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THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

The 37th session of the Little Rock Annual Conference convened in Monticello, Ark., Dec. 3, 1890, at 9 a. m., Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald presiding.

The Bishop opened the Conference by reading the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians and singing, "And are we yet alive," followed by an earnest spiritual prayer. "O to grace how great a debtor," was then sung and Dr. Hunter led in prayer, with the old-time unction and power, and the audience re-echoed several hearty amens.

After another hymn the Bishop addressed the Conference with some very appropriate words, congratulating them for having such bracing, sun-shiny weather; that it had been sun-shiny with him in a double sense ever since last August, when he commenced holding Conferences. He urged the brethren to pray the Lord to give wisdom and direction to the Conference in all its business.

Rev. J. R. Moore, Secretary of last Conference, then called the roll, and the almost unanimous answer, "present," showed a large attendance at the opening session.

Rev. J. R. Moore was re-elected Secretary and Mr. J. H. Shoppach Assistant.

The usual committees were announced as nominated by the Presiding Elders' meeting and elected.

Dr. R. N. Ross was elected Statistical Secretary, with Bro. Alex. Hazen as pro tem.

Dr. Potter, one of the new Missionary Secretaries, was introduced to the Conference. Also Dr. M. B. Chapman and Rev. Mr. Vaughn, formerly of this Conference, but now of Texas, was introduced.

Rev. Dr. Vernor, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference, showing great work achieved and undertaken by this Society.

The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Ten applicants were admitted on trial.

The Bishop continued the minute business and at 12:30 the Conference adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The Bishop's remarks in opening the Conference, in reference to Dr. Hunter's presence after his recent serious illness, was very touching and his benediction pronounced on the venerable father in Israel, that the Lord may spare him to us many more Conferences, was devoutly endorsed by many hearty amens from the audience.

The faces of the brethren of the Conference, together with the wives of the preachers, betoken such good will for each other and great interest in the proceedings.

It can be said no longer that Rev. A. D. Jenkins is one of the bachelors of the Conference, for he was accompanied to this Conference by his most estimable and charming bride. She was greeted most heartily by not only the many friends of her husband, but by hers also, not a few. She is welcomed into the Conference as an itinerant's wife.

At 4 p. m. Wednesday, Rev. C. B. Brinkley, one of the lawyer preachers of the Conference has just preached a most eloquent sermon from Acts 8:4 and at the close of the sermon, a general handshaking of consecration was engaged in much to the religious joy of all and some shouting aloud the praises of God. Dr. McLauchlin, another lawyer-preachers closed with an earnest prayer, before dismissing.

Rev. E. N. Evans addressed the word "welcome" to the Conference and said he had labored long and hard to hear a shout and see a religious influence felt here. He was glad it had come in some measure. Now for greater power. Amen came from the happy audience.

Who can have a better social and religious time combined than a Conference of Methodist itinerants and laymen? It is a feast to the soul and mind too. It nerves us for the battles in the future fields of labor.

The Conference is glad to see Rev. E. N. Watson present after his protracted illness, and hopes he will soon recover his strength. He has worked long and well and we need him much.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. F. Carr, reading the 12th chapter of Romans, and the audience sang "Savior more than life to me."

Bishop Fitzgerald took the chair and Secretary Moore read the Minutes of yesterday's session, which were approved. The roll was called and more answered to their names than yesterday, showing an increased attendance of preachers and laymen. Calling of roll was dispensed with.

Dr. Barbee was introduced to the Conference and spoke a few words for the Southern Methodist Publishing House.

Dr. Morton, Church Extension Secretary, was introduced and made some interesting remarks.

A communication in reference to the Ecumenical Conference, to meet at Washington, in Jannary, 1891, was read. A committee of three was appointed, Bros. Brooks, Godden and Browning, to formulate some plans in reference to the above.

Bro. J. R. Moore introduced a resolution designating Rev. M. B. Chapman as editor of the Conference Minutes, and Revs. R. R. Moore, W. A. Steel and Bro. Geo. Thornbrgh as publishers.

Rev. Robt. G. Rowland and Rev. F. P. Doak were admitted on trial.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? F. G. Shaw, K. W. Dodson, C. W. Drake, W. F. Evans, J. B. Williams and Edward Rushing read their reports, the character of each passed and they were elected to Deacon's orders.

Franklin Moore's name was called and it was announced that he had transferred to the Missouri Conference.

Geo. S. Turrentine read his report and his character was passed.

Who are re-admitted? Rev. J. R. Sherwood was re-admitted; Rev. Jas. J. Swails was discontinued.

Special order of the day was taken up and Dr. W. H. Potter, one of the new Missionary Secretaries, addressed the audience on the great subject of missions. After the most earnest address a motion was made by Bro. C. C. Godden that the sum of $1,200 be raised by the Little Rock Conference, above all assessments, to support Rev. T. A. Hearn and wife, now in China. It was adopted by a collection and subscription to the amount of $750,00.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

At yesterday's session in answer to question 1, the following brethren were admitted on trial: Revs. E. F. Wilson, A. D. Tnweatt, John A. Henderson, John W. Vantrease, Jerome J. Post, Wm. C. Hilliard, Geo. W. McCarty, David Bolls, Thos. E. Bolding, Geo. E. Parsons.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The presence of the aged superannuated brethren and the aged widows of some of the brethren deceased, are a benediction to the Conference. They are standing on the shores of time, with but perhaps a few steps ahead to the edge of Jordan. The Lord bless them all.

It seems to be the unanimous verdict that the Board of Missions made no mistake in electing Dr. Potter one of the Missionary Secretaries. His address to-day was so full of religion, and the collection of $750 was so easily raised as a result.

THIRD DAY.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. C. Godden.

Bishop Fitzgerald took the chair, and Secretary Moore read the Minutes of yesterday's session which were approved.

Secretary Moore announced that the $750 raised yesterday, for the support of Rev. T. A. Hearn and wife, was increased $50 more, making $800 in all.

Revs. Riggin, Browning and Godden, were elected a committee to take into consideration the papers in reference to a Peace Conference of the world.

Rev. V. V. Harlan, Agent of Hendrix College, filed a report which was referred.

Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted? Rev. Wade Preston, Rev. B. F. Scott.

The orders of H. M. Youngblood, from the Protestant Methodist Church, were recognized, he being a member of the Gurdon c't, M. E. Church, South.

The Committee on Temperance, through Rev. J. M. Pinnell, made its report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals, through Rev. M. B. Chapman, made its report.

The Conference was addressed by Rev. J. D. Barbee, Agent of our Publishing House, in reference to the report of the Committee.

Committee on Public Worship announced preaching at 3 p. m. by Rev. V. V. Harlan, and at 7 p. m. by Rev. C. C. Godden.

Report No. 1 of Committee on Books and Periodicals was adopted.

Report No. 2, in reference to THE ARKANSAS METHODIST was read by Bro. Chapman. Bro. Chapman spoke earnestly in favor of THE METHODIST, and especially complimented Bros. Bennett and Thornburgh in their untiring efforts in giving our Church in Arkansas such a good paper. Rev. Z. T. Bennett, editor, was introduced and represented THE METHODIST. Report adopted.

Report No. 1 from Committee on Education, through Bro. Brooks, was read in reference to Haygood Seminary.

Rev. Mr. Bullock, President of Haygood Seminary at Washington, Ark., was introduced, and addressed the Conference in reference to Southern Methodist education of the colored people. He asked for a contribution of $200. Rev. H. W. Brooks, from Board of Education, followed with a speech in favor of this Seminary. The Bishop also spoke feelingly of his pastoral work among the colored people of the South in his early ministry, and of the relation Southern Methodism sustained to the colored people. A collection followed amounting to $111.50. Report adopted.

Rev. S. N. Burns arose and made an earnest appeal to the Conference for all to remember and pray for Rev. E. N. Evans' family, whose child is now very low with membranous croup.

Who are the Deacon's of one year? The following read their reports, character passed and they were advanced: Geo. S. Sexton, J. M. Pinnell, R. J. Raiford, J. L. Johnston, B. A. Few, G. W. Rice, C. A. Bayless, A. M. Robertson, A. S. Scott. L. W. House was located at his own request.

After announcements were made the Conference adjourned until tomorrow.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. R. N. Ross, of Lonoke, was the Statistical Secretary of the Conference.

The Monticellonians most hospitably and royally entertained the Conference.

In the excellent report on Temperance, adopted yesterday, there was a clause asking the next Legislature to pass a law making the place of delivery the place of sale, thus effectually destroying the jug trade in all prohibition counties.

FOURTH DAY.

Devotional exercises by Rev. W. H. Browning. Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair.

Secretary Moore read the Minutes of yesterday's session, which were corrected and approved.

The following local preachers were elected Deacons: L. W. Pipkin, Joseph C. Moore, A. G. Cason.

What traveling preachers are elected Elders? C. L. Adams, C. B. Brinkley, R. R. Moore.

What local preachers are elected Elders? Rev. J. W. Walker.

Recognition of orders: Rev. E. J. Ferguson, from Missionary Baptist Church, was recognized as an Elder.

Z. W. Richardson's character passed, and he desired his credentials restored, he having once left our Church and joined the Baptist Church, and that Church refused to recognize his orders, and he returned to the Methodists. Restored.

The Board of Education reported: Rev. J. R. Cason, Secretary, read report No. 2, in reference to Vanderbilt University. Adopted.

Report in regard to Hendrix College was read. Rev. A. C. Millar, President of Hendrix College, was presented and addressed the Conference in behalf of this excellent college of learning.

Report No. 3, in reference to Galloway College was also read.

Rev. S. H. Babcock, President of this college addressed the audience, congratulating the Little Rock Conference on the support given to Galloway in this Conference.

Report No. 4, in reference to the Methodist College at Arkadelphia was read.

Rev. D. C. Jones, President of the above college, addressed the Conference in behalf of this new but grand college of learning.

Report No. 5, in regard to Fordyce Training School was read. Prof. J. C. Clary, President of the Training School, was introduced and represented this institution of learning.

Committee on Public Worship announced preaching at 3 p. m. by Rev. S. H. Babcock, and missionary anniversary at night.

An invitation was accepted from the photographer, to take a picture of the Conference and visitors in front of the church, just after adjournment.

Report No. 2, in reference to Hendrix College, was adopted.

Report No. 4, in reference to the Galloway College, was adopted.

Report No. 5, in reference to the Arkadelphia Methodist College, was again read. Here was a hitch, and Rev. T. H. Ware took the floor in opposition to the report, for moral reasons, and not from captious or unkind feelings against any one in Arkadelphia. Dr. Riggin spoke in favor of the report, and yet was devoted to the Hendrix and Galloway Colleges. Dr. McLauchlan also argued in favor of the report. Rev. J. R. Moore also spoke in favor of the report. Then followed Rev. C. C. Godden in faver of the Arkadelphia College. Rev. C. B. Brinkley added a few words against the report. Rev. J. R. Cason argued earnestly in favor of the report.

President Millar addressed the Conference, feeling that if this Arkadelphia College was endorsed and conferred the same degrees Hendrix College did, then it would be antagonistic to Hendrix College. Rev. S. N. Burns followed with earnest words against the report.

Revs. W. H. Browning and Rev. J. R. Harvey, also spoke in favor of the report.

Rev. Thos. Ware again spoke against the report.

The previous question was ordered and the report was adopted by a decided vote. This being settled, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The most animated debate in this Conference was upon the report of the Board of Education, in reference to accepting the munificent gift of the Arkadelphia Methodist College. The debate lasted about two hours. The opposition, led by Rev. T. H. Ware, claimed there was a moral obligation the Conference owed to Hendrix and Galloway Colleges, which would bar the accepting of this College; that we could not pledge it our support and be loyal to the Galloway and Hendrix.

Rev. John McLauchlan, who championed the cause of the Arkadelphia College, as did also Revs. J. R. Harvey, J. R. Moore, J. R. Cason, C. C. Godden and others in able speeches, argued we could not afford, as a Church, to reject this offer; that, if we did not accept it the Presbyterians would, and Methodism in Southwestern Arkansas would be sand-wiched between the Baptist Ouachita College on one side, and the Presbyterian College on the other; that it was an absolute necessity there, nd the groundswell in favor of Christian education was plain to all, and Methodism must not lose her place in the procession. The vote was fully two-thirds, if not three-fourths, in favor of the Arkadelphia College, and yet these same brethren felt their devotion to Hendrix and Galloway Colleges to be just as dear as ever. Some think the Conference has made a serious mistake, and that there necessarily will be antagonism of Colleges, and thus cause a cloud to come over Hendrix and Galloway Colleges. It is done, and now we shall see what we shall see.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bishop and members of the Little Rock Conference, M. E. Church, South.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on Temperance fraternally recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we renew and re-affirm the oft repeated deliverance of this Conference, and of our General Conference, and in harmony therewith—we declare, "That as a Church, as individual Christians, and as citizens, we are unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic in all of its forms; believing that its manufacture, sale and use is evil and only evil, and that continuously; and is dishonoring to God, and destructive to the bodies, souls and minds of men. That its sale and use, as an intoxicant, causes, encourages, fosters and promotes crime and pauperism, and is inimical to the peace of the community, destructive to the morals of the people, and fiercely assails the best and purest interests of society, and imperils good government—being the cause directly, or as a necessary result, of most of the crimes that must be prosecuted in our courts, thereby demanding additional sums as taxes to keep the courts open to try and punish criminals who were made, bred and developed in and by, the saloon and its adjuncts; and along all the lines it lowers the moral tone of the community, impedes and seeks to defeat the due execution of our laws wherever it is so sold and used, and its manifold and baneful influence is exerted upon and felt by the citizens of this State.

We denounce the stale assertion that "it helps to pay taxes" as false and delusive. A comparison of the expenses of the courts in counties where the saloon is licensed with the expenses of similar courts in the counties where the sale of all liquor is prohibited *demonstrates* its falsity, as all may see if they will but make such a comparison.

2. We earnestly recommend that our people, and we fraternally solicit the co-operation and assistance of all Christians, and all other peace-loving and law-abiding moral citizens, that reside in townships or counties, that voted for license to unite with our noble women in petitions to the county courts of such counties for an order prohibiting the sale of any kind of intoxicants, in any quantity, within three miles of churches and school houses. A compliance with the easy terms and a vigorous execution of this wise law will do much towards the extermination of this monster iniquity.

3. We commend and honor the brave men that enacted our statutes regulating the liquor traffic in this State; and we stand ready to encourage and assist our Legislators in further wise enactments of a similar character at the next session of our legislature. We demand that our officers regard their oaths, and discharge their plain duty, by executing the present laws, and we pledge ourselves to assist them as citizens, in their efforts to punish the violators—and no officer who willfully neglects his duty in the proper execution of our laws is worthy of our support.

4. We rejoice that our Supreme court has so wisely construed these laws, and rejoice that in the recent "Wine Case" the court unveiled and destroyed the favorite haunt of the "blind tiger." We rejoice that under the previous decisions, and this righteous and just decision, hereafter no kind of intoxicating liquors can be sold in any quantity, in a prohibited district or county in this State. God bless our noble judges. We also rejoice that the wise decision of Judge H. C. Caldwell of the U. S. Court, in the recent "original package" case in Iowa, promotes good morals, peace and good government; and we honor him for his judicial wisdom and courage.

5. We request the next legislature to pass a law making the place of delivery the place of sale, thus effectually destroying the abominable jug trade in prohibition districts and counties.

J. M. PINNELL, Ch'man.
W. A. FREEMAN, Sec'ty.
J. R. SANDERS, S. L. WEEKS, J. J. COLSON, S. N. BURNS, } Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. NO. 1.—THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

To the Members of the L. R. Conference, M. E. Church South:—One of the most important of questions in this era of books and periodicals, when thousands of presses are daily multiplying the publications of the country, is, What shall we read? Of one thing your committee is well assured and that is that our Methodist books are not circulated and read as they should be. The cheap and pernicious literature of the day has deluged our country, and it is time for us to seek to counteract the evils which will certainly result.

Next to the preaching of the word, there is no more potent agency for good than the circulation of healthful, religious literature, and we urge upon our preachers and people the importance of patronizing our Publishing House and securing our own publications. Fortunately the Publishing House is now issuing so large a number of fresh and valuable books, that we can most heartily recommend them to our people, and remind them that they can thus keep themselves in touch with the heart of the church as well as of the world.

We have read with great interest a communication from the Publishing house, and the continued success of this important enterprise of the church calls for congratulations. We see that according to this report, the increase in the business of the House over last year is $83,396.22, and the net gain in assets $82,944.28. This is exceedingly gratifying, and we recognize it as due, in a large degree to the efficient administration of Dr. J. D. Barbee, the agent, and Mr. D. M. Smith, assistant agent.

We express our gratitude that the agents have been able, because of this increasing prosperity of the House, to add $5000 to the amount appropriated last year for the benefit of the claimants specified in the sixth restrictive rule of the Discipline, thus making $17,500 the sum set aside for that purpose the present year. The amount coming to this Conference is $418.20.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW.

This valuable publication, under the editorship of Dr. Harrison, is worthy of our highest commendation. It is gratifying to know that it takes rank with the leading Quarterlies of the country, and in ability and scholarship it is second to none. No Methodist preacher can afford to be without it, and it should be in the home of every cultured layman in the land.

THE NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Our connectional organ, with Dr. E. E. Hoss, Editor, and Dr. E. M. Bounds, Assistant Editor, has lost nothing in favor with our people under these new editorial auspices. It is indeed a paper worthy in every way of the great church which it represents, and should reach, during the present quadrennium the hundred thousand subscribers for which the Book Agent calls.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS

fully meet the demands and we are glad to know that they are found in nearly all our Sunday Schools. We commend them most heartily to our people and no Methodist Sunday School can afford to dispense with our own literature or substitute anything else for it.

THE MISSIONARY REPORTER.

While this publication does not in our judgment measure up to the standard which should be reached by the organ of a great missionary church, and while there is abundant room for improvement in it, we commend it to our preachers and people, and hope that an increased circulation will justify some important changes in its conduct. In conclusion your committee recommend the following sesolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice in the increasing prosperity of our Publishing House and recognize the great good which it is accomplishing.

2. We will do all in our power to increase the circulation of Methodist books and periodicals and will endeavor to at least put a Discipline and Hymn book in every Methodist household in the bounds of our Conference and that we will further urge upon our people the value of the Nashville Christian Advocate, as our connectional organ, and as second only in interest to them to our own ARKANSAS METHODIST.

M. B. CHAPMAN, Chm'n.
E. L. BEARD, Sec'tv.

NO. 2. THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Every Methodist Conference should have its own organ and we congratulate the members of this Conference as well as the entire Church in this Seate in having a papaper which so fully meets the demand and is so thoroughly in harmony with our needs. We feel a justifiable pride in the fact that THE ARKANSAS METHODIST takes rank with the best of our Church papers, and that its circulation is extending both at home and abroad. We are gratified to learn through the editor, Rev. Z. T. Bennett, that it is in a much better condition, all things considered than it was a year ago and with a subscription list of 10,000 it is becoming a great power for good throughout the entire State. We note very great improvement in the editorial conduct of the paper during the past year, and it is with pleasure that we learn that arrangements for the coming year contemplate still further improvements in contributions and correspondence. The editor, Rev. Z. T. Bennett, merits our confidence and thanks for his untiring labor and energy, and we rejoice at the success which he has achieved.

We note with pleasure and heartily approve the careful and wise administration of its affairs by the Business Manager, Mr. George Thornburgh, who brought to the paper experience, energy and zeal, and who during the time he has been connected with it has won our confidence and love. With 70,000 Methodists in the State of Arkansas our organ should have a circulation of 20,000, and could have by proper effort on the part of the preachers who are its only authorized agents. Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we continue THE ARKANSAS METHODIST as our Conference organ and hereby heartily pledge our sympathy and co-operation to Bros. Bennett and Thornburgh.

2. We will do all in our power to increse the circulation of THE METHODIST and will try to put a copy in every family in our respective charges.

3. That we recommend the election of Drs. A. Hunter, J. H. Riggin and M. B. Chapman as the Publishing committee from this Conference. M. B. CHAPMAN, Chm'n.
E. L. BEARD, Sec'ty.

NOTICE.

Subscribers to Hendrix College will please hereafter send all moneys to me at Conway, Ark. My post-office has been changed to that place.

Please remember too, brethren, that the money is urgently needed just now.

Yours Very Truly,
V. V. Harlan, Agent.

TO ADVERTISERS.

The circulation of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is fifty per cent larger than that of any other paper, religious or political, published in Arkansas. Advertisers should make a note of this.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1890.

DO YOU WANT THEM? READ AND SEE.

1. For $2.00 from any new or renewing subscriber we will send this paper one year and the Peerless Atlas, Pub.'s price $1.00, advertised on page 2, Oct. 22.

2. For $2.00 from any new or renewing subscriber we will send this paper one year and the Complete Housekeeper, Pub.'s price $1.50, advertised on page 3, Oct. 22.

3. For $2.00 from any new or renewing subscriber we will send this paper one year and the "3 Model Books," Pub.'s price $1.50, liberally advertised in this paper in 1888 and '89. During that time we furnished our subscribers probably 1,000 or more sets of the 3 "Model Books."

4. For $2.50 we will send the paper and Atlas and Housekeeper, or either of them and the "3 Model Books;" or for $3.00 the paper and all the books named.

5. This paper and the Arkansas Weekly Gazette are clubbed at $2 for both papers one year; also this paper and the Arkansas Weekly Democrat will be clubbed at same price.

☞We prefer that subscribers order through their pastors, *who will be allowed the usual commission on all* subscriptions for this paper.

☞These offers are made purely as a *favor* to our patrons, for whom we will cheerfully order other books and papers on the most favorable terms.

LETTER FROM GERMANY.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—Stuttgart is a city with an estimated population of 200,000 souls. It is almost in the extreme southern portion of Germany. It is a very compactly built city pierced by the River Necker; but the stream is accounted very small, even in Germany where the rivers are often the size of a brook in the United States. Wilhelm, the king's summer palace, is located here and he has had very pretty water-falls made in the river. The city has a handsome shopping district of fine and costly buildings. Konig Strasse is the principal street. All the streets are kept uncommonly clean; in the busier parts of the city they are paved with granite, while all the roads are macadamized. Trees have been planted on many of the streets, settees scattered about the town for the way farers, and there are drinking fountains on each block.

The city parks are very much scattered and easily reached from any point of the city on tram ways. The Rulagen, the finest park, contains many beautiful pieces of sculpture. Among one of the finest is that of Duke Eberhard. The story runs that he was at a banquet where his comrades were boasting of their great wealth and broad acres. The duke declared that he was the happiest of men—for all men were his friends. The sculptor has represented him as dying in the arms of a peasant. There are no free schools in Germany. The parish schools are maintained by the various Churches and are well managed. All children are compelled to attend school for a fixed number of years. The only teachers allowed are men, the girls are not allowed to graduate. Wednesday, Saturday afternoon and Sunday are given the children for pleasure. Akin to these schools are the Art schools, Art Galleries, and Museums and Libraries. One of the finest Conservatories in the world is the Stuttgart Conservetory—first started by Lebert and Stark, now under the charge of Pruckner and Dopler with twenty assistant teachers. We have pupils from all parts of the globe. We have here one of the largest music halls in Germany. Two very classical concerts are given each week complimentary to the pupils of the Conservatory. Germany is the land of artistic players, All the concerts are well attended and much appreciated.

The home life of the Germans is very simple, most of the families occupying flats, being very poor. A few own villas. The highest ambition of a German is to be an officer. He receives a mark and a half a day or thirty-five dollars a month, but then he is the leader of society. The women have the burdens of life cast on them it is very common to see a woman pulling a heavy dray of milk or fruit and a man walking by her side. It is said there are five hundred Americans and two hundred English here, some for health, most of them to educate their children. There are two English Churches, one Wesleyan and the other "the Church of England." The Lutheran Churches are the most popular. "Kefts Kirchen", a German Lutheran, is the largest having a membership of several thousand. The building which was erected in 1200, contains the tombs of many of the old dukes and kings. There are no Sunday-schools in Germany. So the German children are denied one of the greatest blessings we Americans enjoy. How thankful we should be for our advantages. Sunday here, is a day of pleasure, and not a day of holy rest; the beer gardens are full, the finest theaters are given. Is not this one reason the Germans are so far behind us? Many kind wishes for the success of THE METHODIST. Your friend,

MAY BLAKENEY.

Stuttgart, Germany, Nov. 1.

A COMMON TRUTH OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD.

"The Methodist Church does not hold to any order in the Christian ministry higher than that of Presbyter." I copy the above from the able essay in the Nashville Christian Advocate of November 15, of Dr. Garland on the Kelly trial. And while it is literally true, it is also just as true that Episcopal Methodism does not hold any *orders* in the ministry of any sort, high or low, except those of its own creating. It knows nothing of traditional, or apostolic, or divine-right orders in the ministry of any kind. It rejects the doctrine sometimes called apostolic succession, not because such transmission of ministerial authority was not authorized or required by a divine law, but for the greater reason that there never was anything to transmit. These two grounds or reasons for rejecting high churchism are very different. On the one hand it is supposed that there was a divine or apostolic law fixing a certain number of ORDERS in the ministry and the disagreement is about the number, high Churchmen holding three and Methodists admitting only two.

But the truth is the one is as faulty as the other. To hold to two traditional "orders" acknowledges the high church principle as readily as to hold to three. The simple truth is that the Bible recognizes an order of ministers distinct from laymen, but knows no orders nor grades of office *in* the ministry other than what naturally arrises out of a necessary or convenient division of labor among the ministers. This is purely an ecclesiastical arrangement. The Bible gives us no direction about it.

The ministry of the gospel among the people spreads over large and diversified countries and neighborhoods, and to supply all to best advantage, requires an economical division of labor—some to do this and some that, and so ministers distribute themselves to best advantage. Experience justifies the wholesome principle of oversight, that is for some to have a general, but not special superintendence over the outside work of a number of others. The oversight is by no means peculiar to the Christian ministry. It is save everywhere in all the economies of life.

The general name of this oversight is Episcopacy. We see it occasionally, but by no means always, in the New Testament times. They used it where, and only where they wanted it, but of course left us no directions about it. How could they? They could not anticpate our circumstances and surroundings.

The Methodists have Episcopacy interwoven into their ministry, certainly not because they see it in use in former ages, but because they prefix it. And as to the number of orders in our ministry, the only law on the subject is "divers orders," that is, an infinite number, as many as needed. To determine just how many we actually have would require a better definition of the very elastic word, order or orders, than is apparent amongst us. Surely we have no law that I know of specifying the difference between order and office, or determing which order or office our Bishops belong to. The terms as we apply them, are nearly, if not quite, synonymous.

The truth is that this whole question of orders, applied to Church officers, all sides of it, is a highchurch myth which has no meaning in Methodist ceremony. We have no rite holding Bishop an office or an order. Literally one term is as proper as the other. The only distinction we know between order and office in the ecclesiastical sense, is, that we apply the word order, generally, to the higher or more permanent offices. But we have no certain number of either offices or orders. That is a work of high churchmen.

Yazoo City, Miss. R. ABBEY.

QUITMAN CIRCUIT.

A Conversion at the First Service.

Yesterday Rev. V. V. Harlan preached a very thoughtful, earnest funeral sermon of Aunt Mary Loven and Rev. S. C. Maddox, at Bethesda Church to a very large and deeply interested congregation. At night I preached the first sermon for the new Conference year. At the conclusion of the sermon I called for mourners, a young man a new convert, went across the room and took the baby from his aunt's arms and she and her husband went to the altar. Soon she was converted and joined the Church. Her husband gave a pledge to continue seeking until he received the blessing. A good beginning this year.

I have been very cordially welcomed back to the circuit. Let every Methodist of Arkansas pray for Quitman circuit this year.

J. S. CLOWER, P. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mary Winfield Powell, born in Little Rock Dec 31, 1852; died in Philadelphia Oct. 31, 1890.

There are events whose future possibility we shrink from contemplating; upon the lonely vistas of whose path we dare not gaze; into the saharah-like depths of whose blight we wish no insight. Pre-eminent of all such woes is the bereavement of our loved ones. To-day, I walk such paths unsoothed by the loved companionship of that friend whose simple presence made those woods seem vocal with a hundred songs. To-day, I gaze across the southland view and never more shall catch the glimpse of that bright form whose footsteps "never more shall lightly follow."

Out of my life has gone a something never to be replaced, a sympathy, a comfort, which I fondly hoped to claim for many trials yet to come.

How little did I think when with childish arms I carried her, that she should solace, strengtnen me, and I should live to mourn her death!

Thoughtful and careful of the feelings of others, ever in her childhood, these inborn qualities were strengthened by increasing years. The careful nurture of the Christian parents served but to strengthen what was already strong and uproot what might have harmed. Gifted with a fine intellect, she won high place in academic halls and never ceased to cultivate her mind as well as soul.

As daughter, sister, wife, and mother, never have I seen her excelled and those now left behind will bear the impress of her loving ministry till at the heavenly portals they shall meet again.

"She was the inspiration of my life," the only brother said, and if they could now realize her work, each child would say the same.

When I bade her adieu a few, short months ago, I never thought of losing her, that weeks, and months, and may be years should pass, and I should never speak to her again. I looked for the cooling breeze of the ocean to cool the fevered touch which seemed to bear so lightly on my sympathetic palm. Anxions about her friend, she gave no sign of her own, hidden, never-ceasing pain. Martyr like, her brow was wreathed with smiles, and words of comfort for my anxious fears, were all that passed her lips. Why did not some loving spirit whisper a word of warning, some presage that of our final parting?

The past is past with all its possibilities gone. Now that her friends are left lamenting, desolate, what shall we do? Why, imitate her loving words and deeds, her sympathy—for all who needed it, her patient bearing of the cross of pain and weakness. Be better for her life, her example! Thank God, that for all future time, nor pain, nor grief, nor lassitude shall ever mar the angelic peace of her heavenly home! Thank God, that she has met that loved one for whose presence and sympathy—she hungered and thirsted sore. I know she is among the triumphant throng who have washed their garments white in the blood of the Lamb. I know among the angelic choir there are none will sing more heart-felt praise to God, nor among that heavenly choir no hands more worthy of the palm and harp.

She then shall be *the* "inspiration" of *our* lives. To her we'll raise a monument of wortny thoughts and deeds, nor ever cease to love her. nor ever cease to thank our God we knew her, and ever pray that we may meet her, where partings are no more.

"Sometime, when all life's lessons have
been learned,
And suns and stars forevermore have
set,
The things which our weak judgements
here have spurned,
The things o'er which we grieved with
lashes wet,
Will flash before us, out of life's dark
night,
As stars shine most in deeper tints of
blue;
And we shall see how all God's plans were
right,
And how what seemed reproof was love
most true.

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath
Is not the sweetest gift God sends his
friend;
And that sometimes the sable pall of
death
Consceals the finest boon His love can
send.
If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and
strife,
And for each mystery could find a
key.

But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart!
God's plans, like lilies pure and white
unfold;
We must not tear the close—shut leaves
apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if through patient toil we reach the
land,
Where tired feet with sandals loose may
rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand
I think that we will say: God knew the
best."

MYRA VAUGHAN.

Little Rock, Nov. 29.

BENTON STATION.—Many of the members and friends at Benton have been very thoughtful and kind and have endeared themselves very much both, to the pastor and to the P. E. and their families. Among many other good things which they have done, they came (quite a crowd) on Monday evening last, to the pastor's and on Wednesday evening to the P. E.'s home, with generous complimentary donations. These are highly appreciated for their money value, and are valued above money, because of the sentiments they express. These people are in the habit of doing such things. My collections will be full; except the salaries.

A. T. GALLOWAY.

Benton, Nov. 30.

DEATH FROM DIPTHERIA.

Norman, the little, promising, dutiful and bright boy of Dr. Thos. G. and Mollie Brewer of Pecan Point, Mississippi county. Ark., passed quietly and gently away through the gateway of death to light and life. This is the fifth little one of our grief burdened community which death has claimed and borne away from loving hearts and cheerful homes to the deathless abode of our God. For a month death has been walking into the homes and hearts of our citizens with his keen blade—diptheria, and has mown down the little tender plants. He came to the home of little Norman, possibly in the wearing apparel of his heroic father, who was giving his best time and talent trying to save from the cold hands' grasp the children of his patrons. Then the battle began at home. He solicited counsel from that prompt and able physician H. C. Dunavant of Osceola, but alas, alas! Death would not depart till today 12th, 11 a. m. and going he took his little victim from mother's arms and bore him away to that land where tears never fall, and death never enters. If the angels know what transpires on earth and they ever weep, they did so when Bro. and Sister Brewer bowed with broken hearts and tearful eyes over the dying form of their baby boy, their only child. He was only five, but during these short years he had by his loving, tender and manly little ways grown into the hearts of all who knew him. His faithful dog "Bebe" stood at the door, then at the window, with piteous cries, begging for a few moments with his suffering little master; and when admitted would go direct to his dying little friend and with drooped and fallen ears and sad looking eyes, seem to say, "Can I do anything for you?"

Ah! another little grave, another sweet little name dropped from the Sunday-school roll. He has "entered at the straight gate." Toys must all be laid aside—no more little pants to mend; no more little stockings to darn—no more little boots to clean and polish—no more little foot-falls on the floor—no more little pains to be cured by the magic kiss of mother—no more little lips to say, "Papa, we both love mama ze bes." Personally, in the death of this little one and others, I have lost a friend. One thing I think I can claim, without doubt or arrogance, the love and friendship of the children. Preaching ability I claim not; pray and sing nothing above the average, but thank God, when the well are sick, the sick are dying, the dying are dead, and the dead are to be buried, I can go and "weep with those that weep," and point them to Jesus and the resurrection. Glory be to his matchless name! The little ones are all safe in His everlasting arms.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

TRAVELING EVANGELISTS.

EDITOR METHODIST:—At the risk of offending some of these self-constituted Evangelists, who are going from place to place, trying to mimic the Rev. Sam Jones, I venture the following, as my individual observation and opinion concerning them, and I do so simply from the fact that I believe our Church has suffered in many cases, and our people have been imposed upon a great many times by men of that class. They take the advantage of the well known hospitality of our preachers and offer to conduct a revival meeting for them. Not forgetting to state that they are not preaching for money. No no, they just simply want to preach. All this seems very nice, and without any further ceremony they are invited to accept the hospitality of one of the best families in town.

They are then ready for business, and proceed to take charge of pulpit, preacher and people, they put on an air of importance and assume more authority than a Bishop would under the same circumstances. He then tells what *he* thinks of the Universe, and things in general, and that some people think so and so, but of course they are all wrong, I am the one for you to hear and believe.

The next thing in order is to inform the ministers that they are all failures because they do not preach with the power; but the congregation must understand that he is the possessor of the power and that he proposes to demonstrate the fact.

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Next he asserts that preachers and people are all going to perdition for want of "power" in the ministry, and on account of dissentions, quarreling, backbiting and all sorts of wickedness among the Church members. A nice state of things it invites non-professors to participate in, isn't it.

The above picture is not over-drawn for our Church at Beebe has lately been afflicted with just such proceedings. May the Lord protect us, and all Churches from the like in the future, and believing that the Lord work through human agencies, I am in favor of our preachers assisting in the matter by filling their pulpits themselves, unless they are positively certain that they are taking no risk in surrendering them. Respectfully

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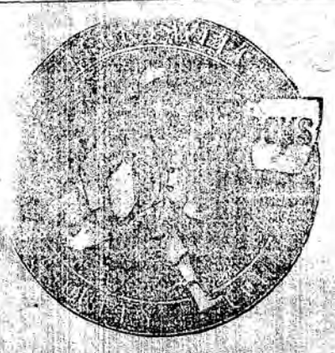

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Prayer for direction, action and result should be made by every member of the Conference.

AN ITINERANT.

CONVENTION OF COUNTY-EXAMINERS.

The following circular letter has been addressed to the County Examiners of this State:

DEAR SIR:—The Statutes of Arkansas make it obligatory upon this office to furnish suitable questions to the various County Examiners for the examination of teachers. The same authority requires the County Examiners to hold quarterly examinations in each county of the State for the purpose of ascertaining the qualifications of such teachers as may desire to teach in the public schools of the country.

Now, it is obvious, that if different times be selected by the County Examiners for holding these examinations, that dishonest and non-meritorious applicants may attend upon the examinations in a county adjoining the county of their residence, obtain the questions, and afterwards pass a successful examination at home. It may be that this practice does not prevail to an alarming degree, but it is nevertheless our duty as officers of the State to endeavor by all legitimate means to protect honest teachers, and the children of each district in the State. To do this four different sets of questions should be prepared by the Superintendent annually, and the County Examiners should by common consent meet at the same time. It appears to me that there should be no objection upon the part of any Examiner to the holding of these quarterly examinations at a uniform time to be agreed upon by a majority of the Examiners of the State. To discuss this question and others of an important nature, I invite you to be present at Little Rock on December 18, 1890, at my office, at 10 o'clock. If you can not come, will you by letter addressed to this department indicate, (1) whether you will agree to hold your quarterly examinations on such days as may be agreed upon by a majority of the County Examiners of the State, and (2) what day in each quarter will suit you best? I shall be pleased to have suggestions from you upon other matters pertaining to your official relation.

Hoping that something of practical utility may be reached by this meeting, I remain,

Very truly yours,
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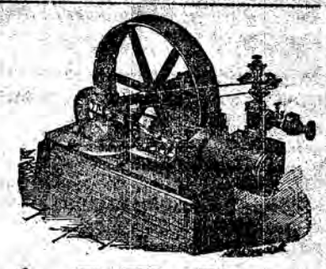

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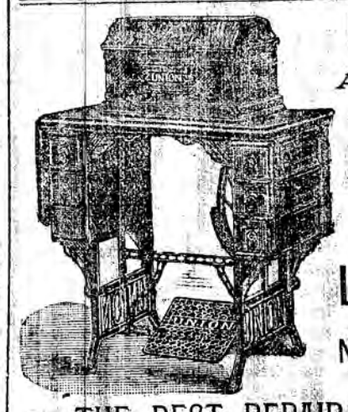

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Rev. Z. T. BENNETT, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1890

GALLOWAY FEMALE COLLEGE.

Will the friends who have subscribed to pay the debt on Galloway Female College please send at once, the amounts now due. The mortgage on the building is $12,000 and MUST BE PAID. Let no one suppose, that because his or her subscription to this enterprise is only a small amount, that it is not needed; unless every dollar now due be paid we cannot meet the obligation, and the Church must suffer great loss.

We will allow 10 per ct. discount on all subscriptions not yet due, and most urgently request that all subscriptions be paid at once.

Please send money in bank drafts or post-office money orders, to Searcy, Ark. God will bless you for the aid which you have given or may give to this great institution of our beloved Methodism in Arkansas.

Yours Truly,
F. A. Jeffett, Agt.

Searcy, Ark., Dec. 8.

Bro. Jeffett has not by any means overstated the urgency of the demand for payment of subscriptions to Galloway Female College. On reliable information we feel justified in saying, that in the present, painful exigency the payment of any subscription, large or small, may be worth manifold more *now* than even one year later. Any who may put themselves to inconvenience now to pay amounts they promised cheerfully and in good faith, may later feel much satisfaction in the knowledge of having rendered timely assistance in removing the incubus of debt from Galloway College. Then our Church in this State may hopefully rejoice in the strong assurance of the extended and increasing usefulness of this grand institution, as we now congratulate its management and supporters upon its short history of unprecedented success. The debt on this college can and should be paid, and so nearly paid now, that the balance can be easily and safely provided for. We truly wish responses to Bro. Jeffett's call may be so prompt and liberal as to gladden the hearts of 70,000 Methodists and all lovers of female education in its higher aspects and under Christian auspices.

From information in the Texas Advocate we fear the North Texas Conference has suffered probably heavy loss by the recent failure of the First National Bank of Texarkana, from which exchange was bought by the treasurer of the Mission Board and other members of the Conference.

Our readers will be interested in the vigorous and elaborate Temperance report (on page 1) adopted by the Little Rock Conference. While there was some difference of opinion and consequent discussion as to the propriety of certain phraseology, the Conference heartily expressed the prevailing sentiment of its membership in the strong deliverance made. During the past few years the supporters of the Temperance movement in this State have been greatly perplexed in mind and outraged in feeling by the evasions and violations of existing laws for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, but they rejoice in what they now esteem the dawn of a brighter era in the cause of Temperance.

The previous and strong endorsement of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST by its three patronizing Conferences, and the very hearty renewal and emphasis of approval by the last sessions of the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, call for grateful acknowledgements from its Editor Business Manager. The numerous and very gratifying assurances of appreciation from our patrons generally are very encouraging, and we sincerely hope to merit the favor and co-operation of all our preachers and godly laymen, by constant labor, strict fidelity to our trust and uniform courtesy to all patrons corresponding with our office. Our chief aspiration is to do good and honor God in the service of our Church, and personally we desire no higher commendation than that it may truly be said of each, 'He has done the best he could.'

THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Last week we greatly enjoyed the privilege and pleasure of spending three days in attendance upon the Little Rock Conference in session in the prosperous and cultured town of Monticello. We arrived there Tuesday night in a large company of persons, who were so promptly "ticketed" and conveyed in hacks from the depot to homes extending generous welcome, as to show the commendable plans and foresight of our pastor, Rev. E. N. Evans, and his excellent assistants in receiving their honored guests.

After the opening exercises and a hearty congratulatory address by Bishop O. P Fitzgerald Wednesday morning, most of the clerical members answered at roll call, but to our surprise the attendance of lay delegates was unusually small. As was naturally expected the model Secretary, Rev. J. R. Moore, was unanimously re-elected, and upon his nomination Bro. J. H. Shoppach and Rev. R. N. Ross were respectively elected Assistant and Statistical Secretaries, positions for which they have excellent tact and qualification. Then began the routine business of the Conference reported liberally on our first page up to Saturday night, by our esteemed brother and a former newspaper man, Rev. J. R. Sanders.

The Conference sessions were held in our new, commodious church, beautiful and modern in design, with very comfortable pews, and three ante-rooms conveniently occupied by Conference Boards and others making settlements with the preachers during the Conference hours. The weather for three days was really delightful, the preachers in splendid health and as cheerful as any ecclesiastical assembly we ever saw, and the Monticellonians by their cordial greetings and fraternal hospitalities made the occasion notably auspicious. Revs. H. D. McKinnon, P. E., and E. N. Evans, P. C., were constant in courteous attentions to their guests, who soon felt much at home.

Among the visitors present and having important interests to present, were Rev. Drs. W. H. Potter, David Morton, J. D. Barbee and W. H. Vernor; Revs. V. V. Harian and F. A. Jeffett, Agents respectively for Hendrix and Galloway Colleges, and Profs. A. C. Millar, S. H. Babcock, G. C. Jones and J. D. Clary, Presidents respectively of Hendrix, Galloway and Arkadelphia Colleges and the L. R. Conference Training School. Drs. Potter and Morton represented the causes of Missions and Church Extension with great success as reported on our first page, and we feel sure each was delighted with his visit to this Conference, as was also Dr. Barbee who is quite popular in the three Conferences of this State.

Our business for this paper kept us so constantly employed, that we could not hear as much as we desired of the reports of the preachers, but we understand they showed substantial progress generally in the spiritual and material interests of the Church. In some charges collections fell below the usual expectation, because of crop failures; but generally the preachers of the Little Rock Conference are quite successful in raising the Conference collections, and they also receive more per capita for ministerial support than the average in either of the other two Conferences in this State. In more than one particular this is the leading Conference in Arkansas, in some respects comparing very favorably with the best in the Connection, and its prospects brighten as the years go by. With wise leaders, loyal, consecrated preachers and conservative, godly laymen, its deliberations are usually harmonious and its plans judicious and effective. Just now we are inclined to write of preachers and laymen by name, but we must forbear.

It is due Monticello to give wider circulation to the following facts recently published in the Arkansas Press:

Monticello, the county seat of Drew county, is a town of 2,000 population, having increased 25 per cent in this respect within the last five years. Years ago, in the fifties, Monticello had a "boom," but, like other southern towns, the civil war stopped its growth and set it back on the calendar of progress. As the country gradually recovered from the effects of this ruinous struggle, however, Monticello regained its lost prosperity, and grew in commercial importance, keeping pace with the country surrounding it, until now it is one of the best towns, in a business sense, in the State.

The growth of Monticello, since 1880, has been gradual, steady and continuous, lacking in speculative activity but characterized by firmness and solidity. It may be said without exaggeration that, size taken into consideration, there are more men of wealth—wealth acquired right at home—in Monticello than in any other city in Arkansas. It is no infrequent thing for the Bank of Monticello to carry deposits of nearly $300,000, and this represents but a fraction of the idle capital held in the community.

Monticello's annual receipts of cotton will average 15,000 bales, and the average amount of business transacted during the year by its merchants will not fall much short of $1,000,000. At present the trade interests of the place are represented by forty-five dealers in merchandise of every description, besides which there are two hotels, three blacksmiths, two woodworkmen and three contractors doing business there. A large, neat and lively newspaper the Monticellonian, published by J. R. Cotham, is another institution which adds to the importance of the town and is a potent factor in its development.

Monticello is provided with excellent free schools for both white and black, which are open nine months in the twelve, and are supported by a five mill tax. The school for white children is a two-story six-room structure, costing about $2,000, situated in the northern portion of the city, and surrounded by ample and beautiful grounds. The average attendance for the year was 350. It has been successfully conducted by the following corps of teachers: J. H. Hineman, principal; Prof. Rankin, Miss Henry Williamson and Mesdames Mengesheimer and McIntyre assistants.

A short time since active steps were taken to put into execution an educatianal project which has long been discussed by Monticellonians—the establishment of a college. The necessary amount, $7,500, was raised at a public meeting, thirteen acres of land were purchased in the southern portion of the city, and plans for a building were obtained from an architect. Work is now in progress on the proposed building. The college will be conducted by an able faculty presided over by Prof. Hineman, whose career as an educator is one continuous story of success, and whose ability and qualifications are recognized wherever his work in his chosen profession has been done. This new institution will be christened Hineman College in honor of its president, and will afford every opportunity for the acquisition of a higher education in all its branches.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Two years ago Rev. Sam. Jones closed a meeting here by raising a subscription of fifteen to twenty thousand dollars to purchase the largest hall in the city for religious services for the masses. The trustees representing the various religious denominations and philanthropists concluded to build an immense tabernacle capable of seating ten or twelve thousand people. Magnificent foundations were laid, the floor and seats secured and a canvass covering. When he came last May and held his third meeting in the city, he secured pledges for several thouaand dollars to continue the building.

Now the trustees call upon Dr. D. C. Kelley to complete the tabernacle. He accepts on conditions. All he does is with the distinct understanding that he continues loyal to his own Church. A hall is to be secured for him to have a "Sabbath Afternoon Bible Study," for the benefit of non-church goers, where a short lecture will be given upon the Sunday School lesson for the day followed by a general discussion. All questions to be germane to the lesson and all who take part to be believers in the truth of the Bible." He suggests that while the tabernacle be used chiefly for religious service, yet the general interests of the city demand a great auditorium where scientific, literary, agricultural, educational and other State and national meetings may find ample room for their accommodation.

Bro. Hawley or I will post your readers on the progress of "the Bible Study." Some years ago Dr. Kelley delivered a course of Sunday Afternoon Lectures to non-church goers at a theatre in the city, which were well attended. Then he told me his desire to give his time to that class in the city. So soon as the action in his case was taken at Pulaski, I thought now he will return to his old place of city work for the masses.

Three of the four Methodists on the Tabernacle Board of Trustees are noted for their wealth and liberality; one of them gives as much as ten thousand dollars a year for church purposes. I did not dream when I saw an item in the Nashville Advocate recently, that for a reason he might not give so liberally to our Church as heretofore, that he and others were thinking of Dr. Kelley to complete the tabernacle. Neither did Dr. Hoss I presume.

Dr. Steel, Bros. Travis and Hawley wrote you of our trial and trouble at Conference. Much has been written to various church papers by members of the committees and the 25 *noes*, on the subject. I have been looking over the church papers for six weeks to find a line from one of the "116 *ayes*." Outside of the Nashville Advocate I have not seen or heard of a word from one of them. Why? Will you allow one paragraph from an old preacher who believes in the honesty, sincerity and love of both parties for the Church and the executors of the law?

I asked a superannuated D. D. as widely known as any member of our Conference and the first named on the trial committee, "Why did you vote *aye?*" His reply was, "*The severity of the penalty of the law.*" Dr. Green sent into the committee a paper for the Conference to adopt, condemning strongly all preachers who enter "*partisan politics.*" Rev. Walker Lewis, who was a leader among the "*noes*," sent in a similar paper, which Dr. Kelley and his friends said they were willing for the Conference to adopt. Had either of these papers come before the Conference, we could have heartily adopted sentiments censuring all who attempt to drag the Church into party politics. I am sure that I cannot name five members of the Tennessee Conference who claim to be either *Third Party* men or *anti-Prohibitionists*. If there are two men in the Conference who approve of preachers being candidates for political office, I have never heard them confess it or anybody tell them so.

If I mistake not our Conference this year unanimously adopted a report on Temperance declaring that "it is a sin to license the liquor traffic by law," and that "we believe the only effective method to suppress the infamous traffic is by State and National legislation." And yet we are not a *Third Party* Conference. We want no entangling alliances with any party. We are for Christ, the Church and the salvation of souls. But we desire peace, harmony and good will among ourselves. Now please give this a place in your paper and set the old Tennessee Conference right in Arkansas, and I will see the editor of The Issue and ask him to set the Arkansas Conference right in Tennessee.

S. M. CHERRY.

Near Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 5.

While we cheerfully publish Bro. Cherry's letter, we hope he does not think this paper has editorially or in its correspondence misrepresented the Tennessee Conference in the Kelley case. So far we believe only three other correspondents have written (each briefly) about that case, and while they approved Bishop Hargrove's presidency of the Conference in that case, they did not in our opinion write unkindly or bitterly of the large number opposing the Bishop's rulings. Since reading the proceedings, we do not think, that under all the circumstances Dr. Kelley should have been denied a hearing in the open Conference, or that his case should have been referred to a Committee of Investigation, unless so requested by a respectable number of discreet and conservative members *after* hearing his statement in his own behalf. Later we may discuss the legal side of the case, as we understand it.

But now we respectfully demur against Bro. C's implication of any analogy whatever in the proceedings of the respective Conferences in the Kelly and Birmingham cases. Further, we earnestly protest against the mere intimation, that this paper would be even unfair to the Tennessee Conference, as The Issue was unjust in its slanderous editorial against the Arkansas Conference. If our esteemed correspondent, Bro. Cherry, has influence enough over The Issue to secure a retraction of its gross slander, we heartily wish he could and would put an end to its unwise course, a consummation to be desired in the name of Prohibition and our common Christianity.

THE CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

At the late session of the Arkansas Conference Rev. James A. Anderson represented the preachers and members generally of the Fort Smith District as pleased with and in favor of continuing the plan for raising the Conference collections, recommended by him at the beginning of the year in the following circular.

To every member of the M. E. Church, South, in the bounds of the Ft. Smith District, greeting:

In the providence of God I have been assigned to your District. I accept the appointment in the spirit of loyalty, and I trust also in the spirit of devotion to the Master's cause.

We need a reform in our method of collecting money. We have a plan to offer which will place the collections where they ought to be, upon the Christian conscience of each individual. The method of public collections is often an appeal to pride. Moreover, it has in it an element of compulsion, the tendency of which is not to educate the conscience, but to blunt it. We have a plan to offer which we believe will accomplish the best results if only preachers and people will give it faithful and prompt attention. I beg that it be done. Let us remember two things: 1st. Too few of our people give regularly to our various benevolences. 2nd. Our method of collecting from those who do give is too slow and harassing both to preachers and people.

We submit below a plan at once simple and comprehensive, and which is intended to secure a contribution for each claim from every member of the Church in this District. If we mean to be true to our own solemn vows it is not optional with any of us whether we will support these institutions or not. We have each and all promised solemnly to do so. When you have read again your vow, and prayed over it, we are perfectly willing to rest the matter upon your conscience. Our people are not illiberal. Here is a statement and apportionment of the collections:

	Ministerial Education.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Church Extension.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.
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These sums are small indeed, when we consider that the "Master hath need" of them. They represent about our only gifts to the cause of our dear Redeemer. What we put into a local church enterprise is not given, it is invested simply. We just as much need a house in which to worship as we do a house in which to live; what you put into it, you have not given, you have invested it, and it is still yours and your children's. What you pay your preacher is not given; you get a full equivalent in the service which he renders you. You do not begin to give till you come to the benevolences of the Church.

On stations let us make some Sunday in January "collection day," and on that day let every member of the Church in such charges return this circular to the Steward having charge of the collections with the amount asked. On circuits let the preacher see that every member of his charge receives this circular before the last of January, and let the same be returned with the money before the last of February. We will then be done with the whole matter for the year. Praying that the blessings of God may abound unto you all, I am your servant in Christ,

JAS. A. ANDERSON.

As your pastor I favor most heartily this movement and earnestly request that you return your contribution by ..... I have a complete list of all the circulars sent out with the amounts asked, and shall be glad to enter your credit at that time.

....., Pastor.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The first Conference of delegates from all of the Methodist Churches in the world was held in London, in September, 1881. Before the adjournment of that body, it was resolved to hold a similar meeting in the United States in 191. Pursuant to this action, the General Conferences of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches meeting in New York in May, 1788, and St. Louis in May 1890, appointed Committees of Arrangements for the forth-coming Conference in 1891.

The General Committe, consisting of representatives of all the Methodist Churches in North America, was called to meet in Philadelphia on Nov. 19, 1890. The Methodist Episcopal Church and the M. E. Church, South, the Methodist Church Canada, the three Colored Methodist Churches, and the Evangelical Association, were represented by Commissioners. Bishops Hargrove and Hendrix, Drs. Harrison and Whisner, from the M. E. Church, South, were present.

Bishop Foss, of the M. E. Church was elected President of the Commission, and Bishop Hargrove, vice President. A Committee on Location was appointed, and nominations for the place of meeting were called for. Nashville, Tenn., was the only city that gave an unconditional invitation to the Conference.

After a careful examination of all the conditions and requirements of the occasion, the city of Washington D. C., was selected for the place of meeting of the Second Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, and Oct. 21, 1891, was appointed as the time for the opening of the sessions.

The Commission was influenced chiefly by the desire of the British delegates, who were indisposed to come into the interior of the country. The capital of the nation, centrally located, and not far from the seacoast, Washington City possesses peculiar advantages for such a meeting.

By arrangement with the British Committee, it was agreed to limit the number of delegates to five hundred, of which number the Eastern section composed of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australasia, were allowed 200, and the Western section, the United State and Canada, 300 delegates. The apportionment of delegates to each Church having been made, approximately, by the authorities of the M E. Church, a Committee on Appointment was appointed to revise and arrange the matter on an equitable basis. Bishop Hurst and Dr. Monroe, of the M. E. Church, and Dr. W. P. Harrison were appointed upon this Committee.

An Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of nineteen members, four of whom are from the M. E. Church, South. Bishop Granbery, Dr. W. P. Harrison, Dr. P. H. Whisner and E. B. Prettyman, Esq., of Baltimore, are the members of the ExecutiveCommittee from the South. A Finance Committee, also consisting of nineteen members, was appointed. Col. E. W. Cole, of Nashville; Jesse B. Wilson, Esq., of Washington City; John P. Branch, Esq., of Richmond, Va.; and Julian Carr, Esq., of Durham, N. C., are the members of this committee from the South. The General Committee passed a resolution conferring upon the Executive Committee all the powers possessed by the General Committee, so that the smaller body may take any step necessary to perfect the arrangements for the Conference.

The Executive Committee appointed a Committee on Programme and Correspondence, whose work involves the entire arrangement of subjects to be considered, and speakers to be appointed. On this Committee Bishop John C. Granbery and Dr. W. P. Harrison were appointed from the Southern Methodist Church.

A Guarantee Fund of $15,000 is to be raised to pay for the entertainment of the foreign delegates, and for the necessary expenses of the various Committees required. Of this amount each Church is expected to raise the share indicated by the number of delegates to which it may be entitled. The M. E. Church, South, is requested to raise $5,000 for these purposes. The North Alabama Conference, at its recent session in Birmingham, Ala., resolved to collect $200, and to forward this sum immediately to Barbee & Smith, Book Agents, at Nashville.

I have been requested to place this matter before the Church at large, and as the Conference sessions are nearly all over, it will be necessary to communicate directly with the presiding elders. I will be greatly obliged if the post-offices of the presiding elders can be furnished to me within the next three weeks. The time is short, and it is due to our Church that we should be adequately represented in this great enterprise.

The Programme Committee meets in New York on Dec. 5, 1890, and as Bishop Granbery cannot attend, I am compelled to be present at this important meeting. The Committee instructed me to state that the Bishops of the M. E. Church, South, are expected to furnish this Committee with a list of the delegates from our Church by Jan. 1, 1891. The programme cannot be arranged until the members of the Conference are known. Canada and the M. E. Church have appointed their delegates, and the other Churches are requested to do so at the earliest moment practicable.

These are only a few items that occur to me, and as matters of information, I give them to the readers of the Advocate. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will show an increase of 40 per cent. over the membership of 1881, and in all respects we may be devoutly thankful for the divine blessings conferred upon us.

W. P. HARRISON,
Member Ex. Com.

—Nashville Advocate.

STATE TREASURER WOODRUFF.

As a statement was telegraphed to several papers, that Maj. W. E. Woodruff, State Treasurer, was short in his accounts by $67,000, and was so reported to his bondsmen, we copy part of his card on the subject from the Arkansas Gazette:

I have never been present at any meeting of my bondsmen, and have never made a statement to them or any one else that I am $67,000 or any other amount "short." On the contrary, I am confident of being able to turn over to my successor in office every dollar and every cent charged against me on the books of the Auditor, and being mustered out at the end of my term the recipient of an honorable discharge. I court a full and fair investigation of my affairs at the hands of the Legislature, and have not the slightest fear of the result. The various funds receivable at the Treasury are numerous in kind and large in amount—nearly $5,000,000—carrying interest to a large figure, and my time will be fully occupied in verifying them until the end of this month.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

Applicants for Admission on Trial will meet the committee at the Methodist church in Marianna, Tuesday morning Dec. 16, at 9 o'clock. Let all be on time.

By order the Committee,
J. C. RITTER.

The Committee of Third year will meet at the office of McColloch & McColloch, Tuesday morning Dec. 16, at 9 o'clok. Let all members of the Class report promptly.

E. M. PIPKIN.

The Class and members of the First Year, White River Conference, will meet at the Methodist Church in Marianna Dec. 16th, at 9 o'clock a. m.

W. W. ANDERSON.
Ch'm'n Com.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1890

PERSONALS.

Rev. W. N. Corbett of Barrettsville, one of our faithful young local preacher, called Thursday.

Bro. Burns writes in a business letter, that he is at Van Buren and everything starts off well.

Rev. J. C. Carter, of N. W. Texas Conference has been appointed to Martin Gap C't, and his P. O. is Fairy, Texas.

Judge W. C. Ratcliffe of this city returned from Monticello Monday, arriving here after 7 p. m. He thought it doubtful about the Conference adjourning Monday night even at a late hour.

Rev. Wm. D. Matthews of Jonesboro is visiting the North Miss. Conference this week. He was formerly a member of that Conference, and through him we extend fraternal greetings to the brethren of that body.

Rev. John P. Lowry's labors were greatly blessed in the recent meeting at Searcy, which resulted in about 90 conversions and 50 accessions to our Church. We have expected a promised report from Bro. Jewell for this issue.

JULES VERNE,

whose Stories of Adventure are dear to the hearts of boys the world over, has now written the True Story of his Own Boyhood for *The Youth's Companion*. In it he tells how he became an author.

SPECIAL AND SUNDRY

Read Rev. V. V. Harlan's notice on page 1.

Bro. W. D. Matthews, P. C. of Jonesboro, in a private note says: "Finances up in full."

As we give precedence to Conference proceedings, it is necesary to delay the publication of some accepted matter now on hand.

On this page we give from Revs. R. S. Deener and W. D. Kelley letters of interest to all, who expect to attend the White River Conference.

We have the name of a splendid location in Texas for a good physician (single or married), who is a Methodist, and who may desire to remove to Texas.

As we do not have time to read the local papers in our State, especially during the Conference season, we would be pleased to receive marked copies of such papers as make kindly mention of our traveling preachers.

The printed subscription dates of subscribers, who have paid since the middle of November, have not yet been "moved up," but will be soon. Numerous changes in post-offices and entering new names must be attended to first.

While attending the Conference at Monticello last week, our home was at the Dozier House, where we had very comfortable accommodation, good fare and courteous attention. After this month Mr. Dozier expects to give up the rented house he now keeps, and desires to secure a good hotel elsewhere. We mention this fact as an item of probable interest to others as well as to Mr. Dozier and his pleasant family, to whom we feel indebted for kind consideration.

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Black mare pony about fourteen and one-half hands high, 8 or 9 years old, sheared mane, peculiar nose, on the Roman order. Any information leading to her recovery will be liberally rewarded.

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ROME IN CANADA.

Many things have lately drawn attention to the spirit, plans, and power of Romanism in Canada. One is the remarkable revival of monasticism within a few years. An article in the Times, of this city, gathers many scattered facts together. Of course, most of its manifestations are in the Province of Quebec, where, as we have said once or twice, the traveler may see France as it was in the Middle Ages more nearly than in the old country. The property of the Trappists, Sulipcians, Carthusians, and Jesuits already acquired is very large.

The Trappists driven from France by the Ferry laws in 1882, arriving poor, received a grant of one thousand acres, and have already spent $50,000 on a monastery. Their lives are devoted to farming and praying, and their food is vegetables and soup. They rise at 2 a. m. on ordinary days, and 1 a. m. on Sundays, and after two hours or more in prayer take to the fields. Their breakfast is at 5 a. m., dinner at 11:30. From 12 to 1:30 they sleep, from 1:30 to 2 they pray, then work till 5, and after bread and water pray till 8 and go to bed. To outsiders they may not speak; to their brethren but when necessary; while working in the fields only by signs.

Their industry commands respect; they are harmless, but the whole business is Pagan; its being countenanced by Rome shows how fast anchored the infallible Church is to ancient superstitions.

Protestant monkhoods merit only contempt, being but monkeyish imitations of Rome.—N. Y. Advocate.

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CARL LUMHOLTZ,

the Celebrated Explorer, tells of his Extraordinary Adventures in the wilds of Australia in several articles which he has written for *The Youth's Companion*.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—We have homes for everybody that will come to our Conference. Our people will do nobly and you must come expecting to have a good time. Judge H. N. Hutton will deliver the addres of welcome to be responded to by Rev. W. F. Wilson and others. The address will be delivered Tuesday night, the 16th, and we always expect something fine from Judge Hutton.

Yours,
R. S. DEENER.

Marianna, Dec. 5.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—I desire to say to any members of the WhiteRiver Conference (to convene in Marianna, Dec. 17,) who will change cars at this place, that the schedule time for trains going East on M. & L. R. R., is 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. From this it will be seen that those arriving at 6 p. m., must spend the night here and leave over the I. M. next day at 11 a. m. I will leave for Conference on Tuesday, but if any who contemplate spending the night, will drop me a postal card to that effect, I will see that they are cared for free of charge.

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Quarterly Meetings.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—F. S. H. Johnston P. E. 1st round, Rogers sta. Nov. 29, 30; Springdale Dec. 6, 7; Elm Springs c't at Elm Springs 13, 14; Robinson c't at Robinson 14, 15; Bloomfield c't at Springtown 20, 21; Center Point c't at Oakley chapel 27, 28; Bentonville sta. 28 29; Fayetteville sta. Jan. 3, 4; White River mis. at Dowels 4, 5; Bentonville c't at Brightwater 10, 11; Prairie Grove c't at Prairie Grove 17, 18; Wedington c't at Rheas Mills 18, 19; Boonsboro c't at White Rock 24, 25.

The District stewards will meet at Springdale, Tuesday Dec. 9. Preachers of the Dist. are requested to be present.

FORT SMITH DIST.—Jas. A Anderson P. E. Fort Smith 1st church Dec 8, 3 p. m.; Fort Smith, Central church 8, 7 p. m.; Greenwood c't 12, 2 p. m.; Fort Smith c't 13, 14; Hackett City 16, 2 p. m.; Sugar Loaf c't 17, 2 p. m.; Mansfield c't 18, 2 p. m.; Booneville 20, 21; Sugar Grove 22, 2 p. m.; Paris sta. 23, 7 p. m.; Waldron c't 27, 28; Cauthron c't 29, 2 p. M.; Roseville mis. Jan. 1, 2 p. m.; Charleston c't 3, 4.

The District stewards will meet in Greenwood Dec. 11, at 10 a. m.

EUREKA SPRINGS DIST.—A. H. Williams P. E. First round. Huntsville ct Dec. 13, 14; Clifta mis. 20, 21; Goshen ct, 28, 29; Carrolton ct, Jan. 3, 4; Kings River mis. 10, 11; Berryville ct, 17 18; Kingston mis. 24, 25; St Paul ct, 31, Feb. 1; Cassville mis. 4, 5; Jasper mis. 7, 8; Eureka Springs sta. 14, 15.

The District stewards named in part below, will please meet at Huntsville Dec. 13, at 3 p. m. B. T. McCurry, J. W. Oxford, Thos, Cruch, J. E. Bretz, T. E. Reding, Geo. G. Jackson, Charles Byron and H. M. Reeves.

DARDANELLE DIST.—S. S. Key, P. E. First round. Appleton ct, at Oklone Dec. 5, 6; Atkins ct, at Atkins 6, 7; Dardanelle ct, at Mt. Pisgah 12, 13; Dardanelle sta. 13, 14; Dover ct, at Davis' chapel 19, 20; Russellville sta. 20, 21; Danville ct, at Danville 25, 26; Chicalah ct, 27, 28; Gravelly Hill ct, at Nebraska Jan. 4, 5; Walnut Tree ct, at Geigerville 11, 12.

The District stewards will please meet me at the preacher's office in Dardanelle, Dec. 15, promptly at 1 o'clock p. m., brethren please don't fail to come. The business the Church has entrusted to your hands is very important. These are their names: B. Y. Stricklan, A. C. Baker, Aba Clifton, J. J. Briggs, F. M. Goss, H. A. Howell, J. J. Mashburn, J. W. Bailey, T. S. Patterson, E. C. Sullivan, J. F. Summerhill and A. W. Bass.

MORRILTON DIST.—D J Weems, P. E. First round. Morrilton ct, at Oak Grove, Dec 13, 14; Springfield and Hill Creek, at Springfield, 14, 15; Conway mis. at Gold Creek 20, 21; Conway, 21, 22; Mt Vernon ct, at Mt Tabor, 27, 28; Morrilton, Jan 3, 4; Perryville mis, at Bethel, 10, 11; Perryville ct, at Perryville, 11, 12; Oppelo mis, at Ada, 13; Quitman ct, at Bethesda, 17, 18; Quitman, 18, 19; Bee Branch mis, at Parish Chapel, 20; Clinton ct, at Clinton, 22; Cleveland mis, at Cypress, 24, 25; Martinville ct, at Friendship, 25, 26.

District Stewards will please meet at Methodist church in Conway, Dec. 11, at 1 o'clock p. m. Bishop Fitzgerald preaches in Conway on that night.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

BROWNSVILLE DIST.—W. C. Johnson, P. E. First round. Somerville sta. Dec. 6, 7; Belmont ct, at New Bethlehem 13, 14; Newcastle ct, at Taylor's chapel 27, 28; Dancyville ct, at Asbury 28, 29; Braden ct, at Braden Jan. 3, 4; Stanton and Mason at Stanton 4, 5; Whiteville ct, at Mt. Pleasant 10, 11; Denmark ct, at Andrew chapel 17, 18; Woodville ct, at Woodville 24, 25; Brownsville sta. 31, Feb. 1; Alamo ct, at Center 7, 8; Bells sta. 8, 9; Bolivar ct, at —— 14, 15; Toonsc ct, at Halton's 17, (Tuesday); Brownsville ct, at Zion 21, 22.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE.

PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING.

God never would send you the darkness
  If He felt you could bear the light;
But you would not cling to His guiding hand
  If the way were always bright;
And you would not care to walk by faith,
  Could you always walk by sight.

'Tis true He has many an anguish
  For your sorrowful heart to bear,
And many a cruel thorn-crown
  For your tired head to wear;
He knows how few would reach heaven at all
  If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness,
  And the furnace of seven-fold heat;
'Tis the only way, believe me,
  To keep you close to His feet,
For 'tis always so easy to wander
  When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your head on your Father's,
  And sing, if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer some one behind you
  Whose courage is sinking low,
And, well, if your lips do quiver—
  God will love you better so.

—Exchange.

GOD'S PROMISES.

A promise is like a check. If I have a check what do I do with it? Suppose I carried it about in my pocket, and said: "I do not see the use of this bit of paper, I can not buy anything with it;" a person would say: "Have you been to the bank with it?" "No, I did not think of that." "But it is payable to your order. Have you written your name on the back of it?" "No I had not thought of that." "And yet you are blaming the person who gave you the check! The whole blame lies with yourself. Put your name at the back of the check, go with it to the bank, and you will get what it promised to you."

A prayer should be the presentation of God's promise, endorsed by your personal faith. I hear of people praying for an hour together. I am very pleased that they can; but it is seldom that I can do so, and I see no need for it. It is like a person going into the bank with a check and stopping an hour. The clerks would wonder. The common sense way is to go to the counter and show your check, and take your money and go about your business. There is a style of prayer which is of this fine, practical character. You so believe in God that you present the promise, obtain the blessing, and go about your Master's business. Sometimes a flood of words only means excusing belief. The prayers of the Bible are nearly all short ones; they are short and strong. The exceptions are found in places of peculiar difficulty, like that of Jacob, when he cried:

"With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day."

As a general rule, faith presents its prayers, gets an answer, and goes on its way rejoicing.—Spurgeon.

STORY OF AN INDIAN CHIEF.

In an address at the last annual meeting of the American Missionary Association, Bishop Whipple related the following remarkable incident:

"I can tell you the story of of Indian missions by relating one incident. Some years ago, Bishop Charles Hervey went with me to the Indian country. We had delightful services. After the holy communion, we were sitting on the green sward near a house. The head chief said, 'Your friend came across the great water; does he know the Indian's history?' I said, 'No.' He said 'I will tell him. Before the white man came the forests and prairies were full of game, the rivers and lakes were full of fish, the wild rice was Manitou's gift to the red man. Would you like to see one of these Indians?' There stepped out on the porch an Indian man and woman dressed in furs, ornamented with porcupine quills. 'There,' said the chief, 'my people were like those before the white man came. Shall I tell you what the white man did for us? He came and told us we had no fire-horses, no fire-canoes. He said that if we would sell him our land he would make us like white men. Shall I tell you what he did? No, you had better see it.' The door opened, and out stepped a poor, degraded-looking Indian, his face besmeared with mud, his blanket in rags, no leggings, and by his side a poor, wretched-looking woman in a torn calico dress. The chief raised his head, and said, 'Manido, Manido, is this an Indian?' The man bowed his head. 'How came this?' The Indian held up a black bottle, and said, 'This is the white man's gift.' Some of us bowed our heads in shame. Said the chief, 'If this were all, I would not have told you. Long years ago a pale-faced man came to our country. He spoke kindly, and seemed to want to help us; but our hearts were hard. We hated the white man, and whold not listen. Every summer, when the sun was so high he came. We always looked to see his tall form coming through the forest. One year I said to my fellows, 'What does this man come for? He does not trade with us; he never asks anything of us. Perhaps the Great Spirit sent him.' We stopped to listen. Some of us have that story in our hearts. Shall I tell you what it has done for us?" The door opened, and out stepped a young man—a clergyman—in a black frock coat, and by his side a woman, neatly dressed in a black alpaca dress. Said the chief, 'There is only one religion in the world which can lift a man out of the mire and tell him to call God Father, and that is the religion of Jesus Christ.'"—Spirit of Missions.

GROW OR DIE.

To grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ is not only the duty of the Christian, but it is absolutely necessary to keep him from backsliding into spiritual death. There is nothing stationary in the vegetable kingdom; when trees and plants cease to grow, they begin to die. So is it with man's physical nature; sessation in the growth of our bodies means the beginning of decay, which, though its progress may be slow, and for a while imperceptible to us, is sure to end in death. When a soul ceases to grow in grace, its spiritual life begins to pass away. There is no point at which we can stop and say, Here I am safe. It is the old class-meeting expression that "if I am faithful to the grace already given, I shall gain heaven." An ambiguous heirloom, brother—very good if you mean one thing in using it, dangerous if you mean another. God wants interest on the capital of grace He has given you; and if you should live ten or twenty years more, and let that capital lie idle all the time, you would not fare very well in the final settlement. How was it with the man in the parable who hid his lord's money in the ground, and on his return presented what he had received, without any interest? He was called a "wicked and slothful servant;" the capital he had received was taken away from him, and he was cast into outer darkness. The grace you have now will not take you to heaven if you shall live through years to come; interest must accumulate and increase the capital. To-morrow will bring us new duties; as time passes our responsibilities in the kingdom of God will increase; and we all need to become "strong in the Lord," and rich in those spiritual treasures which can not be consumed in the coming conflagration. When the desire to be rich in grace shall become as universal and as ardent among Christians as the desire, now so manifest, to lay up material treasures upon earth, the conquests of the cross will speedily bring the millennial day.—Western Advocate.

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A LITTLE GIRL WITH TWO FACES.

I heard a strange thing the other day. It was of a little girl who had two faces. When she is dressed up in her best clothes, when some friends are expected to come to tea, or when she is going out with her mother to call on some neighbors, she looks so bright and sweet and good that you would like to kiss her. With a nice white dress on, and perhaps a blue sash, and pretty little shoes, she expects her mother's friends will say:—"What a sweet darling!" or, "What a sweet face, let me kiss it!" And so she always has a nice smile on her face, and when she is spoken to she says, "Yes, ma'am," "No, ma'am," when she ought, and "Thank you," very sweetly, when anything is given her.

But do you know, when she is alone with her mother, and no company is expected, she does not look at all like the same little girl. If she cannot have what she would like, or do just what she wishes, she will pout, and scream and cry, and no one would ever think of kissing her then.

So you see, this little girl has two faces; one she uses in company, and puts it on just like her best dress; and the other she wears when she is at home alone with her mother.

I also know a little girl who has only one face, which is always as sweet as a peach, and never sweeter than when she is as home, and her mother wants her to be as useful as she can and help her. I think I need scarcely ask you which of these little girls you like best, or which of them you would most like to resemble.—

"YOUNG MEN KEEP A CLER RECORD."

Had it been in the power of John B. Gough, the prince of temperance orators, to choose his parting message the world, nothing more beautiful or fitting could have been selected that the thrilling sentence he uttered as he sank unconscious on the platform, "Young men, keep a clean record."

The importance of living up to this advice was strikingly illustrated by an incident that recently occurred in one of our great cities. Robert Fulton, a student in the Theological Seminary, was arrested on the grave charge of bank-robbery. Though no one had seen him commit the deed, many had noticed him enter the bank, and as it was at the noon-hour no other visitors had been observed in the vicinity. When the bank officials returned they found the cashier lying on his face in an unconscious condition, the safe door open and a large amount of money gone. Young Fulton admitted that he had gone into the bank on an errand, but declared that he had remained only long enough to transact his business, and that the cashier had walked with him to the door when he left. On the other hand, the cashier insisted that after having waited on the young man some one from behind dealt him a blow which felled him to the floor and for a time rendered him unconscious.

There were but three persons in the city who had been acquainted with young Fulton previous to the time he entered the Seminary, and without knowing how they could serve he asked to have them summoned as witnesses on the day of trial.

The first one, a respectable shoemaker, testified that he had known the prisoner when a boy, and that he had been regarded as an honest, upright boy. Said he, "No man in the little town of Camden would ever have thought of doubting Bobbie Fulton's word, for he was always regarded as a lad who told the truth."

The next witness was a minister, who had taught in the academy where the young man had received part of his early education. He had known him as a youth of unblemished character. During his academical course he had kept a clean record, and among old and young had been considered perfectly reliable.

The last of the three old acquaintances was a college friend—one who had known him intimately in his strong young manhood, and his testimany was that in all his college career he had kept himself unspotted from the world.

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After reviewing the evidence briefly, the Judge pronounced him "Not guilty." In concluding his remarks, the man of the law paid this delicate compliment to young Fulton:

"My young friend, you may thank your clean record for this decission. The circumstantial evidence is all against you, but no one who has borne such a spotless reputation throughout his boyhood, youth and manhood could be so transformed in a few minutes of time as to commit such a grave crime. Would that all young men could boast of such an irreproachable character."—Belle V. Chisholm,

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A trembling in my first is heard,
As whole comes on with awful might;
The people all with dread are stirred,
And panic stricken take to flight.

However prosperous the year,
My whole destroys its prospects bright;
All men do second with sudden fear,
And tremble at this widespread blight.

No. 357.—Enigmatical Plants.

1. A conveyance and at a distance.
2. A reptile and a forest.
3. A fowl and a noxious plant.
4. A fragrant flower and a girl's name.
5. An animal and to pinch.
6. A vessel, an article and parts of the body.

No. 358.—Illustrated Acrostic.

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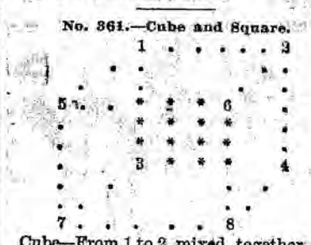
No. 359.—Amputations.

Cut off the head, cut off the tail,
And isn't it very strange
That with two such amputations
You will not see a change?
Some things can stand, some sit, some lie,
This then can only hang on high.

No. 360.—An Angel of the Battlefield.

I am composed of 11 letters.
My 1, 10, 8, 11, a cereal.
My 1, 3, 9, a domestic animal.
My 1, 7, 6, a vehicle.
My 1, 5, 4, 2, a boy's name.

No. 361.—Cube and Square.



Cube—From 1 to 2, mixed together confusedly; from 2 to 4, a title formerly given to the eldest son of the king of France; from 1 to 3, to distress; from 3 to 4, stepped upon; from 5 to 6, a part of which anything is made; from 6 to 8, walked; from 5 to 7, to compel; from 7 to 8, to cheer; from 1 to 5, meek; from 2 to 6, a javelin; from 4 to 8, part of the day; from 3 to 7, a narrative.

Inclosed Square—1. Mixed. 2. Always. 3. A Roman emperor. 4. Stepped.

No. 362.—A Riddle in Rhyme.

I'm found in every happy home.
I dwell with honest neighbors;
And from the hovel to the throne,
With heart and hand that labors.

I come in every passing hour,
What though in silent manner?
I'm heard in every gentle shower
With never noise or clamor.

I murmur in the softest breath,
I whisper in your hearing;
And in the latest gasp of death
I speak to give you cheering.

No. 363.—At Close of Day.

"Put out your fires and go to bed,"
Is what the voice of total said
In olden times, but in our day
4-5-6 such voice obey,
Eight hours' work and eight hours' ease,
And seek repose just when you please,
Such seems to be the latest rule
That is in vogue in labor's school.
A quiet sleep may broken be
By noisy voice of 1-2-3.

No. 364.—Enigmatical Birds.

1. A feigned blow and a file.
2. The main body and part of a ship.
3. A color and part of a chimney.
4. Part of an anchor and a floodgate.
5. A border or hem and flight.
6. A kind of grain and part of the head.

Epitaphs.

A good epitaph for a cricketer—"Over."
For an auctioneer—"Gone."
For a billiard marker—"The Long Rest."
For a drowned boat's crew—"Easy all."

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 345.—Three easy word squares:

E R I N	L I F E	L A C E
R I D E	I D E A	A L A S
I D E A	F E A R	C A R P
N E A T	E A R N	E S P Y

No. 346.—Charade: Bachelor's Buttons.

No. 347.—Hidden Planets: 1. Mars. 2. Earth. 3. Uranus. 4. Saturn.

No. 348.—Anagram: Camellia.

No. 349.—Noted Poems: 1. Elegy in a Country Churchyard. 2. The Raven. 3. Thanatopsis. 4. The Two Dogs.

No. 350.—Geographical Doubles: Colon, Monkey, Solano, Cleveland, Nightingale.

No. 351.—Anagrams: 1. Lays of Ancient Rome. By Macaulay. 2. Sabina Zembra. By William Black. 3. Lorna Doone. By R. Blackmore. 4. Tale of a Tub. By Jonathan Swift. 5. Oliver Twist. By Charles Dickens.

No. 352.—Tangled Relationship: Mother and Son.

No. 353.—An Easy Word Change: Kite; bite; bile; bill; bail.

No. 354.—Numerical Charade: Barleycorn.

No. 355.—Conundrums: 1. Sin. 2. A glazier. 3. Court-ship. 4. When it is Browning. 5. A leek (leak).

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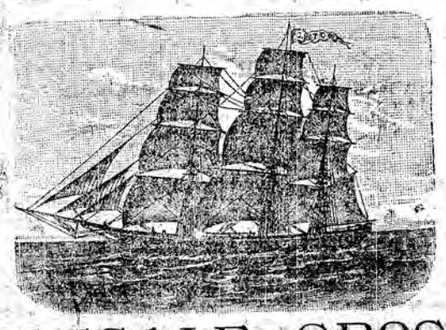

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OBITUARIES.

FOUST.—James R. Foust was born in Lawrence Co., Tenn., May 2, 1850, and died in Independance Co., Ark., Nov. 13, 1890, leaving a widow and seven children to mourn his death. Bro. Foust was a good man and doubtless did all that was in his power to advance the Redeemer's kingdom, He was attacted with hemorrhagic fever and death claimed him as his victim. We sorrow not as those who have no hope—so look up afflicted wife and children, God will take care of you, and if faithful you will be permitted to meet where sickness, sorrow, pain and death never enter. May the blessings of God rest on the bereaved ones, is the prayer of their pastor,

THOS. A. CRAIG.

WARBRITTON.—H. L. Warbritton, son of Chas. Warbritton, was born in Warren county, Ind., June 2, 1862; professed faith in Christ Sept. 1884 and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent and useful life to its close, which occured Nov. 14, 1890, after a painful illness of over three months which he suffered with Christian calmness. He was happily married Dec. 10, 1885 to Miss Leoma McSpadden, who survives him, with her little daughter, Desie. Bro. Warbritton, had many friends—to know him was to love him. May his wife, child and all his relatives meet him in the sweet beyond.

P. B. SUMMERS.

Benton County Democrat, please copy.

FERGUSON.—Died in Little Rock, Oct. 2, 1890, Miss Sallie Ferguson. Miss Sallie was a native of Pulaski county, Ark., and had spent most of her life in this city. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when a child and was baptized by the Rev. Alonzo Monk, when he was pastor of Spring street church in this city, but the family removing soon after to the country, her membership lapsed for several years. A little over a year ago, she joined the First church in this city under the ministry of Dr. W. G. Miller, and lived a happy, consistent Christian life up to the day of her death.

She was taken suddenly and violently ill on the afternoon of Oct. 11th and by ten o'clock the following day she was a corpse. I saw her about an hour before her death and though suffering greatly, she was fully conscious and her faith was strong and unshaken. She had not waited until the hour of her death to make her preparations for eternity, and though the grim messenger came suddenly and unexpected, her lamp was trimmed and burning and death had no terrors for her. Miss Sallie's religion was of that quiet and unostentatious type which while not demonstrative was yet firm and steadfast. The words of the Master concerning Nathaniel, might well have been applied to her—"Behold an Isrealite indeed, in whom there is no guile!" She was a devoted daughter and sister, and no one can tell how sadly she is missed at home where she was the controlling spirit. The affliction of her mother left all the household and business cares on Miss Sallie, and nothing was neglected by her that could contribute to the comfort and happiness of the family. Her death is a mysterious dispensation of Providence, but we can only say with the Psalmist, "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth because Thou did'st it."

M. B. CHAPMAN.

WINSTED.—Bro. Stephen Winstead was born in Person county, N. C., Nov. 11, 1811, and lived there until the fall of the year 1857, when he moved to Dallas county, Ark., and settled five miles south-west of Princeton, where he remained until his death which occurred on the 24th day of June 1890. Thus the outlines of a life are given; the sad story is told. Bro. Winstead is dead. But what are the events, the conflicts, the noble actions and achievements of his life? We do not know the exact date of his conversion; but he was a member of the M. E. Church, and of the M. E. Church, South, more than fity years.

We do not know the date when his official life in the Church began; but it must have been in early life as he was an official member when we first knew him, which was shortly after he came to the country. He served the Church faithfully as Steward, both circuit ane district, for a great number of years. He served the Princeton Quarterly Conference as secretary for a long term of years, and was lay delegate to the Little Rock Annual Conference, and a member of the Joint Board of Finance thereof, until age and feebleness prevented his attendance.

His was an active and efficient life in the Church and with all a life fervently, deeply and zealously religious. He loved the cardinal doctrines of the Bible, and loved the preacher who preached them faithfully; while he had no taste for, nor patience with that which was merely superficial. With willing hands and a loving heart he met the claims of the Church and suffering humanity, and in the last hour the religion of the Cross sustained him. He died in peace.

Resolved, 1. That in the death of Bro. Winstead the Princeton Quarterly Conference has lost an efficient and well beloved member, the community an honored and useful citizen, and his family a loving husband and father.

2. That we, as a body, tender to the bereaved ones our love, sympathy and an interest in our prayers in this sad hour of their deep affliction.

3. That this memoir and these Resolutions be entered upon our Quarterly Conference journal and a copy furnished THE ARKANSAS METHODIST for publication

T. Q. C. HOUSE,
C. M. KEITH,
J. L. WALSH, } Com.

Mt. Olivet, Nov. 22.

GRAMMER.—Mrs. Sallie J. Grammer was born December 9, 1841 in LaFayette county Tenn. She moved with her parents to White county, Ark., in 1850. She professed religion some time in 1854 under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Boyd, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which Church, she lived a pious and Christian life until her death. She was married to Mr. B. F. Grammer, January 15, 1861, to which union was born ten boys and one girl. Two of them, passed over before her, to glory. After several weeks of intense suffering, she sweetly fell on asleep, Aug. 8, 1890. It was my pleasure to be her pastor for two years. It was a pleasure to visit the family, Sister Grammer would meet you with a smile of welcome, and at once you would feel that you was in the presence of a consecrated Christian lady.

I also send with the above, a notice of her death, by Miss Mattie J. Grammer, taken from the Beacon, which you will please publish with the above.

E. M. BAKER.

I can truly say she was the most patient sufferer that it was ever my privilege to attend. It mattered not how intense the pain, she never murmured nor complained, and when interrogated concerning her physical condition, her sweet response with the accompanying smile "I am doing very well" or "I am tolerable." Self-sacrifice was a prominent character in her daily life. and she was never happier than when adding to the comfort and enjoyment of her friends or family. It was my pleasure to meet her exactly nine months previous to the date of her death, but I was with her almost constantly during that short space of time. I found her to be a good neighbor, a kind and considerate wife, an indulgent and affectionate mother, a dear, loving sister, a true and appreciative aunt, and one of the truest, noblest and purest types of Christianity naturally in the possession of an immense flow of Spirit, always seemingly cheerful and happy, striving for others pleasure, and like the brilliant ray of electric light, which pierces into and dispels the gloom of night, guiding the weary traveler on his way, so did her messages of love and Christianity go forth, pointing out and lighting up the road which leads to that "city not made with hands eternal in the heavens." After earnestly entreating her husband and sons to meet her in the "Beulah land" she remarked, "I love to hear prayer," and asked if some member of her family would pray. And that noble boy, Dr. J. B. Grammer humbled himself by his dying mother's bed, and there offered as grand and unique a petition as was ever sent up in such a trying hour. Upheld and supported by the religion of Jesus Christ, he accompanied her as it went, to the very brink of the dark river. encouraging and telling her of the promises of a true and loving Savior. Ah what a consolation to have some one, so loving and devoted to be near and encourage us when the messenger of death calls us hence. She was a lady that attended to her own business, exclusively, and let other's alone, and consequently she closed life here on earth with many friends, in a strong and abiding hope of a glorious immortality in the world to come. Her true neice,

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Sunday morning dawned bright and beautiful, and at 11 a. m. a large congregation assembled in our beautiful church to listen to the words of eternal life, feebly proclaimed by the writer. It was also my privilege to preach again at night to a good audience. We leave the result with God. On Monday morning in company with the pastor we took in the city, which is growing very fast; every where you go, you see signs of solid and substantial improvement, in the way of large new brick stores, fine residences, and street improvements. We visited the box factory, which is said to be the largest in the United States, and the two compresses, after which we drove out to the elegant and Christian home of Judge Hanks, where the outward man feasted on a superb dinner, presided over by Sister Hanks. The Judge and his noble wife know how to make a Methodist preacher feel welcome in their home, and I dare say, that no preacher ever visited that home, that didn't want to go again. I also had the pleasure of dining with Judge Clark and wife, on Sunday, whose hospitalities, Bro. M. M. Smith and I enjoyed five years ago, at the session of the Annual Conference. A noble man, a noble woman.

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DEATH NOTICE.

Died on December the 1st, at his residence, in the town of Wynne, Arkansas, Colonel J. R. Robertson. He was sick only one week before the disease, which preyed upon his vitals, took him from time's crumbling shore to eternity's glory. He was a leading member of the Methodist Church of this place, has been for the last year the superintendent of our Sunday-school, and only a few days ago was elected to the same position for the coming year. His death was quite a shock to the entire town. His place in the Church will be hard to fill, for he was one of its deserving pillars. His place in society will be missed, A void is left in the hearts of his family, which this world can never fill. He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters to mourn for him and cherish fond memories of his past kindness. A good man is gone. Suitable memoir will appear soon. In Christian sympathy,

ABE E. HOLLOWAY.

Wynne, Ark., Dec. 2.

JONESBORO DISTRICT PARSONAGE.

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—Jonesboro is moving up on the parsonage question. At our District Conference in July last a committee was appointed to take the necessary steps in locating and securing a District parsonage. The committee located the same at this place. Bro. J. C. Brookfield, who is chairman, through a committee has secured $500 here from our people for the same. The lot has been purchased and the deed made to our trustees. The lot is 100 by 225 feet, situated in one of the most desirable resident portions of our city. The consideration was $200 cash, leaving $300 from Jonesboro to be applied in erecting the house. It is to be hoped that the other charges of the District will respond to Bro. M. M. Smith's call at once in proportion to their ability, and let the house be up and ready to be occupied by Spring. In addition to the above there has been a debt of $450 on our station parsonage on which we have been paying interest at the rate of 10 per cent. Our Ladies Aid Society two weeks ago took the matter in hand and have raised to date $400 and have not done yet. The balance will be forth coming and we expect to be able to report out of debt by Conference. Nine hundred dollars for parsonages with all other financial claims paid in full will be our report. Who can beat it?

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