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General News.

Anglo-Russian Imbroglio.

For a time at least, these two great powers of Europe have laid down their implements of war, and settled their difficulties before another tribunal; but it is generally believed that it is only a temporary lull in the storm, and they will soon appeal to the arbitrament of war. Indeed it seems like only a piece of well planned diplomacy on the part of Russia to gain time. She is compelled to reach the sea, and she will do so ere many months have passed away, either with or without the consent of the English lion. This great nation is constantly torn with internal strife. Agrarianism has appeared in certain portions of the empire, and this combined with Nihilism will force Russia to get rid of her super-abundance of idle people.

England.

Our mother country it seems will never get out of her troubles. Ireland is a continuous fretting sore, her colonies are restless, and even at home, there are disturbing questions, and now the great whiskey question looms up in connection with taxes and revenue, and the grand old Premier, Gladstone, has all he can do to steer the ship of state amid the breakers. There is constantly increasing friction between the House of Lords and the Lower House and the rumbling thunders are becoming more and still more distinct, and the end is not yet.

India.

Has earthquakes, and almost every other sort of a quake. The wealth of the Indias is the coveted prize of the nations, and they are not willing for "Ole John Bull" to have all the bone. There will be more and still more trouble on this line.

Turkey

The Turkish government has sent 17,000 troops to Salonica on account of the threatening attitude of Russia on the Bulgarian frontier. So it seems that what we have written above is being quickly fulfilled. Russia must have the way of the seas, and she must rid herself of her floating population; and Turkey has as much in proportion to her population.

France-Chinese War.

This strange and unavoidable difficulty between France and China has passed away without any visible results, and neither have gained any decided advantage; but China's gates are being prized off the hinges, and christian civilization will enter, and the great rotten mass that is the pestilence of the world and the dread of the nations, will be permeated and lessened.

Our Own Country.

Our President holds boldly on in his own way, and shows the same determined spirit to administer the government according to the constitution and the laws. It is a debatable question as to who has any influence with him, and the press and people are both about to conclude that he has a head of his own. Very few changes are being made, and appointments are few and far between, and government pap is doled out exceedingly grudgingly. It may be all right, but the South certainly has stood these vampires for twenty long years, and ought to be relieved. The Nation's patient, Gen. Grant, still lingers in pain, and his doctors say he will not survive six months; but then doctors don't always know, and they hardly ever agree if they can help it.

The great revivals are continuing, and it seems as if our country is about to have just such another baptism as we enjoyed in 1858. Atlanta, Chattanooga, Louisville, Nashville and many other cities, are sharing largely the rich and copious showers of divine grace. College commencements are abundant and our people are waking up to the great importance of christian education.

State News.

Great revival at Russellville—over 800 conversions reported. Report from Brother Melton next week.

Dardanelle District Conference will convene at Danville, June 25th, at night, and we hope to be there.

A bad killing scrape on the Knobel Branch of the Iron Mountain railroad, between Forrest City and Helena.

Our State University is now in the midst of commencement exercises, and the people of Fayetteville are happy.

A new transfer company is one of the latest improvements of Little Rock. Our "City of Roses" is on a boom.

The Malvern Weekly News has a splendid letter from Tulip, signed Edward. We recognize the sign, manual.

Our contemporary, the Gazette, is still too busy to compare circulation with us. They will do better after awhile.

Rev. N. M. Long, of Memphis, preached the commencement sermon of the Searcy Male and Female College, last Sunday.

Searcy has had two sensations the past week—the killing of a bear, and the robbing of a store, by a colored Baptist preacher.

Our crop prospects are brightening with the approach of summer, and we still hope and believe that our crop will be a good one.

"Judsonia shipped 38,400 quarts of strawberries, worth \$3,200, one day last week." Our State is coming to the front in fruits and berries.

This Senior has accepted the appointment of Chaplain of our State Penitentiary, and will do all that can be done for the poor unfortunates.

Hon. T. E. Gibbon, the rising young lawyer, of this city, addressed the Alumnae of Arkansas Female College last week. It was a splendid effort.

The Camden Beacon has put in its appearance at our sanctum. Our friend Holmes has been in luck; good music was furnished at his house, and ripe pears were June could come. Jimmy, that is too much for sinners such as you.

Brother C. C. Colburn, of the Ozark Democrat, speaks out very plainly concerning our Arkansas Industrial University. It ought to be made in reality what it is in name. We have no need of a classical dude factory in Arkansas, but we do need an Industrial University.

Little Rock University, M. E. C., holds commencement this week. Closing exercises at the Main street church, on Wednesday night. It is, perhaps, a good school, but we doubt the propriety of calling such Universities. Many good schools are injured by too much name.

Gen. H. King White, mayor of Pine Bluff, was in our city this week. He says all places of gambling and all saloons are closed in that city on the Sabbath, and that they shall remain so while he is mayor. We see that the mayor of Chicago has closed out gambling in that city. What will our Mayor Kramer do? We wait to see. He is dealing with little matters at this time.

Arkansas Chautauqua Assembly has issued a detailed programme, beginning on Saturday, the 13th of June, and continuing to July 6th. We hope to put in our appearance July 1st, and give two days to this great effort of our people to build up at home, and help our State to expand and develop. Prof. Dolgoruki has commenced a small paper in connection with it, and it will be a grand success.

Personal.

Col. L. D. Palmer, our business manager, has met the expectations of every one, and will, of course, remain.

Rev. C. Pope writes encouragingly of his prospects at Millersburg, Ky. That college has had a great run, and our brother will bring it up again.

Rev. L. M. Keith, our P. C. at Hamburg, Ark., brings us under obligations for subscribers and renewals, with a little over \$8 in cash. Many thanks.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., our long Missionary Secretary, is fully organizing the "Missionary Sectarist," and will be compelled to stay where he is for another term.

Rev. J. C. Brown will orate at Altus next week, and this editor will give a few scattering remarks to the boys ere they depart for the voyage of life on the ocean of time.

Rev. D. C. Kelley, D. D., our little, but great Missionary Treasurer, is perfectly content with his work, and everybody says he must stay and keep the missionary fire burning.

Hon. Simon P. Hughes, our worthy governor, will speak at Clinton on the 17th of this month, at the close of their Academical year, and this Senior will preach on the Sunday before.

Prof. Otis Patten was a caller this week, and as usual was on business connected with charity. Many tears will be shed by widowhood and orphanage, when this christian philanthropist is called home.

Rev. A. R. Kennedy, D. D., the popular pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of this city, has gone to attend the commencement exercises of Batesville College, at Batesville, this week. He gave us a call before leaving.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., our indomitable book agent, looks as well as he has done for the last four or five years, and is perfectly safe for another quadrennium in his present quarters. Let him wear out for he will never rust out.

Rev. Geo. A. Dannelly spent Sunday, June 7th, among his old parishioners, at Argenta. He was en route to Camden, on Masonic business, we suppose. Our Junior was at home on that day, taking in the commencement of the Searcy college.

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., is an indispensable to the Christian Advocate. His racy paragraphs, juicy editorials and bear stories, have made the Advocate the peer of any paper in our land, and of course he will have to remain in his present quarters for another four years.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty, editor of the Richmond Advocate, will soon issue a book of sermons and sayings of Rev. Sam Jones. Of course it will have a great run, but we fear the result. Very few men ever survive a published volume of their sermons, but our Sam may be an exception.

Rev. A. P. Melton tells of a wonderful work of grace in Russellville, conducted by Rev. Mr. Robinson of Milan, Tenn. Brother M. thinks he is a second Sam Jones. May be so, but remember there has never been but one Sam Jones. Your report will appear as soon as we can make room.

Rev. W. P. Harrison, D. D., our book editor, we did not see, nor did we have time to call on our Sunday-school men, but all were busy, and our people might as well know that we have no Bishop timber in and around Nashville; the fact is, that theological needle points to a radical change, which will elect our superintendents every four years, and bring the "Old Guards" to the front in our rapidly growing Methodist.

Field Notes.

We begin our weekly report with a sweet little note from a Christian sister: "Brother Winfield—Please find enclosed a \$1.50 Postal Note, for the renewal of my paper. It is out and I would not know how to keep house without the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Your sister in Christ, Jane Bonner, Poplar Grove, Ark., June 2, 1885." We give it all, because it is a model to pattern after. How many will do likewise?

Here is another on the same line, from our brother, A. T. Galloway, for the present resting: "Dear Brother—I fail to get my paper since I ordered it changed to Dallas. If it is still going to New Edinburg, or to Garlandville, Ark., please to change to Dallas, Polk Co., Ark. Don't let my paper stop. Can't do without it. I am glad to report that the getting air and Bethesda Springs are mounting me well again. My voice is coming to me. I greet it as I would a dear friend after a long absence." Of course the paper shall come, for we do not wish to do without you.

And next we present two good cards from our brother, J. F. Pike, in relation to our old friend, Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, formerly of the Little Rock Conference: "Please announce that Rev. J. A. Anderson, a supernumerary member of White River Conference, has been near the gate of death for the last two months. There is very little prospect of recovery, but he is ready for an exchange of worlds. He said to me the other day, if he should pass away, to tell the brethren that he died at his post. He is at the house of his brother-in-law, Jas. F. Edwards, in the neighborhood of Stony Point, five miles from Beebe, Ark."

"El Paso, Ark., May 25, 1885.

"Some two weeks ago I wrote a notice of Rev. J. A. Anderson's illness, and mailed it to you, stating that he had been very low, and is still near the gate of death at his brother-in-law's, Jas. F. Edwards, in Stony Point neighborhood, and about five miles from Beebe. I suppose you did not receive the notice. Please let his brethren of White River Conference know of his illness through the METHODIST." These will make many sad in the bounds of our circulation, for Bro. Anderson has a host of friends.

Here is a sweet little morceau from Brother R. T. Nabors, from Murfreesboro circuit: "We have just closed, at Murfreesboro, an interesting meeting. No conversions reported, but quite a number of young men and ladies promised, by giving their hands to the minister, to lead religious lives, and a fine religious influence pervades the church. Rev. G. W. Logan was with us and did excellent preaching. We love Bro. Logan, and appreciate his visit, and will always tender him a warm reception, remembering him kindly in our hearts for the sweet spirit he manifested while among us. He bears with him the best wishes and prayers of this community. We believe there is a brighter day for Murfreesboro. May it soon dawn in rich divine blessings. Pray for us, and may the God of peace ever send you the brightest prosperity." We like that.

Next is our true friend, Rev. John R. Sanders, of Washington circuit. Always at work and always successful: Please send the ARKANSAS METHODIST to P. H. Elliott, Hope, Ark., and charge same to me. He will pay me before conference. Last Saturday I commenced a two-days meeting at Alexander school, an extra appointment, four miles southeast of this place. The meeting was interesting, and yesterday we organized a church there with nine members, and a Sunday-school yesterday afternoon with thirty-seven members. One conversion last night, several mourners

at the altar, and the meeting is continued for to-day. Though the people are ever so busy in their crops, I never saw them more anxious for a good meeting in my life. Greater results are expected. Will try and get all started on the METHODIST as soon as possible. When I go into a family and find a Bible, a Methodist hymn-book and discipline, a copy of the ARKANSAS METHODIST and Christian Advocate, I feel satisfied as to their loyalty to our beloved church."

Next comes our brother, H. B. McNeil, formerly of the White River Conference. He don't forget his old friends: "Enclosed you will please find one dollar to pay my subscription for the METHODIST, as I see my time expires the 7th of June next, and I don't wish to miss a copy. We have finished our new church house at this place, and it was dedicated on last Sabbath by Dr. J. D. Vincl, of St. Louis. We had a glorious day on last pentecostal Sunday, as you know last Sunday was pentecostal Sunday. Dr. V. is a very excellent preacher, and took well with my people. We have, up to date, taken in since I came to this charge about one hundred members and more to follow. Finances coming up pretty well. I leave tomorrow to attend our district conference, which convenes at Kirkwood, Mo.; Bishop Granberry is to preside. We anticipate a good time. I am much pleased with the METHODIST and its success; may greater success yet attend your efforts. Dr. Winfield come up and spend a week or two with us. If you will agree to do this we will pay your way, and give you a good chance to circulate the METHODIST here. We have a city of about 5000 inhabitants. You can do a good work here. I want these people to hear you once." Many thanks, my brother, and don't forget to write and work for us.

Here comes in our tried and true brother, F. R. Noe, from Newburg circuit: "Our second quarterly conference was held at Oak Grove, the 3d and 4th Inst. Rev. H. M. Granada, P. E., was with us in his usual working order, looking after the various interests of the church. It is astonishing the vast amount of work this man of God is doing for the church. Riding over an immensely large, rough district; preaching funerals, preaching and lecturing the children; preaching, handing out the word of truth to his adult congregations, in thoughts that breathe and words that burn; stirring and encouraging the members of his several quarterly conferences; catechizing the children at their homes; singing and praying with families; visiting the sick and dying, writing for the children in the ARKANSAS METHODIST, &c., the wonder is how he maintains his mental and physical equilibrium at all. Brother Granada, go on, your reward is not with men alone.

We had the sacrament of the Lord's Supper after a sermon "On the apostacy of David and his restoration to the favor of God," a precious time we had—it will not be forgotten. Rev. J. C. Carter was with us and in fine health and spirits. He gave us a good sermon.

We think our prospects very flattering for a good time on this work this year. My congregations are large and attentive. Owing to the scarcity of money we have done but little in getting up our conference collections. But we expect to raise every dollar before conference. I have increased the circulation of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Our people read it with interest, and say it is getting better every week. A good sister says, "I like to read it because the print is plain and the reading good." Oh! that all our people would take it." Many thanks, my brother, and we will do our best.