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A RECIPE FOR A DAY.

Take a little dash of water cold,
And a little leaven of prayer,
And a little bit of morning gold
Dissolved in the morning air.

Add to your meal some merriment,
And a thought for kith and kin;
And then, as your prime ingredient,
A plenty of work throw in.

But spice it all with the essence of love,
And a little whiff of play;
Let a wise old book and a glance above
Complete the well-made day.

—AMOS R. WELLS.

CO-OPERATION FOR CONQUEST.

"Who is sufficient for these things?"—Paul.

The student of military affairs knows that many anterior and seemingly inferior circumstances determine the issue of a battle. Many factors, beyond and outside of the courage of the soldiers and the skill of the captains, enter into the sum of things that decide a Waterloo.

Napoleon is painted as careering on a war steed, directing the fire and movements of his men, but he had previously given greatest care to the shoes, rations, jackets of the troops. He knew victory depended on full commissary wagons as much as keen bayonets. He punished with death remissness in the quarter-master's department.

In the Franco-Prussian war the gallant Gauls lost battles by inefficiency in the supply of clothing, arms and transportation. Little availed their valor against the plodding, methodical, careful German, with gun, boot, biscuit, railroad, slowly, but surely, made ready years ahead. Von Moltke could afford to lie on the grassy hillside of a great fort in front of Paris and read Dickens. He had everything in order before the outburst of war.

And so in the conduct of church campaigns. The wise pastor gives attention to affairs small to the eye, but influential in fashioning and fixing issues. Who has not seen an untrained, unreading, unpracticed membership mustered for a protracted meeting with their dullness, indifference, slackness, a source of weakness? What effort it is for the pulpit day after day to bring this militia into line confronting the enemy and to inspire them with the zeal that pulls down the strongholds of Satan.

Mr. Wesley showed his tact in surcharging his Societies with his own spirit and in priming every member by his periodicals, books, tacts. The primitive Methodist was equipped with doctrine, argument, stirring incident by the press at the "Foundry."

The unconcern as to religious reading among our people is evidence of poor tactics. Neglect of any element of success is a misfortune to the Church. The chief captains of the world welcome the weakest battalion to their ranks. The swollen vanity that is "sufficient for these things" is a Goliath of Gas.

Just now a cultured and successful preacher writes that he notices "the difference in the household where the Advocate goes." And confesses he cannot compass best results without putting this yeast into the family life. If we should name him, it would be acknowledged that he has the finest equipments for bringing in sheaves, yet this man of books and affairs is wise enough to enlist the printed pulpit in his campaign.

Brethren, add the Advocate to your forces in forwarding the good Cause.—Richmond Advocate.

[Consider the foregoing in behalf of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST. ED.]

PREACHING TO THE CHILDREN.

If prevention is better than cure, why are not more sermons preached to children? They are certainly not as fully recognized in the public services as they ought to be. They are scarcely regarded as a part of the congregation. No doubt, one reason why so few sermons are preached to children is, because it requires both special adaptation and special preparation to preach successfully to children. The essentials of sermons suitable for children are these: Language, simple and colloquial; illustrations, drawn from every-day experience; style, homely and sympathetic; matter, intensely practical. It seems this neglect of the children in pulpit teaching is very wide-spread. The correspondent of an English exchange complains in the following vigorous fashion: "Why are the children so thoroughly and cruelly neglected in the Churches? Is it not one of the most trite utterances of the pulpit that England's hope lies with the future mothers and fathers of England, the children of to-day? that twigs are so easily bent? and so forth. And yet the ministers of this country systematically neglect to act out their teaching in this respect. It is urged in excuse that so very few ministers have the talent for preaching to the young. More shame to them that they have never made any attempt to cultivate it. Years are devoted to theological training at college, etc. I ask was *one hour's* training ever dreamt of to fit them for this all-important work? Is it not worth while to appoint a 'Chair' for this object, or to take *some* trouble to qualify young ministers for 'feeding the lambs?'" We think no one who considers this matter, in all its relations, can fail to come to the conclusion, that some share of the pulpit instructions should be given to the children. And, if this is so, it follows that special attention should be given to the subject in the training of ministers, as all ministers should give at least occasional sermons adapted to the children of their congregations. —Christian Guardian.

NASHVILLE LETTER.

One of the greatest days in the Vanderbilt calendar is May 27. It is set apart by the Board of Trust as a perpetual holiday in commemoration of Mr. Vanderbilt's birth day, and is known as Founder's Day. It is ushered in by a band employed from the city which plays all about over the campus beginning about half past four. Besides this, it is the custom for the University bell to be rung from half past four till five o'clock. These dream-disturbers are frequently preceded by more vigorous efforts, much to the annoyance of the faculty and the babies. The literary boys, choke-full of fun, gather up all the old tin horns, coal scuttles, horse-fiddles, tin pans and any other thing that will make a noise and serenade us theologues. We, also, willing to return good for evil and true to our preacher-instincts, do our best to give them a genuine Methodist sprinkling, with enough water to satisfy any Baptist, from the hose and foot-tubs, pitchers, bowls and anything else that will hold water. Another Founder's Day custom is for all the students to assemble in the University chapel at ten o'clock and elect a man to the degree of "B. U.," which means Bachelor of Ugliness. Three things are required of a man before he can be considered eligible to this honor —he must be ugly and a gentleman and a scholar. Strange as it may seem, this is considered one of the great honors among the boys, and the election of "B. U." excites as much interest as any other contest which we have. Last year a Wesley Hall boy was elected. This year the man whom the Wesley Hall boys supported was elected, and so we have been victorious over West Side Row (the literary boys) two successive years. In the afternoon of Founder's Day there is an athletic exhibition at the Gymnasium. The exercises were pronounced quite successful this year and were more largely attended than usual. In fact, interest in all the departments of the University's work is perceptibly on the increase.

The crowning event of Founder's Day comes at 8 p. m., and is the contest for Founder's medal for oratory. The music this year was furnished by the Glee Club, instead of an Italian band as heretofore. The speeches were said to be up to any preceding contest on the average. Some of them have been very highly complimented. Chancellor Garland was so pleased with the effort of Mr. Barcus of Texas, that he asked for it to have it published as a literary production in some leading periodical. Barcus is a theologue and has taken quite a high stand among the faculty of the literary department by the merit of this speech. He will have charge of one of our Churches in Ft. Worth after August, and will assist his father at Waco during the Summer. Rev. B. W. Dodson, formerly of Hot Springs but now of Texas, was another contestant and made a strong speech. The medal was awarded to Mr. Brockman of Georgia. Brockman is member of the senior class and a candidate for the ministry. He has had the management of Wesley Hall for two years now. We Arkansas boys are proud of the speech of W. T. Locke of Little River Co. For thought and conviction it stands right along with the best speech of the evening. His subject "Thought, not Sentiment, in Politics," and this is an epitome of the speech. His position was that people now vote for measures, not men; and therefore political leaders should enter into a statesman-like discussion of the problems of the day and not waste time ranting about dead issues. It was a broad-side against demagogues, delivered in a thoughtful, fearless, manly way. We hope Locke will spend his life as a champion of the principles of that speech.

As perhaps most of your readers know, all the theologues and theological candidates board in Wesley Hall, a large building of four stories, besides the basement and some rooms on the fifth floor. It was erected by Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt in 1884. Wesley Hall is now one of the best known places in Nashville. It is gratifying that it is taking such a strong place in the minds of the people of Nashville. The students fill now and then all the Methodist pulpits in the city and many of other denominations. Even old McKendree is not proof against them. During the summer they are scattered all over the Church and those who do not supply regular charges are at work in protracted meetings. One of our number, Rev. M. Hardin of Missouri, has been elected assistant pastor of McKendree for the summer. Besides this, Mr. Washburn of Kentucky, and a theologue, is the most popular bass soloist in the city. His services are greatly in demand in the city and he will probably sing at the Kentucky Chautauqua in connection Prof. Merrill's readings this summer. One of our boys, Rev. Jeff McCarn of Texas, is the most popular humorist in the city. He was elected "B. U." last year, and his humorous speeches at the University have gained him such a reputation that he has filled several engagements in the city, and has been invited to deliver a lecture for the Y. M. C. A. of this city next year. This is a high compliment to him. Vanderbilt men are in demand every where. Every year about this time dozens of letters come to the faculty asking for Vanderbilt graduates. They go to the best schools and colleges in the South, and generally take stand in the first rank. Mr. Scarboro of N. C., one of the first graduate students of this year, has been elected professor of Mathematics in Pacific Methodist College. The work of this year has been quite gratifying to the faculty so far as I have heard. Final examinations begin to-day. Every student is very busy and will be for two weeks, then the strain will be over till the next session.

Dr. Kelley has been elected President of Pacific Methodist College. It is not yet known whether he will accept or not. The decision of the College of Bishops has been nicely received by the people of Nashville. So far as I have heard all those who favored Dr. Kelley at the Conference are well pleased with the decision. I have not yet found one who is not. Those who were with the Bishop are divided—some are pleased, some not, while others wont say. You ought to see how these "Hub" preachers scatter about commencement time. Dr. Hoss has four engagements in Ky., Miss., Ga., and Va. Bishop Fitzgerald goes to Tenn. and Ark., and Dr. Barbee to Tenn. and Ala. Besides these others "too numerous to mention" are packing their grips for all points of the compass. Space will not allow any more news this time. We have lots of it now and will perhaps give you more frequent letters till after commencement.

May 30. J. M. HAWLEY.

SEARCY DISTRICT CONF.

The Searcy District Conference convened at Beebe on Wednesday, May 27, 1891. Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E. of the District, present and presiding. The Conference elected Rev. H. M. Cryer as Secretary and proceeded with the business legitimately coming before it.

There was a good representation from nearly every charge in the District. I believe only one charge was not represented. The President emphasized the importance of spiritual advancement and development during the session, and a refraining from too great and unnecessary formality. A full and free discussion of the interests of the District was engaged in, both by lay delegates and preachers.

The great majority were in quite a hopeful mood for the future of this Conference year, thought indications were favorable for a grand revival all over the District. Very few exceptions to this opinion. The fullest light was thrown on all matters considered and the questions propounded, and responses given in considering the subjects of Spirituality, Finance and Sunday-schools elicited in the highest degree, satisfactory information, I believe, to nearly every one; perhaps to all. We think the District is on rising ground on all the lines.

The election of delegates to the Annual Conference resulted, after some interesting balloting, in the selection of Rev. L. D. Webb, L. P., F. P. Laws, Robert Wharton and C. R. McPherson; alternates, W. T. Dowdy and J. N. Simpson. There was a lively contest for the next District Conference, which resulted in the selection of Sugar Loaf Springs (Heber).

Rev. A. C. Millar, President of Hendrix College, was with us; presented to us this institution of learning so satisfactorily as to secure the hearty and unanimous adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved, That it is with pride and pleasure that we look upon Hendrix College as an institution of Arkansas Methodism. We believe its President and Faculty are able, efficient and faithful as Christian educators, and have the best interests of our people and State at heart. We indorse its management, pledge it our support, and earnestly recommend it to all who are interested in Christian education."

Rev. Z. T. Bennett, Editor of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, was also with us; gave a short talk in the interest of *our* paper, and by unanimous vote the following resolution was passed: "We are rejoiced to know that THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, the organ of the three Conferences of Arkansas, is doing faithful and efficient work for our Church. We fully indorse its course and pledge to it our earnest and hearty support."

The Conference was royally entertained by the people of Beebe, and we hope and believe that both the members of the Conference and the citizens of the town were spiritually benefitted by this coming together. The following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That we hereby tender the people of Beebe our heartfelt thanks for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have given us; that they have a warm place in our hearts, and we pray that the richest blessings of heaven may rest upon them."

Fraternally, H. M. CRYER.

Beebe, May 30.

JONESBORO DIST. CONF.

The 25th session of the Jonesboro District Conference convened in Paragould, Ark., May 28–30. Rev. M. M. Smith, our greatly beloved Presiding Elder, was present and presided in his usual graceful, dignified and loving manner. C. M. Anderson was elected Secretary with Rev. D. B. Warren and A. L. Malone as Assistant Secretaries. Every Preacher in Charge in the District was present except one. The attendance of lay delegates and local preachers was large—larger than usual and much larger than was expected, owing to the fact of the Conference meeting so early in the year. Committees on Quarterly Conference Journals, Missions and Temperance were appointed to consider those interests. The usual examination of the different charges was gone through with. The reports of the preachers developed the fact, that the spiritual condition of the Church is fair. Good revivals have already been held on several appointments. The preachers are all hopeful of "refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord." The financial condition of the District is good. Many of the appointments have already paid up in full to date for the support of the ministry. Nearly all expect to make good financial reports at our next Annual Conference, unless crops should be cut short. Nearly every appointment now has a parsonage and some new churches are being built and others repaired.

As usual during the sessions of our District Conference, great prominence was given to religious exercises. The preaching was with power. It reached the hearts of the people and souls were converted. The Editor of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST was the only visiting brother who honored us with his presence, and we preached him and talked him to the great delight of the Conference. What we lacked in quantity, he made up in quality.

Paragould dispensed a most unbounded hospitality. Every preacher and delegate met with a warm and hearty reception.

The following named were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: Dr. T. G. Brewer, T. A. Stone, A. L. Malone and D. B. Warren, L. P., with Hon. L. L. Mack and M. F. Collier as alternates.

The next session of the District Conference will be held at Osceola. I should have stated in the beginning that Rev. J. I. Maynard, who had been appointed to preach the opening sermon was present, delivered an earnest message, and the service was a profitable one.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was a ringing utterance on this great and momentous question, and showed that the people in the District are being educated in the cause of prohibition, and that the work is growing. THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is still growing in favor, and received a cordial endorsement from the Conference.

NOTES.

The presence of Father Blythe, the venerable local preacher of the District, was a benediction to the Conference.

Many new laymen appeared as delegates at this session who have never been with us before; such men as that consecrated man of God, Dr. T. G. Brewer of Osceola. His talk before the Conference on the Sunday-school question sent a thrill through the entire body.

Mrs. Rachael Thompson, the District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, was present and was given an hour Saturday afternoon, and conducted a most interesting service. The programme consisted of songs, reports from Auxiliaries, recitations and selections. During the service many of the members were melted to tears and rejoiced aloud. A collection was taken to pay expenses of the District Secretary to the annual meeting of the Conference Society, resulting in $21.40. The surplus from this collection will be devoted to the Ella Randle Chinese scholarship. A. L. MALONE, A. Sec'y.

Paragould, May 30.

FROM FLORIDA.

DEAR METHODIST: I write from St. Augustine, the most ancient city of the United States, the greatest winter resort of the South, and one of the curiosities of America, which place is visited annually by thousands from Europe and America. The situation of this quaint old town is low and level, but is fenced off from the sea by an ancient wall which stretches along the gray sandy beach for several miles. The streets are sandy, yet in many places are shaded by ancient oaks and cedars. Properly speaking, the city lies about a mile west of the bank of the Atlantic, being separated from the main beach by a wide sound, or river as it is called. The view is therefore greatly obstructed from the ocean, nothing being noticed from passing boats except the larger structures whose towers and domes lifting their heads toward the sky shine with golden glory. In entering the city by the R. R. from the west, you pass a neat suburban settlement through which a small river winds which lends a picturesque view to the surroundings. The ancient characteristics of the place are more discernible nearly along the line of the sea wall; many of the old relics of Spanish architecture have been freshly plastered over, which destroys their original appearance. The old houses are built of a kind of concrete composed of sand and shells—many of which cemented over long low arches supported by large pillars, lead into rather poorly ventilated rooms. In many instances balconies stand out far over the narrow streets, old crumbling walls, squalid old stone huts and narrow lanes are observed on every side. The old city gates near the Spanish cemetery are interesting features. I visited these places and was filled with awe as I passed these relics of primitive days, and as I gazed upon those old tombs. I wondered at the quaint old slabs and crosses that mark the once resting place of bones, that have long since returned to dust. At the North-east point of the city stands the Spanish fort, which strikes the visitor with peculiar interest. Standing as it does on an artificial embankment, to enter it one must gradually ascend a gradually rising slope, and pass over the outer wall thence into the main part of the structure. You enter the main fort through a wide gate crowned by an old arch; you pass along a low corrider clear around the central square, noticing many objects of interest, old cannons ruined with rust, small grated windows through which prisoners of war once wishfully gazed and longed for liberty. In some of those damp recesses, human skeletons have been found while in some places can be traced marks where slaves or prisoners have struggled to death in chains. A feeling of awful solemnity crept over me, as I mused upon this relic of Spanish cruelty. How often the weary sentinel has paced to and fro along these corridors, how often has the keen eye of the watchman pierced through the windows of the old tower to catch the first glimpse of the approaching fleet. Who spiked these old cannons? How many suffered behind these bars? Many old objects bear Roman Catholic insignia. Near the center of the city are two beautiful parks nicely enclosed and well supplied with clear fountains of water. Along the center of one of these parks stand two stately monuments of the dead; one dates from 1813 and bears Spanish inscriptions; the other stands in memory of the Confederate soldier who fell in the late war. These together with the reputed old slave market which stands at the Eastern Extremity ity of the park make this a point of much interest. Here the Spaniard may come and sit under the ancient cedars and boast of his valor, and the South may weep over the victims of the lost cause, while the sympathizing Northerner it is said often sheds crocodile tears at the sight of the slave market. Notwithstanding all the ancient features of the place, St. Augustine never amounted to much until modern means came to her assistance. The fine large barracks with its nicely equipped soldiers and splendid artillery are of as much interest perhaps to many as is the old fort; narrow streets and alleys leading by crumbling walls into musty dwellings do not tend to invite the average tourist. So after all it must be said that it is the modern splendor together with fine climatic advantages that makes St. Augustine one of the first resorts of the South. Three of the grandest hotels in the United States furnished with every possible advantage to attract, to supply, and to accommodate stand in the central part of the city with other excellent hotels in different localities. Two large churches have been erected in close proximity with these houses, so that the visitor has every advantage which could be had in an eastern city. St. Augustine claims about 5,000 population which is increased in the winter months at times by one half, or more. But the visiting season is over for the summer, except a few that come from the interior of the State to escape the malaria. The large hotels are closed until fall. As I walked about these noble structures and reveled in the beautiful display of art which has been lavished upon the walls thereof, the weighty words of Jesus, "See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left *here* one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down," came with new force to me. Strolling through these deserted parks from whose fountains, sweet scented flowers and vernal lawns, sap life and beauty, I thought surely Pons de Leon's dream has come pass, but the rich man for whom these groves were cultured has come and gone, and now for a little while, Gray may speak as truthfully as of yore,

"Full many a flower was born
To blush unseen,
And waste it's sweetness
In the desert air."
For so it was in Augustine
The day this traveler lingered there.

Many, like Pons de Leon, will never return to this earthly paradise, and I fear not every eye that has been gladdened with these splendors will see the paradise above. But in that city that has foundations of pearl, and streets of gold—there in our Father's house are many mansions which Jesus has gone to prepare for us, even us. There in those heavenly parks the tree of life will yield its healing leaves forever. From those fountains will flow forever the pure river. They shall go no more out. May we all get there.

Yours truly,
W. W. RIFE.

San Augustine, Fla., May 26.

Rev. Dr. R. A. Young, now traveling in Europe, writes to the Nashville Advocate as follows, concerning the palace of the Pope of Rome: St. Peter's "successor" lives in a much larger house than those usually intended for the shelter of Christian ministers. The building was commen ced over one thousand years ago, and there has been time for enlargement since that day. The walls are 15 feet in thickness, and inclose 14 ample courts, 800 stair-ways, and 11,454 rooms. Leo XIII. is 82 years of age, and like all great men he is doomed to incessant thought and labor. In this respect he is the peer of Napoleon I. or Frederick the Great. The Pope rises at six in the morning, and works far into the night. His only recreation is a drive through gardens of bewildering beauty, three miles in circumference. The old gentleman was never married; but his family, countiug from the College of Cardinals down to the Swiss Guards, numbers, 1,160 persons. Our business in the Vatican was to see more than a mile of frescoes, pictures, statuary, mosaics, and books. It will require another day to complete the job. If any critic should read this diary, and differ with me about the ancient foundation of the Vatican, let him remember that it existed in the time of Charlemagne, who inhabited it when he was crowned by Leo on Christmas-day, A. D. 800.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF MY ITINERANT LIFE.

NO. 30.

"God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad," is the note I make of my protracted meeting at Holly Springs July 22, 1864. Mother Key's talk in love feast is fresh in my memory yet; speaking of her early Christian life she said, "When I started, I set my megs and have never varied." An humble, but truly grand woman she was, she had strong faith and proved it in a holy life. The joy she felt upon hearing of one of her son's conversion was too much for her physical powers, and she died shouting, "glory to God." I believe all the sons are with mother now, Dr. A. A. Key who died a few months since at Gurdon being the last. Passing Gurdon only a few weeks before the Dr.'s death, seeing him on the platform, I felt that I must go and shake hands with him. Warp and filling, head and heart, Abe Key was pure and true, a good neighbor, a bright Mason and a brighter Christian.

On Sabbath evening of the above noticed meeting there was witnessed an unusually bright, happy conversion. Miss Jennie J. lay for an hour or more apparently unconscious, but was evidently deeply penitent and earnest in prayer. There were two specially hardened sinners at that meeting who came and looked on that face, while tears rained down their cheeks, and they felt the very power of God upon them. Soon this lovely young lady opened her eyes, a heavenly smile playing upon her countenance; in sweetest accents she told to all around what a Savior she had found. Verily was it a scene indescribably glorious. It is hard to get my pen away from that old pulpit and altar, where, with many now sainted pastors, and heroic Christian men and women, I have so often witnessed gracious displays of power. Bro. Bennett, please don't be hard on this superannuate for lingering amid these scenes of gospel triumph and sweet communions of the saints.

August—I'm in the Baptist Church at Princeton drinking in every word of a splendid text, announced by Rev. A. Y. "Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you." I got along firstrate with his firstly—"The duty of all Christians to be united," and said amen to his secondly, "The evils that had resulted and were likely to result from a want of Christian unity," and I tell you, when he held up the holy Bible and said thirdly, "This is the basis of union" I did feel that the venerable man had given us a splendid sermon; but when he said, "As Baptists we can and will be united, not otherwise." I felt like crying that he didn't take his seat sooner. I am anxious to hurry on in these notes to a certain protracted meeting at S., where, when this same brother was in a Methodist pulpit preaching to a large congregation of Methodists and Baptists, the blessed Lord fused them all into Christian unity after Holy Ghost fashion. The world's got enough Baptist unity, Methodist unity, but O how it almost dies for the want of "the unity of the spirit;" rather think all of us had better rub up this subject and take it into our closets.

30th. Had a visit from Bro. A. R. Winfield, now army chaplain. The Federal soldiers visited his house in Camden, taking nearly all his provisions, and but for Brother Ratcliff would have taken all. Bro. R. was very abruptly assaulted by a Federal chaplain—he met more than he bargained for in Bro. R.

Sept. 11. From my third Quarterly meeting, which was held at Mt. Olivet, Miss Ruth A. D. came home with me. She is an intelligent, consecrated Christian young lady, capable every way, I believe, of making a number one Methodist preacher's wife.

14. I go to Union Chapel, on the Hampton circuit, to preach the funeral of one of our noble and brave soldiers, Cap't Geo. W. Winburn who fell in the battle at Chicamauga. I protracted this meeting, there were several conversions and I closed with a big baptizing at Nutt's Millpond. When I got through, I think I could have given some reasons "Why I don't immerse," the green scum, steep and slippery banks, deep water and abundance of snakes. I tell you, to lead three or four ladies down into such a Jordan as that, made anything else than a favorable impression on my mind. If I'm ever a Baptist preacher, you'll hear from me on the propriety of having baptisteries.

J. E. CALDWELL.

A TRIED AND INSPIRING CHRISTIANITY.

Christianity is open to the strictest scrutiny. It has a grand and notable history. It has stood the test of time. It has encountered the greatest opposition and has held its own under all adverse conditions. It has been productive of the highest results, giving light to myriads of lives, relief to thousands of burdened consciences, comfort to numberless sad hearts, joy and strength to countless souls, purification and beauty to endless numbers of characters, and peace, resignation and sustenance under all possible conditions. And careful examination as to its present influences and fruits strengthens the conviction that it never before gave greater attestations of its vitality and energy. Its developments from generation to generation, its increasing control over nation after nation, its struggles with heathenism, rationalism and human corruption, and its conquests over antagonistic elements, evince unmistakably its divinity. Since its Founder's advent new earas have developed, giving birth to higher and improved forms of civilization, to more advanced stages of culture and to multiform phases of human character, but amidst all this progress his life maintains its uniqueness and stands alone in its complete symmetry, in its lovely grandeur, in its full-orbed purity, in its supreme excellence, and in the perfectness of all its characteristics, purposes, manifestations and accomplishments—an enigma to all who recognize him not as "the King of kings and the Lord of lords." Since his personal ministry many new modifications and exhibitions of human belief have appeared, and numerous new ways of testing human error have been devised, but his precepts have survived all changes and improvements, showing their divine paternity and power in converting, enlightening, moulding, sanctifying and elevating.

Resting upon this cumilative evidence, Christians have no reason to fear for the future. What has been effected warrants confidence in the final success of the cause of Christ. In the hour of discouragement it is well to look out upon what his religion has done, and is yet doing, for the world, how it possesses a living and growing adaptation for all peoples and all times, and how the vitalizing and conquering power which it has ever shown is inherent in its principles and organization, and must find expression according to the arising occasion and need. It has an inspired Bible as man's rule of faith and practice, a Saviour for humanity, a Holy Spirit as Illuminator, Renewer and Sanctifier for all classes of mankind, and a personal ministry guaranteed from age to age to carry its evangelizing truth and agencies to the most distant parts of the globe.

Different religions have had their panaceas for life's ills, but only that which our Lord founded makes provisions for a happy and holy departure from earth. At this critical period in human destiny, whatever the conditions and circumstances, it has shown its power to sustain, to comfort and to triumph. There is nothing like it to calm the spirit, gladden the heart and render radiant the countenance. It has enabled the martyr to expire with a halo of glory. By it the humblest believer in Jesus has departed in peace. With the closing eye heavenward, millions have left the world saying, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Divine grace has come to them and made them meet for the inheritance of the saints, and has lit up for them the passage to the brighter and better land. And what the religion of our blessed Lord has done for myriads in bygone ages, during the transition experience, it is able to do for all believers in Jesus of this and succeeding centuries.

Further penetration discovers that the very things which skepticism regards in Christianity as repugnant to reason, and on other grounds objectionable, genuine Christians, both in life and in death, adhere to and rely upon with the greatest tenacity and constancy. The deity of Jesus, his meritorious and sacrificial offering upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead, his ascension to glory, his spiritual and all extensive presence, and his saving power—these grand old doctrines give body to their character, vitality to their experience, force and beauty to their conduct, strength in adversity and triumph in the dying hour. These facts, however others may gainsay, are to them the most convincing signs and evidences of a bright day for humanity. They read in them hope for the race's spiritual enlightenment and transformation, and their confidence gathers increasing strength as they see Christianity enter new lands and obtain from their inhabitants year by year fresh converts, and raise up from age to age a mighty host of witness-bearers to its transforming and redeeming efficacy.

Surely in the light of the history and the inherently potential factors of Christianity, the Church may take renewed courage and go forth to larger conquests, and push the gospel of the Son of God to earth's uttermost bounds. His religion has in itself the potency of an ever-enduring life, and possesses the promise and assurance of a magnificent realization in a ransomed universe to the praise of heaven's King, who has ordained it for working out through individual conversions and sanctifications so blessed and stupendous a consummation.—Phila. Presbyterian.

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J. D. CLARY,
Fordyce, May 25. Principal.

"THE SILENT DANE."

In his early manhood Moltke was called "the silent Dane," and later he was popularly known as "the great taciturn;" yet he could speak seven languages fluently. Although one of the world's profoundest and sternest soldiers, he was one of the most modest and affectionate of men. Occasionally one might see him in Berlin driving in a plain cab, or sauntering along a principal street looking in at the shop windows, but few recognized him. He was as regular as the sun in his daily tasks; and even in the lighter employments of his long life he was ever painstaking and methodical. Out of these traits grew, withal, his fine literary ability, that, besides his published letters, produced several valuable military histories.

The crowning honor of his life was the way Germany celebrated the completion of his ninetieth year. From the Baltic to the Alps, from the Vosges to the Vistula, every household joined in the great jubilee, hung out the national colors and likeness of Molke in flags and torches. Berlin was decorated and enthusiastic as it had never before been for any private citizen. Germans throughout the world set apart Oct. 26, 1890, as a fete-day for the *Vaterland,* and a day of praise and congratulations for her greatest soldier. The grim old field-marshal was taciturn almost by necessity, being nearly smothered by honors and rich presents; but when the city fathers of Berlin sent him their greetings, accompanied by the sum of fifty thousand marks as a charity fund for the relief of the aged and infirm, he replied: "Gentlemen, say to your council that this gift touches my heart, and that of the many and rich presents I have received to-day, this is the most valued." When since the death of Washington has the world seen a more modest, complete, successful, and noble life?—Harper's Weekly.

IT IS NO EXCUSE.

The conviction and sentence of one member of the British Parliament for gross immorality, and the fact that a similar charge, apparently well-founded, is hanging over another, both of these men having been particularly prominent in religious work, is a very sad illustration of the truth taught in Scripture that the heart of man is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Such ocases hinder the cause of religion much more than they would if it were not that the same deceitfulness exists in the hearts of those who make the inconsistencies of professors an excuse for rejecting God's claims upon themselves. An honest heart would not do so. It would see at once that not religion, but an utter lack of the genuine article makes men hypocrites. It would be more sensible to reject good money on the ground that there are spurious coins and forged notes in circulation; because a man might by mistake accept a bad bill for a good one, but no man can by mistake adopt the religion of the hypocrite instead of the religion of Jesus Christ.—N. Y. Weekly Witness.

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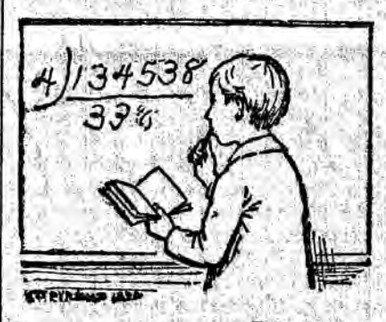

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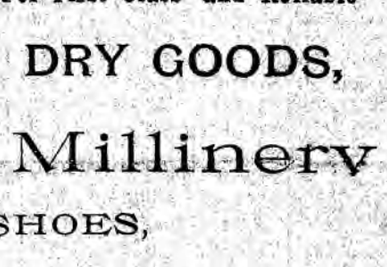

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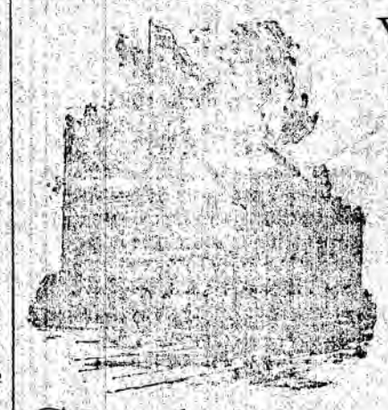

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Commencement Exercises of the Searcy College. June 6-10, '91.

Annual Address to Literary Societies, Hon. Jeff Davis, Saturday, June 6, 8 p. m.

Baccalaureate Sermon, Dr. W. A. Welsher, Sabbath, June 7, 8 p. m.

Field Day, Monday, June 8, 1:30 p. m.

Anniversary of Literary Societies, Tuesday, June 9, 9 a. m.

Laying Corner-stone of New Building by Grand Lodge of Masons, Tuesday, June 9, 1:30 p. m.

Graduating Exercises, Wednesday, June 10, 8 p. m.

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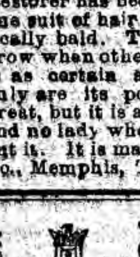

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FIELD NOTES.

VANDALE AND HARRISBURG.—Our Children's Day (or days) is over and I give results. We had splendid services at each appointment. I held these services on different Sundays so as to be present at each myself, and while the collections were perhpas below what they ought to have been, we had really enjoyable services and profitable to the Sunday-school interest and to the children, and people generally. The collections at Vandale amonted to $6.80, and at Harrisburg $4.80—total, $11.60.

The spirital interest of the Church is certainly on the up-grade in this charge. Our congregations are increasing in numbers all the time, and the outlook for better times is good. We begin our protracted meeting at Vandale the first Sunday in June. We are working and praying for a grand good meeting. Pray for us.

In love,
J. H. ANDERSON.

Vandale, May 25.

LAPILE C'T.—Our second Quarterly meeting for this circuit has just passed. Bro. H. H. Watson, our highly esteemed and much beloved P. E. was on hand, preaching to the delight and satisfaction of all. It was said by some there were over 600 people present on Sunday; good attention was given to the preaching of the word; the communion was large and serious, and our missionary collection good, amounting $40.00. Quite a number came forward for prayers; one accession to the Church. The love feast Sunday morning was a delightful and spiritual one, and we trust impressions were made that will be productive of fruit to the glory of God. We are serving a generous-hearted and clever people, who are looking after the comfort of their preacher and his family. God bless them. The out-look for a prosperous year is hopeful. We are looking after all the interests of the Church, but our chief object is to get souls saved. May the Lord give us many souls for our hire this year.

J. J. MENEFEE.

Hillsboro, May 21.

MAMMOTH SPRINGS.—On last Saturday this writer with Judge Milner and Rev. F. E. Taylor, P. E., boarded the train for the famous Mammoth Springs, it being time of Q. C. for that station, and this writer desiring to go sightseeing to that very noted place. After our arrival there we were met by pastor Bishop, who conducted us to his excellent home, where we were soon seated at the table of a splendid supper, prepared specially one should suppose, not for the Bishop, but for the sub-Bishop—consisting of not only meats and substantials of life generally, but pies, cakes and fruits of different kinds and specially strawberries, which abound in large quantities all over that country. You need not doubt it the sub-Bishop, the Judge and this scribe fared sumptuously one time on the eating question. The extraordinary supper being dispatched we were soon summoned by bell to the Methodist church for divine service and this writer had to disappoint an intelligent congregation, by the appointing power putting him up to fill the first hour and to take the place in pulpit of P. E. Well, I did the best I could, but it was the first time in life, that this writer ever preached to a Bishop, a sub-Bishop and a Judge—and we thought it a sight. Well I trust God blessed the word preached, though wielded in a very imperfect hand, with much fear and trembling. My old friend Rev. J. F. Troy was also a member of the congregation and added largely to our ministerial force, and of course helped to increase the state of embarrassment of your unworthy correspondent. Bro. Troy with his consecrated wife were leading on successfully the Sabbath-school department of our Church there, and the Bishop filling logically and successfully the pulpit. May the work of our Church prosper most grandly and successfully and be built up most strongly under these consecrated workers of Mammoth Springs Methodism. My stay was too short and could not see as much of that attractive place as I wished, but from the machinery, factory works and the grandest water power known in this country, together with the energy and vitality, that is manifested in all departments in the different professions, trades and business, one would judge Mammoth Springs is destined to be a grand city in the near future. I spent the time most enjoyably among the brethren and some old acquaintances and the night in the hospitable home of Bro. Jefferson. J. F. ARMSTRONG.

Imboden, May 25.

RICHMOND & ROCKY COMFORT STA.—Richmond and Rocky Comfort are moving along moderately well. We have good congregations and good attention to the preached word. They are doing fairly well for the support of the ministry. On the special collections the charge has done well. For the Scarritt Bible and Training School $23.05 was contributed and $10.50 for Galloway College. And on Children's Day which has just been observed $12 was raised at Richmond. We have spent nearly or quite $50 in cash on repairs on the parsonage and at least $30 in labor. I do not wish to draw invidious comparisons, but I may mention the fact that this small and comparatively poor charge did more for the Bible and Training School than many of the most pretentions charges in the State. So far as I have seen reported only four or five have excelled us. I should have been profoundly gratified if all whose ability exceeds that of this people had done more than they.

May I express the fear that even in Southern Methodism such occasions (as Easter Sunday and Galloway Day) turn out (as Mr. Spurgeon describes certain things) to be "like the Devil shearing a hog, 'a deal of fuss but little wool.'" We make large preparations, grand display, &c., but the results are meagre. The display of what is sometimes called "red tape" connected with some of our Church enterprises is to my mind simply shocking. The like does not seem to me to accord with the Apostolic injunction, "be not conformed to this world." Conformity in mass to the world's ways certainly indicates conformity to worldly principles on the part of the individuals who compose the mass. The Lord give us a ministry and membership consecrated to his service and fully "transformed by the renewing of their minds, that they may know, and do, what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Our second Quarterly Meeting has just passed. We had a good meeting. Our P. E. was with us full of fire and energy. He hews to the line. Thank God there are men in the P. Eldership who will preach the truth plainly and stand squarely for the doctrine and polity of Methodism.

Much rain in this section the last week and prospect for still more. A severe hail storm passed near Richmond one afternoon last week and another over the same track about 12 hours later, doing much damage to crops. I send greeting and brotherly love to the preachers, brethren, sisters and friends of White River Conference. Fraternally,

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Below we give the places and dates for the District Conferences of our Church in this State, as far as announced. We wish other Presiding Elders to furnish us the places and dates for their respective Conferences:

DISTRICT.	PLACE.	DATE.
Searcy,	Beebe,	May 27.
Jonesboro,	Paragould,	May 28.
Fayetteville,	Rogers,	May 28.
Newport,	Tuckerman,	June 4.
Pine Bluff,	Kingsland,	June 24.
Dardanelle,	Prairie View,	July 2.
Eureka Spr'gs,	Huntsville,	July 9.
Camden,	Stephens,	July 8.
Ft. Smith,	Paris,	July 14.
Harrison,	Valley Springs,	July 15.
Little Rock,	Mt. Tabor,	July 2.
Batesville,	Newber8,	July 16.
Washington,	Nashville,	Juiy 23.
Hot Springs,	Dallas,	July 15.

Rev. Samuel P. Jones may be confidently expected to begin preaching in this city tonight (Tuesday). From him Rev. R. R. Moore has received the following message:

"HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 1, 1891. —Leave for Little Rock tonight. Thousands joined the Church last night. SAM P. JONES."

As a contrary report has been circulated to some extent at least, we here state that *no* charge will be made for admission to the meeting to be conducted by Rev. Sam P. Jones in this city. We never heard of any charges for admission to his meetings anywhere. It is expected and desired that thousands will visit this city during the meeting, which begins tonight (Tuesday). We hope all Christians coming and all others, who read these lines may pray fervently for a great revival in this city during the evangelist's labors here, and that all who hear him may be conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence, power and comfort. May the people of Little Rock be awakened and blessed religiously is never before in the history of this city.

Assuming that people believe the fundamental Christian doctrines and pleading for dogmatism in preaching morals, the Northwestern Advocate says: "Paramount work for the present time at least is not to preach creeds, or even confirm men in their creeds, but to induce men 'to live up to' their creeds. The best confirmation of a just creed is the life it requires. Failure to lead this life, and to adequately insist upon it, have produced an apparent separation between religion and morality. That separation has made skeptics, and sent them upon a vain search for a new basis of morals. The strongest proof of the truth of Christianity, and the surest pledge of its universal sway is the pure morality it teaches."

To preachers and all other Christian workers we commend the following thoughtful words from the N. O. Advocate: "The largest possibilities lie in the children of today. The Spartans understood this so perfectly, that when they were defeated in battle, and their enemy demanded fifty children as hostages they declined and sent fifty men instead of children. In men many of the possibilities of life are already exhausted; in children they are just beginning. It is a wise nation, a wise Church that provides for the proper education and training of its children. They are the hope of the future. Brother pastor, are you looking personally to the interests of the children of your flock?"

Writing of Methodism in Wilmington, N. C., Rev. Dr. Carter says in his editorial correspondence to the N. O. Advocate: "Grace Church has an exceptionally fine 'peal of bells' and a large well-trained choir of good voices and instruments. With all the prejudices and arguments against musical instruments in church worship, I cannot help thinking that they add much to the solemnity and joyousness and inspiring power of the service. Perhaps not very many of my readers will agree with me; but I do not see how anybody can consent for the devil to have exclusive use of any instrument of music, nor how anybody can read the 150th Psalm and object to the use of musical instruments in the church services!"

The associated press sent out from Washington, May 31, the following concerning the inmates of juvenile reformatories: "An interesting study has been made by the Rev. Fred H. Wines, the special agent of the Census Office for the collection of statistics relating to pauperism and crime, and of statistics showing the inmates of juvenile reformatories. There were last year 14,846 inmates of juvenile reformatories, an increase of 3,378 over 1880, or 29.46 per cent, with an increase of 24.86 per cent. in the total population. That is, there are 29 juvenile delinquents in each million of our population, but that is only an increase of 3 to the million since 1880. Mr. Wines concludes, from his investigations, that "the juvenile reformatory system is not growing rapidly, although its growth slightly exceeds that of the population at large."

In respect to sex, 11,535 juvenile delinquents are boys and 3,311 are girls. The percentage of girls is somewhat larger than it was ten years ago. It was then 19.27 of the total number, but now it is 22.30 per cent. There are a little more than five times as many girls in reformatories in proportion as there are women in penitentiaries."

AT TWO CONFERENCES.

Last week we had the pleasure of short visits to the Jonesboro and Searcy District Conferences, held respectively at Paragould and Beebe. As both of these Confernces are reported on first page of this issue, we write briefly to avoid repetition. The opening of the Jonesboro District Conference was immediately preceded by a half-hour prayer meeting conducted by Rev. James F. Jernigan, the sweet singer of the White River Conference. From expressions in this service and in the opening exercises conducted by Rev. M. M. Smith, P. E., it was clearly manifest, that the brethren desired and expected a deeply spiritual session of their Conference. In this they were not disappointed; for at the public services on Thursday and Friday Christians rejoiced and many shouted aloud the praise of God, while penitents sought his pardoning grace, and later realized that "he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him," as they heard in a short and comforting sermon Thursday morning by Rev. J. D. Rutledge.

Among the laymen present we observed many brethren very far advanced in age, and they seemed to feel that would probably be the last District Conference they would have the privilege of attending. These and two venerable preachers, Revs. B. Harris and H. T. Blythe, added much to the devout solemnity and religious joy of the occasion. From the roll call there appeared to be in that District an unusually large number of local preachers, comparatively few of whom were in attendance. We think all local preachers, who can do so, should favor the District Conference with their presence and counsel, and to this end our pastors should specially encourage their attendance, by which they will help the Conference and be benefitted themselves. It is to be regretted that some local preachers seldom go to their Distriet Conference; by their absence both they and the Church are losers.

Where a District Conference does not "go dry" by reason of soporific statistics of doubtful value, it can wisely use and be profitably used by its local preachers and laymen. We noted with pleasure and approval the absence of tedious, if not useless, statistics in both the Jonesboro and Searcy District Conferences. At the latter we were present only one day, Saturday, but we observed that Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E., encouraged the laymen as well as the preachers to speak concerning their charges and to express their views on all questions coming before the Conference. At this Conference there were more laymen and fewer traveling preachers than at the Jonesboro District Conference, but not altogether as much manifestation of religious interest.

At both of these Conferences the members and visitors were pleased with the manner in which Revs. M. M. Smith and F. A. Jeffett presided, with the thoughtful and courteous attention of our pastors, Revs. J. C. Ritter and E. C. Castlebery, and especially with the generous hospitality of the citizens in the entertainment of their guests. In both Paragould and Beebe homes were provided for more than the number present, and we sincerely hope many of these homes were blessed by the presence of the Lord's servants. We were kindly and pleasantly entertained at Paragould in the home of Mr. W. H. Jones and at Beebe in the home of Mr. J. T. Caradine. Blessings on them and their families.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church which has been in progress for the past two weeks closed last night. During the meeting there have been forty-two conversions, the majority of those embracing religion being young men. At the 11 o'clock service yesterday twenty-two joined the Church. Mr. Lowry has made a host of friends during his stay in our city and will always receive a warm welcome to our midst. He has been invited to hold meetings at Ft. Smith and Van Buren and will probably go to one of those places next week.—Arkadelphia Siftings, June 1.

THE PRESS EXCURSION.

It is not often newspaper men get a vacation, and when they do they enjoy it. They make up in fun what they lack in funds. The Business Manager of THE METHODIST has just returned from an excursion to Washington City and other points, as indicated in last weeks METHODIST.

We left Batesville at 1 p. m. Friday on the steamboat Gen'l Tomkins, and after a pleasant ride with Capt. A. B. Smith as Commander, we arrived at Newport where we took the cannon ball for St. Louis. From St. Louis we went in a special sleeping car chartered by the party for a seven days trip. Going over the Ohio & Mississippi R'y, our first stop was at Cincinnati, Ohio, where we took breakfast. This city was in a great stir about a game of base ball to be played on Sunday. The authorities had forbidden it, but the players threatened to play any way or fight. We do not know how they came out.

From Cincinnati we passed over some tolerably good farming land well improved, though we were disappointed in it because we had understood it was a fine country. About noon we reached the mountains of the Potomac river, where there is nothing but coal and scenery. The coal is not very good and the scenery not extra. At Harper's Ferry we crossed the Potomac. We found every thing quiet. The historic town is but a small place, possibly 200 people. The brick shop in which John Brown baricaded himself and men and fought to the death, still stands and has painted on it "John Brown's Fort." The stone piers of two bridges stand as monuments of the late war. The Confederate forces burned the bridges. Martinburg, a few miles west of Harper's Ferry, is a prosperous mining and milling town. It was here that the Confederates captured several engines, and taking them a part, hauled them over land South and used them.

We arrived at Washington, D. C., Monday. Our first sight seeing was in the capitol building. We employed a well informed guide and went through the entire building. The Supreme Court of the United States held its last session for the Summer at 12 o'clock, and we were there to see it. Exactly at 12 o'clock, a young man entered the court room from a side door. He sounded for silence, and after him came in single file the nine grave and gray judges. Each marched to the back of his chair. The old crier said in a loud voice, "Oh hear! Oh hear!! Oh hear!!! the Chief Justice approaches and the Supreme Court of the United States is in session." The judges seat themselves in military time and order, and the first judge on the left begins the delivery of decisions. Strange to say the first case decided, was one from Arkansas. The judges all wear black silk gowns losely made, extending to the floor, and with large sleeves. They wear nothing on their heads. They were all bald except Mr. Lamar. From the Supreme Court room we passed into the Grand Hall, the largest in the world (880 feet). We entered the vast rotunder, 96 feet in diameter and 180 feet from floor to canopy. Around the walls are large and expensive paintings representing the principal events of American history. Then to the Presidents room we go. This is where the President goes once in two years at the close of Congress to sign bills at the last moment. This room is one of the finest in the world. The large French mirrors are so placed that when persons surround the table in the center of the room, twelve tables of persons can be seen, reflected from the one table.

In the basement of the building are committee rooms, bath rooms, a large restaurant and other rooms. On the main floor are the senate chamber, house chamber, library, &c., &c. The house chamber is 93x139 feet and 36 feet high. There are desks for 333 members. The gallery of the house seats 2,500 people. There are no lights in this room. The ceiling is glass and the lights are over the ceiling and give the light through the glass. It is bright and soft.

Statuary Hall is a large circular room in which every State is expected to place the statues of two of her eminent men. Most all the States have furnished them, but Arkansas has none. Is it because she has had no men worthy? This hall presents some singular acoustic phenomina. For instance if you stand on one particular stone in the floor you can hear a whisper from a person standing on another particular stone. If you stand on another particular stone and look east all the talking in the room appears to come from a statute in front of you. We then climbed the stairs to the dome. Some of the party went to the highest point, but this writer was satisfied when about two thirds up. The dome is of iron, 288 feet high and 136 feet in diameter. It alone cost one million dollars. The statue of America which surmounts the dome is 20 feet high and cost twenty-four thousand dollars. At one of the main entrances there is a bronze door 9 feet high, weighs 20,000 pounds and cost thirty thousand dollars. On it are cast representations of peace and war in the life of George Washington. On one side is the representation of Washington clothed as a Mason, with apron, jewel and trowel, laying the corner stone of the Capitol building. This sets at rest the question of Washington being a Mason. The Capitol building stands upon an elevated plateau overlooking the city. The building itself covers 3½ acres and the grounds include 52 acres. Next week I will tell you of the President's house, Washington's monument, Washington's home, New York City, &c. GEO. THORNBURGH.

MISSIONARY.

In addition to what we reported of the Board of Missions, we copy from advance pages of the Missionary Reporter the following resolutions which were adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to mature and report to the Board a plan whereby there may be permanently secured to the Board of Missions funds on which the Board may pay an annuity during the life-time of the donor.

E. R. HENDRIX,
A. W. WILSON.

The committee appointed were the three Secretaries and Bishops Hendrix and Wilson.

Resolved, That Bishops Haygood and Duncan and Dr. John be appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency and feasibility of procuring in this country a charter for the establishment of a university, to include and correlate all our educational work in the China Mission Conference; and in case said committee shall not be able to report during this present session of the Board, it shall then have power to act during the year, and do all things necessary to procure such charter if they deem it wise.

A. W. WILSON,
E. R. HENDRIX.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of annuities, after due consideration, is satisfied that the plan, as adopted by other Mission Boards, can be made a source of revenue to this Board, and will present to members of our Church a safe and satisfactory mode of donating money to the cause of missions. It therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretaries are authorized to obtain from other Mission Boards information as to their respective plans, and, with the assistance and approval of the Treasurer and Finance Committee, to prepare and issue said bonds under the authority of the Board.

E. R. HENDRIX,
A. W. WILSON,
I. G. JOHN,
H. C. MORRISON,
W. H. POTTER.

Whereas there is a wide-spread impression in the Church that our Secretaries, in the collections taken by them, were providing for new missionaries not called for by the Board of Missions; and whereas this Board made an appropriation at its last Annual Meeting for the support of sixteen new missionaries, and the Secretaries have addressed themselves to the work of raising funds to support these sixteen new missionaries provided for by the Board; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby heartily approve their course, and bespeak for them the continued co-operation of the Church in their important and arduous labors.

JAMES O. BRANCH,
JOSEPH S. KEY.

The following was presented, but did not prevail:

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Board of Missions shall hereafter indicate as fully as practicable how the appropriations of this Board to our several missions were apportioned for the preceding year by this Board; or, as modified by the respective Bishops in charge of such missions.

Z. T. BENNETT,
C. W. CARTER,
W. D. KIRKLAND,
P. A. PETERSON.

While to our surprise and regret this resolution was defeated in the Board, we are pleased to believe from personal letters just received from Dr. I. G. John, Secretary, and Bro. T. B. Holt, Treasurer, that they are now thinking more favorably of the resolution, and that while it was not adopted, the Annual Report of the Board of Missions will hereafter indicate as fully as practicable the information desired. It can be given and there is no valid reason why the Annual Report should not give it as fully as practicable. [This was intended for our last issue.]

DOUBLE MOTIVES.

Men rarely act from a single motive. Generally there is an outward and an inward motive. You may by argument demolish the outward, but the inward is the real motive, and being in ignorance of it, you have not touched it.

Many people join the Church not with a single eye. Worldliness may mingle with the desire to "flee the wrath to come." The act may be prompted partially by a desire to obtain a better position in society, a more commanding elevation for trade, or through cowardice—a fear to antagonize the current of public opinion.

Men may pray to be seen and heard. Their prayers may be directed to their fellows, or to provoke human applause. Teachers in Sunday-schools may work for other things than the salvation of their pupils. The desire for their salvation may be there, but mixed with it may be the desire for pre-eminence, or for the numerical prosperity of the Church.

Preachers do not always determine "to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified." A principal appointment, a fat salary, the glitter and glamor of renown, personal popularity, even bread and butter, may influence him to a greater or less degree.

Contributions to the Church do not always represent heroic fealty to God, and unswerving honesty to duty. A personal preference for the preacher, church pride, the urgent call of preacher or steward, a weak will, the praise of men, a mushroom liberality engendered for the time under the influence of preaching or the contagion of others giving, any, or some, or all of these may enter into our giving.

Attendance upon the services of the Church is not always from a desire to worship God, "to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man," to be "fed upon the sincere milk of the Word, that we may grow thereby." The popular preacher, the crowd, the singing, the lack of somewhere else to go, public sentiment, a new dress, may prove a spur to a sleepy spirit or a lazy body.

The extent by which we are influenced by these hidden motives, determines our character. Where they are repressed, mortified, the spiritual grows, The godward side of our nature grows, the carnal diminishes. The better elements are ascendant. It is progress in the divine life. Its end is God. Its goal is heaven.

QUITMAN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

For some time past Quitman has been busily engaged in preparation for the commencement exercises of Quitman Male and Female College. The commencement occasion is an annual joy to the people here. They vie with each other in their generous hospitality extended with warmheartedness to the friends of Christian learning, who come to the yearly feast of reason and flow of soul.

The examination which had been going on all the week closed Friday. In the Preparatory Department these were oral, but in the Collegiate written. They were satisfactory in the main, many of the students taking high grade. The exhibition began Thursday at 8 p. m. with a very interesting entertainment by the first Preparatory Department. The little folks under the name of Pansy Society acted their part in dialogue, recitation and song with credit to themselves and honor to their faithful teacher, Miss Willie Hall. Friday night the second Preparatory, called the Platonian Society, under the management of Miss Ella Fuqua, creditably entertained the audience. Saturday night Bro. J. M. Cantrell preached to the comfort of the large audience on experimental piety. At each of these exercises the large chapel was filled to its utmost capacity.

Sunday morning the sun rose upon a cloudless sky and climbing the hill of heaven giving promise of faultless weather for divine worship. The Sunday-school was very large and interesting. At 10:30 sharp Rev. H. Jewel, of White River Conference, began the commencement sermon services. A very large and attentive audience greeted the preacher. The sermon was founded on Daniel 1:17, and 12:4 latter part. The subject, the influence of Christianity on the development of mind, was ably discussed, giving instruction and comfort to the saints. The distinguished preacher drew from his extensive reading and observation incidents to illustrate and enforce the teaching of the text. He urged the importance, yea the necessity of denominational schools. At 3 p. m. the experience meeting conducted by Bro. W. P. Hamilton, was eminently spiritual, many of the young people taking part. Bro. S. F. Dykes, P. E. of Harrison District, preached at night on Satistaction using as a text Psa. 17:15. The sermon was well delivered and highly instructive. Dr. Peebles administered the Lord's Supper to a very large number of communicants. Thus closed the exercises of one of the most pleasant and profitable commencement Sundays we have ever had. The following visitors were present in addition to those already named: Revs. T. A. Graham, C. H. Culpepper, J. L. Massey and many others from the adjacent country. More anon.

J. S. CLOWER.

Quitman, June 1.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

The New York Christian Advocate has recently called attention to the fact that the M. E. Church, South, is increasing more rapidly than the M. E. Church, North. The The comparative statistics of the two Churches for forty years (1846-86) may be of interest to your readers. The summary for 1891 has not yet been made; hence, I can not make the comparison for the last five years. The figures were furnished me by the Book Agents at New York and Nashville, and are supposed to be official. The Methodist Episcopal Church was divided in the fall of 1845 and the statistics published the following spring give the relative number of members who "adhered" to the two divisions respectively. The Church, North, had 652,816 members, the Church, South, 458,050. The members for every five years will fairly mark the progress of each.

1851. North, 625840, loss four per cent; South, 533535, gain sixteen pe cent.

1856. North, 703433, gain twelve per cent; South, 643705, gain twenty per cent.

1861. North, 839534, gain nineteen per cent; South, 640582, loss one-half of one per cent.

1866. North, 827009, loss one and one-half per cent; South 426359, loss thirty-three per cent.

1871. North, 1240707, gain fifty per cent; South, 621184, gain forty-six per cent.

1876. North, 1436066, gain sixteen per cent; South 752906, gain twenty-one per cent.

1881. North, 1790049, gain twenty-four per cent; South, 860-717, gain fourteen per cent.

1886. North 2002452, gain twelve per cent; South, 1066377, gain twenty-four per cent.

From the division to the war (1846-61), North gain twenty-eight per cent; South gain forty per cent. From '66 to '86, North gain 142 per cent; South gain 150 per cent. Had our country been spared the disastrous events of 1861-66, the Methodist E. Church, South, would now be the largest Methodist Church in the world.

GRANVILLE GOODLOE,

May 26, '91.

LETTER FROM CHINA.

Returning thanks through Bro. Thornburgh to the last publishing committee of the Little Rock Conference Minutes for a copy of the same—the first he had received since going to China—Rev. M. B. Hill writes from Shanghai, April 20, as follows: Our work is moving slowly, but surely forward. During the last quarter I baptized four adults and two infants. Last week I baptized and received two others into the Church at Tse So. I hope to baptize and to receive several more next Sunday. Am now engaged in daily services, which I trust will prove to be a revival meeting. This is the third week, and since beginning eight have given their names as probationers. There is also an evident increase in the attendance of the native Christians. Last night had a good congregation, and most of them remained throughout the service, and gave close attention while God poured out his Spirit upon me, greatly aiding mein declaring the precious words of life. I am gladthe Little Rock Conference has expressed their increased interest in missions as well as their appreciation of Bro. T. A. Hearn by undertaking to provide for his support. He is well worthy of your esteem, confidence and love, and it will no doubt be a great blessing to all those who contribute directly to his support, I learn from his Presiding Elder Bro. D. L. Anderson that he is making excellent progress in the study of the Chinese language, and has already done a good work in selling Christian books among the Chinese. Now let me close by exhorting the Church in Arkansas to send us every suitable man and woman who is willing to consecrate himself or herself to this work. Each Presiding Elder's District in your three Conferences could send us a consecrated man and woman. This would indeed be a great work when compared with what you are doing at present and it would be an inestimable blessing both to you and these poor blind heathens. Let the action of the Morrilton District stimulate every other District in the State to do even better; then let the Church meet all the assessments made by the General Boards, and you will then begin to show your faith in missions by your works.

Yours fraternally,

MOSES B. HILL.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1891.

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Pine Bluff District Conference begins June 24 and the Camden July 8—each one day earlier than indicated in our list of District Conferences. See several notices on pages 3 and 8.

Last week at the Quarterly Conference for our First Church in this city Judge Ratcliffe resigned as Sunday-school Sup't, and Bro. George Thornburgh, who was then absent from the city, was elected Sunday-school Sup't, a position he has elsewhere filled both acceptably and efficiently for many years.

During the Vanderbuilt vacation Rev. J. M. Hawley will serve Jefferson St. Church in Natchez, Miss. We congratulate that congregation on having secured this consecrated, efficient and scholarly young preacher, and we predict they will be pleased with him and edified under his ministry.

Rev. John F. Taylor, a local preacher at Hot Springs, desires a country appointment till Conference, and refers to Rev. C. C. Godden.

With the burning of the building and the resignation of Prof. Baugh, the President, our High School at Dallas has passed away.

Tuesday p. m. we had calls from Revs. A. C. Millar, I. B. Manley, F. A. Jeffett, H. M. Cryer, J. R. Harvey and O. H. Keadle and Bro. W. M. Clifton—most of them in this city to hear Rev. Sam P. Jones.

Rev. J. P. Callaway, formerly of the Arkansas Coference, now P. C. of the Bosqueville C't, N. W. Texas Conference, writes that he has sufficiently recovered from a long and severe illness to fill his appointments again.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter gave us a cheerful call Tuesday morning. He and his wife will leave about the last of this month to visit their relatives in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and do not expect to return till late in next October. Dr. Hunter will probably spend a few days in Washington City during the Ecumenical Conference, to which we had hoped he would be appointed a delegate.

Sending notice of his "third round" Quarterly meetings Rev. T. H. Ware says "my brethren over the District have been very kind to us since our burn. I am not well."

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald will preach the commencement sermon for Galloway Female College next Sunday morning.

Rev. S. D. Evans, P. C. of Colt C't, brings us under obligation by continued work for this paper, his "junior preacher."

Rev. J. H. Anderson, P. C. of Vandale and Harrisburgh station, after returning from the Jonesboro Dist. Conference at Paragould, sent us a list of twelve new subscribers. Quick work by one of our most successful agents.

As our Business Manager was clearing up the work at his desk to leave for the meeting of the Press Association we discovered the following "poetic" messages, each written on a postal card:

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Mrs. Rev. I. A. Vernon, Plant City, Fla., writes May 25:

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—In looking over THE ARKANSAS METHODIST I came across that article concerning a brother in the itinerancy who wrote of hard times and my heart went out in sympathy for him and his family. I think this is a very good opportunity for those of us, who give a tenth of our income to the Lord, to help our brethren in distress. I therefore send $5 which I beg you will please forward, as you do not give the name and address of the brother.

Yours in Christian love,
LOUISE M. VERNON.

As we were visiting District Conferences last week, we did not have the pleasure of witnessing the closing exercises of our city Public Schools. The graduating class of the Peabody High School embraced the following: Hetty Denison, salutatorian, Lena Erber, Eliza H. Coats, Natalie Virginia O'Hair, Kate Cherry, Alice May Brown, Belle Blackwood, Belle Levinson, Sadie Roussan Espy, Elizabeth Reeves Espy, Hattie Woodruff Bell, Evie Woodruff Bell, Mary Ellen Campbell, Mamie C. Baird, Birdie Ellen McLean, Leon O. Davies, Richard W. Rightsell, Grace Melbourne Beattie, Willam C. Adamson, Flora Lillian Cohen, Keo Dooley, Abe J. Myar, Lulu Metzger, Charles Jacobson, Noel Loeb, valedictorian.

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Commencement Exercises, Arkadelphia Methodist College.

Sunday, June 11, 11 a. m., Commencement Sermon by M. B. Chapman, D. D., St. Louis, Mo. 8 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. H. W. Brooks, Hope, Ark.

Monday—Undergraduates' day, June 8th. 9:30 a. m., Miscellany—Primary Department. 3 p. m. Art Levee. 4 p. m., Meeting Board of Trustees. 8 p. m., Grand Concert.

Tuesday—College day, June 9th. 9:30, Music and Elocution. 11 a. m., Literary Address, Hon. C. R. Breckinridge. 8 p. m., Elocution Recital.

Wednesday—Graduates' day—June 10th, 9:30 Graduates Essays. Awarding Medals—conferring Degrees by the President. Address before Class by Rev. H. M. Whaling. Benediction.

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Quarterly Meetings.

Harrison Dist. S. F. Dykes, P. E. 3rd round. Yellville sta, June 13, 14; Powell ct, 20, 21; Bellfonte ct, 27, 28; Harrison and Bellefonte, July 4, 5; Valley Springs, 11, 12; Archie Mission, 24; Witt Springs, 25, 26; Lead Hill, Aug. 1, 2; Omaha, 2, 3; Wiley's Cove, 8, 9; Big Flat, at Blue Mtn. tre, 15, 16; Mt. Horne, 22, 23; Oakland 24, 25; Yellville 29, 30; McPhearson, Sept. 5, 6.

Hot Springs District. A. D. Jenkins P. E. Third round. South Hot Springs, June 13, 14; Crystal Springs ct, 20, 21; Hot Springs ct, 27, 28; Central Avenue July 4, 5; Glen Street, 11, 12; Dallas ct. 25, 26; Potter ct, Aug. 1, 2; Cove ct, 8, 9; Saline ct, 15, 16; Mt Valley Miss. 22, 23; Mt. Ida ct. 29, 30; Amity ct, Sept. 6, 7.

Little Rock District, J. R. Moore P. E. 3rd round. Winfield Memorial June 20, 21; Carlisle, 27, 28; Mablevale July 11, 12; Hazen and DeValls Bluff 18, 19; England, 25, 26; Lonoke Aug. 1, 2; Wattensas 8, 9; First Church 15, 16; Liberty 15, 16; Austin 20; Des Arc and Hickory Plains 22, 23; Maumelle 29, 30.

District Conference July 2-5. Let pastors see that Quarterly Conference Journals are present.

Batesville District. Henry T. Gregory P. E. Third round. Oil Trough ct, June 20, 21; Batesville sta, 27, 28; Bethesda ct, 30; Sulphur Rock ct, July 2; Calamine ct, 4, 5; Evening Shade ct, 11, 12; Ash Flat ct, 25, 26; Newburg ct, 30; Viola ct, Aug. 1, 2; Salem ct, 8, 9; Melbourne ct, 15, 16; Mountain View ct, 22, 23; Jamestown ct, 29, 30; Cedar Grove ct, Sept. 5, 6; West Batesville Mis. 9.

Washington Dist. Thos. H. Ware P. E. 3rd round. Prescott June 20, 21; Locksburg 27, 28; Washington July 4, 5; Centre Point 11, 12 Emmett 18, 19; Nashville 25, 26; De Ann Aug. 1, 2; Fulton 8, 9; College Hill 15, 16; Texarkana 15, 16; Richmond and Rocky Comfort 22, 23; Little River, 29, 30; Hope 29, 30; Chapel Hill Sept. 5, 6; Peytonville 5, 6.

The District Conference will meet in Nashville Wednesday July 23rd at 8:30 a. m. Opening sermon by Rev. H. B. Scruggs, Tuesday at 8:30 p. m.

Camden Dist. H. H. Watson P. E. 3rd round. Atlanta, at Pleasant Grove, June 27, 28; Ouchita, at Hawkins, July 4, 5; Carolina, at New Salem 18, 19; Camden ct, at Mt. Vernon 20, 21; Buckner, at Ebenezer, 25, 26; Lewisville, at Bethlehem, 27, 28; Fordyce, Aug. 1, 2; Hampton 8, 4; Stephens and Waldo, at McNeil, 8, 9; Magnolia ct, at Logan's chap. 10, 11; Beardon, 15, 16; Camden sta, 16 17; Mt Dorado at Hart's chap. 22, 23; Lapile, at Forest Hill, 24, 25; Magnolia sta. 29, 30.

N. B. Brethren will notice some of these Quarterly meetings come in the week; I have to do this, to give full time on the 4th round. Have your protracted meeting at this place and I will drop in with you. H. H. Watson.

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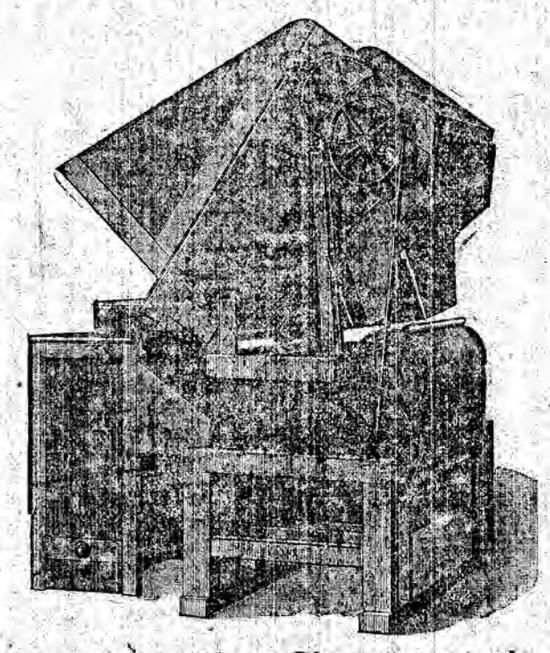

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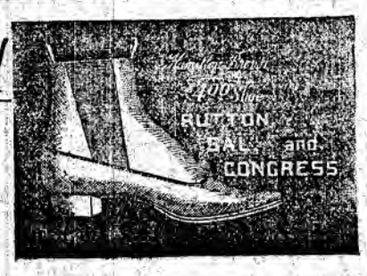

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Renters, attention! I will build nice cottages on as fine lots as Little Rock affords and sell on payments of $100 cash down and remainder at $10 per month. Why pay rent, when you can have your own home for what the rent would be.

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Choice vacant lots on Izard, Chester, Ringo, Cross and Pulaski streets, at prices ranging from $110 to $185 each, on payments of $10 cash and $5 per month. Why pay rent when you can get a home for what the rent would be?

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CHRISTIAN LIFE.

A PRAYER.

When cares and sorrows round me roll,
Do thou, O Lord, my will control,
And lead me to Thy breast.
Give me Thy loving rod to know,
To lean not on a reed below,
But find in Thee my rest.

Let faith my languid heart revive,
And teach me how I ought to live
My duty to pursue.
Unseal my lips, direct my mind
Thy sacred oracles to find,
With wisdom to bestrew.

Help me, my God, Thy grace to gain,
Tho' found through suffering, toil, and pain,
Yet purified to stand.
Then eye to eye shall I behold
The secrets of Thy faithful fold,
When crowned at Thy right hand.

—J. W. Kelley in New York Advocate.

THE REACTION.

Following the transports of the soul "in its earliest love" come seasons of sore depression. We have this treasure in earthen vessels. Natural law asserts its power. Action and reaction constitute an equation in the physical man. Nervous force exhausted, there must be a period of rest. The enemy ever seeks to surprise a sleeping camp. When Christ was an hungered the devil came. Some who read this have awoke under the smoking guns of the sleepless foe. A word to such.

Feeling is not essential to acceptance with God. Its absence is not to be construed as in itself evidence of sin. Paul was in heaviness through manifold temptation. But he was rejected. Our justification is in the mind of God, untouched by the surges that beat upon our souls. Who shall separate us from his love? Holding ourselves true to God, alike through shine and storm, we can hurl our sublime confidence at our fiercest foe—"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

It were strange indeed that old Pharaoh should let you go without putting his chariots on your trail. Not even Moses had such experience. Let them come. The Lord will take out the linch-pins, and twist off the wheels, and loosen up the sand, so that they shall drive heavily, even while he opens a way for you through the affrighted sea. If you were not escaped out of their hands, they would not be after you. Do not take the noise of the pursuit for the reproaches of God. He will teach you both when to fight and when to flee. If he is for you, who can be against you?

Keep right on as though nothing had happened. No changes of seasons or place can make any change in my mind. Help yourselves by helping others. Cheer a discouraged soul, and your own despair will flee away. Help a drowning soul out of the 'whelming flood, and you will reach dry ground yourself. Turn to earnest works for others, the soul that is neglected and slighted and cast down, and your own wounds are healed. Be as contrary to sin as the devil is to godliness. If he points you one way, take the other as fast as your feet will bear you. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Finally, let your moderation be known to all men. Avoid extremes. Accustom yourselves to calm and rational views of your relations with God. Serve him from principle. Take his Word as the end of all controversy. Walk by faith. Laying aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset you, run with patience the race set before you, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith.

Never sleep while there is anything between you and God. Go to him, abide with him, plead and wrestle until his pardoning voice you hear, owning you for his child. When your heart loathes the sin that separates you, that instant separation vanished—"I am my Lord's, and he is mine!"

"Now rest, my long divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful center, rest;
Nor ever from thy Lord depart,
With him of every good possessed."

—Western Advocate.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Four remarkable elements of its structure have added greatly to the rapidity of the success which the Salvation Army has attained.

1. One of these is the use which it has made of the energy and devotion of women.

2. The immediate use to which the Salvation Army puts its converts. It recognizes the great and nation-regenerating truth that every Christian should be God's missionary. Many of the wavering might have been lost forever if they had not been from the first taught and encouraged to come out of their evil surroundings, and boldly to take their side with God and with the work of good.

3. The teaching men to *give*. At every meeting of the Salvation Army there is a collection. Giving is usually declared to be abhorrent to the steady-going Christian. The offertory is supposed to frighten away congregations from churches. The Salvationists have better understood human nature, and better exemplified the spirit of early converts. They have confidently made their mission self-supporting, and have wisely taught that acts of worship are most fittingly connected with works of self-denial. That is how this sect of yesterday, started by a discredited Methodist, has succeeded in raising a revenue of some £800,000 a year.

4. But, after all, the chief secret of the growth of the Army has lain in the self-sacrifice—a self-sacrifice not short of heroism—which it has evoked in hundreds of its votaries.—Archdeacon Farrar, in Harper's Magazine for May.

'SAVED!'

"I wish to be educated;" "I want his character developed;" "I desire my son to be trained;" "I am striving for his reform;" "I want to keep him from bad ways;" "I am aiming at the right molding of my daughter's life;" "I wish my children rightly started in life"—such aspirations we often hear, uttered more or less articulately by parents and friends concerning others, or by the aspirants themselves. They are all laudable; but they are all included as to their essence in one word not so often employed. That word is "saved"—in the Bible sense, not merely from ignorance, bad habits, failure in life, and the like, but "saved," body and spirit, for time and eternity.

To be saved is to be freed from an accusing conscience, the dominion of sin, its ill consequences and the fear of them; to be content, at peace, even full of hope as to the great unknown future. It is to have the day of judgment divested of terror. It is to have positive gain and peace of conscience, freedom from the mastery of the world, an abiding, elevating, purifying motive toward well-doing, which acts within, and is not dependent on human observation, and a hope which offsets present limitations like grief, poverty, and pain, and actually converts them into benefits. It is to have a hope, realized in due time, of all that is involved—and how much that is eternity alone can disclose—in "eternal life."

The ordinary mind can see how much this heart-believing implies. "I was sinful, guilty; God's law was broken by me, and I was under its penalty. Christ bore it, and brought in righteousness. It is a free gift to me. I love God, who pitied me. I love Jesus, who saved me, I know his work is enough, for God raised him from the dead. I will be grateful as long as I live. I will try to please him, to honor him. I can never repay him, but in every way that he desires and shows me I will try to please him."

Now one of the ways in which he can be pleased and honored is the owning of him before men. When the Bulgarian intriguers got Prince Alexander out of the way, the soldiers and subjects who were loyal to him felt bound to acknowledge him, stand up for him, call him their prince, and respect his Government. What else could they do and be honest, manly, and true to their convictions? When the Son of Man is cast out, rejected, disowned, by men in this world, and rivals are set up in his place, what should, what could, his friends do but confess him? The believing with the heart is the privilege grace gives; the open confession is the duty inseparable from it. The two are put together. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Having accepted the grace, he assumes the duty. The doing of the duty is the evidence that the heart has accepted the grace. They are together in the prescription, but on different grounds. No special genius is necessary to the understanding of this. "Here," says the doctor to a patient shaking in disease, "is the specific for your malady. Take it, and keep as quiet as possible." The quiet may not be perfect, is not specific, but it is necessary in its place. So it is with the confession. Hence the strong language of the Master: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

Reader, are you doing these two things—believing and confessing? He who cannot lie says that they who do these things—two and yet one—do them "unto salvation." The means never fail of the end. The investment is never a failure. The remedy is never without the hoped-for relief. The being saved is not, therefore, a mere sentiment, hope, or line of religious conduct. It carries the very man along, and makes right with God, and it brings, therefore, in its train the present well-doing.—Rev. Dr. John Hall in The Congregationalist.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

LOTS OF MONEY.

"Yes, if I had lots of money, I know what I'd do," said a little boy one day, and he gave his head a knowing shake, as if he thought a great deal more than he chose to tell.

"Poor child," said a friend, who overheard, "you don't know every thing yet; you'll be a great deal wiser when you are older.

"Let me tell you the story of the Duke of Brunswick and his diamonds. He had more than two million dollars' worth of diamonds, and they made a prisoner of him. He never dared to leave home even for a night, lest some one would steal them. He lived in a house built so he couldn't take any comfort in it. It was much like a prison, it was made so thick and strong, with the doors and windows barred and bolted. A very thick high wall was built outside the house all around it, and on the top of the wall was an iron railing tipped off with sharp points that would cut like a knife, and so contrived that if a person touched one of them a chime of bells would instantly ring. This railing cost a great deal of money, what would seem a large fortune to us.

"He kept his diamonds in a safe built in a thick wall in his bedroom, where he could look at them whenever he wished. And his bed was placed against this wall, so that no thief could get at them without waking or kiling him. The safe was very strong, made of stone and iron. If anyone should try to pry it open a number of guns would go off that would kill the person at once, and at the same time bells would be set ringing in every room in the house.

"He had but one window in his bedroom, and that so high up he could not see out, and no one could get in. The door was made of the stoutest iron, and no one could get in without understanding the very curious lock. Besides all this, he kept a case of pistols, all loaded, on his table.

"What a room! What comfort could that man take, although he was so rich? Poor man! Poor rich man! He didn't have half the enjoyment in life that you children have, who have no diamonds to take care of, and can run in and out and play as you have a mind to.

"You see that it is not money that makes a person happy. No, indeed, Holy Scripture says; 'Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasures and trouble herewith.' It tells us also to lay up for ourselves 'treasures in heaven, where thieves do not break through and steal.' "—Exchange.

TAKE YOUR HANDS OUT!

To begin with, it does not look well when a young man crooks his arms and thrusts his hands into his pockets, making a figure eight of himself, and then stands up against the sunny side of the house, like a rooster in December.

How would the girls look, all turned into eights and leaning against the wall? How would your mother look in that posture? Catch her doing it! You don't find her hands in her pockets. Your mother's hands! While you are loafing, they are the hands that sew, and bake, and stew, and fry, and sweep, and darn, and nurse, but she does not sink them in her pockets and then loll against a building.

Are your hands cold? Warm them up at the end of the hoe handle and scythe. Swing the hammer; drive the plane; flourish the ax. There is untold caloric about the spade, trowel and wrench.

Besides, pocket heat is not profitable. Have you money there, though? Are your pockets the safes in which you have hidden treasures, and your hands the bolts that secure the safe-door? Money may be there to-day, but it won't be a guest over to-morrow night. An idler's money is apt to leap out of his pocket. It is likely to go for a pipe, a cigar, a tobacco plug, a mug of ale. There is no money in pocket-warming.

Take your hands out of your pockets, young man. You are losing time. Time is valuable. People feel it at the other end of the line, when death is near and eternity is pressing them into such small quarters, for the work of this life craves hours, days, weeks, years. If those at this end of the line of youth, with its abundance of resources, would only feel that time was precious! Time is a quarry. Every hour may be a nugget of gold. It is time in whose invaluable moments we build our bridges, spike the iron rails to the sleepers, launch our ships, dig our canals, run our factories. You might have planted twenty hills of potatoes while I have been talking to you, young man. Take your hands out of your pockets.—Christian Banner.

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A CURIOUS DREAM.

A laborer at the Dundee harbor lately told his wife, on awakening, a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him, in order, four rats. The first was one very fat, and was followed by two lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly perplexed as to what evil might follow, as it has been understood that to dream of rats denotes coming calamity. He appealed to his wife concerning this, but she, poor woman, could not help him. His son, a sharp lad, who heard his father tell the story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man who keps the public-house that ye gang to sae often, and the twa lean anes are me and my mither, and the blind ane is yerself, father."—Scotch Paper.

HUSBAND YOUR ADJECTIVES.

"Is the salad nice, dear?"

"Lovely! perfectly superb! and yours?"

"Heavenly!"

Those were the words that met my ear in a restaurant to-day; as I looked at the two enthusiasts I tried to imagine what their speech would be, for instance, were they looking on Lake Como in a silver moonrise, or upon the shimmer of a sunrise-tinted sea, or upon a flock of ruby clouds driven by a lazy wind across a daffodil sky, or upon Mount Blanc with a storm flag unfurled from its hoary battlements and purple in the shadow of descending night. If a salad is "lovely," if a compound of hard-boiled eggs and oil, with a dash of pepper and a pinch of celery, is "grand," what is left for nature? What can be said in behalf of heroism, courage, faithfulness and love?—Selected.

WHO WAS HE.

See if you can guess who he was. He was one of the very first foreign missionaries. He didn't have to go more than two hundred miles, nor did he have to sail. He did not go of his own accord. He was not ordained as missionaries are nowadays. He was not married when he started. Afterwards he married one of the natives. She was a high-caste lady. Her name began with A. He had two sons. Their names began with M. and E.

He never went back home—as missionaries now-adays do every ten years—but his father and his old friends and neighbors came to him to dine with him and buy wheat of him.

If it had not been for him, it looks as if the whole world would have starved to death.

The society that sent him out did not like him over-much, and sent him on a mission to get rid of him. It was so strange; every member of that society paid him a visit.

And, now, who was this man?—Pansy.

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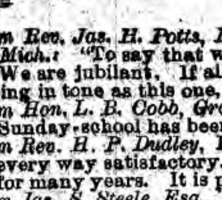

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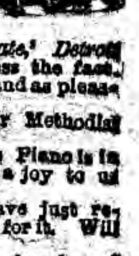

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OBITUARIES.

GRADY—The subject of this notice, Mrs. Therina Grady (*nee* Halbrook) was born in Sevier Co., Ark., May — 1833, and died of pneumonia, at her home in the same county, April 14, 1891. A good woman is gone, leaving a sorrowing husband, five children, a number of step-children and a large circle of admiring friends to mourn her departure.

This dear woman started out in the service of the blessed Master in the days of her childhood, uniting herself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she remained till the day of her death.

She was thrice married, becoming the wife of J. W. Millwee in the year 1852, which union was broken by the death of the husband during the year 1866. Five children were born unto them as the result of this marriage; and one by her second husband, A. B. Turner, to whom she was married sometime during the year 1868. For four years this union lasted when death again visited her home and she was a second time left a widow in the year 1872. After living a widow till the year 1876 she was again married on the 15th day of Sept. of this year, to J. H. Grady, the husband who now laments her recent death. How sad to part with those whom we have learned to love so well. To know this precious good woman was to love her. Her chief delight seemed to be formed in making others pleasant and happy. By her marked attention to things relating to the interests and pleasures of others, she won all hearts in the entire circle of her acquaintance. She was not only unselfish and kind, but was frugal, industrious, prudent, economical and was the very embodiment of motherly patience. She was a noble woman, whose noble sweet life, and shining virtues have embalmed her name and laid it in memory's casket to linger with her loved ones till we shall meet her in the skies. She is dead to us and earth; but alive to God and heaven.

A few more fleeting days and months, or years at most, and the Master will come and call for us. Let us, dear father, and surviving children, be ready to meet Mamma who has gone up yonder and is "watching and waiting" for us. So mote it be.

W. R. HARRISON.

WARWICK.—Nathan A. Warwick was born in ——— Co., Ga., Nov. 2, 1844 and died, of that much dreaded disease, consumption, in the city of Hot Springs on the 23rd day of March 1891.

About twenty years before his death Bro. Warwick gave his heart to the Lord and attached himself to the Protestant Methodist Church, remaining in that relation until about three years ago, when he joined the M. E. Church, South, becoming a member of the South Hot Springs Church where he remained until his removal to the Church triumphant.

His was one of the most triumphant deaths this writer ever witnessed. For several days prior to his departure though unable to talk in audible voice, he was occupied much of the time in giving praise to God, saying, "glory! glory! bless the Lord!" and many other similar expressions.

On the 16th day of January 1872 he was happily married to Miss M. J. Walker, who remained the wife of his bosom until their separation in his late demise. In her lonely widowhood she still lingers on this side of the river with four of the children, two boys and two girls—while the husband and father dwells amid the glories of the paradise of God on the other side, with the four little ones that had preceded him to the "home over there." You are separated now, but soon the mother and other surviving members of the household will be called to rejoin in that happy home where death and parting are no more. Oh, thou great Protector and Lover of the widow and fatherless watch over this home and bring these safely to the "rest that remaineth to the people of God."

W. R. HARRISON.
Pastor,

MOODY.—Mrs. Ella L., wife of L. A. Moody, and daughter of T. A. and M. J. Potter, all of Nevada county, Ark.; was born July 9, 1867, and died March 22, 1891, at Waldo in this State. In 1883 she professed faith in Christ as her hope of salvation, and from that time to the last moment on earth her life was one of devotion and consecrated to her Master's cause. Her love for Jesus was so lofty and radiant, and yet so humble that to know her was to love her, and in all her duties toward husband, parents, sisters, an only brother and friends, she was the same loving Ella. She left two sweet boy babies only a few days old who will never know a mother's love, but loving hands will care for their every want, and loving lips will oft caress them in memory of their dear Christian mother. But a short time before her death, her devoted father said to her, "daughter, we have done all that can be done for your recovery, and the physicians say you cannot live but a few minutes." It did not seem to disturb her in the least, and looking calmly up into his face she said, "I am so glad you have told me, for if it is the Lord's will I am ready and willing." Her sweet babes were then brought to her and she impressed a dying kiss on their cheeks, and in that moment who can tell of the prayer that ascended from the heart of that devoted Christian mother to the throne of God in behalf of her boys. We do not care to know; but that it will be answered in blessing upon those little ones we are sure. While living, her purpose was to serve Jesus, and we feel that the influence that will go out from that death bed and the prayers of that Christian wife and mother will only be known when "we shall see as we are seen and know as we are known." She named her twins in remembrance of her devoted physicians. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and her brothers and sisters in the Lord at Carolina will long remember her labors and prayers in behalf of the impenitent. She was, when a girl, a pupil of the writer, and we officiated at the hymenial altar when she was married. Why one so loving and pure should be snatched so suddenly away from her friends and sweet babes is passing strange, but we know that he who giveth taketh away and "Blessed be his name." She was an affectionate wife, an obedient and loving daughter, a tender sister, and a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

G. W. REEVES.

STINCIL.—Rev. James Stincil was born in Georgia Sept. 15, 1810, and died at his home near Sumpter, Bradley Co., Ark., April 14, 1891, in the 81st year of his age. Bro. Stincil professed religion in early life and united with the M. E. Church, adhering to Church South in 1844; was married to Miss Martha Senn Jan. 2, 1853; he was licensed to preach in 1860, was admitted on trial in the Ouachita (now Little Rock) Conference at Eldorado in 1865, being then in deacon's orders. He was appointed that year to the Bartholomew circuit; after that he traveled Wolf Creek, Lacey, De Witt and Palestine circuits, located in 1871 and settled in Bradley county in the bounds of Palestine circuit, where he remained an efficient local preacher until he was called to his reward. He was ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh at Monticello, Ark., Dec. 13, 1874. I first met Bro. Stincil on the second Sunday in Jan., 1891, that being the first Sunday I spent on this circuit. I spent the night with him at his home, getting much information from him in regard to my work; although he was then past his four score years, he was hopeful of being able to do some work for the Master as soon as the weather would admit of his going out. How he encouraged me that night I shall never forget while I live. We planned much and entered into covenant with each other to pray and work together for a grand revival of religion all over the work. He attended our first Quarterly meeting at Pottsville March 1st and appeared to be in good health, but he attended only one service after that. His last visit to his Church was on the 5th Sunday in March; he sat with me in the pulpit in feebleness extreme He dismissed the congregation with the benediction and his work was done. Only a few days later I stood by his bedside as he grappled with the last enemy. He was not able to talk much, but enough to assure us that all was well. He was never heard to express a doubt or fear as to his future, nor did he even express a desire to live longer. As I was about to leave for home he said to me: "Well, Bro. Shaw, if I should see you no more here, I shall look for you in heaven after awhile." "Is your way clear?" I asked; he answered, "There is not a cloud, all is well." Have you gained the victory over death, my dear brother? "Oh, yes, Oh yes, death has lost his sting. I dread not to die. I shall soon be at rest in the beautiful mansions above, and I shall expect to see you after awhile." These were the last words I heard from him. A few days after we followed his lifeless remains to the Pottsville cemetery, where he was buried with Masonic honors, having been a member of that Order for forty-six years. To his widow and only daughter we tender our sincere condolence, and earnestly pray that they may so live that when they too are called they may be ready, and somewhere among the beautiful mansions above, or on the banks of the river of life, or making the flight of an angel through the city of gold, may they, together with this writer, meet Bro. Stincil again.

Simpson, Ark. F. I. SHAW.

LANSDOWN.—Della V. Lansdown, aged 14 years, departed this life April 22, 1891, after a long and painful suffering caused by an exceedingly severe burn, which she received Feb. 11. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, last Sept. During her affliction religion was her only source of comfort. She trusted fully in Jesus and nothing seemed to satisfy her better than to have her pastor call, and sing and pray with her. She said she had no fear of death, but even prayed for death to relieve her of her suffering, that she might be at rest with Him in whom she trusted. Her funeral was preached by Rev. J. M. C. Hamilton, whom she selected before her death. Dear parents, it is sad to have your children taken from you just in the bloom of youth, but when they are transferred from earth to heaven, you ought to rejoice rather than weep. We feel sure that Della is at rest in peace with Jesus, and may her parents and little brothers meet her there and dwell forever in eternal glory.

J. B. WINSETT.

MAXWELL.—Mrs. Sophia F. Maxwell was born in Limestone county, Ala., Jan. 24, 1827; she was married to Joseph M. Maxwell, Dec. 28, 1847, who died August, 1869. Our sister was reared by Christian parents, through their prayers and influence was lead to Christ while young, was converted when 14 years of age and joined the Church, and ever afterwards lived a consistent Christian life, loved and honored by all who knew her; plain, modest, unassuming, was never demonstrative as a Christian, but was intensely practical, loved her Bible, studied it and endeavored to conform her life to its sacred teachings. During the illness of her husband, which was continued for nearly two years, my father, Rev. J. T. Baskerville then a supernumerary member of the Memphis Conference, visited him and became his spiritual adviser. He was impressed with the fact that Sister Maxwell was a woman of strong faith, deep piety and remarkable mental vigor. From these visits and the spiritual communion of these two faithful souls a Sunday-school was organized and preaching began once a month in her home; the first fruit was her husband and then her children as they grew up, now all are in the Church and living useful lives. Her oldest son, Rev. J. M. Maxwell, is a member of the Memphis Conference; she gave one daughter to the itinerancy, the wife of Rev. J. Guilford Jones, of the same Conference. From this beginning sprang the most prosperous country church in this part of the country, now one of the appointments on Belmont c't. Others assisted in this good work, but the first in honor is our sainted sister who donated the land on which it stands and gave of her means to keep it up. It may be truly said of her, "She hath done what she could." "Well done good and faithful servant." Who can estimate the power of a holy, consecrated life, it will be revealed in the great day. Her death was peaceful, she was ready, said to her son, "My work is done," and then repeated from 23rd Psa., "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Thus ended a well rounded Christian life.

G. B. BASKERVILLE.

FARMER.—

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from us, one of our Sunday-school scholars, Lily Farmer.

WHEREAS, While in the midst of life we are surrounded by death, we acknowledge and fully realize the mysteriousness of God's wisdom in depriving us of one so fair; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Sunday-school desire to express their sense of bereavement at the loss of one of its youngest members.

2. That we sincerely sympathize with the parents and near friends, in their sore bereavement, and would encourage them with the blessed thought that she is now in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

3. That these resolutions be spread upon the record of this Sunday-school, and a copy be furnished the family, and a copy be furnished THE ARKANSAS METHODIST for publication.

MATTIE HARRISON,
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MOORE.—Eva Lee, infant daughter of L. M. and Bettie Moore, was born Nov. 24, 1889, and died Sept. 23, 1890. Little Eva was a child of remarkable beauty. The pride and joy of her parents, and the sunbeam of the household. We know that words are of little worth, when hearts are made sad by the death of loved ones, but we cannot refrain tendering our sincere condolence to the bereaved family, and to all of them we would say, "Weep not as those who have no hope." Eva is not dead, but sleepeth. God in his wisdom saw best to take her to himself. Heaven is now the more attractive that she is there. The empty crib, the unused toys, the sod-grown grave, all remind you she is gone, and although she can never return to you, you can say with David, "I shall go to her." May God's grace be abundantly supplied to the bereaved, and may they overtake their loved one in that bright world where parting is unknown forever.

J. L. PIPKIN.

MONTGOMERY.—James P. Montgomery was born Oct. 22, 1842, in Madison county, Tenn. Married to Mrs. Sallie Snuggs in 1868, in Jefferson county, Ark.; converted and joined M. E. Church, South, in 1873, under the preaching of Revs. R. H. Sanders and C. D. McSwain, and departed this life April 10, 1891, at his home near Bayou Meto, Arkansas county, Ark. Bro. M. was a true Christian, a loyal Methodist, very useful in his Church and community and much beloved by all. To his sorrowing sons, mother, sisters, relatives and friends I would say: Emulate his godly example, live as he lived, die as he died—in the triumphs of faith—and meet him on the blissful shores of eternal day. "Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more."

B. A. FEW.

CRAWFORD.—Wiley, son of J. M. and Elizabeth Crawford, was born in Greene Co., Ark., Nov. 13, 1886, and died Jan, 12, 1891, after nine days suffering with pneumonia, aged 4 years and 2 months. Little Wiley is no more here for God has taken him to himself; while home is dark without him, there is one more tie in the better land. Home, sweet home, where the children will be taken away no more. O what is home without the children? Sadness and sorrow; but sadness ends when we think of meeting in the sweet by and by. Sister Crawford, let me say, weep not for Wiley, for you will meet him by and by. Cheer up, Bro. Crawford, Wiley will live on forever.

J. D. RUTLEDGE.

CRAWFORD.—Little Jimmie, son of J. M. and Elizabeth Crawford, was born in Greene Co., Ark., Feb. 16, 1889, died March 2, 1891. He suffered four days with measles. A sweet little boy of two summers; but he is gone never to return. There is one thing we know—while the loved ones go to the better land they can not come to us, but we can go to them. I think heaven becomes more attractive to us when our loved ones go over. I would say to the father and mother, while your family ties have been broken they will all be made whole in that life of eternal bliss. May God help us to submit and see his hand in all things.

J. D. RUTLEDGE.

PERRINE.—Maud Perrine, infant child of Dr. J. M. and S. L. Perrine was born Aug. 22, 1890, and died at Henderson, Ark., May 3, 1891. Little Maud was the pet of the family. Look up, father, mother, little brothers and sisters, she bids you come up higher.

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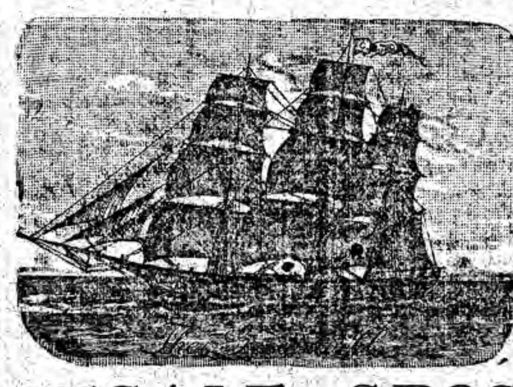

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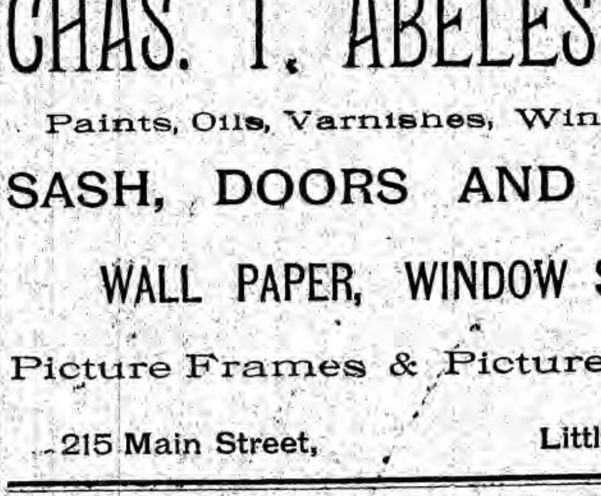

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

PINE BLUFF DIST. CONF.

The District Conference for Pine Bluff Dist., will meet at Kingsland, at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday June 24. Sermon at 8 p. m., by Rev. A. O. Evans. Persons expecting to bring wife or child, please notify Bro. F. N. Brewer promptly. J. H. RIGGIN, P. E.

L. R. DIST. CONFERENCE.

The District Conference of the Little Rock District will convene at Mt. Tabor on the Austin circuit at 8:30 a. m. July 2, 1891. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Adams.

J. R. MOORE, P. E.

BATESVILLE DIST. CONFERENCE.

The Batesville District Conference will be held at Newburg, Izard county, commencing July the 16th at 9 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon at 11 by Bro. T. A. Craig, R. M. Manly alternate. Come, brethren, praying that the Lord may bless us, and that many souls may be born to God. The preachers will see that their Quarterly Conference Records are there. Brethren, please be on hand promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. Come to remain over Sunday. HENRY T. GREGORY.

Batesville, May 29.

HOT SPRINGS DIST. CONFERENCE.

The Hot Springs District Conference will be held at Dallas, Polk Co., commencing Wednesday afternoon July 15. The opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Y. Christmas on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

The District Sunday-school Conference will be held during the District Conference. Let the Recording Stewards of circuits and stations see, that the Quarterly Conference Records are sent to the District Conference.

A. D. JENKINS, P. E.

CAMDEN DIST. CONFERENCE.

Program for the Camden Dist. Conference.

FIRST DAY S. S. CONFERENCE.

Morning session. 1st. Religious service. 2nd. Reports from the pastors and supts. on the general condition of the S. S. work. 11 a. m. Sermon, by Rev. J. R. Cason—"A knowledge of God's word important to the youth."

Afternoon session. 1st. Comments on the facts brought out by the reports, open discussion. 2nd. Conditions of successful S. S. work. Discussion led by Dr. J. W. Brown.

SECOND DAY.

1st. Should S. S. Teachers emphasize the distinctive doctrines of the Church? Discussion led by E. L. Beard. 2nd. A paper on the magnitude and importance of the work in its relation to the future of the country and the Church, by T. B. Morton. Exemplification of the work by the Stephens Sunday-school, led by the pastor. 11 a. m. A sermon, "on the conversion of the youth; the hope of the world, by Rev. J. F. Carr.

Afternoon session. 1st. How may we secure greater results in the conversion and spiritual developement of the youth. Discussion led by Rev. J. R. Sanders. 2nd. Reports from pastors on the number and condition of Epworth Leagues.

THIRD DAY DIST. CONFERENCE.

Morning session. Reports from pastors on the spiritual state of the Church in the District. Open discussion on the facts brought out. 11 a. m. Preaching.

Afternoon session. 1st. Has the pulpit lost power in the conversion of souls? If so, why? Led by Rev. J. L. Pipkin.

FOURTH DAY.

Morning session. 1st. Financial reports, from pastors and stewards. 2nd. Criticisms and suggestions. 11 a. m. Preaching.

Afternoon session. Miscellaneous business.

It is requested that Friday during the District Conference be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, by the Conference and Church throughout the District for a gracious revival.

H. H. WATSON, P. E.

PROGRAM OF PREACHERS' MEETING

To be held at Flat Rock Church, Independence Co., Ark., on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July. Organization, Thursday at 10 a. m. Opening sermon at 11 a. m. by J. W. Wilson.

Importance of the preparation and delivery of sermons, H. T. Gregory and N. G. Nunn.

Should ministers take part in politics? If so, why? H. T. Gibson and J. S. Brooke.

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Afternoon session. 3. The relation of Sunday-schools to the Church, by Dr. W. R. Gibbon. 4. The conversion of the children and young people of the Sunday-school by B. A. Few Prof. S. C. Gibson. Preaching at night by C. D. McSwain.

Saturday morning session. 5. An address by B. A. Few and Geo. E. Parsons on the pastoral instruction of children and management of Sunday-schools. General discussion. 6. Reports of Epworth League, an address by G. W. McCarty, Judge Hinson, C. D. McSwain. General discussion. 7. A general discussion on Children's Day. Preaching at night by Geo. E. Parsons, subject, Innocent amusements, so-called.

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FIELD NOTES.

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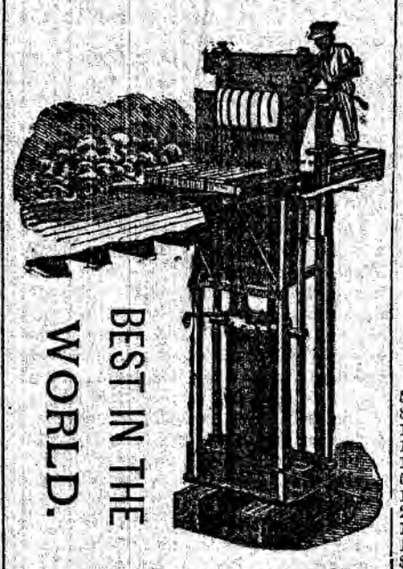

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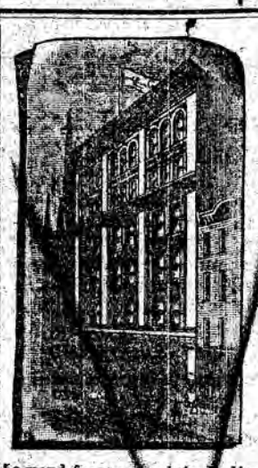

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