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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Its Magnitude and Importance in its Relation to the Future of the Church and State.

(Read before the Little Rock District Conference by Mr. L. B. Leigh and published by request of that body.)

Comparatively few persons, I apprehend, even among church members, know and appreciate the magnitude of the Sunday-school organization in the Church. I was greatly surprised myself, some weeks since, when I had occasion to look into the subject before making a talk to the school at First Church, Little Rock, on Children's Day. There are in the three Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, in Arkansas about 5,200 teachers and 43,500 scholars. In the M. E. Church, South, at large in round numbers there are 93,500 teachers and 748,000 scholars, as compared with a church membership of 1,266,000. The M. E. Church reports at large 303,600 teachers and 2,313,800 scholars as compared with a church membership of 2,385,000. Or in other words a Sunday-school membership of scholars only nearly equal to the church membership; whereas our Church has only three scholars to five church members. The great disparity in numbers between Sunday-school membership and church membership in our Church as compared with the M. E. Church, is due somewhat to the fact that a much larger proportion of the membership of the M. E. Church resides in cities and towns and in more thickly settled portions of the country. But the discrepancy is evidently not due wholly to the cause just stated. It is the result of a lack of interest on the part of our people on the subject. It shows that we are not alive to the importance of the work as we should be, and reflects discredit upon us as a Church. Our people need stirring up along this line, until they are at least abreast of other Denominations in this department of Church work.

The Statistics furnished by the International Sunday-school Convention at Pittsburg, Pa., in June, 1890, show that there were in the world at large, then, among evangelical Denominations, 2,051,000 teachers and upward of 18,000,000 scholars, or a total of more than 20,000,000. Of the whole number more than one-half the teachers and about one-half the scholars resided within the limits of the United States. Twenty millions! What a magnificent host that is. It is the juvenile band of the grand army of the Church militant, marching on to victory under the leadership of the Prince of peace. But there is one gracious and inspiring thought in connection with this work, that I have not mentioned. Almost without exception the teaching is done gratuitously. Done through love for the children and love to God. Ah, yes, that is the grandest spectacle of a "labor of love" this world ever saw.

The modern Sunday-school as we know it is a thing of comparatively recent date, and took its rise in the great religious awakening of the last century, in which Whitfield and the Wesleys were the most conspicuous figures. And Mr. Wesley with his great wisdom and marvelous genius for organization, recognized its value and immediately set about to make it the auxiliary of his work. As an evidence of the fact that he understood the nature and purport of the Sunday-school, he denominated it the "Nursery of the Church;" and that's what it is to-day—the place where Christians are brought up. Mr. Wesley went so far as to say that the great revival movement of his day would be lost in one generation, unless the children could be reached. It must be conserved and perpetuated by and through the children. And Lecky, the historian, speaking of the same period says: "The Wesleyans appear to have preached specially to children." Old hard-headed Martin Luther said of the Bible school of his day: "Next to preaching, teaching is the greatest, best and most useful vocation; and I am not quite sure which is the better, for it is hard to reform old sinners with whom the preacher has to do, while the young can be made to bend without breaking."

That's the idea. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." The object of the Sunday-school is not only to train and instruct the children, but to bring them into the Church; and I wish to ask the pastors here to-day, if it has accomplished that object? Who are the members of your Churches to-day? where did they come from? I believe I can answer that question for you. They are the Sunday-school children of ten, twenty, thirty and forty years ago.

One of the fathers of the Church said, give me a child until he is 13 years of age and I'll be responsible for the rest—meaning thereby, that the child that has been properly instructed and trained the first 13 years of his life is already so fixed and confirmed in his belief and ways of thinking, that he will hardly fall away from them in after life.

The anarchists in Chicago appreciate this fact and have established Sunday-schools to teach their children their peculiar tenets of political economy, feeling assured that if they can make an anarchist of the child, he will be an anarchist when he is grown. Likewise the child Christian will make a grown-up Christian. The history of the Jews furnishes a very striking illustration of this idea put into practice, not only in respect of their religion, but also in respect of Judaism as a social organization. They not only have their Sunday-schools which all their children are required to attend, but their instruction begins at home, as soon as the mind is matured enough to receive it. The average Hebrew child of eight years has all the cardinal features of Juadism at his finger tips. He is a Jew in childhood and remains a Jew to the end.

It goes without saying that youth is the formative period of character; and character building—with a good code of morals as a basis—should be the one great aim of the teacher. The early training of every child is fraught with momentous consequences to him, inasmuch as the whole trend and character of his life work depends upon whether he starts out with correct and proper conceptions of life, or with false and inadequate conceptions. For I hold that right thinking produces right acting, and wrong thinking produces wrong acting, as surely as it is that like produces like. It cannot be otherwise than that truth and error will work out their legitimate points in human character and conduct. We often hear it said that it doesn't matter what a man believes so he acts rightly. That is a mistake. It does matter what a man believes. The deep, inwrought and abiding convictions of a man will inevitably mold his character for good or evil, and consequently our beliefs become the real factors in our lives. How important it is then, that the youth of our land shall be properly instructed and indoctrinated upon the very threshhold of life. Teachers that hear me to-day (for I'm not talking to parents), do you realize and appreciate the solemn responsibility you assume, when you enter the school as a teacher?

As Mr. Wesley said that the great religious movement of his day must be conserved and perpetuated by and through the children, so I verily believe now, that as the world is converted to christianity it will be done by and through the children and by means of the Sunday-schools. When the dark places in our great cities are attacked and reformed, and when these slums of society are purified, it must be done through the agency of the Sunday-school or some similar movement. And this truth applies with still greater emphasis to the conversion of the heathen. No fact is better known to those informed upon the subject, than that little of lasting value can be accomplished in the conversion of the heathen, except through the schools and the moral instruction imparted there. As Martin Luther said, the old sinner is hard to reform. The trouble with those old pagan sinners is, that they will not stay reformed after they have been shown the error of their ways. Such is the force of habit that it becomes one second nature and rules us with a rod of iron. How often have we seen some friend in middle life, or in after years, attempt to overcome the habit of strong drink. He tries to reform, joins the Church, identifies himself with its work, associates with Christian people; he fights and struggles, and struggles and fights, but again and again the old demon of strong drink overthrows him. Truly, it is hard to reform the old sinner. Guard the children at this point and save them from evil habits.

The Importance of the Sunday-school in its relation to the State. If the Sunday-school is "the nursery of the Church," and the Church is the great conserving power and sheet anchor of the State (and I think there will be no controversy here), then we can readily perceive the relation which the Sunday-school bears to the State. As often as I hear of the laying of the corner stone of a Church, I say, there's another foe to anarchy and mob violence, and another pledge to good government. Yea, I say that every church spire pointing heavenward in this broad land of ours, is but another guaranty of the peace of society and the perpetuity of our Christian civilization. The M. E. Church boasts that it is building four churches every day in the year; and the M. E. Church, South, one and a half per day; the two together more than two thousand per annum. And may, who I ask, is it that's building these churches? It is the Sunday-school children of a generation ago. And who will build churches for the next generation? The Sunday-school children of today.

Life in this old world of ours is a hard thing to the great mass of mankind. We do not see much of extreme suffering and want in this part of the country, but in the cities and in the great centers of population in the East and in the Old World, the toiling millions of earth's poor toil on through the long hours of the day and far into the night, only to rise again in the morning with tired limbs and aching heads to resume the same weary round. And thus they toil on and on, the victims of an abject slavery and absolutely without hope of betterment in this life. For toil as they do, they but eke out a miserable existence, and know full well if the treadmill stops the wolf stands at the door. They dare not stop. Can it be a matter of surprise then, that from earth's oppressed poor we continually hear those suppressed mutterings of unrest and discontent, which portend revolution and destruction to society? It is to that class that the words of our Savior come with such peculiar significance and comfort. "Come unto *me* all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Inspired by this promise they toil on with bodies bent earthward, absolutely without hope in the world, but ever and anon looking heavenward, supported and bouyed by the hope of something better in the life to come. Without the Bible and without its religion among the civilized nations of earth, I make bold to say, that the scenes of the French revolution would become the common heritage of our boasted civilization.

The world recognizes the value of the Church as an element of strength in the State; aye, even the infidel world. On this point we have the testimony of one of the greatest leaders of men the world ever produced; and one whose genius for government has rarely been surpassed in the history of the race—the first Napoleon. Conversing with his physician upon the subject of religion on one occasion whilst confined as a prisoner on the island of St. Helena he said, that he believed in a supreme being but he further believed, that all religions were the inventions of men. His physician was astounded and said, "why, sire, if such is your belief why is it that when you attained power in France you at once recognized the Roman Catholic Church, made it the religion of State and provided for its support?" "Ah! said the Emperor, "you cannot have social order and good government without religion. The people believe in religion and they must have one. The masses in France are Roman Catholic, and therefore when I obtained control there I recognized that Church, provided for its support and made it my strong ally in the administration of government. Likewise when I invaded Egypt I went as a Mohammedan. I proclaimed myself a follower of the prophet and commanded all the faithful to rally to the support of my standard. In a few weeks all opposition had disappeared." If then, Mr. President, religion is such a power for good in government—in maintaining social order, if nothing more, and so much can be said in behalf of false religions, what shall we say of the religion of Christ: "Feed my lambs. Take care of my poor. Visit the sick, fatherless and the widow. Love thy neighbor as thyself; love ye one another. Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you. Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these," etc. There's the brotherhood of man! Blessed is the peace-maker, render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; be subject to the civil authority, obey your magistrates, etc. No anarchy there.

And then again I recall that dark tragedy at Washington in '65, when the Chief Executive of a great nation was stricken down by the hand of an assassin—a deed that aroused all the wildest and worst passions of the populace; when great armies of men through the whole night marched and tramped and surged through the streets of the city, threatening riot and revolution—how it was that a strong man, a Christian statesman, a minister of the gospel, mounted the steps of the Capitol at Washington and spoke words of peace and soberness to that vast multitude of angry men; declaring his firm and abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of truth and right, and closing with those ever memorable words, "God reigns and the government at Washington still lives."

NOTES.

Little Rock District Conference.

The absence of Bro. Watson, the Presiding Elder, was much regretted by the Conference. In his place Dr. Smart presided with universal acceptability. His affable disposition won him many friends and secured to the Conference one of its most harmonious sessions.

Bro. Steele made an admirable secretary. His cheerful smile and loud amens were much missed when he left. He has the amen-habit. In the course of Bro. Thornburgh's talk on ministerial support, he remarked that he was not willing to wait on anybody at his home except a preacher, for preachers were the only men whom, as a class, he considered better than himself. "Amen"! shouted Steele, and then he looked as if he wanted to take it back.

The brother of the eloquent and powerful P. P. Neely, who fell at his post during a yellow fever scourge at Mobile many years ago, and whose strong gospel sermons thrill every reader as they did the hundreds who waited on his active ministry, was a delegate from one of the circuits adjoining Lonoke. Proud of his Scotch-Irish blood, full of days, Bro. Neely remains Church true and loyal to the and devoted to her ministry and, with a character as straight and upright as his grey hairs, awaits the reward of the righteous.

Dr. R. N. Ross, Lonoke's sincere and consistent lay-preacher, opened the most profitable discussion of the session on Family Prayer. He strongly insisted on prayer night and morning. He thought morning prayer the most necessary. "Down deep in his heart" I suspect there is a thought that it is a little cowardly to pray only at night. "When a man prays only at night," said he, "he seems to say by his actions, 'Lord keep me safely while I am unconscious in sleep and cannot protect myself. When I awake I'll take care of myself.'" One brother said he was a farmer and did not have time to have prayers in the morning, he had to be hustling for a living. "You ought to take time," answered the Doctor, "and get the Lord to help you hustle." "Amen," sang out Steele and several others. This was a profitable discussion. It was getting at the root of the matter. The only place in the world to stop the tide of religious neglect and indifference which threatens to flood the land is at home.

Everybody was glad when the happy face of Dr. Withers appeared. He is loved by all, and his presence is sure guaranty of a treat. His voice is weak, but his masterly thought and sublime eloquence rivet and thrill his auditors still. I have never heard anything more convicting and eloquent than his sermon on "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." His main proposition was that the possibility of *falling into* the hands of God implies that there is a sense in which we are not now in His hands. His inquiry was in what sense this is so. His answer this: God has turned over a sub-division of His universal kingdom, consisting of the human race chiefly, into the hands of His Son. The ruling principle of this mediatorial kingdom is mercy; that of God's kingdom, strict and exacting justice. Christ's kingdom is one day to cease and he is to "deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father." "Then cometh the end." Mercy is past, hope is gone; and "justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne." The sinner stands before the judgment seat. Trembling in desperation he looks toward calvary, but lo! in the startling language of the preacher, "the angels have flown away with the cross and the suspended Jesus no longer pleads in mercy." He has fallen into the hands of the living God! He stands there hopeless and alone, breathless at the awful revelation, his face stiffened in terror and his eyes, wild with despair, ranging everywhere and seeking for refuge, but there is none, Oh! who can do enough to save men from such a doom?

Sunday morning at the Baptist Church the Doctor preached his celebrated sermon on the conversion of Paul. It was a rare treat to the lawyers, and was pronounced by one old practitioner the finest piece of logical reasoning he had ever heard. Paul's conversion is the Gibraltar of Christian evidence. For a man like Paul to write late in life, in a chapter on the fact and significance of Christ's resurrection, "by the grace of God, I am what I am," is incontestable evidence of the truth of historic Christianity and the reality and power of spiritual religion. Dr. Withers is safe in resting the case on the genuiness of Paul's conversion. Lord Lyttleton was convicted and converted in the infidel attempt to account for it, and even Baur admits it to be a miracle.

The Conference was pleasant and profitable. Bro. Evans deserves the thanks of all for his careful attention. Thanks are due also to Bro. Davis, one of their local preachers. The good people spared no pains to give each delegate a pleasant and welcome home. Dr. Smart added much to the harmony of the session by his conciliatory spirit. If anybody rubbed the feathers up the wrong way, he'd rub them down the right way. However, there is often a frizzled chicken or two in the barn yard whose feathers kink up again as soon as you take your hand off, and the only way to get them smooth is to do as Sam Jones often threatens his congregations—"stomp the feathers off of 'em."

J. M. HAWLEY.

YELLVILLE INSTITUTE.

To the Preachers of Harrison District, Friends and Patrons of Yellville Institute:

BRETHREN:—After a week of patient, prayerful work, the Board of Trustees perfected plans for the management of the school for the coming year. This was in May. Never did men work in greater harmony. The pressure upon them was tremendous, growing out of a peculiarly complicated state of things. We adjourned in a happy mood, feeling that Gods approval was stamped upon our labors. With-in a short period, "*owing* to *misunderstadning*," that plausible and ever ready plea, to our great mortification, we found our work all demolished. We stood around for a time almost dazed. Every member of the Faculty had accepted positions elsewhere. What could we do? We had however, an open field. Meeting on the 15th inst. at Yellville we did two things: (1) Prof. G. A. Jones, of Vernon, Texas, was elected President of the Institute for the coming year; (2) The school will open the first week in September.

We intend to establish the school on a firmer basis than ever before. Being free and having the hundreds of first-class teachers to select from, we shall command the very best order of talent. Already the Board has applications from graduates of first-class Art and Music schools. We have the plant and the very best facilities for establishing a High School, in North Ark., second to none. By your help, sympathy and prayers, it must, it will be done. Let no one think for a moment that this valuable property will be lost to the Church, or that it will pass into the hands of private parties. Now that entire strangers will have charge, let all wrangling cease and rally to the support of the Institute. It makes no difference now how the patient got sick, or who is to blame; the patient is well and vigorous, and has renewed its youth, starting on a career of usefulness for the future.

T. J. RENYOLDS,
Pres. Board of Trustees.

P. S. Pro. G. A. Jones is well known to the teachers of Arkansas. He has taught most successfully at Russellville and Waldron. At Vernon, Tex., where he has resided for four years past, he has been eminently successful as a teacher and superintendent of the city schools. On declining the last named position three hundred citizens petitioned his continuance. Prof. G. is a graduate of Andrew College, Trenton, Tenn., and is a local Elder in the M. E. Church, South. His wife is also a graduate of a female seminary of high grade. T. J. R.

Harrison, July 18.

HELPFUL RESPONSES

DEAR BRO. BENNETT:—My "Urgent Appeal" for needy and distressed brethren serving missions in the bounds of the White River Conference has brought delightful responses from the following charges and brethren: Sulphur Rock C't, Rev. J. S. Brooke, P. C., $12.50; Oil Trough C't, Rev. C. L. Castleberry, P. C., $2; Salem C't, Rev. F. R. Noe, $2; Jonesboro Sta., Rev. M. M. Smith, $28,85; W. T. Stahe, Rob Roy, Ark., $5; Total, $50,35.

I hope others will send a part, if not, all their assessment. The P. C's, serving missions will write me at Salem, Ark., if they need help from this fund, and we will try to pull them through the hard third quarter. And may the Lord bless their labors. F. R. NOE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Little Rock District Conference.

To the President and members of the Little Rock District Conference:—We your committee on Education beg leave to report, that we have heard with pleasure of the prosperity of our Conference schools, Hendrix, Galloway and Arkadelphia, through their accredited representatives and other sources. Realizing the importance of Christian Education, we are glad to learn of the reputation these schools are making, not only along the line of intellectual advancement, but also the moral training given and spiritual results accomplished by the—conversions being the rule rather the exception, among those committed to their care.

The presidents of these colleges are men of well known piety; and are in full accord with the deliverances of our Church upon the questions of dancing, card-playing and other objectionable worldy amusements, The Faculties of these several colleges will compare favorably with the best of their class in the East. and as they have been adopted by our Church, we recommend our people to patronize them in preference to sending their children to distant colleges in other States, many of which are of inferior grade to those mentioned. We also recommend the Fordyce Training School at Fordyce, Ark. in charge of Prof. Granville Goodloe, an educator of fine reputation in the East. The curriculum of this school is modeled after that of the celebrated Webb Bros. school at Bellbuckle, Tenn., and fits its pupils to enter the Junior class of Hendrix and the Freshman class at Vanderbilt.

We call attention to THE ARKANSAS METHODIST published at Little Rock, and the Christian Advocate published at Nashville, Tenn., as valuable educators and commend them to the hearty support of our people. A copy of each of these publications should be foruned in every Methodist householdin the State.

FIELD NOTES

BOONEVILLE C'T.—We are having a good meeting at Magazine; have been here nine days, have had 24 conversions, many backsliders reclaimed, the Church built up, congregations increasing. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Pray for us.

MRS. J. M. C. HAMILTON.

Magazine, July 23.

BOONSBORO C'T.—My first protracted meeting has just closed, and resulted in five professions of religion and five additions to the Church by baptism. I have eight more appointments. Hope this will be a prosperous year for Boonsboro circuit. My collections are considerably behind, but possibly better than at this time last year. By the grace of God I intend to do my best; therefore expect success. Yours in much love,

J. R. MAXWELL.

July 23.

SPRINGFIELD C'T.—Bro. I. F. Harris came to Greenbrier July 16 and remained six days and nights. We had quite a revival, 8 conversions and 6 accessions and the Church greatly revived. We have our new church house completed at Greenbrier, all but ceiling and seating, and we will have Methodism housed on Springfield charge. We expect revivals at all the appointments. We are holding a meeting at Shady Grove. Pray for us. A. C. RAY, P. C.

Springfield, July 25.

GREENWOOD C'T.—I closed a meeting at Washburn last Friday which resulted in 13 sky-blue conversions and 8 reclaimed—21 in all. A sinner saved in the Church is as good as one saved outside of the Church. Bro. Anderson, our wide-awake P. E., was with me, preaching in demonstration and power; also Rev. J. W. House, L. P., was with me until the close and did excellent preaching, and was very efficient in all the services. I shall be ready to give him a hearty vote this fall when he applies for admission into the Conference. He is a good case. Washburn Church is one of the best in this country, and the possibility of that Church for the future is great if we can get them to see it. Our membership there is made up out of the best and leading people. They are of old Methodist stock and live in a fine section of the country and many of them well to do. I shall be disappointed if that Church does not take the lead among the Churches of the Ft. Smith District from this time on. So mote it be. I want Dr. Bennett to be sure and be at our camp-meeting to commence Aug. 24, and want him to be here at the first and remain over Sunday. To drink this water a week will give him a send-off for the balance of the Fall. I am getting on my feet as I have not been for years; only been here three weeks. God be praised. Truly,

B. T. CREWS.

July 20.

ARKANSAS METHODIST.

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1892

PREPARATION FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Read before Washington District Conference and published by request of that body).

Method and system are essential to the successful prosecution of every laudable undertaking. This is especially true in mental effort. In the familiar adage "practice makes perfect" there is the annunciation of a principle which applies to every department of human labor. No mechanic ever ascended the heights of skill, per saltem, at one leap. This acquisition can be reached only by constant and painstaking application, repeating over and over till it becomes a habit and therefore ingrafted in the very nature of the performer. It is granted that natural tact and endowment have in many instances shed forth brilliant scintillations of a sparkling genius; but the universal law is that whatever is good in reality comes not unbidden of ceaseless toil.

The principle governing any line of effort being once understood, the method of action is already suggested. If we would adopt proper methods of work then, the first thing to be done is to become familiar with the principle underlying that work. Our methods may be correct, and yet if they do not flow from an understanding of principle our work can but be mechanical and devoid of that life so essential to success. It is like reversing the stream and causing it to flow from its mouth back to its source, freighted with all the impurities it has gathered. The secret of many a failure may be found here, and how true is this of much of the Sunday-school work of to-day.

Do you ask why so many Sunday-schools fail of good results? (The question is a pertinent one.) And I answer, it is because so many superintendents, teachers and pupils either fail to have any method at all, or without proper thought adopt in a haphazard and slipshod manner the methods of some one else, ignoring the principle, that it is foolish to try to see how to do a thing till we know somewhat of the what and the why of that thing.

Let it be understood that thus far we are considering the human side of this question. There is a divine side, to which we shall presently come. What, then, is the immediate object to be sought by the superintendent of a Sunday-school? We answer, to fit himself to guide the affairs of the Sunday-school in minute detail. This being done, the generalities will take care of themselves.

Do you ask for the principle relating to his work? We formulate it as follows: Sympathy with every particular of Sunday-school work on the part of the Sunday-school superintendent is essential to his success. Thus we have as the what, the guidance of the school, and the why of every act will be suggested by sympathy with that work. It now becomes easy to arrive at the how. For example, he sees that, in order to maintain sympathy, he must familiarize himself with the work of teachers and pupils. To do this he will, first of all, study the Scripture text of each lesson and then all the helps provided, from that of the infant class to the senior. And he must study from the pupil's standpoint as well as the teacher's, that he may be prepared to sympathize with both. Having thus prepared himself, methods of conducting the school will be easily suggested.

Teachers should prepare themselves in the same manner, because they sustain the same relation to the superintendent that staff officers do to their general. Being thus prepared they will readily see that it is not their business to cram the pupil's mind with indigestible matter. This will produce intellectual dyspepsia and frustrate the real purpose of his labors. His aim should be to induce in the pupil' minds a fondness for the gurgling and refreshing fountains of wisdom and purity, the verdant pastures of truth and holiness, the pleasant bowers of love and mercy and the glittering sunbeams of light and blessedness to be found in God's word. How shall he do this without having a fondness for and a delight in the same himself? And how shall he beget an interest in the lesson on the part of pupils without having the same himself?

The child that is physically strong and healthy only needs that good and wholesome food shall be placed within his reach. At first it must be prepared so that its young nature can take hold of, appropriate and assimilate it and it must be placed very near it, even within its little mouth. But it soon learns to cry out for food and to reach forth its little hand to receive it, and will, as if by instinct carry, it to the mouth, masticate and swallow it. Every exertion in getting, receiving and appropriating this food is necessary to the development of the child, and to prepare it for each successive step in winning its bread and making its way through the world.

If the nurse with swab in hand should cram the food into the child's stomach, instead of allowing it to exercise its organs in swallowing, great injury would result, and the same is true with regard to intellectual food. Remember, we must simply place the food where the child can reach it. Whatever goes beyond this will effect positive injury; hence, the teacher must not only become familiar with the intellectual feast to be spread before the child, but he must also understand the child's nature as well, and must know how to lead him on and when to allow him to walk alone in the broad field of knowledge, that he may by his own strength acquire food good and wholesome.

Teachers and pupils of the senior class should study the lesson helps prepared for intermediate and infant classes as well as their own, and pupils of intermediate classes should by all means study the helps for infant classes. This will give them many a helpful suggestion. In short, teachers of all classes should study the helps provided for all and especially so in the case of infant class teachers; for of all they need the broadest culture. The time thus spent is not wasted. Teachers and pupils should become so familiar with the lesson that the recitation could be conducted successfully with nothing but the Bible in hand, laying aside all other literature.

But, Brethren, the school may be thoroughly organized and its machinery may move like clockwork, yet without Divine help all will be in vain; hence, it is necessary to pray for spiritual preparation, and this is more essential since many of our children neglect to attend the regular, services thinking that the Sunday-school is altogether sufficient for them. They cry to us for bread. Let us not merely give them a stone, or the dry husks of mechanical teaching, but the fatness and sweetness of the gospel.

JOHN H. GOLD.

OUTGOING LETTER.

On June 24 Bishop J. S. Key sailed on the Empress of Japan on his episcopal visit to Japan and China. For our last issue we copied (and had in type) from the Christian Advocate most of his letter descriptive of his journey to Vancouver, B. C.:

On the 20th we ran up to St. Paul, and spent quite a while waiting for our through connections. In Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, through all which States our journey ran, we had fine views of what is fast becoming the granary of the world. Wheat everywhere. Spring wheat, just starting to grow off. Too cold for fall sowing. Old wheat in stacks left in the fields from last year, and just now being threshed for market. The severe winter caught them last fall before the crop could be marketed, and the spring planting occupied them until now. So we saw them now threshing and hauling to market. At every depot immense elevators receive the grain, and wagons are busy unloading. Improved machinery for planting, gathering, cleaning, handling and transporting grain will increase the production indefinitely. The multiplied millions of acres yet to be opened in this boundless Northwest are to be set in grain, for it can produce nothing else. What, then, will the harvest be? Of one thing we may be assured, abundance of bread at low prices.

In wandering over St. Paul I saw from the signboards over stores and shops that the business of the city is in the hands of men with foreign names. This signifies that the settlers of these States were comers from abroad, whose children now possess the land. Upon inquiry I found numerous and fine churches, and evangelizing going forward encouragingly. I make a note of this for the encouragement of my brethren in Texas especially, who are grappling a similar problem. The foreigner can be reached by the American Church. He may be slow to yield, and labor at first be not promising, but his children are coming, and they speak our language, and from them we are to reap the greatest harvests. Our brethren of the Church North have large Conferences and great Churches gathered from these new-made citizens. And so will we have in time to come.

On the 21st we crossed the boundary into Canada, and intercepted the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnepeg, and at 4 o'clock P. M., with eleven heavily loaded coaches, we pulled out for a straight run of fifteen hundred miles, requiring three days and nights of steady traveling. For eight hundred miles our train runs through an unbroken plain of what appears to be poor land with few settlers and small villages at wide spaces, and no herds seen grazing. Tuesday and Wednssday, occupied in this monotonous run, were without incident, save that the latter turned out to be the longest day of my life. June 22 is put down in the calendar as the longest day in the year, but added to this on last Wednesday, the 22d, our train ran due west all day. We crossed the parallel of central time by which we lost one hour, and were rapidly approaching the boundary of Pacific time in which we lose another. Not having changed my watch at all it marked Wednesday afternoon 9:40 at sunset, and at 10:30 when I retired it was bright day-light. We have had good light from 4:30 to 10:30—equal to eighteen hours.

At five o'clock on the morning of June 23 I looked through my window to see if we had reached the Rockies. Sure enough, and there they were; the hoary old sentinels, snow-crowned and grand. It was raining in the early morning, and the clouds wreathed themselves in fantastic shapes about the mountain tops, and dropped like drapery down their sides. By 11 o'clock the sun came out brightly and the old hills stood out grim, majestic, awful. All day we ran in the shadows of these mighty monsters. Like a moving panorama they passed. There was no speech nor language, and their voice was not heard, but, like the heavens, they declare the glory of God, and, like the firmament, they show his handiwork. An undevout, unbelieving traveler in these sublime solitudes is surely mad, which is a simple variation of David's statement in Psalm liii. 1.

How small one feels in the presence of these giants; crawling along a pathway hewn out of the mountain side, with 8,000 feet of stone and earth above, and a foaming river 1,200 feet below; creeping over a yawning chasm as if on a spider's web 2,950 feet high; pausing, as did our train, on the edge of a *canon* where the river is seen 300 feet below the railway compressed into a boiling flume not more than 20 feet wide; plunging into dark gorges into whose dismal depths no sunlight ever falls; gazing into the upper depths at peaks upon peaks on whose summits glaciers sit, and down whose seamed sides avalanches have left the marks of their merciless wrath. How one does shrink and dwindle here. But then there comes inspiration at the sight of this great problem of engineering wrought out and made real by the genius of man. It seemed like impotent impudence in him who first proposed this great transmontane highway. Its successfuly execution is a miracle of genius. Five hundred miles of mountain and gorge, of rivers and bowlders of snow and avalanche have been mastered and subdued, and to-day multitudes from East and West cross these fastness in Pullmanes carsin safety and comfort.

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At 12 o'clock we first reach the Columbia river, though it is navigable for one hundred miles above. All the afternoon we wind along its banks, crossing it twice, amid the grandest mountain scenery, and finally turning it loose to follow the shore line of a succession of lakes as beautiful as paradise until nightfall ends a day crowded with wonders, and surfeited with sights, we retire to rest.

We supposed that on June 24 we would be done with mountains and snow and enter a more level country. But here we are still under the shadows of their tall heads. At five o'clock we reach the head waters of the Frasier river, and for one hundred and fifty miles cling to its western bank down to the Pacific sea. The Frasier drains these everlasting hills of their melting snows. He who lifted the mountains has also cut a channel for the rivers. This one is certainly a marvel of nature's work. Dashing through stony walls which seem to be cut by hands, the icy waters rushing furiously on have been known to rise 115 feet in perpendicular height. But what of this, when the rock walls on either side rise for thousands of feet above, and their dripping snow banks pour a ceaseless current down. It is here we reach the climax of engineering. Of course the only chance for the roadbuilder is to follow the line of the great river. But what is he to do when there is scarce room enough for one between the abrupt sides of these great barriers. Dynamite and giant powder have found the solution. The mountain sides were seamed, projecting cliffs tunneled, and chasms bridged, until now our train is winding like a huge serpent around these rocky mountain sides on road beds chiseled out hundreds of feet above the roaring river beneath us. The engineer who constructed this Western division covering the mountainous and difficult part was on our train, who told me that in that space there were thirty-three tunnels and over four hundred bridges, and that parts of the road cost over $300,000 per mile.

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EDITOR METHODIST:—Ever since the "promotion from service to reward" of Maj. J. L. Palmer in this city last Feb., plans have been forming and revolving in my mind, which, having been thoroughly indorsed and commended by numerous friends and relatives of the good man named above, I now desire to present to the public through your columns, hoping for their hearty endorsement and speedy and willing response thereto in the tangible form desired. Probably few men in all our land were more widely and favorably known, and by those who best and most fully understood his unceasing and practical work for "God and Home and Humanity", were more highly honored and thoroughly trusted than was he.

The following quotations are from a letter of sympathy received from one of our country's leading Prohibitionists and most scholarly men: "He was known to me as the courageous leader of our scattered forces in the State of Arkansas. Whatever might happen to others, I knew exactly where to look for him." * * * "He has always come before my mind as a quiet, modest, unobtrusive Christian man, who made no noise in the streets, but a man thoroughly loyal to his convictions, and willing to stand and suffer for them at any cost." In this same line are the following sentences selected from the address of his long-time pastor, at his funeral services: "Perhaps no man was better or more favorably known in Arkansas than he; for his name has long been prominently connected with important measures of reform and public good. Into these measures he threw all the strength and energy of a decided character and a strong will. He had the courage of his convictions, and a bravery that never shrank from the face of man. To his untiring efforts this State owes much of what has been accomplished in the last 25 years in favor of public morality and the suppression of great public evils. Along this line he worked diligently; and chiefly because he was impressed with a sense of its necessity. To it he gave freely his money and his labor. In the truest sense of the word he was a Philanthropist."

In all the land, and indeed "beyond the seas" as well, his name was known and occupied an honored place among the earnest, uncompromising workers for needed reforms along all lines, special prominence being given by him to all forms of work for Temperance and Prohibition, and the different lines of work of the National Humane Society, in which he had been an active worker and officer for many years. His work in these departments is too well known to need to be rehearsed. Besides holding various prominent positions in the Arkansas Prohibition Alliance, the National Prohibition Party and the National Humane Society, he was a "Brother beloved" in the Arkansas W. C. T. U. and the councils of the National W. C. T. U. as well. For many reasons, and all of them good, it is proposed to raise a fund to secure a double memorial to this indefatigable, widely-known and widely-honored worker, who after many years of faithful, unrewarded toil for others' good, passed into the other country at the age of seventy-four. One of these memorials is to be a plain, substantial granite shaft erected to mark his grave; the other a public drinking fountain, where abundance of pure water will be freely furnished to people, horses, dogs and birds; suitable places for each being arranged for in the make-up of the fountain, and the whole surmounted by a lamp.

During his last sickness, Maj. Palmer at one time manifested great eagerness to go to his office, saying he had important business which must have his attention, and must not longer be delayed. His good wife urged for an explanation, and he said he had resolved to secure funds to erect a drinking fountain in a public part of the city—Little Rock—for use of the people and domestic animals. He had sent for and received a fine catalogue of designs for such fountains, and knew where he could secure a large offering towards the enterprise. He must go and interview this person, get the funds together and the fountain erected. The hand of the Master "laid him low" before he had chance to fulfill his cherished plan.

I have in my possession the large, finely illustrated catalogue of which he spoke (and which was found in his desk after his decease) and with the aid of Mrs. Palmer and other friends, have made selections of suitable and practical styles of fountains one of which, if the people will furnish the means, will be erected for the public good, thereby fulfilling this earnest worker's cherished plan and almost dying wish. I cannot, of course, decide which of these plans we can finally choose, as all are of different prices, and I can do only what the offerings of the people enable me to do. While it is not intended that either monument or fountain be over-magnificent, we would wish it to be worthy the respect we bear our brother, and the dignity of his life-work. Anybody and everybody are invited to participate by money-offerings in the erection of these practical, tangible testimonials to the efficient work of a long-time worker. Not only the generous offerings of the wealthy and prosperous are invited, but the smaller offerings of those less favored in the commercial circles of the world, and the people of small means and humble position, whose hearts are rich in gratitude and kind feeling toward the noble man who sought to help them to better their lives, and make happier their homes, and the community and commonwealth in which they dwelt. All these will be gladly received and recognized by a receipt with my personal signature. Any letters sent desiring more definite information will receive my personal attention in a prompt reply. Please do not send cash or bills by mail. Small sums may be sent in two-cent postage stamps, but to insure safe delivery, please send all larger sums by check, Post Office Money Order or Express Money Order, or New York Draft. Have all made payable to and address all communications to

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EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST:—I have read with thrilling interest "A State Reformatory School" in THE ARKANSAS METHODIST June 30, and "A Noble Institution," July 7. One of my little pupils, aged eight years, declaimed "Drive the nail aright, boys, hit it on the head." I think establishing a Reformatory School in Arkansas will not only drive the nail aright, but hit it on the head. I congratulate the committee and heartily endorse the movement. I have been a teacher in the schools in the rural districts of Tennessee and Arkansas for twenty-five years; hence I have had fine opportunities for finding out the needs of the people. And what grand possibilities lie in the lives of the children, if only the opportunities were presented. I mean the children who "owing to bad hereditary influence or an evil environment have shown a disposition to fall into various vices and crimes, and who seem not to be amenable to the restraints of home, or the fears of civil law and its penalties."

To illustrate more fully my meaning, I will relate an incident that came under my own observation three years ago. A young man, a native of Lee county, was bound out when a child to a farmer. He worked on the farm until he was twenty-one, was never sent to school and never had any Sunday clothing; therefore, had never attended church. When he was twenty-one he felt that his greatest need was a suit of new clothing—Sunday clothing; these he must have, in order that he might attend the protracted meetings. Not having any money he stole a horse and sold it, with the proceeds of the sale of the horse he bought the coveted suit, paid his fare on the train to the home of relatives who lived in this county—60 miles distant from his old home. When the officers of the law found him, he was in church, attending a protracted meeting. At the close of the night services the officers went to the home of one of his relatives and arrested him, brought him to my school house and guarded him the balance of the night. Think of it—a young man, one who had never had a chance to learn to read or write—arrested, and sent to jail for stealing a horse—to get clothes to wear to church. The morning after his arrest, Sunday morning! I saw him driven away in a two-horse hack, seated between four men, who were armed with rifles. I wrung my hands, and wept bitterly for the poor neglected orphan boy, who had lost his way. He died a year after his imprisonment. In the great day of judgment who will render an account? At whose hands will his blood be required?

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DEATH OF MRS E. N. EVANS.

Mrs. Mollie Evans, wife of Rev. E. N. Evans of the Little Rock Conference, died at their residence in this city last Saturday p. m. after an illness of forty days. Through weary days and weeks till near the end of her long suffering, relatives and friends fondly but vainly hoped for her recovery to comfort her devoted husband, to brighten the life of their sweet child and to cheer the hearts of other loved ones. For the sorrowing and and especially for our dear brother in his inexpressibly sore bereavement we feel profound and tender sympathy. Separated by death from his affectionate companion in the prime, beauty and loveliness of a young wife and mother, he is suffering the tremendous grief of an irreparable loss. May the loving Father comfort the wounded hearts, as the world can not.

DEATH OF REV. J. C. HOOKER

Dear Bro. Bennett:—In company with my family I came from the District Conference at Barren Fork to Mountain Home. It was a joyful time when we reached the town and began to meet so many of the dear friends, whom we were delighted to serve nearly three years in the by gone. But with the sunshine came the shadows; for only a few minutes after I reached the town I was told that Rev. J. C. Hooker, pastor of our Church at this place, was sick. I hastened to see him at once, and was glad to find him, as he thought, better. That was Tuesday evening, but Wednesday the shadows grew deeper and this morning about 8 o'clock Bro. Hooker died.

I am doing all I can to comfort Sister Hooker and this heart-broken people. Pray for us.

J. M. Cantrell.

Mountain Home, July 21.

Monday morning we received with surprise and sorrow this painful intelligence of Bro. Hooker's death. Last year when Rev. J. M. Cantrell was appointed Agent of Quitman College, Bro. Hooker was engaged to supply Mountain Home circuit, and he was assigned to that charge after being admitted on trial at the last session of the Arkansas Conference. At that time his name was enrolled as a member of the Methodist Preachers' Aid Association, whose Sec-Treasurer, Dr. John B. Bond, mailed Sister Hooker Monday p. m. a check for $425,00 the full amount of the first mortuary benefit under the present name and enlarged membership of the Association. This relief is the more timely, as Bro. Hooker had not been admitted into full connection, and therefore his widow has no claim on the fund for Conference claimants.

We invite the attention of all members of the Association to the call for Assessment No. 2.—for $3.00 from itinerant preachers, who alone are beneficiary members, and for $2.00 from laymen, who are honorary members, agreeing during their membership to pay $2.00 on the death of an itinerant member for the benefit of his family. We hope other preachers and laymen will become members of the Association under the call for Assessment No. 2.

Down the liquor traffic—page 6.

Pray, vote and work for the suppression of the liquor traffic in our State.

The sincere man, praying for the overthrow of this great evil, will vote accordingly.

There is power in fervent prayer and the ballot, but every patriotic Christian man should *work* to advance the cause for which he prays and votes.

Such a man can not consistently help by his prayer, ballot, work or *inactivity* to proteet and perpetuate the liquor traffic, the chief cause of crime, misery and pauperism.

But he will endeavor always and everywhere to cast his vote and influence against the license and continuation of this accursed business, whose existence is a constant menace to good government, and whose prosperity is the sure token of increasing human wretchedness.

Then it is clearly the solemn and personal duty of every good citizen, with conscience void of offense toward God and man, to vote and work for the suppression of the liquor traffic, not only to diminish crime and human sorrow, but to promote the greatest good to the greatest number. For the faithful performance of this solemn, personal duty he will be held accountable before the righteous Judge of all men.

Do not be deterred from duty by the liquor dealers' favorite objections: Prohibition does not prohibit, liquor will be sold anyway, men will get and drink it in spite of law, which can not make people sober. In many counties and more towns in this State the financial, social and moral benefits from the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic are too clearly manifest to be denied by any truthful man, and are so satisfactory that former opponents of prohibition are now its honest and earnest advocates. This fact furnishes an unanswerable argument in favor of prohibition.

OUR MISSIONARY DEBT.

In addition to his regular missionary contribution Col. E. W. Cole, President of the Board of Missions of our Church, has given $1,000 towards the payment of its missionary debt, concerning which he said in the Nashville Advocate last week: "This debt was created in carrying forward the work of the blessed Master providentiall opened to the Church. The Board believed it was voicing the expression of the General Conference of 1890, as well as the feeling of the whole Church, when it made its advanced movement. This debt can and ought to be paid during this year, without interfering with the regular Conference collections, and without inconvenience to any one, if all will move on the line of duty. When paid, we have the right to believe that it will be the last of missionary debts, as the Board of Missions at its annual session in May, 1891. passed a by-law confining absolute appropriations for any particular year to the amount of the regular collections of the preceding year. Some of us are interested in enterprises that are not prospering, and, perhaps, all have felt lately effects of the shrinkage in values; but will not all who are able aid in relieving our beloved Church of this debt, that the work of the Mission Board may be made more efficient, and missionaries made happy?"

As Col. Cole has been for many years very familiar with and deeply interested in the missionary operations of our Church, we hope his generous and timely contribution will stimulate not only those able to make large gifts but also thousands of less means to give according to their ability to relieve our Church o its embarrassing and burdensome missionary debt. As he suggests, "if *all* will move on the line of duty," the debt can be paid this year, and we think its prompt payment would inspire such grateful enthusiasm as to increase the regular collections for the cause of missions. If in our Church at large twenty-five members would give $1,000 each, fifty $500 each, one hundred $250 each, two hundred and fifty $100 each, five hundred $50 each, one thousand $25 each, five thousand $10 each, and ten thousand $5 each, the grand total of all these larger and smaller gifts would be $250,000, more than twice the debt, from 16,925 members.

But more than five times this amount would be paid into our missionary treasury, if all our members would give an average of $1 each. While thousands can not give $1 each and other thousands honestly think they can not do so, still there are many more thousands, who can and should give five, ten, twenty and fifty times $1 to send the Gospel of Christ to the heathen world. We close by quoting a few paragraphs from the Missionary Reporter for August:

"During the year ending March 31, 1892, the missionary collections reported by the Southern Presbyterian Church were $130,276.22. As the Southern Presbyterian Church reports 174,000 members, it will be seen that the collections for missions last year were 75 cents per member.

Here is something for the preachers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to think and pray over. Our collections for foreign missions last year were $304,917.84. This is the largest annual collection reported by our Board of Missions since its organization. Our Annual Minutes show that we have 1,254,027 members. From these figures it appears that our Church gave last year less than 25 cents per member for the spread of the kingdom of Christ among the nations of the earth.

If the members of the Southern Methodist Church would contribute this year 75 cents per member, the amount contributed last year by our Presbyterian brethren, it would give our Board of Missions an income of $941,194. What mighty re-enforcements this would enable our Church to send to the mission field?

Were our Collections increased to 35 cents per member, less than half the amount paid by our Sister Church, it would place in our treasury $439,224. This would not only enable the Board to clear its decks of debt, but also to place thirty new missionaries in the field the ensuing year."

THE LINES CLEARLY DRAWN

Last week we were premature in our conclusion, based on the report by the associated press of the action in the U. S. Senate against opening the World's Fair on Sunday and allowing the sale of liquors on its grounds. The reported votes on the amendments embracing these two questions were taken while the Senate was deliberating in committee of the whole; but the next day Senator Palmer of Illinois, changing from his own vote in committee, spoke against the amendment prohibiting the sale of liquors on the Fair grounds, saying he had learned since his vote of the day before, that the Chicago managers of the Fair had already sold to restaurant proprietors the privilege of serving liquors with meals, as at hotels, and if they were not allowed to carry out their contracts the managers would have to pay $600,000 in forfeits. After his speech the committee vote of 28 for to 26 against the amendment prohibiting the sale of liquors, was changed to 29 against to 21 for the amendment, Senator James K. Jones of this State voted for the amendment in committee of the whole, but against it after Senator Palmer's speech, while Senator James H. Berry of this State voted against the amendment on both occasions. Senator Quay, who offered and successfully advocated the Sunday closing amendment, voted also on both occasions against the amendment prohibiting the sale of liquors on the Fair grounds.

In the House the Sunday closing amendment was concurred in by a large majority, 147 to 61, Congressmen McRae and Terry voting for the amendment and Congressmen Breckinridge and Cate against it. We regret exceedingly, that the people of Arkansas have been *mis*represented by these two votes against closing the Fair on Sunday. At this writing the question is not yet finally settled, but we think the Sunday closing amendment will be adopted as a part of the bill, if passed, appropriating $5,000,000 to the World's Fair.

The day after the Senate's action, requiring Sunday closing as a condition of making the $5,000,000 appropriation, the Germans of Chicago held an indignation meeting, at which there were representatives of forty-eight societies. As reported in the Chicago daily papers and copied in the Northwestern Advocate, Gen. Lieb made a speech, in which he said:

I was astounded on reading of the action of the Senate. We have fought such hypocritical men as its members are for forty years. They are fanatics. They want to put the stamp of their imbecility on an age that is 100 years ahead of them. Chicago is an American city. If public sentiment is aroused in Chicago the people will demand of the directors that they reject the money so conditioned, and the people will then proceed at once, if the law permits, to raise the cash in Chicago. If the law does not permit they will ask the next legislature to make such provisions. Shall Chicago be asked to receive foreign visitors after the manner of a New England village? There are more foreign-born citizens in Chicago than in any city in the nation. Such restrictions are contrary to the constitution of our land. I speak for three-fourths of the people in thus denouncing the Senate's action as intolerant, un-American and tyrannical. If we allow such infringements to begin to reintroduce the blue-laws of New England we are unworthy to be citizens of a free rebublic. Let us demand of the directors that they say to the Senate: "If you cannot give us the loan unrestricted, keep your money." [Cheers.]

Following Gen. Lieb Mr. Anton C. Hesing said: I have never seen public sentiment outraged as it has been by the Senate's action. A greater outrage was never perpetrated by a legislative body. * * * Congress dictates to us that we shall not look at the marvelous exhibits at the Fair Sundays. Personal liberty is higher than constitutional liberty? Our politicians are cowards. Let us hold a mass-meeting and denounce the Senate's action. A few priests and the women control the conduct of those senatorial fanatics. * * * If the bankers and millionaires of Chicago have not courage enough to keep the Fair open Sundays and allow wines, let the Fair go. If we cannot raise that $5,000,000 in Chicago I hope the Fair will be a failure. [Cheers.] When we subscribed to the Fair our office gave $5,000. The directors pledged their sacred honor to us, to all German subscribers, that the Fair would be open on Sundays. If after those pledges they accept this $5,000,000, they are cowards and promise-breakers. President Harrison will surely sign it, for his close devotional friends back it. Let us not step back 400 years.

The sentiments uttered by these two speakers indicate the tenor of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the meeting composed largely of foreign-born citizens, who bitterly denounced American statesmen, as imbeciles, fanatics and hypocrites, for upholding the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath! And Hesing said the managers of the Fair had pledged their sacred honor to all German subscribers, that the Fair would be open on Sundays, yet they have persistently pretended to the American people generally, that the question of opening or closing the Fair on Sundays had not been decided? Since the lines are now clearly drawn, if American Senators and Representatives recede from their decisive action, because of the protests and denunciations of the German citizens of Chicago, they will incur the just charge of being moral cowards and time-serving politicians; for by such a compromise of principle they will surrender, to the demands of foreign-born citizens, an institution revered by American citizens generally and honored in the laws of our country from the foundation of its government to the present time.

CAMPAIGN SUGGESTIONS.

At their late State conventions the three political parties of Arkansas utterly ignored the liquor question, and by that silence left it entirely out of partisan politics, to be determined by the people independently of their party affiliation. As no deliverance on this question was made by the representatives of either party, the anti-license movement in our State will not be approved, opposed or even discussed, as a party measure, by the candidates of either party in any of the various counties of the State. While on one hand this may lead to more indifference and greater apathy on the subject, the moral voters in each party will feel perfectly free to unite with those of the other parties in making a common fight for the suppression of the licensed liquor traffic. Temperance workers, therefore, can and should appeal the more confidently to all good men for their votes and influence against liquor license; and, further, all party candidates for the General Assembly, being under no party obligation to the contrary, should be urged to pledge themselves against supporting any legislation to repeal or to impair our present laws for prohibiting the liquor traffic.

Under our present laws liquor license can not be granted in any township, unless it is the expressed will of a majority of the electors voting on that subject; and, though the majority vote in one or many townships may be for license, unless the majority vote in the whole county is for license, no liquor license can be granted in any township of that county. Further, if the temperance people are defeated at the polls in any township and in the county at large, they may invoke the three-mile law by a petition of a majority of the adult inhabitants, male and female, residing within three miles of any "school house" or "church house." Under this law alone the liquor traffic can be prohibited in most of the counties of Arkansas, where the people, including the women, really desire to exclude that traffic; hence, the advocates of prohibition do not need more laws so much as they need stronger, more aggressive and general public sentiment to advance the anti-license movement.

While we would like to see certain amendments to our present laws, we do not hesitate to say they are good and sufficient, when faithfully and properly enforced, to exclude the licensed liquor traffic from every county, where the public sentiment of the county demands prohibition by ballot or petition. And while it is utter folly to imagine any law can be enforced to the extent of absolutely preventing crime, it has been clearly demonstrated in many counties of this State, that our present laws against the liquor traffic are as effective in their operation as the laws against carrying concealed weapons, gambling, theft, etc. But the advocates of prohibitory legislation should not blindly ignore the vital fact, that all wholesome law is the formulated expression of righteous public sentiment; and that laws against the liquor traffic can and will be faithfully enforced where and only where public sentiment is clear and strong in its demand for such enforcement. Then all, who desire to promote the cause of temperance by legislation, should honestly recognize and earnestly perform their imperative duty in making and shaping correct and strong public sentiment against the iniquitous liquor traffic.

During the present campaign the opponents of license can not reasonably expect to defeat it in some counties of the State, especially in those counties. where the black population is very large and little has hitherto been done to mould public sentiment against the liquor traffic. At the last general election the vote in Crittenden county was 1, 133 for and only 158 against license; in Jefferson 4,086 for and only 201 against license; in Pulaski, 4,754 for and 1,293 against license; in Phillips, 1,917 for and 763 against license, being an increase of 101 votes against and a decrease of 838 votes for license but nearly 900 electors voting did not vote at all on the question of license. But in Drew, Lee, Lonoke, Monroe, Woodruff and some others many of the colored voters cast their ballots against license. We do not think the friends of temperance have done all they might have done to influence Negroes to vote against license, probably because they are so easily and generally controlled by liquor dealers; but many strong arguments can be made to show the colored people, that the liquor traffic is peculiarly a great couse to their race, leading many into crime and keeping large numbers of them in poverty. While Southern white people in patriotic and Christian philanthropy are spending annually millions of dollars for the education of Negroes, the same noble spirit should lead to earnest and persistent effort to keep these ignorant and often vicious people from being dominated and ruined by the liquor curse. In most of the race riots whiskey is at the bottom of the trouble, and we believe nine out of ten Negro men committing rape on white women have been robbed of moral sentiment and fear by the wonderfully inflaming and debasing power of intoxicating liquors. In all such cases of rape we recall only one instance, where we felt sure the Negro was not addicted to strong drink, or did not have access to whiskey before committing this crime.

In the campaign discussions two years ago the question of license was practically ignored in many counties, and in others the opponents of the liquor traffic were not aggressive in work to defeat license. To mention one of many, in Washington county there were 1, 404 votes for and 1,881 against license, total on this question 3, 285; but 4,900 votes were cast in that county for Circuit Judge. In some counties the majority for license was so small, that it might have been overcome by judicious and diligent efforts on the part of the friends of temperance. In Baxter county there were 684 votes for and 636 against license; in Boone 1,-045 for and 924 against license; in Fulton 761 for and 720 against license; in Madison 1,330 for and 1,310 against license; in Polk 682 for and 673 against license; in Van Buren 697 for and 550 against license. In some counties the cause of prohibition triumphed by only a small majority, secured through the timely, persistent and heroic efforts of true and faithful workers, whose notable success then should be a helpful inspiration now to all opponents of the liquor traffic. In Lonoke county the majority against license was only 5, and this small but sufficient victory was gained largely by the earnest work of one man in getting many Negroes at one precinct on election day to change their votes against license. In Faulkner county, according to the election returns there were 1,454 votes for and 1,452 against license; but through the patient and thoughtful investigations of that noble, untiring and fearless worker, the lamented J. C. Gist, it was shown in court. that two votes for license had been illegally cast, and thus Faulkner county narrowly escaped for two years the curse of the iniquitous liquor traffic.

In conclusion, we beg all friends of temperance to work diligently and wisely during this campaign for the largest possible success of the anti-license movement in our State. We appeal to our preachers, traveling and local, to speak earnestly and clearly upon the urgent duty of voting against license. In some counties the success or failure of the cause will be largely determined by the fidelity, zeal and wisdom of the Methodist preachers in such counties; for they are not only in touch with the masses of the people, but they are also recognized leaders in this great work of moral reform. At their suggestion special temperance meetings can be held at suitable places and times, and by their request many competent and godly laymen can be engaged to make speeches against the license of the liquor traffic. And they can secure in most local papers the publication of matter against license. Men of Israel, help and help now in this crusade against the enemy of God and home and native land.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

Writing from Magnolia, July 26, 7 a. m., Rev. H. H. Watson says: "When I wrote you last week, we thought my wife was much better, but in a few hours she was much worse and she has been very low. We are still praying, watching and hoping for the best. God *will* do right."

Writing July 23 of her relapse, when it was thought by all Sister Watson was dying, Rev. J. A. Sage says: "The scenes and language of that hour are too sacred to be described here; but suffice to say she touched the brink of the last river without a shudder, and the prospect beyond was glorious indeed."

Sending two new subscribers, Rev. J. A. Henderson, P. C. of Mabelvale C't, says Rev. James Thomas of Hot Springs will conduct a protracted meeting at Mabelvale, beginning Aug. 12.

In a personal note with an article, which will appear in our next issue, Rev. Dr. Julien C. Brown says: "The Second Methodist Church of Batesville will be ready for worship the first Sunday in August. I expect to hold a two weeks' meeting and my faith has it, that God is going to pour out His Spirit upon my little flock. Our house is large, handsome and roomy, and out of debt. Can you come and spend a few days with us? Do so if you can. Success to THE METHODIST."

Bishop A. W. Wilson left this city Tuesday for New York, and will sail thence on Wednesday for Brazil, where, at Rio de Janeiro, on Aug. 12, he will preside over the Brazil Mission Conference of our Church. The Bishop expects to visit all our mission Churches in South America and inspect the methods of work and results accomplished, and preach at each station. We have fifteen missionaries in Brazil and three new ones will enter into the work at this Conference. Bishop Wilson has been studying Portuguese, the predominant language of the country, and has learned enough to make himself understood.—Episcopal Methodist.

Writing from Locksburgh, July 19 of Rev. Geo. M. Hill, P. E. of Washington District, Rev. A. M. Robertson says: "Bro. Hill is improving gradually. I think, however, that it will be at least one week before he will be able to leave this place. The craving of his appetite is beginning to be chickenward. We have hope. Closed a good meeting last week; 12 conversions and 8 joined the Church."

The Eureka Springs Times-Echo, July 20, says: "Rev. A. C. Millar, President of the Hendrix College at Conway, Ark., who preached three excellent discourses at the M. E. Church, South, Sunday, came in yesterday from Huntsville, where he has been on business connected with the college. He left today for Berryville to work in the interest of the college there."

Last week we had pleasant calls from Rev. G. W. Hill, P. E. of the Clarksville District, and Rev. D. J. Weems, P. E. of the Morrilton District. Both reported favorable progress and prospects in their Districts, and Bro. Hill reported a gracious revival and many conversions during his District Conference at Ozone.

On Thursday last Rev. D. J. Weems, P. E. of the Morrilton District, bought of Bennett & Thornburgh a considerable lot of good books for sale, as he travels over his District. To other preachers we commend his noble example, for the great good they might do in selling religious books in the homes of the people they serve. Such books will often afford sweet comfort to parents and prove a blessed inspiration to sons and daughters.

Tuesday morning we had a pleasant call from Rev. John Richie, P. C. of Sardis station, North Miss. Conference. He was accompanied by Rev. R. C. Moorhead, whom he is assisting in a meeting in Argenta station.

Last week we had a very pleasant visit from Mr. S. W. Meek, the enterprising Manager of the Southwestern Publishing Co., Nashville, Tenn., accompanied by Mr. P. W. Jones, Manager of its office in Waco, Texas. Mr. Meek is a native of Ashley county, Ark., and an affable Christian gentleman of superior business qualifications and a notably successful publisher of subscription books. His leading book now is that popular work, Character Sketches, 900 copies of which were recently sold in this city, and 58,000 copies of it have been printed at our Publishing House in Nashville.

On a business card, July 25, Rev. M. B. Umsted, P. E. of the Helena District, says: "My work is moving on nicely. Bro. Whitaker is still sick."

Judge F. P. Laws of Beebe favored our office with a pleasant call last Saturday.

The members of the Methodist Preachers' Aid Association should respond promptly to the call of the Sec-Treasurer for Assessment No. 2, as the call in this paper will be the only notice to the members.

At 3 o'clock last Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs I. J. Hicks of this city were sorely bereaved by the death of their little son Sterling from diptheria. A few months ago their babe died suddenly from the effects of a fall, and now they are deeply afflicted by the death of another one of their dear children, to whom they have been so tenderly and lovingly devoted. To our bereaved brother and sister in their great grief we offer sincere condolence.

We went out to Jacksonville last Saturday p. m., and preached twice for Rev. W. C. Adams, who is assisted in his meeting there by Rev. C. N. Nelson and perhaps Rev. L. D. Webb. We had the pleasure of meeting several friends of former years, and with Bro. Adams we shared the hospitality of Mrs. Nancy Trotter and Mrs. McHenry.

At their annual meeting last Friday the Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Blind elected Dr. J. R. Harvey Superintendent of that institution, to succeed Rev. Dr. J. H. Dye, now President of Galloway College. The election of Dr. Harvey will be gratifying alike to the patrons of the Blind School and to his numerous friends, many of whom remember his successful work, as Superintendent, in former years. Congratulating the Trustees on their wise selection, The Gazette says: "Dr. Harvey was Superintendent of the Institute for several years before Dr. Dye's advent to Little Rock, and proved himself in every way capable for that important trust."

Mr. Paul Nichols of Unionville, Tenn., has been chosen first assistant in our Training School at Fordyce. He is a son of Rev. John H. Nichols, author of the "Theological Grub-ax" and other polemic literature, and an occasional correspondent to THE METHODIST.

Next week we will publish a card from Rev. J. A. Randolph, correcting the statement, that he was snubbed by the officers of the A. and M. College, as he and friends thought, and Gilderoy wrote in this paper.

ATTENTION, PREACHERS!

Office of the Preachers' Aid Association, Little Rock, Ark., July 25, '92.

Due notice of the death of Rev. J. C. Hooker, a member of the Association having been received, Assessment No. 2 is due and is hereby called to be paid not later than sixty days from this date.

JOHN B. BOND,
Sec'y-Treasr.

Camp-meeting at Manitou Springs.

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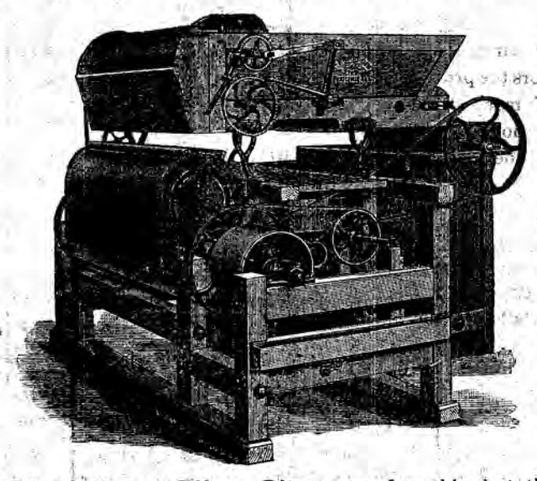

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REV. L. W. WOOD,
June 28, 1892. Moss Point, Miss.
—Daily Times Democrat, July 16, 1892.

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Of this tabernacle I'd make a sacrifice,
And take my flight beyond the skies
Where God and angels dwell.

To th' eternal sunshine of a better world I'd go,
And leave my sins and sorrows here below,
With the wreck of happier days I've known
And seek eternal rest around the throne
Of God in Heaven.

And there redeemed from all the ills of life—
From its base deceptions and mortal strife,
I'd lay my heartaches down, for th' eternal rest
Vouchsafed to those whose souls are blest
In Jesus' name.

O God my soul forgive! Blot from it every sin,
And let me know and feel within
That I have made my peace with Thee--
That when I'm summoned hence I'll see
That my Redeemer liveth.

J. R. T.

Paragould, Ark.

DOWN WITH THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC!

If it is so wicked to drink liquor, and to sell liquor to be drunk, and to license men to sell it to be drunk, why is it not wicked to vote into our Legislatures men who will declare that by law men shall be licensed to sell that which curses the citizen in soul and body, and propose to take a revenue for the iniquitous traffic.—St. Louis Observer.

The sales of fermented liquors in the State of Kansas for the year ending April 30, 1880, the last year before the Prohibition law went into effect, were 32,437 barrels. The sales of fermented liquors in the State of Kansas for the year ending April 30, 1890, after the Prohibitory law had been in effect ten years, were only 2700 barrels. And yet Prohibitiondoes not prohibit.—Christian at Work.

To argue that the liquor traffic cannot be suppressed is equivalent to asserting that the devil cannot be overcome. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, and He assured His disciples that all power in heaven and on earth had been given to Him; how, then, can any of His disciples allow themselves to doubt that he is able to destroy this most destructive of all the devil's works? The only power that now hinders or even can hinder the triumphant progress of the Redeemer's kingdom and the overthrow of all that opposes it, is the unbelief and lukewarmness of His own followers. Christ has promised to work with and through His disciples, and if they will only rely on His promise, and push forward, no achievements that would promote the Glory of God and the well-being of man can be impossible to them.—N. Y. Witness.

In considering the workings of the prohibitory law in Kansas, Maine and other sections of the Union, sufficient thought is not usually given to the conditions under which the law was established and under which it now operates. The opponents of the law are constantly quoting the cases of Portland, Maine; Leavenworth, Kansas; Dubuque, Iowa, and other towns where the law is openly violated or weakly enforced, and argue from this that Prohibition is a failure everywhere. The fact is, that considering all the obstacles in the way, and all the forces arrayed against it, the law has been fully as much if not more a success in all the localities named and in all the States where it has been enacted, as could in reason have been expected. No one who has not been on the ground and investigated the subject in all its immediate relations, can have any adequate idea of the tremendous pressure brought to bear against the law. Take the State of Kansas, for example, a State almost surrounded by liquor territory, with all the vast commercial and political interests of the liquor traffic of the entire nation working ceaselessly against the prohibitory law, enemies within and enemies without, powerful, vigilant, unscrupulous, resourceful, with unlimited means at command and measurless greed, hate and selfishness, and is it any wonder that the law is often violated and set at naught? Is it not a marvel rather that under such circumstances the law is half as well enforced as it actually is. And, considering all these circumstances, how can any honest and true friend of temperance join in the senseless and unholy hue and cry against prohibition.—Christian at Work.

At its late session in Allegheny, Pa., the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church adopted these pointed deliverances:

1. That all revenues, public and private, derived from the liquor traffic, are unlawful gain, worse than ordinary theft in this, that while they take the money, it also ruins the character and life of its victim. 2. That a business tending so directly and surely to the death of its victims, is essentially murder, aggravated by the fact that it not only causes the death of its victim, but also renders worthless his life, and insures his eternal damnation. 3. That all by whose act or whose neglect such business is carried on are involved in the guilt it incurs. 4. That to escape complicity in that collection of crimes known as the liquor traffic, total abstinence is the duty of the individual; the use of his political influence and his vote in favor of the total prohibition is the duty of the citizen; the enacting of prohibition is the duty of the legislator, and refusal of all license to sell intoxicating liquors where the law makes such licensing discretionary, and resignation of office where the law makes it mandatory, is the duty of every judge or other officer appointed to issue licenses. Failing in these duties, each in his place should honestly confess "I also was standing by and consenting unto his death."

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, held in June, in Asbury Park, N. J., adopted these strong and unequivocal resolutions:

Whereas, The saloon is an institution of clearly defined characteristics; and

Whereas, Because of the temperament of our people, the climate, the rapid way of living, and the anxieties due to the fierce competitions of business, the saloon works with especial destructiveness upon the American people; and

Whereas, Our form of government is exposed in a peculiar manner to the political corruptions bred in the saloon as a place of resort; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hold the saloon to be an institution responsible for a large part of the wrecked bodies, diseased minds, and lost souls of our fellow-men. We lay to its account ruined and dissevered families, neglected children, broken fortunes, and blighted hopes. We charge to the saloon enormous burdens of taxation, the absorption of the wages of the wage-earners, and the transferring of the burden of their support to the self-supporting members of the community.

Resolved, That we call upon our people to wage an unremitting warfare against the saloon as an institution, with such weapons as they deem to be most effective in each case, contending for the entire extinction of the saloon wherever this is practicable, and in all places striving to reduce to the utmost its power for evil.

Resolved, That we call upon our fellow-citizens to refuse all alliance of every sort whatever with the saloon power in local and general elections.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the supplanting of the saloon by attractive places of resort for the working people, with the condition that these resorts shall not furnish alcoholic beverages to the people.

LETTERS TO OLD CHRISTIANS.

DEAR FATHERS AND MOTHERS IN ISRAEL:—I would not aid fanaticism for the world, if I knew it. I know how often those who really derive comfort from unseen powers are called fanatical. I am not ignorant of the fact, that this letter to my dear old Christian friends may subject me to a charge of fanaticism. But the facts I shall reveal—while they seem almost too sacred for the public—have been such a source of comfort to me, I will not withhold them from you. I have felt for years that my grandmother is a source of strength to me. Not that she is a mediator, for "there is but one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." Nor that she is to be prayed to, for the worship of saints is idolatry. And while I believe in ministering spirits and think possibly that she may serve me in that capacity—as I see her so often in my dreams—yet it is not as a ministering spirit, that she appears most comforting to me. Her attraction is still the noble Christian character she had while on earth. I went to her in the days of my childhood with my sorrows and sins, and while she gave me encouragement to draw out and develop the good in me she never rebuked me for the wrong. I always left her invigorated without being crippled. Till this day when I do wrong and the world is cold and critical, I often ask myself the question, is there any creature in the Universe to whom I could confess all my sins, who would not drive me from their presence or crush me with their rebuke, but would love me and help me still? And my heart always answers, yes; somewhere in God's universe is the spirit of my grandmother. If I had access to her I would not be afraid to tell her *all*, and I know I would not be repulsed. She would weep over me, if necessary, but would love me still. As I think on her character I feel sure she but reflected the character of Him who came not to condemn the world but to save it. And through her my heart is drawn closer to Him who never condemned anybody, but who helped many to a better life.

Now, my dear old friends, what work can be greater than the work of showing Christ to the world? May you all be living epistles known and read of all men, and may we meet some sweet day in the beautiful land beyond the river!

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SCRIPTURE ENIGMA NO. 8.

In many a bosom fondly nursed
A fiery serpent is my first.
When Jesus came for us to die,
He crushed this deadly enemy.
My second is a city's name,
Where Israel's host was put to shame,
Because my first still unrevealed,
Was lurking in their camp concealed.
Upon my whole pronounced by heaven,
The knowledge of my first was given,
The chosen people gathered round,
And trembled at the dreadful sound.

Springdale, Ark., July 18.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little girl not quite five years old, and mamma reads the letters to me that are printed in THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, written by the children to you. We are visiting my grandma, Mrs. Granade, at Springdale, and as my grandpa used to conduct a "Little Helpers" column in your paper, I send my mite to help furnish a room in the Scarritt B. and T. School.

Your little friend,
JEAN WELD.

I enclose postal note for 50cts for B. and T. School.

Dear little Jean:—I met your mamma when she was much younger than now and also your grandfather and grandmother. I shall never forget a talk he made to the children once in Powhatan, how he exhorted them to be always good and true as little children, and when they came to the place where there were two roads in life visible to them, to take the right road and not the wrong one. Let me say to you and all my little readers, as did Bro. Granade, when you come to the forks be sure and take the right road. AUNT CARRIE.

Searcy, Ark., July 18.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—You will find enclosed ten cents for the S. B. and Training school. I wish all the little children would join in and help us furnish it. I must close, hoping to see this in print.

Your niece,
JESSIE DOBBINS.

I too would like to see this work complete, but we must not be impatient. God honors the labor, no matter how small. "We shall reap if we faint not." AUNT CARRIE.

Waldron, Ark July 18, 1892.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa takes THE METHODIST and I love to read the letters from the cousins. I will join the cousins in furnishing the S. B, and T. School. Enclosed you will find 25 cents for the room.

Your little niece,
LENA TERRELL.

Dear Lena: We are glad to have you join us, and hope that your offering as well as all given may prove a great blessing to the donors, for surely we are blessed in helping others. AUNT CARRIE.

Clio, Texas, July 16, 1892.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little boy 11 years old. I have been out here 8 months. I come from Arkansas. I want to be one of your nephews. Our preacher's name is Bro. Starks. We all like him very much. Enclosed you will find 15 cents to help furnish the room in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. For fear my letter will be too long I will close.

Your little nephew,
VIRGIL BOWDEN.

We are always glad to hear from the little folks in other States, especially those who have once lived in our own State. We are glad to know that you still feel an interest with us as well as with your own home work. We are glad to recognize you as a nephew.

AUNT CARRIE.

Lehi Circuit, June 29, 1892.

DEAR AUNT CARRIE:—I am a little country girl thirteen years old and live on a farm with my father. My mother has been dead three years last November. I am the eldest of four. Bro. B. F. Wilson is our preacher this year. We little folks love him very much; he is so kind and such a good preacher. He has made us two visits. Aunt Carrie, I want you and all of the little cousins to pray for me, that I may be good and meet my dear mother in the home of the good; that is where she said, with her last words, she was going. Papa takes your paper and I love to read it, especially the children's corner.

Your niece,
ANER MCMILLAN.

Pine Bluff, Ark.

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WARNING ORDER.

In Pulaski Chancery Court.

Vinnie Williams, Plaintiff, *vs.* Harry Williams, Defendant.

The defendant, Harry Williams, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Vinnie Williams.

July 11, 1892 I. J. HICKS, Clerk.
House & Cantrell, Sols. for Plff.

WARNING ORDER.

In Pulaski Chancery Court.

Elizabeth Barclay, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Barclay, Defendant.

The defendant, Thomas J. Barclay, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Elizabeth Barclay. I. J. HICKS, Clerk.

July 19, 1892.
W. F. Hill, Sol. for Plff.

WARNING ORDER.

A. B. Lemay, Plff., vs. A. Lamar, Df't.

The defendant, A. Lamar, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, A. B. Lemay.

July 16, 1892. T. W. WILSON, J. P.
Big Rock Township, Pulaski County, Ark.

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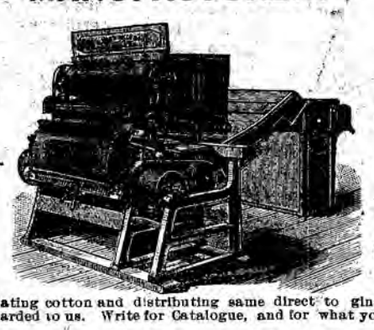

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OBITUARIES.

RICHARDSON.—Departed this life Nov. 4, 1891, Rev. Jonathan Richardson, a well known local preacher of Craighead Co., Ark. He was born March 21, 1819, in Lauderdale Co., Ala. At the early age of seventeen, he professed religion and became a member of the M. E. Church, South. At the age of eighteen he was licensed to preach at Ebenezer church, near Florence, Ala. For fifty-four years he was a zealous, able, untiring and consecrated minister of Christ, sometimes in the itinerant work, sometimes as local preacher, but ever ready, with consolation for the afflicted, reproof for sin; ready to combat error, to help the stumbling or fallen, and a tower of strength to his Church. The memory of his good deeds and consecrated life lives not only in the breasts of his aged widow and five children, but in thousands of happy Christian homes, redeemed from sin to Christ by his faithful ministration. His end was a fitting climax to a long life in God's service, full of happiness, hope in the hereafter and the peace that passeth understanding. His life is a precious legacy to all of us, inviting us to similar good works and a like reward. This notice of the passing away of one of the patriarchs in Israel has been deferred until now, because I thought it had been attended to by the P. C.

W. J. NEWTON.

JOHNSON.—Sarah A. Johnson was born March 11, 1837; married to Samuel S. Johnson March 24, 1857, and died at her home near Shiloh, Ark. June 28, 1892. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about twelve years of age. She was for several years an invalid. In the death of Sister Johnson the Church has lost one of her jewels, the husband a kind and faithful companion, and the community one of its most worthy citizens, and the sad, heart-broken children a loving mother. She was respected and loved by all who knew her. She was kind in feeling and loved her Church as she loved God. Her house was the home of the preacher and her cheerful face always made home happy. She leaves a husband and six children with several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss. But she leaves behind, the best of all, the living testimony of a faithful, zealous and model Christian. Her funeral was preached before a large congregation in the church at Shiloh June 29, 1892. We would say at the close of this sketch to the heart-broken children, strive to live like mother and you will meet her in glory. Amen.

GEO. E. PARSONS.

WOOD.—It is not an unpleasant thing to speak of the dead when they have so lived as to leave a fond and pleasant recollection of themselves with us. During this Conference year we have buried eight of our members, and without exception they all triumphantly passed from their friends on earth to their places above.

Sister Elizabeth Wood (*nee* Langford), the loving and faithful wife of Bro. Bob Wood, passed away from us on the 9th day of January, 1892. She professed religion and joined the Church at Shady Grove in 1866, under the ministry of Rev. B. G. Johnson. She was the mother of six sons and one daughter; they all live except one son, to grieve the loss of their noble Christian mother, and the devoted husband still journeys towards his home on high, bearing his irreparable loss in hope of an immortal crown. In the death of Sister Wood the Church has lost one of its most exemplary members and the community one of its best and most useful citizens. The members of Concord will always gratefully remember the deep, constant piety and helpfulness of Sister Wood.

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PENINGER.—Elizabeth I. Peninger was born in N. C. June 5, 1838; professed religion in her 13th year and joined the Methodist Church, South. She was married to James Peninger Dec. 23, 1853, and died June 24, 1892. Sister Peninger was faithful in all the relations of life. She always seemed glad to have her pastor to visit her at her home, as many itinerant preachers can testify, who have traveled the Greenwood circuit. She rests quietly beneath the little hillock in Washburn cemetery, to await the summons of the angel's trump at the last day. Then we will meet again to part no more. May the great Head of the Church sustain our Bro. Peninger in his last days, and bring him at last to the home of the saved.

W. R. GARDNER.

ROBINSON.—Edwin Robinson, son of G. E. and L. R. Robinson, was born in Jefferson Co., Ark., Nov. 1890, and died in Stuttgart, Ark., July 13, 1892. Little Edwin's place is vacant now; God has taken him to his home above. May God bless the sorrowing family, and may you be faithful and true, and when you shall be called to your home above little Edwin will be there to join you again.

W. T. L.

JONES.—J. W. Jones was born May 2, 1823 and died near El Paso in Faulkner Co., where he had lived for twenty years. From the dates he lacked only a few months of filling up the days of the years of our pilgrimage—three score years and ten. He was happily married to Miss Eliza Graham. He knew the truth and beauty of the proverb, "Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord." Seven children were the fruit of this happy marriage; four had passed away before his death. Converted in early life and joining the M. E. Church, South, he was loyal and consistent, maintaining his integrity to the end. Respected by his neighbors and loved by his family, he was carefully nursed during his protracted sickness. Nothing was left undone by his wife, children and family physician. The hold he had upon the confidence and affection of the community was manifest, by the large attendance at his burial. Respected, honored and loved in life, the Church of which he was a member and the Masonic fraternity, who lovingly and elegantly performed the last rights of burial, were grateful to claim him as worthy, after being well tried, of their regard. "I have been young and now am old, and yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread." "Say ye to the righteous it shall be well with them." May the Lord of grace and all comfort bless, keep and give peace to those who mourn his absence.

J. A. PEEBLES.

WINKLER.—Resolutions adopted by the Ladies Aid Society of the Penn Ave. M. E. Church, South, Memphis, Tenn., on the death of their late President, Mrs. I. F. Winkler:

Whereas, The Divine Ruler has seen fit to remove from our midst our dear President and Sister, Ida F. Winkler therefore be it Resolved, That while we feel deeply the loss of our beloved President and sister we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father. Resolved, That the officers and members of this Society most deeply and sincerely sympathize with the family in this their hour of affliction; knowing what a true, loving, devoted wife and mother has passed from their midst, we can only commend them to Him who is the source of all consolation. We know and feel we not only have lost a useful, active member, but one who was ever ready to do her whole duty and to extend the arm of charity where needed. That, as a token of our respect and esteem, these resolutions be published in THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, a copy of which to be sent to the family and that they be placed upon our minutes.

MRS. C. P. BELLINGER,
MRS. L. E. MILLER,
MRS. M. E. VERNON,
Committee.

JOHNSON.—Anna Johnson (nee Shelton) was born in Arkansas Co., Ark. Dec. 12, 1869; was happily married to Joseph E. Johnson Dec. 12, 1891; died June 24, 1892. This young and happy couple set out in life's journey with as fine prospect for long life as any of the living today, but alas! the death angel came, took the bridal jewel, planted the bright flower in the Paradise of God. Sister Anna was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Hunter's Chapel and was a consistent member until death. She leaves a husband, two sisters, four brothers and a large host of friends to mourn their loss. O may the kindest blessings of heaven rest upon this household in their afflictions, and may they live so in this life that they may make an unbroken family around God's bright throne.

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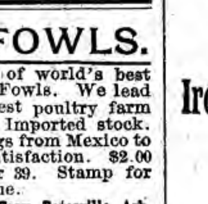

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WASHINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

MR. EDITOR:—Owing to urgent and pressing demands upon my time and attention, I have not been afforded a favorable opportunity or sufficient lesiure to write you of our District Conference.

The 26th session of the Washington District Conference met at the delightful town of Richmond, Ark. on the 24th of June, '92. Rev. Geo. M. Hill, P. E., in the chair.

The Conference was opened with preaching by Rev. Jno. McLaughlan, D. D., followed with the administration of the Lord's Supper by Rev. Thos. H. Ware.

The usual committees were appointed and did their work well. With only one exception all the pastors were in attendance, Bro. McKay being absent on account of severe and protracted sickness. His condition was matter of deep concern to all the brethren of the Conference and they expressed in a suitable resolution of tender regret, their sorrow and sympathy for him in his affliction. Very few laymen were present.

The spirit of the Conference was admirable. It was notable for deep spirituality, brotherly love and good feeling. No rude or petulant word was spoken, though there were some breezy debates and some plain speech indulged. Every interest of the Church in every department of work coming before a District Conference and each pastoral charge received due and sufficient consideration. The extraordinary rains and disastrous floods of last spring seriously affected the temporalities of the Church, but upon the whole the finances of the District were better than was expected, and the Church is fairly prosperous. Many indications of progress and promise gladdened the hearts and nerved the arms of the brethren for better work and greater achievement. The reports showed that there was great vitality in the Church and the augmentation of it was a settled fact. The topics connected with the disciplinary enquiries provoked discussions of freshness and interest, and they encouraged us to renewed zeal, energy and aggressiveness. Along all lines of Christian endeavor and achievement a fair average was shown. The preachers were all full of hope, their hearts full of purpose, heads full of plans, and their hands full of work, the result of which will be, we believe, the quickening of the pulse of the Church, the improvement of her piety and the concentration of her thought and effort upon her mission, the salvation of souls, and the rapid spread of Scriptural holiness over these lands.

There are wondrous possibilities for our Church here, and the future has great things to yield to our fidelity and diligence. We have access to the great body of this people, and it is gratifying to know that our cause is constantly gaining ground. Each succeeding year brings substantial numerical increase and shows an encouraging growth of intelligence, liberality and piety in our population. Methodism is every day proving herself to be the most powerful spiritual force in all this territory, having the vigor of a young giant, and has long since settled the question of denominational dominance; and we do not even think of surrender or retreat. No more important field nor one more ready to yield her rich stores of vast possibility into our hands for the glory of our God and the promotion of his cause, is to be found in the bounds of our State.

Prominence was given to religious exercises throughout the entire session. The preaching was of a deeply spiritual and edifying character, inspiring and uplifting beyond the average. From the very first with only one exception, the pulpit was filled by strong men, whose minds were trained to do valiant service for God and whose hearts were warmed by his love and burdened with the souls of men. The love-feast on Sunday morning was very refreshing and inspiring.

To the Temperance cause we are devoted and against the liquor traffic and drink habit we maintain our old ground, and are in harmony with the advanced action of our Church as expressed by the General Conference. This cause is deeply intrenched in our hearts, and we rejoice at the rapid diminution in the sale and use of intoxicants in our borders. We are ready for total prohibition.

Rev. G. C. Jones, President of the Arkadelphia Methodist College, was introduced, and in a speech greatly admired for its beauty and energy, represented this noble and growing institution. Rev. T. H. Ware presented a strong paper giving hearty and unequivocal endorsement to all our schools, and pending its adoption he spoke in terms of hearty endorsement and highest eulogy of this College, dwelling enthusiastically and eloquently upon its great merits and superior management.

We regretted that you were not with us, but we presented the following resolution on THE ARKANSAS METHODIST and it was adopted unanimously: Resolved 1st, That we rejoice at the continued prosperity of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, our Conference organ, and will endeavor to extend its circulation among our people. 2nd, That we most heartily endorse the brave policy of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST in its opposition to the flagrant violation of State and municipal laws in the capitol city of our State, and pledge to the Editor our support in his efforts to suppress vice and develop a moral sentiment in support of law and morality among our people.

[Signed] J. C. RHODES,
THOS. H. WARE.

A ringing resolution on Bro. Jewell's forthcoming book, "History of Methodism in Ark.," was unanimously passed and many pledges to take copies of it when published were made.

Bro. E. M. Pipkin cheered us much with his presence, speeches and preaching. He and his work were heartily endorsed.

Richmond was in a perfect glow of exhuberant hospitality. The entertainment by Rev. C. D. McSwain, the prince of hosts, and the people of his delightful charge, was royal and grand. They dispensed a perfect hospitality and assiduously sought the happiness and comfort of their many guests, who highly appreciated their unremitting attentions. This scribe shall never forget the earnest, hearty greeting and the sweet courtesies so kindly extended to himself and family by numerous friends, especially the Messrs. Head, Mrs. Eaton and Dr. Dunn and wife.

Rev. W. A. Wilson, C. M. Baldrige, W. I. Beck and S. D. Phillips were elected delegates to Annual Conference; N. G. Fomby and D. B. Coulter, alternates. Nashville was selected as the place for holding the next Conference. The Conference adjourned on Tuesday morning at 8:30, after a pleasant and profitable session.

J. C. RHODES, Sec.

THE MISS. OVERFLOW.

EDITOR METHODIST:—July the 20th and still the overflow of the great Mississippi lingers in the swamp. The overflow in this section has been the most destructive within the memory of the oldest settlers. It came when most of the money to make the crop had been advanced, continuing so late that a cotton crop is out of the question, and it is most too late for corn to mature. The country Bro. Thornburgh passed through on his way to Hamburg, in which he speaks of the rapid recovery of the crops, was mainly overflowed by the Arkansas river. The water went off there three weeks before here, for we got the water from the Miss. levee breaks. It is amusing to one living in the overflow to read the account of it in the papers published at a distance. The head lines of a Cincinnati daily illustrates. The main features were as follows: The sweeping floods of the Mississippi, whole villages destroyed, immense loss of life, &c. If there has been a life lost because of overflow, or a house moved from its foundation except a few cabins, we have not heard of it. Nothing is ever knocked down by the rising of the Miss. Sometimes a house small enough floats, but people who have seen mountain streams rise, reading such accounts and imagining the momentum increases with the volume, picture to themselves a scene of dreadful havoc, while the people sleep just as soundly with the water under them and quietly record the daily rise, with no anticipations of danger unless they are just behind a levee and there are signs of its weakness. Why does the average reporter, in the absence of facts, feel at liberty to give the public his imaginings? One of the great St. Louis dailies speaks of the population of Desha and Chicot counties, aggregating over 20,000, being reduced to 5,000. If there has been any remarkable exit, it is not distinguishable. The men who have an interest here do not speak of leaving. There are some who claim the country is injured to that extent that it will take five years for it to recover; but any one who knows anything of the recuperative powers of the delta country, knows a good crop in '93 will put all on their feet again. One thing, however, is inevitable: there will be little money handled by the planters in this section this year.

There has been no actual suffering yet. As soon as the water came up some of the planters quit supplying. In such cases there would have been suffering but for the aid of the Relief Committee of Memphis and St. Louis. Most of the planters continued to supply till the water went down, after which time the laborers could seek such fields of labor as might offer. All can find labor and since the Rivers and Harbors Bill has become a law, there will probably be much levee work done in this Co. by the Government and labor continue to be abundant. Dr. McAnally's paper speaks of the numerous breaks in Arkansas and Mississippi. There was not a break in Miss. On that side they are appointing days of public thanksgiving and jubilee over their good fortune. The breaks in Ark. have all occurred in Chicot Co., three when the water was at its highest, two after it had gone down three feet. The small amount of breakage argues well for our levee system. It goes to show that a levee can be made to sustain any pressure we are likely to have.

The water did not cause our church interest to wane to any considerable degree. I filled all my day appointments, the people coming to church in skiffs. We will necessarily be deterred from doing some financial work we had in view, such as furnishing and improvement. We moved into our new house at Lake Village the 1st Sunday in June. We borrowed chairs from the court house. We are not discouraged, only hindered. We have taken in several members since Conference and we expect to close the year with this work better organized for the future than ever before.

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The triennial committee, after fully considering the convenience of all Sir Knights in this jurisdiction, conclude as follows: That with the end in view of, so far as possible, making one common starting point, all Knights Templar in this jurisdiction, together with ladies accompanying them, meet at Little Rock not later than Saturday morning, August 6, at 8:30 o'clock.

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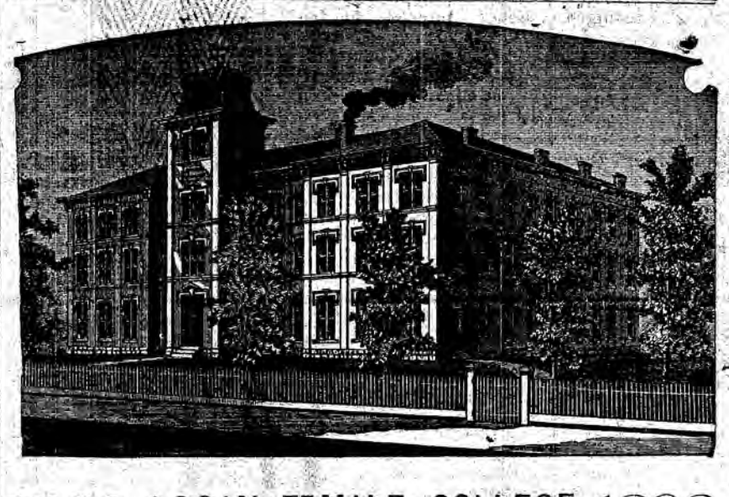

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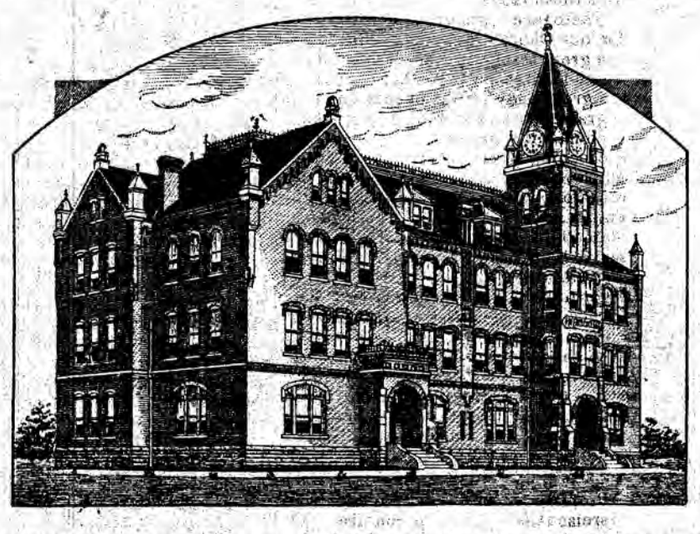

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