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General News.

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Marseilles, August 9.—The pestilence apparently ameliorated to-day. Only twenty deaths by cholera are reported. The Mayor, however, classifies persons of 15 years old among the "infants," to diminish the roll. Most of the recent cases made a rapid progress. Among these was that of the leader of the orchestra of the Theatre du Gymnase. Several cases occurred in "the best portion of the city. I hear on the best authority that Toulon is afflicted with Asiatic cholera. There the same course of mistaken secrecy has led to a spread of the disease. Toulon is in a frightful unsanitary condition. As at Marseilles, progress is rapid, and there is a great mortality among children. There were twenty deaths at this point to-day.

THE SCOURGE IN SPAIN.

Madrid, August 9.—There were 4,382 cases of cholera in the plague-stricken districts of Spain on Saturday. The deaths from the disease on that day were 1,639.

Bonfires are burning in Madrid. The epidemic is increasing in Grenada.

ALARM AT BRISTOL, ENGLAND.

Bristol, August 9.—Notwithstanding the timid and cautious verdict of the jury regarding the sailor who died here of "a suspicious disease resembling cholera," a few members of the medical profession doubt that he brought Asiatic cholera from Marseilles. The verdict was aimed at preventing fright. Nevertheless much alarm exists. Frogmore street, where the sailor died, is a densely crowded neighborhood, adjoining the harbor. It lies on a low level, and the houses are old and dilapidated. Bristol generally, though it boasts a low death-rate, is no stronghold of sanitation. It teems with houses of the past generation. Sewage is allowed to stream out into the channels. Its lower classes are herded together in dwellings reeking with filth. Bristolians have a bold method of disposing of their sewage. Closed drains are only partially adopted, and the sewage of some 80,000 population is permitted to flow in an open stream through some of the most congested sections of the city. This gigantic torrent of filth mingles with the Avon. A feeling of alarm will be felt in a modified degree, at all seaports which have commercial relations with this city.

London, August 9.—The Irish people seem to be again playing into the hands of their enemies, by starting a new outbreak of agrarian crimes just when the new Viceroy and the Government seem disposed to trust them to keep the peace. The number of cases of shooting of caretakers is increasing alarmingly, and they now average two per week.

Zanzibar.

A DAMPER ON COLONIAL ENTHUSIASM.

Berlin, August 9.—The Cologne Gazette complains of the procedure of the German agents in Zanzibar, and yarns other expeditions against a repetition. It dwells upon the difficulty of colonizing. The article is a damper on colonial enthusiasm.

Soudan.

NOT READY TO RETURN JUST YET.

Cairo, August 10.—The Government is causing to be circulated throughout Soudan copies of a proclamation exhorting the rebels to return to their allegiance.

Turkey.

EXPULSION OF AMERICANS.

Constantinople, August 9.—United States Consul Heap, at Beyrout, has protested against the proposed expulsion of some American citizens.

Russia.

A WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED.

London, August 9.—Kivachma, a town near Warsaw in Poland, has been destroyed by fire.

State News.

The Third District election occurs the first Monday in September.

Active preparations are going on for the fair at Fort Smith this fall.

Over \$250 have been subscribed for the soldiers' monument at Camden.

Prescott and Texarkana have become imbued with the military ardor.

Col. John Crawford, Ex-Auditor of State, died at his home near Fayetteville, on the 25th ult.

There are 232 patients at the State Lunatic Asylum. The capacity of the institution is taxed to the utmost.

Rev. Wade Preston is now associated with W. F. Joyner in the editorial department of the Little River Pilot.

Three sons of Mrs. Henry Rawles, of Bradley county, were drowned a few days since while bathing in the Saline river.

Prof. Howell, of Morrilton, has been elected to the preparatory department of the A. I. U., and moved his family to Fayetteville.

There has been sufficient rain in Eastern Arkansas, and so large a corn crop as the one now maturing was never before made in the State.

Hon. Jacob Frolich, Ex-Secretary of State, and one of the best officers Arkansas ever had, has gone into the real estate business in Little Rock.

Gen. D. H. Hill, ex-president of the Arkansas Industrial University, has been elected president of the Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College.

The celebration of the Forty-sixth anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in this State will take place in Little Rock on the 20th of August.

Governor Hughes has received a letter from the Exposition organization, now the North, Central and South American Exposition, at New Orleans, stating they had decided to give each State making a collective exhibit in the fall \$2,000, and urging Arkansas to participate.

Prescott is all aflame with Christian fever and enthusiasm—1200 to 1500 being in attendance daily upon the revival led by Dixon C. Williams, the evangelist. Up to Wednesday morning there had been 117 conversions; 55 of them professed Tuesday night. Merchants close their doors to attend. Over a dozen ministers from surrounding cities are assisting in the meeting.

August has come with the greatest of Arkansas corn crops secure, and better prospects for cotton than our farmers have known for many years. All that is wanted to insure a bountiful yield of cotton is ordinarily good weather for the coming two or three weeks. A protracted drouth would be quite injurious, but thus far the average summer rainfall has been greater than usual.

The memorial services for General Grant, in this city, were of an imposing character. Religious services were held in several of the churches. An immense audience assembled in the State House yard, where appropriate addresses were delivered by Col. Logan H. Roots and Col. Dan. W. Jones—Union and Confederate veterans alike united in paying respect to the memory of the great Military Chief-tain. We see by our exchanges that appropriate services were held in all the principal towns throughout the State. The death of Gen. Grant was as truly mourned throughout the South as at the North. It is a source of gratitude to the christian people that the last days of the great soldier were sustained by the comforts of religion.

Personal.

Rev. H. M. Granade still "jogs us up." Would that many would follow his example!

Rev. A. S. Scott, of Malvern circuit, has placed us under obligations for his efficient work for the Methodist.

The Messrs. Webb's school opens on the 27th inst. Get your boys ready; Culleoka is the place for them.

We have some circulars of Logan Female College, Russellville, Ky. They can be had on application at this office.

Our Senior is and has been quite ill during the past week. He came home from Rogers on Friday, and has been in bed all the time since.

Our Junior, we learn, is sick, too; he has not put in an appearance for over a week. Something wrong with the newspaper business.

W. M. Robison, the evangelist, is expected at Des Arc very soon; they will build a shed and expect great results from the Lord.

We see from the Nashville Advocate that our old friend, Rev. Guilford Jones, D. D., of the Memphis Conference, is now among the hills of Middle Tennessee.

Rev. Cadesman Pope, President of Millersburg Female College, will be in Arkansas next week. Our Methodist people will give him the patronage he deserves.

Dr. Morton, Louisville, Kentucky, is actively engaged in getting the "Church Extension" in shape. He calls on all the preachers for immediate remittances.

Dr. Allen, superintendent of our missions in China, calls for one hundred and fifty men and women to be sent to that mission during the next five years, beginning in 1886.

Our readers as well as we ourselves, are indebted to our friend, Rev. H. Jewell, for the spicy and condensed news gotten up in this issue. That fine eulogy on Gen. Grant's life was not all he has in store.

Sam. Jones is still a kicking. He goes to Mt. Eagle this week, to take the stiff joints and outside polish out of the high-toned summer resorters there. Success be to him and may he soon come to Little Rock.

Personal mention should be made of the song-book "Holy Manna," by Prof. D. E. Dortch, Columbia, Tenn. We know nothing of music, but we know that Prof. D. generally gets up something worthy of attention. Look out for his 'ad.'

Bishop Keener graduated at Wesleyan University in 1835. Among letters sent to the semi-centennial celebration of his class was one from the Bishop, which is said to have been listened to with profound attention, and at the close of its reading a "tempest of applause" testified the high appreciation of the audience.—[Nashville Advocate.]

We are glad to learn that the Rev. Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, of the North Carolina Conference, who has been in bad health for some time, is regaining his strength. He has been breathing the bracing air and drinking the cool, sparkling waters of upper Carolina. A letter from his own hand announcing his complete restoration would gladden thousands of our readers.—[Nashville Advocate.]

The Marquis of Lorne, son-in-law of the Queen, delivered an address in aid of the building fund of the Dorset Garden Chapel. He contrasted the position of Methodism of to-day with what it was a century ago. Magistrates scarcely cared to shield Wesley from the violence of the mob, but the Wesleyans could now claim the Lord Mayor of London as one of their supporters.—[Nashville Advocate.]

Field Notes.

This week's report begins with a short note from a Kentucky hand, and he is one of the faithful and untiring kind: "I have just closed a very interesting meeting at Mount Herbron which resulted in eight conversions, and the church wonderfully revived. I am now engaged in a good meeting at Stone's Chapel; we had eight penitents last night and the church at work. We all are pleased with your excellent paper. God bless you in your great work." Many thanks, Bro. Evans. You see this is a work in Kentucky, and a part of the Memphis Conference. Wish other brothers would send us reports.

Next comes our Moon without a cloud and shining on Strawberry: "I have closed my first revival with good results. The work is improving and the ARKANSAS METHODIST is prized very highly; we all love the METHODIST, it is a success. May God bless the METHODIST." Indeed he is blessing the METHODIST, my brother, and with a great many such agents as you, we would soon be on the high-tide of prosperity.

Next is the indomitable Jernigan, and he generally is a bearer of good news; it is from Cherry Valley and must be good: "I am in the midst of a good meeting—eight conversions to date—an ex-saloon keeper converted last night. No liquor in Cherry Valley this year. Thank God for his goodness. Our meeting bids fair to be one of great power. Pray for us. Good, better, best, is what is said of the METHODIST."

Next is a son reporting for his sick father. Our brother Craig is a tip-top worker and we are glad he has such a boy as Luther: "My father requested me to say in answer to your postal, that he had been down with flux six weeks, unable to fill his appointment and could do nothing until he recovered. He had been working for you when taken, and will see to the Parrott and other matters as soon as able." Hope our brother will soon be well.

Next is brother A. P. Melton in two installments, and the figures sets off things in first rate style. One from Russellville and the other from London: "Enclosed find postal note for \$3.00, to be credited as follows: F. F. Youngblood, \$1.50; W. J. Fowler, \$1.50. I sent Youngblood's subscription last week and asked you to send Fowler a sample. You did so and the next time he saw me, he gave \$1.50 for the paper. Moral: Send out sample copies as often as possible. We have had a good deal of congestion among us and some deaths, but health is getting better now. We are blessed with a cool wave, but need rain badly. Crops are out short."—"I have been here since Thursday preaching for this people. The meeting has been in progress two weeks and the interest increases rather than diminishes. They are going to build a bush harbor to-day so as to accommodate the crowds. The people walk here every night—some of them from one to six miles. There were about 80 penitents last night. There have been about 85 or 90 conversions to date. There is no telling what the Lord is going to do for this people. The very hardest of sinners yield to the melting influences of this gracious manifestation of God's presence. To God be all the glory." All first rate and he is ever welcome.

Next comes our brother, John M. Moore, recording the death of one of our real workers. It is mournfully sad, and still faith throws heavenly light into the valleys and all is clear above. Rev. T. B. Hoy was a good man. We extend heartfelt sympathies to his family: "With a sad heart

I wish to inform you of the death of our dear friend and brother, T. B. Hoy, which sad event occurred at his home at Millbrook, on the evening of July 31, 1885, after an illness of four days. While this is sad and unexpected, we rejoice to know that his last utterances were "glory to God," and using his own expression he crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees. A good man has gone to his eternal reward. May God help us to meet him in glory."

Next comes our brother, A. S. Scott, written from Malvern, and brim full of good news. He is doing good work and we like such reports: "I will begin by saying we had the most delightful District Conference I ever have attended. God gave the spirit and we had a real feast all the time. O! those good folks of Hot Springs; no wonder you liked the folks of that town so, anybody would. Well, we got the benefit of the revival that was going on there. Doctor, that Harry May is a holy man, beyond a doubt; and that noble Withers, who can doubt him, or who can fill his place? Doctor, I heard lots of things while at the District Conference, and the beauty was I never heard them before. I heard big preachers preach and little ones say Amen. I heard Hot Springs folks shout glory to God in the church. I heard some smart people say it was astonishing that Bro. Keith would attempt to criticize Sam Jones. I heard new born shouts go up to God and almost fancied that I could hear the angels in heaven rejoice. I left the town revival for my own work; commenced a meeting 8 miles north of Malvern; was assisted by Bros. John W. Keith and J. W. F. Scott. The meeting was a glorious one; the results were as follows: The church wonderfully warmed up and made anew to God; lots of backsliders reclaimed and some 40 or 50 souls born to God; some 25 or 30 joined the church; it was a good meeting, Doctor, wish you could have been there to have talked about the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I did all I could for you and the M. I think I will get the fifty subscribers yet. God is going to wonderfully bless the Malvern circuit this year. Brethren, I am trying to get better every moment I live, pray for me. Now do as you please about this thing."

Our brother, P. E. Green, renews his subscription to the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and says some good things about that journal.

The next is from Brother James Cox, of Cauthron: "Through your columns I wish to say to the friends of Zion, that the good Lord has revived his work at Cauthron, Scott county; twenty-three conversions; this people revived; to his name be all the glory; better times are being realized and looked for all over the country; many are realizing that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, from sin in this world and in heaven after leaving this. The METHODIST is the paper for the times."

Now we will let our brother, M. B. Umsted, finish the week's reports. By the way, we heard some good things of him in Tennessee: "It is a very pleasant task to report when we have a worthy report. Our protracted meeting at Union was a blessing. Bros. Blackwood, Jeffett, Morris and Jones, preached acceptably and above all, the Lord was in the work. Sinners were convicted, mourners converted and the church blessed. I had to close the meeting owing to sickness of myself. Will hold another meeting the 3rd Sunday in September. Come and help me. I think I will get 25 subscribers for our excellent paper by Conference. God bless you."

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