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General News.

Domestic.

A great moral wave has struck our country, and there is a fine prospect of a grand reform. Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Memphis have closed all their gambling houses, and our Sabbath is better respected than for years. May it roll on 'til it reaches our beautiful city of Little Rock, and let all the people say, Amen.

Madison, Wisconsin, has suffered recently by one of the most disastrous fires that ever visited that delightful city. Thirteen large tobacco warehouses, with 20 freight cars loaded with wheat and other merchandise, were destroyed. Loss estimated at \$500,000 and may reach \$1,000,000. So surely wealth may take wings.

A terrible murder is reported at Moncure, N. C. Mr. Edward Finch, his aged sister, and a colored boy were all killed for money.

The Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs is nearing completion. The government has thus far appropriated \$161,500 for improvement at our Baden Baden.

Great strikes reported in Chicago and Cleveland. In the former among the car drivers and in the latter among the rolling mills.

Great floods reported in Kansas, with immense loss of property, and our own Arkansas will soon be out of banks.

Our new cabinet is moving as slowly as ever. Only one more reported for Arkansas—A. J. Quindley, Public Receiver. First rate. President Cleveland certainly has a head of his own, and is bomb proof against politicians and office seekers.

Foreign.

The Gallia, one of the steamers of the great Cunard Line, was disabled on her last trip from New York, and required 14 days to make the trip. A saloon passenger died and was buried in the sea. The disabled steamer is safe at land.

England.

It has been determined by the new cabinet not to discuss any foreign policy on the reassembling of Parliament.

The Rothschilds have advanced to the Egyptian government the sum of £250,000, to be paid back in September. They knew their own business, but we would hardly trust that old Khedive.

China.

The Chinese have become alarmed over the Russian designs regarding Corea, and their troops are being massed near Sladivostok. A Chinese fleet, composed of all available men of war, has been dispatched to watch the Korean coast.

Russia.

Advices from St. Petersburg say the Russians in front of Murghab state that the Afghans are massing troops on the frontier. The Russians are of the opinion that the Ameer intends to avenge the Penjdeh event. The Sarakhs are also excited by the Afghan movement, which seems likely to end in Russian interference should the Afghans again go to the length of justifying the Russians in taking notice of their insolent challenges. Russia seems bent on a difficulty with some body, and will never rest without a bloody war.

Switzerland.

At Zurich, they have forbidden any marches or processions in their streets of the Salvation Army. From what we saw when we were there, we think they need many such armies, and then wont be very good.

Spain.

The cholera is still raging with unabated fatality.

State News.

Rains are abundant and general and up to this time there never was a better prospect for a plentiful crop in our State.

Walnut Ridge had a grand demonstration on the Fourth, and our Junior come home happy with a fine list of subscribers. Our B. A. Morris is a whole team with the wagon thrown in.

Memphis had great boat racing on the Fourth, and some of our folks, too. Bad day for gambling and gamblers. Many of our smaller towns, villages and neighborhoods, went into picnics on the Fourth, in favor of their Sunday-schools. That is all right. Give the children a chance.

We found the Great Northwest on a real boom. Crops are splendid, though there are great fears expressed that the wheat and oats are both injured. Washington and Benton counties can not be beat for fruit and grain by any two counties in the north or south. No cotton worth naming, but, oh me! what hogs and what fine corn.

Our "City of Roses" is stirred to its depths on the Occupation Tax, and the present ordinance before the city council is so manifestly unjust that our people will never submit to it. We want good streets and sidewalks, but not at the expense of the poor for the benefit of the rich. Give us a law bearing alike on all, and we will submit most cheerfully.

We thank our confrere of the Democrat for the following kind words of endorsement: "There is a vein of frankness, true independence and conscious strength in the following from the ARKANSAS METHODIST, that is truly commendable." This was written in reference to our leader on our "First Anniversary." Thanks, Colonel, and we will abide by those utterances.

Van Buren had a grand celebration on the 4th. Senator Berry was among the orators, and everything indicated a great time when we left, on Saturday morning at 5. We met a large excursion at Clarksville, going up. At Palarm we met a great train of colored people swinging around loose, but all happy. They had a car off the track and we were detained an hour. We hope hereafter that we shall avoid all excursion trains and days.

Our commissioners who were appointed by the Governor to act in connection with our commissioner, Dr. C. M. Taylor, made their final report to the Governor last week: Our State Exhibition was one of the best at the Great Exposition at New Orleans, and only about \$1500 of the last \$5000 of the State appropriation was used, and by means coming from the General Government and other sources, Arkansas will be ahead financially, and the good accruing to her will be seen for years to come. We owe our commissioners a great debt of gratitude.

We give the following from our neighbor, the Gazette. We appreciate this from our able contemporary, and beg to assure them that we reciprocate to the fullest extent such kind utterances, and we further assure them that we have never increased so rapidly as at the present: "Our contemporary, the ARKANSAS METHODIST, has entered its second year under the present management, and announces that the success of that excellent journal is assured. We are gratified to learn this. Rev. Dr. Winfield and Rev. Mr. Dye have labored earnestly and zealously to build up a strong organ of Methodism in Arkansas. They have made the METHODIST attractive, and caused its columns to be sought. They deserve the fullest measure of success."

Personal.

Rev. F. A. Jeffitt was on duty at Argenta the past week and reports a good Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. David Morton, D. D., our portly Secretary of Church extension, is doing a grand work in the great West.

Rev. C. M. Keith from Alexander, Ark., was in to see us—renewing old subscribers and bringing in new ones. He is a tip top worker.

Rev. W. A. Freeman, of Social Hill circuit is doing a fine work, and he never forgets our paper. We fully appreciate your kindness.

Rev. P. B. Hopkins failed to meet us at Siloam, but we hope to see him at Rogers, August 1st. Be on hand brother, and bring us a good list.

Rev. C. F. Evans, D. D., formerly of Little Rock Conference, but now stationed at Shreveport, La., was in to see us. Welcome, our dear friend, come again.

Mrs. Keith, mother of our brother C. M. Keith, was with him in Little Rock. Time has dealt very gently with her, and she looks young enough for his sister.

Rev. W. M. Robinson, the evangelist, and singularly successful revivalist, has gone home, Milan, Tenn., to rest during July. He will return to Arkansas in August.

Rev. J. A. Anderson failed to reach Danville Conference, but he went on with us to Springdale and did such good service that we could not complain. He is a living host.

Prof. J. W. Shipp, formerly of the Vanderbilt, is anxious for a place in Arkansas. Any district school would do well to get him or, college either. Schools would do well to write us.

Rev. L. G. Johnson writes us from Amity, sending a new subscriber and says "our paper gets better and better." Many thanks, dear Luke. We will try to improve and you must help us.

Rev. J. E. Dunaway sends us a rousing invitation to attend a Camp-meeting in Wiley's Cove, and we would like the best in the world to do so, but other engagements will prevent.

Rev. C. Pope will soon be in Arkansas looking after the interest of Millersburg Female College. Arkansas will not forget her, Pope. Write to us if you want information concerning schools.

Our junior took in Forest City last week and Walnut Ridge, and will make his own report. Sorry we both missed the Arkadelphia District Conference at Hot Springs, but the meeting was too grand to miss us.

Rev. M. E. Butte, Presiding Elder of Fort Smith District, sends us a good warm invitation to attend his District Conference and we hope to do so, but we don't think he could stand us both. We have seen jeweled Paris in France, but now we will see Paris in Arkansas.

A correspondent writes us to ship him R. Gin, and he will teach him to live without whisky. We only wish that all the people of Arkansas was as clear of whisky drinking as R. Gin. Ah, my brother, you have been reading the finest irony of this age. Go forward, R. Gin.

Rev. W. R. Foster gives us a pressing call to Paragould, to attend the District Conference and dedicate the new church. Sorry we cannot be there, but we have an engagement at that time at McKenzie, Tenn., at the Paris District Conference. You will lose nothing however, as our junior will be present at the Conference, and the new church can wait a short time, and we will come and dedicate it.

Field Notes.

We begin this week with Rev. Lewis Kelley, from Iuka mission. It has been long delayed, but it is still savory, sweet and good food for the soul: "If you think necessary you may say through your columns that Iuka mission is budding for new life. We have eighteen appointments, all very well attended, and the majority of them are showing some good revival signs. We have heard some shouting since we have been here from a deep sense of old time religion. Our second quarterly meeting came off last Saturday and Sunday, with our dearly beloved P. E., H. M. Granade in the chair. Everything moved smoothly. Good sermon from the P. E. on Saturday and also on Sunday one on the "Initiatory Rights in the Kingdom." We are preparing to prune this little vineyard. I have several committees all ready appointed and I expect to appoint another to-day. Brethren I think that while pruning is disagreeable to our feelings it is necessary, and a great deal more of this work ought to be done; we must show to the world that there is a difference between the world and the church; in order to show this point to the world we will have to disinhabit the neutral grounds that the world may see the space between it and the church, and this work wholly depends on the itinerant preacher. Brethren, let's not be afraid that this pruning will cut off our supplies, God will see to that. I used to think just let him pass and maybe he'll pay me five dollars; God forbid that I will ever have that wicked thought again; me a shepherd and let a wolf stay in the fold! never, if I know it. I am pushing your much loved paper on every one I can, but as these people do not read much it is hard work, but I want to get enough, if possible, to get a dictionary, as I need one so bad." Hope you will get that valuable dictionary. It is a wonder and a great necessity.

Next is our brother, B. C. Matthews, the working preacher in Paris circuit, and a noble worker he is: "We are having some success; a new bell, new carpet, new pulpit, bible and hymn-book, new pulpit lamps; a glorious revival, 16 conversions, 18 accessions, baptized 10 adults; the membership greatly revived; a shout in the camp. We stopped in the middle of the meeting and took a missionary collection and raised twenty-seven dollars. Our collections are up to date. We did not have Sam Jones, but we had a F. S. H. Johnston, who is hard to beat in a revival. We are also indebted to the Rev. N. Futrell for valuable work. We have given your appointment out, Doctor, and all are anxiously awaiting your arrival. I am sick, pray for me." Sorry our brother is sick; hope he is well before now. Hope to see him on the 16th.

Next comes our Brother Pike from El Paso circuit. It is "Mulum in parvo"—short and sweet, too. Read: "We are getting along pleasantly on this (El Paso) circuit. Congregations are large and attentive, and prospects for a sweeping revival good. I will send you some subscribers as soon as some of my members see their way clear to pay. We have been holding some class-meetings on the old plan, immediately after preaching, and find them a means of grace. I like your sentiment in the last issue of the METHODIST. We have had no pounding and don't want it, paying always does better."

Here comes in Brother Wm. H. Jones, from Tyrone mission, where our good Brother Johnson is the field hand, and real good work is being done in that region: "As Bro. Johnson don't seem to write often, and as I desire that the world should know

that Tyrone is coming to the front, that is if the Bishop and Cabinet continues to send us Bro. Johnson, or one just like him. I think we can compare Sunday-schools with any country circuit in Arkansas, and the church is warmed up full of life, and we are looking for a grand revival. I don't think that I ever saw any more, or as much interest manifested here; the good Lord seems to be with us at every service. We think that if the Bishop don't send us back Bro. Johnson he ought to; under his care we seem to work together for good; we are working to get all the cold and luke-warm members warmed up or dropped, believing that God won't bless a church that acts the hypocrite. We love the METHODIST, it is doing good, and Bro. Johnson is trying to get it in every family." Exactly right, my brother. Let it go into every family, and then we know it will do good work.

Here we present our excellent worker, Rev. J. S. Brooke, from Evening Shade. He leaves out the H, but he does as faithful work as any in our State: "The preachers meeting of the Batesville District, convened at this place in accordance to call by Presiding Elder and others. The opening service was held at 9 a. m., June 11, and took the form of a ministerial experience meeting. We had a glorious season; the presence of the master of assemblies was with us, and remained with us in each of our services. There was nothing formal about our meeting, we had no out and dried essays, every one spoke as they were moved, on some of the most important duties of a ministers life. Our irrepressible P. E., the Rev. H. M. Granade, kept the meeting well in hand, steering clear of all stiffness, and making every one feel perfectly at home. He is an example to his preachers, sowing seed beside all waters. All the preachers returned to their different charges greatly benefitted, and prepared to do more faithful work, and the good people of LaCrosse will rejoice over the benefits of the meeting for a long season in the future. Our third Quarterly Meeting followed the close of the above services, and we had a continuation of the Divine presence; we protracted the meeting through last week, which resulted in a reviving of the christians, a reclaiming of backsliders, and the conversion of sinners; we had six professions and others seriously impressed." Now you see that is good to edifying, and we rejoice with him.

Here is a good, spanking note from Brother Granade. Batesville is still ablaze. May our God continue to pour out his spirit till the town is captured for Christ: "This is the eighth week of our revival meeting in Batesville, and still the good work goes on. Many who have not attended are under conviction, and out in the country, for miles around, whole families are being saved. Family altars are erected in many homes, now happy for the first time. A Young Men's Christian Association is being organized." That is splendid.

Next is a "Sister's Voice." It comes up mellow, like ripe fruit. It is from Mrs. E. M. Campbell, and she says: "It is from an old schoolmate of this Senior. Ah, blessed memories. Our friend writes in the right strain, but we will hardly call tobacco using a sin, but an evil, and one that ought to be abated: "I would be so glad and thankful if we could put a stop to the tobacco and whiskey business at once. Neither never did me nor my folks any harm, but others suffer, and I think it a great evil to use either. I am disgusted with them often. Tell the good editor to keep on until there is none in our State. We do so much enjoy the METHODIST and our other papers."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

ADVOCATE FAMILY.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1885.

Our Name.

EDITORS METHODIST.—Your editorial on the change of the name of our church struck a responsive chord in my mind. One sentence specially, is food for serious thought and in my opinion for prompt action; it is this: "Had we not better accept the inevitable and turn toward New Mexico and Mexico where the way is fully open to us, than by endeavoring to picket a line on the Northern lakes where we can never prosper?" I thank you for that query. The form of it suggests your answer. My answer has been ready for two years. In the General Conference of 1882 I was in favor of changing the name. My main reason was that we might extend our borders Northward, especially North-westward. As soon as the matter was referred to the Conference I began to collect material for an argument in favor of the change. I was surprised to find how slight the reasons for, and how strong against a change.

In trying to fortify the Northward extension theory I turned a complete somersault and landed square on the other side of the question. I am opposed to any extension Northward except as we may grow and spread in usual course of our work. I am opposed to spending any more missionary or church extension money trying to grow a Southern magnolia in the cold clay of the North. Just as sure as the magnolia is a Southern flower and the queen of flowers, so sure is the M. E. Church, South, a Southern Church and as such the grandest of all—the wonder and admiration of the world. The burden of the Church, South and her self-sacrificing ministers has been the conversion of the people. Salvation of souls has been the battle cry and God has given the victory. The Southern States are full of Southern Methodists.

The borders of the church must be extended. Which way shall we go? Shall we spend four hundred dollars each to send preachers to Montana, where they will find churches already established, or shall we, at one quarter the cost, go to our next door neighbor Mexico and New Mexico, where Protestantism has not established itself and where the masses are without God and without guides to show them how to find him. Shall we spend our money to establish churches alongside of other churches or will we take the bread and water of life to the men and women who are so near by us that we can literally see their starvation and hear their famishing cries. The way is open, yea, wide open. Will we shut our eyes to this rich field, ripe unto the harvest, and stop our ears to this cry for water! water!!! and spend our time and money summer resorting on "Northern lakes" "where we can never prosper." The Church, North, with all her money and energy can not prosper in the South nor can the Church, South prosper in the North—neither has any business sowing when the other has cultivated and is successfully reaping.

Taking the five North-Western Conferences and adding that of Illinois, when the North Church has cultivated the field, we find that last year there was an actual decrease of 268 members. It cost the missionary board about fifteen thousand dollars to keep the decrease from being still greater. In contrast with this the West Texas Conference, which borders on the line of Mexico, had an increase of 1350 members at no cost to the church. Some say you must not value souls in dollars and cents. Well leave out the enormous cost of keeping up a show in the North-West, I say it is better to capture 1350 souls from the devil in Texas and Mexico than to lose 268 in the North-West. If by sending our preachers to Texas and Mexico we can save souls, then by all means take them from where they can not prosper. If we withdraw from the North-West, the Gospel will still be preached there and by churches abler to spend the money than we are. For instance: Bishop

Granberry took a preacher from this Conference and sent him to Montana at a cost of four hundred dollars travelling expenses. When the preacher arrived at Stevensville, his work, he found other churches there in strong force. The North Church had swallowed the new pastor also, a good preacher from White River Conference and four hundred dollars missionary money.

MORAL: Let the Southern Church work South where the people are not prejudiced against it, and where the preachers will find so many souls to convert they will have no time nor inclination to be tempted by the higher salary of a richer church.

I would stop the cry of "more men for Montana" and shout "marching on to Mexico."

GEO. THORNBURGH.
Powhatan, Arkansas.

Closing Exercises Quitman Male and Female College.

An unusually large number of people witnessed the closing exercises of the above named institution.

The following ministers were present: Revs. Greathouse, Dannelly, Anderson, Loving, Tucker, Hall, Ray, Tarleton and Pace; Dr. Jno. H. Dye was expected, but was detained in Searcy to attend the funeral service of the infant child of Rev. F. A. Jeffett.

The commencement sermon of Rev. B. H. Greathouse, and the literary address before the Calliopean Society by the Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, were both of high order. The former demonstrated by argument and illustration the influence of christianity upon individual character and destiny; and the latter, traced the purpose of God in history, showing most conclusively that no man can properly interpret the history of nations, without recognizing Jesus Christ as the central purpose of God in the government of the world.

Mr. Guy Jamison was the successful contestant for the O. H. Tucker medal, and Mr. Wm. Casey, for the Teacher's Medal.

The patrons and friends of the institution, who witnessed the class examinations during the day, and the execution of the elaborate programme of each evening, expressed themselves as highly pleased with the progress of the pupils and the superior skill of the teachers.

Quitman has enjoyed a fine patronage during the past year, and the prospect for a larger increase of pupils for the year to come is quite flattering.

The public will be pained to hear of the death of Prof. Elsbury Lane, he passed to his reward Sunday, June 21st, after a brief illness, though he had been quite feeble for some time. A faithful teacher and an exemplary christian has exchanged the toils and sufferings of earth, for the bliss of heaven. The Rev. B. P. Allen, graduate of Emory College, Georgia, has been elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by his death.

Mrs. S. M. A. Babcock and Mrs. M. J. Eckles retain their places in the faculty. The Board of Trustees will make substantial improvements on the grounds and buildings to meet the increased patronage of the next session.

A catalogue will soon be ready and will be sent on application to any address. The next session will begin the Second Monday in September.

For further information apply to
S. H. BABCOCK.
Quitman, Ark.

A Terrible Furor.

The clicking wires in response to the touch of the ubiquitous reporter who is ever on the alert to catch sensation, tells us that a terrible furor has been kicked up in Atlanta, Georgia, by Senator Joseph E. Brown. It is a fearful thing for senators to stir up strife. They ought to keep the peace. When disturbances occur—if they have any connection with public schools—they more frequently than otherwise are confined to Roman Catholics and beer-guzzlers. They always object to the Bible going into the public schools as well as to the Protestant religion. This time the wrath of the Jews is stirred, and the sons of Abraham are "on the war path." Senator Brown delivered an address to the graduating class of the

Atlanta schools. Two of the class were Jewish maidens. In the conclusion of the Senator's address he impressed upon the young ladies the importance of religion and exhorted them to abide the principles of Christ. Exactly where the emphasis was placed the wires do not report, but that little exhortation from the great christian statesman was the head and front of his offending, and the result forcibly reminds the country of certain scenes that occurred in Thessalonica about the year 53 after the preaching of St. Paul. See Acts xvii. 5.

Senator Brown is charged with a breach of the proprieties of the occasion in seeking to impress sectarian sentiments in a public school celebration. My Lord, has it come to pass in this good land of ours, that political prejudices have grown so strong that a christian statesman before a christian audience is forbidden to impress the principles of the christian religion! The Bible excluded from public schools—the mouths of Protestants closed in the face of a half dozen Roman Catholics, the Christian religion set aside in deference to the prejudices of a few reviling Jews, God dethroned and driven from the country and the hearts of our children because the tool rises up and says, "there is no God!" Heaven defend us. What are we coming to? Think of it! About forty-eight millions of Protestants succumbing to the demands of less than seven millions of Roman Catholics and less than half a million of Jews.

Senator Brown is known all over the United States as a christian gentleman. The fact is as well known in Atlanta as anywhere else. Perhaps not a Jewish gentleman in the city is unacquainted with the fact. Atlanta has been in a blaze of Gospel revival for months past—a revival of the Christian religion unprecedented in the history of the city. The Jews knew this—knew that Christ was in the mouths of all the people, and where Senator Brown was called upon to address the school, and accepted the invitation, everybody and the Jews might have set it down as certain that the speaker would have said something about Christ. The Jews had no right to complain. Had the senator failed, the Christian part of his audience would have been disappointed—perhaps displeased.

What else could Senator Brown have done? This is a christian land, founded on christian principles, the christian religion is the religion of the people and no man, arising to address our people in behalf of good morals and good government has a right to disregard the interests of his audience.

All honor to Senator Brown who has "the courage of his convictions!" We would have thought less of him, had he, in a man-fearing and time-serving spirit denied his Lord and Master. It will do for "spider-legged dudes," and shallow brained theorists and skeptical scientists to address giggling girls, and toppish boys with pomated hair parted in the middle, on modern manners with Christ left out, but it won't do for a broad, and cultured christian statesman in talking to women who are to be wives and mothers, and the moulders of the manners and religion of future generations—the shapers of the destiny of this grand America.

We have nothing to say against our Jewish brethren, but we have this to say to them: there is no assembly in which we dare refuse to carry Christ and our religion. We tolerate them, they must tolerate us.

JNO. W. BOSWELL.
Fort Smith, June 30, 1885.

Rock Spring High School.

It was our pleasure to attend the closing exercises of the Rock Spring High School, on June 16, 17, 18 and 19. The examination was thorough and very satisfactory in every particular, it was gratifying to note how thoroughly the pupils had been taught in the various branches of study, and to see difficult questions and problems solved with that ease possessed only by those who felt themselves masters of the situation, setting forth the fact that both teachers and pupils had made good use of the time.

The exercises of the last day were

witnessed by hundreds of pupils. The leading features of the day consisted of original speeches, essays, declamations and recitations.

The decorum and elocution of all the pupils won golden opinions from every one present. The callisthenic songs by the little children were greatly appreciated.

The vocal and instrumental music was complimentary to the class, and demonstrated the proficiency of the teacher in that department, Miss Leila Garner.

The Hon. T. M. Whittington, of Monticello, in a few brief remarks to the school, closed the exercises of the day.

Prof. W. A. Garner has had charge of this school about five years, and by his untiring energy, and eminent qualifications as a teacher and disciplinarian has built up as fine a school as can be found anywhere in South-East Arkansas. As an educator Prof. Garner is no stranger to the people of Arkansas.

We most heartily commend this school to the public.

The locality, Northern part of Drew county, is everything that could be desired; it is high, dry and healthy.

The morals of the vicinity of Rock Springs are exceptionally good.

Plantersville is the post-office, with bi-weekly mail.

W. H. BROWN, M. D.
Montongo, Drew Co., Ark.

Bro. L. M. Keith vs. Sam Jones.

EDITORS METHODIST:—With your permission I wish to say a word or two in reply to Bro. Keith's letter in the METHODIST of June 27th. I have no desire to have any controversy on the subject, but as it is likely that your paper is read by thousands who will never see or hear Bro. Jones, a few words "on the other side of the question," may help these to think of him without prejudice.

Bro. K. says, "While Bro. Jones is eccentric, novel and sensational in his methods, he is also doubtless very useful." A great deal of misunderstanding often arises for lack of correct definitions. I wish that Bro. K. had defined what he meant by "eccentric," "novel," "sensational." Webster says that "eccentric" is "Deviating from stated methods, usual practise or established forms or laws." I see nothing improper in Bro. Jones doing this. Does Bro. K. have a "Thus saith the Lord" for all our present "methods, practices and forms?" Webster defines "novel" as being "out of the ordinary course; calculated to attract attention, or excite with surprise." I think that when this is done with a good end in view (as in Bro. Jones' case) it is commendable, not reprehensible. Webster defines "sensational," as being "attended by, or fitted to excite, great interest." There are some who use this word as if it always and necessarily meant something evil, Not so. Bro. Jones is, I believe, perfectly justified in using whatever will "excite great interest" in the Gospel, and lead to personal salvation. I will also say I have talked and walked, eaten and slept with Bro. Jones, and worked with him in his meetings for weeks at a time, and I never saw in him anything "eccentric, novel, or sensational," if these words be understood as having an evil significance.

Bro. K. again says, "While we know that Bro. Jones, with his peculiarities, or 'manners and methods,' could never succeed at any other kind of church work," etc. How does Bro. K. know this? Has he ever seen or heard Bro. Jones, or got any fair account of his proceedings for which he would hold himself responsible? Does he know that Bro. Jones has been a member of our North Georgia Conference for years, and that to speak very modestly he was as successful in the pastoral work as the average minister? Will Bro. K. venture to say that Bro. Jones is a failure in the work to which the Bishop of his Conference set him apart? Surely not, though the above extract seems to imply it. I have tried to analyze the secret of Bro. Jones' power, and I think the following points have something to do with it:

1. Expectation and desire among the people for whom he is to labor, sets them to praying. In every place where he has held meetings, there have been devout, earnest, craving

souls, more or less numerous, who for weeks, may be months before his visit, have been "taking the kingdom of heaven by violence," and pleading mightily for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of souls. Bro. Jones has felt that he has entered an atmosphere of prayer, and this has helped to strengthen his own faith. I believe this accounts, to a considerable extent, for the success of Moody and Sankey, Thomas Harrison, Bro. Godbey and others.

2. Bro. Jones discusses living issues. Dry theological propositions have no charms for him. Much less have abstract doctrinal questions. The world of a thousand years ago does not trouble him much, but he is deeply interested in the world of to-day. This teaching is shaped to meet the present condition and needs of men.

3. He illustrates from common life, and uses popular phraseology.

4. He has the courage of his convictions, declares plainly what he believes to be the truth, fears no man, being as he says, "perfectly able to 'tote his own skillet.'"

DAVID LEITH.

Memphis, Tenn.

District Conference at Danville.

EDITORS METHODIST:—The Second District Conference, Dardanelle District, Arkansas Annual Conference, was held in the town of Danville, Yell county, Arkansas, June 25-27. W. D. Matthews, Presiding Elder of the district, filled the chair throughout the session. Though young as a presiding officer, he acquitted himself creditably and we think gave very general satisfaction. The attendance was good for this season of the year. The business of the Conference was looked after in the usual way. Dr. A. R. Winfield, senior editor of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, was in attendance from Thursday 'til Monday. He preached the introductory sermon Thursday night in place of J. P. Calloway, who could not attend on account of family affliction. The sermon was good, very good. He preached and talked and lectured, and all this in his own peculiar way, unlike any body else. All were delighted with his valuable services, and he left an impress for good with the Conference and the good people of Danville that will long be felt and appreciated.

Rev. I. L. Burrow, President of Central Collegiate Institute was also with us from the beginning. He preached with his usual power and acceptability. He was there representing and laboring in the interest of that noble institution he has worked so hard to sustain and bring up to the high rank that it is now taking among the schools of our State. We hope every lover of christian education in our State will lend a helping hand to Central Collegiate Institute.

It does seem to me that the preaching at this District Conference was unusually good. God did bless his word and honor it, Sunday and Sunday night especially were times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Souls were converted and christians rejoiced. We left several brethren there Monday morning, who were arranging to carry the meeting on for several days.

We have not time in this brief report to even give the average on all the interests of the church, but will say that in many respects the outlook is truly encouraging. If we have time we expect to give a separate article on these interests.

We regretted very much that a number of visiting brethren failed to reach us who had promised to come. Dr. Winfield had the field alone on the paper question. Now, if the junior has any doubt as to the forgetfulness of the senior in looking after the ARKANSAS METHODIST, he can have these doubts removed by writing to the man who said, when he learned the Doctor was in town, all he wanted to know was the price of the paper. One thing is sure, he got a good list of subscribers.

The good people of Danville entertained the Conference with commendable hospitality, and they were heartily thanked.

J. F. Munday, W. A. Clement, (L. P.) Thad Johnson and William J. Briggs were elected delegates to the Annual Conference; A. J. Dyer and H. A. Howell, alternates. Next session of the Conference to be held at Perryville, Perry county, Ark.

W. H. METTENY, Sec'y.