading President Miller's article on the co-ordination of our educational institutions in Arkansas. If thirty-four years' work in Church schools has enabled me to learn anything, Bro. Miller is right.

Concentrate on a few eligible points, make the school first-class by employing the best teachers and highest culture to be secured in the nation and success is assured. The best informed will patronize such schools and others will follow their lead.

This being the centennial of Methodism in Kentucky, the first great meeting in the bounds of the Louisville Conference will be held in Russellville on Tuesday, June 3. Dr. A. G. Haygood will deliver one of the addresses. Come over and see your Kentucky friends. They are more numerous than you may suppose.

Your friend,  
A. G. MURPHY.  
Logan Female College, Russellville, Ky., April 25.

## LITTLE ROCK PREACHERS' MEETING.

Met at 2 P. M. Present: M. B. Chapman, W. A. Steel, E. N. Watson, P. E., I. S. Person, pastor of the Col. M. E. Church of this city, and E. R. Moore. Bro. E. N. Watson led the opening prayer.

First Church: Large congregations morning and night, larger than usual at night. Pastor has several applicants for membership. Sunday School very large.

Winfield Memorial: Large congregation at 11 o'clock; 12 accessions. Service at 7:45 larger than usual; one conversion.

Ashbury: Large congregation at 11 A. M. Good class meeting at 10 A. M. Good congregation at night; two applicants.

Bro. Watson reports the work on District encouraging. Held 2nd Quarterly Conference at Davall's Bluff last Sunday. Bro. Preston is well received; the outlook hopeful.

Bro. Person reports his services all well attended. Arrangements for the General Conference of the Col. M. E. Church are being made. It will meet in this city May 7. R. R. Moore.

## MARRIED.

April 20, 1890, by Rev. O. H. Keasie John J. Clifton to Miss Laura D. Hudson, both of Dallas Co., Ark.

## DEATH NOTICE.

Died at Monticello Ark. April 22, 1890, Mrs. Viola Harris wife of A. E. Harris our delegate-elect to General Conference. Sister Harris was a devoted Christian. She leaves four children, a devoted husband and many relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Her oldest and only daughter is at Millersburg at school. E. N. EVANS.

Woman Suffrage in Kansas is limited to city officers and school boards. It carries with it the right to fill these offices. At Manhattan the women selected the city officers—mayor, police judge, and the school board—from their own number. This is the second term of their victory. Whereas the old regime wails lugubriously. It is amusing. How many masculine "occupations" besides officers are gone! In some places, under masculine rule, the town-bell rings at nine o'clock, and every boy under eighteen found away from home after that is liable to arrest. It works well. Under female rule, the poor, overworked men, who can not now get home till twelve or one o'clock at night, would have no difficulty in reporting at ten o'clock. What a thriving business gamblers and saloonists would do! Social vice generally would run against a stone wall. Hence these tears.

But it is not altogether reassuring, if true, that, in 1887, 40 per cent of the women voters attended themselves from the polls; in 1888, 50 per cent; in 1890, over 60 per cent. This is true, however, only where there was no exciting issue to draw out their strength. At Emporia the registration was 60 per cent above that of last year.—Western Advocate.

We will send this paper till Oct. 14 for 50c. Help us get 3,000 new subscribers under this special offer.

Young lady, are you cross, nervous and fretful? Have you spells of melancholy, or are you wakeful nights? How is your memory, and do you feel vigorous? Are you pale, feeble and inactive? If so, use one or two bottles of Dr. Drougole's ENGLISH FEMALE BUREAU, it will restore you to health in every particular and make you feel bright, buoyant and happy.

You are a friend to this paper and a lover of the cause it is striving to promote. In our Special and Earnest Appeal, on 1st page, we beg a kind token of your helpful friendship. Please do not disappoint us.

## CATARRH CURED.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Catarrh, and vainly tried every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Bro. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren Street, New York, will receive the recipe free of charge. 1-10-90.

## PROHIBITION FOR NEBRASKA.

At the State Convention of the Non-Partisan Prohibitory Amendment League of Nebraska, held at Lincoln, April 17, 1890, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The present contest in Nebraska is a life and death struggle between license and prohibition as methods of dealing with the liquor traffic, the result of which will be felt throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The Non-Partisan Prohibitory Amendment League is organizing for victory in this campaign, regardless of party or religious affiliations; and

WHEREAS, The legitimate expenses of such a campaign require a large amount of money; therefore be it

Resolved, That all churches, W. C. T. U., I. O. G. T., Y. M. C. A., organizations, red, blue and yellow ribbon clubs, temperance societies and prohibition clubs throughout the United States be earnestly requested to set apart Sunday, May 18, 1890, as "Nebraska Prohibitory Amendment Day," and that the same be observed with appropriate services, and that collections be taken and forwarded to J. M. Stewart, treasurer of the Nebraska Non-partisan Prohibitory Amendment League, Lincoln, Neb., to be used under the direction of the league in the pending campaign.

Mr. Stewart is deputy Attorney General. All contributions will be promptly acknowledged and used solely for the purpose of securing the adoption of the pending prohibitory amendment to the constitution of Nebraska. All persons are invited to contribute to the fund.

C. A. ATKINSON, Pres.  
C. A. ROBINSON, Sec'y.

## NOTICE.

BRO. BENNETT:—Please say in THE METHODIST, Bro. John P. Lowry will assist me in a meeting at El Dorado, commencing Friday night before the second Sunday in May. Will the Church pray for a baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the meeting? J. H. BRADFORD.

## CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 920 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. feb 5 10c e o w

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Circuit Judge.  
The Methodist is authorized to announce Bro. J. Lee, of Pulaski County, a candidate for Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

The Methodist is authorized to announce Thomas B. Martin, of Pulaski County, a candidate for Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

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In nearly every locality there are to be found sufferers from this disease. It frequently baffles the most skillful Doctor. A reliable firm advertises to cure Rheumatism permanently. If you will send your address to Yellow Pine Extract Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., they will send you a treatise on this subject and advise you how to permanently get rid of this most distressing disease.

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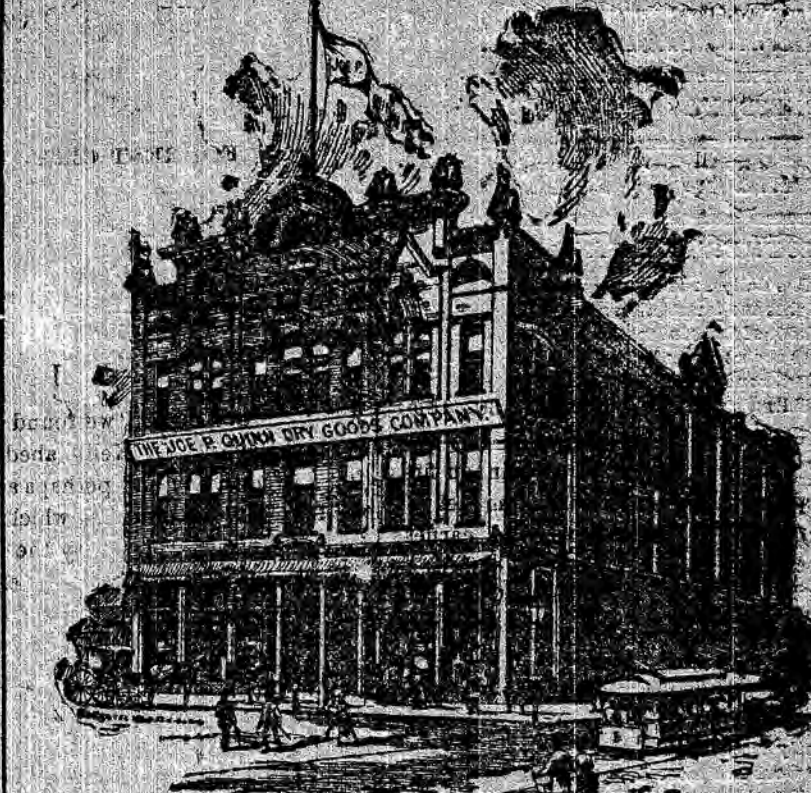
You are a friend to this paper and a lover of the cause it is striving to promote. In our Special and Earnest Appeal, 1st page, we beg a kind token of your helpful friendship. Please do not disappoint us.

## CHURCH LIGHTING.

An essential element in the work of any church is a well-lighted sanctuary. A gloomy temple is not a wholesome place to worship in. Cheerfulness belongs to Christianity. The church should be well supplied with windows to admit the sunlight, and supplied with the very best appliances known to science for the artificial light needed for illumination at night. The most efficient dispenser or diffuser of light, either from oil lamp or gas or electric light, is the Reflector manufactured by Mr. I. P. Frink, of this city. There are differences in the quality of reflectors as there are differences in the quality of flour. Competition has brought a number of inferior reflectors into the market. Those who reflect before they buy will find the Frink reflector.—New York Christian Advocate.

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## CHRISTIAN LIFE.

## MOTHER'S PRAYER.

When life's daily round is ended,  
And lights are turned down low,  
What a host of faithful mothers  
In quiet chambers go!  
Up to the throne on wings of prayer,  
Their children's many needs to bear.  
When mothers kneel with thankful hearts,  
Beside the cradle-side,  
Their loving hands they lightly place  
On their golden heads,  
And ask the Shepherd God to keep  
Thee with lambs who sweetly sleep.  
Mothers with anxious faces pray  
For children older grown,  
Who lead the world—  
The ways to them unknown—  
Young, hasty feet are apt to stray,  
Unheeding, in forbidden way.  
And faithful mothers—silvery haired,  
Whose work is almost done—  
Pray for the children in the strife,  
Whose conflicts have begun,  
That they may find God's strength and grace  
Sufficient for each time and place.  
And there are some—God pity them!  
Mothers with anxious fears,  
Who lead with God for wandering ones  
In loneliness and tears;  
Through far from home and tempest-tossed  
The mother's faith must save the lost.  
O faithful mothers, O thank God,  
And hush chambers, where  
The children's cause is highly laid  
Before the Lord in prayer;  
He only knows the blessing brought  
And wondrous things those prayers have wrought.  
—Selected.

## RELIGIOUS PEACE.

BY REV. C. H. FORD.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!" John, xiv: 27.

It is well worthy of remark, and of close attention, that our religion as prescribed by Jesus and His Apostles, was a religion that made its recipients rejoice in it. It rejoices the heart; for it was and is the law which converts the soul. Christ bid his disciples to "rejoice and be exceedingly glad." Paul wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice." You will note that this rejoicing was to be "in the Lord always." In the text Christ promises peace to his disciples. It becomes us therefore to inquire, 1st.

FROM WHENCE COMETH THIS PEACE.

It is attained to by a conformity to the world, its ways, fashions and its maxims, we ought to have it. It is attained by some other method, and from a different source, we should have a tender regard for the same. I would suggest that it is God's own peace. Said Christ "my peace I give unto you." Paul addressed the Colossian brethren to "Let the peace of God rule in their hearts."

IN THE 7th verse of the 4th chapter to Philipians he calls it "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." This must be a peace partaking of the Divine nature. It is God being enthroned in the soul. It is to have the mind and heart of Christ. It is to have the same God-head dwelling within us. Let us inquire, therefore, 2nd.

WHOM DOES THIS PEACE BELONG.

This peace is the heritage of all of God's children, everywhere and under all circumstances, and conditions. In proportion as they are made partakers of the Divine nature, so they will enjoy this peace. As God is the author and source of this peace; he who gives the peace, will also give the power to possess it. This being the case, it follows as the natural order of things, that he that is farthest removed from God enjoys less of this peace. As this is the peace of God, we must keep near Christ; if we would have it to flow into our souls like a river. Brethren, if we would enjoy Christ, we must keep the company of Christ and Christians. Let us inquire, therefore, 3rd.

THE CHARACTER OF THIS PEACE.

It is to dwell in peace with ourselves, able to say, and feel that we have consciences void of offense, above personal accusation and condemnation, saying continually to our hearts, "He not troubled neither be afraid; for I know him, and have seen him by faith."

This peace gives us a friendly relationship with other people. It enables us to dwell in peace with our neighbors. As it thinketh no evil and is not easily provoked, neither does it behave itself unseemly. It follows as the necessary sequence, that we are at peace with other people. This peace unites God, and the soul. So the suffering ones of earth, although nothing but worms of the dirt can say, Abba Father, my Lord and my God. It places the soul in the relation of a child, and makes it an heir to all things. It looks abroad over the earth and says, "It is my Father's footstool." It enables one to cast his eyes upon the stars, as they lie along the heavenly blue bands of purest gold, and say, "It is my Father's house."

table peace of a soul that is filled with the fulness of God. It is peace from the burdens and sorrows of life, deep, rich, perfect, abiding and everlasting. It is peace through life in death, and through eternity. Peace within, and peace without. It is a peace "which passeth all understanding." No man can attain to its heights or fathom its depths. When the prophet Ezekiel first saw it, it was only ankle deep, but he advanced, it rose to his knees, then to his thighs, then to swimming, and he shouted back, "A river that could not be passed over." Let us inquire therefore, 4th.

HOW CAN WE ATTAIN UNTO IT?

It is a peace given by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, "therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." This is the only possible way to attain to it. Let there be no mistake here. The world does not contain within itself, the first element of this peace. No, not one atom of this peace can come from an earthly source. The sweet singer of Israel said: "The Lord will bless his people with peace." "I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people." This peace is the result of repentance towards God, and faith in Jesus. None may find it elsewhere or by other methods. Let us inquire therefore, 5th.

WHO CAN ATTAIN UNTO THIS PEACE?

It is in store for all who desire it. It is only limited by the will power of man. If any man desires this peace let him seek for it, and he shall find it, attain unto it, for it is not restricted to age, station, circumstances, tongue or nationality. Therefore, let none despair. Look deep into thy soul. Do you desire it? This is the only question for you to settle. Christ came to bring his peace into the world, and He left it when he departed out of the world. He brought it to the sorrowing, and suffering of earth. He left it for every soul that desired it. Let us inquire therefore, 6th.

THE POWER OF THIS PEACE.

Paul suggests that it had a keeping power about it. That it was to keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts from sin—sin of all sorts. It betrays a groveling conception of religious truth, to suppose that a soul cannot be saved from sin in this life. For this especial purpose came Jesus into this world. Is the mission of Jesus a failure? Who dare say so? Yet it is equivalent to this, to say that no state above sin is attainable in this life. Keep our affections so that daily, hourly we love God with all our soul, mind, and strength. It lifts our affections above the world, and worldly things. What a sad comment upon your Christian character, when you must seek the ball-room, the card-table and the billiard saloon for happiness. It shows defective conception of Biblical truth, and of the exalted principles of all God's children.

It is to keep our minds. This places us in an attitude which enables us to love to think of God, his word and his ways, and his ways. We drink in the riches of his grace, and sip of the well-spring of eternal life. This pellucid water flowing from the chrysaline river of eternal life satisfies the thirsty soul. Higher and still higher does it lift the soul, until the converging streams of this transcendent river washes it ashore in the happy fields of Eden. Happy thought! glorious prospect! No wonder then that a poor soul in possession of this peace here, should rejoice. Ah my brethren! this peace intensifies itself in our spiritual nature until a halo of peace, of glory and of God, overflows the soul even in this life. No wonder then that Jesus should have said, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Such boundless prospects, possibilities and probabilities make the righteous as bold as a lion.

## A GENUINE LOVE STORY.

This story was originally told by Spurgeon: A young clergyman and his bride were invited guests at a large party given by a wealthy parishioner. In all the freshness and elegance of the bridal wardrobe, the young wife shone among the throng, distinguished by her comeliness and vivacity and rich attire; and when, during the evening, her young husband drew her aside and whispered to her that she was the most beautiful woman in all the company, and that his heart was bursting with pride and love for her, she thought herself the happiest wife in the world.

Ten years later the same husband and wife were guests at the same house, where there gathered a similar gay company. The wife of ten years ago wore the same dress she had worn on the previous occasion, and, of course, it had been altered and re-made, and was old-fashioned and almost shabby. Toll and care and motherhood, and pinched circumstances, had taken the roses out of her cheeks and the little spring out of her form. She sat apart from the crowd, careworn and preoccupied. Her small hands roughened for

the minister's salary was painfully small. A little apart the ten-year husband stood and looked at his wife, and as he observed her faded dress and weary attitude, a great sense of all her loving faithfulness came over his heart. Looking up, she caught his earnest gaze, and noticed that his eyes were filled with tears. She rose and went to him; her questioning eyes mutely asked for an explanation of his emotion; and when he tenderly took her hand and placing it on his arm, led her away from the crowd, and told her how he had been thinking of her as she looked ten years before, when she was a bride, and how much more precious she was to him now, and how much more beautiful, for all her shabby dress and roughened hands, and how he appreciated all her sacrifice and patient toil for him and their children, a great wave of happiness filled her heart, and light shone in her face so that it gave more than youthful beauty, and in all the company there was not so happy a couple as this husband and wife, their hearts and faces aglow from the flaming up of pure sentiment that transfigured and ennobled and glorified all the toils and privations they have endured.—Christian Repository.

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The very best he can;  
Who always keeps the right in view,  
And aims to be a man.

Such boys as these will grow to be  
The men whose hands will guide  
The future of our land; and we  
Shall speak their names with pride.

All honor to the boy who is  
A man at heart, I say;  
Whose legend on his shield is this  
"Right always wins the day."  
—Young Reaper.

## MOTHER'S WORK.

"My mother gets me up, builds the fire, and gets my breakfast and sends me off," said a bright youth.

"Then she gets my father up, and gets his breakfast, and sends him off. Then she gives the other children their breakfast and sends them to school; then she and the baby have their breakfast."

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"Oh, she is most two, but she can talk and walk as well as any of us."

"Are you well paid?"

"I get \$2 a week and father gets \$5 a day."

"How much does your mother get?"

With a bewildered look the boy said: "Mother! why, she don't work for anybody."

"I thought you said she worked for all of you."

"Oh, yes, for us she does, but there ain't no money in it.—Ex.

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## THE DATE OF EASTER.

A question that has often been answered, but which has never, I think, been touched upon in the Supplement, is what fixes the date of Easter each year, and why isn't it, like Christmas, the same date every year?

Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or next after March 21st; and if the full moon fall on the 21st, Easter is the next Sunday. Of course, is the date were the same each year, the day would be Sunday only once in six years. Some of the early Christians did fix the date in this way, while others used the present way. But in the year 325 the matter was brought by Constantine before the Council of Nice, and it was evidently thought best that the anniversary of the event which changed the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day should always fall on the first day; for they, deciding between the two ways then in use, selected for the whole Church the method which would bring Easter always on Sunday.

Since that decision Easter cannot

fall earlier than March 22nd, nor later than April 25th in any year. These dates are called the "Easter Limits."

Easter occurred on March 22nd in 1818, but cannot come again on that day until 2285.—Selected.

## A GOOD NAME.

A young man does not always find it easy to get on in the world without education, or family influences, or personal friends, or property, or health, but he will find, in the long run, that it is far easier for him to make his way among men without any or all of these advantages, than to make substantial progress in the world without the reputation of a good character, even though he has all the other possessions. Character stands for something everywhere, in spite of its frequent slights. Men who are themselves lacking in a good character appreciate and value it in others. A band of robbers would want an honest treasurer. The young man whose word can not be believed, whose honesty is not above suspicion, and whose personal life is not what it ought to be, is not the young man that the business world has open places for. He may have health, wealth and family position, and a host of friends; but if he is without character, he is at a disadvantage in every position in life. When a young man who has lost his good name makes an honest effort to recover it, he finds that his way upward is a hard one—a great deal harder, in spite of all other helps, than it would have been if he had made a right start without these helps. Friends are comparatively powerless in their efforts to win confidence for one who has proved himself unworthy of it on former occasions. Then it is that the young man is likely to realize as never before that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches"—even as a worldly investment. Because it is so hard to get on without a good name, or to regain it when once surrendered, every young man who has that possession ought to count it above price, and to have a care lest he lose it.—Sunday-school Times.

## SERMON FOR CHILDREN.

Silence is often more powerful and convincing than oratory. Every man who reads the silent sermon in the stars must say, "God is there." In like manner the poet sings of the glories of the sea, and the children are never weary of wondering at the dashing waves.

Mothers often preach silent sermons. When their children vex them, they do not always scold, but their eyes are dimmed with tears, and I tell you such tears touch children's hearts more keenly than the severest scoldings.

There is not a child in the world who is too young to teach other people, and there is not a man or woman in the world who is too old or too wise to be taught by children. The wisest lesson—aye, and the loveliest and most enduring—that the twelve great apostles learned during their eventful lives was taught to them by the little child whom Christ placed in their midst when they were arguing with one another about political honors and preferences. This little child, and all other little children, teach by means of silent sermons; and it is not their fault if men are blind to their good temper, gentleness, artlessness, amiability, and many other redeeming and lovable qualities.

As little chickens gather themselves trustfully under their mother's wings in times of danger, and as little children, when on board ship, lay their little heads trustfully on their mothers' laps when the great waves are rising, even so with similar trust should grown persons come to Christ, and ever bear in mind that unless they become as little children they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.—Rev. Dr. Armitage.

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