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THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The fifty-first session of the Memphis Conference met in the town of Dyersburg, Tenn., Nov. 12. Bishop Duncan presiding. R. H. Mahon was elected Secretary for the twelfth time in succession. Revs. W. D. Jenkins and A. J. Meaders were elected assistants. Of the one hundred and forty-seven clerical members, nearly all were present at the opening; also there is a good attendance of the lay delegates. Among the laymen, present distinguished in State as well as Church, Judge A. D. Bright, Judge L. H. Estes of Memphis, Hon. R. W. Haynes of Jackson, Tenn., son of the late Landon C. Haynes, Hon. W. I. McFarland, Capt. W. H. Kenneday of Memphis, Chancellor Hawkins of Huntington, Tenn., and a number of others.

Dr. Thos. L. Boswell, who since 1841 has been a member of this body is present, but too feeble to participate actively in the proceedings. No man has the love and esteem of his brethren more than Dr. Boswell, both on account of his ability as a divine, and a sweet-spirited Christian gentleman. His life has been spotless, as his name has been honored among men.

Bishop Duncan seems a little more robust than usual, and presides with great ease and dispatch. The Bishop seems to have increased in restfulness since his visit to us four years ago.

Of course much of the time of the first day was consumed in the appointment of committees and perfecting the organization of the Conference. The Editor of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is with us looking quite as much at home as if in Arkansas. The brethren think well of him and of his breezy paper. Rev. J. W. Lowrance, publisher of the St. Louis Advocate, is also present, and spoke to the Conference in behalf of the paper that he represents. These brethren are doing, without unfriendly rivalry, an important work for the Church. None of the connectional officers, save one Mr. D. M. Smith, the assistant Book Agent, are present. Bro. Smith makes no speeches, but he comes as near collecting everything that is due him as the next man. He got all that he wanted and left for home to-day (Saturday).

The class admitted on trial into the Conference is unusually large, and they say beyond the average for promise. The following are their names: Wm. E. Sewell, A. B. Haltom, F. W. Tatum, J. B. Pearson, B. B. Thomas, J. W. Winstett, H. C. Johnson, J. H. Felts, L. M. Lee, T. W. Hardin, N. W. Lee, N. R. Waters, W. A. Diggs, H. H. Tolly, R. L. Stanley, A. L. Dallas, J. M. Pickens—17.

Traveling preachers elected Deacons: B. L. Hines, A. L. Brewett, Jr., Lee Sanders, J. C. L. Boehm, J. W. Oliver, T. G. Pettigrew, H. B. Terry.

Local preachers elected Deacons: A. B. Haltom, Robt. L. Rudder, E. Brasfield, J. H. Felts, C. M. H. Rogers, T. M. McNutt, A. L. Douglas, J. F. England.

Traveling preachers elected Elders: W. A. Dungan, J. H. Cason, T. N. Wilkes, A. C. Coleman, R. L. Norman, A. C. Moore, A. J. Meaders, W. T. Hamner.

Local preachers elected Elders: W. J. House, F. M. Bone.

Four of the preachers have died during the year, viz.: Thos. J. Neesley who was admitted into the Tennessee Conference in 1831, an older brother of the late Rev. P. P. Neesley of the Alabama Conference; The Rev. M. D. Robinson, for years a superannuated preacher; B. Medina, admitted on trial in this Conference in 1842; and C. D. Davis who died while in charge of Hinkleville circuit.

The financial reports are much better than some of us looked for. The lateness of the crop in our section gave fears that the collections would fall short; but the reports seem to be about as full as last year. Of this however we cannot speak positively yet.

Dyersburg entertains the Conference with royal hospitality. Eight years ago the Conference met in this town for the first time. Since then the population has increased considerably, and many improvements have been made. The town has water works and is lighted with electric lights. Our church in this place is a new brick edifice dedicated last May. It is a beautiful piece of architecture costing about \$12,000. It is about the handsomest auditorium we have been in for many a day. It is lighted with incandescent electric lights, and it has all the adorning and furnishing of a first-class city church. As three of the Presiding Elders are out by the time limit and other important changes in appointments have to be

made, there is some little speculation as to what the Bishop and his apostles will do. The brethren are none of them painfully anxious however about where they shall go, except it be a few young men who need not care where they go. But we shall see what we shall see. * * R. H. MAHON.

OUR NASHVILLE LETTER.

Mrs. Dr. D. C. Kelley died Thursday night at 1 o'clock. She is to be buried this morning at Leeville, the family residence, about twenty miles from Nashville. A special train left here at 9 a. m. for the accommodation of friends. Mrs. Kelley was the oldest daughter of ex-Governor Campbell of Tennessee, and a woman greatly loved for her many virtues and Christian graces. Her death was quite sudden. The bereaved family has many sympathetic friends, both in Nashville and elsewhere.

Dr. I. G. John, Missionary Secretary, is now visiting the work in Mexico. We hope to have him give an account of his trip to our Missionary Society when he returns.

Dr. Tillett is away at present attending the Virginia Conference, of which he is a member. While absent he requested our class to write essays on sanctification. The more we read on it the more confused the subject becomes. For myself, I confess I am in a muddle. I do not believe a man can get any thing satisfactory upon it from any book except the Bible. All other books are "confusion worse confounded." On one page they say it is one thing, turn a leaf, and they admit it is another. So it looks to me so far.

"What Books shall I buy", price 10 cents, is a pamphlet by Dr. Tillett, lately issued by the House. I wish to speak of this because the Conferences are now on hand and the young preachers for whom it was written will have a chance to get it there. The pamphlet contains the article on this subject which appeared in the Quarterly Review sometime since, together with a list of the standard works on each branch of theological study. In the preparation of this list Dr. Tillett was assisted by Drs. Harrison and Hoss, both of them among our best scholars. The article of itself is well worth the price of the book. Though not strikingly original, it is suggestive and stimulating and will guard the young preacher against some mistakes fatal to his mental development. The list of books contains those only which are standard and excellent. Their authors, of course, are mostly Methodist, but there are many by men of other communions. This is commendable. We can not afford to limit our reading to the productions of Methodists. Get the best, matters not who wrote it. The strongest objection to the pamphlet is that it is too narrow in its scope and does not take in anything but theological works. The temptation for a preacher to confine himself to theological literature is very great. If, however, he is to be a man of the proper breadth he should give some attention to the great world of letters outside of theology. Any other course will make him one-sided. With these words I heartily commend this pamphlet to my young brethren in Arkansas. It is the result of years of careful and thoughtful observation.

We have lately had a valuable addition to our number in the person of Bro. Y. Yoshioka of Japan. He is a mature man of about 27 years, of a strong mind and thoroughly evangelical. He was associated with Bro. Moseley in his work for a year. It will be my pleasure to be intimately associated with him while here. He told me many things about Japan in a conversation yesterday evening. Their educational system is simply unsurpassed so far as I know. Education is compulsory. Every child is compelled to attend school from the age of six till he is at least twelve. There is practically no person in Japan under twenty years who can not read and write. There are three grades of schools. The primary, corresponding to our common school, in which is taught Japanese, science, mathematics, English, gymnastics and military drill. This is an excellent course for common school education. The middle grade, corresponds to our high schools and colleges, and they all lead up to the third, the Imperial University at Tokio, which has five departments, fifty professors and about 350 students. Perhaps there never was a people just in the condition the Japanese are now. Without faith in their old religions, wonderfully awakened by the influx of Western ideas and life, with minds acute and rather sceptically inclined and looking everywhere for something to adopt as their religious belief, they present a spectacle without

parallel in history. German rationalism and philosophy, are beginning to enter the higher circles and every solution or pretended solution of the religious question is grasped with eagerness. Every moment of delay on the part of the Christian Church is dangerous and may involve untold injuries to the people who with open hearts are ready to receive the Gospel. Already there are thirty thousand Christians there—natives. Our own Church after working there only four years numbers three hundred native members. I will write you more about Bro. Yoshioka and his conversion later.

Bro. J. F. Jones, an excellent young man from North Carolina and a member of my class, is quite sick. We fear his sickness may terminate fatally, but we hope not. The health of the boys is generally very good. Nashville seems to be a very bad place for colds. Everybody nearly has one. I wish I could be at our Conferences. May their sessions result in much good to every preacher and through them to all our people. J. M. HAWLEY.

November 15.

LETTER FROM DR. COTTRELL.

It was unexpected but pleasant, to meet the editor at the session of the Memphis Conference at Dyersburg. Being called the week previous to Paducah, to render service in the way of lecturing, it was convenient to drop down to Dyersburg and greet the brethren. The lines fell to me in a pleasant home; and as utter exhaustion had ensued from continuous discourse, fortunate was I to be the room-mate of Bro. Roberts at Bro. Watkins'. That Tuesday night I came near passing over the dark river. And then I was weak enough when I was not strong to again preach at 3 p. m., on the next day. I've never in all my itinerant career endeavored to preach in as weak a condition.

Bishop Duncan preached the opening sermon, on the parable of the Vine and the branches, and administered the sacrament, on Tuesday night. The Bishop has tact, taste and talent. He comes at the work as one who knows the combination, speaking after the manner of bankers. It is delightful to see one with grace and gracefulness administering and ministering in so vital a relation.

The Memphis Conference will compare favorably with any in the connection in all that is important to the furtherance of the kingdom through instrumentality and agency of the Methodist organism. Bro. Hamner disposed of the preachers and visitors, as they arrived, about as gracefully and efficiently as such work can be done; indeed, he seemed to come at all the offices of such an occasion as if he had himself in training for it in the preceding weeks. Were I not now in haste I would take special pleasure in naming many of the preachers who impressed me. Dr. Johnson, the old time editor, whom I once heard Bishop McTear commend for judgment and tact as the editor of the Western Methodist, has grown gray; but he looks as vigorous as ever. E. E. Hamilton lives at Dyersburg, and I had a delightful time with him and his family. The high encomiums on him, as a Christian gentleman and a preacher were grateful to my ear. We were together in the North Miss., Conference three years. Incidents of the Conference sessions at Corinth and Granada are themes of comment and amusement. I greatly enjoyed my evening with his excellent family.

The reports from the different charges, up to the time of my leaving, were most admirable; particularly from the young men. One brother reported 4 churches and 7-12ths as constituting his work, union churches accounting for the fractions. The Bishops hinged on the report of Bro. J. W. Clement, which was an admirable one, in order to bring out some important points relating to genuine experience and practice. Among other apt things he remarked, "a religious experience often covers a multitude of faults, not to say of sins." There occurred to me one of my choicest chestnuts: "Religion that does not work from the purse as freely as from the mouth, is a humbug."

My old time friend and brother, Knott, whom I first heard at old Sylvestria in 1853, when he was deemed the Henry Foote of the pulpit, was, as he ever is, a benediction to me. Dr. Monk of Memphis impressed me as class A. No. 1, as a man of thought and taste. Why has nature been so partial? But there is grace to compensate. "Amazing grace!" for since President Harrison of McTear Institute, McKenzie, has a broad base for a brain that is evidently, as fine as silk. He and Monk both do their own thinking;

sit in no one's lap to get their lessons. Preachers that are in attorneyship for a dox or an ism, soon wear smoothie and smothering. The venerable Boswell modestly declined acceptance of place on any of the committees, on account of feebleness. He yields to the inevitable after a manner educative to others.

I write these hurried items en route home, compelled to be brief, because of engagement to lecture here at Fulton this evening, where I stop over for a few hours. I'll note other matters incident to my visits to Paducah and Dyersburg soon.

JOSEPH B. COTTRELL.

Fulton, Ky., Nov. 14.

HENDRIX COLLEGE.

TABOR HALL.

It was predicted by some that board would be higher at Conway than at Altus, but my assertion that it would be lower has been verified. Board at Tabor Hall for September cost \$7.79; for October \$6.81. With a larger attendance the rate may be reduced to \$6. After adding room, fuel, lights and furniture, the total cost is less than \$10 a month. The fare is abundant and wholesome and better adapted than that usually furnished in private families. Private board is quite reasonable, ranging from \$10 to \$12.

A REVIVAL.

During a short revival, in which Bro. Tabor was assisted by Evangelist Williams of Georgia, many students were converted and revived, three were called to the ministry, and one to missionary work. There are many earnest Christians among the students and their influence is daily felt. Let our people pray for a constant outpouring of the Spirit upon faculty and students of Hendrix College. A. C. MILLAR.

MINISTERIAL RESTLESSNESS.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—There seems to confront us just at this time, as never before in our history, a question of much importance, and we are at a loss to satisfactorily set forth what we mean, with difficulty state the question. But you will readily understand us when we call it a disposition on the part of the itinerant Methodist preacher to engage in something out side of his legitimate work. That there is a hurtful tendency to a restlessness on the part of many (few comparatively) and a disposition to cast around for other employment, is now but too apparent, nor should we dodge it, delicate, important and painful as it may be. But the sooner we recognize an existing evil, however unpleasant and formidable the better. Should a vessel spring a leak, the most effective measure should at once be adopted, though in the revelation of the fact a panic should be produced. To save the vessel and the crew should be the object. If your house is on fire the sooner the alarm be raised the better. True you may call attention to a very small leak and raise the alarm of fire, at sight of a spark there being no danger; to have kept silent would have been best. So we may have over-estimated the cause for alarm, but fell fully persuaded in our own mind, that there is a dangerous and a growing tendency in that connection. And we would like to see the pen of a master touch the question up.

True there never has been a period, in the history of our Church, when all, each and every one, were perfectly at rest. There have been a few discontented, and some justly so, all along the years of the past. But the causes in the earlier period of our existence were different, far different, as we understand the case, from those that now constitute the moving cause among the restless of our ranks. While we would not attempt a solution of the problem, we have set out to give the reader the benefit of some serious reflections along the line above indicated. The one leading cause of unrest in the earlier days of our beloved Methodism, was simply a question of support. If by some cause the preacher's expenses, augmented until his then quite meager salary would not meet the demands, he could but locate. But it began then to be a problem insoluble, one of much depth and profundity. Indeed, almost if not a miracle and one upon which modern investigation seems to throw no light—one to which succeeding ages seem to have offered no solution, and that is as to how a Methodist itinerant preacher could live on so little, give so much away and have so much left. But notwithstanding this wonderfully developed capacity for measuring the greatest length of the circumference of a dollar, he was once and awhile driven to the wall, forced to succumb to the inevitable and ask:

midst tears and sobs of the most genuine Christian sympathy on the part of the Conference, a location.

But in latter years and in these modern cases, the most restless, and those who seem to hold themselves open for bids from various causes, combinations, individuals and parties, are men well fed, often and generally coming from the front rank, as rotund and sleek a groomed charger on exhibition at a county fair, with not so much as a shadow of claim to the causes or excuses above indicated, which at once and forever throws to the winds the old much abused, hackneyed excuse—"the charge would not furnish support for me and family." Many of the complaining ones are men who owe a debt of gratitude to the Church that they at best will be poorly able to pay—men whom the Church found buried in the pine hills where ignorance, superstition and prejudice constituted the curriculum of their almanac. The Church, the now criticised and wanted-to-be-thrown off old master, took them up, adopted them into the family of Methodist preachers, washed them, fed and clothed them, recommended them and introduced them to the proudest and best society in the world, all this and much more to be paid back by lives of unswerving devotion and consecration, uncompromising obedience and inflexible loyalty. Yes, that and no less could have been the obligation assumed by those men. Now this murmuring, fault-finding spirit of merciless criticisms, disobedience, and threatened out-right disloyalty, and open rebellion.

But you say those are over-drawn cases, and those form the exception. There are exceptions, we must be frank to admit, but you take the class above named and subtract those thus gathered in by the Church (not the comparatively few disloyal) from the army of Methodist preachers and you would not have a respectable corporal's guard left. Yes, he admitted, the Church has drawn for her standard-bearers, from the pine and black-jack hills, and the deep recesses of the backwoods. We would not disparage those who have come from the enlightened circles. Some are doing nobly, but a dude, it must by all be admitted, is most certainly miserably poor Methodist preacher material. But enough digression. We would not be harsh, or unjustly judge those restless brethren nor attempt to enter into particulars, but close with the following reflections and by calling attention to our present manner of admitting applicants for membership on trial into the Annual Conference—not into full connection; after he once gets on trial, he is almost sure to warm himself into the Conference some way or other. We recognize that the fitness of an applicant is determined by the Quarterly Conference, nevertheless, if the Presiding Elder does his duty, as we regard it, he can and will prevent those men that should not be admitted from coming before the Conference at all. The Conference in session desiring to move on with the business before it, will not stop to investigate, but vote according to the instruction given by the Presiding Elder that presents the name and represents the case.

S. C. STONE.

Batesville, Nov. 12.

TENNESSEE LETTER.

BRO. BENNETT:—It was not altogether convenient to send you, as requested by Bro. Thornburgh, a letter before and one from the seat of our Conf.—the Tennessee. There were questions, although legitimate ones, that too much had already been written about. Conservatism and prudence ought to go hand in hand.

The Church will get (may be before this goes to print,) a full statement of the case of Dr. D. C. Kelley. Chancellor Garland, of Vanderbilt University, and Dr. Kelley will each have a hearing through the Nashville Christian Advocate—the former presenting the case under the law, the latter likewise but with, of course, a different interpretation of the law.

Our Conference was a remarkable one. The changes, as some of us saw it, were many. The excitement which perhaps has not been surpassed since 1844. Bishop Hargrove showed a self-poise which can only be explained in the elements that go to make up true greatness. A small man would have succumbed. Bishop Soule's lofty powers would not have stood the strain with more composure nor his great statesmanship been more unvarying in reaching conclusions when a position was once taken.

So far as the writer knows, the appointments are very satisfactory. Personally he has heard no com-

plaint from the preachers. Their new fields are already possessed, and in the opening busy work of the year other things will be forgotten.

It is a matter of sincere regret with many that Dr. R. A. Young retires for the present from the active itinerancy. The Doctor has had a career of great usefulness and success among us. His labors have been connectional—continuous, faithful. No man has better sustained himself in our first pulpits nor excelled him in the details of pastoral work. And to approximate him in the business affairs of a charge is to succeed. His wealth has grown on him seemingly without effort. In a sense this is true; receiving for many years as he did a salary more than his frugal habits demanded—and for these years with a wife only to support—and putting surplus down in a growing city, the process of accretion became easy and natural and has made him wealthy. He will not be idle now; and from his tour to the east the Church will again have the opportunity, as is expected, of reading him up.

Dr. James A. Orman takes Dr. Young's place on the Nashville District. A better selection could not have been made. He is gifted, broadly endowed, well read, good executive, first class parliamentarian and a fine preacher. He has the qualities of head and heart for our great centers, and deserves the honors he has won by the heard and successful labors bestowed on other fields during his past active life. He is now in his prime, and will hold with credit to himself and honor to the cause of God and of Methodism the position to which he has been advanced. Methodism will go forward in his diocese.

Dr. J. B. West, one year in the pleasant city of Murfreesboro, was taken up and removed to Clarksville, his old home. He was popular at the former place. At Clarksville the people love him. His heart has longed to be there. His great two-story head, as Dr. Fitzgerald once said of him, will give out lasting springs of thought, and those solid Methodists of the city of hills, refinement, wealth and tobacco, may be expected to have an equal chance with the wealth of talent centered in the Presbyterian University located there. God bless the venerable man as the evening of life comes on, and make his sunshine as intense as meridian splendor!

This year as on last, some valuable men transferred from us. Texas, Montana and other points, are recruited. The call of God is not in vain. The borders are strengthened. Methodism has not lost its sinew. The clans go forth. Salvation is on our tongue. God gave the world not only a great spiritual revival when Methodism was born but a baptism also of common sense. May the succession be unbroken till the last day! Christ and Him crucified is the theme. R. E. TRAVIS.

Springfield, Nov. 10, 1890.

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The scarcity of money has kept many from renewing for another year, but we trust they can and will renew during this month.

We have had a hard year financially, and now we look to our subscribers to show their appreciation of the faithful service we are rendering them, by prompt remittances for arrears and renewals.

Springfield, Nov. 10, 1890.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 1890.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF MY ITIN-
ERANT LIFE.

NO. 19.

In Feb. 1853, in company with Bro. Hunter, after a most unpleasant night at a public house in Calhoun, Columbia co., it was a great relief to this writer, and a religious feast as well, to spend a night with Dr. John Y. Young, then living not far from where the town of Magnolia now stands. The Doctor had attended the Quarterly meeting at Calhoun the Saturday previous, and in view of his advanced age and long service as steward, asked to be relieved of the duties of that office; by vote the Quarterly Conference paid a touching tribute to the long and faithful service of this venerable servant of God and his Church, requesting him to continue his official relation, and electing an additional steward to assist the doctor.

My journal says, March 11, 1861, "visited Uncle Maurice Smith, had the pleasure of meeting here, Dr. John Y. Young of Columbia co., the beloved physician, the saintly, venerable Christian gentleman, a man among men, one who has served his generation by the will of God. The old doctor was very happy, and his conversation was sweetly comforting and edifying. He mentioned the Bible I gave his son Edwin, at my visit there in 1853, and which proved such a blessing to that young student of medicine. Edwin sent the Bible to his parents from his dying bed in New Orleans, with a most comforting message." Truly "the memory of the just is blessed;" never knew a higher-toned Christian gentleman, or one whose religious life more effectually impressed itself upon all who knew him than Dr. Young.

March 15, 16, Quarterly meeting at Rock Spring, a very small representation of official members present, and that question, "What has been collected," &c., was not assured as encouragingly as could have been desired. Bro. Hunter, Saturday at 11, told them, who ought to be at love feast, and insisted on their prompt attendance, his suggestions were duly considered and the result was a regular Church love-feast, and no man I have ever known, knows better how to conduct such a service than Bro. Hunter; but somehow or other at 11 o'clock on Sunday he failed in the pulpit, at least I thought it was a failure for him. I have heard some of our greatest and best preachers say, it is a good thing for a preacher to make failures sometimes, it humbles them and reminds them that they are but men, and must have divine help. May be so, but I think I know whereof I affirm when I say, it surely is one of the hardest and bitterest experiences of a preacher's life. How forcibly I am reminded at this point of a remark of Bishop Marvin's "Some congregations a preacher has to preach to, would neutralize the preaching of an angel."

Reader, you have something to do with the success or failure of the sermon. "Take heed how you hear."

Stirring time at Arkadelphia, April 26, 27. Bro. H. the P. E. did not get there till late Saturday evening. This writer preached at night. "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." Bro. H. thought Bro. Ratcliff and Cobb "hissed" me on that night while preaching. Sunday at 11, Bro. Hunter preached by request especially to the soldiers. The sermon was most appropriate and the wherefores of this distressing war, it is upon us, its work of destruction and death seem to be but begun, let not the Church forget herself, God's cause is unquestionably above all causes,

let pastors take heed unto the flock, as the purchase of a Redeemer's blood. It is the worst kind of infidelity to say suspend religious matters now, until the war is over, away forever away with such suggestions, they are from below, religion and patriotism go together. Our only help in time of deep distress, is found in God alone, may we be wise, and know it.

May 31. No pen can describe the scene witnessed here at Princeton today, two companies are formed and ready to march, I think they were headed by Captains M. M. Duffie and W. S. M. Holmes, the hour of parting with relatives and friends is at hand, and fond hearts are almost breaking as they see their husbands, sons and brothers leave for the field of deadly strife. Capt. H. asks his daughter to play; she takes her seat at the piano and with a trembling voice and aching heart sings,

"When this cruel war is over,
Praying, we'll meet again."

Precious child and fond father have we trust met where the woes of war are unknown forever.

After a good sermon from Bro. Hubbard's at Taylor's chapel, in company with Bro. Taylor we are off for Quarterly meeting at Bethlehem June 14. "Never was a P. E.'s chair better filled nor all the business of a Quarterly Conference better attended to than on this occasion. Young Bro. Jones was licensed to preach. I believe he went to the war, at least I lost sight of him. My journal says, "A blessed time Sunday and Sunday night, the Church was graciously revived, and many penitents at the altar."

Bro. Yblood died the 15th. "He was class leader here for some time, a man of strong convictions, and working well in the lead, the Church and Community sustain a heavy loss in his death."

22-23d. Fine prospect for a revival at Rock Spring, God was upon the giving hand, the word was in power, sinners were cut to the heart and thronged the altar. I remember that Sister Hunter said in love feast Sunday morning "I left home asking God for the conversion of many souls;" there were conversions but how many is not stated. Brothers, husbands had a special season of communion with God, at this meeting, and his preaching was "in power and in the Holy Ghost."

July 4. Preached at 11 o'clock at Uncle Isaac Holmes, the power of God was with us. How this dear veteran does love the gospel! The prophet's chamber is there and even a special stable for the preacher's horse with provender abundant.

20th. Struck rather a tough case—Bro. — says "years ago I vowed I never would pay another dollar's quarterage to the steward, and I have kept that vow so far" was sorry he had no money for me, but stated that he had raised wheat enough to do him three years, and that if I would send for it, he would give me two bushels."

21st. Preached at Bethlehem. Bro. Williams held class meeting for me. Silver and gold is scarce, but with this good people their preachers must not be forgotten. So Brothers B. H. D. W., and a very poor Bro. Tugwell, made up a load of provisions and sent to their pastors.

22th. Manchester some discouraged the idea of taking up a missionary collection, thought I wouldn't get five dollars; got thirty-five.

Aug. 1. On my way to Little Rock to assist Bro. Stanley in a protracted meeting, at Davenport met a young soldier, intent on getting to Corinth. "That battle will be a great place" said he "to win a name."

On reaching Little Rock found Bro. S. sick, Brother McKenzie and myself worked pleasantly, and by the blessings of the Lord successfully together for several days. A special pleasure of mine was, that of receiving into the Church here my only niece—Mrs. Judge Noah English. Bro. W. H. Field and other brethren, I believe, religiously appreciated our humble services there in a substantial way. Thank God for friends and Christian fellowship. There were several conversions and I left Bro. Mc. abundant in labors and very happy.

24th, 25th. Quarterly meeting at Tulip. Bro. George E. Buttler was licensed to preach, a young man of talent and truly pious from very early youth, another "safe case," and one who has evinced sterling qualities of head and heart, and in times too when I tried men's souls. With the utmost deference to and kindest feeling for this faithful brother we express a heartfelt regret that he is not now in the communion of his early love. We sincerely trust he will again and soon be with us as in former years.

J. E. CALDWELL.

Superstitious notions, which have been industriously disseminated among the Sioux Indians by medicine men, have produced a wild state of excitement. The Indian Agent at the Standing Rock Agency expresses fears of a fanatical outbreak against the whites. An Indian medicine-man has predicted the advent of an Indian Messiah, who will destroy the whites, establish the supremacy of the Indians,

bring back to the earth the multitude of red men who have died, with their herds of buffalo and magnificent wild horses. It is said that Sitting Bull is the leading champion of this absurd superstition, which has already produced an intense craze among many of his followers. There is no appeal so mighty as that which is addressed to the religious faculty. When truth is the instrument of this appeal, the benefits which follow are infinite; when false doctrines are taught, the mischief is incalculable.—N. Y. Advocate.

HEMAN STEWARD'S TRIALS.

"I am glad to find you at home this morning Brother Harold. I came on purpose yesterday, but did not see you. How much are you going to pay our preacher this year?"

"Pay our preacher this year? Why, nothing I recollect. I make my living by the sweat of my brow, and I allow it that every body else can do the same."

"Then you are not going to keep your Church vows, and are determined not to observe God's ordinance, I see!"

"If that is what you call keeping my Church vows, and observing God's ordinance, I am not, I could not, if I would. I have more ends to make meet than I can pull together. You see there is my tax coming due, and it gets larger every year. This year I had to sell a cow and calf to get the money. It takes one hundred and twenty eight dollars, and I had only ninety seven."

The foregoing conversation passed between W. M. Harold and Heman Steward, both members of the same Church in one of the western States. The latter had been appointed to get up the preacher's salary, and was having a hard time of it, as most every body does who have either the fortune or misfortune to be appointed to that department of Church work. He paused awhile, as if recalling some thought he had been thinking before, and then said in a tone that looked like he would as soon change the conversation as not.

"Bro. Harold, did you know this thing we call providence beats me? It is a mystery—this world is, the things go on. Every time God sends us a blessing, He somehow manages to send a curse along with it. Now you're in trouble about your tax, and you would not be if you had none to pay. God's giving the increase would all do very well, if it was not for the worry and expense of having to pay tax on it. But don't you see? We have to pay for the privilege of having, after all. If your property had not increased so much, you might have kept your cow and calf. I think I had the management of affairs, I would carry on things different, and stop so much increase. And I would enforce the rule so rigidly, that if a man did not sweat mightily freely today, he should not eat any bread tomorrow."

"I think every body ought to pay their tax, and I am not complaining at it," said Bro. Harold, feeling a little surprised that Bro. Steward should, all at once, become the advocate of such singular notions. "We could not well get along without a government; it is necessary to our protection. It takes something to run it, and it is any benefit, I am sure we ought not to grumble at the expense, unless it becomes exorbitant in its demands. A per cent on what a man has, is justly due the government, of course."

Bro. Harold was one of those hard cases who are to be found in almost every community. He did not go much on Church finance, and had been in the habit of repulsing every man who had ever went to him to collect any sum on any of those claims that are held so sacred, and are so near the hearts of all good men and women. In fact he had never been known to help pay any Church claim but once when the preacher preached on the subject of missions. He was then shaken up a little, and his feeling provoked him to have to pay a whole dollar, but he had a hard spell of sickness afterward, which some said, was brought on by the intense mental strain. Bro. Steward, in making his rounds, would have passed him by in silence if it had not been that there were so few who helped pay the preacher, and he saw very clearly that there must be a development in this line of work. And then, he did not think it would be an act of justice on the part of the Church to run a monopoly business, and not give every body a chance. So he had called on Bro. Harold.

"Ab, I can see now," he replied; "You have helped me to get an idea. I think I must have been perambulating with my eyes shut. The Bible does say it is right to pay tax. 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things that be Caesar's, and—' but Bro. Harold here comes another clause—'unto God the things that be God's.' Well, that is what I am doing now; I am God's tax collector. How much are you going to pay our preacher this year?"

"O I can't pay anything now. If it was not for my big doctor bill, may be I could pay fifty cents this year, and if every body pays that much, it would

be a handsome income, to be sure. My son John falling and breaking his leg, has cost me a sight."

"There is another trouble coming in with providence," said Bro. Steward, "If your son had broken his neck in place of his leg, the doctor's bill would not have come in. But as it is, you have an additional debt to pay, and it is all very heavy. How much did the doctor charge?"

"He charged twenty-five dollars for the first visit, and five dollars each for four more; making it forty in all."

"That is awful!—These doctors, how they charge! But I reckon it is because they have to do so much charity practice. You keep a demijohn upstairs I am told, and your son got too much of—that was in it, and fell down the stairway. Well, in course, was expected to break, and because it was not his neck, you have a big doctor bill added to all your other troubles. Don't talk to me about the smiles of providence Bro. Harold. Your keeping the demijohn is a privilege allowed you by the government that protects you in the enjoyment of all your rights, but this little matter of providence has made the expense greater than the profits. If the demijohn had been out of the way, your son would have been spared the broken leg, and you would have saved the doctor's bill."

"Why Bro. Steward, I don't think I exactly understand you," said Bro. Harold, looking somewhat amazed, "You seem to get off at what I believe they call a tangent, or something like it. Do you mean to say that providence sent the curse of a broken leg and the doctor's bill along with the blessing of the demijohn?"

"No, but I was just thinking about how the use of a lawful privilege may be followed by an effect or a result that is a curse. All rights or privileges granted by law, are not fortunes: some of them are misfortunes. They are so especially, when abused. If I had been running the business matters of providence, I think I would have smashed the demijohn before your son ever saw it, and so saved all this misfortune and expense, and then you could have paid the preacher forty dollars instead of fifty cents."

Well, but—

"I do not think the demijohn was a blessing," interrupted Bro. Steward. "I am doubtful about providence having any thing to do with putting it there. But the money required to keep it replenished, was a blessing, and the liberty to use it according to your own choice, was a blessing. But the money was misused, and the liberty was abused. God's providences are all blessings, but we often change them into curses. He gives the increase, and we put it to a wrong use. If all the money used to the hurt of man, was used in the cause of religion, the world would be ten-fold better off."

"I don't see how you make that out," replied Bro. Harold. "I claim that when money comes into my hand as the reward of hard labor and economy, I have a right to apply it any way for my enjoyment. If I do anything else with it, I am sure I put it to a wrong use. If you have any good logic to the contrary, I would like to have it."

"There is logic a plenty," said Bro. Steward, "but I have not the time now to argue the question. I did not come for a discussion; I came to collect your part of a debt we are justly due the preacher."

"If you get anything at all out of me, I would not call it paying a debt; it would be only a charitable donation; I am not owing the preacher anything. I go to hear him preach, and that is enough, and I have no charity money just now."

Bro. Harold made this last remark with a little twinkle of the eye, which Bro. Steward thought betrayed a feeling of scorn, and a very strong aversion to the idea that the preacher's claim was a debt, and it was to him a prophecy that he would have to go away empty handed. "I don't see how you can look at this matter in the light you do," he said, sorrowfully. "I will say this much; as to whether you have a moral right to use your means in a way for your own enjoyment, depends on what your enjoyment would be. You are as much morally bound to pay a part of your income to the Lord, as your renters are legally bound to pay a part of their yielded profits to you. If the preacher ministers to you and your children spiritual food, you ought to minister to them natural food. This is so plainly taught in the Bible, and is also such a clear question of conscience and good judgment, that the man who will not do it, needs to have either his head educated, or his heart purged. I hope you will consider these facts and come to the right conclusion in the near future, that you will do your part."

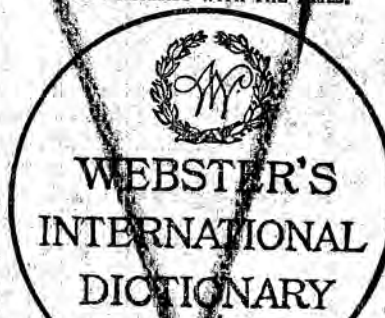
Bro. Steward was a faithful servant in his department of Church work. In fact he was as much devoted to his line as the preacher was in his. The two lives were somewhat different, but they ran parallel, and were directed to the same end—the glory of God and the saving of souls. But he often felt the trials of his office severely, and

many a time had occasion to go out and tell the Lord all about it, and ask for more grace, and the grace always came.

On his way home that evening, he turned out of the road and dropped over behind a little hill and got down on his knees and said earnestly: "O Lord God, I don't know what I am to do for thy servant, the preacher, and as thou knowest, he is in a straight. He can not afford to do so much charity preaching. I know he is willing and has a heap of it to do, because there are so few who pay him for his work. But Lord, thou hast not ordained that one man should serve other men for nothing, and then be called an object of charity. O Lord open the hearts of the people. Thou knowest old Bro. Harold; prize open his heart and get his purse out of it."

When he got up he felt wonderfully renewed, for the hard face, and stingy heart of old Bro. Harold had weakened him a little. And somehow he felt like he ought to call on him again, and try to convince him by reason and Scripture, that he was wrong, which he resolved to do shortly.

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F. D. SWINDELL, P. E.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 8.

Rev. R. G. Pearson will begin a union meeting in Little Rock, Jan. 11, six Churches uniting. Invitations have been received by him from Morrilton and are expected from Fort Smith, Pine Bluff and Hot Springs—so we are informed.

FIELD NOTES.

SULPHUR ROCK CH.—Our meeting closed at Sulphur Rock, Nov. 2. The first week I was assisted by Rev. S. L. Cochran, and the second week by Rev. J. C. Huddleston. Both of these brethren did valuable work. The meeting resulted in 3 conversions and 10 accessions to our Church.

D. W. REID, P. C.

PARAGOULD CH.—My fourth Quarterly Conference met Oct. 21. Bro. M. M. Smith, my esteemed P. E., was with us and preached to the edification and delight of all. Truly he is the right man in the right place. I would like to spend all my leisure life under just such a P. E. My people are always glad to see and hear him. My fourth Q. C. found finances far behind; two of the six appointments will pay their assessments in full, the other four are behind, but may do better before the year closes and will if a strong effort is made. We have held protracted meetings at all the appointments; at some points we had five meetings. The membership took hold and sang and prayed and shouted just like they felt and meant it. The result was, we had conversions not a few at these points. We have had about fifty conversions and about the same number of accessions during the year. My Conference collections will be short, partly my own fault. I did not commence in time. There are four local preachers on this charge.

Bro. Billy Diggs has been of great service to me. Although he is one of the oldest men on the charge, yet he has had his regular appointments to preach and filled them too. When the protracted meetings came on he assisted me at every appointment and preached acceptably. Bro. J. P. Phelan, a converted Catholic, was with me at three of my meetings, and preached some very pointed sermons. He often strikes as none but an Irishman can. He is now doing good service just east of me in the swamp or sunk land country, where we ought to have a mission. The people are in sympathy with our Church and want preaching. Bro. G. W. Stephenson, L. P., was away from home teaching

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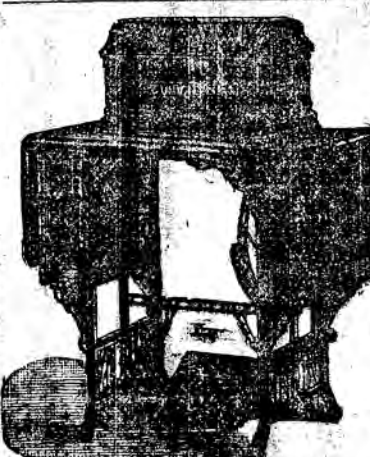
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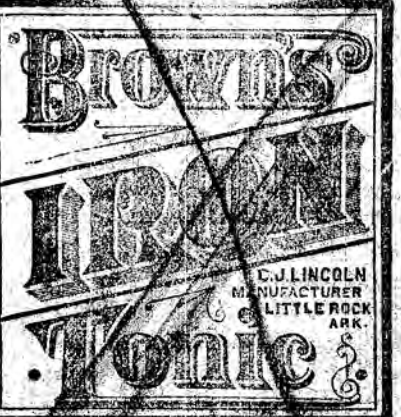
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Rev. Z. T. BENNETT, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 1890

R. R. FARE TO LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Application has been made to the Mo. Pacific Railway for reduced rates to the Conference but no answer has been received. In anticipation of a favorable reply, let every one who pays full fare going, take a receipt from the agent where the ticket is bought that full fare was paid from that station to Monticello. J. R. MOORE.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Monticello is ready to meet her pledges in entertaining the Conference. We will have homes for all the wives of preachers and delegates who desire to come, yet a notice of their coming will be of great help to us in making the assignments. Our train arrives at 8 p. m. when on time, and at 8 a. m. from Warren. If we know exactly what you want before you arrive, it will save you long detention at the depot just at supper time. Brethren, you will do yourselves a great convenience by due notice of any desires out of the regular line. Arrangements will be made for the meeting of Committees and Boards.

E. N. EVANS, P. C. Monticello, Ark., Nov. 11.

According to the last report the amount raised in Miss. on "Misses' College Day" had reached \$3,645.27 in cash and notes, and many charges had not then reported. We felt very great interest in the result of appeals and collections on that day.

Read carefully the Little Rock Conference notices, and do not fail to comply with the reasonable request of Rev. E. N. Evans, our pastor at Monticello. Preachers' wives and other visitors may prevent necessary delay at an untimely hour by writing early and fully to Bro. Evans.

"Our pastor has been paid to within \$100 of his salary." Well, brother steward, what are you going to do about the raising of that \$100? Not a man in your charge has paid \$100 for the Gospel this year. Are you going to require your pastor to pay so much for the privilege of preaching to you? Is there one kind of honesty for individuals and another kind for a congregation of Christians?—Southern Advocate.

The Wesleyan Advocate will be removed from Macon to Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Dr. W. F. Glenn has been elected editor and Rev. T. T. Christian business manager. Under their management we hope the Wesleyan may maintain its excellent character and prosper more than heretofore. Last year with a circulation of 7,000 (subscription price \$2), it failed to pay expenses by \$129.

We would be very glad indeed to spend a few days with the brethren of the North Texas Conference in session this week at Texarkana. As the Arkansas Conference convenes at the same time, Rev. H. W. Brooks, the efficient and popular pastor of Hope station, will present our cordial greetings to our Texan brethren and represent the interests of this paper.

The fact that seven out of every ten convicted criminals in this country are able to read and write, proves a good deal; but it does not prove that public education is of no use in the improvement of public morals. But it does prove that in order to good citizenship something more than education, such as the schools are now giving, is necessary.

"Knowledge is power," yes, but the character of the knowledge determines the kind of power. Georgia Methodists can find something in this.—Wesleyan Advocate.

Our Board of Church Extension has formally accepted the invitation of First Church, Little Rock, Ark., and will hold its next anniversary there in March. Arkansas is also spreading herself to get the General Conference at Hot Springs, but if left to a vote of the delegates, we think a majority would prefer to meet at Cool Springs at that season of the year.—Texas Advocate.

We think you are mistaken, dear brother. Just call to mind how the brethren did vote at the late General Conference in St. Louis, to open the way for Hot Springs to offer the General Conference "ample, comfortable and gratuitous entertainment." At the time we heard a

Texan said, that vote was fatal to the bright hopes of the fair city of Dallas. Again, it will be delightful to spend the month of May in Hot Springs.

A minister who has passed the dead line asks, "What, by the way, is going to be done with the old editors? Are they translated, or do they drown themselves?" Well, they are just the toughest kind of specimens to do anything with. They are not good enough to be translated; they are too happy to drown themselves; and so they linger upon the stage of the world in the character of that amiable Greek, Dr. Hercules, with good clubs in their hands, and a cheerful disposition to use them.—The Interior.

THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

Leaving this city at 2:40 last Wednesday morning and making poor rail-road connection in Memphis, we arrived at 8:30 p. m. in the prosperous town of Dyersburg, where the Memphis Conference was then in session. As we entered the wing of our beautiful new church, we recognized the familiar voice of Rev. Dr. W. G. Miller in the peroration of a grand sermon, which was heard with delight and audible approval. At the close of the service we became the guest of Col. Tom W. Neal, editor of Neal's State Gazette, and in his home we had as excellent entertainment and refreshing rest as we ever enjoyed anywhere. Col. Neal is a Christian gentleman of stately bearing, scholarly attainments, legislative experience and public spirit. From another we learned that he deserves much credit for promoting all the laudable enterprises in the growing town of which he is an honored and beloved citizen. He reminded us very much of Gen. John A. Logan, but his gait is more nimble, his features smoother and his flowing hair snowy white—making him a man of mark in any assembly.

At the opening of the Conference for the second day it seemed, that nearly all the members and delegates were present. Bishop W. W. Duncan was in chair, presiding with graceful dignity and dispatching business with evident ease. In facial expression he reminded us of the venerable Senator Evarts of New York, and in his occasional by-play he recalled the sparkling wit of the late Bishop Kavanaugh. The beloved and sweet-spirited Dr. R. H. Mahon was Secretary for the twelfth time—an evidence that his brethren appreciate his superior qualification for that difficult position. He kindly agreed to furnish in time for this issue a suitable report of the Conference proceedings, which we expect to publish (unless disappointed by delayed mail) in advance of other church papers, as we did last year—a fact which was mentioned with approval by many brethren, who showed us how they value a denominational newspaper. Right here we are pleased to say THE ARKANSAS METHODIST has more friends than we thought in the Memphis Conference and the number is increasing. We received twenty-one new subscribers and \$50 in cash in the short intervals of business in one day and a half, and many others would have renewed, if we had remained longer.

The healthful appearance and cheerful spirit of the brethren was as noticeable as their social intercourse was delightful. From what we learned, they had been blessed with many gracious revivals and were able to report marked progress along most lines of church enterprise. We think the amounts collected for ministerial support were generally in advance of recent expectations. The Conference has a large number of strong charges, which pay very respectable salaries to pastors, who will compare favorably in learning, piety, ability and general usefulness with the best in our Connection. In the Presiding Eldership, W. T. Harris, W. L. Duckworth, A. R. Wilson, W. C. Johnson, J. H. Evans, J. M. Spence, J. H. Witt and S. H. Williams are all preachers of ability and most of them of long approved service. As we give Dr. Mahon's report of the Conference proceedings and Dr. Cottrell's personal notes and reflections, we may not now say all we had intended to write.

Dyersburg is 76 miles from Memphis, on the N. N. & M. V. R'y and at the head of navigation on the Forked-Deer river. It has a population of over 3,000, steadily increasing, but less rapid than the improvements and enterprises of the town. It has three substantial brick churches, one of the finest and best public schools in the State, two newspapers,

saw, planing and flouring mills, three hotels, wagon, bowl and stove factories, tobacco manufactory, machine works, electric lights, etc., etc. The business houses indicate taste, capital and enterprise, and many of the residences are models of architectural beauty, modern in design and elaborate in extent and finish. Our new church there is one of the most beautiful and best arranged we ever saw. It was completed this year at a total cost of over \$12,000, part having been raised last year. Our membership was reported at 304, and the amount collected for all purposes at \$7,210; the Sunday-school has 25 officers and teachers, and 180 scholars; the Y. P. Missionary Society has 100 members, who maintained a scholar in the Clifton missionary school. Rev. W. F. Hamner, P. C. for the past year, was quite successful in his ministry, is deservedly very popular, and will likely be returned to that splendid charge. To him and Bro. Bolling we are indebted for special attention and kindness, which we hope they may have the privilege of bestowing again.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

(Continued from First Page.)

The proceedings of the Conference to this time (Saturday afternoon) has been as usual. Most of the time has been consumed in the examination of character of the elders.

Today a class of ten was admitted into full connection, to-wit: Bedford L. Harris, A. L. Prewett Jr., Lee Sanders, J. C. L. Boehm, J. W. Oliver, E. W. Hood, P. G. Throgmorton, T. G. Pettigrew, H. B. Terry, W. F. Walker.

The Bishop's address to the class on propounding the usual disciplinary questions, was very good indeed. Speaking of the question relating to holiness of life, he emphasizes the necessity of purity of heart, and life in all preachers of the gospel. Nothing he said was more deplorable than a secular backsliden morally-minded minister of the gospel. O, if these young men would heed the advice of the good Bishop! They will never know what good advice it was unless they neglect it, and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Thus far and no complaint has been lodged against any preacher save one. One of the brethren Rev. Wm. H. Evans, a man of some gifts, but of a singular way of doing things had complaints lodged against him. The case was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. W. G. Miller, B. A. Hayes and A. H. Thomas, and they report to-day that they did not think a trial necessary. But in the view of the objectionable features of this brother's course in many things, one of the committee moved that he be located for unacceptability. The Conference discussed the case fully, the brother being present, and as he made no promise of amendment he was located without his consent. The Conference was loth to proceed against a brother after this manner, and if he had given any promise of an effort to amend, would have been continued no doubt. Methodist preachers are a sympathetic class of men, especially toward one another, and a man can retain his place in a Conference of the Methodist Church with many peculiarities and short comings, if he is only willing to be advised, and submit to the judgment of his brethren. But sometimes a rigid enforcement of discipline becomes necessary for the good of the Church and the one involved.

On Monday the reports of committees will be heard, and it is thought the Conference will adjourn on Monday night.

R. H. MAHON.

[Note by Manager:—We learn just as we go to press that Bro. Evans, above referred to, made promises of amendment Monday, and the vote by which he was located was reconsidered and his character passed.]

SIMPLY A WARNING.

The few lines I wrote touching Bro. Hawley's notice of that rabbi's lecture, were not intended as a criticism, but as an humble suggestion to our young brethren to be on their guard as to even seemingly to approve by their presence and expressions of pleasure in hearing dangerous, pernicious teaching. When that rabbi selected so sacred and awful a theme as the 'Crucifixion of Christ,' he appeared before that audience as a religious teacher. Did he not, Bro. Hawley? Now let us see what Dr. Clark says concerning bidding such 'God-speed.' "Nor can any Christian attend the ministry of such teachers without being criminal in the sight of God. He who attends their ministry is, in effect bidding them God-speed." I feel tonight, that I would go from here to Nashville, could I be allowed the privilege of hearing Bro. Hawley preach on the 'Crucifixion of Christ,' as the atoning Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world; but morbid sensitiveness or what not, I am sure, though an angel from heaven preach any other gos-

pel, there would be nothing in it for me to enjoy.

But again I say, Beware of false teachers; the world is full of them, and I don't want, in any way, to bid them God-speed. Do you, Bro. Hawley? With this, I hope the matter will rest.

J. E. CALDWELL.

HIT THE WRONG MAN.

Rev. J. H. Bradford, P. C. of El Dorado C't, has forwarded to us a letter in type-writing recently received by him and post-marked New York, Nov. 3. The wicked purpose of its author was ostensibly to induce Bro. Bradford to visit Hoboken, New Jersey, to buy counterfeit money, in lieu of which he would probably be given packages filled with saw-dust or the like, as have been other dupes in their supposed purchases of counterfeit paper money. He quotes his prices on his "goods", which he affirms are not "shoddy imitations"! We quote the latter part of his letter, which also contained a slip giving his name and address by street and number for telegraphic reply for "instructions":

First:—Don't as long as you live, ever write a letter to me until I give you permission. If you do, it will be refused. See? I mean exactly what I say, and furthermore, all business relations between us will end.

Second:—If you wish to come on here and see me, send the following Telegram (remember Telegram only will be received), and simply say: "SEND INSTRUCTIONS," then sign your name per "pass word and number" given you.

Third:—On receipt of your telegram I will send you full instructions how to meet me and where to stop, then no mistakes will be made in finding one another. In conclusion I wish to say if you can not come on here, or have not \$300 to invest, simply let the matter drop until you hear from me again. This will certainly occur before the expiration of 30 days. Now kindly allow me to caution you again, not to write letters! be patient, and wait until you hear from me. You must be guided by my advice. If you do, you are bound to succeed. No such thing as fail. Act square! Be true and honorable! Do me no harm and you will never regret it as long as you live. You can make money faster and easier by dealing in my goods than you ever dreamed of before in your life. Won't you try it?

Caution:—No other person is now authorized by me to correspond on this subject. Do not be deceived by shoddy imitations. I am the sole owner and proprietor of the genuine "formula." Communications from others offering similar goods are absolutely unreliable and positively worthless. Pay no attention to them. "Nuf-ced."

Yours very sincerely,

"You Know."

THE ONE-MAN POWER.

From the N. O. Advocate we clip the following in reply to hasty criticisms on the polity of our Church since the Dr. D. C. Kelley case:

Like every other organized body, our Church has its code of laws. This code was revised last May in St. Louis, and has been published to the world. This code was revised by the General Conference—a body composed of an equal number of laymen and preachers. There are but few legislative bodies of other Churches that can show as large a representation of laymen. Our Church laws are not made by the preachers alone, for the laymen have an equal voice and vote. Our Bishops have nothing to do with making our laws. They simply preside over the law-makers, and keep order while the people and preachers enact the laws. But after the law is made, there must be some administrator, or else the law is a nullity. This administrator in some cases, is the Bishop; in other cases, the presiding elder or pastor. Each office has its special laws, with its special officer to administer the law pertaining to the office. The Bishop's office and duties are defined clearly by this code of laws, in making which he had no voice or vote. The Church, in her legislative capacity, makes the law, and this very same body of men elects the Bishop, and gives him a solemn charge to be faithful in the performance of his duties in administering the law. Now, is faithfulness to this charge an act of tyranny? When the Bishops—in the face of violent opposition, stands up and administers it, is he to be written down as a tyrant? It is not so in the civil government. Every officer of the State takes an oath, that he will faithfully administer the law of the State, and when he does so, do the newspapers, who know anything of the law and its administration, write down the officer as a tyrant? Of course not. He has done what he pledged himself to do. So our Bishops simply do what the Church elected them to do, and what they promised to do when they were inducted into office. If the law is bad, that is not the Bishop's fault. That is the fault of the Church. The Bishop, like the civil officer, must administer the law as he finds it. He can not mend it, nor can he change it. To denigrate a Bishop

a tyrant because he administers the law as he finds it, is the silliest kind of nonsense, and shows either that there is ignorance of our Church polity, or something worse. "The one-man power," which some of our sister Churches take so much delight in parading before the world as the chief characteristic of our Church, exists only in the imagination. No man in our Church—and, as far as we know, no man in any other Church—is hedged in by so much law as our Bishop. If one of our Bishops had done, by a law of the Church, as the mayor of this city did in regard to the Sunday law, he would have been arrested and tried, and turned out of office in short order.

No, there is no "one-man power" in the Southern Methodist Church. The Church makes the laws, creates the offices, and elects the officers, and they are responsible to the Church; and she calls everyone of them, at stated times, to give an account of his stewardship. Bishop Hargrove, in the Kelley case, administered the law as he understands it. For one, we think he understands it correctly; but if we thought otherwise, we would not abuse him and call him a tyrant, because his administration seemed to work a hardship. The Bishop and the Presiding Elder and the preacher in charge, while charged with the administration of law, are themselves so hedged that they cannot do anything without it, and they are answerable for the faithful discharge of their trusts. If some people would take a little pains to gain a little knowledge, they would make fewer ridiculous mistakes.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

R. H. Mahon, Presiding Elder. First Church—W. G. Miller; J. W. Knott, supernumerary. Central—A. Monk. Hernando Street—H. B. Johnston. Pennsylvania Avenue—A. W. King. Adams Avenue—W. W. Adams. Springdale—R. W. Newsum. H. C. Johnson, Bartlett Circuit. J. H. Walker, Longstreet and Stevenson. L. L. Jewell, Germantown and Bethlehem. R. Y. Blackwell, Collierville Circuit. W. F. Leake, LaGrange Circuit. B. A. Hayes, Wilston Circuit. B. C. Chambers, Macon Circuit. J. A. Russell, Arlington, and J. D. Sullivan, Emory Circuit. A. H. Thomas, Randolph Circuit. B. B. Thomas, Tipton mission. B. L. Harris, Middleton mission. R. N. May.

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JACKSON DISTRICT.

J. H. Evans, Presiding Elder. First Church—E. B. Ramsey. Hays Avenue—B. E. Felt. West Jackson—J. H. Felt. City Mission and Lester Chapel—W. L. Pritchett. Jacksonville circuit—R. L. West. Spring Creek circuit—J. H. Garrett. Modina circuit—J. H. Warmouth. Humboldt station—W. G. Hefley. Trenton station—J. H. Roberts. Trenton circuit—J. T. Wiggins; O. P. Beck, supernumerary. Bradford circuit—J. H. Witt. Dyer circuit—E. B. Graham. Milan station—B. F. Blackman. Milan mission—E. G. Throgmorton. Prison circuit—A. J. Wheeler. Henderson—T. J. Summons.

DYERSBURG DISTRICT.

A. R. Wilson, Presiding Elder. Dyersburg station—W. F. Hamner. Dyersburg circuit—E. E. Hamilton. Bale's Point mission—J. C. L. Boehm. H. C. Johnson, P. C. for the past year. Ripley and Durbanville—G. H. Martin. Ripley circuit—W. F. Barrier. Henning circuit—A. J. Meadows. Covington station—F. Sullivan. Covington circuit—J. E. Treadwell. Mount Zion and Bethel—W. A. Cook. Brighton mission—O. H. Atkins. Newbern circuit—G. W. Evans. Newbern station—J. S. Renshaw. Friendship circuit—W. T. Young. Trimble circuit—A. S. Taylor. Wilcoxville circuit—B. F. Peoples. Kenton and Rutherford, C. J. Moulden.

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phrey; B. Risenbamer, supernumerary. Monroe circuit—J. H. Cole.

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CURRENT NEWS AND NOTES

Nov. 19, 1890.

Hon. W. M. Fishback of Fort Smith has announced himself a candidate for the United States to succeed Senator J. K. Jones, who is a candidate for re-election.

One night last week in Pine Bluff two safes were burglarized of about \$15,000. The Southern Grocery Co. lost \$10,000 in cash and \$8,800 in negotiable paper, and Westbrook & Nelson \$2,000 in cash and four notes amounting to \$2,068. The burglars escaped, leaving no clue as to their identity.

Judge M. H. Sanders of the Arkansas Supreme court died at his home in Fort Smith last Wednesday, in his 40th year. He leaves a sister and two beautiful little daughters, his wife having died last year. The news of his death has caused much sorrow among his friends, who were fearfully expecting the fatal termination of his long illness.

In speaking of the increasing centralization of population in the cities, Superintendent of Census Porter says: "During the past decade this gain has been no less than 60 per cent. Speaking roundly, it may be said that in 1780 one-third of the population was found in cities of more than 8,000 population, in 1800 one-twentieth, in 1810, and also in 1820, one-twentieth; in 1830 one-sixteenth, in 1840 one-twelfth, in 1850 one-eighth, in 1860 one-sixth, in 1870 more than one-fifth; in 1880 half way between one-fifth and one-quarter, and in 1890 nearly three-tenths. The eleventh census will show that in the State of Massachusetts fully 75 per cent. of the population reside in cities."

According to press report a Washington paper quotes a well known financier as saying: "Mr. Wannamaker's troubles and the financial stringency in New York are both due to the same cause. That is the Louisiana Lottery Company. This company learning that Mr. Wannamaker was borrowing money, withdrew from the banks, and consequently from circulation, its enormous reserve fund of \$7,000,000. This so tightened the money market as not only to prevent Mr. Wannamaker from borrowing in New York, but brought about the scarcity of ready money which nearly turned a flurry in stocks into a genuine panic, and which did cause the failures in New York of several supposedly strong firms and the closing of at least one bank."

During last week much interest was excited as to the outcome of an unusual proceeding in the Federal court in this city, instituted by Judge McClure, Supervisor of elections. An order was made upon County Clerk Massey of Conway county to produce the poll books and ballot box used at the late Congressional election in Welborne (Morriton) township, before the Federal grand jury for investigation. He appeared with the poll books and answered all questions, but refused to produce the ballot box. The court issued a rule upon the clerk to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt, for disobedience. Mr. Massey, through his counsel, Messrs. House, Moore, Terry and Williams, "submitted at once his response to the rule in which, among other things, he set up that he was not an election officer, and that by virtue of his office he was made the custodian of the ballots; that under the law they were required to be sealed up and not opened in any case except in a contested election; that under the Constitution and laws of the State, as well as the decisions of the Supreme court of this State, the ballots were secret and there was no power in that or any other court to open the ballots except in case of contest, and there was no such case as that before the court. He further claimed that to produce the ballots before the court or the grand jury, to be opened, he would subject himself to indictment and punishment by fine and removal from office."

J. M. Moore, Esq., in behalf of the respondent, argued at length, that there was really no conflict between the State and Federal governments. He said, as quoted in the Arkansas Gazette: "The question here was not simply that the Federal Grand Jury cannot invade the secrecy of the ballot, but it was that no grand jury, whether Federal or State, or any other power, could invade it, except as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State in cases of contest. The ballot under our Constitution is a secret ballot. It was so in nearly all the States; the use of the ballot in elections by the people implied secrecy, as shown by Corby in his work on Constitutional Limitations, and had been repeat-

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OBITUARIES.

HOLT.—Lena Mary Holt, infant daughter of J. A. and M. J. Holt, was born June 30, 1890 and died Sept. 4, 1890. Dear friends and parents, weep not as those who have no hope, but live faithful and you will see little Lena Mary again; for the Savior has said, "Bless little children to come unto me." R. S. KIRKMAN, P. C.

WALSH.—Little George Lipscomb, son of L. L. and S. C. Walsh, was born Oct. 13, 1889, died Oct. 19, 1890. He was a precious little jewel, spared only long enough to win all our affections and then went home to God to live forever. O how lonely home looks without our precious little George! "Papa," but our heavenly Father doeth all things right. Look to him father and mother, and live so you will meet in heaven. GRANDMA.
Holly Springs, Ark.

NASH.—T. H. Nash was born Sept. 15, 1807, and died in peace Sept. 8, 1890. He was sick 9 weeks. He professed religion many years ago but did not join the Church until last year. The writer baptized him by affusion and received him into the Church. I visited him very often during his illness and never heard him murmur or complain, but always perfectly resigned to the will of the Lord. He enjoyed my reading a lesson of Scripture and singing and prayer. May the Lord bless his children and grandchildren and may they make one unbroken family in heaven.
R. S. KIRKMAN, P. C.

BLANKS.—Died at her residence in Poplar Bluff, Ashley Co., Ark. Leila Ida Blanks of swamp fever after an illness of three days, Friday night between 11 and 12 o'clock Nov. 7, 1890. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South. She lived a pure and gentle Christian life, and fell asleep in Jesus comforted and strengthened by faith in her loving Lord. Every one who knew her well, loved her. She was laid to rest in the Poplar Bluff cemetery on Nov. 9, the funeral services conducted by her former pastor H. R. Withers assisted by her pastor J. R. Rushing in the presence of a large circle of weeping friends and relatives.

H. R. WITHERS,
J. R. RUSHING.

HARWARD.—Whose maiden name was Margaret Geame was born in North Carolina March 2, 1823; moved to Ark., about the year 1830; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church in 1840; married to Isaac Shaver about the year 1840. He died leaving her a widow with four children two boys and two girls. She married the second time to Jasper Harward, who died leaving her a widow the second time. Aunt Margaret was a good Christian woman lived a consistent member of the Church until her death, which occurred Oct. 31, 1890—making her age 67 years, 8 months and 2 days. Her funeral was preached by the writer Nov. 2, 1890 to a large congregation of relatives and friends and then she laid her sleeping remains to rest in the quiet embrace of the grave to await the resurrection morn.

We would say to the dear children, weep not as those who have no hope, but you may see your mother again, when your soul is lost in love in a brighter, brighter world above.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

DYER.—Elizabeth Jane Dyer (nee Hagood) was born at Cane Hill, Washington county Ark., Sept. 16, 1836; professed faith in Christ, Sept. 1874; was married to J. M. Dyer Jan. 3, 1854. She died at her home, at Dyer, Crawford Co., Ark., Aug. 27, 1890.

These few words epitomize the life of a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, a dutiful daughter, a kind neighbor, a loving friend and a faithful Christian. Sister Dyer was the mother of three children.

Since her death her little babe has followed her to its mansion home. Joy was in heaven at that meeting. There is a member less in the M. E. Church, South, here in Dyer, and a vacant chair in the sad home of Bro. J. M. Dyer, but two more have been added to the triumphant host above. May God bless the bereaved husband, the two little motherless children, the aged mother and other relatives.

W. H. METHENY.

Dyer, Ark.

PEACHER.—Mr. James Houston Peacher, the late editor of the Calhoun County Courier, was born in Brandon Miss., Sept. 21, 1865 and died at his home in Hampton, Ark., Aug. 14, 1890. In Brandon he was reared and in early life he learned the newspaper business, and at this employment he soon struck the great sea of life to make friends and foes. After trying his fortune at one or two places he landed at Hampton, Calhoun Co., Ark., in July 1883, a real stranger and took charge of the mechanical department of the paper at that place. Soon he was editor of the paper. To it he gave time, talent, and an untiring energy till the last month of his life. Bro. Peacher lived at Hampton a little over two years and many were the friends that he made in the town and surrounding country. To such an extent was this that last Spring he offered himself as a candidate for the legislature and but for his ill health that forced him to withdraw from the race, many thought that he would doubtless have made a brilliant race. On the 8th day of last May, Bro. Peacher was happily married to Miss Loe Silliman of the same county, but with her was permitted to live but a little over three months. Little did the writer think what he was performing the marriage ceremony that the great disease coming upon him would so soon separate him from our midst. We found

the Church when a boy and I think he was never out of the Church. I was pastor of two Methodist Churches at Hampton when he went to that place, and he soon connected himself with the Church there and continued a member of it till death. I knew Bro. Peacher to love him. For others he lived and as I have remarked before, his greatest fault, perhaps, was in trying to do their wishes and by so doing would at times perhaps deviate a little. He doubtless died with the peace of God upon him. It seemed to be his delight to have his present pastor and myself talk to and pray with him. He left a sorrowing wife, several relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his death. But dear friends, let us not sorrow as those who have no hope, but let us prepare to meet above. In sympathy.
C. L. ADAMS.

MARTIN.—Henry McDuff Martin, trustee of respect of Harmony Grove Sunday-school Ouachita Co., Ark.

W. BRAS, it pleased God to remove by death Oct. 18, 1890, the subject of this notice, whose age was 29 years and 25 days. (He was born in Bradley Co., Ark., Sept. 23, 1861, and moved to this place in 1888. He was married to Miss Lula Dunlap Jan. 10, 1888, and the M. E. Church, South, in Aug. 1889.)

Resolved, 1. In the death of Bro. Martin our community has lost one of its most valuable citizens. He was a kind husband, a loving brother, and a pleasant associate, and with a sunny temperament seemed to be in love with life and the world.

2. That while we realize our loss and sympathize with his family, we submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, the Camden Beacon and THE ARKANSAS METHODIST for publication.

C. S. BLACK,
MISS GEORGIA PROCTOR,
MISS MARY RICHARDSON, } Com.

MITCHELL.—Marcus A. Mitchell was born in Tenn., Dec. 15, 1818; died at his residence May 22, 1890. Bro. Mitchell professed religion in the year 1850, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member until the day of his death. In Dec. 1846, he was married to Miss Sarah Dunlap, who bore him 5 children who are all living to mourn the loss of their dear father. Bro. Mitchell was a great sufferer, having been afflicted for twelve long years—being confined to the house for six years—yet he bore it all with Christian fortitude. During all this time he had all the attention that willing hands and kind hearts could afford. Bro. Mitchell leaves an aged sister and brother lingering on the shores of life. He said to this writer some months before his death, "I have been living for death for a great many years." Relatives and friends, weep, but not as those who have no hope; your friend and brother is waiting and watching for you just over on the other shore. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all the surviving ones and God help them to follow the dear one as he has followed Christ. Peace to his memory.
J. R. MAXWELL.

BRADLEY.—Grover C. the infant son of Rev. I. T. and Catherine Bradley of Lorado, Green Co., Ark., was born Aug. 2, 1889 and died Oct. 23, 1890. Little Grover was a weakly child from birth, but his afflictions only endeared him more to his parents and friends. His last sickness was sudden and severe, and though his final sufferings were great, they were of short duration and the sweet spirit of the little innocent went up to the arms of that compassionate One who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." His death has caused a vacant place in the family that nothing but his presence can fill; yet we laid him to rest in hope of the resurrection of the just at the last day. We feel assured that this tender little flower is transplanted from the family nursery here to the Paradise of God where no untimely frost shall fall or hurtful blast blow to blight and kill. There our sweet little flower shall in freshness bloom while eternal ages roll along. Bereaved father and mother, weep not; for your dear babe is not dead but entered into life eternal, where you, if faithful to God, shall meet in the sweet "bye-and-bye."
JOHN H. PORTER.

BRATTON.—John W. Bratton, son of F. M. and M. F. Bratton, was born in Searcy Co., Ark., May 1, 1873. He was 17 years, 6 months and 16 days old. He was converted at the District Conference of the Harrison District, which was held at McGuire's Chapel in Wiley's Cove July 24-26, 1890. He was baptized by himself and received into the M. E. Church, South, Aug. 2, 1890. He died triumphantly in great peace Oct. 17, 1890. His body was entered in the Aaskley cemetery.

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sive, which was conducted by
the writer and the Rev. Charles Col-
bert of the Missionary Baptist Church,
Walker, as we all called him was a
very promising young man, and had
a very bright intellect. He was a
moral young man before he professed
religion and after he was converted
and joined the Church, he was a very
devout, earnest, faithful and firm
young man. Walker was greatly at-
tached to his papa and mamma and
they loved him very dearly. It was
very heart rending for them to have to
give him up so early in his Christian
life. He was sick about 12 days be-
fore he died. He suffered very in-
tensely, but he bore it all patiently.
Just a few minutes before he died, he
told his Uncle Ben Bratton that he was
willing to die and also that he was
ready to die.

The last song that he was known to
sing before he was taken sick was
"Thou my everlasting portion," &c.
Weep not, dear father, mother, sister,
brother and friends; for Walker is
with the blood-washed throng where
he can sing and praise God forever
more.

JAMES H. CUMMINGS, P. C.
Leslie, Ark.

HOLLMAN. Jacob Hollman was
born Jan. 16, 1818, in N. C. In early
life he professed religion and joined
the Church. He was twice married;
his first marriage was July 26, 1845—
the second was April 22, 1868. In
the Fall of 1870 he came to Ark., and
settled near Ben Lamond, Sevier Co.,
by his first wife he has three sons
living and all members of the Church;
by his last wife there are three chil-
dren, two sons and one daughter, the
youngest son nearly grown. Brother
Hollman was a member of the M. E.
Church, South, at Gravelly Point,
Lockesburg Co. He was a consistent
member, and gave of his means to
support the institutions of the Church.
His home was a stopping place for
the preacher. Last Summer he took
a notion that he would visit his re-
latives in N. C., and about the middle
of Aug. he started alone and made it
tough safe. Oct. 6, he started home.
When he got to Memphis in changing
cars he got a fall or was run over by
something, thereby receiving a fatal
hurt. He was sent to Nashville, Ark.,
in a dying condition. He arrived at
Nashville, Thursday morning Oct. 9,
and died next evening at 8 or 9 o'clock.
After he arrived physicians were called
in and his family was sent for and
every thing was done I suppose that
could be, to save the dying man, but
all in vain. His remains were carried
home Saturday and Sunday evening
were deposited in the grave to await
the resurrection morn. Death always
brings sadness but this one was doubly
sad, wife and children were at home
expecting husband and father to re-
turn from a visit to his old home;
but while they were all in expectation,
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W. H. VERNOR,
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CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of returning my heartfelt thanks to the "Boys and Girls" of Plant's Chapel for the excellent quilt that they themselves placed, quilted and gave to me. In one square is marked in silk the following: "To J. S. Clower from the Boys and Girls of Plant's Chapel." May the Lord reward them abundantly for their kindness.
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