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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

District Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, in this State will convene at the places and on the dates given below:

DISTRICT.	PLACE.	DATE.
Newport,	Portia,	May 25
Jonesboro,	Osceola,	26
Ft. Smith,	Booneville,	26
Morrilton,	Conway,	June 9
Searcy,	Judsonia,	16
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Washington,	Richmond,	24
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Camden,	Eldorado,	July 6
Clarksville	Ozone	7
Helena,	Haynes,	13
Little Rock,	Lonoke,	13
Batesville	Barren Fork	14
Hot Springs,	Amity,	20
Dardanelle,	Walnut Tree,	28

SPRING LOCK, NO. 5.

A fifth spring lock of our times is avarice. The abnormal selfishness actuated by this unholy, unnecessary passion, is creating more suffering and hard lots than probably any other one agency in our midst.

St. Paul, eighteen centuries ago, said; "The love of money is the root of all evil," 1st. Tim. 6:10. A modern writer says: "Avarice, sheds a blasting influence over the finest affections and sweetest comforts of mankind."

Avarice, the hasp, sinks down between the hidden springs of moral degradation and eternal infamy, until, like the far-famed spring lock which proved destruction to the Italian bride Genevra, this will fasten down forever its millions of human souls. "Covetous men must be the sport of Satan, for their grasping avarice neither lets them enjoy life nor escape from the second death. They are held by their own greed as surely as beasts with cords, or fish with nets, or men with chains. They may be likened to those foolish apes which in some countries are caught by narrow-necked vessels; into these corn is placed, the apes thrust in their paws and when they have filled them they cannot draw out their fists unless they let go the grain; sooner than do this they submit to be captured. How much like these foolish apes are avaricious men."

But the world says, this is only theoretical; we want practical facts. And so it is a large proportion of this generation have neither comprehension nor faith to follow those gigantic evils to their legitimate results. But a bit of well-timed advice from a senior minister, received years ago, is applicable here: "we must take people as we find them, not as we want them."

So then for the figures and facts. In the United States we are told, are less than 10,000 capitallists, who control the 65,000,000 inhabitants of this Government. Many of these are millionaires and some aspiring to become billionaires. These moguls control monoplies, monoplies and corporations influence municipalities, legislatures and in a great measure our Congress, and so dictate legislation as the "power behind the throne." It goes without the saying, all the influence and dictation of thee "mogul shylocks" are born of selfishness, fertilized covetousness, irrigated with the tears of the toiling millions, set to the music of the groans and cries of the wage-earner, "whose wages are kept back by fraud," to increase already uncounted riches.

Not only is financial oppression one of the immediate results of covetousness or avarice, but the very liberties of "the common people," the honest minded, laboring multitude, are being trampled under by this overpowering weight of wealth. Our Sunday laws are disdained and over-ridden by these moneyed principalities until *practical* infidelity stalks abroad in the land sanctioned by United States laws authorizing trains of every decription to travel our railroads on Sabbath, and legalizing and requiring the mails to be transported and distributed on the Lord's day; all in direct violation of the fourth commandment of the Decalogue.

These are but the logical results of that gormandizing greed for gain, which, like the flames, never cry out "it is enough." And the honest minded millions are powerless against these moneyed czars. Closely allied to this financial oppression and systematic disrespect for the moral precepts of our God; and disregard of human rights, there comes as a fruit a general discounting of personal integrity, and apostatizing from high-toned Christian principles, scuh as pravailed among our ancesters. As mute witnesses, mortgages, stay-laws, deeds of trusts, etc., manufacturing towns, mining towns, distillery towns, etc., are too frequently made depositories of infidelity and become pitfalls of immorality and obscenity. In these "ports of entry" to his satanic majesty's kingdom, avarice is the germ, taproot, and reproduces itself, and like the golden calves of Samaria, made by Jeroboam, son of Nebat, often makes modern Israel to sin.

These are but a few of the enumerated evils, which avarice has borne as natural fruit in this sin-smitten, money-cursed nation of America. It is with this allurement the world more effectually, than with any other means, has bought a truce with the Church. During the first three centuries of Christianity, while persecution was a concomitant and martyrdom an expected reward for Christian fidelity, this truth was exemplified. "The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church." But when Constantine ascended the Roman throne, his profusion of gifts upon the Church soon aroused in the bosom of the newly adopted daughter, that sordid passion for gain, which hitherto had been supplanted in the Christian's breast by that nobler principle of sacrifice, that it was better to give than to recieve. For fifteen and a half centuries this warfare between piety and avarice has continued in the Church. Covetousness is the bane of the Church today; and the bride of Christ Jesus is being estranged from her affianced as Satan may succeed in alluring her with gaudy parade of temples, rivalling the mosque of Omar, of polished silver-tounged preachers, of richly ornamented altars, of far famed universities, and much of these by gifts from unconsecrated coffers for selfish ends. Giant world failed for centuries to coerce by persecution the bride of Christ, but when he offreded her his arm saying, "I wed and thee with all my goods endow," the shimmering phantoms deceived the Romish and the Greek Churches, while many of the younger sisters have been misled. See 1st. Sam. 15:22. C. A. BAYLESS.

Brayant, May 13.

LYNCHING THE RESULT OF MORAL TEACHING.

Lynchings are all too common now, and yet, not nearly so frequent as the nameless crimes that make them possible in a civilized country and among a law-abiding people. As long as brutal lust tries to prey upon innocent virtue, just so long will these things continue. It may be safely granted, that lynchings are unfortunate, lawless and greatly to be deplored, but it is equally unfortunate and as lawless for bad men to attack defenseless women to rob them of that which is dearer than life itself.

Most of us have been taught that there are two cases wherein a man, or men, may be justified in taking the life of his fellow man. The first is in saving his own life, and the other in protecting the virtue of a woman. This principle, or these principles, have been ground into us from childhood up. In the matter of lynching for nameless crime we are but reaping the fruit of seed sown in our Moral Philosophies for ages past. There is not a man worthy of the name in all this wide land who would not instantly take the life of any incarnate demon overtaken in the act of trying to outrage a female, be she white or black. That most of the lynchings are lynchings of black men, is because black men are the most frequent sinners along this line. White men, guilty of this great crime, would just as certainly and as speedily, share the same fate. It is not a question of color, but of crime. Name the crime and identify the man and outraged and exasperated citizens will put an end to him speedily. Men will not allow the guilty sinner a chance to escape. He has violated one of the first and fundamental laws of nature and must pay the penalty at once. Lynchings may not be in keeping with our civil laws, but they are the fruit of our moral teaching. Men are going to protect themselves and their women because they have been taught to do so. It may be granted that it might be best for the law, civil law, to take its slow course in all cases of this kind, but it is not going to be so. Men in this country have been taught to defend themselves and to protect the virtue of women at any cost and they are going to do it. It will require some generations of different moral teaching to cure our men of taking the life of any man, black or white, of high or low degree, who lays violent and lecherous hands on a pure and defenseless woman. In no country on the globe is a pure, good woman more honored and more certainly and readily protected than in this Southland of ours, and that, too, without regard to color or previous condition. This nameless crime is as abhorrent to our people in the case of a virtuous black woman as of a white woman. Indeed our people recognize the right and the duty of black men to protect and defend the virtue of their women at any cost. When this particular crime stops, lynchings will be far less frequent, and until then they will go on. Resolutions, petitions, memorials and laws will not prevent lynchings as long as brutal men outrage, or attempt to outrage our women. GILDEROY.

Pickens, Miss., May 21.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Fordyce Epworth League by unanimous vote invite the other Leagues of Arkansas to unite in holding a State Convention this Summer, at such time and place as may suit all parties concerned. Other States are following the example of Texas; why should Arkansas lag behind? We have a large and flourishing League in Fordyce which is doing valuable church work. We are now in the midst of a fine meeting in which the Leagues are most active. GRANVILLE GOODLOE.

Fordyce, May 22.

THE COLOR LINE.

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald was recently interviewed by the agent of the Associated Press in Atlanta, Ga., concerning the resolution adopted by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, on the treatment of Negroes in the South. As reported in the papers he said: "There is practically no difference between the Northern and Southern people in regard to the color line. It is drawn as unmistakably in one section as it is in the other. The people of the North declaim against caste and racial distinctions, but they draw the line just as closely as we do in the South. They will listen, it is true, to a black orator on the platform and applaud him to the echo, especially if he is a little caustic in his allusions to the Southern people, but they do not invite him to their parties, however charming he may be in conversation, nor do they ask him to their homes, however congenial he may be socially. They never think of intermarriage with him, and there is not a white congregation in the North that is served by a colored preacher. They have done a great deal for the Negro, for which they deserve credit, but their talk about the arbitration of caste is flatly contradicted by their practice. The Negro delegates in the General Conference now in session, demand the election of a Negro Bishop, but there is not the slighest probability that any child now living will see a Negro Bishop presiding over a white Conference of the Methodist Church. The situation is extremely embarrassing and I wish them a happy deliverance from the dilemma in which they have placed themselves."

"In regard to the recent lynching of Negroes by Southern mobs," resumed the Bishop after a meditative pause, "Two or three things may properly be said: First, that the unspeakable crime for which they were lynched outlaws the perpetrator, whether white or black, in every part of the United States. Frequent lynchings have occured from time to time in the North, but they appear to be forgotten entirely. The white man in the South who is guilty of the same crime meets as swift a doom as the black man. It is notable that in all the spasms of indignation against the Southern people because of the lynchings, no word of sympathy has been spoken for the white women who were their victims. The fact is, the ethnological distinction between the races is God's own work, and the best people of both races have no desire to obliterate the distinction. The amalgamation of the races would demoralize both and lead to the extirpation of the weaker. The best element of the Negro race have no sympathy with the crimes that result in these outbreaks, and they are beginning to realize that the Southern people, among whom they live are their truest friends. They have no desire to go where their professed friends are most numerous and noisy, but prefer to remain among the white people of the South. The Southern people should have the sympathy, patient forbearance and help of the North. No people could have done a better part by the Negroes while they were in bondage than was done by the people of the South; no people will do a better part by them now under the changed conditions. The application of the Golden Rule will preserve the peace and subserve the welfare of both races in the South."

UNIFORMITY.

It is one of the boasts of Methodism, that we are not burdened with the "apostolic succession," nor called upon to show the precedence of one sacraament over the other, nor prove the identity of the thing done and the manner of doing it. Methodism has a platform broad enough to hold the world, and points out a way narrow enough to save it. If this great system does not cover the whole earth it will be because another and wiser John Wesley shall arise, or because its votaries and advocates shall prove untrue to God or unable to apply its laws, develop its principles and execute its plans.

But while all this is resplendent with beauty and perfect in form and excites the admiration and provokes the friendly criticism of the whole Christian world, let it be known that ritulastic and doctrinal uniformity are not the chief characteristics of this movement, nor are we bound by any Medo-Persian laws, nor have the ministry and congregations any great "Iron Wheel" ready to grind them to powder, if they should change the form and vary the execises of public worship to meet the demands of any religious impulse, inspiration, circumstance, or occasion. In other words, Methodism proposes by rule or without rule, by law or without law, in houses or under trees, to multitudes or individuals, to preach or live, full, present salvation to all men. And yet in the face of these facts many congregations are bound hand and foot by custom, and many preachers move within the short circle of their tread-mill ways or vainly strive to "go forward," while bound in the grave-clothes of their own weaving and making each under the notion that after the straitest sect of our Discipline he is living a Methodist.

If we could only bear in mind that our doctrines were formulated and our General Rules laid down not for the preservation of Methodism, but for the propagation of the gospel, we would with greater alacrity make ourselves "all things to all men, that we might by all means save some." If instead of following so slavishly the form of public worship laid down in our Discipline we should at unexpected times and places break in with a prayer, an exhortation, or song, how it would enliven, electrify and surprise the people into higher and more religious moods. But when we are anxious only to run things by the Discipline and the clock, and are more careful to preserve "order" than we are to save men, then does our preaching become mere sound, and the whole service a mere performance.

The human mind craves, nay, demands varieity. Nothing is more exasperating to the feelings of a worshiper than to witness from Sunday to Sunday a stereotyped performance of a dragged out prayer, a pumped up sermon, three hymns and a benediction. Generally when one goes to sleep under the "soothing sound of the gospel," he doeth well. If with all the artilery of heaven at his command a preacher cannot keep his hearers awake, it is generally because he has nothing to say or else it is the miserable hum-drum manner in which he says it. But when he takes into the scope of his thoughts and speech God's prsence, His word, immortal souls, the Judgement, hell, heaven—what cares he for "propriety" and "order" and "form"—his soul is on fire, and he speaks not because he wants to be heard, nor because he has something to say, but because he *must*. If the preacher is dead in earnest, and has studied and prayed till his message burns like a fire in his soul it will effectually cure him of high-sounding compliments to the Almighty, deliver him from fear and embarrassment before men, and break up monotony of voice in his public ministrations. Real earnestness, fervency and sincerity will make a preacher natural; and when all his powers are thus engaged, and his whole soul absorbed, and he feels that he has a message to deliver and simply not a subject to discuss or a speech to make, then genius will "knock out the bung and let nature caper."

We believe in uniformity, but not at the expense of variety, intensity and individuality. Some of us are getting too dignified and uniform to preach an earnest, practical gospel to simple earnest people. We are so busy taking care of our "uniformity," that we lose our vitality and miss our aim.

I once saw a Bishop greatly disturbed in his preaching by a thoughtful brother rising to give a poor, sick, dying, almost dead man a more comfortable seat! What would such a preacher have accomplished amid the contradictions and disputatious questionings of such men as gathered together to hear Christ or Peter or Paul? It ill becomes a successor of Wesley to be so easily disturbed. Preachers who are thrown from the track by trifles and can't preach unless everything is "*just so*" are usually those who have only *one voice* for everything, time and place; and when the occasion does not suit their little *voice* forthwith there is a want of respect and lack of appreciation of the dignity of their person and grandeur of their character!

What we need is more life, earnestness and power; a greater determination to *win*, and less anxiety about "holding the services." We want "uniformity," but we want it to be the uniformity of variety; variety of manner, voice, attitude, gesture, song, prayer—the whole service like the late Mr. Spurgeon's preaching-only one sermon, but always new. From mere uniformity of worship and *sound* preachers, good Lord deliver us! J. L. MASSEY.

FROM NASHVILLE.

MR. EDITOR:—Your editorials on "Our Publishing Interests" will be read very carefully and critically in Nashville, and if they result in "great searching of heart" and stir and stimulate all interested to greater zeal and more earnest efforts in the circulation of all the publications of our great House, it will be well for our Church. I was glad the subject was brought before our Preachers' Meeting to-day and that hearty, harmonious action was taken to aid in city colportages. The best methods to bring our own literature before our people, is worthy the consideration of all of our papers, preachers and people. There is no need of the trite, but not true saying, that the Southern people will not buy and read books. Better state the truth as it is. The preachers fail to put the books into the hands of our people now as they once did.

To-day I met Dr. Lofton, author of "Character Sketches," a Nashville city pastor, on a modest salary, but a man who is "instant in season, out of season," making full proof of his ministry by much pastoral visiting, lecturing in the city and country "in labors more abundant." About two years ago the Southwestern Publishing House, of Nashville, had in press at the Southern Methodist Publishing House, his book on practical, every day life, like John Plowman's Talks and Sam'l Smiley's Self Helps. An early edition reached me and was examined with rare interest. I saw the book, had real merit and knew the common people would read it eagerly. But I did not know till to-day, that 40,000 copies had been sold and that the publishers propose to push the sale of this popular book to 100,000 copies this year. Now how is this great, good work accomplished? Twenty young men, nearly all members of the Church, the majority of whom take their A. B. at the Peabody Normal College this week, will be in Little Rock next week to canvass your State in the interests of "Character Sketches." Vanderbilt University will reinforce the advance corps later on, and the entire South and West will be invaded this Summer by hundreds of students of pluck and push, who will sell many thousand copies of the book which will prove very profitable to worthy Christian youths struggling hard to secure an education and win success in life, and the faithful pastor and worthy young publishers of Nashville will receive ample remuneration for all the aid they give hundreds of students annually. I bespeak for the students from Nashville as warm a welcome in June as your State can afford at this season, and from all I know of Arkansas preachers and people I am confident that "Character Sketches" will be the selling book of the season. The introduction of the book is by Bishop Fitzgerald, who is so well known by your readers that I take the liberty to ask of them a hearty co-operation with the students in their work. Books written, published and sold by Southern men deserve patronage by our people, provided they are "good to the use of edifying."

Dr. R. A. Young has been elected Regent of Belmont College, a school of high grade for young ladies, located just a little farther out from the city and near the Vanderbilt. Of course there can be no great competition between the schools of Drs. G. W. F. Price in the city and R. A. Young two miles farther off, on the same Electric Car line. They be brethren. The school of the latter has not the ample room of the former. Their aims are different. Dr. Price has enlarged his building and appliances, until he is prepared to have the school of the South for young ladies.

To-day a paper was offered by D E. E. Hoss and adopted by our Preachers' Meeting, in reference to the death of Dr. J. B. West, for forty-eight years a member of the Tenn. Conference; stationed for nine years in Nashville; during the past thirteen at McKendree and Tulip and Carrol streets. A number of our preachers will attend his funeral at Clarksville to-morrow. He was President of our Colleges, at both Murfreesboro and Clarksville, for several years and has been recognized as one of our oldest men in the pulpit for many years. Your very entertaining young correspondent from Wesley Hall, Rev. J. M. Hawley, will give you ample information from the Vanderbilt commencement in due time. Rev. Sam Jones will begin a series of meetings here on next Sunday. S. M. CHERRY.

Near Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., May 23.

OUR TRAINING SCHOOL

The Trustees of the Little Rock Conference Training School have just concluded an interesting session. The enrollment of pupils reached 145, while the most sanguine did not expect it to exceed 100. The success of the closing session, attained under the most embarrassing circumstances, gives the Trustees good grounds to hope for much larger success during the next session. Bro. Goodloe has established himself in the confidence and affections of both people and pupils. The word "first-class" or superb applies to every part of the man. As an evidence of growing power and popularity as teacher, he has within the past few weeks refused three offers from College Presidents to accept positions from their respective schools.

Measures were proposed and adopted for completion of building and erection of boarding house for girls, and we have in sight just the right person to take charge of this important department. Nearly al the pupils have been happily converted and some feel called to the ministry. We praise the Lord for being on rising tide. I go from Fordyce this morning to Magnolia C't, and leave Bro's. Moore and Sanders in a gracious revival. Bro. J. R. Moore preaches the Commencement sermon, Sunday next, and the people are looking forward to a feast of fat things. Get ready to send your girls and boys to Fordyce. Bro. Goodloe was unanimously elected Principal for another year

J. R. CASON.

Fordyce, May 26.

IS IT A POLITICAL QUESTION?

Politicians claim that the Prohibition question is a political question. If this be true, this year would undoubtedly be a very favorable time to bring it forward for discussion; it is certainly a very important question, both State and National. So far I have seen nothing in the proceedings of any of the various conventions, held either by the Democratic or Republican parties, touching this question. A great deal is said about tariff reform, &c. I have no doubt but the tariff needs reforming, and this was a living issue under the administration of Andrew Jackson, over sixty years ago; but it seems it is about time to let this old chestnut rest awhile and discuss some of the living issues; for instance, the effort being made to drive the Bible out of our schools is a living issue; so the stupendous Sabbath desecration, which is undermining the very foundations of our government, or the millions of money and souls squandered every year by the drink traffic. About fifteen years ago the United States Government paid the Ute Indians 60,000 silver dollars; the papers stated it took three wagons and teams to haul it. This looked like a big thing then. Now if the $900,000,000 spent directly by our nation in one year for strong drink, was all in silver dollars, it would load 14,625 wagons and teams, and this does not include the millions expended in prosecuting criminals, keeping paupers and lunatics made by strong drink. The New York Tribune says the liquor traffic of the United States costs more than our whole civil service, our army, our navy, our Congress, including the river and harbor and pension bills, our wasteful local governments, all National, State, county and local debts, besides all the schools of the country. When as preachers or Churches we venture to bring this question forward we are told with a sneer, this is a political question. We hope it will not be overlooked at this time. The political parties must either meet it, or let us deal with it as a moral question.

J. H. BRADFORD.

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CAN CHINA BE WON FOR CHRIST?

THIRD LETTER.

But over Paul we have: 1st. The advantage of history to encourage us. I cannot recount the conquests of the gospel here; a mere glance is enough to make bold the most timid preacher among us. Nothing has yet resisted it. All the lower forms of heathen religions have yielded readily. Even the wealthy and aristocratic forms of Rome and Greece combatted by Paul yielded. Within Paul's life the whole of Asia, except, perhaps, the Indies, China, Japan and Corea, and some if not all of Europe yielded—the dragon struck its colors to the cross. In 500 years the Church reigned triumphantly over the known world, except in Northern Asia, Middle and Southern Africa. And now shall we tremble before China, with a thousand trophies more difficult to win than hers streaming from our banners? The Church that led Greece, Assyria, Rome, Egypt and Macedonia as captives to Christ, shall she quail in the presence of China? Let our young men and women full of zeal for Christ, go forth as Paul, armed only with the sling and pebble of the cross, and you will soon see crumbling at your feet in ruins the towering pride of Budha, Brahmanism and the sophistries of Confucius prostrate like Goliah, under the feet of Christ's gospel. Mohammedanism and Romanism are an after work. The vague contemplations of this fanciful philosophy will give place to the emotional experience of regeneration and the sweet freedom of faith will replace the cruel exactions of asceticism and the tyranny of caste. High caste and low caste will all be recast in the reforming mould of Christian sanctification, blessing China with the true idea of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Let us work and wait. Already we have done much. The long line of modern triumphs should encourage us. True, painfully true, it is, that considering so many centuries have passed since our Lord placed the world in the hands of the Church and bid her "occupy till I come," and yet so little has been done, still we should not despond. From the fifth century to the seventeenth the Church was well nigh destroyed, and of course but little missionary work was done. The Pauline zeal and methods were restored in the person and plans of the immortal Wesley and the great lieutenants of his ministry. From the fifth century to the seventeenth nothing appears in history worthy the name of missions. That semi-idolatrous skeleton of Christianity which managed the great ecclesiastical machinery through all those dark centuries, did indeed extend her dominion over many nations, but her conquests were either by the sword, or by a compromise with pagan rites that lowered the Church without greatly raising the heathen, and brought blushes of shame to the cheeks of decency. Our Lord commanded Peter to put up his sword and would allow no compromises with sin. But dominant Rome, devoid of Christ, and incapable of blushes adopted both measures. What cared she if only members flowed into her communion and money into her treasury. Those conquests made by that Church are still missionary fields more difficult in some respects now to occupy than at first, because of its professed devotion to the Lord of Christianity.

We come down as late as the seventeenth century to find a genuine revival of the conquering truth; when Wesley and Coke and Whitfield set the world on fire, since which the evangelistic flame like waves of fire has rolled on from nation to nation, island to island, continent to continent, till to-day we still hear the tramp of the moving columns of God, and hear the voice of the Son of God resounding along the glittering lines of battle crying, "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." See what has been done in the short period of 100 years. Whole nations of Cannibals, now intelligent Christians, clothed and in their right minds, sitting at the feet of Jesus, expending large sums themselves in sending the gospel to other heathens. The Sandwich Islands only fifty years ago were Cannibals. They give as much money annually now for missionary purposes as the entire Cumberland Presbyterian Church gives, and it is a handsome amount indeed. All the South Pacific Islands are now Christian nations; Australia, the great Southern continent, has joined the triumphant hosts. Every valley of Madagascar and Fiji is filled with the sweet notes of Sabbath bells and the land bristles with spires and towers. Africa, dark, distant, neglected and despised Africa, has felt the touch of the gospel wand, and night fled before it and darkness is breaking and rifting like fleeing clouds before the advancing Church. By many angles gospel lines cross and recross over her plains and mountains. Railways, steamboats, telegraphs and all appliances for transportation and burthen-bearing are pressed into gospel service to supply the calls of Africa for the life and joys of Christ. The East Indies—three Methodist Conferences, and many other Churches, vibrate through her ancient domains and grapple in a life and death struggle with idolatry. But the victory is won and the cross rises high above the crescent in the very capitals of Mohommedanism. Japan, by one effort, leaped out of the chasm of idolatrous night into the bright morning of Christian activity. The Spirit of the Lord moved on the dark void, preparing the public before the Church had sent the message of life to them. The large Conferences in India, where only fifty years ago naught but heathen temples or gilded mosques could be seen, sad emblems of spiritual death, tell the story of our victories.

These and thousands more of Christian triumphs, stand to encourage us on to further conquests. The united voices of converted continents and islands blend in a great shout to cheer us on to the earnest work in China, where a few brave and holy men and women are holding up the brazen serpent to the eyes of that bitten and dying Empire.

When China is subdued the world's conquest is assured. China, almost alone, stands between Christ and his rightful inheritance of all the nations of earth. China once converted, the residue of earth is an easy task. It is now the most formidable and obdurate resistance the gospel meets in its march around the globe. Africa is an easy task. Her ignorant and feeble but savage tribes, unable to resist the great civilized powers now appropriating their land, will be open like British India, and the gospel will have free course. O that all nations would center on China and bring to bear all the consecrated men and means of Christendom, to make one mighty and irresistible charge against that most ancient dynasty of Satan and break the hold he has on her many millions of deluded subjects. But let us not be impatient. Hers is an idolatry protected by a high civilization, immense wealth and the prestige of centuries of unbroken ascendancy. But the surrounding civilizations are having an influence favorably to religious toleration. Internal improvements, such as telegraphs and railways give their aid, the brooding of the Holy Spirit is felt, and the missionaries, though so few, are making an impression. China must yield. God has commanded it. His word can not return void. He has supported the word with the oath of God, that every knee shall bow to him. China will be compelled to yield or be destroyed.

China, Japan and Corea are perhaps the only nations of antiquity that God has not either converted or ruined. The reason they have been spared is that they have never had the gospel. If wealthy Rome had been spiritual and had spent the millions on China in a legitimate gospel way that she wasted in her senseless crusades to the Holy Land, no doubt the celestial Empire would either have been long ago converted or destroyed, and a holy people planted in her place. Dreadful Rome, what an account she must render! Her proselytes are twofold more the children of hell than herself. That Church that will not send the gospel will be destroyed, and that nation that will not receive it shall be destroyed. Let Methodism beware. She is handling a two-edged tool when she plays at Mission. In more senses than one is the gospel "a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death." Give China the gospel and God will be responsible for the rest. Her indisposition to receive what is offered is already having its effect. How sullen the great powers looked on last summer when the missionaries were being disturbed by the revolutionists. That was a loud clap of thunder in China's ear when the allied Christian powers notified her that if damages were not paid the missionaries they would take her best seaport and collect customs enough to pay damages and expenses.

The fire is kindling. Let China refuse the gospel when once properly offered and in some way God will march his squadron down the sea and lay waste the flowery kingdom. He has settled it that Christ shall have China. Some one is going to have trouble about that country yet. Some one who is called to go and does not. God will not wait always. I think China's cup is about full—the day is near. God is making ready for the doom, if she repents not. O let us go, and those who can not, let us help, and let all pray that China may be saved to Christ and not destroyed for her obstinacy.

But it must be remembered that China is no more responsible for rejecting, than the Church is for sending or not sending.

For many centuries the Spirit of God seems to have withdrawn from the Church of Rome, and the fire was kept alive on the earthly altar almost alone by the fewest number of private Christians, and perhaps a feeble body of hiding Waldenses. So will it be again with other Churches, brilliant skeletons of whom the Spirit says, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name to live but art dead!" Let us beware that our Churches are not dead. The missionary zeal of a Church is a fair test of its life, when the Church is actuated alone by the love of Christ. Dead Churches sometimes send out so-called missionaries for financial reasons—as for instance, Mormons, and others I might name. A Church will die that does not help to destroy idolatry and establish Christ in the world.

The missionary cause is stale and vapid to a dead Christian. He sees no sense in it. It is to him only burthensome nonsense. But to the live Christian nothing seems so important. O my beloved, the Church is not acting a drama with startling scenes of death, hell, judgment and heaven. No, no; these are awful realities, and so real and true that it made heaven weep and bent down the throne of God to earth, and baptized the god-head with the blood of the Son. O beloved, nothing is so real as these awful truths. If God did not know that millions are going to ruin—to death and hell, he would not have provided that costly sacrifice of his own Son's death, and raised up a great Church and charged it with the duty of carrying this gospel to every creature. Do you understand it my brother? Angels show interest. God shows it. Satan evinces the liveliest interest; and shall the Church be thoughtless? Give, brother, give liberally, and go if you can, and blessings multiplied be in your heart and head and on all you love and own.

H. R. WITHERS.

THE DARK AGE IN AMERICA

We are in the habit of speaking of the times when people believed in miracle-working relics and other similar superstitions as the dark ages, and to boast of the greater enlightenment of this nineteenth century. But what shall we say to the fact that great crowds are even now pressing anxiously foward day after day to kiss a piece of an old arm! and that not in the old world where the light of truth has been obscured for ages by the overshadowing presence of a long dominant Church from whose temporal authority the people have scarcely yet ben entirely set free, but righ there in New York, where the forces of the nineteenth century civilization have had their fullest opportunity for exercise? It seems almost beyond belief that a Church claiming to be the only true embodiment of Bible Christianity could have hardihood to ask the people in America to believe that an old bone could work miracles, and yet there is nothing in this manifestation of credulity to surprise any one who has studied human nature. All men are more or less superstitious by instinct. The man who nails a horse-shoe over his door for luck gives as strong evidence of this fact as the woman who kisses an old bone with the idea that some good will come to her as a result of that action. An instinctive faith in God is implanted by God in every human breast, and when the devil cannot succeed in entirely eradicating that faith he tries to turn it into superstition. He cares very little how much people believe if he can only persuade them not to rest their faith upon God and on His Word.—N. Y. Witness.

The Roman Catholic Church will never run out of relics so long as relics can be made to pay so well. If it is not a "Holy Coat" that is being exhibited at any particular time or place it is a holy bone, or a holy tooth or a holy splinter. A bone out of St. Ann's arm is now on exhibition in the St. Jean Baptiste Church of New York City, and on a recent Sabbath netted five thousand dollars. It may not be known to all that St. Ann was the mother of the Virgin Mary. The exhibiting priest announced it as a bone from the arm of the "grandmother of God," and stated that it may have been placed around the infant Jesus. But the strong point was that it was able to bring five thousand dollars into the treasury of the Church.—Herald and Presbyter.

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J. H. RIGGIN.

NOTICE.

The Morrilton District Conference will convene at Conway, June 9–12. Bishop Wilson will preside. Bro. Jesse M. Williams of Clinton C't will preach the opening sermon July 8, 8 p. m. D. J. WEEMS, P. E.

TO ALL CONCERNED.

I hold the subscriptions which were taken at our Conference last Dec. at Arkadelphia, for the support of Rev. T. A. Hearne, missionary to China. Let all who can pay a part or the whole as soon as possible, send to me.

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Hot Springs District Conference

The Hot Springs District Conference will be held at Amity Ark., July 20, 24, opening Wednesday at 3 p. m. The opening sermon will be preached at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, by Rev. J. B. Williams of the Saline C't. Make us a visit at that time, Bro. Bennett.

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Clarksville District Conference

The Clarksville District Conference will be held at Ozone July 7–10, 1892. The good people of Ozone will have conveyances at Clarksville to carry those attending to the seat of the Conference on the afternoon of July 6. Those arriving after this date will have to look to another source for conveyance.

Rev. Geo. W. Boyles will preach the introductory sermon Wednesday night July 6.

These two questions will be the subject of a general discussion during the session of the Conference:

1. How shall we secure the collections ordered by the Church? Discussion introduced by Chas. E. McClintock and Y. A. Gilmore.

2. How shall we best promote revivals in our charges? Discussion introduced by W. J. Stone and J. H. Myers.

As many as desire conveyance from Clarksville to Ozone provided for you, will please notify me in due time.

Geo. W. HILL, P. E.

Altus, Ark.

STUDYING THE MINUTES.

MR. EDITOR:—I enter only as a student, not purposely to call attention to mistakes in the Minutes of the last session of the White River Conference, but to ask information with regard to the making up and recording the various reports of the P. C.s from the different charges. I find some things in these reports, in our Minutes, in the way of footing up finances, that seem rather difficult to understand and seem to require more hunting up and calculating in order to a certain knowledge of the facts than ought to be. And in calling attention to this I would not cast reflection on our noble Secretaries, for the real mistakes in the Minutes of our Conferences for several years past have been few; but there is surely a lack of good arrangement in the tables, showing the statistics and finances of the various charges. To illustrate, in the financial table we see the Jonesboro station (nor is this an exceptional case) presents an itemized report of her collections for the various purposes, footing an aggregate of only $1,300.54; but in the column for the total of all these itemized amounts we have the sum of $2,434.80, and we conclude at once it is a mistake. As it says total from all sources, we go to work hunting and summing, and we find in the table showing the memberships, baptisms, etc., that $800 had been expended for churches and parsonages; and then we hunt up the Sunday-school report and there find $236.30 raised for S. S. purposes, and we bring them all together and add them up and have a grand total of $2,336.84, and find on subtracting this sum from the grand total reported in the Minutes we have a deficit of $97.96. As I see no other tables showing the collection of money I am forced to ask, where does this deficit come from? Now I don't say it was not collected, nor that it is a mistake of the Secretary, but I have taken some pains to collect the totals together, and I find a lack of this amount and ask where it is? It may be that others less inclined to hunt up these things would pronounce this a great mistake. I do think we ought to have some better arrangement to show the whole amount of our collections in a concise and comprehensive way. We have in our Church many men fully competent to the task, and I certainly think some one ought to take the trouble to do so. We are making record for future generations, and these records ought to be at least on an equal with the book-keeping of the business men in worldly pursuits. If it is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well.

J. H. ANDERSON.

Vanndale, May 4.

WEBSTER LITERARY SOCIETY.

Conference Training School,

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—June is nearly here and the schools will soon begin to close for the year. As you were so kind as to publish my last letter, I will write you another little note. Our school is progressing nicely and our Literary Society has grown to be a very interesting feature of our town. The Society instructed me, as Cor. Sec'y, to forward to THE METHODIST the program for the public exercises, for it is not our intention to slight anyone. We had several hundred invitation cards printed, but we find that they are not sufficient; therefore we decided to place the invitation in several papers. We invite all, but I am requested to say that the preachers in the Little Rock Conference are especially invited. We have sent cards to a great many of the editors in the State, but we hope that all the editors will feel themselves cordially invited.

PROGRAM.

May 29, '92: Commencement Sermon by Rev. J. R. Moore, Pine Bluff. General exercises each day the following week.

Thursday night, June 2: Public Debate. Question: Are Standing Armies, such as those kept by the great powers of Europe, more costly and more detrimental to the best interest of a nation than the American Pension System? Debaters: J. H. Parker, Ouachita; W. F. McKnight, Calhoun; R. L. Broach, Bradley; W. J. Bunn, Jr., Dallas.

Recitations and music Friday night, June 3. COR. SEC'Y.

Fordyce, May 20.

HELP OUR TOILERS IN JAPAN

The Board of Church Extension authorized a special appeal to be made for $5,000 to build a church in Osaka, Japan. The need is urgent. The case commends itself to the interest and sympathy of all who feel any concern for the extension of the Lord's kingdom and the success of our Mission in that fruitful field.

Osaka is a great commercial city about twenty miles by rail from Kobi, the headquarters of our Mission in Japan, and nearly the same distance from Kioto, the old capitol of the Empire. It has a population of well nigh half a million souls, strongly marked with all the characteristics of that industrious, thriving, self-asserting race. With the exception of the comparatively few who have been rescued through the agency of Christian Missions, the city is wholly given to idolatry. Yet it gives promise of large results to the work of faith and labor of love.

Two of our brethren have striven, not without success, under serious disadvantages, to give the knowledge of the Truth to this people. Their greatest hindrance has been the want of a building. They have been compelled to rely upon rented native houses of small dimensions and unsuited to their uses. The advantages of a building of sufficient size and furnished with the conveniences for their work can hardly be overestimated.

The damage done by the earthquakes which desolated all that region in October of last year affected our missionaries in their work and made more imperative their need of a house entirely under their own control. They cannot expect any help in this matter from native sources. Our members are doing their utmost to meet urgent requirements in other directions and have as much upon them as they can bear. It is a small thing that the Church in this land should furnish the $5,000 called for to enable our brethren there to carry on the work with greater facility and promise of larger success.

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Let all our friends in Arkansas forward to you any sum that they may see fit to offer for this purpose, and will you be kind enough to receive all money sent to you and acknowledge same in your paper from week to week and remit to me at this office on the 1st of June and again on the 15th what has been received by you.

Those who may find it more convenient can send the money direct to me. All sums received by me from individuals or through the church papers will be acknowledged in the Nashville Christian Advocate.

DAVID MORTON, Cor. Sec'y,
Louisville, Ky.

FIELD NOTES

CARLISLE AND HAZEN.—The meeting at Hazen, of which I wrote you three weeks ago today, closed the following Friday. We had a good meeting; several conversions and eleven accessions to our Church. I began a meeting the next night (Saturday) at Carlisle, which continued until last Thursday night. We had Bros. W. F. Evans of Lonoke and K. W. Dodson of Hickory Plains a part of the time; they both did excellent work. Notwithstanding the heavy rains that interfered greatly, we had a good meeting here; several conversions and thirteen accessions to our Church. I have raised and sent off three-fourths of our Foreign Mission collection. We have also paid off the Bishops' Educational funds, and forty-two dollars on parsonage improvements. Our people during this financial panic seem to be willing for their pastor to live as well as they, and are working to this end. Fraternally,

C. L. ADAMS, Pastor.

Carlisle, May 23.

GOLDMAN C'T:—Our second Q. C. is just over. The P. E., Dr. Riggin, came loaded down, as usual, with spirituality. His presence and kind words encouraged the weak one to a more earnest effort in the future. He preached with power. Goldman will not soon forget the sermon on the prayers of the Pharisee and Publican. He made out only two classes of sinners, repenting and unrepenting. "A repenting sinner's prayer is accepted of the Lord." Finances were short. The people are behind yet. Can't do much till the latter part of the year. One said, during our Conf., that he would be one of four to raise the assessment at Goldman. Another said, the other day, that he would personally assume the P. C's board bill. You see I was not mistaken in saying that we have "good old fashioned Methodist people over here." I believe many others are of the same determination, all over the C't.

We are praying for a revival of religion. I feel just like we are going to have a glorious time. Others, all over the C't, have expressed themselves as feeling the same way. And their feeling so has encouraged all to a more zealous earnest effort, that our expectations may be realized. Brethren, pray for us. Fraternally,

THOS. E. BOLDING.

Goldman, May 25.

HICKORY PLAINS C'T.—Our second Quarterly meeting which was held at Hebron just over, and notwithstanding the floods and extreme high water we had the fullest attendance of official members I ever saw. Bro. Watson, our P. E., whom we all love so dearly, was on hand. His sermon Saturday was to the Church and was good to the use of editying, clearly stated and delivered in tenderness. His sermon Sunday at 11 on eternal life was one of power. Bro. Watson's style of delivery is clear and logical, and he is a natural-born P. E. He looks after the interests of pastor and people with minuteness. His spiritual manner in the Conference makes it more like a love feast than a dry, husky, business meeting. Everything passed off pleasantly. I feel that the brethren are doing all they can, notwithstanding the very hard times; our reports were reasonably good. I am fully persuaded that I am serving the best people in the land. They love the Church. Some of them say THE METHODIST is one of the best papers they ever read. Fraternally,

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DEATH OF MRS. P. MERRILL.

We are sad, but not surprised, to learn from Rev. P. B. Hopkins, that Sister Merrill, wife of Rev. Pierce Merrill, died in great peace at their home in Springtown, May 20, after long and patient suffering from consumption. She had been confined to her bed and room most of the time since last November, and during the weary days, weeks and months of suffering she often rejoiced in hope of the glory awaiting the good and pure in the bright and happy home beyond the sunset's radiant glow. We join Bro. Merrill's many friends in sincere condolence in his sore bereavement.

GLAD DAY AT QUITMAN.

Rev. Dr. John H. Dye returned yesterday from Quitman, where on last Sunday morning he preached the Commencement sermon of Quitman College to a large audience of the patrons and friends of that institution. He was charmed with the good people of Quitman and delighted with his visit. He reports a collection there last Sabbath after the sermon of over $11,000 for the endowment fund of Quitman College. He says that the enthusiasm and rejoicing at the close of the collection surpassed anything he ever saw upon a similar occasion. To Brothers Tucker and Cantrell and faculty and the good citizens one and all we offer our congratulations. According to the population and wealth no community in this State has done more for the cause of Christian education than the good people of Quitman, and we sincerely hope their College may prosper more and more as the years go by. We expect a report of the closing exercises for our next issue.

For our next issue Rev. Dr. T. C. Barrett of this city will furnish a condensed report of the deliberations of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which closed its session in Hot Springs last Thursday.

The Arkansas State Teachers' Association will be held at Mt. Nebo, June 28 to July 1, and the Mt. Nebo Summer Normal School will open July 4. For program announcements write to Southern School Journal, this city.

In his address to the General Conference of the M. E. Church the fraternal messenger from the African M. E. Zion Church gave these statistics: "We have now a membership of 412,000; 300,000 children in our Sabbath-schools; eight Bishops; eleven heads of departments or general officers, 4,500 active elders, 8,000 local preachers, 5,000 churches, five educational institutions, conducted by efficient instructors; a flourishing Sunday-school department; a hopeful Mission work in Africa; six periodicals, and Church property to the value of $5,000,000."

To show how certain Western enterprises, boomed on borrowed capital, had collapsed, Zion's Herald quotes this from the Omaha Bee: "There are twenty well-built towns in Kansas without a single inhabitant to waken the echoes of their deserted streets. Saratoga has a $30,000 opera house, a large brick hotel, a $20,000 school-house and a number of fine business houses, yet there is nobody even to claim a place to sleep. At Fargo a $20,000 school-house stands on the side of the hill—a monument to the bond voting craze. A herder and his family constitute the sole population of what was once an incorporated city. This is a sad commentary on unhealthy booms."

The General Conference of the M. E. Church adjourned last Thursday. Of its deliberations we can write more advisedly in later issues, but now we state it did not remove the time limit to the pastorate, nor take any backward step in relation to worldly amusements; it resubmitted the "woman question" in different form, and on the last day adopted these resolutions:

Resolved (1), That the Bishops be and are hereby requested to appoint a commission consisting of three Bishops, three ministers and three laymen, which shall have power to confer with similar Commissions from the Methodist bodies upon the desirability and feasibility of fraternal co-operation and of organic union, and report to the General Conference of 1896.

Resolved (2), That the Bishops be and are hereby requested to invite the General Conferences of other Methodist bodies and appoint similar Commissions to confer with Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS

SERIOUS FACTS PRESENTED.

Last week we could not continue our remarks on the publishing interests of our Church, as we had intended to do. Referring to our editorial, May 19, we again remind our readers of these facts: That while the volume of business and net profits of the Book Concerns of the M. E. Church have increased more rapidly than its membership, the reverse is true as to our Publishing House; that the increase in its assets last year was less than in 1887 and '88; that the sales from its merchandise department last year were less than in 1887 and nearly the same as in 1888; that the Western Book Concern, representing less than 900,000 members, nearly half of them in the South and about one-fourth of them Negroes, did last year nearly three times as much business as our Publishing House; that the Western Book Concern's two depositories in Chicago and St. Louis made sales last year of $519,137 against like sales of $270,190; and that last year the sales of the Western, Northwestern and Central Advocates, published respectively in Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, were in the order named $66,969, $44,385 and $43,146 against $40,321 derived from the subscription and advertising patronage of the Nashville Christian Advocate.

To the probable objection, that our Christian Advocate at Nashville would be far more remunerative but for the competition of the Annual Conference organs published for our Church, we reply: first, it has now a much larger circulation than it had before these Conference papers increased to their present number and importance; and, second, the "official" papers of the M. E. Church have similar and strong competition, if such it may be called. That Church has, we understand eight "official" papers, whose editors are elected by the General Conference, and besides these a dozen or more "unofficial" papers having an aggregate circulation of perhaps 75,000—about as large as the combined circulation of the Annual Conference organs of our Church. But we regret to learn the receipts from the Christian Advocate were less last year than for either of the preceding three years. Some of our readers may be surprised to hear, that in 1890 the receipts, $42,125.30, from the Christian Advocate were only $1,858.53 above the cost of its publication; hence, it must have made very little if any *net* gain last year, as its total income was $1,804 less, and the salary of its assistant editor $400 more than in 1890. These last statements are now given, that our readers may understand more clearly the heavy expense necessary to publish a religious denominational paper, and it should not be forgotten, that the Christian Advocate did not have to pay rent for its business, editorial and composing rooms.

Before making further comments on the volume of business done by our Publishing House, it may be helpful to the reader to give again the comparative statement of its business for four years, showing in dollars under each year (for that year, ending March 31,) the five divisions of business, as separately reported each year by the Agents themselves:

1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
FROM MERCH'D'SE DEP'T.			
$117,037,	$197,043,	$133,440,	$114,876
FROM CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.			
41,088,	42,125,	42,927,	40,321
FROM S. S. PERIODICALS.			
97,143,	104,426,	103,848,	112,130
FROM QUARTERLY REVIEW.			
2,211,	2,327,	2,072,	2,860
FROM RENT, JOB AND CONTRACT WORK.			
43,163,	38,117,	54,519,	69,694
FROM TOTAL BUSINESS.			
$300,644.	$384,040,	$336,808,	$339,884

For this year the Agents report the gain in the assets of the House at $51,007.23, which we suppose is less than the net gain on its Sunday-school periodicals, added to its net profits on job and contract work; for in 1890 on smaller sales the House made on its Sunday-school periodicals a net gain of $38,509.54, besides its profits on Sunday-school libraries. From this it must appear that without the profits from its Sunday-school literature and job printing department our great Publishing House with its reported net capital of $615,875 would scarcely be a self-sustaining enterprise; for bear in mind, that the estimated gain of $51,000 in the assets of the House does not mean an equal gain in its surplus, which may or may not be half as great. These facts must force thoughtful business men to the humiliating conclusion, that while our Publishing House may be and is meeting an important demand of our Church in supplying its own literature, it has not yet become a *publishing* house of the business enterprise and financial success to be reasonably expected in view of its very large and rapidly increasing constituency, and that it is high time the House should be not only meeting but *creating* demands for publications, that will yield it suitable revenue and prove a great blessing to the Church, for which it was established.

As we expect to continue this discussion next week we close now by quoting one paragraph from our editorial one year ago reviewing the (then) last three annual reports of the Book Agents: "From these statements it may be seen, that the annual volume of business for three years just past averages nearly $340,500; but for the same year the annual sales, including stationery, Bibles and books printed by other houses, averaged $295,263.85—or an average of only 25 cents per member of our Church for everything purchased from our House, including the Christian Advocate, Quarterly Review and Sunday-school periodicals. And last year the total sales exclusive of the periodicals amount to only $133,440-28—or a small fraction over 11 cents per member of our Church for all books purchased of and *through* our Publishing House! This showing is a humiliating reflection upon the intelligence, loyalty or liberality of Southern Methodists, as it makes the lamentable revelation, that for the books sold by our Publishing House our members spend an average of less than one cent per month! Surely the time has come when our people generally and our preachers particularly should awake to the importance and religious duty of circulating our own book and periodical liturature."

BOONEVILLE—OZARK

Last Thursday morning we departed for Booneville, Logan county, the seat of the Fort Smith District Conference. A ride of 125 miles on the L. R. & F. S. R'y took us to Ozark, where through the kind assistance of Bro. B. L. Jones we employed our time profitably till an arrangement was made for the trip nearly 30 miles over hills and valleys to Booneville. It was nearly 6 p. m. when we crossed the river and started behind a good livery team driven by Bro. Eddy McClintock, who had lived in Booneville last year, and naturally felt attraction in that direction. After travel about half our journey we secured entertainment for the balance of the night with Mr. S. J. Obar, and with an early start we arrived at Booneville at 9:45 Friday morning.

We found the Conference well attended by traveling preachers and the citizens of Booneville, but pressing work after the recent overflow made the attendance of lay delegates very small. Rev. J. A. Anderson, P. E., directed the usual business of the Conference in an easy and pleasant manner, allowing ample time and range in the discussion of various topics of interest, on which the brethren expressed themselves freely and we trust profitably. Most of them in that District are having a hard time in common with the people they serve, but they are no less devoted to the great work committed to their hands. Like their Presiding Elder we regarded them as a heroic band of faithful itinerants, and we fondly hope their labors may be eminently successful and suitably rewarded this year. Due prominence was given to religious exercises and there was cheering prospect for a gracious revival. Friday night there were two or more professions of conversion, and many Christians rejoiced in songs and shouts of praise. We had the pleasure of hearing good and helpful sermons by Rev's W. H. Metheney and J. B. Stevenson, and favorable reports of the sermons by other brethren. We enjoyed greatly the fellowship of the brethren and the religious exercises of the Conference, which Bro. Metheny, the Sec., will report for this issue.

Rev. J. M. C. Hamilton provided well for the entertainment of the Conference and the citizens of Booneville dispensed cheerful and elegant hospitality, which we shared during our brief stay in the homes of Drs. Thomas and Woomaw and Rev. B. T. Crews. We made a short call on Rev. John Rhyne, whom we had not seen in many years. He is a superannuated member of the White River Conference, and realizes the probable nearness of his call to the reward of the faithful. We regretted very much that we could not remain longer with the brethren in the pleasant little town of Booneville, but in order to be on the railroad Monday morning we left soon after dinner and with fatigue and exposure to rain we reached Ozark about 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Spending the Sabbath in Ozark we preached twice to intelligent and devout hearers composing one of the best charges in the Arkansas Conference. Our Church there was greatly strengthened by the recent revival meeting, in which Rev. John P. Lowry labored with signal success. We had the pleasure of visiting our Sunday-school, which impressed us as being one of the best in attendance, deportment and study we have seen anywhere. Bro. W. W. Jennings, the veteran superintendent, now serving his twentieth consecutive year there in that capacity, is ably assisted by a strong corps of good teachers, by our pastor, who is a skillful artist in his crayon illustrations, and by excellent singers, who add much to the interest of the Sunday-school and the public services. We heard very favorable reports of the preaching and work done by our pastor, Rev. C. E. McClintock, to whom we are much indebted for special courtesies. In the elegant Christian home of Bro. M. B. Conatser we had delightful entertainment.

VILE CHARGES NOT PROVED.

Last week the editor of the Arkansas Baptist raged furiously under the just rebukes for his false and malicious utterances. To his vituperation we make no reply, since he has shown himself ready to defame the dead and to calumniate the living.

1. In support of his scurrilous charge against Philip Embury he referred only to Read's statement, which contained in itself clear evidence of its unreliability, besides being flatly contradicted, as the editor of the Baptist should know, by careful and trustworthy writers, who had the facilities to learn the whole truth and too much honesty to conceal or pervert it.

2. For his slanderous charge, that Methodists gained their doctrines by chance, he referred alone to the alleged letter of Toplady to Wesley quoted from in the book by Henry Brown, who gave no authority whatever for his statement, which also contained in itself strong presumptive evidence of its utter unreliability, besides being contrary to abundant testimony on Wesley's study of the Scriptures.

3. He is shamefully silent about the implied and infamous charge, which he has not had the audacity to defend nor the manly honesty to retract, that Methodists build their houses of worship by money obtained by nefarious schemes. This guilty silence we must attribute to his being pastor of the Baptist Church in Brinkley, where Baptists competed (and were ahead one week before the end of the three-months contest) for the money premium awarded the Methodists on identically the same basis the Baptists tried to get it.

Here must end our enforced controversy with the editor of the Arkansas Baptist.

HIS OWN WORDS.

In the preface to his sermons Mr. Wesley's own words show how devoutly and honestly he sought truth and how he tested every doctrine by the Bible. Against all calumnies to the the contrary, we place this pertinent and irrefutable statement of fact:

"To candid, reasonable men, I am not afraid to lay open what have been the inmost thoughts of my heart. I have thought, I am a creature of a day, passing through life, as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God: just hovering over the great gulf; till, a few moments hence, I am no more seen! I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing, the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me that book of God! I have it: Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be *homo unius libri*, 'a man of one book.' Here, then, I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here! In his presence I open, I read, his book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there a doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark and intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of lights. Lord, is it not thy word, 'If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God?' Thou 'givest liberally, and upbraidest not.' Thou hast said, 'If any be willing to do thy will, he shall know.' I am willing to do; let me know thy will. I then search after and consider parallel passage of Scripture, 'comparing spiritual things with spiritual.' I meditate thereon, with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remain, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God; and then, the writings, whereby, being dead, they yet speak. And what I thus learn, that I teach."

FIVE FALSEHOODS EXAMINED.

In Arkansas Baptist of April 28, appeared a slanderous defamation of Wesley. In THE METHODIST of May 5 I exposed and denounced it. After about a month the editor of the Baptist gets excited, and in his issue of May 26 takes on with much foam and fury. He charges me with falsehoods Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and abuses me a great deal in his pleasant and classic way. Now, when I cause anything to be printed which my neighbor esteems false, he does me a kindness to call my attention to it, and when it is done so sweetly and politely I must examine the matter, and if the statement was false retract it, and if true, endeavor to show my friend his mistake. Let us examine these falsehoods, quoting them from the Baptist.

"Falsehood No. 1.—Riggin says: 'The editor of the Baptist refers to an apocryphal book. This is not false. He did refer to an apocryphal book, a book of uncertain authority or credit, false and fictitious. This I showed by the absurdity of the statement which the editor gave, as he said, upon the authority of this book. Any book that gravely states that one man, fourteen years after his death, wrote a letter to another man dead one year is an apocryphal book.

"Falsehood No. 2.—Says Riggin: 'The editor of the Baptist says Augustus Toplady wrote to Wesley in 1792.'" If the reader will consult the Baptist of April 28, he will see that the editor does say those very words. There they are without quotation marks, or any other indication that the editor did not say it, nor does he retract it now. He refers to an apocryphal book as his authority for saying it; so I stated at the first, but the sentence is the editor's own. No falsehood here.

"Falsehood No. 3.—'Did anybody ever see that book?'" Oh!!!! He says that is a falsehood. Is he excited? or does he do that way all the time?

"Falsehood No. 4.—Riggin says: 'I venture the assertion that the editor of the Baptist never saw that book.'" Well, that is true, for I did venture the assertion. It may have been a rash venture, for he says he saw it in bookstores in Cincinnati and Chicago as late as 1876. He had seen it as late as sixteen years ago—not later it seems. So I was wrong in that venture, if his statement is true, and I presume it is.

"Falsehood No. 5.—'No, sir! The editor did not copy that from Arminian Inconsistencies and Errors, by Henry Brown.'" Well, did he? Will Dr. Clark say that in writing for his paper of April 28 he copied the sentence in question from the book, Arminian Inconsistencies and Errors, by Henry Brown? I guess he will not. Why did he not parade that book as soon as his authority was challenged? I sent a friend to the Baptist office the next week to learn whether such a book was there. He was not able to obtain the information. Why? The editor has, I believe, been to Georgia since to meet "the Baptist hosts." Did he not make diligent inquiry for this apocryphal book, succeed in finding a lonesome copy, obtain the loan of the "work of such importance," with permission to keep it on exhibition for thirty days and return to its happy owner? And so the book is now in the Baptist office, and the foreman sets up a paragraph from it for the paper of May 26, and signs certificate to that effect, so worded, as to lead the careless reader to suppose him to mean that he had the book before him, and set up the paragraph for the issue of April 28 from it. Mr. Rogers will not say that.

Now note this difference. The editor of the Baptist said, April 28, "Augustus Toplady, author of the soul-stirring hymn 'Rock of Ages,' wrote the following to John Wesley in 1792." In May 26, the printer copies from the apocryphal book: "Thus in a letter from the Rev. Augustus Toplady to Mr. Wesley in 1792, we meet the following, viz:" Compare these. Each has nineteen words, but eleven words in Dr. Clark's sentence are not in the book, and eleven words in the sentence in the book are not in Dr. Clark's. Eight words are the same in each, but not in the same order, as the two sentences are differently constructed by the two authors. Henry Brown wrote the one, somebody else wrote the other. No, I repeat, the editor did not copy this from Arminian Inconsistencies and Errors, by Henry Brown. Verily, Clark cannot afford to send that book to THE METHODIST office for inspection.

J. H. RIGGIN.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The ——— session of the Fort Smith District Conference, Arkansas Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, was held in the town of Booneville, Logan County, Ark., May 26–29, 1892. James A. Anderson, Presiding Elder of the District, presided during the session. His eyes are wide open to all of the aggressive interests of our Methodism. All of the preachers in charge were present at some time during session. A very few local preachers in attendance. The recent continued rains and floods prevented a large majority of the laymen from attending the session. We were glad to greet Dr. Z. T. Bennett, Editor of our ARKANSAS METHODIST. Sorry he could not remain with us longer. His visit among us will prove helpful to us in many ways. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially appreciate Dr. Bennett's visit to our Conference, have enjoyed his pulpit ministrations and social intercourse, and that we will increase our efforts to enlarge the circulation of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST among our people.

J. T. BAGWELL,
J. M. C. HAMILTON.

This session of the Fort Smith District Conference has been characterized as one of the most harmonious of any held for years past. The preaching all seemed to be with unusual power, and we think the influence for good will long be felt by the good people of Booneville. The pastor here is working and praying for a gracious revival of religion in this town. May God save many souls before the meeting closes.

Booneville is certainly a hospitable town. The people have entertained the Conference nobly and they have been heartily thanked. Next session of the Conference to be held at Cauthron. J. C. Pearce, Jesse A. Bell, J. W. House (L. P.), and J. W. Maddox, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference; L. F. A. Holloman and Dr. A. E. Harden, alternates.

W. H. METHENY, Sec'y.

Booneville, May 29.

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

It is important to the interest of our Publishing House for it to have a recognized and active agent in every station, circuit, and mission in the Church. The House is the property of the preachers, and they have a preferred claim to such employment. But there are pastors who have no leisure for such work, and some who think themselves wanting in tact for it. Where this is the case other agents for distribution of our literature ought to be provided. Wherever there is a Conference Colporter the appointment of such local agents as are herein indicated rest with him. In the Conferences that have not adopted the Colportage system prescribed by the General Conference be beg our presiding elders and pastors to assist in finding local agents for sale and distribution of the publications of the House. The town and village bookstores might be made of much more service to us than they are. Wherever one of these stores is kept by a Methodist he should be specially urged to keep our catalogues and a few of our books, and to receive subscriptions to our periodical publications. Many subscribers to these publications delay to renew their subscriptions because of the inconvenience of securing a check or post-office order, and many are lost by continuing such neglect till they are dropped from our lists. Local agents that would keep a record of these subscriptions and look after their renewal would do us immense good. And the distribution of our catalogues and circulars among the people would acquaint them more particularly with our publications, secure us many small orders, cultivate interest in the House, and work for it strengthening and beneficent results. Give us your help, brethren; we believe you will. This House is yours. You have a pride in it. It has cost you much. You want to see it expand and grow. Its growth and expansion largely depends on the hands that have brought it whatever prosperity it now has—the hands of the itinerant ministry. Of course, we do not expect either preacher or layman to give time and labor to the House gratis. The usual commissions will be paid for all work done in its behalf.

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We have in stock many copies of the Note and Word editions of that popular song book, Prayer and Praise. We will fill orders for these books by the dozen or half dozen on more favorable terms than our readers can get them elsewhere.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1892

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

Our readers will feel sad to learn Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter is under medical treatment in this city, having a gradual and light return of paralysis. Though partially disabled and quite despondent, he is not suffering any pain. We ask for his recovery the fervent prayers of our Christian readers.

We call special attention to the notice from Rev. V. V. Harlan, who is thoughtfully and very kindly planning to assist and accommodate all that desire to hear Bishop A. W. Wilson during the District Conference and in the Commencement sermon for Hendrix College. There will be a large attendance, and Conway's royal hospitality will be fully equal to the occasion.

From the Arkansas Democrat we clip these personal items, which will be read with interest by the friends of the gentlemen named: Mr Cumming Collins, a Little Rock boy, after taking a full classical course at Washington University, in St. Louis, will graduate on the 9th of June, and has been offered and accepted a place in the faculty of his Alma Mater. He will, in connection with his school duties, take a law course in that department of the university.

Mr. John C. Frutrall, a student of the University of Virginia and a son of Professor T. A. Futrall, of Mariana, has been notified that he has been awarded the $100 Columbia Bicycle offered by the Columbia Company in the prize contest on "Good Roads."

We are pleased to see, that Bro. W. R. Casey has been awarded the contract for the erection of the Reider building, corner of Second and Louisiana streets, this city. The building is to cost $35,000.

Last Thursday at his home in Helena Bro. W. S. Burnett, late editor of the Helena World, died suddenly from heart disease. He had been in poor health for many months, and this led to his retirement from the newspaper business. He was a member of our Church, and warm friend to the preachers, who will be sad to hear of his death. To his bereaved family we tender brotherly condolence in their great sorrow.

Rev. E. B. Hotchkiss of Hot Springs, and Rev. O. H. Keadle, P. C. of Collegeville C't, accompanied by Bro. Cuffman, an active layman, favored us with brotherly calls last Monday.

We have received from Rev. John Davis, Eureka Springs, the second annual announcement of the Inter-State Summer Normal and Educational Assembly, which will open in Eureka Springs July 4, with an oration by Rev. Sam P. Jones, who will deliver July 5 and 6 four of his most popular lectures. Many other speakes of distinction are down for lectures during the Assembly.

Tuesday morning we had a pleasant call from Rev. W. A. Freeman, who had just returned from Festus, Mo., where he preached and labored quite successfully for two weeks. Next Saturday he will begin in a meeting at Goldman, this State. He informed us, that he is already engaged to assist in revival meetings for several months. He carries with him a supply of books from our store, and thus scatters good literature while he preaches.

Rev. H. H. Watson, P. E., preached in First Church last Sabbath morning and at night in Winfield Memorial, having large congregations at each service.

Last Saturday just before we departed from Boonville, our pastor there, Rev. J. M. C. Hamilton, placed in our book case some eye salve prepared by himself and very highly recommended. On awaking Sunday morning we found our left eye badly inflamed, possibly from exposure in the rain the evening before. We tried Bro. Hamilton's salve, and we think it is a good remedy. Price, 25 cts. a box.

Rev. J. R. Sanders, P. C. of Magnolia station, writes that the contract for the erection of our new church there was awarded to Mr. Barrow of Texarkana, for the sum of $5,300.

Bro. S. M. Cherry, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., gave us a brief call Tuesday morning. He and sixteen other young men have just entered our State to canvass for Character Sketches, advertised on page 8 of this issue.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be held in this city next year.

Rev. P. B. Hopkins writes from Springtown, May 27: "The Fayetteville District Conference is in session here. We miss you—we are having a good time, a religious session, the preaching is deeply spiritual."

We are indebted to Rev. Dr. Geo. W. F. Price, President of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, for a copy of its new Art Catalogue, unique and beautiful in design. On application to Dr. Price, it will be mailed free to any interested in the study of Art. Send for a copy.

Bro. R. B. F. Key of Keyton called Friday. He was on his way to Athens, Ala, to witness the closing exercises of the College his daughter attends, at that place.

The Business Manager of THE METHODIST desires to acknowledge the receipt, from Miss Rosa Bennett (our Editor's daughter) of an invitation to attend the graduating exercises of Dr. Price's College, Nashville, Tenn. Miss Rosa heads the list of graduates. We would be glad to be present if possible, but we will see her sister Mattie and brother Tom graduate from Peabody High School, this city, next Monday. It is not common for three from the same family to graduate at one time.

As *all* business letters aud cards to Bennett & Thornburgh are filed and preserved, we again request our preachers *not* to mix in their business letters any items they intend for the Editor, who should not be needlessly *burdened* to copy such items for publication as they must be copied if used at all. Brethren, please comply with our request by writing on *separate* piece of paper any items you desire the Editor to use or notice and sign your names both to the business letter and the one to the Editor.

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HENDRIX COLLEGE

Commencement Program, June 12—15.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Commencement Sermon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, D.D., L L. D.; 8 p. m.—Sermon for Y. M. C. A. by——.

Monday, 10 a. m.—Collegiate Essay and Declamation Contests; 3 p. m., Ministerial Reading Contest; 4 p. m., Annual Meeting of Trustees; 8 p. m., Arkansas Methodist Oration Contest.

Tuesday, 10 a. m., Preparatory Essay and Declamation Contests; 8p. m., Preliminary Inter-collegiate Oration Contest.

Wednesday, 10 a. m., Literary Address by Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo. Award of Prizes.

All friends are cordially invited, and Trastees and members of Visiting Committees are specially urged to attend. If friends will notify Rev. V. V. Harlan or myself several days before their arrival we can more conveniently arrange for entertainment.

A. C. MILLAR, Pres.

Conway, Ark.

Arkadelphia Methodist College.

We have received the beautiful and long program for the second Commencement of the Arkadelphia Methodist College, extending from Friday, June 3, to Wednesday, June 8. Sunday, June 5, at 11 a. m., Rev. Dr. R. N. Sledd of Richmond, Va., will preach the Commencement sermon, and at 8 p. m. Rev. Harvey H. Watson of Little Rock will preach the Baccalaureate sermon. At 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, June 8, Rev. J. R. Harvey will deliver the address before the graduates.

The Batesville District Conference.

The Batesville District Conference will be held at Barren Fork, Ark., commencing July 14, at 9 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon at 11 a. m. by Frank R. Noe. We desire the preachers and delegates to be present at the beginning. Come praying that we may have a profitable meeting. Come to stay over Sunday. Preachers in charge of work will see that their Quarterly Conference Record is on hand.

HENRY T. GREGORY.

Batesville, May 24.

A Nice Thing.

Our Business Manager, who has been a Sunday-school Superintendent for 25 years, and knows what is needed by Superintendents and Secretaries, has caused to be published "A Vest-pocket Minute and Memorandum Book" for those officers. It contains places to record the Minutes of 53 Sundays and 21 pages for other memoranda. It is only 2 1-2 by 4 1-2 inches, and is sent post-paid for only ten cents in postage stamps.

REDUCED RATES

To District Conference and Commencement Exercises, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.

A special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been granted to delegates and visitors to Morrilton District Conference at Conway and the Commencement Exercises of Hendrix College. Tickets will be on sale from June 8 to 15 and good to return till June 18. Purchaser of ticket must procure certificate of agent at starting point, that he has paid full fare coming to Conway, and he will be returned for one cent per mile. The certificate must be countersigned by L. B. Griffing of this place. I hope our friends will take advantage of this reduced rate and come.

Also, let all who expect to attend either the District Conference or the Commencement exercises, notify me at once, that homes may be provided. State when you will come and how long you will stay.

A special and cordial invitation is extended to the preachers of the three Conferences in the State.

V. V. HARLAN.

Conway, May 31.

NOTICE.

Delegates to the L. R. Conf. W. M. Society at Camden will have reduced rates of one and one-third fare, on all branches of the St. L. & I. M. R'y. Pay full fare going, and get certificate from starting point.

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G. W. SMITH.

Avuergne, May 29.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride, May 15, 1892, Mr. S. Dowing and Mrs. M. A. Hawkins, both of Laneburgh, Ark., Rev. B. A. Few officiating.

March 16, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Thomas of Preston, Ark., Mr. John Cook and Miss Lou Thomas, Rev. J. B. McDonald officiating.

At Holland Baptist Church before a large congregation at 7:30 p. m. May 15, 1892, by Rev. A. G. Duran, Dr. F. B, Stobaugh and Miss Agnes Garrett, all of Holland, Ark.

At the residence of the bride's father, El Dorado, Ark., May 17, 1892, Mr. James B. Barnwell of Camden, Ark., and Miss Kate Johnson of El Dorado, Rev. J. W. Hart officiating.

May 22, 1892, at the residence of W. R. Rogers, Mr. Thomas C. Clark and Miss Mary Aggreas, both of Spadra, Ark., Rev. J. H. Myers officiating.

No Southern Methodist home should be without Dr. Peterson's "Handbook of Southern Methodism." It is our history epitomized. A prominent minister of our Church applied to us a for statistics that are fully set forth in this Handbook, with much more of equal value, all to be had for 25 cents. It would have taken more than 25 cents worth of time to have gathered from the General Minutes the information the brother called for. Address Bennett & Thornburgh.

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Quarterly Meetings.

Little Rock Dist. 3 round; H. H. Watson P. E. Mabelvale at Mabelvale June 25-6: Asbury Sta. July 2-3: Austin at South Bend 9-10; Lonoke Sta. 16-17; Hazen and Carlisle at Zion 23-24: Des Arc and DeValls Bluff 30-31; Winfield Memorial Aug. 6-7; England at Barn's Chap. 6-7; Wattensas 13-14; Maumelle at Camp Ground 20-21; Hickory Plains at Crossroads 20-21; Liberty Sta. 27-28; First Church Sept. 3-4.

Batesville District; 3rd Round Henry T Gregory, P. E. West Batesville miss June 18-19; Batesville sta 19-20; Oil Trough cir July 2-3: Sulphur Rock cir 9-10; Evening Shade cir 16-17; Calamine cir 23-24; Ash Flat cir 30-31; Viola cir Aug 6-7; Salem cir 13-14: Melbourne cir 20-21; Newburg cir 27-28: Bethesda cir Sept 3-4; Mountain View cir 10-11: Cedar Grove cir 17-18: Jamestown cir 24-25.

Washington Dist., 3rd round. George M. Hill, P. E. Lockesburg ct. July 2. 3; Washington ct, 9, 10: Prescott ct, 16, 17: Hope ct, 17, 18: De Ann ct, 23, 24: Nashville ct, 30, 31: Center Point ct, 31, Aug. 1: Emmet ct. Aug. 6, 7: Fulton and C. H., 13, 14; Genoa ct, 14, 15: Mineral Springs ct, 20, 21: Chapel Hill ct, 27, 28: Little River ct, sept. 3, 4: Richmond and R. C., 4, 5: Peytonwile ct, 10, 11.

Morrilton District. 3rd Round, D. J. Weems, P. E. Plummerville at Hill Creek May 21, 22; Quitman sta 28, 29; Springfield at Greenbrier June 4, 5; Conway sta 5, 6; Martinville at Steel's Chapel 18, 19: Morrilton sta 25, 26; Perryville ct at New Tennessee July 2, 3; Ada mis at Bryant's Cove 9, 10; Perryville mis at Bethel 12; Mt Vernon at Pleasant Valley 16, 17: Conway mis at Gold Creek 23, 24: Quitman ct at Camp-ground Aug 6, 7; Quitman mis at Parish Chapel 13, 14; Clinton at Mountain Home 20, 21: Cleveland mis at Cleveland 27, 28. District Conference at Conway June 9-12. Local Preachers Conference at Shady Grove July 29-31. Clear Creek Camp-meeting Aug 5-9.

Eureka Springs District. 3rd Round. A. H. Williams, P. E. Hindsville ct June 4. 5; Eureka Springs sta 11, 12; King's River mis 18, 19; Berryville ct 25, 26; Carrolton ct 29; District Conference 29, July 3: Kingston ct 9, 10; St Paul mis 16, 17: Jasper mis 23, 24; Cassville mis 30, 31; Huntsville ct Aug 6, 7; Wesley mis 13, 14: Goshen ct 20, 21.

Hot Springs District. 3rd Round. A. D. Jenkins, P. E. South Hot Springs June 4, 5; Malvern Hill and Glenn Street 18, 19; New Liberty ct 25, 26; Saline ct July 2, 3: Silver Hill 9, 10; Central Avenue 16, 17; District Conference at Amity 20, 24; Amity ct 20, 24; Mt Valley mis 30, 31; Mt Ida ct Aug 6, 7: Crystal Springs 13, 14; Amity ct 20, 21: Mt Fork ct 27, 28: Dallas ct Sept 3, 4.

Fayetteville District. 3rd Round. F. S. H. Johnston P. E. Bentonville sta May 28, 29; Center Point ct at Hazle Valley June 18, 19: Sulphur Springs mis at Sulphur Springs 25, 26; White River mis at Brentwood July 2, 3: Fayettville sta 3, 4; Springtown ct at Springtown 9, 10; Wedington ct at Amity 16, 17: Bentonville ct at Post Oak 23, 24: Elm Springs ct at Farmington 30, 31: Robinson ct at Pleasant Hill Aug 6, 7; Rogers sta 13, 14; Boonsboro ct 20, 21; Prairie Grove ct at Stonewall 27. 28.

Dardanelle Dist., 3rd round. S. S. Key, P. E. Atkins ct at New Hope, May 21, 22; Dover ct at London. June 4, 5; Appleton ct at Oakland; 11, 12; Prarie View ct at Morrisons Bluff, 18, 19; Danville ct at Corinth, 25, 26; Dardanelle ct at Centerville, July 2, 3: Chickalah ct at Buckingham, 9, 10: Rover ct at Mineral Springs, 16, 17; Gravelly Hill ct at White Church, 23, 24; Walnut Tree ct at Walnut Tree, 27, 3 p. m.: Dardanelle sta, Aug. 6, 7: Russellville sta, 13, 14:

District Conference at Walnut Tree July 28 to 31. Opening sermon by B. C. Matthews at 11 o'clock 28. Walnut Tree is 16 miles above Danville; nearest R. R. point is Dardanelle. Mr. Editor, be sure and come. Your many friends will be sadly disappointed if you do not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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The Preachers' Meeting

Of the Newport District, White River Conference, will be held at Reyno, Ark., July 5 to 10. Opening sermon by Rev. J. S. Watson Tuesday night, July 5.

First day: 8 a. m., Organization. Question 1, The Possibility of Apostasy, by Revs. D. W. Reed and R. H. Grissett. Afternoon session: Question, Administration of Discipline, by Revs. N. E. Skinner and H. A. Story. Preaching at 8 p. m.

Second day: 8 a. m., Question, The Mode of Baptism, by Revs. S. L. Cochran and J. F. Armstrong. Evening session: The Identity of the Church and Infant Baptism, by Revs. De Jalma Leake and L. M. Johnston. Preaching at 8 p. m.

Third day: Morning; Question, Justification by Faith, by Revs. E. M. Davis, C. L. Freeman. Afternoon session: The Rise and Progress of Methodism, by Revs. J. S. Watson and D. J. Leake.

Fourth day; Saturday morning: Question, The Nature and Design of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. Frank Ritter and H. L. Covington. Afternoon: Divine Providence, by Revs. H. L. Bugg and W. D. Ellis.

All questions alter the introductory speech will be open for free discussion. All preachers, both traveling and local, and members are requested to attend. Free conveyance from Corning and a cordial reception will be given—S. L. Cochran, Chairman of committee.

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F. E. TAYLOR.

P. S. May 30, had a good District Conference; 4 conversions last night, meeting still going on: Delegates to Conference Rev. D. M. Bobinson, J. T. Hall, F. M. Daniels, J. W. Coffman. Alternates, Dr. J. M. Green, Joe N. Martin. Come or send to our Preachers' Meeting; there is room to extend your paper. All preachers are requested to be at Corning July 5, to get conveyance free to Reyno.

May 30. F. E. T.

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BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY

The non-professing world often wonderes why it is that Christians ever backslide. Why should they depart from that life in which it is claimed there is more true peace than the world can give. The question is a common one, and we have a right to expect it from those who have a high conception of what the Christian ought to be. For to claim what the Bible does for religion, and then leave it and turn again to the world, is in appearance to contradict in practice, what is claimed in word.

As a solution to this difficulty which has so often puzzled the minds of the irreligious we will say thatn o man who has obtained the joy of a truly religious experience extends ever to backslide. Such a thought does not at the time enter his mind. He is ready then to say like Peter, "Though all men should be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." And "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." Such a man feels that he would be willing to go even to prison—and to death, if Jesus would go there—anywhere to be with Jesus and to suffer with Him. But the cause that leads men to depart from the faith and practice of religion, is in the deceitfulness of sin, and the weakness of human nature.

Sin, in its methods of ingress, comes unobserved. That is, in making its entrance into the heart of the Christian, it does not appear in its own garb, but in the form of something different from its real self, and so seems to be harmless. If our mother Eve had been approached by the devil in his own true form, she would have turned away from him in disgust and alarm, and rejected the enterview he so cunningly devised. But the serpent in itself was harmless. How could it injure her in any way? It was a creature of God, and was made, like herself, for some good end. How then could it effect her mind with evil? But unobserved the devil was there, and the harmless serpent was his instrument. And this very fact, that she could see in it no harm, gained her confidence, and opened the way for the devil to induce to that disbelief and actual sin of which she at once became guilty. Doubtless she had never thought that she would ever in her heart give the lie to God's plain word. But before she was aware of it, and while she tarried to parley with the serpent, the seeds were planted, and had developed that fatal change in her moral nature, by which her peace was destroyed, and all her children were ruined.

I think we have in Eve a clear-cut example of of apostasy. At first her confidence in the wisdom and righteousness of the injunction against the fruit of the tree became weak. This weakness grew until it became a thing of strength, and under its power she put forth her hand and disobeyed the injunction right in the face of the penalty. Of course she did not believe what God had said about it was true, or she would not have taken the risk, unless she was willing to forfeit the life of her soul for the bare pleasure of satisfying her curiosity. And in this case there is an important lesson to learn. Is it not strange, or is it possible, that she could see no harm or danger in talking with the serpent? Did she suspect nothing wrong when he uttered words that gave the lie to God's word? But this was the way the devil began his work with the human race to make apostates; he may have made some improvements in his old plan, but he has never exchanged it for a better one yet. Just as in the case of Eve, so he comes to the Christian today in a false guise, and presents an appearance of being innocent or harmless.

The Christian backslides and goes on into a state of total apostasy pretty much like a rich man sometimes loses his fortune. The spendthrift has no thought that he will go down to penury. He sees no danger in squandering his means little by little, even if he should do so beyond his income; he chases the gaudy whmis that sparkle and bubble in the ranks of society, even scorning the wisdom of economy, and gradually, and almost imperceptibly, he goes down from riches to poverty. He did not intend this; O no, but he acted upon the principle that riches once gotten, will always abide, although the means by which they were obtained should be dispensed with entirely, just like some Christians do in regard to their religion; "once in grace, always in grace."

I do not know but this theory of unconditional perseverance is a cunning devise of the devil; At least I do not find it taught in the Bible, except where it was taught to Eve. Did not the serpent say to her, "Ye shall not surely die?" And does not this theory say the same thing? I do not believe there is any better way to keep a man from persevering than to get him off his guard by persuading him there is no danger. More anon.

T. J. SETTLE.

OUR MISSION CAUSE

After many days of waiting the leisure has been given me for writing a few lines in accordance with a promise made for the woman's missionary cause. I will try to be brief. These months of waiting and of care have been, I trust, a training of thought to me in my ardor for doing something in missionary work as we now take the term as applied to our foreign fields of labor, and to the home organizations, which carry on this work. I speak now to our sisters, both to those who are engaged in any part of our organized work and to those in the Church who show no interest whatever in our wo an's work.

I venture to assert that this great want of interest and of efficient help arises from our not seeing, that the great call and commission, "Go teach all nations," is to every individual Christian, who has received of His grace who gave this commission. Of this grace have we not all freely received? Ought we not then freely to give? Surely we ought. Not one however lowly, obscure or retired but that one called to be a witness and a laborer in His vineyard. "Go work in my vineyard and whatsoever is right I will give thee." We need not wait to join a Missionary Society to find work. Not twenty steps from our door and within our own gates we may find work grand and gracious in its effusion on our own hearts in its performance. Consecration of heart and life to the Master will open up every day, every hour, doors of usefulness and inviting fields of labor. We have only to ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" with a willing heart and the work will be given. Now, Sisters, of our Mission Boards, and you, dear Sisters, who have not looked at all at this responsibility of direct labor for the Master, let us not be like the unwise virgins, neglect our duty and fail to serve in minor things, because the great opportunities are not visible. I say visible, for the great opportunity is ours, it is before us—that is the privilege to work and witness for Him. He himself has given it to us.

MRS. J. A. PEEBLES.

AN EXPERIENCE

Sometime since I was walking through a dark hall on a dark rainy evening going into my room and desk. This was in a large building where were many offices. By what we call accident, I seemed to have gotten a little off the central track at one point in the hall. Just at this point my foot met an obstruction that by some means arrested my attention. I stooped down and picked up a small package. I soon discovered it was a pocket book. I opened it and I saw a roll of bills, I did not go through the entire book but I noticed in the roll three bright, new twenty dollar notes and some that were smaller. I then noticed a card. I read on this the name of a gentleman from a distant city. This card was a traveler's insurance ticket and was cleverly written so that the person could be identified in case of accident or death. I then put the pocket book and contents up and thought that I could do nothing until it was advertised, when I would turn it over to the rightful owner. Then a second thought came to me: This is Saturday evening, this gentleman can't go to a bank and draw money tomorrow, and he made need this before Monday, so I had better stir about a little, at least, in the offices near me and see if I can hear of a gentleman of the name given on the card. So I commenced by going into the adjoining room; the gentleman who had charge of that office I had known, by sight at least for some months. He was talking with a friend who had his feet upon the desk top in front of him. I inquired if he knew a gentleman named——. He replied, that is him—pointing to this friend with whom he was talking. I then gave the initials and asked if this was his full and exact name, he replied that it was. I then asked him if he had lost anything. He seemed indifferent to my inquiry and I did not catch his reply to my last question. After a pause for a few moments I handed him the pocket book as I did not know what else to do, and as I knew the gentleman who owned the office and who had assured me that this gentleman's name was as I had given it. When the gentleman to whom I handed the pocket book as the owner, with a grunt, and some expression which I did not make out, took it from me and put it into his inside vest pocket. He never recognized me however. He never looked at me nor spoke to me. He did not thank me or utter a word expressive of gratitude. He just simply went on with his conversation with his friend. I stood there for a few moments feeling somewhat confused and then I retired and returned into my own room.

Standing before my audience on the Sabbath following, I stated these facts just as I have given them above and then while some of them were amazed at what I had said, I told them that there were no doubt some in that house perhaps and in the neighborhood, who were constantly acting much worse than did the man to whom I had referred, and who appeared to them to be so ungrateful and so wicked. They were the creatures of God and their breath was every moment in his divine hand, and yet they never recognized God at all, nor thanked Him for any one of the smallest or greatest of all the innumerable gifts and mercies and benefits that they wore constantly, both by day and by night, receiving from his divine hand, and only through his divine mercy. And so it is amazing beyond all expression to think of the course which many pursue daily towards God. Many have no time nor heart, nor desire to thank Him for the life he has given them in this world, and to which they cling so tenaciously. They have no time to thank Him for their food, or raiment or home or friends or anything at all. In a word they just ignore their higher nature altogether and their spiritual being and go on their dull dead rounds like the lower order of irrational animals, that were only made to be taken and destroyed

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DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I send you 25 cents for the Scarritt Bible and Training School. I am a little boy, 7 years old and made my money picking cotton. I never wrote many letters, but I hope you can read this. I am going to learn to write good like pa and ma. Have you got any boys. Your nephew,

STARK CRAIG.

Just think of a little boy 7 years old picking cotton for Missionary money; and at once he concludes that something will be done.

AUNT CARRIE.

Montreal, Ark., May 23.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—It is our first attempt to write to the Corner. We are two little sisters, 11 and 7 years old; the only two our papa and mamma have. We have two little brothers and one little sister in heaven. Our preacher is Bro. McNally. Uncle Jimmie Anderson is our P. E. We have no Sunday-school now, but hope to have one soon. My mamma has us read a chapter in the Bible every morning. We send 10 cents each for the room. I think Aunt Carrie's room would be the best name. I will close, hoping to see our little letter in print soon. Love to yourself and all the little cousins.

MABEL AND NINA BISHOP.

I do hope you will soon have a Sunday-school and the opportunity of doing more good. God will bless you, dear nieces.

AUNT CARRIE.

Hot Springs, May 21.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little boy, nine years old. I think it is very kind to let the children have a Corner in the paper. This is my first letter to you. I am going to school; it will be out Friday. I go to Sunday-school. My mother and sister belong to the Methodist Church. I send fifty cents for the Training School at Kansas City.

Your nephew,

BRODIE PAYNE.

Dear Brodie—I hope you will early give God your heart, then it will be mother, son and daughter in the Church, living for Jesus. How many souls may be brought to Christ through your fifty cents? Who can tell? Think of this, children, and catch inspiration in this work.

AUNT CARRIE.

Jamestown, May 23.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I intended to write to you some time ago, but you said for us to wait awhile. I had a letter written to you when I heard your mother was dead, but did not send it. I sympathize with you. I used to collect Missionary money; one year I collected nearly $5. I told mamma I thought I was old enough to work for some money. She let me make a dress and apron and send them to the fair. They were entered as the best work by a child nine years old. I got one dollar for a premium. I gave Bro. Craig half of it for Missionary money. I send you twenty-five cents. I think I will give our new preacher, Bro. Holloway, the rest. Could I have made any better use of my money? I think Children's Corner would be a very good name for our room. Your niece,

FLOY CRAIG.

Here is another dear child that has made her Missionary money. How many could send us a quarter by a little self-sacrifice. See how skillfully she has divided her earnings, so that nothing be lost. Children, did you ever think of the register that is being kept up yonder of our deeds down here? I wonder if all the children of this Corner are registered and opposite their name will they have money on interest, where moth and rust doth not corrupt. Think of it, dear children.

AUNT CARRIE.

Springfield, May 20.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little girl five years old. Papa takes THE METHODIST and mamma reads the Children's Corner to me. I do love so much to go to Sunday-school. I have a little sister and one brother. Enclosed you will find ten cents to assist in furnishing a room at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Your little niece,

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$6 monthly dues for 78 months,	468 00	504 00
Net Cash Profit,		$ 496 00

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Friendship, Ark.

BUCK.—In sorrow I write a of the death of little Murphy, eight year old son of Abner and Sarah Buck; he was sick five weeks and four days. Father and mother did all they could for their dear little boy, but on May 16 God saw fit to ease his suffering and took him home to live with Him, where there is no sickness, pain nor death, but all is joy, peace and love. Weep not, dear parents, brothers and sisters, the little flower that was plucked from earth and carried to heaven now lives with Jesus, who died for him and for all who will come unto Him. I was permitted to visit the bedside of little Murphy quite a number of times during his sickness. I can say he bore his afflictions with more patience than anyone I ever knew. May God bless the bereaved family, and I trust they may live so that the broken link will be mended and they will be an unbroken family in heaven.

A FRIEND.

Oma, Ark.

WELCH.—Died, in Dallas Co., Ark., on May 9, 1892, of consumption, Jno. Nelson Welch, age 32 years; oldest child of Jno. C. and Mary E. Welch. With tears falling like the summer rain and hearts aching and sore with grief at parting, we paused in our toilsome march o'er life's rugged pathway, to lay beneath the grass and flowers all that remains to earth of the form of him we loved. Death to us in any form is always sad; but more especially so when it is the young, full of strength and vigor in manhood's opening prime. But God knoweth for all his children the best, and He taketh the stalk in the fullness and brightness of its bloom as well as the ripened sheaf ready for the sickle of the great Harvester. But the beloved, precious form of Him that once slept in rough hewn, rock rib bed tomb, amid Judean hills hath left a sweet and long perfume in that silent abode we call the tomb, and to those of us that hug the precious promises of our Immaculate Redeemer close to our sorrow-stricken bosoms comes the sweet assurance through faith, that bright beacon of light and radiance, the comforting words of the blessed one. "He is not dead but sleepeth." Our friend did earnestly and truly believe and has he not "entered into rest." Dearly bereaved ones, God sends his strengthening angel to us all in our hours of sorest need, if we only give to Him our humble contrite hearts full of faith, nothing doubting. "He pittieth us as a father pittieth his children." Lord increase our strength, encourage our zeal and keep us faithful even unto the end, is the heartfiet prayer of one earnestly striving to enter at last the Gates of Pearl. JOSEPHINE C. H.

HOWARD.—On March 11, at his home near Altus, Ark., while surrounded by his family, Bro. Wm. C. Howard passed quietly away, leaving a wife and five children to lament his death. He was 48 years old; a native of Mississippi, the son of James D. Howard and nephew of Rev. Robert Howard of the Mississippi Conference. He professed religion while in boyhood, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived up to the doctrines taught by that denomination faithfully to the end. He had been married three times, once in Miss. and twice in Ark. His last wife was Miss Sirena Gray. As a husband he was true and faithful and as a father loving and provident, always having enough and to spare, being as liberal as his means would allow. His neighbors testify to his honesty and worth, never failing to do a liberal part for the common good. Not only were the children being provided with the necessaries of life, but were being educated in the best schools. The Church years ago recognized in him the disciplinary qualifications for the stewardship, and he was kept in that office both as circuit and District steward, in which he proved himself a man always at the post of duty. Bro. Howard was a dutiful son, a model husband, a loving father, always loyal to his Church and his country. No wonder he could die as he did, expressing but one desire to live, and that was to assist in raising and educating his children and caring for his loving companion; otherwise he was ready to depart and be with Christ, which was the great object for which he labored in life. Altus C't will greatly miss him and so will his pastor, I. L. BURROW.

Altus, Ark.

HESTER.—B. D. Hester, better known as Dow Hester, was born in Leak Co., Miss., Feb. 19, 1845; moved to Ark. in 1869; settled about seven miles north of Lonoke in the then Prairie now Lonoke Co., Ark.; married Miss Ruth Hill in Feb. 1871, and died April 21, 1892. Mrs. Ruth, wife of B. D. Hester, was born in Walker Co., Ga. and moved with her parents to Ark. in childhood; was married to B. D. Hester as stated above and died Aug. 4, 1891, over 8 months before her husband. We have never known but few if any that filled their station in life better. They started early in life in the King's highway and marched on side by side for over twenty years until they came to the dark river, there separated for a little while. But we believe they have met in the home over there, to part no more. Brother and Sister Hester were members of the Old School Presbyterian Church for several years, but that Church went down and got with out a pastor; so they with others joined the Methodist Church at Smyrna, then Austin, now Wattensas circuit, in which they lived acceptable members until death. The Church and the neighborhood are poorer, but we believe they have a better home; for our people die well. Brother Hester believed that his end was near and talked freely of his future prospects. He said to several of us that were with him, that he could see his way clear, that all was bright before him. He gave his children instructions what to do and how to live. Sister Hester was unconscious for some time before her death. She said to my wife on Sunday before she died on Tuesday, that maybe the good Lord would spare her to raise her little babe. We believe when people live right, that they die right. They were good folks, good husband and wife, good father, good mother, good neighbors and good friends. What more need I say? They leave seven children, four boys and three girls, to fight life's battles alone; and by the help of God they can gain the victory over death, hell and the grave. Children, live right and by and by you will meet papa and mamma in the good world.

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WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE 1892,

the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot thirty-four (34), Block thirty-three (33) in Centennial addition to the city of Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas.

Terms of sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to give note with approved security bearing interest at 10 per cent per annum from date until paid, and a lien retained for purchase money.

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I. J. HICKS,
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Commissioner's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court rendered in the cause (No. 3518) pending in said court on the 27th day of April 1892, wherein Robert W. Worthen and W. H. Booker are plaintiffs, and A. F. Brady, Lilian Brady, J. H. Paschal assignee of A. F. Brady, and the Bank of Commerce are defendants, the undersigned as commissioner of said court will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder at the East front door of the Pulaski county court house (in which said court is held) in the city of Little Rock, Ark., between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, on

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 1892,

the following described real estate or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said decree, to-wit: The South East quarter of Section one, in township one North and range fourteen West, and West half of Section six; the South East quarter of Section six and the North West quarter of Section seven, in township one North and range thirteen West, containing in all 783.90 acres, in Pulaski county, Arkansas.

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I. J. HICKS,
Commissioner in Chancery.

John B. Jones, Solicitor for Plaintiffs.

Commissioner's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court, made and entered on the 26th day of April, 1892, in the cause (No. 3487) pending in said court, wherein L. W. Coy as treasurer of the Arkansas Loan and Trust Company as trustee for the Keene Guaranty Savings Bank, is plaintiff, and William C. Kelley and Oregon F. Kelley his wife are defendants, the undersigned as commissioner of said court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder at the East front door of the Pulaski county court house (in which said court is held) in the city of Little Rock, Ark., within the hours for judicial sales, on

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 1892,

the following described real estate lying in Pulaski county, Ark., or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said decree, to-wit: Beginning at the North-west corner of a piece of ground sold by Geo. E. Jones to Wm. Porter in block twenty-four (24), of the Fulton estate as shown by Rickon & Gibbs' Map of the city of Little Rock, at the point where said corner adjoins the East side of Arch street, which corner by survey lies 39 feet North of the North-west corner of the tract owned and recently platted by E. W. Gibbs; thence North along the East line of Arch street fifty (50) feet, thence East one hundred and fifty (150) feet, thence South to the North line of said Porter lot fifty (50) feet, thence West along said North line of said Porter lot one hundred and fifty (150) feet to place of beginning.

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We take pleasure in announcing that we settled with our Bishops in full of their salaries for their fiscal year ending the first day of the present month, as we did also the preceding year. We congratulate our noble Church on this fact, and make our acknowledgments to our preachers who have so faithfully looked after this important matter. And now, brethren, remember that a considerable time will have elapsed before sessions of the Annual Conferences, when the largest payments are usually made; and if we are to make monthly remittances to the Bishops, as the law directs, we will need funds. Therefore, brethren of the ministry, allow us to kindly urge you to take your collections for the support of Bishops monthly, or take the whole amount at once, and send it to the Treasurers of your Joint Boards of Finance, who will remit it to us. Let no individual send money to *us*, but send it to the Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance in your own Conference.

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FIELD NOTES

ARKANSAS POST C'T.—We have just closed a 13 days' meeting—one of great interest from the second night. We had from nine to thirty penitents all the time; eleven accessions to our Church, some will go to other Churches. Our Church was greatly revived and other Churches strengthened. The Lord was with us in power. Praise God, who is our strength.

GEORGE W. MCCARTY.

De Witt, May 23.

SILVER HILL MISS.—Our P. E., detained from his appointment on the Saline circuit on account of rain, traveled about ninety miles to hold our second Quarterly Conference. Bro. Jenkins' presence and preaching did myself and all of us good; and this good justified the long trip. This work is much behind on finances, but I trust we will have better reports next Quarterly meeting. I have as yet but five churches, but have eleven appointments besides. Conversions are had along and some have joined the Church. People ought not to get it into their heads that conversions can only be had at big meetings. I encourage the prayer meetings and S. S. all I can and am trying to work up Woman's Missionary Societies—my mind called here to Bro. E. Rushing's field note of the Mt. Valley C't. I trust his circuit has flourishing Societies in this work. God bless THE METHODIST. May it long live to give stalwart blows to gambling, and may as inveterate enemies be raised up against open saloons, "wild cats" and "blind tigers."

J. F. TAYLOR,

Baker, May 19.

SLATER, MO.—Bro. John P. Lowry reached Slater Thursday evening last and is preaching to large congregations. The Lord has met with us and up to date several conversions; nine asked for prayers tonight. Our Missouri people have fallen in love with your Ark. local preacher, and I write to let the brethren in Ark. who are calling for him so frequently know that possession is said to be nine points in the civil law, and in this instance it will hold good in the law of using one of God's true heralds of the cross. We have possession of Bro. Lowry and we propose to hold him for some time yet. Pray for us. My health continues to improve. Family are all in good health. Will write again at close of our meeting. Yours in haste,

WM. D. MATTHEWS.

May 28.

WALNUT RIDGE.—Our meeting at Walnut Ridge closed last Wednesday night. We had about 20 professions of religion and 20 accessions to our Church. Our people say it was the best meeting they have had in seven years. Rev. E. G. Kilgore remained until nearly the close. He is a faithful, earnest and consecrated preacher of the gospel—one that I have no hesitancy in recommending to any of our pastors who may desire good help in their revival work. All of my people were delighted with him. God bless him wherever he labors. Our District Conference was a delightful occasion and on last night we had quite a number of penitents and three bright and happy conversions, but of this the Secretary will write.

S. L. COCHRAN.

May 30.

WARNING ORDER

Before T. W. Wilson J. P. in and for Big Rock Township, Pulaski Co., Ark.

Kelley Goodfellow Shoe Co, Plaintiff, vs. H. C. Sprinkle, Defendent.

The defendent, H. C. Sprinkle, is hereby warned to appear within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Kelley Goodfellow Shoe Co., plaintiff herein.

T. W. WILSON, J. P.

May 30, 1892.

Sunday School Conference.

The Washington Dist. S. S. Conference will be held in connection with the District Conference, which convenes at Richmond, Little River Co., Ark., June 24.

PROGRAM.

1. Are the Sunday-schools accomplishing the object for which they exist? R. W. McKay.

2. Should the Superintendent appoint the officers and teachers, or should they be elected by the school and the classes? J. W. Berry.

3. Preparation of Lessons by Teachers and Scholars. J. H. Gold.

4. The Relation and Duties of Church Members to the Sunday-school Work. J. C. Rhodes.

After the parties named in the program shall have delivered an address or read a paper (as they may choose) on the subject, a free discussion will follow. Length of speeches subject to limitation by the Conference. We earnestly urge S. S. Superintendents and teachers to be present and take part in the discussion of these subjects.

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