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NOTICE.

We have not yet received all the League papers read at the State Conference in Little Rock. We request every person who read a paper on any topic assigned in the programme to send it in at once. We cannot arrange for the publication until we get the matter. Send the papers or drop us a card at once if the papers cannot be obtained.

J. E. GODBEY.

News and Notes.

The *Gazette* of this city says Little Rock needs competing railroad lines, the State needs a reform school and a compulsory road system. All this we believe.

On Saturday night, last, the business portion of Malvern, Ark., at the junction of the Iron Mountain and Little Rock railroads, was almost totally destroyed by fire. Out of sixty business houses, the reports state but three were left, and almost the entire stock of merchandise in the town was destroyed. The losses are in most instances without insurance, and will exceed $200,000.

The fire was of incendiary origin. It was seen to break forth from three buildings almost at the same instant. Three men—Uriah Mills, Garrett Williams and E. Engstroum—have been arrested and placed in the penitentiary at Little Rock for safe keeping until a trial can be had. All three of these were before the police court as vagrants in this city Thursday before the fire.

The St. Louis *Advocate* reports: "The official statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 1895, just compiled for publication by the Book Editor's department, show an increase of 25,904 members during the year. There are 12,192 preachers, and the total of members and preachers is 1,425,751. Of church edifices there are 13,663 and of parsonages 3,492, the value of all being $25,014,488. The number of Sunday-schools is 13,880, with 99,571 teachers and 819,097 scholars, an aggregate increase of 7,758. Superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers were paid $149,649.84, an increase of $17,824.22. For foreign missions $224,081.10 was collected, and for domestic missions $134,619.28, a total of $358,700.38, or $11,045.61 over the preceding year. The following amounts were paid for other leading objects: Preachers in charge, $2,185,857.46; presiding elders, $301,561.04; bishops, $40,751.51: church extension, $67,684.57; American Bible Society, $9,084 10—all showing a gratifying increase."

In accordance with a provision made at the last session of the Legislature of that State, New York opens an employment bureau for the purpose of diminishing the number of the unemployed in the State. New York City is the center of operation. All parties desiring employment, without regard to age or sex, are to make application to the bureau, filling a blank giving age, name, nationality, previous occupation, name of employers, wages paid, how long idle, reason for idleness, extent of education, trade, if any, married or single, number of dependent children, etc. These reports are investigated and corrected if needful, and the names of the applicants with description are sent to the Bureau of Labor at Albany. They are printed by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics and sent to the Supervisors of all the villages and towns in the State, to be posted up for the notice of all employers. The Association has also a great number of names of merchants and manufacturers, and other business men who proffer to aid them in their work. Thus the State has entered systematically upon the work of finding employment for her unemployed.

Joseph Joachim Reifgraber, of 1118 North Thirteenth street, has invented and patented an apparatus that threatens to revolutionize the newspaper world. If all that the inventor claims for his machine is realized, it will be possible for a newspaper correspondent to sit at his desk in St. Louis and write an article on an instrument fashioned like a typewriter and that article by an electrical device will be reproduced simultaneously in as many newspaper offices as are connected with the transmitting wire. But this is not all; the message is received at the other end in such form as to admit of its being attached to another instrument, and by an automatic process have itself set up on a Linotype, without the intervention of a Linotype operator. The inventor calls his system "Electric Typography," and claims that under its operation an editor or reporter in writing an article may not only set it up in type for his own paper, but may, automatically, write it and set it up in type at fifty or a hundred places simultaneously.

That Recipe.

J. E. GODBEY—Dear Bro.: In the METHODIST of the 8th inst. Bro. M. M. Smith asks for a recipe, for which he offers a good price. I offer the following and insure it, and only ask that Bro. Smith and all other readers pray for me and my work.

RECIPE.

Get all the Church to seek after a baptism of power, and seek until it comes upon them. Let it be called second blessing or whatever it may be called. It will produce the desired results, and more than he asks. They will have family prayers and attend prayer meeting, and the officials will be on hand with the full amount of finance. Have them to try it. It will work. Yours in Christ,

J. M. C. HAMILTON.

We showed the above recipe to Bro. Smith in our office. He says it is doubtless good if you can get the people to take the medicine, but that it is much like the Irish woman's recipe for making rabbit pie, which among its items had (1) "Catch the rabbit."

Please note that we now offer a Genuine Bagster Teacher's Bible in place of the Oxford as a premium. The paper one year and the Bible both for only $2.75. Read the advertisement in another column and send on the $2.75.

+ Personal. +

Rev. M. M. Smith paid us a visit Monday last.

Bro. Nelson, of Cabot, was a caller Wednesday last.

Rev. E. N. Bickley, preacher in charge at Harrisburg, is very sick of a fever.

Rev. A. C. Bane, of Los Angeles Conference of our Church, has joined the M. E. Church.

Rev. A. C. Graham was unable to attend his District Conference on account of the sickness of his wife.

Rev. F. Ritter is suffering from bronchial trouble and is strictly prohibited by his physician from preaching for a time.

Rev. J. C. Rhodes and son were visitors last Wednesday. Brother Rhodes's charge at Hope will give him a vacation in August.

Li Hung Chang, the distinguished Chinese viceroy, will visit the United States. He is expected to arrive on the 18th of September.

The announcement in this paper last week that Rev. S. H. Babcock had resigned the presidency of Searcy College was premature.

Jas. H. O'Bryant writes: "We are now engaged in a meeting at Lavaca, Ark. Have had seven conversions and the interest is increasing."

Rev. E. L Beard was a caller Tuesday, on his way to lecture on Temperance in Prairie county. He is one of the strongest men we have on that subject.

Dr. Godbey's son is sick, Mrs. Thornburgh is sick, and Mrs. Workman is sick. This combination of circumstances will prevent us attending some of the District Conferences. Bro. Thornburgh expected to attend the Batesville and Bro. Workman the Camden District Conference. It is doubtful if either can leave home. Dr. Godbey will try to attend the Clarksville or Fayetteville District Conference. His family is at Mt. Nebo. We ask the prayers of our brethren for our loved ones.

The Populists.

The State Populist Convention was held in this city last week. Hon. Isaac McCracken was chairman. Hon. A. W. Files was nominated for Governor. No other State candidates were nominated.

Contributed

APPENDIX TO THE "FABLE FOR CRITICS."

Apropos the Preachers' Institute.

First Anderson comes by the alphabet ruling
To teach undergraduates the art of schooling.
A prides himself somewhat for pith and terseness
And is innocent meanwhile of blank perverseness,
He sets himself squarely against every plan
That is cogitated by some other man;
And would have you think just the same way he does,
Or in polemics he'll rise like the sea does
When tossed by the tempest or wooed by the moon,
He'd pass all other birds, and stop at the loon
To get a fit subject to express his notion
Of the man who would set such dull thought in motion.
A has a way that is peculiar to himself;
He lays all the antiquated things on the shelf,
And ambles along just outside the old rut
With a gait that is neither quite hauteur nor strut;
But resembles 'em so, that sure it's no surprise
That he seems egotistical to unfamiliar eyes.
I grant A all that he claims for himself, and more;
For in addition to no mean degree of lore,
He is possessed, too, of some perspicuity,
And an endless amount of hard assiduity.
What he lacks in genuine perspicacity
He amply makes up with grit and audacity.
If you want a better man, and start out to find one,
You must find men of brains, and choose a very kind one,
For with all his proud manner, and audacious boldness,
Those who know him, will charge him with heart-coldness.

And now comes mine host; full of didactics profound;
He teaches the young idea not to shoot, but compound
All the elementary branches of knowledge
That may be learned in a well equipped college,
And make of them a well-based preparation
To be of some service to self, Church and Nation.
Babcock is all right; he's a host to a T,
He makes one feel welcome and happy and free.
And then in a lecture he's no whit behind them
That lecture so much that we wish we could bind them.

And Johnston comes (with modest mien and manner grave)
Whose initials remind us of the great Mammoth Cave,
Rather the pisces that in her crystal waters lave.)
He is polished and earnest and honest and true;
Possessed of qualities that will take one through
Life's battles and turmoils without fussing and fuming,
With wasteful exertions life's forces consuming.
He aims straight at the mark before he pulls the trigger,
And will not launch his ship 'till he's had time to rig her.
If there is ought before him he'll hit it;
If he gets into fog, be sure he'll outwit it;
If his game gets at long range, he'll move to decrease it;
If his craft rides a sandbar, he'll calmly release it.
Take him altogether he's a man you can tie to,
And can make a good effort whenever he'll try to,

Here's Moore; a good preacher, philosopher, organizer,
Whose capacity for work seems really to comprise a
Larger degree of honest endeavor and ready plan
Than you are like to find in any ordinary man.
Moore has never learned how to go half the way,
When he joins an issue, be sure he's there to stay.
Old Mars mixed his blood, and it runs hot and pugnacious;
But a spirit of love has made him kind and gracious.
He believes with his head and his heart with all might
That the Methodist Church and her teachings are right;
And he'll stand by her doctrines and practice and all
Till her very last enemy, or he himself fall;
And when he goes down in a soldierly manner
He'll call to his comrades to lift high her banner.
All honor to Moore! I love a noble brave man;
Dislike him ye that will! despise him ye who can.

Riggin was there, too, small of stature, large of brain;
Full of resource and knowledge, ready to explain
To the mind that inquires, the earnest of life,
How in gladness and sorrow, in peace and in strife,
Old Time's mighty wheel on its axis has turned;
Saint and sinner alike at the stake have burned;
In the name of peace, men with the sword were slaughtered;
And in the name of love they were drawn and quartered.
And from all this chaos of moral confusion
Can manage to draw out the rational conclusion:
That in spite of the methods that men have pursued
Their savage passions and manners have been subdued
And brought in subjection (in part at least) to reason.
The minds of men are now taught, that they can well cease on
Such vile methods for advancement to depend;
But let truth, love, and knowledge their real progress send.
You may turn R loose in the realm of histology,
And take off the checks when he gets to theology.
Although he has dropped from his name the final G
He's just what the ship needs before going to sea.
With broad sail full-spread, and bellied before the wind
He plows the deep blue wave, and leaves small craft behind.
Riggin will do; for there is no discount on him;
He'll do the work though you put a great 'mount on him.

Neptune visited the great depths of the sea,
And brought back a pearl of such beauty that he
Called a council of gods to learn what they thought
He should do with the wonderful pearl he had brought.
First, the wealth-famed son of Demeter and Iasion
Spake, "I will bring a jewel of exquisite fashion."
Said Eros, "I the power of my purest passion
Will give." "I, the freedom of my realm of glory;
The arts of my daughters save vain Terpsichore;
With cloven-tongued lightnings, and reverb'rant thunders,
And those mighty orbs, richer far in their wonders
Of thought than jewels," said Zeons; "will give; and send
Apollo, my son, strong of speech, that he may lend
These gifts of the gods to some worthy son of man."
Apollo came to earth to complete great Jove's plan.
He wandered through wood and plain, by river, by rill,
And diligently searched, till he found G. W. Hill,

"The man I have found, these gifts to wear," Apollo said;
And laid them one by one on George's manly head.
And while on this earth mission, the light-giving Phoebus
Equipped Godbey's mind with the power of syll-a-bus.
With vigor of statement and purity of diction
He excurses alike midst poetry, fact and fiction.
He evokes on occasion the shades of Old Greece
And Rome, prays Hades, alias Pluto, to release
The muses that once sat on the crest of Helicon,
And reached with their rhapsodies far-away Albion.
Sweet Albin, too, caught the Greco-Latin fire,
And set it ablaze again on Walter Scott's lyre.
And now in this Kentucky-Missouri-Arkansan
We have about the best man we well can put hands on
To give us instruction in letters and cults,
And sum up all knowledge for latest results.
With dry wit and pathos he's full. (Not o'er flowing);
But he has when with fools, a sly way of throwing
A bomb in their camp that gives them confusion
By tearing their veil of senseless delusion.
He tells those who worship the famed protoplasm,
That twixt them and reason there's a mighty wide chasm.
If the theory of evolution is surely no blunder,
With present stock in trade, we ought to evolute like thunder.
As wielder of the quill, his throne is the tripod;
He is sturdy as Ajax, nimble as Nimrod.

Well, another was there, too; let his mem'ry be
Cherished and treasured in your hearts as he
Shall cherish you brethren, in sunshine and fogs;
And believe me, yours lovingly,

Walter E. Boggs.

Disease is like a railroad train. It has a regular way of coming and going and keeps on steadily along a certain track. You can almost always tell how a disease starts, and where it will probably end. It won't go out of its way to oblige you any more than a locomotive will. Disease usually begins when the appetite gives out—that's the first warning whistle. Then the stomach and nutritive organs fail to supply good blood. The circulation grows poor, thin and tainted. Instead of carrying nourishment to the different parts of the body it carries poison, which settles at some point and eats away the tissues. According to where it settles it is called liver or kidney or skin disease—scrofula, erysipelas, eczema, or consumption if it settles on the lungs. It is all one trouble: tainted blood; clear out this taint and build up the tissues with rich blood and the disease is stopped; side-tracked; it can't go any further. No matter what the name of a disease is if it's a blood disease, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure it by driving the poison out of the circulation and creating a new supply of healthy, red, life-giving blood to revive and nourish the wasted tissues. It puts the digestion in order, invigorates the blood-making organs and builds firm healthy flesh. Consumption is a blood-disease. Don't believe it can't be cured! It *is* cured every day by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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CHAPTER II.

The Choice of a Subject.

You cannot wait to do all the work I have suggested to you before you begin to preach. You must make sermons now. If you cannot make them well, you must do the best you can, and I propose to tell you as plainly as I can how, to make them. I have tried to collate from the best books certain rules to give you. I have varied somewhat from the order of the books, but I have adopted pretty fully their teachings as it is applicable to you. Before considering the text I propose first to talk about—the choice of a subject. If your sermons are effective they must not be aimless. There must be an object before you. That object ought not to be merely to fill up an unused hour with a discourse. I have known not a few preachers who seemed to think that when a sermon was delivered, it mattered not on what subject, provided it was a sermon, the work aimed was done. The purpose of all true preachers is to do good, not to interest an audience, and still less to secure applause for the preacher. One would find it very difficult to give with any kind of detail a list of subjects from which the preacher may select one, but there is no difficulty in designating certain classes of subjects from which at this time you may wisely choose. There are subjects which are admirably suited to the pulpit that do not suit a young man. I should think it very much out of place if I heard a novice instructing parents as to how to govern children, or a young man just beginning to preach to lecture the fathers in Israel, or for one evidently uninformed to attempt a discussion on one of the profoundest and most obscure doctrines of the Church, or for a young unmarried man to speak on conjugal duties. I have heard some of the most ignorant young men speak dogmatically on questions that wise men let alone. There are subjects which you can discuss very properly hereafter, which you had as well not touch now. While you should let no man despise your youth, you should avoid giving needless ground for his doing so. I would say, then, choose mainly those subjects which are calculated to move the ungodly to action. I heard Bishop Keener once say that men were likely to bring more people to Christ in the early years of their ministry than in any after period. This is my observation, and the fact that you are led by the spirit to yearn over sinners is an indication of the way God would have you to go.

To invite sinners to the Savior, to warn them of their peril, to show them the way to be saved is the best work to which you may address yourself. I urge you to be direct and personal in your preaching and call sinners to repentance in no uncertain tones, and choose the subjects which will keep you to do this. I should advise you not to attempt too much in a sermon, but to confine your attention to the one thing in hand. If you are striving to awaken I should not think that a time to carefully indoctrinate as to the plan of salvation, and I doubt whether an appeal to the conscience could go very well with an appeal to the sensibilities.

I think it a good plan to put at the head of the discourse the object one hopes to accomplish by it, and if the object of the special discourse you are preparing is to awaken a sinnner. I should try to map out the plan by which I hoped to do it—and so with all other aims.

You are to exhort, but not alone to exhort. You must choose subjects which are designed chiefly to instruct. The teacher who declaims in teaching does an improper thing. He is to teach, and when one teaches, let him teach. That a whole discourse should be devoted to teaching, without exhortation, one could not advise. The two go together, and yet is is well for you in selecting subjects to clearly designate which of the two shall have the chief place in the discourse, and govern yourself accordingly.

You will find yourself where you must express an opinion on moral questions, concerning some of these there can be no dispute. All moralists agree as to their character, but on some there is room for difference of opinion, and on these you are to express your views modestly but firmly. All things which have not a moral bearing are not proper subjects for discussion in the pulpit, and in choosing these subjects for discourse be sure you do not go beyond your commission. Do not suppose everything is wrong which you condemn, nor everything right which you approve. The old Quakers laid much stress on wearing a broad-brimmed hat, the old Methodists were as decided in their opposition to wigs and ruffles, and modern Christians of all classes have opinions which they have dignified into moral requirements.

Young men are much disposed to take extreme positions and denounce things they count false very fiercely and extol things they count true very extravagantly.

Some are very loud in denouncing as dogmatism those views that I have regarded only as a mild expression of Christian doctrine, and they excuse and justify things I count as serious defections from right ways, and then there are others who go to such extreme in the other direction that they condemn as gross violation of the moral law men whom I have revered as saints, because they have done something they think that law ought to forbid.

I am sure if we cling closely to the teachings of the word of God we need not go out of the way to find what true morality is. Teaching of an advanced kind ought not to be expected of a young man just beginning to preach, and while you cannot preach without teaching you will find doctrines enough ghich are unquestioned to employ your entire time, and think of I were you, I would let speculative and controversial divinity alone for a while. I dislike to hear a young man preach who has settled conclusively matters which have engaged the greatest minds for ages. I am sure you will not have been long in your ministry before, if you are like the average young man, you will come to the conclusion that you can explain satisfactorily the difference between regeneration and sanctification, and show that Mr. Wesley was right, or Mr. Wesley was clearly wrong; but I would advise pou not to make your views prominent. You might make yourself as ridiculous as many older and more pretentious men have made themselves.

I know you will feel it to be your duty to rebuke those whom you think to be wrongdoers, and if you are not unlike most young men you will begin it early and continue it late. It is right that you should do this, but you should do it with great caution, and regard the fitness of things when you engage in it. But when you censure avoid individualizing, and yet your preaching should not be too general for each congregation has its special needs. To preach in the country on dancing the german would be as absurd as to preach in the city on illicit distilling. The thoughtful pastor will study his people and try to select subjects to suit the congregation over which he has charge.

Faithful preaching is one thing, censorious preaching another. Read the chapter in Vinet's Homiletics on Reprehension, for better than anything I can say on this subject; but better this, than the other extreme of being too negative or worse in your preaching. Some preachers are like some doctors. They use nothing but stimulants and narcotics. To delight, to excite, or to lull, is the aim of all their preaching. No man ever leaves the church in which they preach, feeling that he was the man aimed at—feeling vexed at the preacher, with his sins, or with himself. He, the good man of the pulpit, has shown the folly and sin of rationalism, ritualism, Romanism, and every other ism, save the isms of his own congregation. His surgery is all rosewater. He feeds with syllabub and doctors with opium. The young ladies delight in the dear pastor who never hints that dressing may be too extravagant, and party going may ruin their souls. Whisky sellers never hear from him a word which will lead them to fear that they may be on the road to ruin. He knows his people and he supplies them from Sabbath to Sabbath of just what they ask for. From such a man one turns away with absolute loathing, and longs for Sammy Dunwody, or Jimmy Dannelly, or John Collingsworth once more.

My young friend, as you value manhood, God's smile, Heaven's repose, be brave enough to preach what God has told you to preach, and rebuke.

You will find in your going to and fro much place for a gospel of comfort. It is a very proper thing that one who is young and strong, and whose life has been so largely free from care, should show tender sympathy for those who are in distress, for the aged, the sick, the poor. Don't be afraid of your sympathies—and of giving expression to them.

I have given you a general view of those themes which I think you may legitimately use in the pulpit. When you have selected your subject then select your text. I do not see very well how you can do otherwise with propriety. I do not by any means advise that you are to discuss a subject independent of a text, only that in selecting a text you have reference to the object you aim to accomplish, and select the text for that purpose. Keep it defintely before you. Do not select subjects from ambitious motives, but for the one purpose of doing good to those people of whom you have been put in charge, and over whose souls you watch as one that must give account.

To choose a subject which is evidently too profound for you and to attempt a discussion for which you are not prepared would be to invite failure.

You need not be afraid of using old subjects. The story of the cross never is commonplace. The ten commandments and the sermon on the mount are never out of date, and the need of repentance and faith will be felt as long as the world stands. You are not to gain reputation as an original thinker. You are to save souls. You are not to draw admiring crowds after you. You are to do your Master's work, and you must choose your subjects with this end in view.

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WASHINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirtieth annual session of the District Conference of the Washington District convened at Center Point at 9 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday, July 8, 1896. W. F. Evans, Presiding Elder of the District, was in the chair. The Conference was opened with devotional exercises—consisting of a song and prayer service of fifteen minutes as an introductory service, the reading of an appropriate scripture and prayer, by the chair, followed by a second prayer, led by B. G. Johnson. The roll call showed an unusually large attendance; the number of members and visitors present being eighty-five, which was above an average attendance. W. D. Lee was elected secretary.

The usual committees were appointed by the chair, and the machinery of the Conference was in motion.

The reports from the different pastors, relative to the condition and status of their respective charges on the line of inquiry prescribed by the discipline were gratifying, and evidenced an improved condition of the District; a progressive movement in all departments of Church work and a toning up of the spiritual status of the District. All the pastors were in attendance, with one exception, and serious illness in his family was the cause of his absence.

The general discussions, indulged in by the Conference, of the different phases and epartments of Church work, at the conclusion of the hearing of the reports of the various interests of the Church, were an exceedingly interesting proceeding of the Conference and very profitable.

The subject of Christian education, and the advantages of our institutions of learning in the state were ably set forth and discussed by J. M. Hawley, J. H. Riggin, Miss Ida L. Duncan, J. C. Rhodes and W. F. Evans. J. R. Moore, president of the Board of Missions, was with us on Friday and preached an able sermon at the 11 o'clock service, and in the afternoon delighted the Conference with the best talk on Missions it has been our pleasure to hear. The visiting brethren, who pleased the Conference by their presence, were: A. B. Winfield, J. R. Moore, J. M. Hawley, J. W. Cline, E. M. Pipkin, S. W. Rainey, Prof. Sampson and Isaac Webb. The visiting ladies were Mesdames Hayes, Thorp, Rhodes and Ethridge, and Misses Duncan and Green. A Missionary mass meeting was held on Friday night under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. An appropriate programme was rendered and a collection raised.

E. M. Pipkin presented the cause of the American Bible Society and a collection was secured for the society.

N. T. Thomasson presented the claims of the Arkansas Methodist. The opening sermon of the Conference was preached by F. N. Brewer, and a good sermon it was. J. M. G. Douglas preached on Tuesday evening before the convening of the Conference to the delight of the people, and especially to his erstwhile parishioners, he having been the pastor in charge on the Center Point circuit in 1885-86-87.

Nashville was selected as the place of holding the next District Conference. J. L. DeLony, Thomas Livingston, W. D. Lee and David Bowles were elected delegates to the annual Conference, and W. I. Beck and T. H. Sims as alternate delegates. B. H. Logan, J. T. Sharp, I. E. McMillan, J. R. Neill, T. H. Sims, W. D. Lee and J. Y. Johnson were elected trustees of the District parsonage located at Prescott.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

We know that the sacred interests of our Church and homes are imperiled by the sale and use of strong drink. We believe that the legislation of the whisky traffic is a sin, and that it is a duty of the civil government to suppress it. We further believe to establish the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth, men must vote as they pray.

Now, whereas, this election year the invincible weapon of our defense and protection is found in the ballot; therefore, be it

Resolved, That each member of the Washington District Conference be untiring, vigilant and persistent in efforts to advance the cause of temperance and

Resolved, That in our choice of officials for County, State and Nation, regardless of political affiliations, we will use our utmost effort to elect pure men, who are pledged to uphold the temperance cause; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend most heartily the aggressive action taken upon this question by our Church organ, the Arkansas Methodist, and will give it our moral and financial support.

J. H. Bradford,
N. T. Thomasson,
F. T. Wright, Committee.

While the dispatch of business pertaining to the Church, and this discussion of the various interests of the Church was the purpose of the Conference, yet the refreshing presence and power of the Holy Spirit was the greater desideratum, and special emphasis and prominence was given to religious exercises, and the Holy Spirit was present, and the session just closed will be remembered as one of the most spiritual sessions of the District Conference ever held. Every service was attended with great religious feeling and fervor, and "Old Time Religion" had the right of way all along the line. Some of the pastors stated that the love feast on Sunday morning was the best they had ever attended.

There was one profession during the Conference, and a better spiritual tone and impetus was given the Church here. The presence of B. G. Johnson and A. B. Winfield, two veterans who have grown old in the service, and who are now leaning on their staffs waiting for their Master's call, was a great blessing to the Conference. May the tenure of their lives be so lengthened that they may attend many District Conferences.

While the Presiding Elder is the infant of the Conference no one would take him for a novice in the chair.

The ability with which he disposes of business, and of the intricate and delicate questions that inevitably arise in assemblies of this character was that of an experienced presiding officer. The business was dispatched rapidly but smoothly; there was no friction, no clashing of arms, but a broad spirited, fraternal, harmonious session. The Conference was profuse in its praise of the hospitality of its host and of the high character of its entertainment, and the usual resolutions of thanks were voted the citizens of Center Point. Respectfully,

W. D. Lee, Secretary.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The proceedings of the Conference held at Prairie View, Logan County, July 9 to 11, 1896, were reported by the editor up to Saturday morning, when he had to leave to meet his appointment at Eureka Springs. So I will give you the proceedings not reported by him.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"ARKANSAS METHODIST."

Recognizing the fact that the "Arkansas Methodist" is an indispensable help to us in our work as pastors, and of great benefit in our homes as pastors and people, therefore

Resolved, That we pledge our hearty support to the paper in the future, and that we will use our best efforts to put it in the hands of our people.

ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the preachers, both traveling and local, together with the lay delegates elected from the various charges, be requested and urged to make their arrangements to stay at District Conference hereafter until the close of the session.

TEMPERANCE.

From the long and able report of the committee on temperance we quote as follows:

We declare our pleasure in being able to make the whisky traffic unlawful, and our eternal purpose to keep it so.

We renew our allegiance to our present local option laws, and pledge ourselves as citizens to use our utmost endeavor to defeat license in the bounds of this district at the coming election.

It is with pleasure we can say there is not a licensed saloon in this district.

We approve the decision of our Supreme Court in placing native wines in the same category with other liquors.

Our attitude as Christians and citizens is downright hostility and absolute antagonism to the traffic in liquors or wines, either legally or illegally.

J. F. Munday, of Russellville; J. W. Pound, of Dardanelle; Dr. Lee Montgomery, of Rover, and Juo. L. Cravens, of Prairie View, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, and Dr. A. W. Wilder and W. L. Young were elected alternates.

A protracted meeting followed the District Conference, and there were encouraging signs that a great revival would be the result.

J. W. Pound, Secretary.

Dardanelle, July 16, 1896.

THE RANDOLPH-MACON SYSTEM.

1. What it Is. Under the leadings of Providence the Board of Trustees of Randolph-Macon College, representing the Methodists of the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences, has come into the ownership and control of four institutions, aggregating some $690,000 of property, and enrolling, last year, nearly 500 students. They are all named by the same family name, inspired by the same purpose and directed to the same end, viz.: the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ by means of Christian education, directly by the upbuilding of noble, intelligent Christian character in their students, and mediately by preparing them as informed and consecrated workers for the Master's vineyard. All these institutions seek to develop men and women after the one perfect pattern. Christ is exalted as the teacher of our teachers, the inspiration of our work, the example for our characters.

2. How it Grew. First came the establishment of our academies at Bedford City and Front Royal. This was but the fulfillment of the desire cherished by every president of Randolph-Macon. The system of preparatory class at college was harmful to the college and injurious to the boys. It was not right for the Church to invite immature youths to the freedom of college life when such dangers attended their coming. The opportunity to remedy this evil occurred in 1889-90, and was seized by the Board with courage and vigor, and the work has been done in a manner to command the admiration of educators and the confidence of the public. Our academies set a standard for secondary education in advance of anything previously known in the South, and are already the largest boarding schools in the State, registering last year 238 students.

The prestige gained for the college by this work led to its securing an offer of a large sum if it would undertake to found a college for women at Lynchburg. Following up this opening, in ninety-four days the Board had secured subscriptions of $220,000, and after deducting all losses arising out of the panic, and shrinkage of 1893-94, has an effective plant worth $113,452, and an endowment of $102,667.

The need of such a college has been apparent. With five or six endowed colleges and two universities for men in Virginia, there was no institution in the State, nor indeed in all the South, with similiar equipment and advantages for women. The Church's view of man logically demands the highest education of all, male and female, since we do not educate merely to increase the power to get gain, but to ennoble—not simply to enable the man to do, but to teach him to be. The highest development of the powers God has given us is the duty of all. That the time was ripe for such an advance was argued from the crowded halls of Northern Colleges for Women and has been proven by the immediate and complete success of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, which now crowns one of the hills adjacent to Lynchburg. Only one room was unengaged last year—its third—and with the same standards of admission and graduation as at Ashland for young men, we find neither reluctance nor inability on the part of the young women to do to the work. The establishment of such an institution we consider an important step in advance, worthy of our Church and creditable to our College.

At the meeting of the Randolph-Macon Board in June, 1894, the Blackstone Female Institute, having adopted the course of instruction prescribed as preparatory to the course at the Woman's College and announced that it would prepare students for it, and being an institution belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was accepted and indorsed as a preparatory seminary for Randolph-Macon Woman's College. It is not, however, the property of the Randolph-Macon Board.

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THE MISSIONARY HERALD.

In the July number of the Herald we find some carefully prepared papers. "The Present Situation in China," by Rev. Joseph E. Walker, of the Foo Chow Mission, is a very interesting general view of the present conditions in the Celestial Empire. The notes from other mission fields are instructive and interesting. Charles Sweet, Boston, Mass.; $1.00.

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LESSON FOR JULY 26.

GOD'S PROMISES TO DAVID. 2 SAM. vii. 4-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." (Ps. lxxi. 1.)

Topical Outline—I. God's promises to David. (Verses 4-11.) II. God's Purposes in Solomon. (Verses 12-16.)

Time—B. C. 1042.

Place—Jerusalem.

HOME READINGS.

S. Promises to David...2 Sam. vii. 4-16
M. David's Reply .....vii. 18-29
T. Promise Fulfilled..1 Kings viii. 14-25
W. Kingdom of Christ .....Ps. ii. 6-10
T. The Established Throne.Heb... i. 8-12
F. God's Choice of Zion.Ps.cxxxii. 13-18
S. Value of God's Promise.Num.xxiii. 19

Reference Word, "Promise."

Lesson Hymn, No. 561.

David was blessed with a truly great nature. When the commotions that distressed the early years of his life were ended and he was securely seated on his throne, had he been a man of small mold he would have contented himself with enjoying his hard won triumphs. Had he lived in the realm of the earthly, sensuous or sensual, he would have stretched himself upon his beds of ivory and surrendered to ease and art. He lived in a palace of cedar, had splendid surroundings; but he preserved a sense of his relation to eternal things; earthly trappings could not satisfy his heart. How many men there are who forget God when they have come to a place of ease in the world! David's plan was, now that he had become comfortable, to look about him to see where he might be doing something to help on a good cause. Above all, he could not live in a noble house himself while he worshiped God in a mere tabernacle. Let some people who live in good houses here in Arkansas, and who go to worship in a dirty pen of a union school and church house make a note just here. Let some town people who live in elegant residences and worship in neglected, barny looking Churches also make a note.

David was not permitted to carry out his purpose to be sure, but this was not because the purpose was not creditable to him. God had other work for him to do. But David's good intention brought to him a magnificent reward, nevertheless. Such character in him was the ground of God's covenant with him. God takes us for what we honestly purpose to do and to be. We are not responsible for success or failure. The fact that God did not enter into his plans was not to be taken as an indication that He disowned him. He would have David change his plans; to remember that He who took him from the sheepcote and established his kingdom would still be with him and with his seed after him. This noble desire to build the Lord a house should be carried out by his son during his more peaceful reign, and David should never lack a successor on his throne.

It will be observed that this covenant looked forward to the Son of David, whose throne is established forever. This is the honor put upon them that honor God—they are brought into a very near relationship to His Son Jesus Christ. And it is this relation which for all men must determine everything else.

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July 26, 1896.

The Tribulations and Encouragements of the Disciples.

Matthew, x. 40-42; Luke, xxii. 30; John, xv. 18-27.

The disciples were called to a career which separated them from worldly aims, and in the spirit of this separation they had the constant victory over the world.

Yet while they were unwavering in their high aim and had accepted beforehand whatever of trial might be disclosed upon the path of service, the vicissitudes of life came to them with joy, surprise or sorrow.

The lesson calls us to observe their comforts and their griefs.

The Lord assured His disciples as He sent them forth that they were God's ministers, having especial claim upon all God's people. The worthy and the pure should receive them and welcome them. Among the people who truly loved God none should be more loved than they. They were God's agents and representatives. "He that receiveth you receiveth me." How faithful and how pure must that minister be of whom the Master says this, and yet the trusting who in God's name receive his ministers shall be rewarded for their fidelity even if those whom they receive prove unworthy. "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water, only, in the name of a disciple shall in no wise lose his reward."

Jesus sets before the disciples the high reward which should be granted to the faithful. They were to be kings in a spirtual realm, obtaining honors that should never fade. I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father hath appointed unto me, that ye may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

This promise had reference to that place which the twelve apostles should hold in the Church as its lights and teachers. In the minds and hearts of men they should hold dominion, Jesus' instruction that humility was greatness in God's sight—a lesson He had just given them should have guarded them against any worldly interpretation of this promise.

Our reference to John xv. 18-27 gives us a general statement of the trials which awaited the disciples. As Jesus' career drew to a close He became less popular even among the people at large, professed followers fell away from him; his enemies matured their plans and brought the common people more under their control; and Jesus often pointed to the cross as the end of his career.

At the time he delivered to them the discourse now under consideration Jesus had fully assured his disciples of his approaching death. He talks to them now about the trial that awaits them. They could not hope for favors from the world if they were true to his cause. "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you."

This hatred of the disciples was to be a testimony to them of their own unworldliness of life. Holiness must ever provoke hate from the sinful.

But the disciples were to have a comforter. He had been already promised.

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The proposed Southern States Exposition at Chicago has been postponed so as not to intefere with the Tennessee Centennial Exposition at Nashville. The influences that were working in the interests of the one are being transferred to the other, and thus the Tennessee Exposition gains still grater solidity and importance. Six of the main edifices of the Centennial Exposition are either finished or nearly so and the construction of eight others will be begun at an early date.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST.

J. E. GODBEY, D. D., Editor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1896.

When faith in God fails regard for man ceases.

The pastor who mounts a holly has a short ride to the end of his usefulness.

A trivial self-denial is often adopted as a badge of holiness and worn as ostentatiously as a feather in the hat.

Now is the time to preach Christian education, talk Christian education and circulate the catalogues of our Church schools.

Our District Conferences are being held in the sickly season, and when the weather is intensely hot. Is it best this should be?

The pastor who cannot have a revival under his own ministry cannot take care of the fruits of a revival when held by another man.

When you are called upon to offer public prayer do not use the occasion to advertise the backslidden condition of your neighbor.

God has not called one man to convert sinners and another to keep them converted. One who has not the qualities of a pastor is lacking in the essential qualities of a good preacher.

The enemy of religion claims to admire and revere Christ, and is only grieved because no examules of real Christianity may be found; yet he gives you to understand that he is no saint.

Those who do not claim to serve God often profess great sorrow that His professed followers do not serve Him more perfectly. There are more hypocrites out of the Church than in it.

The pastoral charges which will make the best report in regard to the general work of the Church at the next Annual Conference can be named from our mail list. They are the charges that take most copies of the "Arkansas Methodist."

One of the chief impressions made upon us by the State Epworth League Conrerence was the appeal which the Church is making for an educated ministry. Had the ablest preachers among us been assigned to the work committed to these young people, our essays and speeches would not have been better than theirs.

HERE AND THERE.

Returned from Eureka Springs on Monday. We spent Tuesday at home on Mount Nebo. Wednesday came to Little Rock, attended to what business we could in the "Methodist" office, and at 1 p. m. Thursday set out for Harrisburg, the seat of the Jonesboro District Conference. We spent Friday with the brethren there.

Rev. Frank Ritter, the presiding elder, was in the chair. The attendance at the Conference was larger than at any other we have attended. Rev. J. M. Hawley had come and gone. He made an able appeal in behalf of Hendrix College.

Rev. W. B. Ricks had also, as Conference secretary, presented the cause of missions in an able sermon.

The Sunday school report showed an increase of the Sunday school work in the district. It noted that two or three of the schools did not use our Church literature.

The report on Epworth Leagues was, six Leagues in the district. The committee urged upon the pastors the development of this work. The hour from 11 to 12 on Friday was given to the Leaguers. It was a gracious hour. Charles Gregg, of Jonesboro, took the chair. Miss Annie Davis read a paper so discreet in tone, so earnest in spirit, so full of stirring truths that it gave an inspiration to the meeting at the outset.

A. E. Holloway followed with a stirring speech. Prof. Alexander, of Jonesboro, spoke upon the literary work of the League. He set forth the importance of acquaintance with Methodist history and doctrine. He also gave just place to pure literary culture, which he deemed was justly comprehended in the League studies.

The development of work on this district durinig the past three years has been very great. When Bro. Ritter took charge it had sixteen charges. They have increased to twenty-one, and the plans for next year include twenty-seven. There is in the bounds of the district much fertile, undeveloped country, where a little missionary aid will bring forth self-sustaining charges. We need some of our best men to lay the foundations in these quarters.

The Woman's Missionary Society was given the hour from 3 to 4 Friday.

Mrs. A. L. Malone took charge of the meeting, and after religious exercises read a very earnest paper on missions. The report of the district work made by Mrs. Malone is eight auxiliaries, 118 adult members, 79 juveniles, 23 honorary members and 6 life members. Subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate 31. Collections from March, 1895, to March, 1896, $456.54; since March, $126.33. An interesting letter to the society was read from Miss Glenn, of Brazil, also a very touching letter from a Chinese girl, whom this society is supporting, and there were songs and readings appropriate to the hour.

Thus, in the order of business of the Conference, each especial interest of the Church had its hour. We have not attended any District Conference where the order of work was more judicious or the results more satisfactory.

Methodism is on the forward move in the Jonesboro District.

The licenses of the following local preachers were renewed: Y. B. Smith, J. C. Garrett, J. T. Seaton, G. J. Crews, W. P. Atkins, M. L. McCord, J. W. Fullen, J. W. Richardson, M. C. Cunningham, W. T. Mescher, J. E. Buchanan, J. G. Wimbey, H. V. Johnson, J. M. Williams, Z. D. Lindzey. The name of H. H. Call, of Vanndale, was before the Conference. He was represented as blameless as a Christian, but hiis license was not renewed.

J. T. Seaton and Z. D. Linzey were recommended for deacon's orders.

Z. D. Linzey, J. T. Seaton and J. E. Buchanan were recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

The Conference closed its work Friday afternoon. There will be preaching twice a day until after Sunday.

Saturday morning we set out for the Searcy District Conference at Cabot.

At Wynne we waited four hours and a half. We always wait at Wynne. About one-third of the time that we have had to devote to Eastern Arkansas has been spent in waiting at Wynne at different times. No matter where you are going you must wait here. For hours we sit in the office. No companionship, nor converse to relieve the monotony. Two or three others wait, but they are intent upon their game of cards. We do not understand the nomenclature of the game, but the frequent interjection of the "deuce" seems to us to have some appropriateness to this delay.

Card playing is a folly of the times—a folly because it so often ends in vice. Introduced into the parlor as a pastime, tolerated in Christian homes, it has trained a generation of young men and women who are ready to turn gamblers any day. To understand the game is to give the temptation immense advantage. The social pastime of one class is card playing, the social pastime of another is gambling. The transition is easy. There are throughout our cities today gambling clubs for wamen as well as men, and the increase of this vice, and the testimony of hundreds that they were trained for it in the parlor is proof against card playing as a pastime which ought to abolish it from all well-ordered homes.

Not much disposed in general to chat, we become desperate at times and resolve to talk for pastime. We see a meditative looking man who has been sitting on the porch the last hour. We feel with him a fellow sympathy, and take a seat beside him determined to talk, if it be only about the weather or "free silver." We begin. He makes no reply, but smiles kindly and seems to be a pleased listener. We move out on our theme. He is reserved in his opinions, but is attentive. A preacher is inspired when he has a quiet and attentive audience. After a while the negro waiter comes out and tells us the man is "deaf and dumb." All right. Talking to a deaf man and waiting for a train are about equal as a pastime.

We reached Cabot at 1 p. m.

The Searcy District Conference closed its work in the afternoon. We gleaned these items: The attendance was excellent and the interest lively throughout. Rev. J. M. Hawley and G. W. Hill were both present to represent Hendrix College. They were heard with interest, for they had a great cause. Hendrix College is the one institution which has paramount claims on the Church of Arkansas. We simply must make this institution a success.

The Epworth League report, read by Sidney Babcock, represented that there was increasing activity in this work, the number of leagues having increased from five to thirteen the past year. There was growth reported also in the work of Sunday schools.

A special hour was given to the Woman's Missionary meeting.

Keener R. Durham, William P. Talkington, Jacob D. Hammons and Frank J. Bridges were licensed to preach.

Keener R. Durham, William P. Talkington, Wm. M. Findley and Drury Colquitte were recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

Drury Colquitte was elected to elder's orders, Henry A. Sullivan to deacon's orders.

The following local preachers had their licenses renewed: J. W. Ross, John N. Shands, Wm. M. Findley, Henry A. Sullivan, E. T. Underhill, J. D. McClure, H. C. Prewit, W. H. Harrison, David E. Wilson, W. S. Markham, J. C. Richards, T. J. Taylor, George A. Davidson.

The delegates elected to the Annual Conference are George P. Murrell, M. B. Johnson, W. D. Reeves, J. H. Clark. Alternates: Dr. J. M. Davie and W. T. Dowdy.

The business of the Conference closed Saturday evening. At night we had an excellent sermon from R. G. Brittain. Sunday the congregations were large morning and evening.

Sidney Babcock, Jr., conducted an Epworth League service at 3 p. m., and F. A. Jeffett preached at night.

SERVICE AND SALARY.

A young preacher, well educated and of influential family complained to this writer that he had then served the Church six years in small stations and on circuits and had received not more than $500 a year for his service. He felt humiliated by such an experience. It seemed to him a surrender of manliness to accept such a lot at the hand of the appointing power.

There were other facts which this young man ventured to suggest, among them this: He was the equal in education, talent and ability, whether as pastor or preacher, of many whose salaries were constantly more than double his own.

What could we answer?

Our first answer was: "The ministry is not a profession. It is a calling from God. It is upon that ground the minister stands. It is upon that ground he must stand so long as the Church represents to the people divine claims and spiritual interests. As called of God the minister of the Gospel surrenders himself to the service of the Church, not for salary but for souls. Preaching is not a business, the value of which can be measured in dollars and cents. The physician and the lawyer have their schedule of fees. The preacher of the Gospel is expected to seek men, to go after them, to make opportunity to serve them without price. His dignity is in his divine call. An educated man might well feel humiliated at serving for $500 a year if $500 were reckoned the money value of the service. But he has entered upon a work which is not estimated by such rules.

The minister claims to be ready to serve rich and poor; is he dishonored if he is sent to save the poor? Will he lose self-respect because the 200 members of the church who stand with him to support the work pay him but $500? Perhaps this is better in proportion to their means than the $2000 salary paid by the 500 members of Grace Church; perhaps he who serves the poor is really more loved, more appreciated, than the pastor of Grace Church; perhaps he is winning more souls for the Master.

The $500 which the brother receives is not pay for service rendered. It is even on the part of those who pay it not a measure of individual benefit. It is a contribution to the cause. Brother Jones, who has chronic rheumatism, has paid $10 but has never been to church or heard a sermon, Brother Smith, who is always present at every service, has given the same. On the part of both it was a contribution, not for service, especially, but for a cause. They desire the salvation of others; they contribute to that end. The preacher and the member are one in devotion to this work. The money that builds Churches and pays preachers is a gift laid upon God's altar. The preacher is not the only man who consents to surrender something of the world to serve the cause of God.

The young brother who complained to us was not married. $500 on a circuit met his real need as fully as $2000 met the need of Brother Goodman, with his large family, in the city. The Church

seeks to support, not to pay its preachers, They have renounced the world for Christ; but as soldiers enlisted in the Master's cause they must be supported and equipped for the war. The Church uses economy. Those who need least are sent to serve those who pay least. A young man must not deem himself dishonored if a married man who has no more ability gets twice as much salary.

The young brother to whom we refer heard these arguments; confessed that they seemed to be sound, and said that they all suggested to him that he ought to get married. We did not dissent from his conclusion, and he went away comforted.

NOTE FROM BRO. MANLEY.

Dear Dr. Godbey: As I read the death of Bro. E. C. Castleberr, sorrow and sadness filled my heart. Truly, a good man has fallen, efficient as a minister, true as a man, loving and kind in the social circle. I extend to the beraved wife my sincerest condolence and pray that the richest blessings of the great head of the Church may rest upon her and the dear little children. Sincerely,

W. A. Manley.

Notices.

PREACHER'S AID ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENT, NO. 8.

On hand last report, $111; paid to Mrs. John McLaughlin, $111; received on assessment No 8, from Rev. J. C. Rhodes, $2; A. C. Ray, $2; A. C. Millar, $2; Geo. M. Hill, $2; G. A. Dannelly, $2; total, $12; W. S. Bristow, $2; balance on hand, $12.

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Dear Bro. Godbey: I want to say a few words through the "Methodist" about the Harrison District Conference, which is to convene at this place the 6th of August. Entertainment for the Conference is about secured. Let every one who is not a member of the Conference and who contemplates attending, write me at once, that homes may be provided for them.

This applies especially to the wives of the traveling preachers. Let every one be prompt in this, and I will shortly send you the name of your host. Very truly,

L. A. Campbell, P. C.

Mr. Editor: We have just closed a protracted meeting at Center Point, which resulted in 24 or 25 conversions, 15 joined the Church and the Church wonderfully revived. Glory to God.

J. S. Williams, P. C. Ozark Circuit.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

The Conference for this district was held at Okolona, a quiet town about twelve miles out on the S. W. A. & I.T. R.R., from Smithton.

The Conference was presided over by Bro. Jewel and the attendance was large. Every question that was called was reported on and the different charges on an average are ahead of what they were this time last year.

Bro. J. R. Moore was here and presented the missionary cause in a forcible manner. The Conference made no mistake in having Bro. Moore appointed to this work. We predict a large increase in the missionary collections over last year.

Brothers Geo. L. Logan and Jas. A. Henry were licensed to preach.

The Methodist had to leave before the license of local preachers were renewed, so we cannot give their names.

The singing was spiritual and had the old time ring. We were carried back in spirit to the days of Jimmy Jenkins and the Pierce Brothers.

In our country charges we are struck with the large attendance of men as compared with our city churches.

The Methodist representative was kindly cared for under the roof of Bro. Burny East. He is a South Carolinian, as are a good many of the good people in and about Okolona and the writer felt very much at home.

The assessment plan was heartily approved.

Murfreesboro was decided on as the next place of meeting. Bro. Hill entertained the Conference well.

J. M. Workman.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Our assistant business manager, Bro. Workman, represented the Methodist at this Conference which met at Amity. He and Bro. J. R. Moore were furnished a team by friends at Okolona and came across the mountains from that point. They found Bro. Sage in the chair. He shows that he has had a struggle and is quite weak yet. The Conference was well attended and as Bro. Workman could not remain but a few hours we have requested one of the brethren to give us a full report. The Methodist man was cared for in good style by Bro. Haye, who has a big house and a big heart.

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But the bretehren in anything but unity did
dwell;
Hard words were passed on every hand
and lifelong friendships broken,
Till of Christian love and charity there was
neither sign nor token

Then teachers quit the Sunday-school and
singers left the choir,
And Elder Brown, in public, called Deacon
Jones a liar;
And brother hated brother, and things grew
worse each d ay,
Till Satan seemed to rule the church with
undisputed sway.

Of course each side was certain that they
were in the right,
And each side was determined to the bitter
end to fight;
At length the evening came around on
which the congregation
One way or other should decide the fatal
c mplication.

And as officers and members filed in and
took their places,
Fixed stubbornness and haughty pride
marred many genial faces;
And the young men in the gallery commented
on the scene,
With many a careless word and jest, less
godly far than keen.

And the powers of sin and evil must have
looked in on delight,
And if the blessed angels weep they surely
wept that night;
For the mine was charged with hatred and
the train was laid in pride,
And it needed but an angry word and the
match would be applied.

When quietly a stranger rose, with air subdued
and meek,
And in a low and trembling voice asked
leave that he might speak;
Which being granted him, he turned and
faced the brethren there;
His head was white as driven snow and
bowed with age and care.

"Most forty years ago," he said, "our
church had trouble too;
Then I was young and strong and proud,
just like the most of you;
Our side was bound to have their way, for
we knew that we were right,
But the others, they were just as sure, and
we had a bitter fight

"And cruel words were spoken, and spiteful
deeds were done,
Such words and deeds as Christians as
brethren should shun;
The bands of love were broken that before
our hearts had knit
In Christian peace and fellowship—and at
last our church was split

"I had a son," the old man's voice we now
could hardly hear,
And with his trembling hand he wiped from
his wither cheek a tear;
"I had an only son," he said, "a lad so
bright and fair,
Just"—pointing to the gallery—"like some
of you up there.

"Before the trouble came he had the way
of life been seeking,
And he had almost given his heart into the
Savior's keeping;
But when the fight began I seemed to clean
forget his state,
And, when 'twas over, then I found that I'd
thought of him—too late.

"For when I spoke to him of God and eternity,
He laughed a little scornful laugh and
'guessed he'd wait and see.'
I tried most hard to save him, for I loved
him more than life,
But he answered ever with some jest about
our 'Christian strife' "

The old man's head bent lower, and his
tears ran down like rain,
And in that congregation few could their
tears restrain.
So still they were, his broken words to all
were audible:
"I buried him ten years ago—and—he died
—an—infidel."

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The trouble in the church is past and a
work of grace begun,
And it started with the story of the aged
stranger's son;
For the leaders in the fight joined hands
before the congregation,
And pledged themselves to God anew, in
joint reconsecration.

—Herald and Presbyter.

OUR GREAT NEED—A LIVING CHRIST.

(T. S. Doolittle.)

It was the door of eternity which the angel opened when he rolled back the stone from the sepulcher through which the spiritual life of Christ with all that it accomplishes came for the illumination of the Church and the conquest of the world. What the weak and wandering soul of man most of all needs is the assurance of a living Savior, who imparts everlasting life to his followers. And as we stand before that open tomb astounded at the earthquake, at the appearance of angels, at the figures of the Roman soldiers lying there as dead men, at the amazed women, we see that the meaning of all these circumstances is the risen Lord, whom the grave could not hold. A living Christ in our hearts is the fountain of a new life for us every day. The risen Christ is a living Christ; for this, ever blessed be His name!

W. D. HOWELLS ON THE HOME.

I fancy that the home was always much rarer than we think, and I do not believe that it is rarer now than ever. Indeed, if there are more comfort and more widespread ease and leisure among us, the conditions for the home are more favorable, for it is useless to deny that where there is great poverty, as where there is great luxury, the conditions for the home are bad. The home flourishes best in that middling environment where the family is held strongly together by a common feeling of its supreme value. But where the habitation is bare and squalid there can be no sense of home; and where the social and material circumstance is full of invitation outside of it, the home connot seem the first good of life. It is the family, however, that makes the home; it is often, if not usually, one temperament, the temperament of the mother, that makes it; and this will have more effect in great poverty than in great luxury. We have all seen some woman-nature holding a wretched household together, and shedding its own inner loveliness upon everything in it; and we have all seen some such woman-nature clogged with superfluity, denied its function of giving and blessing, and thrown back upon itself, in circumstances where want could not be imagined. Love expresses itself in help, and where the help is hired there must be less sense of love than where the help is given. Probably, then, there are more who look back tenderly to the house of poverty than to the house of luxury; but one cannot deny that it is possible to look back to a palace home with fond regret. I never heard of such a case, but it is possible to suppose it.

We need not deal long with these extremes. They are commoner among us than they once were, however, and perhaps that is what makes us think that the home, which does not flourish in them, is in decay. Yet, if it were the kind of fact that the census could reach, I should not be at all surprised if the home in the best sense were found flourishing more vigorously than ever before.

The whole effect of our conditions is to create and foster a vast middle class, and with the middle class, as I have expressed, I believe home is more than with the highest or lowest class. The house where there is neither want nor surfeit is peculiarly the shelter of the home. Its inmates, especially the womankind, are dedicated but not sacrificed to the care of it; they are its votaries, not its victims, and their love of it makes it beautiful and precious to all who dwell in it.—Harper's Weekly.

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For The Young People.

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That was a wise saying of the great chemist, Sir Humphrey Davy: "I envy no quality of the mind or intellect in others, be it genius, power, wit, or fancy, but if I could choose what would be most delightful and useful, I should prefer a firm religious faith to every other blessing, for it makes life a discipline of goodness, creates new hopes when all earthly hopes vanish, and throws over the destruction of existence the most gorgeous of all lights, awakens life even in death, and from corruption and decay calls up beauty and divinity, where sensualist and skeptic views afford nothing but gloom, annihilation, and despair."—Selected.

ON BAD HANDWRITING.

One of the most important things for boys or girls to do is to write plainly, so that those who have to read what they write are left in no doubt as to their meaning. Several amusing stories of embarrassment which has followed not learning to write legibly are told. One of these is of a Massachusetts clergyman who nearly got himself into a peck of trouble because of the bad quality of his handwriting. It was more than a century ago that this clergyman had occasion to address a letter to the General Court of Massachusetts upon some subject of great interest at that time. When the letter was received the court ordered the clerk to read it, and were filled with wrath at what appeared to be these words in opening: "I address you not as magistrates, but as Indian devils."

"What!" they cried. "Read that over again. How does he address us?"

"Not as magistrates, but as Indian devils," repeated the clerk.

"That's what he says."

The letter was passed around, and the judges were by no means pleased to see that the clerk had apparently made no mistake. Very angry at what they believed to be an insult, the judges passed a vote of censure upon the clergyman, and wrote to him demandinging an apology. He came before them in person, when it turned out that where the judges had read Indian devils he had written individuals—which, of course, made an apology unnecessary; but the reverend gentleman was admonished to improve his handwriting if he wished to keep out of trouble.—Harper's Young People.

BROTHERS.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Clara Ward, fretfully. Now Clara had three little brothers, aged respectively 2, 4 and 6, whom she thinks—no, did think—were no earthly good. "I wish," she continued, "that all boys were exported to the arctic regions, and we girls left here just as we are—only there would be no hats and caps to pick off the floor, no ragged jackets to mend, no dirty tracks to sweep from the floor, and, above all, no one to yell and make a noise and worry poor kitty half to death," she added.

That night Clara had a strange dream. Somehow the boys were all gone, and Clara must make the fires, go for the letters, drive the calves to pasture, dig the potatoes, and do many other things she never knew before had to be done. But still worse, there were no little arms to clasp her neck in a fond embrace; no rosy lips to kiss her and call her "my dear, big sister." How lonesome she was! for her mother was in heaven, and her Aunt Dora, who kept house for them, was no company at all.

When the house was once tidied up it stayed so all day, for prim Miss Clara made no trash—no, indeed. So she could not even have the cleaning up to do for pastime. But, ah! there is her little Brother Frank standing at her bedside, and the morning sunshine is streaming in at the window.

Ah! it was only a horrid dream after all, and Clara is heartily glad of it. "For what would I do without my dear little brothers?" she mused, as she hastily buttoned her shoes, for Aunt Dora was calling her to come and set the table. What a nice warm fire one of those very little brothers she had called a bother only yesterday had made her! And it was with a feeling of thankfulness in her heart that Clara responded to baby Hal's good morning kiss. Ah, Clara, you have learned a good lesson that you will not soon forget.

The boys could not help wondering what had come over their elder sister, who was usually so cross and fretful, now so cheerful and obliging. That night as Clara knelt by her bed, as she had done since her dear mother's death, she asked Him who rules on high to make her always so, and I think that her prayer was answered.—Alice Howard, in Our Boys and Girls.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

"He has cleansed my heart, sir," is what a little girl said to a clergyman who asked her what she thought the Lord Jesus had done for her. He was surprised, for he had expected her to answer, "He died for me," as he had been talking with her about the death of Jesus on the cross. But no; the chief thing she thought of was the clean heart she knew he had given her.

Do you know whether he has done this for you? Perhaps you say, "How can I tell whether he has done it or not?"

We will tell you of another little girl and how she knew this for herself. Although only 7 years old the Holy Spirit showed her that her heart was not clean, and that she could never make it clean herself, do what she would. She might wash her hands with soap and water and make them clean, but no soap and water could reach and cleanse her heart. Only the blood of Jesus could do that. He showed her this one day while at a children's service.

The words that were said came right home to her; and when the children were told to ask God for clean hearts and believe he heard them, she resolved, young as she was, to do it. So that day when she went home she knelt down at once—not to ask him to help her to be good, but to make her good, to take her old heart entirely away and give her a new, clean heart.

The next night the mother noticed that she did not use the prayer the minister had taught her to use, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." She asked her whether she had forgotten it. "Oh no, mamma," was her answer, "but it would not be right to ask God again for a clean heart, would it? I asked him for it last night, and he said he would do it if I asked him, so I knew he had given it to me, for he is sure to keep his promise. He can't say 'No,' can he, mamma?"—Exchange.

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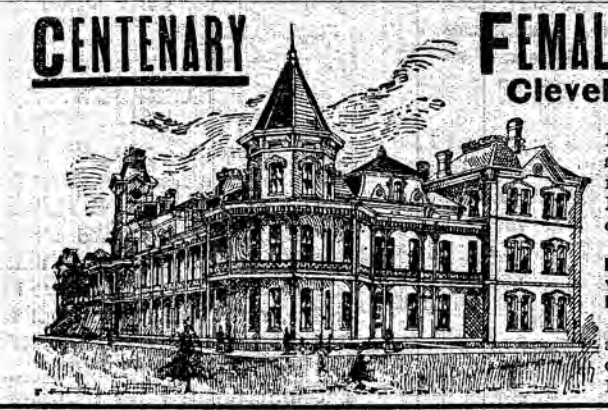

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Our Church at Home

MAMMOTH SPRING, ARK

Mr. Editor: I finished my second round Quarterly Conferences for the Newport District last Monday at Ravenden Station, on the Walnut Hill Mission. I think that the outlook is favorable for a good year's work. The pastors are all praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon their charges and for a great ingathering of souls into the Kingdom of Christ, and a vigorous effort will be made by them to bring up all the Conference collections. One or two of the pastors have been complained of by their members for preaching and talking too much about their own purity—Dr. —— and him sanctified, and not enough about Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I heard a brother evangelist sometime ago tell the Lord in prayer several times in succession that he was not praying for the conversion of sinners, but for the sanctification of the Church. And I thought of the wide difference between him and my Lord, who said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." And of Paul, who said, "this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." Paul wrote the above text thirty years after his conversion.

S. L. Cochran.

VAN BUREN.

Dr. Godbey:

We have some good things to say of Van Buren Station.

The "Church debt" is paid.. The parsonage has been neatly improved, the "mortgage" is off, and the general work of this Church is moving along. The city, meanwhile, is growing and Main street is to be paved.

New buildings go up, "electric lights" is the talk, and the Gospel light continues to shine on—quite clearly too, at all times.

Few charges of the Arkansas Conference have greater possibilities than this, and the "plant" here and strength of the congregation is by no means ordinary.

These rich gifts with social and financial resources fully invested would make a perfectly captivating and delightful movement for the cause of Christ in this very interesting "Queen City" of the Arkansas Valley, which nestles so charmingly at the feet of the Ozark mountains.

No preacher need think it an unkindness to be assigned to a charge already so well to the front in Christian attainments and work, and of such rich and hopeful resources, Bishop Duncan (D. V.) will say, Van Buren, ———. May the providential minister fill the blank.

Much work is done here by the Churches, and none invest more fully than do the people called Methodists. No Church having a second charge here except our own.

About fifty persons have been added to the membership since my appointment here. But revival work is extremely difficult. A good per cent, though, of this congregation will always be found at the post of duty in special efforts in the most important direction.

Pastoral work, studious habits, faithful sermons, the collections, etc., etc., of course, are a necessity; but the whole movement must fail in time if none are saved.

We all thought the "Epworth Conference" at Little Rock a great occasion. Bishop Key's closing prayer was fully sufficient to justify his journey from Texas, and Dr. Steel's address was in every way high class and appropriate.

The city was evidently "given to hospitality" and every one felt that the great company of the League delegation had the "right of way" for the time being.

The programme was of necessity crowded, and the final service of testimony was "knocked out." But as a cheerful, religious, intellectual and enthusiastic meeting, the state conference will be remembered with pleasure as an occasion of superlative profit.

The Arkansas Methodist is expected at the Mulberry District Conference. The editor is much respected hereabouts and the paper circulates.

A. H. Williams.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Dear Dr. Godbey: As I never see anything from these parts I thought I would give you something of what we are doing here at Hot Springs. On East Grand avenue, at Forest Home Church, we have organized an Epworth League since the State Conference at Little Rock, and we hope by another year we shall have a representative at the State Conference, with a bright report. We have twenty-one members in our League and all deeply interested; and O, what a wonderful power these dear young people will be in the coming revivals of this Church and city. We also have a good Sunday school here, the attendance small, but of good interest. Let all the Epworth Leaguers of Arkansas pray for us and our success in this work. This is only a Mission Church, one year old, and we owe $60 on our Church lot here yet, but since we have organized the Epworth League here every effort is being made to make this payment on our lot.

We earnestly ask the prayers and sympathy, and love and aid of all the good people of God upon us in this work.

C. R. Harris,
First Vice-President.

July 12, 1896.

LAURATOWN.

Dear Editor: If you will allow me I will give you a few lines in regard to the Church at this place. In October, 1894, the Methodists organized a Church at Bosler School House with a membership of eleven persons and now we have thirty-five, and I believe with all my heart that we could have had fifty if we had had a good old-time Methodist preacher, but unfortunately for us our preacher, who is of the second blessing theory, has made a hobby of it and preached nothing else. We have the best spiritual interest I ever saw anywhere. We have a prayer meeting every Sunday night and have an altar full of penitents; have had eleven conversions in our prayer meeting this summer, and the Lord is always with us and makes us shouting happy, and I just pray God's blessings to continue with the servants of Christ, and may they never grow weary in well doing, but keep the good work going on and by and by we will hear the welcome call, come up higher and enter into that rest prepared for all that love and serve God. Praying God's blessings to rest upon the Editor and manager of the Methodist, as well as the Church everywhere, I will close. Your Brother in Christ,

J. D. Kelley.

Lauratown, Ark., July 13, 1896.

PALESTINE.

I send the inclosed questions to the Baptists to you for publication if you will do so, but if it goes to the waste basket I will neither feel slighted nor insulted at it. Please send me half a dozen copies of (our) your paper as samples for distribution at Macedonia in Jericho, one of my preaching places. Yours, in Christ,

W. B. Harper.

SOME THINGS I WISH TO KNOW.

Some time ago I was at a Baptist meeting when a man presented himself for membership with a certificate, something like this: This is to certify that the bearer hereof, Brother J. H. Brown, is a good and exemplary member of the Golden Hill Baptist Church of Christ, and while we hate to lose him we recommend him to any other Baptist Church.

Now if they are the only Church Christ has, as they claim to be, why use the word Golden Hill Baptist Church of Christ?

Why not just say Golden Hill Church of Christ?

And again, why say we recommend him to any other Baptist Church?

Why not say, we recommend him to any Church of Christ?

Isn't the adjective Baptist, when used in connection with the only Church our Savior has on earth, a superfluous word.

And when you use the adjective Baptist, in connection with the Church of Christ, doesn't it, according to best grammatical authority, imply that Methodist or Presbyterian or some other Pedo-Baptist name might, with propriety, be applied to Christ's Church with as much Scriptural authority for the name.

W. B. Harper, L. P.

Palestine, Ark., July 12, 1896.

PLUMMERVILLE CIRCUIT.

At the beginning of this year I resolved to do more for God than I had done in any former year. To say the least, I have kept busy, and, have the assurance that my labors are not in vain. We have improved our parsonage to the amount of about $250. We are behind with our finances, but we expect to be up by the end of the year. The Church is growing in labors and spiritually. This promises to be one of the best charges in our Conference. I closed a meeting at Portland on Arkansas river last week. We had forty-seven conversions. We have no established class there, but the majority joined our Church and hold their membership at Plummerville. I began a meeting here in Plummerville last Sunday. There is a great revival among the Christians and sinners are coming to Christ. We are expecting great results before the meeting closes. My health is not good, but I believe it is better than when I began my meetings, and I have conducted two services nearly every day.

Yours in the Gospel,

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Our brief experience in Arkansas has brought to our attention the fact that here, more than anywhere we have known the college agent is at work, and most of these agents represent schools outside of the state. Eastern Arkansas is especially a field for these agents. Many of the people of this section are able to give their children a college education. There are no leading schools in this part of the state. Healthier localities are found elsewhere than in this land of cotton and "sandy bottom." Our people send their sons and daughters away to school.

We wish here to enter a plea for the schools of our state. We have visited all these schools. They are all situated upon the uplands of the middle and western portions of the state in as healthy locations as can be found anywhere. Hendrix College, Galloway Female College, Arkadelphia Methodist College, are as good schools as our people will find anywhere. They all have excellent buildings and able faculties. They are prosperous and have a reputation beyond the state. They have been doing excellent work for some years past.

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We think the time has come that the Methodists of Arkansas can afford to patronize their own schools. They are doing this to a large extent. The prevailing sentiment and the rule among our Methodist people should be to patronize and support the colleges which we have so wisely planted.

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A rare offer of one of the best boarding house localities in Searcy. Located on the northeast corner of block No. 16; its lot being sixty feet on Center street, and one hundred and forty feet on Main street, and distant from railroad depot and Spring Park, three hundred feet. It has eight bed-rooms, an office, dining room that seats pleasantly eighteen guests, a kitchen and cook's room and a well of superior water, under roof within five feet of both dining room and kitchen doors. This property has not hitherto rented under twenty dollars per month, payable monthly in advance until last year. As a boarding-house its success will depend emphatically on its occupant, as an investment, a superior will scarcely be found.

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Elizabeth G. Rives.

Searcy, Ark., July 15, 1896.

Woman's Work.

WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

General officers: Miss Belle Bennett, president, Richmond, Ky.; Mrs. G. P. Kendrick, treasurer, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Helm, editor of "Our Homes," Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. W. Pemberton, corresponding secretary Little Rock Conference Society, Little Rock, Ark.

Helena, July 8, 1896.

Dear Methodist: The fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of White River Conference was held here June 25 to 29. Tuesday afternoon at the elegant home of Mrs. Wellborn, between the hours of 3 and 6, the delegates were hospitably entertained by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. R. C. Moore, Miss Fannie May Moore and Miss Jennie Wellborn, many old acquaintances were renewed and new ones formed. All had a pleasant time. Thursday night devotional exercises by Rev. M. M. Smith. Friday morning the business of the Conference commenced; reading of reports was the first business. While the reports do not show an increase in numbers, they show financially some better. All sessions of the Conference opened with devotional exercises. Saturday morning was takeu up by different committees reporting until the hour which had been set apart for devotional service arrived, when loving tributes of respect and memory were paid to the following, who had died during the Conference year: Mrs. Juliana Hayes, the honored president of the Woman's Board; Mrs D. H. McGavock, the faithful foreign secretary; Mrs. Brewer, Conference editor; Mrs. Andrews, of Cotton Plant Auxiliary, and Miss Cora Hicks, of Galloway Young People. Interesting letters were read from our own misionary, Miss Esther Case, of Mexico, and one from Miss Leona Glenn, Brazil. Rev. C. T. Collyer, of Nashville, a return missionary, was with us during the conference, and helped each and all by his kind suggestions and the deep interest he showed in our work. He made several short talks and preached Sunday night. Miss Mosley, of Forrest City, visited the Conference. She wanted to learn something of the work. She kindly donated to the Conference $10 from the Forrest City League. They have no missionary society, but we hope will soon. Mr. A. L. Malone was a visitor during Conference. He added much to our meeting by many kind suggestions. He is interested in our work. Rev. Frank Barrett, of Marianna preached the annual sermon. It was a grand sermon and enjoyed by all. Batesville was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. H. B. Strange, president, Beebe; Mrs. J. C. Hawthorn, vice-president, Jonesboro; Mrs. Robt. Neill, corresponding secretary, Batesville; Mrs. J. R. Lanier, recording secretary, Helena; Mrs. P. A. Robertson, treasurer, Searcy.

District secretaries—Mrs. Peebles, Searcy District; Mrs. Carrie Bestwick, Helena District; Mrs. I. K. Hooper, Batesville District; Mrs. Crook, Newport District; Mrs. A. L. Malone, Jonesboro District.

Rev. M. M. Smith was with us a portion of the time. His talks were inspiring to all.

Rev. J. C. Brown, the pastor, was ready at all times to do whatever was to be done for the comfort and convenience of every one. He was ready to talk, pray or make suggestions. He placed all under obligations to him. After a fervent prayer and the song "God be with you till we meet again," the fourteenth annual meeting of the Conference adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. P. A. Robertson, treasurer, in account with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the White River Conference, for the year ending March 30, 1896:

DEBTOR.

Augusta Auxiliary	$ 20.40
Barren Fork Auxiliary	8.85
Beebe Auxiliary	19.20
Searcy Auxiliary	32.25
Melbourne Auxiliary	15.00
Howell Auxiliary	9.70
Newport Auxiliary	13.20
McCrory Auxiliary	28.00
Cotton Plant Auxiliary	28.60
Galloway College	56.50
Osceola Auxiliary	26.78
Cabot Auxiliary	20.00
West Point Auxiliary	12.20
Clarendon Auxiliary	51.74
Auvergne Auxiliary	5.47
Helena Auxiliary	20.25
Northeast Jonesboro Auxiliary	23.50
Jonesboro Auxiliary	153.38
St. Francis Auxiliary	50.43
Batesville Auxiliary	64.34
Marianna Auxiliary	15.80
Total	$ 675.24

Juveniles—

Batesville Helpers	$ 11.65
Mary Neill Juveniles	5.37
Beebe Willing Workers	6.30
Cotton Plant Jewels	26.80
McCrory Golden Threads	36.50
Osceola Dewdrops	6.32
Augusta Juveniles	7.50
St. Francis Busy Workers	6.75
Jonesboro Willing Workers	14 30
Little Workers (Deview)	3.30
Jonesboro Rosebuds	46.47
Esther Case Juveniles (Helena)	16.20
Julia Hooper Juveniles (Clarendon	9.12
Searcy Willing Workers	7.39
Total	$ 203.97

Bible and Training School—

Received Jonesboro Auxiliary	20.00
Received Jonesboro Rosebuds	10.00
Received Jonesboro Willing Workers	3 49
Received McCrory Golden Threads	10.00
Northeast Jonesboro Auxiliary	4.70
Received Melbourne Auxiliary	4.70
Received St. Francis Auxiliary	4.13
Received Seary Willing Workers	24.10
Received St. Francis Busy Workers	8.15
Received Batesville Helpers	3.40
Total	$ 97.97

Ella Randle Scholarship—

Received from Mrs. Randle	$ 10.00
Received Jonesboro Auxiliary	5.00
Received Julia Hooper Juveniles	3.50
Received McCrory Golden Threads	5.00
Received Searcy Willing Workers	5.00
Received Jonesboro Rosebuds	4.34
Received Barren Fork Auxiliary	1.00
Received Batesville Auxiliary	2.00
Total	$ 35.84

Contingent Fund—

Amount brought forward	$ 67.05
From Jonesboro District	9.60
from Augusta Auxiliary	10.00
From Jonesboro Auxiliary	6.37
From St. Francis Busy Workers	.20
From West Point Auxiliary	2.25
From Searcy District (per Mrs. Strange)	3.13
From St. Francis Auxiliary	3.75
From Helena District	5.00
From Batesville	8.34
From Northeast Jonesboro Auxiliary	5.00
From Searcy Female Institute	2.03
From Beebe Willing Workers	3.00
From Helena Auxiliary	5.00
From McCrory Golden Threads	5.00
From Clarendon Auxiliary	3.13
From Esther Case Juveniles	2.50
From Melbourne Auxiliary	1.30
From Osceola Dewdrops	2.00
From Searcy Auxiliary	1.75
From Searcy Willing Workers	1.23
From Beebe Auxiliary	5.00
Total	$ 152.63
Total amount received	$1,165.65

1895. CREDITOR.

June 30—Remitted, Mrs. McTyeire	$ 109.77
September 30—Remitted, Mrs. McTyeire	223.89
December 30—Remitted, Mrs. McTyeire	299.86
March 30—Remitted, Mrs. McTyeire	285.45
December 30—Remitted, Miss Billingsley (B. B. Chair)	20.00
May 5—Remitted, Miss Billingsly (B. B. Chair)	66.42
May 5—Remitted, Miss Billingsly (B. B. Chair)	11.55
Total	$1,016.94

Contingent, Paid Out—

To Mrs. Neill, to board meeting at Meridian	$ 21.25
To Mrs. Peebles, to meeting at Jonesboro and office expenses	8.00
To Mrs. Malone	5.00
To Mrs. Loveland	5.00
To Mrs. Hooper	5.00
To Mrs. Strange	6.50
To Printing Minutes	20.00
To treasurer for office expenses	2.00
	$ 72.75
Total amount paid out	$1,089.69

DEBTOR.

Recapitulation—

Received from Auxiliaries	$ 675.24
Received from Juveniles	203.97
Received Bible and Training School	97.97
Received Ella Randle Scholarship	35.84
Received Contingent Fund	152.63
Total	$1,165.65

CREDITOR.

By amount paid Mrs. McTyeire	$ 918.97
By amount to Belle B. Chair (B. and T. S.)	97.97
By amount to contingent expenses	72.75
Total	$1,089.69
Balance for contingent	$ 75.96

Examined and approved,
Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Auditor.

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TO BE RESENTED.

Yes, to be resented by every loyal Methodist, and ethodist preacher in Arkansas. It is this: One Mr. ——, an agent of a female college east of the Mississippi, is in Arkansas representing said college, and he found a Methodist family that had concluded to send a daughter to Hendrix College—occasionally a Methodist chooses to do that, though we, as preachers, recommend that the boys go to Hendrix and the girls to Galloway.

This same said agent of the school east of the river, said: "A student can get more at the female college he represented by absorption than by taking the regular course at Hendrix College.

But thinking this misrepresentation insufficient he goes still further, and said, "That he would guarantee that if a student would stay she could learn more at the female college he represented in ten months than at Hendrix College in thirty months." How is that? I presume the gentleman would not hesitate to discriminate in the same way against Galloway College or any other Arkansas school. I have nothing to say about the school he represents. It is a Methodist school, and no doubt a good one, but why should it send out an agent to misrepresent and depreciate our Arkansas schools? We are not troubling them. We do not go into their territory and speak disparagingly of their schools and boost ours. If they have such superior advantages and can do so much better work, why do they have to come in our state and cut prices and misrepresent our school, to get students? There seems to be but one solution. They regard our Arkansas girls as vastly superior material. You see he don't claim that any other could learn simply by absorption.

We have concluded over here to try to help on the cause of education in our grand old Methodist Church, and hence have two colleges, Galloway and Hendrix, and these colleges have the best wishes and earnest prayers of the honored bishops whose names they bear, and shall we suffer them misrepresented and not resent it? As to the superiority of work done east of the big river, that is simply bosh, as devoid of truth as the statements made by this agent.

I have been told that this same agent who makes these false statements, is mighty good (?) help in a big meeting. After our struggle to build and maintain colleges in Arkansas, where they are so much needed, it seems to me that these older states and institutions who have such a large representation here, should be disposed to help rather than hinder.

M. M. Smith.

Conway, July 15.

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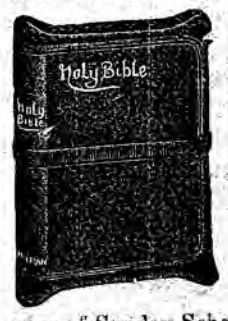

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Quarterly Meetings

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
Third Round.
W. F. Evans, P. E.

July—Rocky Comfort circuit, 4, 5; Center Point circuit, 11, 12; Washington circuit, 18, 19; Spring Hill circuit, 25, 26.

August—Chapel Hill circuit, 1, 2; Lockesburg circuit, 8, 9; Hope station, 15, 16; Genoa circuit, 22, 23; De Anne circuit, 29 30; Nashville circuit, 29, 30.

September—Prescott station, 5, 6; Emmett circuit, 5, 6.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Redfield, June 27 and 28.
Humphrey, July 4 and 5.
Lakeside, July 11 and 12.
DeWitt, July 18 and 19.
Gillett, July 25 and 26.
First Church, Pine Bluff, August 1 and 2.
White River, August 8 and 9.
Little Prairie, August 15 and 16.
Macon, August 22 and 23.
English, August 29 and 30.
Sheridan, September 5 and 6.
Sherrill, September 12 and 13.
C. C. Godden, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
Thos. H. Ware, P. E.

July—Mablevale ct., 11 and 12; Winfield Memorial, 16; Des Arc and De Vall's Bluff, 18 and 19; Austin, 25 and 26.

August—Carlisle and Hazen, 1 and 2; Hickory Plain, 8 and 9; Asbury 13; Tomberlin, 15 and 16; Maumelle, 22 and 23; Oak Hill, 22 and 23; Lonoke, 28; Barrettsville, 29 and 30.

September—England and Liberty, 5 and 6; First Church, 9.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)

July—Arkadelphia sta., 4 and 5; Malvern sta., 11 and 21; Benton sta., 25 and 27.

August—Collegeville cir., 2 and 3; Bryant cir., 8 and 9; Clark cir., 15 and 16; Dalark cir., 22 and 23; Holly Springs cir., 29 and 30.

September—Princeton cir., 5 and 6; Gurdon cir., 19 and 20; Lono cir., 26 and 26.

October—Murfreesboro cir., 3 and 4; Social Hill cir., 10 and 11.
Horace Jewell.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
J. R. Moore, P. E.

July—Fordyce sta., 4 and 5; Camden sta., 12 and 13; El Dorado, 18 and 19; Stephens and Waldo, 25 and 26.

August—Camden ct., 1 and 2; Junction, 8 and 9; Lapile, 15 and 16; Lisbon, 17 and 18; Walunt Hills, 22 and 23; Lewisville, 25 and 26; Bearden and Mellville, 29 and 30; Hampton, 31 and September 1.

September—Ouachita, 5 and 6; Carolina, 7 and 8; Harmony Grove, 12 and 13; Atlanta, 19 and 20; Magnolia, 26 and 27.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
J. A. Sage, P. E.

July—Oma ct., Carpenter's Capel, 4 and 5; New Liberty, Morning Star, 11 and 12; Mount Ida ct., Bethel, 11 and 12; District Conference, Amity, 15 to 19; Saline ct., Liberty Hill, 25 and 26.

August—Cove ct., Cove 1 and 2; Dallas ct., Mountain Fork, 8 and 9; Cherry Hill, Grenade's Chapel, 15 and 16; Amity ct., County Line, 15 and 16; Hot Springs ct., 22 and 23; Malvern Hill, 29 and 30.

September—Central Avenue, 5 and 6.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
T. D. SCOTT, P. E.

June—Monticello, 27 and 28.

July—Arkansas City, at Collins, 4 and 5; Warren, 11 and 12; Bartholomew ct., at Millar's Chaple, 18 and 19; Hamburg, 25 and 26.

August—Tillar ct., at Newton's Chapel, 1 and 2; Lacey ct., at Fountain Hill 8 and 9; Mount Pleasant st., at Mount Pleasant, 15 and 16; Berea ct., at Extra, 22 and 23; Carriola ct., at Concord, 29 and 30.

September—Star City ct., at Grady, 5 and 6; Palestine ct., 12 and 13; Hamburg ct., 19 and 20.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)

July—Mammoth Springs and Williford, 4 and 5; Siloam ct., 8 and 9; Pocahontas ct., 11 and 12; Walnua Ridge sta., 18 and 19; Portia ct., 19 and 20; Tuckerman ct., 23 and 24; Jacksonport miss., 25 and 26; Newport sta., 26 and 27.

August—Smithville ct., 1 and 2; Black Rock and Imboden ct., 2 nad 3; Clover Bend miss., 8 and 9; Reyno ct., 14 and 15; Corning and Knobel, 16 and 17; Walnut Hill miss., 22 and 23.
S. L. Cochran, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)

June—Jnesboro sta., 20 and 21; Nettleton ct., 22; Lorad ct., 24; Marion ct., 27 and 28; Osceola ct., 30.

July—Blytheville ct., 1; Osceola sta., 4 and 5; Paragould sta., 11 and 12; Harrisburg ct., 20; Vaundale ct., 22; Gainesville ct., 25 and 26; Marmaduke miss., 26 and 27; Golden Lake ct., 29.

August—Shiloh ct., 1 and 2; Paragould ct., 6; St. Francis ct., 7; Boydsville, ct., 8 and 9; Main Shore miss., 12; Buffalo Island ct., 15 and 16; Brookland ct., 16 and 17.
Frank Ritter, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
Jas. F. Jernigan, P. E.

July—Oil Trough, 15 and 16; Sulphur Rock and New Ark, 16 and 17; Sulphur Rock ct., 18 and 19; District Conference, 22 and 25; Cushman ct., 25 and 26.

August—Evening Shade, 1 and 2; Calamine, 5; Jamestown, 8 and 9; Cedar Grove, 12; Mountain View, 15 and 16; Richwoods, 19; Iuka, 22 and 23; Newberg, 26; Melbourne, 29 and 30.

September—Viola, 2; Salem, 5 and 6; Indian Camp, 9; Ash Flot, 12 and 13; La Crosse, 16; Batesville and Central Avenue, 19 and 20.

SEARCY DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)

July—Augusa sta., 4 and 5; Searcy sta., 12 and 13; West Searcy ct., 25 and 26.

August—Bald Knob ct., 1 and 2; Ward miss., 8 and 9; Mount Pisgah cir., 15 and 16; Argenta sta., 20; Jacksonville cir., 22 and 23; Minera cir., 29 and 30.

September—El Paso, 5 and 6; Beebe and West Point cir., 12 and 13, Beebe cir., 15; Auvergne and Weldon 19 and 20; Union and Revel 20 and 21; Stony Point cir., 24.
Henry T. Gregory, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.
M. M. Smith, P. E.
(Third Round.)

July—Forrest City Station, 11, 12; Taylor's Creek Circuit, 18, 19; McCrory and Wynne, 25, 26; DeView, Miss., 28, 29.

August—Cotton Plant and Howell, 1, 2; Brinkley, Miss., 8, 9; Helena Station, 15, 16; Marianna Station, 22, 23; Hayns Circuit, 29, 30; Wheatley Circuit, 29, 30; Oak Forrest Circuit, 29, 30; Cypress Ridge Circuit, 29, 30.

September—La Grange Circuit, 5, 6; Holly Grove and Marvell, 12, 13; Turner, Miss., 14, 15; Clarendon, 19, 20.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

HARRISON DISTRICT
Third Round
O H Tucker, P. E.

July—Oakland and Fairview, at Wesley Chapel, 4, 5; Valley Springs, at Yardelle, 18, 19; Lone Rock, at Martin Springs, 25, 26.

August—Wiley's Cave, at McGuire's Chapel, 1, 2; Marshall and Big Flat, 8, 9; Yellville station, 15, 16; Yellville circuit, at Cedar Grove, 22,23; Mountain Home station, 29, 30.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.
S. S. Key, P. E.

Van Buren and City Mission, July 3, 4 and 5.
Chester Mission, at White Water, July 11 and 12.
Ozone, at Concord, July 18 and 19.
Ozark Circuit, August 1 and 2.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
V. V. Harlan, P. E.

May:
Boonsboro at White Rock, 30 and 31.
June:
Center Point at Hebron, 6 and 7.
Prairie Grove at Prairie Grove, 13 and 14.
Springdale at Bethel, 20 and 21.
Elm Springs at Elm Springs, 27 and 28.
July:
Rogers, 4 and 5.
Pea Ridge at Clements' Chapel, 12 and 13.
Springtown at Bloomfield, 18 and 19.
Gravett at Gravett, 25 and 26.
August:
Fayetteville, 1 and 2.
Farmington at Farmington, 8 and 9.
Cincinnati at Amity, 15 and 16.
Bentonville, 22 and 23.
White River, 29 and 30.
September:
Siloam Springs, 5 and 6.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT THIRD ROUND.

Prairie View Circuit, July 4, 5.
London Circuit, July 18, 19.
Rover Circuit, July 25, 26.
Gravelly Hill Circuit, August 1, 2.
Russellville Station, August 8, 9.
Dardanelle Station, August 15, 16.
P. B. Summers, P. E.

EUREKA SPRINGS DISTRICT.
Third Round.
P. B. Hopkins, P. E.

July—Green Forest, 4 and 5; Carrollton, at Pleasant Valley, 11 and 12; Goshen, at Langley, 18 and 19; Huntsville, at Presley's Chapel, 25 and 26.

August—St. Paul, at Combs, 1 and 2; War Eagle, at Rocky Branch, 8 and 9; Kingston, at Piney, 15 and 16; Hackler's Grove, at Hackler's Grove, 22 and 23.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.
J. T. Bagwell, P. E.

July—Quitman ct., 4 and 5, at Bethesda; Morrilton sta., 11 and 12, at Morrilton; Mt. Vernon ct., 18 and 19, at Pleasant Valley; Morganton miss., 25 and 26, at Morganton; Quitman sta., 25 and 26, at Quitman, including the District Conference at Quitman.

August—Springfield ct., 1 and 2, at Springfield; Clinton ct., 8 and 9, at Pleasant Grove; Rupert miss., 13 and 14, at Damascus; Cleveland miss., 15 and 16, at Center Point; Martinville ct., 22 and 23, at New Bethel.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.
Third Round.
D. J. Weems, P. E.

July—Charleston, at Pleasant Ridge, 4 and 5; Paris and Roseville, at Roseville, 11 and 12; Greenwood, at Mount Zion, 18 and 19; Hackett, at Mount Olive, 25 and 26.

August—Cawthorn, at New Hope, 1 and 2; Waldron, at Mount Pleasant, 8 and 9; Fort Smith, at First Church, 16 and 17; Fort Smith, at Central, 23 and 24; Corksville, at Low's Creek, 29 and 30.

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If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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CARSON—Mrs. Rebecca D., was born January 30, 1856, and died in Texarkana, Ark., May 3, 1896. She was the daughter of Harmon Rodgers, an old and highly respected citizen of Ouachita county, Ark. At Silver Springs Church, in this county, she was converted at the age of 12 years. Ever after this she was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South. She married Mr. Carson in Ouachita county. Some years after they moved to Magnolia and from there to Texarkana. Mr. Carson's health failed several years before her death, and though in poor health herself, she labored and managed to support her family. She was devoted to her children like a true mother, and did not spare herself that they might be comfortable.

Sister Carson was a devoted Christian, and her record is on high and her record is with the Lord. Many loved ones have greeted her. Others follow on. What a glorious meeting after a while.

J. W. Johnson.

MALONE—Little Bennie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Malone, was born March 23, 1886, and died June 13, 1896. Her death was a great surprise to both the family and friends. She was sick but a few days and her case was not considered serious until a few hours before her death. But the message came and she answered the call and went to join the blood-washed throng. About a year ago she went to Christ in prayer. He converted her soul. She was a witness to Christ's love. As I talked with her afterwards I said truly "Infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name." She was a bright, cheerful, sweet-spirited little girl. Her demise was a great shock to the parents; the only one of a family of six children that has been taken. Truly God's ways are high and past finding out, but we submit to His will and expect to see our loved ones again.

William Sherman.

DODD—Mrs. Hallie L. Dodd was born December 7 and died January 31, 1896. While young she professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her mother and one sister have gone before. Only her father and one sister of the family remain. Her husband, Mr. Dodd, and their three little girls mourn deeply the loss of the dear wife and mother. Everything was done that could be to restore health or to prolong life. As a last resort she was taken to El Paso, Texas, where she died. She trusted in Jesus and conquered and could say: "O, death, where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?"

When everything had been arranged for she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bascom Monk, at the old home Church at Yellville, Ark. She is at rest and happy now. May none of her friends, which are many, fail to meet her on that "evergreen shore."

O. H. Tucker.

TACKETT—Sallie, the daughter of C. C. and Nora Lee Holladay, was born in Alabama in the year of 1862. Her parents moved to this County and State in 1872.

She was married to James R. Tackett in 1882, professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the summer of 1891 at Martindale Church.

She has lingered for some time with consumption till her life ebbed away on the night of March 27.

It was my pleasure to know her twenty-four years and I have never met a more estimable and truer friend than she; always kind and generous-hearted to all her acquaintances.

What a comfort to husband, mother, brothers and three little children to mourn her loss. But think of her as she expressed herself that she was ready to go at God's calling.

Farewell, dear Sallie, we will meet you where there are

"No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more."

Maggie J. Harding.

MOORES—Mary D. Moores was born in Richmond, Little River County, Ark., August 2, 1874. At about twelve years of age she was born of the Spirit and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her religious zeal was intense, always ready to do what she was called upon to do, serving her Savior in any sphere in which she was placed. Neither the chilly winds of winter nor burning suns of summer kept her from duty.

She was especially devoted to the Sunday school. She loved her class and they loved her. She held their attention, and as a result won their hearts and affection. In the Epworth League she was active, always at her place when her health would permit, and would take part, pray, talk, do anything she could, and she could do most anything that was to be done. As a member of the Church she was loyal, consistent, earnest, faithful, enthusiatic, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, always abounding in the work of the Lord. She had a great interest in missions; the condition of the heathen moved her very soul. She did what she could for them, but her work on earth is done. On the evening of June 13, 1896, the end came and as quietly as an infant ever fell asleep in its mother's arms she fell asleep in Jesus'. We will meet her again.

William Sherman.

WATSON—Bro. John, was born in the state of North Carolina December 9, 1816. In early life he moved to Alabama, where he remained till 1849, at which time he came to Arkansas and settled near Monticello in Drew County. In 1852 he was married to Miss Amanda Adams, with whom he lived a most happy and pleasant life for forty-four years, and who now is left alone to mourn his departure.

Bro. Watson was always an honest, upright citizen endeavoring to put into practice the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you."

Not till 1892 did he become convicted of sin. But his conviction was deep, pungent and profound. So much was he interested that he would rise at midnight and walk about in the forest seeking relief. After much seeking the glorious light of the Son of God burst upon his benighted soul, and his conversion was as bright and clear as his conviction had been deep and profound. Soon after this he joined the M. E. Church, South. During these last days, while he was slowly growing weaker, he more than once expressed his desire to go home to rest with the Lord, which he did July 1, 1896. His faithful Christian wife knows where to find him. May God bless her in her sore bereavement.

J. M. Hughey.

JOBE—Claud E., son of Wm. P. and Alice Jobe, was born October 8, 1894, and departed this life June 3, 1896.

Aged, 1 year, 6 months and 5 days.

Little Claud was a bright and promising child, the light of home, the delight of the young father and mother. But our Father, who doeth all things well, has taken him to himself, where flowers bloom to fade no more.

"What I do ye know not now, but ye shall know hereafter."

May the sorrowing parents so endure these afflictions that they may bring them nearer to the Lord.

Jas. J. Holland.

Boonesboro, Ark.

SHERROD—Ora Edna, daughter of Albert and Julia Sherrod, was born December 29, 1879, and died June 25, 1896.

Ora professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church at Gum Springs, at, or about the age of 12 years, under the ministry of her grandfather, Rev. J. M. Talkington. Her Christian life was a beautifully consistent one. It was the writer's pleasure to be in her company in her home and elsewhere a number of times, and her deportment was always that becoming a Christian young lady.

Her mother has been a great sufferer for a number of years, and Ora always gave her the kindest attention. Her last efforts were in behalf of her afflicted mother.

"She has gone on," and I am sure that while relatives and friends mourn her departure here, she is seated under "the tree of life," enjoying sweet strains of heavenly music, while the gentle zephyrs of paradise fan her angelic brow.

It seems to us hard to have to give up our loved ones, but we must always bow in humble submission to Him "who doeth all things well," remembering "That all things work together for good to them that love God."

Father, mother, friends, cease your mourning and dry away your tears, for all is well with Ora. She is in heaven and you can go to her. Her pastor,

D. H. Colquette.

July 6, 1896.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst and to call to himself, our beloved brother and coworker, Robert Sebastian Maddox, who died June 27, 1896. Be it therefore resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, deeply deploring the loss of our kind teacher and useful member of our Church.

2. That while his stay among us was short, we had learned to appreciate him as a Christian man and to love him as a friend.

3. That we extend our deep-felt sympathy to the bereaved family in their sad affliction, and pray that the same may work out for them spiritual good and that they will strive to go onward and upward to meet again in the home of the Lord the loved one gone before.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our Sunday school record and a copy be sent to the Arkansas Methodist for publication.

MASON E. MITCHELL,
J. D. COLLIER,
A. L. MASSEY,
H. H. PROPST,
MISS ANNIE DUNCAN,
Committee.

Adopted by the M. E. Sunday school, Conway, Ark., Sunday, July 5, 1896.

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LOOK AFTER THEM.

On the 30th of June all United States liquor licenses expired and every one who sells liquor since that time without a new license is violating the United States law. We give below the names of those who have procured new license. We intended only to give names in prohibited territory, but not knowing every place I may have some places where the sale under state law is lawful. I may also have some druggists in prohibited districts. But I doubt not that there will be found in the list a large number who are selling in violation of state law in which the United States license is no protection to them. The United States law requires those who have United States license to post them up in a conspicuous place about the place of business. I am glad to note that there are fewer licenses granted this year than any year before. And there are no transfers as yet. The Methodist exposed that scheme so thoroughly that it was abandoned. In a few counties, as Ashley, Clay, Greene, White and a few others, there seems to be a dead set determination on the part of a few men to violate law and run over the people. Let the friends of temperance be just as determined that they shall not do it and the conflict is bound to result in victory for law and temperance. Watch the advocates of grape culture. The liquor men have lost hope in a straight fight, but they will squeeze in by the grape vine route if possible.

Geo. Thornburgh.

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Berryville, J. W. Kirkham.
Beebe, F. W. Linden.
Beebe, A. W. Campbell.
Batesville (near), R. W. Earhart.
Retail and wholesale.
Bentonville, Macon & Carson.
Same Wholesale.
Brinkley, C. H. Pasley.
Brinkley, A. J. Vaccaro & Co.
Same, Malt liquor.
Brinkley, S. C. Webber.
Bald Knob, Jno. J. Underwood.
Clarendon, G. O. Baldwick.
Malt liquor.
Cummins, W. N. Miller.
Corning, J. J. Bradley.
Malt liquor.
Corning, Jas. Johnson.
Corning, — Vandover.
Cody, Jordan & Co.
Cariola, J. Kaufman.
Cariola, R. S. Ralph.
Clarksville, A. W. McKennon.
Clarksville, C. E. Robinson.
Corner Stone, W. C. Wesner.
Chester, Sinco & Peters.
Cotton Plant (near), Pasley & Burkett.
Crawfordsville, J. A. Thomas.
Clarence, Jno. W. West.
Dermott, E. Gaster.
Dermott, J. F. Patton.
Des Arc, H. S. Loretz & Co.
Douglass, F. T. Lee.
Dumas, D. O. Porter & Co.
Fredonia, A. L. and W. L. Aydelotte.
Fayetteville, C. L. Benbrook.
Fayetteville, Smith & Williams.
Fayetteville, W. H. Whitlow.
Fair Oaks, J. M. and R. N. Cook.
Fulton, Cox Bros.
Fulton, Obe Wilson.
Farmington, J. H. Cato.
Greenway, Dawson & Clearer.
Malt liquor.
Gallatin, R. F. Flat.
Gravett, E. M. Gravett.
Wholesale.
Grady, G. E. Hawley.
Gilmore, G. F. Morris.
Grand Lake, F. Weiss.
Humphrey, Humphrey Liquor Company.
Hazen, Joe Johnson &Co.
Hazen, Thos. B. Russell.
Hudspeth, A. N. McDaniel.
Huntsville, T. C. Skaggs.
Hamburg, J. H. Pryor.
Hamburg, M. E. Sawyer.
Indian Bay, T. D. Brown.
Judsonia, Jno. S. Eastland.
Knobel, Joseph Mellert.
Malt liquor.
Lake Hall, Walter Davis.
Lonoke, A. J. Harcrow.
Lamar, G. D. Huddleston.
Lamar, C. S. Roberts.
Luna Landing, S. K. Nelson.
Laconia, S. P. Thompson & Co.
Morrell, Abe Walton.
Mechanicsville, S. Bloom.
Mena, T. M. Carder.
Maysville, Henry Coats.
Maysville, J. P. Dwyer & Co.
Maysville, W. C. Sellers.
Marcella, T. M. Hesse & Co.
Marcella, T. M. Hess & Co.
Wholesale.
Marked Tree, L. Koble.
Marked Tree, J. R. May.
Marked Tree, Smith & Koble.
Morrilton, W. T. Orrill.
Morrilton, W. H. Wild.
Osage Mills, D. Brown.
Opello, N. C. Harris.
Paragould, A. House.
Paragould, A. B. Baird.
Paragould, J. H. Bryant.
Paragould, R. J. Green.
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Malt liquors.
Palmer, J. Dean & Co.
Petersburg, J. W. Hawkins.
Peters, Sam J. Houston.
Prescott, J. O. Howell.
Prescott, Hugh, Moncrief.
Portland, Mathews & Bell.
Plummerville, G. W. Smith.
Rector, Lovejoy & Vowell.
Reyno, B. F. Biggar.
Wholesale.
Redemption (near), J. S. Harris.
Raggio, J. W. Harris & Co.
Raggio, Kinnard & Harden.
Rogers, McGarrah & Cowen.
Redfork, J. P. Stahl.
St. Paul, Crawford Bros.
St. Paul, Oscar Jarnagan.
Sulphur Springs, Davis & Boone.
Stuttgart, J. B. Lane.
Stuttgart, E. & C. Mathews.
Stuttgart, Wm. Summermacher.
Malt liquor.
Swan Lake, Stephen Pierce.
Staunton, Jno. Winn.
Vincent, J. A. Thomas.
Washington, C. M. Conway.
Winthrop, M. H. Gray.
Winthrop, A. L. Perry.
Wilton, N. D. Cooper.
Wilton, J. M. Pipkin.
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Williford (near), A. C. Higginbotton.
Wholesale.
Walnut Lake, — Robinson.
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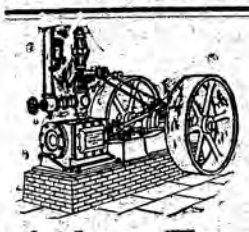
James M. Cline.



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