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## General News.

England---Germany.

The Berlin Post prints an article hinting at an alliance between England and Germany. It is supposed to have been inspired by Bismarck.

The following startling letter from Mr. Spurgeon has created a great sensation in London:

SPURGEON'S SENSATION.

The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has created a profound sensation by an article over his signature in to-day's issue of the Monthly Review. In this the great preacher narrates in detail the story of the death, last year, of Judge Williams in a brothel, and the disclosures brought out in the recent Jeffries case. He makes these examples from high official life the basis of a full-flavored denunciation of English immorality, and he says: "Sodom in its most putrid days could scarce exceed London for vice. To our infinite disgrace and dishonor the names of the greatest in the land are openly mentioned in connection with the filthiest debauchery and the most hideous evil that drags in the wake of vice. These things are alleged to be the chosen luxury of certain hereditary legislators and rulers in England. Woe unto thee, England, when thy greatest ones love the harlots. Deep is our shame when we know that our judges are not clean, and that social purity is put to the blush by magistrates of no mean degree. Yea, that courts of justice lend themselves to covering up and hushing up iniquities. Shall not God be grieved by such a nation as this? What is coming over us? What clouds are darkening our sky?"

The past week has been the dulllest in business circles seen abroad for sometime. An utter prostration and stagnation in almost all business in Austria, Germany, France and England. The capitalists are watching with vigilant eye the changes transpiring in the English ministry, the policy of the new administration at home and abroad. And their careflessness and hesitancy awaiting developments, virtually suspended business. Then the rumor which gained circulation in Paris, that the Emperor of Germany was dangerously ill, created somewhat of a panic. Upon what a slender thread hangs their business prosperity.

Switzerland has considerable agitation over the temperance question.

Spain is still scourged with cholera. In the province of Valencia, on Thursday, there were 524 cases, and 258 deaths.

Gen. Galwiz, director of Toledo Military Academy, died of cholera.

The United States steamers Kearsage and Lancaster recently arrived in the harbor of Ranano and saluted the flag of the Congo States.

The orders to the camel corps at Cairo to embark have been rescinded. It is reported the English government meditates reoccupying Dongola.

Mr. Charles Bellby Stuart Wortley, who has sat in parliament for Sheffield since 1880, has been appointed under secretary of state for the home department.

Our Own Country.

James D. Fisk, the bank president in New York, who aided Ferdinand Ward in his bank swindling, and by which the Grant family lost several hundred thousand dollars, has recently been sentenced to ten years imprisonment. He is 65 years old. A righteous sentence.

There were over ten millions of people in attendance at the Centennial at Philadelphia; but only eleven hundred and fifty thousand, eight hundred

and forty at the New Orleans exhibition.

The street car drivers of Chicago have threatened to strike again unless some conductors recently dismissed are re-instated.

Bishop Wilson has been made an LL. D. by the Washington Lee University at its recent commencement.

Chancellor Garland, of the Vanderbilt University, delivered an address before the State University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, last week.

Chicago Methodists have been numerically increased over one thousand within the past few months.

After all the ominous and awful statements to the contrary Romanism is not growing in England. The going over of a few men like Cardinals Manning and Newman and the occasional perversion of a silly young lord, have set all Christendom to prophesying the conquests of Rome. We have fed on these solemn calculations since early childhood, but as a matter of fact the Pope is less a power in England to-day than thirty years ago. These figures are from a reliable source. The proportion of Roman Catholics in England has decreased from 5.09 per cent. in 1853, to 4.5 in 1882. In London, with a population of four millions, the number of Roman Catholics is only 150,000, and this is mainly by Irish immigration. —New Orleans Christian Advocate.

There has been a very bitter war in progress at Amourdale, just across the line from Kansas City, Mo., between the prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists. And recently the trial of several persons for smuggling liquor into the State, raised the feud to fever heat, and a mob of men on horseback fairly riddled the house of J. Schankenburg with bullets. S. was a prominent witness against the fraudulent liquor dealers.

Great fears are entertained in South Kansas of a raid from Cheyenne Indians. Several citizens have been killed by Indian scouts.

The postmaster-general has announced that he will devote two weeks, immediately following the Fourth of July, to passing upon applications for presidential post-offices.

A fearful state of affairs exists in Rowan county, Kentucky. The Governor has ordered three companies of militia to that county, to prevent further trouble, growing out of the Hempstead-Tolliver feud. Too much whiskey, we suspect.

Reilly, appointed to Italy, and objected to by the latter, and afterwards ordered to Russia, and objected to again, and then appointed to Australia, has not been recalled as reported. Surely the President could find some one not objectionable if he would try.

It is estimated that there has been a decrease of about \$10,500,000 in the public debt during the month of June. This will make the total reduction for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, about \$85,000,000. The reduction the previous fiscal year was \$101,000,000.

Destructive fires are reported at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and New Orleans.

General Logan was banquetted at Boston recently.

Dr. J. W. Heidt, recently president of Lagrange Female College, Georgia, has been elected regent of the Southwestern University, Texas.

General Robert Toombs, of Georgia, still insists that negroes cannot be educated. But some of them are progressing admirably.

Mrs. Dudley, who assaulted O'Donovan Rossa, some months ago in New York, is now being tried.

## Personal.

Rev. H. Jewell preached an excellent sermon in Argenta last Sunday night.

Dr. McLaughlin, Camden, assisted by Rev. J. J. Jenkins, P. E., had an interesting meeting in his church last week.

Bro. John P. Lowry, formerly of this paper, has an important and lucrative appointment under Collector Simms.

Rev. A. S. Blackwood, Augusta, has had a good meeting, but will renew the engagement soon. Sorry to hear he is indisposed.

Miss Annie Gannt, of Pine Bluff, and Rev. J. R. Moore, Arkadelphia, called last week. They were en route to Arkadelphia.

Rev. Cadesman Pope, President of Millersburg Female College, will spend July in Arkansas and Texas, in the interest of his school.

Col. Thomas H. Simms, Collector of Internal Revenue, for Arkansas, has taken possession of his office. Mr. Whiting is his chief deputy.

Rev. G. A. Dannelly delivered the Masonic address at Quitman, the 24th June, and was listened to with marked attention by a large audience.

Judge H. N. Hutton, Marianna, was in the city this week, and reports crops in Lee county better than they have seen there in ten years before at this season.

Rev. Mr. Robinson, the Evangelist, is now stirring Morrilton from center to circumference. May his wonderful success at Dardanelle and Russellville be quadrupled at Morrilton.

Rev. B. H. Greathouse preached the commencement sermon, and Rev. J. A. Anderson delivered the literary address, at Quitman. They both acquitted themselves quite creditably, President Babcock informs us.

Col. Bob Crockett, the versatile writer, able senator, capital conversationalist, and clever gentleman, is in the city. He now has charge of Armstrong Springs. We welcome him most cordially to White county.

Rev. S. H. Babcock, P. E. Morrilton district, and President of Quitman College, was an agreeable caller at this office Monday. He reports a splendid commencement. We deeply regret our inability to get there.

Rev. M. M. Smith, P. E., Newport district, writes that conveyances will be at O'Kean, and a steamer at Black Rock, on Wednesday, (July 8th,) before his District Conference, to transport the preachers and delegates to Pocahontas.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett and wife are in the shadow of a sore bereavement. Dear little Thomas, their only son, twenty-two months of age, died the 23d inst. They have the tearful sympathy of their many friends in Searcy, with whom they have lived and labored so faithfully and successfully.

Col. Wood E. Thompson, the scholarly State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and general manager for Arkansas for the National Educational Association, has obtained reduced rates over the several roads in the State for teachers attending the association, which meets in Saratoga, July 10-18.

Prof. H. K. Taylor, President of Logan Female College, Russellville, Ky., was in the city this week, and made us a pleasant call. He will spend a few weeks in Arkansas canvassing for his school. It is the property of the Louisville Conference, and this of itself is a very strong and sufficient endorsement of his character and qualifications.

## State News.

Newport has a few cases of typhoid fever.

The work on the Fourche turnpike is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily.

The Hamburg News reports a spring turnip weighing four and three-quarter pounds.

Helena and Malvern will each have a grand celebration on the glorious Fourth.

The Knights of Pythias, of Newport, will have a public installation of officers July 7.

Quarterly meeting next Saturday and Sabbath at Argenta, P. E. Jeffett in the pulpit and chair.

Mr. A. J. Quindley has been appointed receiver of United States land at Little Rock, vice Kelsey, removed.

Van Buren will celebrate the Fourth of July, and Senator Berry will be the orator of the day.

The Monroe county jail is empty. Work has been resumed on the new Methodist church at Clarendon, says the Sun.

Messrs. Martin & Thompson, the enterprising proprietors of the Batesville and Brinkley R. R., will soon complete it to Newport. Hard times cannot stop them.

Hillside Church and Sunday-school will celebrate the 4th of July with a picnic in the grove near Bro. Evans', one mile from Argenta. Rev. F. A. Jeffett will deliver the address.

A correspondent of the Gazette, signing himself "Brick," says prohibition in Clarendon is practically a failure. What do our readers there say about it.

The State House is undergoing a thorough repairing and overhauling, long needed, which will greatly improve its appearance and add much to its comfort and convenience.

The total number of miles in the railway mail service in Arkansas is 3,192.55. There are sixty-six clerks employed in the railroad and river mail service.

Crop prospects continue most encouraging. Our facilities for collecting information are good, and the news justifies the belief and statement that the prospect is much better than usual at this season of the year.

Malvern and vicinity have recently been visited by the heaviest rains of the season, and from which the Gulpha was greatly swollen, and the railroad bridge across it was damaged, but it was discovered just in time to prevent a most serious catastrophe.

The Dardanelle Post dubs Dr. Winfield, the "Royal Baking Powder of Little Rock." Well, the Doctor is a whole team when it comes to 'raising' things which are not exactly right, besides, he generally 'strings his fish as he catches them.' —[Camden Beacon.

The following persons have been appointed deputies by Collector Simms: Charles M. Green, Fayetteville; Thomas H. Parham, Newport; Reuben M. Fry, Fort Smith; Robert T. Cook, Little Rock; A. B. Grace, Pine Bluff; D. W. C. Davenport, Fayetteville; J. S. Whitten, Chief Clerk in office and W. S. Whitten deputy collector on duty in office.

Twenty-two suits were entered in the U. S. circuit court at St. Louis yesterday against the individual stockholders of the Texas and St. Louis railway by the Cleland Rolling Mill Company on a judgment of \$80,000 obtained against the company April last year.

W. C. Ratliff and family have returned from Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher are recreating in East Tenn. We wish them a pleasant time.

It is reported that Judge Jabez Smith will be a candidate for Congress in the third district.

Advices from Texas state that the heavy rains have covered the track of the M. K. and T. road.

The Mobile and Ohio is to change its gauge on July 8th from 5 feet to 4 feet 8 1-2 inches, the standard gauge.

Prof. N. T. Veach, the county examiner, has issued 81 licenses to teachers since November first, last, others are to follow.

Gen. King White, Mayor elect of Pine Bluff, is working a wonderful and needed reformation in that city. We wish him abundant success.

Mr. William Black, of Brinkley, it is believed will build a railroad from Brinkley to Helena. It will be practically an extension of the Batesville and Brinkley road.

The L. R. and Ft. S. R'y will sell round trip tickets July 3d and 4th from Little Rock, Russellville and all intermediate points at three cents per mile, one way, for the round trip. An excursion train will be run between Russellville and Van Buren to accommodate persons wishing to attend the celebration at the latter place.

An interesting law suit is in progress in this city, in which one hundred and fifty thousand dollars are involved. A gentleman by the name of Wingfield, from Beaver Dam, Michigan, died at the Capital Hotel in this city in April last, and bequeathed his money to his wife, who was with him when he died. Two lawyers engaged by the other heirs are here to break the will.

A local preacher by the name of Lively, near Mt. Vernon, White county, was expelled from the Methodist ministry recently on the charge of heresy, since which time he and his friends have been doing some vigorous kicking in the Searcy Beacon. We understand he plead guilty to the charges, and we can't see why he should want to remain in a church whose doctrines he did not believe. By the way a livery man in Searcy has a horse when turned out of the stall will walk into the lot and kick 'til his shoes fly off, and against a brick wall 'til his legs are sore, but no perceptible damage was sustained by the wall or the atmosphere from the kicking. A hint to the wise, Bro. Lively, etc.

Considerable excitement prevails in the vicinity of Coal Hill, Johnson county, on account of the lessees of the penitentiary working convicts in the coal mines there. It was reported to Gov. Hughes that the citizens had determined to turn the prisoners loose if they were not removed. He sent his adjutant up there to investigate the matter. He reported the matter to Sheriff Jett, who went to see the citizens and they told him it would not be done. But meanwhile the citizens, in mass meeting assembled, appointed a committee to draft and present a petition to the Governor to remove these convicts from them, as: (1) they were depriving men of that vicinity from earning an honest living for themselves and families. (2) they were preventing the growth and development of that section by preventing immigration, and (3) that convicts, called "trusties," are permitted to roam at will over the country and steal chickens and eggs, etc., and (4) the convicts are cruelly and inhumanly treated, etc. They affirm there is no mob there, and that they are law abiding citizens.

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## ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1885.

To the Bishops, Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in Augusta, Georgia, in connection with the commencement exercises of Paine Institute, May 30th and June 1st, 1885, the undersigned was directed to prepare a circular address, which should also serve as an official report to the Annual Conferences at their approaching sessions, setting forth the present status of our work, as also, our necessities, and the outlook for the future.

I beg, therefore, to submit to you this paper as an officer of the Church, having in charge one of our connective enterprises. In view of the fact that hitherto no formal report of this work has been made to the Annual Conferences, it may not be amiss to give you a brief resume of its history. In their address to the last General Conference our Bishops said:

"The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, organized by us a decade ago at the request of the remnant of our colored membership, has maintained its integrity and made some progress. They are in great need of facilities for providing themselves with suitable pastors and teachers of their own race. Whatever assistance we can render them in this respect especially, will be well bestowed, and we invite to this subject your favorable consideration."

At the same session of the General Conference, (the session of May, 1882,) representatives of the C. M. E. Church in America appeared, and after reciting their peculiar relations to our church, and the necessities and poverty of their church, said:

"We therefore come to you, who know the value of an educated ministry, and who know our wants as well, and not better, and we respectfully ask that your ecclesiastical body do consider some plan whereby we may receive some aid in this direction." These recommendations of our own Bishops, and this appeal of the Colored M. E. Church in America were referred by the General Conference to the committee on education. That committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted by the General Conference with great unanimity:

"Resolved, That our bishops be authorized and requested to appoint in consultation with the bishops of the Colored M. E. Church in America, a preacher or layman of our church, properly qualified for the work, who shall be a commissioner of education in aid of the Colored M. E. Church in America, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions, contributions, donations and bequests from whatever source he may find accessible, for the purpose of creating an educational fund for the benefit of said Colored M. E. Church in America.

"Resolved, That our bishops be also authorized and requested to appoint three members of our church, who, together with the commissioner of education and three members of the Colored M. E. Church in America, to be appointed by their bishops, shall constitute a Board of Trustees, for the custody and control of this educational fund, when it shall have been raised."

Accordingly a board of trustees was appointed with Rev. J. E. Evans, D. D., as commissioner. As soon as sufficient funds had been collected, the "Paine Institute" was put in operation in rented rooms in the city of Augusta, Ga., where it was located upon the joint recommendation of the Bishops of the C. M. E. Church in America, and of Bishop Pierce, acting by appointment for the college of Bishops of the M. E. Church, South. The school was placed in charge of Rev. Morgan Callaway, D. D., of the North Georgia Conference, assisted by Rev. Geo. W. Walker, of the South Carolina Conference, and it was opened for the reception of pupils, January 1st, 1884. The hired house, which included the finances of the

Board compelled them to use, was soon as full of pupils as the teachers were able to instruct, the roll for that year showing an attendance of 125. In December, 1881, for Providential reasons, Dr. Evans resigned the Commissioner's place, and Dr. Callaway resigned the Presidency of the Institute. Prof. Walker was then elected to succeed Dr. Callaway, and the faculty was enlarged by the election of Rev. W. C. Davis of the South Georgia Conference, and his sister, Miss Sallie G. Davis, to professorships in the school. I was appointed by Bishop McTyeir to succeed Dr. Evans. I entered at once upon the duties of the office, and have given my undivided time to the work. While most of my labors have necessarily been bestowed upon Paine Institute, I have endeavored both by speech and pen to encourage and foster christian education by the colored people among themselves, and especially have I tried to stimulate the zeal of our ecclesiastical offspring, the Colored M. E. Church in America. I am glad to be able to assure the church, through you, as her pastors and representatives, that, our work is growing upon the confidence and sympathy of our people everywhere. The school thus far in the year, has been increasingly prosperous. The attendance has increased, the enrolled numbering 146, and the pupils have made marked progress, mentally and spiritually. God has smiled upon us and friends have been multiplied to us. Pupils have come from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. We have been enabled to meet current expenses, with the exception of fifteen per cent. on salaries. Still we are greatly hindered for lack of a suitable building of our own, and other necessary equipment for our work. If we were able to purchase certain buildings and grounds of which the Board has knowledge, the support of the enterprise would be easy and light, and our work could be more perfectly systematized, and much more and much better fruit be produced by it than even the excellent results already accomplished. These premises could be had probably for \$15,000, and certainly for \$20,000, a small amount surely to ask nearly a million Methodists to raise for such an important work. We beg the members of the Conferences, by personal contributions and by appeals to our people within your bounds, to help us to secure these much needed helps. We ask also that the Conferences take such action, looking to this result as in your wisdom and piety you may adjudge best. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. DUNLAP,  
Commissioner.

## Altus.

EDITORS METHODIST:—We have just returned from Altus, where we witnessed the closing exercises of our Institute at that place.

It is customary for the Visiting Committee to give the result of their observation on such occasions, and we offer the following, not because it's customary, but at the request of the Board of Education, and with the hope of doing some good.

We therefore append a few items. The competency of the faculty is unquestioned, and unquestionable. President Burrow, who has charge of the Scientific department, evinced a familiarity with the text books, and an independency of thought well calculated to insure thoroughness of instruction and inventiveness of mind in the student. Some of the students in these classes showed rapid progress and precision of thought. Others were slow and of doubtful mind. On this particular occasion, at least, there was no appearance of severity of discipline or rigidity of system in connection with these classes. The same might be said of all except the Telegraphic and Phonographic departments. These, under the superintendency of Profs. Jamison and Smith, the latter a worthy son of our tall pastor at Dardanelle, exhibited their skill with a systematic equilibrium for which "lightening" is so tenacious, and a despatch for which "short hand" is so noted.

The classes in the Languages certainly have superior advantages under the instruction of Prof. Parham, whose scholarship is not equaled by many, and probably excelled by none

in the state. If all the wealth of this learned linguist should be opened to the gaze of the language-loving student, what a flood of light would pour upon his immortal mind! Some had looked in, and by the help of this christian scholar had made progress, which for rapidity and correctness, I have never seen excelled.

The classes in Mathematics, under the guidance of Prof. Coleman, presented us with a teacher of energy, pluck and brains, who had imparted a good degree of these much needed qualities to his pupils. One of the most pleasing features brought out in the examination of these classes was that the instructions looked to the practical and useful rather than the theoretical and ornamental.

The Preparatory and Intermediate classes were examined before we arrived. Of the teacher, Miss Lizzie Burrow, and of the classes, we heard words of commendation.

The Music—what shall I say of the music? Well, the music was good. As to the sentiment, we don't know. We did hear them say, "Tra-la-la," and that was about all. What shall we say? This: From all operative performances in our church schools and churches, good Lord deliver us!

The essays and speeches were even excellent, but an attempt at the romantic or tragic is not only out of place, but simply horrid.

We saw there a sight which was a "thing of beauty and joy forever." It recalled the happy days of a few years gone by when our girls in their plain dress and sleeved aprons seemed as they were and were as they seemed. That sight was two young ladies and not an idiot look on their foreheads. Yes, a genuine lady's forehead. None of your banged up ones. May God bless the mother of those two young ladies, and give us ten thousand more like her.

Four young ladies graduated. Two receiving the title of M. A., and two M. E. L. They were a credit to themselves and to the school, and were no doubt worthy of the honors conferred upon them.

Passing over the little defects which are among the inevitable of things purely human, we make mention of the fact that Altus is eminently healthy both for the body and for the soul. There is perhaps not a more eligible point in Arkansas for the establishment of such a school as that will be with the patronage of the thousands of Methodists in Arkansas, ambitious to educate their sons within their native State, where they will live, and work, and die, and then go up to reign with God and the redeemed in heaven. Let this "sending off" forever cease, and let us wipe out this reproach upon us.

The building is large and commanding; the grounds are beautiful; the scenery is grand. From the summit of the lofty college tower the vision is stretched to such infinite lengths, and feasted upon the beauties and glories of nature that the soul grows poetic and longs to pour forth from the heaving bosom a perfect flood of song. As you stand and gaze upon the rapturous scene it seems but a step to heaven, and suddenly recalling the pre-eminence given to heart culture in the building below you, and the young happy hearts celebrating the love of the Saviour there, the whole scene is transformed into a stepping stone upon the very threshold of heaven; and with uplifted eyes and throbbing hearts we catch a glimpse of the Holy City, and hear the coronation thunders of the heavenly choirs while from teacher and pupil of our Altus College comes up the loud response, "Crown Him Lord of all." Let us emphasize that fact. Altus Collegiate Institute is healthy for the body, mind and heart.

If Bishop Granberry will loose our indefatigable, irrepressible Harlan and let him go, I venture to say that within a year he would relieve all embarrassments, and provide for the timely payment of the whole twelve thousand five hundred dollars. We hope the White River Conference at their next session will join us in the purchase of this property, and then let every Methodist sustain the action of his Conference, and what a college we can make! Let all the people say, Amen.

COMMITTEE.

June 19th, 1885.

## Field Notes.

We begin this week where we left off last week, and give the first place to our Brother Dickens, who was shut out for want of room. He is a good hand and does good work: "I am much pleased with the METHODIST and want to say, Amen, to all your editorials on temperance and prohibition. Now, Doctor, I want at least one article on the retaining the name of our church; but I set down to give some notes from this field. Bishop Hargrove, at the last session of our Conference, appointed me to the Opelousa Mission. I came to the work with a sad heart, though trusting in God. I was received by the brethren—well, I will say I was admitted on trial, but the time of probation soon expired and I was taken in full connection. We have had no storm of pounding; but our supplies came in gentle showers, so we may boast of having enough to eat, and provender for our horse. While there are a great many that has not opened the door of their heart and let the blessed Saviour in, they have certainly opened the door of their corn cribs and smoke houses, and let the stewards in to get supplies for the preacher. We have not been able to do much for your (our) paper; you know, Doctor, a field must be cultivated before we can gather much fruit. Bro. Wm. D. Matthews, our much beloved P. E., was with us on the 9th and 10th ult., and held our Second Quarterly meeting. He is a man low in stature, but he presides well and travels in haste. He looks after every interest of the church, and hands out sample copies of the METHODIST. We have made some advancement on this mission. Have taken four into the church by a profession of faith. Baptized one adult and three infants. We hope to be able to report all the collections in full at Conference. Domestic mission and bishop fund all ready in hand. Now, Doctor let me say that while we are working and hoping and praying for a revival in this field we have the devil's agent, alcohol, to contend with for there is one open saloon in our midst. God hasten the day when prohibition will drive out the arch fiend, alcohol, and our land will not be drenched with the blood of its victims. If this escapes the waste basket, I may write again in the future. Success to you and the METHODIST." You are in no danger of that much dreaded affair, the waste basket; but push the METHODIST right ahead.

Next comes another rejoicing note from Dr. Anderson from Batesville. The Doctor is on the mountain top, and can see his army with victorious banners marching on to grander victory: "The revival still continues; forty-four have joined our church, and some will go into other churches. Many of our members have been reclaimed from a backslidden state. Several family altars have been erected. Old hardened men have been converted, two who had cursed God. I am in better health than for a long time. God is keeping me. This work is his." We do rejoice with you, Doctor; that dear old town was our first field in Arkansas.

Next comes brother J. R. Edwards, from Chickasawba circuit, down in the swamps. Read. How cheerfully he reports: "We just closed a revival meeting at New Hope church last Thursday night. The Lord was with us; five conversions, nine accessions to the church; the whole church wonderfully revived. On account of sickness I was compelled to close the meeting and leave many persons, old and young, inquiring of the way of prayer, and the eager children gathered around, endeavoring to urge the parent to receive Jesus. We saw the grey-haired sinner flooded in tears and on their knees before God. I am in feeble health yet, but was able to fill the stand Sunday, with some difficulty. The trouble is violent cold, contracted by open air preaching. The houses will not hold the people, and congregations still increase. Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Good Lake church, May 30-31. Our clear Elder, Brother Cochran, was with us, full of the spirit of the Master, and left pastor and people closely united, both in love for each other

and our Elder, and anxiously awaiting the time when he will visit us again with his heavenly and cheering discourses. Brethren pray for us." Noble field hand, with a hard field, he works right on, and he will certainly reap a rich harvest.

Next comes our brother, A. P. Melton, from Dardanelle. The revival at Russellville has swept across the river, and Dardanelle is on fire. Only read his report: "I expressed a hope, in my report from Russellville, that Bro. Robison would be blessed in his work at Dardanelle, as he was there. I am happy to report that the work here is taking on even larger proportions than there. Something near two thousand people heard the gospel here to-night, and about one hundred resolved to seek the Lord and live a better life, among that number three saloon keepers. About thirty were converted to-night, making in all about one hundred and seventy-five; among whom are many of Dardanelle's very worst men. Such manifestations of divine power were never witnessed in this country before; and there is nothing spurious or superficial about this work, it is genuine. There is less of what the world is pleased to call animal excitement attending these revivals, than any I ever attended in my life. Brother Robison makes no attempt at sensationalism. He does not try to excite the people by appealing to their emotions; but endeavors to influence their will by appealing to their judgment, and he is a success. Strong men yield to his convincing arguments, and deliberately walk forward and resolve on a better life. Oh, that God would raise us up more such men as Bro. Robison and Sam Jones. Robison is not a mimic, but he and Jones are on the same line." Surely that is a wonderful work of grace, and our God is in the midst of his people. Let the Lord send by whom he will send, but let everybody pray that the Lord will send.

But we will let our Brother Rutledge come next: "I was transferred at the last meeting of the White River Conference, to the Arkansas Conference, and appointed junior preacher on the Altus circuit. This was done that I might have the advantage of the school at the Central Collegiate Institute. This was a favor that I certainly appreciated. The Altus circuit consists of three appointments: Altus, Coal Hill, and Hartman, under Brother Johnston, P. C. I have done the preaching at Coal Hill and Hartman. A very weak field, indeed, but very weak, financially. It is not able by any means to support me; this has given me some trouble, but I trust that all will come right in the end. I have obtained a little school close by that will pay me \$40.00 per month, and by teaching this three months I will be all right. We have no church house at either of our appointments (Coal Hill or Hartman) but we are trying to raise money to make one at Coal Hill soon. We have four or five hundred dollars subscribed on the church at Hartman. It is estimated that the cost of the building will approximate the sum of one thousand dollars. If you are going to come to the Clarksville District Conference, Doctor, the boys asked me to say to you that if you will stop off here one night and preach for us, and give us a lift on our church, that they will pay your expenses." So you see we help our boys and fit them for better work. We will try some time to help you with that church at Hartman.

"Yes; I shall break the engagement," she said, folding her arms and looking defiant; "it is really too much trouble to converse with him; he's as deaf as a post, and talks like he had a mouthful of mush. Besides, the way he hawks and spits is disgusting." "Don't break the engagement for that; tell him to take Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. It will cure him completely." "Well, I'll tell him. I do hate to break it off, for in all other respects he's quite too charming." Of course, it cured his catarrh.

The Christian is like the ripening corn; the riper he grows the more lowly he bends his head.—[Guthrie.