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Having sold the ARKANSAS METHODIST to Rev. Jno. H. Dye, our connection with the paper ceases after this issue. All subscriptions and advertisement due the office will be paid to him. The indebtedness will be paid by us.

We heartily commend Bro. Dye to the friends and patrons of the paper.
J. M. & J. R. COLBURN.
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As will be seen above the ARKANSAS METHODIST has been purchased by Rev. Jno. H. Dye, who has sold a half interest to Rev. A. R. Winfield. We wish the paper increased usefulness and success, and join cheerfully in a hearty commendation of it to our preachers and people.

HORACE JEWELL.

The Unity of the Church.

When our Divine Lord uttered the words, "that they all may be one," in that beautiful prayer recorded in St. John's Gospel, chap. 17, he had a definite object in view. He did not mean that his disciples should all belong to one great ecclesiastical organization like the church of Rome. Neither did he mean that they should all conform to the same form of ecclesiastical organization—Episcopal, Presbyterian or Congregational. Neither did he intend that they should observe the same outward forms of worship or subscribe to the same creed. The unity for which Christ prayed did not necessarily include any or all of these, however desirable they might be; and yet these are the things about which the greater part of the controversies of the Church have raged. The unity for which he prayed was the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

We preserve that unity when we preserve that peace. We preserve the peace when we are at peace with those nearest to us. There is but little controversy between bodies of Christians widely separated by distance. There is no controversy between the Methodist Church and the Episcopal Churches, for the good reason they are too widely separated.

If we are at peace with those nearest us, then we are at peace with all others. As the members of a single church are at peace among themselves they are peace with the whole world, for that is the only part of the Christian world with which they come in contact. Perfect peace in the Church will constitute the Unity for which Christ prayed.

Methodism and the Colored Race.

In this age of missionary zeal and effort for the salvation of heathen lands, and while the success of various organizations is being recited as examples of the transforming power of the gospel, but little is said of the great work of Methodism in the civilization and Christianizing of the negro race in America.

In considering the elevation of any race, we must always take into account the depths of degradation from which they have been taken. In estimating the benefits of Christianity upon the Negro race, we must remember that originally they were savages of the lowest type. They were of the lowest grade of humanity. They were uncivilized pagans. These ignorant pagans were brought to America and enslaved. Here were thousands of ignorant pagans. It is usual to speak of the Negroes of the South at the close of the war, as having been degraded by years of slavery. So far from having been degraded, they had been elevated by slavery. The Negroes of America were the most intelligent body of Negroes in the world. The most ignorant plantation slaves were far in advance of the Negroes in Africa. The five million of freedmen thrown upon the country were a very different thing from what five million of savages from the wilds of Africa would have been. The difference between the ordinary Negro and the ignorant barbarian brought over from Africa was immense. The difference between our ancestors of two hundred years ago and ourselves is not near so great as the difference between the ancestors of the Negroes and the Negroes of to-day.

Thousands of these negroes were led to Christ in the days of their slave-

ry. Eternity alone will unfold the good that was accomplished by the Methodist preachers among these slaves of the South. Although the names of these missionaries of Southern Methodism are seldom mentioned, and when mentioned, it is with a sneer—yet, they were instrumental in the conversion of the largest body of pagans of any single race in modern times. There are no infidels among the Negroes; they are all nominal believers in Christianity.

To say nothing of the great numbers in other organizations, there are 100,000,000 in the various Methodist Churches of the country. Many of their ministers are educated, and will favorably compare with any ministers in learning and devotion to the cause of Christ. They have regularly organized churches, with their schools, periodicals and publishing houses. They have bishops who compare favorably with the bishops of other churches.

Southern Methodism took in hand these pagans in slavery, and undertook their conversion and elevation, with the results that we have indicated.

It will be in order for our English brethren and Northern Methodist brethren to censure us when they show as large a body of Negroes won from paganism and advanced as far on the road towards a higher and better civilization and Christianity. The policy pursued by Southern Methodism was the only one that could possibly have reached these masses of pagans; and but for the Southern Methodist and Baptist, instead of six million of Christianized Africans there would have been six million pagans steeped in barbarism, turned loose upon society. Intelligent men of the colored race take the same view of the matter. Bishop Hood, of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, said at the Ecumenical Conference in London: "Between the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the African Methodist Zion Church, there is perfect harmony." Speaking of Dr. Burkhead, he said: "I know of no white man in America who is a better friend to myself and people than he is. My late distinguished colleague often spoke of the assistance rendered him by Bishop McTyre. I can never forget that we are indebted to that Church for the presence of a colored bishop here." Hundreds of Methodist preachers devoted their lives to the work of preaching to the colored people. The affection of these people for their preachers amounted almost to idolatry. The arrival of the missionary on his monthly round to the plantations was hailed with extravagant demonstrations of joy. Southern Methodism has been instrumental in the conversion of thousands of the sons of Africa.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Rev. C. W. Williams, Conway circuit, Arkansas Conference, writes:

Our third Quarterly Conference has passed, and nothing good to report except the preaching by the P. E. Bro. J. F. Hall, of Conway station, gave us two sermons that were highly edifying. Such meetings should be times of great power to the Church, but sorry to say only a few attended on Saturday. This is my second year in the work, and the first on this circuit, but I can see that there is a great need for more discipline, even among preachers. Have had a general straightening up to do, and am not done yet, but hope to get things in order before conference. This has been indeed a year of trials to me, but such, I suppose, as are common to preachers. My horse failed in January, and I have been a-foot since, only as I could borrow. Finances—hardly at all. But thank God for the promise, "I am with you always." Pray for us.

PERSONAL.

Central College, Missouri, has honored itself by adding LL. D. to Bishop Wilson's name.

Bishop Wilson has been holding District Conferences in Missouri, and was still in the field at last accounts.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. David Morton, our Church Extension Secretary, by Centenary College.

Prof. W. Leroy Brown, late of the Vanderbilt University, has been elected President of the University of Texas, at Austin.

There are six American Evangelists at work in the city of London—Moody and Sankey, Whittle and McGrannahan, Pentecost and Stebbing.

Dr. Callaway, of the New Orleans Advocate, delivered the annual address before the Press Association of Mississippi.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, the eloquent Baptist, goes from Richmond to Atlanta, Ga., as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Rev. George Worthington, of Detroit, Mich., has declined the Bishopric of Nebraska, to which he was elected recently.

The Southwestern University of Texas has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Rev. A. G. Haygood, D. D., of Georgia.

Rev. H. F. Harvey has been appointed to the vacant Mission, and will reach his destination in the first of August.

The degree of D. D. was conferred last week upon Rev. M. L. Wood, President of Trinity College, N. C., by the University of North Carolina.

The wife of Gen. Logan, candidate for Vice-President is a Methodist, and a very intelligent person. Her Mother is a Southern Methodist.

Bro. John Hogan, a noted local preacher of the St. Louis Conference, is eighty years of age; but recently he preached three sermons and traveled forty miles in one day.

Mr. John Godbey, of Cooper county, Mo., the father of Rev. W. B. Godbey, of the Kentucky Conference, and of Rev. Josiah Godbey, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, was killed by lightning June 8.

Rev. J. H. Guinn, of Rockingham Station, North Carolina, died suddenly on his work, June 10. About one week before his death he preached grandly at the District Conference and went home to die.

Bishop J. C. Granbery delivered the address at the Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga., where one of his daughters graduated. Bishop Pierce preached the sermon on Sunday, the 15th inst.

Rev. Edward Guard, a distinguished Irish Wesleyan minister, died recently, lamented by the whole connection. He was a brother of the eloquent Dr. Thomas Guard, who died in Baltimore a year or two ago.

Bishop Elliot, of Texas, in his annual address to the Episcopal Convention, condemned the manner of raising money for church purposes by raffles, dancing, and voting on the question of personal beauty.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. Felix R. Hill, pastor of Carondelet Street Methodist Church, by Hiawasse College, East Tennessee, at its late commencement exercises, June 9th.

We fully appreciate the kind words of Bro. Kelly, of the Monroe Sun in noticing our editorship of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. We would like to see that little namesake of ours.

The pleasant notice of the present editor of this paper from our old friend Adam Clark, of the Standard, is very grateful, as coming from a friend of thirty-five years acquaintance.

The Quaker preacher, Miss Sarah F. Smiley, has been licensed by one of the most advanced of the bishops of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Duane, of Albany, to read and explain the Scriptures to women in such parishes as she is invited to teach in by the rectors.

We are in receipt of a funeral notice of Dr. S. E. Cole, of Monticello, Ark. We have known Dr. Cole for twenty-four years—his was the first roof that sheltered us in the State of Arkansas. He was our friend. He was all that is meant by that word, "a Christian gentleman."

Bishop Parker has returned from Texas in fine health, and reports having had a good time while there. He arrived last Friday, and opened the German District Conference the same morning at nine o'clock. He preached at the Dryades Street German Church Sabbath morning.—New Orleans Advocate.

The Rev. Dr. W. P. Spillman, a superannuated member of the Mississippi Conference, has been selected by commission of Mississippi to collect geological specimens of the State for exhibit at the Cotton Centennial and World's Industrial Exposition. Dr. Spillman has been for many years an enthusiastic student of the science of geology and a favored Southern correspondent of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

Michael Maurice, the father of E. A. Maurice, was a Unitarian clergyman who, in spite of his creed, had always performed the rite of baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. It was in reference to this that the brilliant Robert Hall, who knew him well, once retorted upon him: "Why, sir, as I understand you, you must consider that you baptize in the name of an abstraction, a man and a metaphor."

Bro. Monk, of Tuscaloosa, preached the Commencement Sermon of the Birmingham Female College last Sunday in the Methodist Church. It is said by those who heard it to have been a very fine discourse, with many passages of beauty and eloquence, and strong and solid argument. We are glad to hear such a good report from our old friend and former fellow-laborer in the Little Rock Conference. It is just as we expected.

The Beacon says: "As announced, Dr. A. R. Winfield of Little Rock, lectured three nights in Searcy this week. His audiences were highly entertained with his graphic descriptions of peoples, countries and cities seen on his tour through the Orient. It would be almost impossible to give even an outline of his lectures; hence, we will not attempt it. Our readers at the time (1881) were favored with Dr. Winfield's letters, prepared especially for the Beacon, but reading the descriptive notes of travel is not like hearing Dr. W. in his own inimitable style. Those who failed to hear him missed a rich treat of entertainment and instruction."

Attention, Correspondents.

We hope the correspondents of the ARKANSAS METHODIST will remember the following rules. A failure to observe them may consign a communication to the waste basket:

1. Write only on one side of the page. The printers demand this.
2. Write in a legible hand. We have no time to decipher hieroglyphics, and the printer demands plain writing.
3. Write correctly; take time to correct your manuscripts.

The Journal of Commerce in one of its recent leading editorial articles, uses the following truthful language: People who have a legitimate business and stick to it seem to be weathering the hard times pretty well. Our list of business "troubles," which has grown unpleasantly long of late, points the moral for speculators. Many of the sufferers are those self-styled bankers and brokers who are only gamblers. Instead of playing at faro and poker all day (it may constitute their diversion at night) they take the hazards in railroad stocks, wheat, pork, whisky, and petroleum. The innocent public no longer furnishing its quota of victims for these men, they are cleaning out each other. The sooner they fall the better it will be for legitimate business. The most dangerous and offensive types of this class are the men who are called "railroad kings" by their toadies and followers. Their gains are ill-gotten—the product of years of trickery and fraud. If these men should be obliged to bite the dust now there would be no cause for regret. Their tools and dupes would suffer as they deserve, but the great honest business of the country would be all the healthier for the removal of these disturbing elements. The bubbles must burst sometime. The present time is as good as any. The day of liquidation, like the day of judgment, is sure to come. Woe to the men who are caught with too much sail spread! They may not call themselves speculators, and they would resent the term we apply to them. But every man is a speculator so far as he takes imprudent and needless risks in the hope of gain. The cautious prosecution of some legitimate business which he knows that he understands. These days are not one kind of business is enough for one man. The shoemaker who sticks to his last does not figure in our list of failures.

Rules for Spoiling a Child.

1. Begin by giving him, when young, whatever he cries for.
 2. Talk freely before the child about his smartness as incomparable.
 3. Tell him that he is too much for you; that you can do nothing with him.
 4. Have divided counsels as between father and mother.
 5. Let him learn to regard his father as a creature of unlimited power, capricious and tyrannical; or as a mere whipping-machine.
 6. Let him learn (from his father's example) to despise his mother.
 7. Do not know or care who his companions may be.
 8. Let him read whatever he likes.
 9. Let the child, whether boy or girl, rove the streets in the evening—good school for both sexes.
 10. Devote yourself to making money, remembering always that wealth is a better legacy for your child than principles in the heart and habits in the life; and let him have plenty of money to spend.
 11. Be not with him in hours of recreation.
 12. Strain at a gnat and swallow a camel; chastise severely for a foible, and laugh at a vice.
 13. Let him run about from church to church. Eclecticism in religion is the order of the day.
 14. Whatever burdens of virtuous requirements you lay on his shoulders touch not one with your fingers. Preach gold, and practice irredeemable greenbacks.
- These rules are not untried. Many parents have proved them, with substantial uniformity of results. If a faithful observance of them does not spoil your child, you will at least have the comfortable reflection that you have done what you could.—Intelligencer.